

# ST. JOHN'S HEARTBEAT

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Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you at the Advent of this new church year!

Advent, traditionally, is a time of waiting and preparation for the coming of our Lord. We decorate our sanctuaries, hear John the Baptist preach in the wilderness, and seek to “prepare him room” as we balance all the demands of this holiday season. Church tradition tells us to wait to proclaim the joy of the season until the arrival of the Christ Child on Christmas Eve, but this year at St. John’s, I’m not sure we can keep this joy contained!

Starting Christ the King Sunday (November 26), our congregation has entered what I lovingly call “Baptism-palooza.” Between the end of November and the middle of January, we will celebrate the baptism of eight children and youth in our congregation! The soon-to-be-baptized are various ages, ranging from six weeks-old to sixteen years-old. As their pastor, I give thanks that the Holy Spirit is working so significantly in their lives—calling them to the font and preparing their hearts to follow the way of Jesus.

Anytime a child of God is baptized and is welcomed into the body of Christ, we’re invited to join the angel chorus in singing its Alleluias. And this imagery of the angels singing with joy draws my mind to the angel chorus that appears to the shepherds announcing Jesus’ birth. “Glory to God in the highest heaven,” they proclaim, “and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” (Luke 2:14).

Though Advent is traditionally a time of waiting, it doesn’t have to be without joy. We can sing with the angels and praise God for what has been given to us in the birth of Jesus—the life of our Messiah and the promise of resurrection, which we receive in baptism. AND in the midst of this joy, we can wonder together, as Christ’s body, where the Holy Spirit is at work here in the present day.

We await many things in life—peace, justice, and restoration to name a few. And as we wait for the day of the Lord to finally arrive, the day when the mountains will be made low and the valleys lifted up, the day when the glory of the Lord is fully revealed, we can walk along the path that Jesus has prepared for us. We can draw on our own baptismal promises for inspiration of how to reflect God’s love and grace during this time of waiting—promises to share the Gospel, to serve our neighbors, and to work for justice and peace in all the earth.

As the body of Christ grows during the Advent and Christmas seasons, may we experience the joy of our Lord, singing with the angels and entering into the hope and promise of our coming Messiah. All glory be to God—Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,

*Halle Kluever*

Pastor Halle Kluever +



# PIG STOMACH DINNER

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

Eat-in Buffet Style or Take-out

Time: 3:30 to 6:00 P.M.

***Menu:***

Pig Stomach Pickled Cabbage  
 Applesauce Dinner Rolls and Butter  
 Homemade Desserts

***Tickets:*** \$12.00 per meal.

Tickets can be purchased from the church office during the week.

**DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED AND WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

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**2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES**



Your 2024 Church envelopes will be in the Fellowship Hall on tables near the front steps, on Sunday, December 10, for pick up.

The offering envelopes are expensive to mail, so **PLEASE GO TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER ANY CHURCH SERVICE OR EVENT TO PICK UP YOUR 2024 ENVELOPES OR THOSE OF A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, OR RELATIVE.**

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**WINTER WEATHER POLICY**



In the event of bad winter weather, St. John's will make every effort to conduct our normal Sunday worship service. Check WFMZ or WFMZ.com for closing information. It is up to each member to decide whether they are able to get to church safely on Sunday. Please make safety your first priority.

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**BEST/SELL SCHOLARSHIP**



Money from the Martha Best estate and the former Florence A. Sell estate were combined in 2013 to make a new

scholarship – the Best/Sell Scholarship. This scholarship is in honor of both Martha Best and Florence Sell who endowed our church money from their estates and felt strongly about the education of our youth.

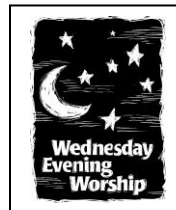
Applications for the Best/Sell Scholarship are available in the church office for students who are completing at least their first semester of higher education by January, 2024 as well as any student who needs to make any significant changes to their original application (such as school transfer, tuition change, major, etc.). The scholarship is available to anyone in college, community college, graduate, or trade school.

If you have filed an application before for the Best/Sell Scholarship and have no changes, please call the church office at 610-767-6361 to indicate your desire to be considered for the scholarship. ***The deadline for applications is Sunday, December 3.***

The Scholarship Committee will select a limited number of recipients using the criteria Florence Sell set forth when the Sell Scholarship was established: (1) need, (2) ability, (3) personality, and (4) religious attitude.

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**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES**



Midweek Advent Services are being offered on Wednesday evenings throughout the season of Advent. We will gather for a FREE soup dinner at 6:00 P.M., and then worship will follow

at 6:30 P.M. Our choir will lead us in *Holden Evening Prayer*. The services will be livestreamed on our Facebook page for those who cannot attend in person. The dates for these services are: December 6, December 13, and December 20. All are welcome!

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## SEWING GROUP



The Sewing Group will meet on Friday, December 8, and in January on Fridays, January 5 and 12, at 9:30 A.M., weather permitting, in the Fellowship Hall. New sewers are always welcome!

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## YOUTH ADOPT-A-CHILD GIFTS



The Youth Fellowship class adopted five children from the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association's Christmas Gifts for Children Program.

Thank you for taking tags from the "Angel Tree" in church to make a child's Christmas bright! The value of each gift should be approximately \$25.00. All gifts must be new. NO gift cards! Please return the wrapped gifts with the price tags removed to the church by Wednesday, December 6. Please attach the tag from the "Angel Tree" to the gift. The wrapped gifts will be delivered to Friedens U.C.C. on Saturday, December 9.

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## INSTANT POTATOES FOR CHRISTMAS MEALS



The Northern Lehigh Food Bank was formed in 1987 to help families in our community who need assistance in feeding their family. The need is still great in the Northern Lehigh area.

There are over 200 families that are receiving meals for Christmas. Our church's responsibility is 200 bags/boxes of instant potatoes. *Donations for the Christmas meal baskets are needed by Thursday, December 7.* We are collecting the boxes/bags of instant potatoes here at St. John's. Baskets will be distributed to the families on Saturday, December 9.

Financial donations and other non-perishable food items are always needed and welcome for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

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## HOLIDAY JAM



Are you interested in jams, applesauce, or apple butter for the holidays? You can order your jams through Sunday, December 10. Pick-up will

be on Sunday, December 17. Place your order via e-mail with Brian or Debbie Geiger at [stjohnsmarket@ptd.net](mailto:stjohnsmarket@ptd.net).

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## CHRISTMAS GIFTS PROGRAM DROP-OFF



The Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association, Northern Lehigh Food Bank, and Friedens U.C.C. sponsored a Christmas Gifts for Children Program again this year. Friedens Church is again

the coordination and distribution site. Children were paired with individuals or organizations who shopped for Christmas presents for the children.

If you personally sponsored a child, all gifts must be delivered to the front door of Friedens Church on Saturday, December 9, between 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Gift distribution to the families will be from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Friedens Church. All gifts must be wrapped and tagged. You are asked to mark the code number and name on each wrapped gift. Gifts must be new and have an approximate value of \$25.00 per gift.

Monetary donations received will be used to buy food for families. Thank you for your help with making this a special Christmas for the children of the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

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## E-MAIL FOR CHURCH



Make sure to check your e-mail every Friday for the weekly e-update from St. John's. If you do not receive our weekly e-update,

give us your e-mail address and we will add you to the list. Send your information to

[stjohnslatington@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslatington@gmail.com).

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**SECOND CHANCE SHOPPE**

The Second Chance board will have board meetings at 11:00 A.M. in the church Fellowship Hall on the following dates:

- Tuesday, December 12, 2023
- Tuesday, January 9, 2024
- Tuesday, February 13, 2024
- Tuesday, March 12, 2024

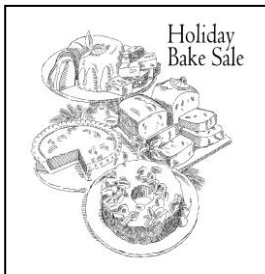


**Clothes Needed!** The Second Chance Shoppe needs your assistance. Have your children, or

are your children outgrowing their clothing? If so, please consider donating the clothing to "The Second Chance Shoppe". They are low on children's clothing most of the time. We can also use adult clothing donations. Since Kmart closed their doors, it is difficult for families to shop close to home to clothe their children. Thank you in advance for your help.

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**ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY BREAD**



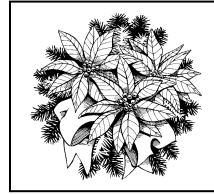
The Youth Fellowship group is selling holiday bread for Christmas again this year. Bread choices are: apple raisin nut, banana, blueberry, and pumpkin chocolate chip.

Mini-loaves of holiday bread are \$3.50 each. Place your order with Brian or Debbie Geiger, in the church office (610-767-6361), or by writing your name on the order form on the rear radiator of the church. ***The deadline for orders is Sunday, December 10.***

Breads will be baked on Friday, December 15, and on Saturday, December 16, starting at 8:00 A.M. by the youth and their advisors. Breads can be picked up on Sunday, December 17, after either church service. Thank you for supporting the Youth Fellowship fundraiser.

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**ALTAR GUILD HOLIDAY SET-UP**

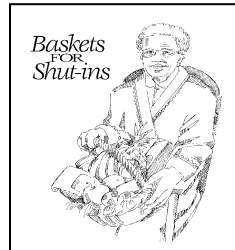


The Altar Guild members will decorate the church with poinsettias for Christmas Eve on Saturday, December 16, at 9:00 A.M.

Anyone interested in joining Altar Guild is welcome to come and help! New members are welcome.

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**CHRISTMAS GIFT BAG HELP NEEDED**



The children of the Sunday School and the Youth Fellowship class are preparing Christmas gift bags for the shut-in/special needs members of our congregation.

We are looking for help delivering the bags. The bags will be ready in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 17. The list of shut-ins/special needs members and a sign-up sheet are available at the Parent Information Center in the Education Wing and the rear of church.

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**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**



Please join us in worship at the 10:15 A.M. service Sunday, December 17, to hear the choir's annual Christmas Cantata. This year's cantata is "Were You

There on that Christmas Night" by Lloyd Larson.

Come join the choir – new voices are always welcome! Rehearsals are in the choir room on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday mornings at 9:15 A.M.

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**DECEMBER CATERING FOOD SALE**



The Catering Committee is sponsoring a macaroni & cheese, sunshine salad, cole slaw, and soup sale on Saturday, December 23. Pick-up times will be between

9:00 and 11:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is: (Take Out Only)

o *Macaroni & Cheese (Ready to Bake)* – Tender elbow macaroni pasta enriched in a creamy cheese sauce, made with milk, flour, cooper cheese, parmesan cheese, salt, and black pepper. It will come packed in trays as follows:  
 4 lb. oven-ready tray Price – \$9.00 each.  
 2 lb. oven-ready tray Price – \$5.00 each.

o *Sunshine Salad* – Shredded carrots, chunks of pineapple, and mandarin oranges mixed with orange gelatin, then packed in a one-pound (pint) container. Price – \$2.50 per pint.

o *Home-made Creamy Cole Slaw* – Shredded green cabbage and shredded carrots covered with a creamy dressing made with mayonnaise, sugar, wine vinegar, salt, and pepper, then garnished with parsley. Price – \$2.00 per pint.

o *Baked Stuffed Potato Soup* – A mixture of diced celery, diced onions, and shredded white potatoes sauteed in butter. Thicken with flour. Blend in a good hearty chicken stock. Add milk, shredded cheddar cheese, and sour cream. Season with black pepper, salt, parsley, and Worcestershire sauce. Price – \$7.00 per quart.

o *Italian Wedding Soup* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, chopped spinach, and garlic blended with a hearty chicken broth, Italian meat balls, and orzo pasta. Season with black pepper, parsley, oregano, and basil. Price – \$7.00 per quart.

To place an order, please fill out the order slip in the below and either mail or drop off to the church by Sunday, December 17. You can also call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361 or

Harrison Williams at 610-216-4284, or e-mail the order to Harrison at [williamshj2514@msn.com](mailto:williamshj2514@msn.com).

**December Food Order Blank**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

4 lb. Tray Macaroni & Cheese (Ready to Bake)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$9.00 per order =\$\_\_\_\_\_

2 lb. Tray Macaroni & Cheese (Ready to Bake)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 per order =\$\_\_\_\_\_

Sunshine Salad (pint size)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.50 pint =\$\_\_\_\_\_

Home-made Creamy Cole Slaw  
 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.00 pint=\$\_\_\_\_\_

Baked Stuffed Potato Soup  
 \_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.00 quart=\$\_\_\_\_\_

Italian Wedding Soup  
 \_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.00 quart=\$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

You can give to St. John’s by electronic giving! Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving which allows you to make donations on a scheduled automatic basis.



If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will enjoy electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much needed donation consistency for St. John’s.

To get started, simply scan the QR code with your smart phone. It will take you to our mobile online giving page. Create a profile and log in to set up automatic donations from a checking/savings account or credit/debit account.

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**LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!**

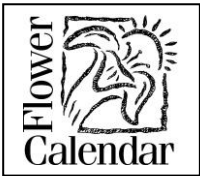


Please join us on Sunday, December 17, at 6:00 P.M. as our Sunday School children present this year's Christmas program: "The Nativity Story".

The Christmas program is a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season! ***Donations of baked goods are needed*** for refreshments after the Christmas program on Sunday, December 17. Donations can be brought to the church office or the kitchen marked "S.S. Program". Thanks for your help!

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**BULLETIN AND FLOWER CHARTS**



The 2024 bulletin and flower charts will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office in early December. Bulletin and flower sponsors are needed for each Sunday or special service.

The cost for sponsoring flowers will remain at \$35.00 per date. The cost for sponsoring bulletins will remain at \$25.00 per date. Payment can be mailed into the church office or placed in your offering envelope on a Sunday. To sponsor bulletins or flowers for a date, sign your name on the appropriate chart posted on the bulletin board outside the church office or call the church office at 610-767-6361.

Bulletin sponsors are still needed this year for the following December services: December 24 morning service and both Christmas Eve services plus Sunday, December 31.

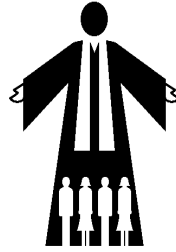
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**ALUMINUM TABS**

Aluminum tabs that are collected here at St. John's Lutheran Church benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children which provides free medical care. No child is turned away because of the inability to pay at a Shriners Hospital. If you know of a child that needs medical care, contact any Shriner for more information. Please continue to bring the tabs to St. John's for pick up. Clarence Smith collects tabs for Shriners Hospital.

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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS NEEDED**



We are in need of people to help with various duties during our worship services. The duty and the number of volunteers would determine how often you would be scheduled during the year.

We are especially in need of Communion Assistants, Lectors, and Ushers.

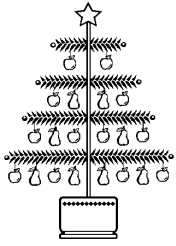
Please consider signing up for at least one duty or an additional duty to what you are presently doing. If you are willing to volunteer for any of these duties, please complete the sheet below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, January 7.

New participants would not be scheduled until February 2024. If you have any questions on any of the positions, please contact the church office at 610-767-6361.

| <b>Worship Service Participants</b> |             |              |               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Name:                               | _____       |              |               |
| Phone No.:                          | _____       |              |               |
| Indicate Service Preferred          |             |              |               |
|                                     | <u>8:00</u> | <u>10:15</u> | <u>Either</u> |
| Communion Assistant                 | _____       | _____        | _____         |
| Lector                              | _____       | _____        | _____         |
| Usher                               | _____       | _____        | _____         |
| Altar Guild                         | _____       |              |               |



## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



The church will again be decorated progressively this year on the Sundays in Advent. The final tree decorating will be done by the youth on Saturday, December 16, around baking the holiday breads they are selling. Poinsettias will be arranged by the Altar Guild members on Saturday, December 16. The pew candles will be set up by members of the Church Council and the Worship and Music Committee after the 9:00 A.M. service on December 24. We invite people to stay after the 9:00 A.M. service on Sunday, December 31, to help take down the decorations.

Luminaries will be placed at the entrance to the church presented by the Sunday School. Luminaries are a traditional way to welcome the Christ Child, the Light of the World. They light our path to His presence. The luminaries will be set up after the 9:00 A.M. service on Sunday, December 24, for the Christmas Eve services.



Candlelight services will be held on Christmas Eve at 7:00 and 10:00 P.M. Prior to each service at 6:45 and 9:45 P.M., there will be Christmas Music to set the atmosphere for worship. There will be Holy Communion at both services. The early service will be geared for families with small children, while the later service will be the more traditional format. You are welcome to attend the service of your choice.



The Christmas Eve services will include our Sunday School children singing at the early service. The senior choir will perform at the later service.

The youth will be serving at the early Christmas Eve services as worship assistants. Youth should sign-up to help at the Christmas Eve service on the sheets in the Youth Fellowship Class.



You may also worship with St. John's on Facebook for one of the Christmas Eve services.

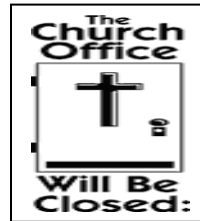
***REMEMBER: Christmas Eve is that important time of year when we take the opportunity to worship the Christ Child. We welcome everyone and hope you will plan to be here at St. John's for one of the Christmas Eve services.***

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**DON'T FORGET TO  
RETURN YOUR ADVENT  
ENVELOPE BY  
CHRISTMAS!**

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### STAFF HOLIDAY TIME



The church building will be closed for the holiday on Monday, December 25, for Christmas Day and on Monday, January 1, for New Year's Day.

Pastor Halle and Josh will be away visiting family from Thursday, December 28, through Thursday, January 4. Anyone in need of pastoral care after Christmas through January 4 can call the church office at 610-767-6361.

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### 2023 GIVING



All monies that you want credited to your 2023 offering **must** be into the church office **before** 1:00 P.M. on Friday, December 29, 2023.

To receive credit for your 2023 giving under IRS guidelines, we must receive the offering before the end of the year. We have no way of crediting your 2023 giving account after the December 29, 2023 deadline.

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**EPIPHANY**



The Christmas of the Gentiles or Little Christmas is the twelfth day of the Christmas Season. It marks the visit of the Magi or Wise Men to the infant Jesus. It is often called the season of light, since the Magi followed the star to the manger in Bethlehem. The Day of Epiphany was once second in importance only to Easter. It is now celebrated on January 6.

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," is meant to take place during the twelve days between Christmas and Epiphany. In some cultures, gifts are exchanged on this day in remembrance of the gifts brought by the Magi to Jesus. The season of Epiphany runs from January 6 until Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2024), the beginning of Lent.

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**THANKS TO OUR OUTGOING CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS**



On behalf of the entire congregation, we want to express our appreciation to our outgoing Church Council members –

Tom Campbell, Joe Krempasky, and Hunter Miller.

Tom Campbell served two three-year terms on church council and was President and Vice President of council during his time. He is the head of the Finance Committee also.

Joe Krempasky has served two three-year terms on council. He works with the Catering Committee and has worked with Stewardship.

Hunter Miller served a year as Treasurer. Hunter will be relocating to Kentucky in January.

There are still a few open seats on Church Council. If you would be interested in serving a three-year term, please call the church office at 610-767-6361 or speak to anyone on Church Council. Council will be installed in January 2024.

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**COFFEE HOURS**



Coffee hours will be held the first Sunday of the month between the two services, if there are people willing to bake. Open dates for 2024 are: February 4 and March 3. Please sign the coffee hour sign-up sheet at the rear of the church if you are willing to help provide baked goods for one of the coffee hours. Catering provides the coffee and paper products.

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**HOLY COMMUNION FOR YOUTH**



The following students were instructed in November in the meaning and practice of Holy Communion. They were admitted to the Lord's

Table on November 19: Annalise McWilliams, Jordan Rehrig, and Stella Scanlon.

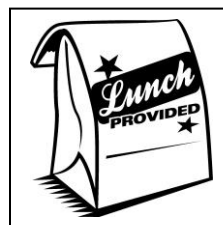
Ethan Henritz, Kylee Truett, and Layla Truett will take their first communion in December.

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**COMMUNITY LUNCHEON**

We served 164 meals at our November luncheon. Our social hall was filled with conversation and laughter as many people chose to eat their lunch at church.

We want to thank you Fianna Christman, Cameron Chruscial, Cole Chruscial, Debbie Cunfer, Josh Kluever, Ruthann Mantz, Joanne March, Dawson Newhard, Dennis Rehrig, and Bruce Sipos for making this luncheon run smoothly. We also need to thank our bakers who provided a variety of yummy desserts.



Our next luncheon will be on Sunday, January 7, 2024, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., as either an eat-in or take-out meal. We will be serving meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, rolls, and dessert. Baked goods would be greatly appreciated.

Brian & Debbie Geiger

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**JANUARY SOUP, HOAGIE, AND  
PA DUTCH CORN PIE SALE**



The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup, sandwich, and PA Dutch corn pie sale on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Orders are due on Sunday, January 21, 2024. Pick-up

times will be between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is: (Take Out Only)

o *PA Dutch Corn Pie* – Nine-inch ready-to-bake frozen PA Dutch corn pie made with potatoes, fresh and frozen corn, hard-boiled eggs, diced celery, black pepper, and milk. Put into a double crust, then frozen. Price – \$15.00 each.

o *Italian Hoagies* – Start with a nine-inch hoagie roll. Add sliced provolone cheese, sliced boiled ham, sliced hard salami, sliced deli pepperoni, shredded lettuce, oregano, and the following items each in a separate bag: sliced onions, sliced tomatoes, and sliced banana peppers with packets of mayonnaise and Italian dressing.

Price – \$6.50 each.

o *Broccoli Cheddar Cheese Soup* – A blend of diced onions sauteed in butter along with broccoli. Thicken with flour. Blend in a good hearty chicken stock, whole milk, and shredded cheddar cheese. Season with black pepper, parsley, and Worcestershire sauce.

Price – \$7.50 per quart.

o *Chicken Tortellini Soup* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, diced tomatoes, shredded carrots, chunks of tender chicken, cut sweet corn, green beans, cauliflower, and broccoli sauteed in butter. Add black pepper, tomato sauce, and cheese tortellini. Price – \$7.50 per quart.

o *Minestrone Soup* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, and sliced zucchini sauteed in butter. Blend in chicken, beef, and vegetable broth. Add red-skin potatoes, elbow macaroni, tomatoes, red kidney & white beans, and cut green beans. Season with black pepper and parsley.

Price – \$7.50 per quart.

To place an order, please fill out the order slip below and either mail or drop off to the church by Sunday, January 21. You can also call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361 or Harrison Williams at 610-216-4284, or e-mail the order to Harrison at [williamshj2514@msn.com](mailto:williamshj2514@msn.com).

**January Soup, Hoagie, & PA Dutch Corn Pie  
Order Blank**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

PA Dutch Corn Pie  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Italian Hoagie  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.50 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Broccoli Cheddar Cheese Soup  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.50 quart = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Tortellini Soup  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.50 quart = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Minestrone Soup  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ 7.50 quart = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOSPITALIZATIONS**



Please call the church office (610-767-6361) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of St. John's is hospitalized or moves from one hospital

to another or to a rehab facility. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital. Please give the hospitals our church code of "290" when being admitted. Please call the church to keep us informed of any hospitalizations so Pastor Halle can visit and keep people in our prayers.

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**ROCK-A-THON**



The Youth Fellowship and Confirmation class will hold a Rock-a-Thon to raise money for Feed My Starving Children on Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

(Snow date is February 4).

We will have four rocking chairs we need to keep rocking continuously from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The initial rocking will happen from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. by the Sunday School children during their annual Birthday Social. We will stop the rocking during the 10:15 A.M. church service, restart at 11:30 A.M., and continue until 1:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited! Ways you can help: donation containers, sign-up sheets, and sponsor sheets will be at the Rock-a-Thon displays in December and January on the rear radiator cover in church, the Fellowship Hall, and the Parent Information Center in the Sunday School hallway.

1. Sign up to rock in one of the four rocking chairs for a 15-minute shift (young children can rock with an adult).
2. Donate baked goods for the bake sale.
3. Place a donation in any of the donation containers at a Rock-a-Thon display.
4. Sponsor a rocking chair for \$25.
5. Volunteer to work at the bake sale, kitchen, or craft area.
6. Stop by, have lunch, buy some dessert, and cheer on the rockers.

Any questions or for more information, see Erin Snyder, Ruthann Mantz, or Pastor Halle.

See you for a rocking good time on January 28!

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**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**



Annual reports for each organization of the church are due to the church office by Sunday, January 28, 2024.

The deadline is needed for the audit committee to audit the books so the annual report can be typed and run in early February for distribution to church members.

Forms for submitting your annual report will be in the tract rack outside the church office beginning Sunday, January 7, 2024.

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**CATERING EVENTS**

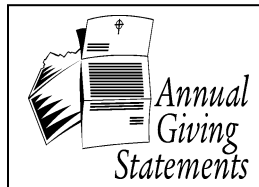
The Catering Committee will have a soup and sandwich sale each month from January through May. They will also hold eat-in/take-out dinners for 2024 as follows:

- February 10 – Pork & Sauerkraut (see information on page 12)
- April 6 – Ham & Dandelion
- December – Pig Stomach (date TBA)

Watch your bulletins and newsletters for details on the above dinners as the dates get closer.

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**YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS**



Yearly giving summaries will be mailed out in late January to all church members. The summary statement meets IRS

guidelines. If you would like a detailed giving statement, please call the church office at 610-767-6361 and leave a message. A detailed statement will be generated for you to pick up from the church office.

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**SAUERKRAUT  
SUPPER  
SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 10, 2024  
Eat in Buffet Style  
or Take-Out  
Time: 3:30-6:00 P.M.**

**Menu:**  
Pork and Sauerkraut  
Mashed Potatoes Buttered Lima Beans  
Bread and Butter  
Homemade Desserts

**Cost:** \$12.00 per meal

Tickets will go on sale in mid-December.

**Donations of baked goods are  
needed and would be greatly  
appreciated.**

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**REDNER'S TAPES**

Thank you to everyone who turns in their tapes from Redner's Markets for the Sav-A-Tape program. The money earned from this program helps to fund the cost of supplies for our coffee hours. If you do not have a Sav-A-Tape card, you can get a card on your next visit to any Redner's store. The same card is scanned for the Sav-A-Tape program and the gas points. Please continue to support the Sav-A-Tape program by turning in your entire Redner's receipts.

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**SOUPER SUNDAY**



Help wind up the NFL football season in a really "souper" way. On Sunday, February 11, 2024, "Souper Bowl Sunday," please bring boxes or cans of soup to church for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Monetary donations may also be made to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. You can cheer for your team, knowing you have provided some warm food for the needy during the cold weather.  
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**CHURCH BUILDING HOURS**



The church office is open daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (except for holidays/vacations).

The church building will be unlocked Monday through Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and in the evenings when there are meetings in the church building. The church also will be open Sunday mornings for church services and Sunday School. Anyone needing to get into the church building other than the above times, should call the church office (610-767-6361).

*When Sharon or Pastor Halle are alone in the office, the church doors, including the brown doors by the office, will be locked. There is a doorbell outside the brown doors that you may ring to gain access to the building.*

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**MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

A master calendar of all events held on the church premises is retained in the church office to avoid double booking the rooms in the church and ensure the building is unlocked. Please make sure all meetings/events that your committee/group holds in the church are reserved with the office. Contact Sharon in the church office at 610-767-6361 (Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.) to reserve space for your event.

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**THANK YOU NOTES**

Thank you to the Catering Committee and Second Chance Shoppe for giving money to the church to help cover the school taxes and other bills this summer/fall. Thank you also to the Mildred Hetzer Estate Fund interest for also contributing to help with the shortfall in giving.

Thank you to Debbie Geiger for delivering the instant potatoes for the Thanksgiving baskets to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Trick-or-Treat outreach. We had approximately 300 trick-or-treaters.

Thanks also to Ivy Velasquez and Debbie Cunfer for assembling the treat bags; Meadow Sly for setting up; and to Cameron Chruscial, Cole Chruscial, Connor McWilliams; and Chase Moyer for handing out the treats.

St. John's Sunday School,

I would like to express my gratitude to the Sunday School who sent me a care package in the mail. I greatly appreciate it and I would love to stop in while I am home to show my appreciation to the kids.

Egan Bellesfield

Sunday School Friends,

Thank you so much for the generous amount of snacks and treats. It was very much appreciated. My first semester here at Penn State has been going very well. Final exams are next month and I can't believe how fast my first college semester is going. The treats were yummy and thanks again! See you all soon.

Colby Rehrig

Members of St. John's,

Each fall since I've been working here at St. John's, I have been fortunate enough to attend the annual Parish Secretary's conference. This year's theme was "Caring For You and Me in 2023". Presentations were made on the following: (1) Security and (2) Making our space accessible. We also had an open discussion time on our job challenges.

Thank you to everyone who helps out with the newsletter and other mailings, money counting, folding & collating bulletins, shredding, work in the office, and volunteer jobs throughout the year. All your help is greatly appreciated!

Sharon Stehly

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**PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING CHALLENGE**



Do you have an abundance of plastic bags around your home? If so, this recycling challenge is for you! St. John's is collecting plastic bags and plastic film to donate to NexTrex, a company that turns these recyclable materials into green, sustainable outdoor products.

Our congregation has a goal of collecting 1,000 lbs. of plastic bags in a 12-month period. We are at 359 pounds already! If we reach this goal, we will be gifted a free outdoor bench, courtesy of NexTrex.

If you are interested in donating, the following are examples of accepted items: grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, resealable storage bags, cereal bags, produce bags, and sidewalk salt bags. Please be sure all bags and Plastic are clean, dry, and free of food residue. Donation bins are in the Fellowship Hall.

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**Birthday Greetings are extended to our "80 & Over" Group Members**

*Florence Smith* (Home) celebrating her 83rd birthday on December 6.

*Joanne March* (Home) celebrating her 84th birthday on December 12.

*Carol Miller* (Home) celebrating her 80th birthday on December 14.

*Anne Saylor* (Home) celebrating her 84th birthday on January 10.

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**PASTORAL ACTS**

**BAPTISM**

*Maela Renee Charles*  
Daughter of Hadyn Alexander Charles and  
Mollie Renee (nee Rohrbach) Charles  
was baptized on November 26, 2023

**Deaths**

*Isabel Mantana Ringer*  
10-2-2023

*Sharon Mae Fogelman*  
10-8-2023

**Transfers**

*Keith H. Smith* transferred to Weisenberg  
Lutheran Church from St. John's Lutheran.

**December**  
ANNIVERSARIES

David and Jane Dietrich  
50th on December 22

Warren and Marie Reitz  
27th on December 21

Robert and Greta Unger  
26th on December 27

Michael and Jessica Carleton  
16th on December 28

**January**  
ANNIVERSARIES

Randy and Kathy Horn  
50th on January 26

Kevin and Lana Gruber  
47th on January 22

William and Anita Snyder  
42nd on January 2

Joshua and Pastor Halle Kluever  
3rd on January 9

**MEMORIAL  
GIFTS**

**Donation to the Breakfast Bunch**

In Memory of *Sharon Fogelman* as follows:

- Serena Ashmore
- Dwayne & Theresa Christman
- Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fedorcha
- Susan Freed
- Linda Humanick
- Mr. & Mrs. Ron Kuntz
- Ruthann Mantz
- Mr. & Mrs. Chad Miller
- Charles & Anne Overton
- Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Smith
- Mr. & Mrs. Erin Snyder
- Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stehly

**Donation to the Current Fund**

In Memory of *Isabel Ringer* as follows:

- Richard & Betty Bobal
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Campbell
- Mr. & Mrs. David Dietrich
- Jean Engler
- Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fedorcha
- Karen Kistler
- Ruthann Mantz
- Gloria Martin
- Carol Miller
- Mr. & Mrs. Chad Miller
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Muthard
- Kathleen Risley
- Rose Croix Chapter No. 235 OES
- Anne Saylor
- Second Chance Shoppe
- Carole Sheckler
- Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Smith
- Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stehly
- Michael & Lauri Sterner
- Terry & Debra Wagaman

**Donations to the Memorial Fund**

In Memory of *John & Jeanette Sellers and  
Mother, Helen Sola* from Mary Ann Sellers

# **THE DECEMBER SUNDAY** **SCHOOL PULSE**

## **DECEMBER SCHEDULE:**

***December 3*** – First Sunday in Advent

Monthly Munchies.

Pre-school – Practice for Christmas Program and Christmas Eve.

Kindergarten–Grades 6 – Advent/Christmas Lesson.

Try costumes on and practice lines for Christmas Program.

Practice songs for Christmas Program and Christmas Eve.

Confirmation Class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship – Help in classrooms. Help practice songs. Service projects.

***Thursday, December 7*** – Stuffing due for Christmas baskets for Food Bank.

***December 10*** – Second Sunday in Advent

Pre-school – Practice for Christmas Program and Christmas Eve.

Kindergarten–Grades 6 – Advent/Christmas Lesson.

Try costumes on and practice lines for Christmas Program.

Practice songs for Christmas Program and Christmas Eve.

Confirmation Class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship – Help in classrooms. Help practice songs. Service projects.

***Saturday, December 16*** –

Kindergarten-Grade 6 – 10:00-11:00 A.M. – Christmas Program practice.

Confirmation/Youth Fellowship:

8:00-10:00 A.M. – Help with holiday breads. Assemble Sunday School treat bags.

10:00-11:00 A.M. – Practice for Christmas Program.

11:00-11:30 A.M. – Practice for Christmas Eve.

11:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon – Decorate Christmas tree and church.

12:00 Noon – Lunch.

12:30-1:00 P.M. – Assemble shut-in bags.

1:00-1:30 P.M. – Assemble luminaries.

Lunch and snacks provided.

***Sunday, December 17*** – Third Sunday in Advent

9:00 A.M. – Pre-school–Youth Fellowship – Practice for Christmas Program  
and Christmas Eve.

6:00 P.M. – Christmas Program – Students should be in their class by 5:45 P.M.  
Donations of baked goods are needed.

***Saturday, December 24*** – 9:00 A.M. – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

***Christmas Eve*** – 7:00 P.M. service. We sing before the service at 6:45 P.M.  
and after the offering.

***Sunday, December 31*** – No Sunday School. Have a Happy New Year!

# THE DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE (cont.)

The Sundays in December leading up to our Christmas Program are very important; please plan to attend.

**Instant Potatoes Needed** – Donations of bags/boxes of instant potatoes for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank Christmas baskets are needed at the church by Thursday, December 7.



**Christmas Gift Bags** – Your help is needed to deliver Christmas gift bags to our shut-in/special concerns members. For a list of shut-ins/special concerns members and a sign-up sheet, please check the Parent Information Center in the Education Wing and on the rear radiator of church. Gift bags will be ready for delivery on Sunday, December 17.

**Our Christmas Program** will be held on Sunday, December 17. Students need to be in their classrooms by 5:45 P.M.



# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

|                    |             |                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Meadow Sly         | December 3  | Mia Humanick       | December 17 |
| Stella Graver      | December 8  | Grady Newhard      | December 17 |
| Calvin Deprill Jr. | December 13 | Alexander Carleton | December 18 |
| Delaney Sabene     | December 14 | Adam Incorvaia     | December 19 |
| Maddie Humanick    | December 17 | Jesus              | December 25 |

## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS

Catherine Farrell on December 7 (4 years old)  
Lochlin Brennand on December 19 (4 years old)  
Orion Brennand on December 19 (4 years old)





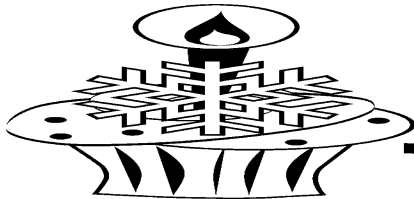
# **THE JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE**

**JANUARY SCHEDULE:**

- January 7** – 9:00-10:00 A.M. – All About Epiphany – Pre-school–Youth Fellowship.  
 Confirmation & Youth Fellowship members not helping with Epiphany event will  
 decorate chairs for Rock-a-thon.  
 11:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M. – Community luncheon.
- January 14** – Pre-school–Grade 6 – Regular lesson and learn songs for February 25.  
 Confirmation class with Pastor Halle.  
 Youth Fellowship – Help learn songs and continue decorating chairs for Rock-a-thon.
- January 21** – Pre-school–Grade 6 – Regular lesson and learn songs for February 25.  
 Confirmation class with Pastor Halle.  
 Youth Fellowship – Help learn songs and continue decorating chairs for Rock-a-thon.
- January 28** – 9:00-10:00 A.M. – All Classes: Birthday Social (bring your coins).  
 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. – Rock-a-Thon. (snow date is February 4).  
 Kitchen open to purchase lunch. Bake sale.



***Birthday Social*** – Our annual birthday social will be held on Sunday, January 28, in the Fellowship Hall. Activities will include: making birthday cards for our members 80 and over, making book marks, rocking for the Rock-a-thon, counting our birthday coins, and of course cupcakes! Snow date is February 4.



## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS**

|                   |            |                      |            |
|-------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| Carson Rex        | January 3  | Kylie Rex            | January 20 |
| Ella Brunner      | January 12 | Cayden Long          | January 21 |
| Connor Farrell    | January 12 | Jeffrey Rhoda        | January 22 |
| Greyson Rehrig    | January 12 | Brantley Mackaravitz | January 24 |
| Annalise Williams | January 14 | Aiden Vanlieu        | January 24 |

**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBER**

Adleigh Long on January 29 (1 year old)

# \$\$\$FINANCIAL INFORMATION\$\$\$

| SEPTEMBER 2023 |                   |                    |                      |              |                  |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------|
| DATE           | CHURCH ATTENDANCE | OFFERING           |                      | CURRENT FUND | BUILDING FUND ** |
| 9-3            | 41 *              | \$ 2,491.00        | August 31 Balance    | \$ 12,681.17 | (\$ 2,634.41)    |
| 9-10           | 21 + 51           | 1,667.65           | September Income     | 6,852.82     | 35,130.00        |
| 9-17           | 21 + 49           | 939.09             | September Expenses   | 15,492.21    | 35,637.00        |
| 9-24           | 21 + 50           | 1,752.00           | September 30 Balance | \$ 4,041.78  | (\$ 3,141.41)    |
|                | <b>Totals</b>     | <b>\$ 6,849.74</b> |                      |              |                  |

\* September 3 was the last Sunday with one service at 9:00 A.M. Two services at 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. began on September 10.

\*\* \$30,000 in Mildred Hetzer income was put into the Building Fund to help cover the remaining balance due for the cement work at the church.

| Offering for Operational Expenses Through September 2023 |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Needed Each Week   | \$ 3,700.10                    |
| Average Weekly Received                                  | \$ 2,029.05 / \$ 4,029.05      |
| Budgeted to Date   | \$ 144,303.90                  |
| Received to Date   | \$ 79,132.83 / \$ 157,132.83   |
| Expenses to Date   | \$ 158,427.46                  |
| Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date                      | (\$ 79,294.63) / (\$ 1,294.63) |

| OCTOBER 2023 |                   |                     |                      |              |                 |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| DATE         | CHURCH ATTENDANCE | OFFERING            |                      | CURRENT FUND | BUILDING FUND * |
| 10-1         | 26 + 46           | \$ 1,463.00         | September 30 Balance | \$ 4,041.78  | (\$ 3,141.41)   |
| 10-8         | 21 + 45           | 2,292.32            | October Income       | 10,345.23    | 5,060.00        |
| 10-15        | 25 + 45           | 2,085.00            | October Expenses     | 14,177.67    | 1,029.00        |
| 10-22        | 27 + 35           | 2,716.00            | October 31 Balance   | \$ 209.34    | \$ 889.59       |
| 10-29        | 15 + 29           | 1,687.00            |                      |              |                 |
|              | <b>Totals</b>     | <b>\$ 10,243.32</b> |                      |              |                 |

\* \$5,000 was put into the Building Fund from the Mildred Hetzer fund to help cover deficit from September and expenses in October.

| Offering for Operational Expenses Through October 2023 |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Needed Each Week                                       | \$ 3,700.10                    |
| Average Weekly Received                                | \$ 2,033.59 / \$ 3,806.32      |
| Budgeted to Date                                       | \$ 162,804.40                  |
| Received to Date                                       | \$ 89,478.06 / \$ 167,478.06   |
| Expenses to Date                                       | \$ 172,605.13                  |
| Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date                    | (\$ 83,127.07) / (\$ 5,127.07) |

\*\*\*\* Two sets of figures for "Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date" above indicate the following:

- (1) the left side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, excluding \$62,000 from Mildred Hetzer Fund interest + \$16,000 from Second Chance Shoppe & Catering.
- (2) the right side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, including \$62,000.00 from Mildred Hetzer Fund interest + \$16,000 from Second Chance Shoppe & Catering.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (DECEMBER 2023)

| Date                                      | Service    | Acolyte           | Crucifer    | Altar Guild                       | Lector        | Ushers  |
|---|------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|
| December 3 (C)<br>1st Sunday of Advent    | 8:00 A.M.  | Dawson Newhard    | N/A         |                                   |               | Jessica Rehrig & Joe Krempasky                                      |
| December 3 (C)<br>1st Sunday of Advent    | 10:15 A.M. | Connor McWilliams | N/A         | Sue Freed & Denise Miller         | Ruthann Mantz | Erin Snyder (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, & Sharon Stehly                  |
| December 10<br>2nd Sunday of Advent       | 8:00 A.M.  | Cameron Chruscial | N/A         |                                   |               | Kayleigh Snyder & Fianna Christman                                  |
| December 10<br>2nd Sunday of Advent       | 10:15 A.M. | Chase Moyer       | N/A         | Fianna Christman & Sharon Stehly  | Cheryl Burke  | Chad Miller (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, & Ken Staller                     |
| December 17 (C)<br>3rd Sunday of Advent   | 8:00 A.M.  | Cole Chruscial    | N/A         |                                   |               | Hunter Miller & Ron Kuntz   |
| December 17 (C)<br>3rd Sunday of Advent   | 10:15 A.M. | Meadow Sly        | N/A         | Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder     | Cantata       | Devon Sabene (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Ron Humanick                   |
| December 24 (C)<br>4th Sunday of Advent   | 9:00 A.M.  | Jayden Rehrig     | N/A         | Fianna Christman & Sharon Stehly  | Jill Schaffer | Sue Freed (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly                     |
| December 24 Christmas Eve (C)             | 7:00 P.M.  | Youth             | Emma Snyder | Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick | Youth         | Erin Snyder & Kayleigh Snyder (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha & Sharon Stehly |
| December 24 Christmas Eve (C)             | 10:00 P.M. | Youth             |             | Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick | Sharon Stehly | Tom Campbell (DIC) & Sharon Stehly                                  |
| December 31<br>1st Sunday after Christmas | 9:00 A.M.  |                   | N/A         | Sue Freed & Denise Miller         | N/A           | Scott Raber (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, & Ken Staller                     |

**It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot serve on a Sunday and notify the church office (610-767-6361) or e-mail at [stjohnslatington@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslatington@gmail.com)) of the change by Thursday morning.**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (JANUARY 2024)

| Date           | Service    | Acolyte           | Altar Guild                       | Lector         | Ushers   |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| January 7 (C)  | 8:00 A.M.  | Elaina Ray        |                                   |                | Jessica Rehrig & Ron Kuntz                             |
| January 7 (C)  | 10:15 A.M. | Kylee Truett      | Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick | Jackie Kuba    | Sue Freed (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Ron Humanick         |
| January 14     | 8:00 A.M.  | Dawson Newhard    |                                   |                | Devon Sabene & Fianna Christman                        |
| January 14     | 10:15 A.M. | Connor McWilliams | Sue Freed                         | Ruthann Mantz  | Chad Miller (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly      |
| January 21 (C) | 8:00 A.M.  | Cameron Chruscial |                                   |                | Scott Raber & Jessica Smoyer                           |
| January 21 (C) | 10:15 A.M. | Chase Moyer       | Devon Sabene & Sharon Stehly      | Lynne Fedorcha | Kayleigh Snyder (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, & Sharon Stehly |
| January 28     | 8:00 A.M.  | Cole Chruscial    |                                   |                | Erin Snyder & Fianna Christman                         |
| January 28     | 10:15 A.M. | Meadow Sly        | Denise Miller                     | Cheryl Burke   | Sue Freed (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, & Ken Staller          |

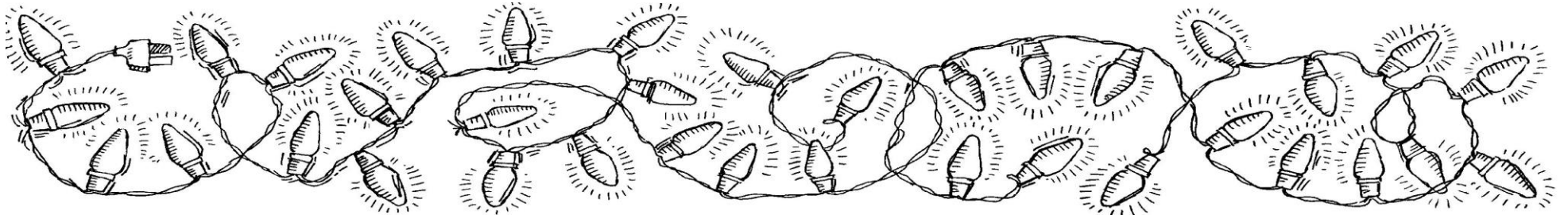
# DECEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| <b>11/26 Christ the King</b><br>8:00 & 10:15 Service of the Word<br>9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation<br>8:00 A.A.  | <b>11/27</b>  | <b>11/28</b>  | <b>11/29</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Choir   | <b>11/30</b><br>8:00 A.A.  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>3:30-6:00 Pig Stomach<br>Dinner   |
| <b>3 1st Sunday in Advent</b><br><i>Best/Sell Scholarship Applications Due</i><br>8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion<br>9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation<br>8:00 A.A.   | <b>4</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>                                     | <b>5</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>               | <b>6</b><br><i>Children's Gifts Due</i><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>6:00 Soup Dinner<br>6:30 Advent Service<br>7:00 Choir | <b>7 Instant Potatoes Due for Food Bank</b><br>10:00 Ingathering at Union Lutheran<br>6:00 IMPACT<br>8:00 A.A. | <b>8</b><br>9:30 Sewing   | <b>9</b><br>8:00-10:00 Christmas Gifts to Friedens UCC  |
| <b>10 2nd Sunday in Advent</b><br><i>Holiday Bread Order Deadline</i><br>8:00 & 10:15 Service of the Word<br>9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation<br>8:00 A.A.   | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b><br>11:00 Second Chance Shoppe Board Meeting | <b>13</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>6:00 Soup Dinner<br>6:30 Advent Service<br>7:00 Choir                               | <b>14</b><br>8:00 A.A.   | <b>15</b><br>9:00 Bread Baking  | <b>16</b><br>8:00 Bread-Baking<br>9:00 Poinsettia Set-up<br>10:00 Program Practice<br>11:00 Xmas Eve Practice<br>11:30 Decorate church<br>12:30 Shut-in Bag Prep. |
| <b>17 3rd Sunday in Advent</b><br><i>Food Sale Orders Due</i><br><i>Holiday Bread &amp; Gift Bag Pick-Up</i><br>8:00 Holy Communion<br>9:00 Sunday School<br>10:15 Christmas Cantata/Comm.<br>6:00 Christmas Program<br>8:00 A.A. | <b>18</b><br>7:00 Women's Club<br><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>               | <b>19</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>              | <b>20</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>6:00 Soup Dinner<br>6:30 Advent Service<br>7:00 Church Council/Choir                | <b>21 Winter Begins</b><br>6:00 IMPACT<br>8:00 A.A.  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b><br>9:00-11:00 Food Sale Order Pick-up   |
| <b>24 4th Sunday in Advent</b><br>9:00 AM Holy Communion<br>10:00 AM Set up Pew Candles<br><b>Christmas Eve</b><br>7:00 & 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion<br>8:00 A.A.  | <b>25 Christmas</b><br><b>CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED</b>                        | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga  | <b>28</b><br>8:00 A.A.<br><br><b>P A S T O R</b>   | <b>29</b><br><i>1:00 2023 Giving Deadline</i><br><br><b>H A L L E O N</b> | <b>30</b><br><br><b>V A C A T I O N</b>   |
| <b>31 Sunday After Christmas</b><br><b>New Years Eve</b><br>9:00 Service of Lessons & Carols<br>8:00 A.A.<br><br><b>P A S T O R H A L L E &amp;</b>   | <b>1/1 New Years</b><br><b>CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED</b><br><br><b>J O S H</b> | <b>1/2</b><br><br><b>A W A Y</b>                      | <b>1/3</b><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Choir<br><br><b>O N</b>   | <b>1/4</b><br>6:00 IMPACT<br>8:00 A.A.<br><br><b>V A C A T I O N</b>   | <b>1/5</b><br>9:30 Sewing   | <b>1/6 The Epiphany of Our Lord</b>   |

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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                        | SATURDAY  |
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| <b>12/31 Sunday After Christmas<br/>New Years Eve</b><br>9:00 Service of Lessons & Carols<br>8:00 A.A.<br><br><b>PASTOR HALLE</b>  | <b>1 New Years Day</b><br><b>CHURCH<br/>BUILDING<br/>CLOSED<br/>&amp; JOSH</b>  | <b>2</b><br><br><br><b>AWAY</b>                                | <b>3</b><br><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Choir<br><br><b>ON</b>                                 | <b>4</b><br><br>6:00 IMPACT<br>8:00 A.A.<br><br><b>VACATION</b> | <b>5</b><br><br>9:30 Sewing   | <b>6 The Epiphany<br/>of Our Lord</b>   |
| <b>7 The Baptism of Our Lord<br/>Sunday After Epiphany</b><br>8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion<br>9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation/<br>Coffee Hour<br>11:30-1:00 Community Luncheon<br>8:00 A.A. | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br><br>11:00 Second<br>Chance Shoppe<br>Board Meeting | <b>10</b><br><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Choir   | <b>11</b><br><br>8:00 A.A.                                      | <b>12</b><br><br>9:30 Sewing  | <b>13</b>   |
| <b>14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b><br>8:00 & 10:15 Service of the Word<br>9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation<br>4:00 Youth Fellowship Bible Study<br>8:00 A.A.                               | <b>15 Martin Luther<br/>King Jr. Day</b><br><br>7:00 Women's Club<br><br><b>FEBRUARY/<br/>MARCH<br/>NEWSLETTER<br/>ARTICLES DUE</b> | <b>16</b><br><br>7:00 Union Cemetery<br>Meeting                | <b>17</b><br><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Church Council/<br>Choir                              | <b>18</b><br><br>6:00 IMPACT<br>8:00 A.A.                       | <b>19</b>                     | <b>20</b>   |
| <b>21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany<br/>Food Sale Orders Due</b><br>8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion<br>9:00 Sunday School-Confirmation<br>8:00 A.A.  | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b><br><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>1:00 Collate<br>February/March<br>Newsletter<br>7:00 Choir | <b>25</b><br><br>8:00 A.A.                                      | <b>26</b>                     | <b>27</b><br><br>9:00-11:00 Food<br>Sale Order Pick-up<br>Synod Learning<br>Ministries Day<br>in Wyomissing |
| <b>28 4th Sunday after Epiphany</b><br>8:00 & 10:15 Service of the Word<br>9:00 Sunday School/Birthday Social<br>11:30-1:00 Rock-a-thon<br>8:00 A.A.<br><b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b>          | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b><br><br>10:00 Chair Yoga<br>7:00 Choir   | <b>2/1</b><br><br>6:00 IMPACT<br>8:00 A.A.                      | <b>2/2</b><br><br>9:30 Sewing | <b>2/3</b>  |

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