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January 2023

Worship Schedule

7:45 & 10:30 AM Service
In the Sanctuary

9:00 AM Service
In the Family Life Center

†Kids Praise

9:00 & 10:30 Services
for Ages 3 thru Grade 4

†10:30 AM Radio Broadcast
WCSM – 96.7 FM

†9:00 & 10:30 AM
Live Stream

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Worship On Wednesday
Education for all ages
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00am-4:30pm
(Closed 12:30-1:00pm)
Friday: building open
9:00am-12:30pm





Help support the youth mission trip in 2023!

Jan 8 - Pancake Breakfast

Feb 12 - Pancake Breakfast

Mar 19 - Youth Auction

April 1 - Egg Hunt Breakfast

May 14 - Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast



St. John is a generous contributor to the C.A.L.L. Food and Clothing Pantry. It is often asked "What should I give?" or "What is needed?" In response, we are doing an "Item of the Month" donation. Although any item is greatly appreciated, the "Item of the Month" reflects those items that are not discounted. This is one great way that St. John is Making the Love of Christ Known. Donations can be dropped off in the grocery cart in the Narthex or the Box in the Family Life Center.



ITEM OF THE MONTH – TOILET PAPER

January Delivery – Ginny Wade

Congregational Meeting



The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 12 at 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a meeting of celebrating God's work through this congregation as we look back and look forward.

Registration, Down payment, and Passport are due January 6. If you have any questions, please let Andrea know.





PAT SHAFFER

Thank you to the Santa's Helpers for the muffins, candy, cookies, and fruit. It was greatly appreciated.

GARRY GRAY

Thank you for the baked goods from Santa's helpers. It was greatly appreciated!

REV. DONALD & BARBARA HARE

Here's a great big hug and thank you to all of Santa's Helpers for the Christmas cookies, fruit, and zucchini bread. We would also like to thank the children for using their talents to create Christmas cards for the packages. What you do for us is very much appreciated.

C.A.L.L. FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generosity and support of C.A.L.L. Ministries and your recent donation of \$260.

TOM & NORMA LUTH AND FAMILY

To St. John Lutheran Church thank you for all Pastor Gramza's service, and Vicar Andrea's help as well. Thank you for Carol Zimmerman for playing the organ. Thank you also for the delicious lunch that the ladies provided.

CAROLYN LIST

Dear friends at St. John, thank you so much for thinking of me. The nice fruit was good, and the wonderful cookies didn't last long as they were too good.

JAN ELSASS

To my friends at St. John, thank you so much for the wonderful fruit tray and delicious baked goods. And the Christmas card!! I really appreciated all the gifts. Merry Christmas!

THANKOFFERING

Thank you to all who gave to this year's Thankoffering. We raised \$1,418.68 to pay for shipping for the Operation Christmas Child boxes that we packed at the Family Night Out.

TOM & BETTY LEININGER

Thank you to so much for the fruit basket and baked goodies. We thoroughly appreciated your kindness and thoughtfulness. May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, continue to bless you as you carry out this mission work.

PATTY JOHNSON

Thank you, St. John Lutheran Church, for letting our family use the church. We had a wonderful day together. Norman and Bessie Fahncke would be so happy we were together! Thank you again!

THE FAMILY OF ROGER SMITH

A very special thank you to everyone who has supported our family through Roger's cancer treatments. May God bless each of you as you have blessed us. Thank you so much.

SHARON MCKIRNAN

Dearest Ladies of Festival of Tables, another wonderful year of beautiful tables. This is such a great event. Lots of work with beautiful results. Thank you for the "door prize." The plaid tree will hold a special place in my cabinet. This was so exciting and kind.

SANTA'S HELPERS

Santa's Helpers (the ones for the Purple Door Church) have completed their mission for the season. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give a "St. John" hug to over 80 people this year. We gave our military families financial gifts, and we delivered some Christmas treats to several of our church members and friends. A special thank you to the preschool and elementary students who made Christmas cards to accompany the treats-they were fabulous!! Thank you all for helping us to "Make the Love of Christ Known."

JERRY WEISMAN

Vicki and I would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards, texts, emails, & calls during my illness. Also, a huge thank you to those who have visited and/or brought food to the house during my recovery. I am getting stronger each day. All my therapists are pleased with my progress and expect me to make a full recovery. God is good!

JOE & EVELYN NOW

Thank you for the Christmas "goodies." They were very good and a nice surprise.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



Thank you for all who donated to this year's PJ drive and those who participated in the Wernle Blanket Making day! With your help, we were able to help so many local kids and the kids at Wernle. We donated 85 pairs of socks, 15 pairs of PJs, 38 pairs of underwear, and made 53 blankets to send to the children at Wernle. We also donated 24 pairs of socks, 50 pairs of PJs, and 47 pairs of underwear to local foster children.

Church Council

December 14, 2022

Present: Pastor Jeff, Vicar Andrea, Brian Miller, Jennifer Barrett, Bill Greber, Lauren Fuelling, Becca Head, and Shane Stachler, and Don Trisel.

Opening: Brian Miller called the meeting to order and gave devotions. Pastor Jeff offered prayers.



Secretary's Report: Shane Stachler moved to accept the November minutes, seconded by Becca Head, motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Don Trisel gave a brief summary of the financial report. Bill Greber moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Lauren Fuelling, motion carried.
- Don also reported that the church organ was tuned in December and that suggested repairs for the organ were given.

President's Report: None.

Pastor's Report: as submitted; and called to attention the times of worship for the Christmas services; Christmas Eve services will be 4:30, 7:30, and 11:00 pm; and Christmas Day service will be at 10:30am only.

Pastoral Ministry

Deaths: 12.5.22 Ralph Luth

Administration

Facilities

- Sanctuary Remodel
 - Still working...
- Installed new mics for Pastor and Vicar
 - This seems to have cleaned up “noise” in both worship spaces.
 - Testing updated mics for musicians.

Worship:

- Christmas Eve: 4:30, 7:30, 11:00
- Christmas Day (Sunday): 10:30 am
- New Year's Day (Sunday): Regular Worship Schedule

- Night of Promise was excellent again this year.

Finance:

- See the enclosed report

Miscellaneous

- Council and Pastor met with the Bishop on December 8 to discuss Pastor's physical, spiritual, and emotional health coming out of the pandemic. Bishop highly recommends pastor take a sabbatical for the sake of long-term health and ministry.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- Looking into a stewardship campaign as well as a ministry fair: the latter of which to be held tentatively on Sunday, February 19, 2023.
- The next Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2023

Open Forum: None

Adjournment and Prayer

- Jennifer Barrett moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Greber, motion carried.
- The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Greber

November Receipts/Expenses		
	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Receipts	\$44,734.59	\$473,926.26
Expenses	\$53,375.65	\$546,753.76
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$8,641.06)	(\$72,827.50)

This Month's Church Register

DEATHS:

12.5 Ralph Luth



When Stephen Ministry was founded in 1975 it was, in part, as a way to allow a young minister be more effective in his work. The minister came to realize that there were many more needs for care in his congregation, in St. Louis, than he could possibly meet alone. So he equipped nine parishioners as the first “Stephen Ministers”, who helped him meet caring needs in the church and community.

The ministry was so successful that he founded a not-for-profit Stephen Ministries organization as a way to bring Stephen Ministry to other congregations. Today there are over 13,000 congregations around the world that have Stephen Ministries, of which we are one.

Pastors are always the frontline caregivers in a congregation, but they only have so much time in a week to do all of the many things they have to do to make a church work for the people. Well-trained and supervised Stephen Ministers are able to provide emotional and spiritual care for people dealing with a wide range of life difficulties. Some of them are:

- Grief
- A major medical crisis
- Job Loss
- Divorce, break up, broken relationships
- Pregnancy, birth, post-birth challenges
- Infertility, miscarriage
- Family caregiver stress
- End of life, hospice
- Long-term illness, chronic condition, disability
- Financial difficulties
- Major life transition (relocation, empty nest, retirement, move to assisted living)
- Military deployment of a loved one
- The aftermath of a natural or human-caused disaster

Through Stephen Ministry, people experiencing these types of crises can receive excellent care for as long as needed.



“BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS”

Sunday, January 1st through Sunday, January 15th, we will be having our annual “Baby Shower for Jesus.” Epiphany was the time the wise men brought gifts to honor the birth of Jesus. To join in this celebration, we are encouraging you to bring gifts for newborn babies to benefit those who are in need. We are collecting new baby items which will be donated to O.U.R. Home, Rustic Hope, and Choosing Life Pregnancy Center, all organizations who serve Mercer County. *Donations should not be wrapped.*

Suggestions for donations would be diapers (any size), baby food, baby formula, baby wipes, new clothing, etc.

Bring your best to honor our King!

Alicia Romer has agreed to be the facilitator for our prayer chain beginning January 1, 2023. All the email addresses have been sent to her. If you have changed your email address, would like to be included, or would no longer like to be a part of the prayer chain please contact her at aliciaromer74@yahoo.com. You can also contact the church office. Let's welcome Alicia and thank her for continuing this important ministry.



**SEWING CIRCLE JAN. 10
AT 9 AM IN THE SEWING ROOM**

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

This is the perfect month to check out one of our new books, curl up in your favorite chair and enjoy! We have been so BLESSED with donations of wonderful books. We thank you so much!



Savannah Secrets series

The Hidden Gate by Marlene Chase
A Fallen Petal by Ruth Logan Herne
Double Trouble by Gabrielle Meyer
Whispering Bells by Shirley Raye Redmond
Where Time Stood Still by Beth Adams
The Weight of Years by DeAnna Julie Dodson

This series is about a recently reopened investigation agency. Meredith and Julia uncover mysteries to be solved in Savannah. Tag along as clues are exposed and thrilling surprises revealed.



BOOK CLUB

Our discussion on January 17, 2023, will be a Christmas story. *Because of Bethlehem Love is Born, Hope is Here* by Max Lucado. An easy read, enjoy and come to the library at 1 pm. Let me know if you need a book.

Estella

Pub Theology

— BEER, CONVERSATION & GOD —

all perspectives welcome

Pub Theology is an opportunity to come together for conversations which explore life, faith, and morality over a drink of your choice. Bring your curiosity and questions! Meet people of varying faith traditions, philosophies, and life experiences.

Where: Brew Nation 110 S. Main St., Celina, Ohio

When: 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7 pm

January 5th & 19th

Carl & Kelli Thomas	1/05
Mike & Lu Grunden	1/21
Kendall & Nathan Robinson	1/22
Barbara & Larry Cattell	1/24
Ron & Karen Heindel	1/25
Lee & Judy Fennig	1/28

These are the anniversaries that we have on file and of the people that receive the Tower. If we have one wrong or missing, please let the office know.



birthdays

Devin	Adams	1/1	Haley	Ritchie	1/14
Jill	Ellis	1/1	Jerry	Weisman	1/14
Pam	Kuhbander	1/1	Nate	Boley	1/15
Jada	Sharkey	1/1	Bryson	Hirschfeld	1/15
Candy	Forlow	1/2	Carl	Huber	1/15
Brittany	Schwarck	1/2	Gavin	Lasure	1/15
MaKenna	Ashmore	1/4	Brice	Puthoff	1/16
John	Brake	1/5	Marla	Puthoff	1/16
Heather	Heiby	1/5	Marissa	Sams	1/16
Sara	Rolfes	1/5	Dave	Kuhn	1/17
TJ	Gross	1/6	Austin	Kellermeyer	1/18
Cory	Morden	1/6	Joan	Jackson	1/19
Sharon	Stonerock	1/6	Gabe	Lehman	1/19
Amy	Ikerd	1/7	Lynn	Edmonds	1/20
Jayne	Mosier	1/7	Terry	Fisher	1/20
Gary	Fennig	1/8	John	Gardner	1/20
Cheryl	Davis	1/9	Karen	Heindel	1/21
Rachel	Russell	1/9	Hannah	Miller	1/21
Ashley	Shellabarger	1/9	Brandon	Noll	1/21
Nathan	Timmerman	1/9	Cole	Bertke	1/22
Collin	Williams	1/9	Tracey	Reineke	1/23
Alexa	Billger	1/10	Hayden	Weisman	1/23
Melvin	Roehm	1/10	Cindy	Wendel	1/24
Kathryn	Trisel	1/10	Orlando	Mihm	1/25
Angela	White	1/10	Madelyn	Sapp	1/25
Kendra	Fennig	1/11	Hadley	Stover	1/26
Quade	Gilmore	1/11	Ron	Adams	1/27
Jeanette	Leininger	1/11	Holly	Hone	1/27
William	Fuelling	1/12	Makenzie	Fennig	1/28
James	Hiles	1/12	Ashton	Stephenson	1/28
Tim	Hone	1/12	Timothy	Shellabarger	1/30
Kris	Heiby	1/13	Patricia	Shaffer	1/31
Andy	Weisman	1/13	<i>These are the birthdays that we have on file and of the people that receive the Tower. If there is one wrong or missing, please let the office know.</i>		
Camden	Zizelman	1/13			
Kristen	Hellwarth	1/14			

CHURCH CALENDAR

1 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

10:30 Adult Choir

2 – MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

3 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

10:00 am Library Meeting/Library

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm SJB/106A

4 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

10:00 am Bible Study/106D

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

5 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Pub Theology/Brew Nation

6 – FRIDAY

7 – SATURDAY

8 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

8:00 am Pancake Breakfast/FH

10:30 am Adult Choir

9 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

7:00 pm Dartball/Youth Room

10 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Sewing Circle/Sewing Rm.

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

1:00 pm Book Club/Library

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry/106D

11 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

10:00 am Bible Study/106D

5:00 pm Children's Choir/Music Room

5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH

5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC

6:30 pm W.O.W

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

12 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

13 – FRIDAY

14 – SATURDAY

15 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

16 – MONDAY

8:30 am SJB/FH

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

6:15 pm Aerobics/Octagon

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

17 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

1:00 pm Book Club/Library

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

6:30 pm Council Meeting/Parlor

18 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

10:00 am Bible Study/106D

5:00 pm Children's Choir/Music Room

5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH

5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC

6:30 pm W.O.W

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

19 – THURSDAY

9:00 am Indoor Playground/FLC

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Pub Theology/Brew Nation

20 – FRIDAY

Holy Land Trip Departs

21 – SATURDAY**22 – SUNDAY**

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

10:30 am Children's Choir

23 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

7:00 pm Dartball/Youth Room

24 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry/106D

25 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

10:00 am Bible Study/106D

5:00 pm Children's Choir/Music Room

5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH

5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC

6:30 pm W.O.W

7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

26 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

27 – FRIDAY**28 – SATURDAY****29 – SUNDAY**

7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

30 – MONDAY

Holy Land Trip Returns

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/Church

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

31 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

THESE DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE WITH CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK.

2023 FLOWER**CHART**

The Flower Chart is up and ready for sign-up. You can find it outside the office. Please consider providing altar flowers in remembrance of a particular person or special date in your life. Remember that this is first-come, first-served so if you have a particular date you would like, sign up early.

Celebrating a special occasion?
Honoring a loved one?



Serving in Worship in January

Altar Flowers ~

1:
8:
15:
22: Ron & Karen Heindel
29:

Altar Guild ~

7:45: Kris Heiby
9:00: Jill Ellis (wk1&2)/Tables
 (wk3-5)
10:30: Joann Plattner

Flower Delivery ~

1: Linda Long
8: Diana Spicer
15: Gini Fickert
22: Judy Menchhofer
29: Estella Nusbaum

7:45

	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Reader	Don Trisel	Kris Heiby	Paul Czernik	Todd Hone	Karen Leugers
Ushers	Dan & Cheryl Heindel, Tim & Yolanda Hone	Dan & Kathy Snider, Todd Hone, Steve Siebert	Todd Hone, Cindy Buschor, Don & Denise Green	Steve Siebert, Cindy Buschor, Dan & Cheryl Heindel	Ron & Karen Heindel, Tim & Yolanda Hone
Comm. Assistants	Todd Hone, Don Green	Tim & Yolanda Hone	Estella Nusbaum, Jen Roidt	Becky Davis, Don Green	Cindy Buschor, Todd Hone
Welcome Team	Estella Nusbaum	Don Green	Jen Roidt	Cindy Buschor	Yolanda Hone

9:00

	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Reader	Kristi Huelsman	Ingrid Miller	Will Behm	Nancy Chaney	Billie Hiles
Ushers	John & Kelly Stephenson	USHERS NEEDED!!	Bill & Cindy Grier	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson
Comm. Assistants	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	Emilie Buening, Billie Hiles	Carman & Jill Ellis	Bill & Cindy Grier	John Maury, Pam Rasawehr
Nursery	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby
Kids' Praise	Sheena Stover, KJae Stover	Jenelle Gross, TJ Gross	Kirsten Fuelling, Kelly Stephenson	Emilie Buening, Buening Boys	Jordan Rushton, Grace Hiles
Welcome Team	Charlene Stephenson	Bill & Cindy Grier	Charlene Stephenson	Bill & Cindy Grier	Charlene Stephenson

10:30

	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Reader	Diane Menchhofer	David Barrett	Sue Buxton	Jim Fennig	Ed Fuelling
Ushers	Lee & Judy Fennig, Terry & Linda Fisher	Bill Greber, Dave McMurray, Mike & Lu Grunden	Tim Menchhofer, Mike Overman, Kevin & Mary Meyer	Jerry & Joan Sielschott, Mike & Diana Spicer	Shane Stachler, Dan Bird
Comm. Assistants	Tim Menchhofer, Mary Meyer	Tim & Diane Menchhofer	Rhonda Overman, Lorna Saddler	Assistants Needed!	Jerry & Joan Sielschott
Nursery	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby
Kids' Praise	Trisha McMurray, Elli Cubberley	Jenny Barrett, Amanda Barrett	Mary Meyer, Paige Kuehne	Jodi Weisman, Grace Gramza	Trisha McMurray, Elli Cubberley
Welcome Team	Lynne Fuelling	Trisha McMurray	Lorna Saddler	Joan Sielschott	Diana Spicer

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