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November 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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W.O.W (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



Congregational Meeting



Join us for our congregational meeting in November. We will elect officers for the new year, and approve a budget. We will gather on

November 19th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.



Distraction in life is unavoidable. Between home, work, family, and everything else that competes for our attention, it can be difficult to stay focused and to be truly present at any given moment. Distraction can present roadblocks, especially when it comes to our time with God. Spending time in prayer and meditation is essential for our spiritual lives, but I suspect that most of us don't feel very successful when it comes to how much "quality time" we are actually giving to God.

Everyone, and I mean everyone, needs to be spending time with God. Here are some things to remember about that time:

1. It's okay (and true!) to acknowledge that distractions are common and not a sign of weakness. The key is to redirect your attention when you are praying or meditating, not judge yourself for getting distracted.
2. Establishing a routine, no matter how poorly you stick to it, is crucial. Find what works best for you and realize that you probably will not stick to it 100% of the time. Change your routine if and when needed.
3. Silence and stillness can be HARD. A minute of silence can seem like an eternity. But the more you pray and meditate, the more you will get used to the silence and the easier it will be to quiet your thoughts.
4. Remember that your to-do list and your present concerns will still be there. It is okay and not irresponsible to let them go for a bit while you focus on God. Whether you are reading the Bible, praying, or meditating, allow yourself to be fully present in the moment. The time that you spend with God will only help the rest of the things happening in your life.

Our God, our heavenly Parent, wants us to come to them when we are in need. God is always present and waiting to give us attention and comfort. In the midst of the craziness and busy-ness of life, God is calling each of us to remember that we are seen and loved. So go to God whenever you need to, knowing that you are good enough and always held in the grace of the One who cares for you infinitely.

Peace,
Vicar Andrea



Sunday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

4th Sunday of Advent
10:30 am
(Sanctuary)

Christmas Eve Services
4:00 pm Contemporary Worship
(Family Life Center)

6:00 pm North Star

9:00 pm Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

*Holy Communion will be celebrated at all Christmas Eve worship services and each evening service has special music beginning 30 minutes prior.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry is a service our church offers to people who are going through a difficult time in his or her life. Difficulties can come in many shapes and forms. A person could experience the sudden death of a spouse, parent, child, or friend; the devastation of a fire; the sadness of a child going off to kindergarten or college; the loss of a job; anxiousness about a job change; moving to a new location; an unexpected illness; anxiety; divorce; caring for a loved one; an unexpected pregnancy. The list of bumps or total knockdowns in life can go on and on. During these tough times, whether they seem big or small, is where Stephen Ministry can help.

The people who give this help are Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers come from many different backgrounds, ages, and walks of life, but all have one important thing in common: a heart for bringing Christ's healing love to hurting people. Stephen Ministers are members of our church 18 years and older who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who need help.

A Stephen Minister will meet with one person for an hour each week to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support (males are matched with males, and females are matched with females). The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. Sometimes care lasts a couple of weeks or the care could last a couple of years.

Stephen Ministers often feel amazed by what they personally receive from these caring relationships. A Stephen Minister shows up and offers Christian support to a hurting person and in return feels so blessed to a part this caring experience.

To learn the skills they need, Stephen Ministers are trained one evening each week during a 20-week period. After training, the Stephen Ministers are commissioned and matched with a person wishing to receive care. If you sense that God might be calling you to serve as a Stephen Minister, the first step is to find out more about getting involved. Our Stephen Leaders, Linda Siebert and Mike Overman, are ready to talk with you. Training will begin the 3rd week in January.

Galatians 6:2

ST JOHN LUTHERAN - PURPLE DOOR CHURCH

Kids/Family Packing Party!



Community Welcome!

**Saturday, Nov 4, 2023
10 am - 12:30 pm**

*Stuff boxes, write letters and make a difference
with your family. Snacks and drinks provided.
OPEN HOUSE STYLE FOR ALL AGES*

Purple Door Family Life Center

Cost of the event- Please bring one toy
or "WOW" item to be placed in a
packed shoebox.



ALL
WELCOME

INDOOR PLAYGROUP



INDOOR PLAYGROUP IS AN INDOOR PLAYGROUND LOCATED
IN ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH'S FAMILY LIFE CENTER.

2023-2024 SEASON DATES:

9:30 - 11 AM

Nov 16 | Jan 18 | Feb 1

Feb 15 | Mar 7 | Mar 21



Join us on Facebook to stay up-to-date!
Facebook group is called Indoor Playgroup-West Central Ohio

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W.O.W!

We are collecting PJ's for local foster kids
& Wernle from Nov 8th-Dec 10th

All sizes: Birth to Teen

Pajama Party

W.O.W! >>> DECEMBER 6TH

*Wear your PJ's and join us for
a fun night at W.O.W!*



RoOM FoR CHRISTMAS

MUSICAL
By Mark Burrows

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 10
10:30 am Service

This year's Children's Christmas program will be on Sunday, December 10 at the 10:30 service. Practices for PreK-6th Grade children will begin at W.O.W on Wednesday, November 8th. If your children are interested in participating, please make sure that they are in attendance that night.

Purple Door Youth

Fall 2023

Wed, Oct. 18 WOW

5:30 Meal

6:30 Youth Group



Wed, Oct. 25 WOW

5:30 Meal

6:30 Youth Group



Sun, Oct. 29 Halloween Party

5:00-9:00 PM in the Youth Room

Wed, Nov. 1 WOW

5:30 Meal

6:30 Youth Group

Wed, Nov. 8 WOW

5:30 Meal

6:30 Youth Group

Wed, Nov. 15 WOW

5:30 Meal

6:30 Youth Group

Wed, Nov. 22 Youth Thanksgiving (no WOW)

5:00-8:00 PM in the FLC



Wed, Nov. 29 WOW

5:30 Meal

6:30 Youth Group

Wed, Dec. 6 WOW

5:30 Meal

6:30 Caroling



Wed, Dec. 20 Youth Christmas Party

6:30-8:30 PM in the Youth Room



Christmas gifts for each household member plus the additional blessing of these special items.

Please consider donating NEW Bath Towels and Wash Cloths for the financially disadvantaged citizens who are our clients. It may seem to be a small and ordinary gift but it can be a very special blessing to those in need. We will gladly receive these items from now until the end of November.

The above was taken from C.A.L.L.'s Facebook page. We will set out totes to collect the towels or washcloths or you can drop your donation in the C.A.L.L. cart in the entry way to the Sanctuary.

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.



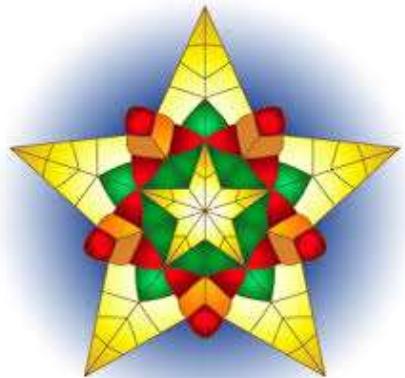
ITEM OF THE MONTH – SOUP & CRACKERS
November Delivery – Tim & Diane Menchhofer

Christmas Festival of Tables 2023

WHEN: Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:00 (table viewing begins) to 11:30!

WHERE: St. John Lutheran Church Family Life Center

WHO: Ladies and friends



Event Schedule

9:00-10:00— Come in and view the elegant and fanciful tables decorated in a variety of Christmas themes.

Vote for tables in the categories of:

Most Elegant, Best Christmas/Winter, Most Playful/Unique, Best Religious, Best Historical, and Best Movie/Book/Song/TV show.

10:00-11:00— Brunch

11:30— Closing



Tickets are \$15 and will be sold after each service on November 5th, 12th, and 19th.

Also, you can see Beth Heiby or swing by the church office. Checks can be written to St. John Lutheran Women's Ministry. If you wish to sit with other people, please have their names, too!

Santa's Helpers



It's so hard to believe that we are heading into Thanksgiving and then Christmas in just a few short weeks, but ready or not, here we go!!!! Last year, thanks to your generosity, we were able to reach out to so many of our church family during the holidays and we would like to be able to do that again this year!

Each year we send gifts to our military families to help with their Christmas wishes, and we give gift certificates and baked goods to our members in care facilities. Last year we also took fruit and baked goods to a record number of homebound folks and friends needing hugs.

Because gifts are delivered in early December, we will need to wrap up our collections by the end of November. If you are interested in contributing, you can put your gift in an envelope marked "Santa's Helpers" and then drop off at the church office, put it into the offering plate, or put it into designated boxes throughout the facility. Another option is to add it to your offering envelope which will get the gift added to your annual giving statement.

If you have new immediate family members that are now in the military, please let the office know so that we can add them to our list.

We are a small committee, but with your help, we can spread a lot of Christmas cheer to our church family. Thank you for your past generosity and we are hoping to count on you again this year! And finally, we ask that you please keep these people in your prayers as well, since this is often a very tough time of year for them.

Santa's Helpers



Angel Tree

The Angel Trees will be decorated and ready to go in the middle of November. You will find envelopes hung and marked for a senior citizen in need. If you would like to participate in this meaningful project, please take an envelope and return it to the church office with a gift card for \$20.00-\$25.00 by Friday, December 1. These gift cards will be distributed by the Council on Aging for their Christmas party. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

2024 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?



Join the Pacers on Monday, November 6th for a tour of MVP Dairy. Plan to meet at the church at 9:30 am and then tour the dairy. After the tour, we invite you to lunch (location TBD).

Starting in November, the Pacers will be walking at the church on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 am. All are welcome to join in! We have walkers of all ages and abilities!

Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 25th, 2023

Present: Vicar Andrea, Brian Miller, Jennifer Barrett, Lauren Fueling, Pam Rasawehr, Shane Stachler, Don Trisel a

Meeting
Minutes

Opening: Brian Miller called the meeting to order. Pam Rasawehr gave devotions.

Secretary's Report: Shane Stachler moved to accept the August minutes, seconded by Pam Rasawehr, motion carried.

Financial Report: Don Trisel gave a summary of the August financial report. Jennifer Barrett made a motion to approve the August finances, Pam Rasawehr seconded the motion, motion carried.

Ministry Report: Vicar Andrea McDonough

Baptisms:

Deaths: Jane Selby 9.24.2023

Visits: making pastoral communion visits this month

Worship:

- October 1-World Communion Sunday
- Sometime in October we will say a prayer of dedication for the sanctuary remodel.
- October 15th-Hymn Sing at 2pm

Ministry:

- Dinner Church- 44 attendees at SJLC and went well.
- WOW: Starts September 27th. Family fun night kick-off that night.
- Octagon restrooms.
- Confirmation: New curriculum has been chosen and Ingrid has a few adult teachers
- Home Communion: has started. We have plenty of home communion assistants.
- Cuba Ministry Team-we were glad that Willie Santiago was able to come and speak to both churches about the Cuba ministry.

Unfinished Business:

- New mulch for the playground has been delivered. Some drainage work on the playground will need to be done before the mulch is applied.
- Quotes for the sidewalks were reviewed. The sidewalks would not be installed until after the city updates the water lines, but accepting a contract now would lock in prices. A motion to accept a contract with KLS for \$24,300 to install a sidewalk along Meyer Road was presented by Pam Rasawehr. Shane Stachler seconded the motion, motion carried.
- The council reviewed replacement options for the church's copier. A motion was put forward by Jennifer Barrett to attain a 60-month lease with Perry ProTech for an estimated \$80 per month. The motion was seconded by Shane Stachler, motion carried.

New Business:

- Permission was given for Pastor Charlie Frekot to officiate a wedding at the church on December 30, 2023.
- The church's AEDs are between 11-15 years old. A discussion was held on potential replacement options. Additional options will continue to be explored.
- The office renovations are proceeding. Painting will be done this week and possibly the next, and the carpet replacement is scheduled for October 4-6.
- The Nominating Committee will be meeting Wednesday to begin looking at candidates for council and committee openings.
- The St. John Builders' selection committee decided on a family for the house at 732 Hierholzer St. and for the house at 429 Jay St. The decisions will be brought to the congregation for approval on October 15. Blessings for the houses will occur at a date yet to be decided.
- Wernle Day is October 8. Every gift Wernle receives from now until October 8 will be doubled by St. Jacob Lutheran Church of Anna, Ohio. No formal event is scheduled for that day.
- Brian Miller and Pam Rasawehr will be looking to help find someone to schedule the Altar Guild volunteers for the 9:00 service.
- For the Ministry Spotlights, would a tv slideshow be more noticed/impactful than the bulletin board that has been used? The Ministry Team will further discuss.

Open Forum:

- The constitution is being updated to match the current ELCA version. Some discussion and adjustments on the church's specific bylaws will need to be done.
- The next council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM.

Executive Session:

Council entered into executive session from 8:31pm-9:01pm

Adjournment and Prayer:

Jennifer Barrett moved to adjourn the meeting, Pam Rasawehr seconded, motion carried. The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendall Robinson

August Receipts/Expenses		
	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Receipts	\$41,600.98	\$396,234.58
Expenses	\$41,595.49	\$402,222.25
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$5.49	(\$5,987.67)

- **Please note:** We experienced check fraud in September. Someone stole a check that we had issued for \$150 and changed the amount to \$25,000. Our Finance Assistant, Emily Stewart caught the fraud when she reconciled our September bank statement on October 4. I reported the incident to the bank on October 5. The bank returned \$25,000 to our account on October 6. The original \$150 check has been reissued. We lost a tiny amount of interest income (39 cents in September) but are relieved that this issue was resolved quickly. Let me know if you have any questions.

Donald Trisel, Business Manager

Dedication of St. John Builders' Home

**429 Jay St.
Celina, OH 45822
November 12, 2023
2:00 PM**

Let's help the family celebrate their new home!



CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

We have much to be thankful for. Free books to read and DVDs to watch.

To help us learn to be kind to others. That is THANKSGIVING!

Micheal Phillips', a wonderful author, series: Shenandoah Sisters is about the Civil War and how the white and black people can live together in harmony.

1. Angels Watching Over Me
2. Day to Pick Your Own Cotton
3. The Color of Your Skin Ain't the Color of Your Heart
4. Together is All We Need

Second series: The Secrets of Heathersleigh Hall

1. Wild Grows the Heather in Devon
2. Wayward Winds
3. Heathersleigh Homecoming
4. A New Dawn Over Devon



BOOK CLUB



November 21st will be the next Book Club discussion. Our book is *Snow Day* by Billy Coffey. Easy read for a busy time. Enjoy! We will meet in the library at 1:00 pm. Please join us for a lively discussion.

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

November 2nd & 16th



C.A.L.L. MINSTRIES

Thank you for your generosity and support of C.A.L.L. Ministries through your recent donation of \$260 and 38 items.

MARGIE FENNIG

Jim & I would like to thank you for your prayers, visits, cards, and concerns for me, Margie, following my heart attack and

a-fib. It meant so much to both of us, Praise God for answered prayers and such a caring church.

Hilary & Mark Goettemoeller	11/2
Mike & Sue Fennig	11/3
David & Jennifer Barrett	11/6
Matt & Amy Gilmore	11/11
Kevin & Jennifer Puthoff	11/11
Erwin & Jiana Ysawa	11/14
Bill & Cindy Grier	11/21
Beverly & Stewart Kellermeyer	11/22
Gary & Barb Timmerman	11/20
Ron & Beth Duval	11/26

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

Amanda	Boeckman	11/1	Reed	Hanes	11/14
Sheryl	Frahm	11/1	Tyler	Shellabarger	11/14
Vicki	Weisman	11/1	Mike	Fennig	11/15
Brianna	Miller	11/3	Carolyn	Shinn	11/15
Craig	Snavely	11/3	Bria	Doner	11/16
Betty	Borger	11/4	Mary	Miller	11/16
Shirley	Endicott	11/4	Judy	Muhlenkamp	11/17
Alexander	Adams	11/5	Jodi	Weisman	11/17
Jason	Romer	11/5	Alexis	Conner	11/18
Carl	Stuck	11/5	Tyler	Levi	11/18
Colin	Buening	11/6	Trinity	Monbeck	11/18
Jane	Smith	11/7	Samuel	Schmitz	11/19
Austin	Timmerman	11/7	John	Maury	11/20
Evan	Keeran	11/8	Michele	Huber	11/21
Braxton	Brooks	11/9	Kenzie	Kellermeyer	11/21
Amelia	Fennig	11/9	Leah	Plattner	11/21
Lynne	Fuelling	11/9	Haley	Siegrist	11/21
Kristi	Stachler	11/9	Tim	Head	11/22
Graeme	Stewart	11/9	Bexley	Peters	11/22
Chad	Zizelman	11/9	Cheyenne	Glenn	11/23
Dave	Hoyng	11/10	Luke	Monbeck	11/23
Branson	Lyons	11/10	Kathleen	Snider	11/23
Heather	Bohman	11/11	Dorothy	Bader	11/24
Nancy	Bredemeier	11/11	Brian	Bowers	11/24
Michelle	Elston	11/11	Ella	Delong	11/24
Phil	Schumann	11/11	Cory	Timmerman	11/25
Lucy	Byrne	11/12	Nat	Stauffer	11/26
Payton	Frederick	11/12	Max	Krogman	11/27
Barbara	Hare	11/12	Jeffery	Gramza	11/28
Carolyn	List	11/12	Paige	Kuehne	11/28
Diane	Menchhofer	11/12	Ruth	Kuhn	11/28
Judy	Springer	11/12	Kayla	Lovelace	11/28
Bart	Heiby	11/13	Sam	Gutman	11/29
Karen	Hoenie	11/13	Natalie	Zizelman	11/29
Everett	Kalcec	11/13	Wendee	Bertke	11/30
Jeannie	Nusbaum	11/13	Jeff	Nelson	11/30

CHURCH CALENDAR

1 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
9:45 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
6:30 pm Bible Study/Parlor
7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

2 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
1:00 pm Shalom Circle/Parlor
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
6:30 pm Bible Study/Library
7:00 pm Pub Theology/Brew Nation

3 – FRIDAY

4 – SATURDAY

10:00am O.C.C. Packing Party

5 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00,10:30 am Worship
Stephen Ministry Info. Meeting after each service in Parlor

6 – MONDAY

9:30 am Purple Door Pacers/MVP Dairy
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

7 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor
10:00 am Library Meeting/Library
1:00 pm Bible Study/Library
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Bible Study/106D
7:00 pm SJB/106A

8 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

9:45 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

6:30 pm Bible Study/Parlor
7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

9 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
6:30 pm Bible Study/Library

10 – FRIDAY

11 – SATURDAY

12 – SUNDAY

7:45, 9:00,10:30 am Worship
2:00 pm 429 Jay St. Dedication

13 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

14 – TUESDAY

9:00 Sewing Circle/Sewing Room
9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor
1:00 pm Bible Study/Library
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Bible Study/**106B**
7:00 pm Stephn Ministry/106D

15 – WEDNESDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
9:45 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
6:30 pm Bible Study/Parlor
7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

16 – THURSDAY

9:00 am Indoor Playgroup/FLC

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
 6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
 6:30 pm Bible Study/Library
 7:00 pm Pub Theology/Brew Nation

17 – FRIDAY
18 – SATURDAY
19 – SUNDAY
 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship
 10:30 am Children's Choir
 11:30 am Congregational Meeting/FH

20 – MONDAY
 8:30 am SJB Meeting/FH
 10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
 6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
 7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

21 – TUESDAY
 9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor
1:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor
 1:00 pm Book Club/Library
 6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
 7:00 pm Bible Study/106B

22 – WEDNESDAY
 8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
 9:45 am Bible Study/106D
 5:00 Youth Thanksgiving/FLC

23 – THURSDAY THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED
24 – FRIDAY CLOSED
25 – SATURDAY
26 – SUNDAY
 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 am Worship

27 – MONDAY
 10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/
 6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
 7:00 pm Bible Study/Parlor

28 – TUESDAY
 9:00 am Bible Study/Parlor
 6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Bible Study/**106B**
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry/106D

29 – WEDNESDAY
 8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
 9:45 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
 6:30 pm Bible Study/Parlor
 7:45 pm Worship Team/FLC

30 – THURSDAY
 10:00 am Purple Door Pacers/FH
6:15 pm Aerobics/FH
 6:30 pm Bible Study/Library

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



Giving Thanks Thanksgiving Feast
 FREE
 Thanksgiving Day 11:00 – 1:00
 Dine In OR Carry Out
 Celina High School

If you want to donate a pie for Giving Thanks, they can be dropped off the day before from 3-6 or the morning of the event at the High School Cafeteria.

Serving in Worship in November

Altar Flowers ~

5:
12:
19:
26:

Altar Guild ~
7:45: Barb Ahrens
9:00: Robin Elston
10:30: Joann Plattner

Flower Delivery ~
5: Terry McGlaughlin
12: Judy Menchhofer
19: Estella Nusbaum
26: Gini Fickert

7:45

	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
Assisting Minister	Gabi Heindel		Paul Czernik	
Reader	Kris Heiby	Todd Hone	Karen Leugers	Estella Nusbaum
Ushers	Don & Denise Green, Dan & Cheryl Heindel	Ron & Karen Heindel Tim & Yolanda Hone	Todd Hone, Steve Siebert, Dan & Kathy Snider	Don & Denise Green, Dan & Cheryl Heindel
Comm. Assistants	Estella Nusbaum, Becky Davis	Todd Hone, Don Green	Tim & Yolanda Hone	Estella Nusbaum, Jen Roidt
Welcome Team	Estella Nusbaum	Don Green	Yolanda Hone	Jen Roidt

9:00

	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
Reader	Nancy Chaney	Billie Hiles	Don Trisel	Nancy Chaney
Ushers	John & Kelly Stephenson	Bill & Cindy Grier	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson
Comm. Assistants	Billie Hiles, John Maury	Pam Rasawehr, Jordan Rushton	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson
Nursery	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby
Kids' Praise	Kirsten Fuelling, Kelly Stephenson	Emilie Buening, Buening Boys	Jordan Rushton, Tim Hiles	Sheena Stover, KJ Stover
Welcome Team	John & Kelly Stephenson	Bill & Cindy Grier	Dave & Charlene Stephenson	John & Kelly Stephenson

10:30

	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
Assisting Minister	Cindy Wendel	Amanda Barrett	Dave Barrett	Carrie Cubberley
Reader	Diane Menchhofer	Sue Buxton	Bill Greber	Jim Fennig
Ushers	Tena Potts, Dennis Dagley, Mike Overman, Katie Trisel	Shane Stachler, Dan Bird, Mike & Diana Spicer	Ed Fuelling, Kirsten Fuelling, John Dieringer, Bill Greber	Dave McMurray, Tim Menchhofer, Mike & Lu Grunden
Comm. Assistants	Mary Meyer, Rhonda Overman	Lorna Saddler, Cathy Weis	Mike & Diana Spicer	Jerry & Vicki Weisman
Nursery	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby	Kris Heiby
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THANKS



Dear Friends in Christ,

Wednesday nights are Jase's favorite time of the week, his mother Amanda will tell you. Jase is one of several Crim Elementary students who participate in St. Mark's Lutheran Afterschool Homework Club. Each Wednesday students from Crim Elementary enthusiastically walk from their classrooms and into the doors of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, where tutors from Bowling Green State University await them with smiles and snacks. Together they play games and decompress from school before working on homework. After the homework help, many students walk down the hall and meet their families for a free community meal. The warm and supportive environment, filled with caring adults and fun for the whole family is why many students like Jase look forward to Wednesday nights all week long.

Jase's story is just one of many made possible through the Northwestern Ohio Synod's **Imagining Renewal Microgrants**. Microgrants are designed to support disciples who recognize the needs of their community and respond with creativity and passion. We are convinced that across Northwestern Ohio are faithful people who have big dreams of how to serve their community, they just need a little seed money to get started. In three years the microgrants have awarded more than \$140,000 to over 95 projects that have made a difference in communities across Northwestern Ohio.

We need your help to continue this important ministry. As 2023 comes to a close, our Year End Ask will be focused on making the next round of microgrants possible. Would you and your congregation consider joining us in giving toward the growing impact of this ministry? Together we are working to raise \$100,000 to fund microgrants. Your donation will impact communities across Northwestern Ohio, inspiring leaders who have dreams for their communities and long to join what God is already up to in the world. This Year End Ask will begin October 1st and will extend through the end of the year.

Giving is simple. To give electronically, text NWOS to 73256 or visit our Year End Ask site: <https://nwos-elca.church/microgrants>. If sending a check, please include **Imagining Renewal Microgrants** in the memo line, and send to 1701 Tiffin Ave. Findlay, OH 45840.

Our theme for 2023 is The Year of Story. We are encouraged by the story of God's creative and boundless grace through Jesus. We are also convinced that all across Northwestern Ohio there are people like Jase and his family, waiting to be loved by the people of God in Northwestern Ohio. Please help us bring those stories to life by supporting the Imagining Renewal Microgrants. Thank you again for your generosity and commitment to sharing the love of Jesus.

Joining you in generosity,

Bishop Daniel G. Beaudoin

Pastor Sarah Schaaf, Director of Community Engagement

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:19

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"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert," Isaiah 43:19

Since 2020, the Imagining Renewal Microgrants have provided seed money to faithful people who have big dreams of how to serve their community. In three years, the microgrants have awarded more than **\$140,000** to over 95 projects that have made a difference in communities across northwestern Ohio.

We need your help to continue this important ministry. Will you consider joining us in giving toward the growing impact of this ministry?

Together we are working to raise \$100,000 to fund future microgrants. Your donation will impact communities across northwestern Ohio, inspiring leaders who have dreams for their communities and long to join what God is already up to in the world.

To learn more visit: nwos-elca.church/microgrants/

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