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Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ—the one who is, who was, and who is to come.

As we turn our calendars to the month of December, we also turn the Church's calendar to the blessed season of Advent. This is a season dedicated to waiting and preparation, a season that invites us to intentionally make room for Christ in our lives.

Amid the busyness of the holidays, it feels difficult to make room for anything. Our calendars are filled with events and obligations—parties, pageants, and traditions that promise to make the season perfect. And for our kids, waiting for Jesus' arrival feels like *one. more. thing.* to wait for as they anxiously anticipate the arrival of Christmas morning. So, with all these demands on our time and attention, it's easy to wonder: is it possible to *really* create space for Christ? Is it possible to step away from the busyness of the season to center the promise of Jesus' arrival?

The answer is yes! Though we're often pressured to create the most perfect holiday for our families, I encourage you to remember that our Lord does not demand perfection. Our identity as God's children is not determined by our own abilities

or shortcomings. No matter what, we are God's. No matter if our tree is lopsided, our candy canes are broken, or our house is a mess, we are God's. And remembering this gives us permission to set aside all the "shoulds" and demands of the season so that we can observe what Advent is truly about—the arrival of the Christ Child, the light of our world.

Centering our attention on the advent, the arrival of Jesus doesn't have to be done flawlessly. We can take a moment here or there to read a devotion, light a candle, or reflect on the promised world to come. We can attend a midweek service at church or read the nativity story with our children or grandchildren. Whatever it is that makes your heart sing, it's my prayer that you can find Christ there. It's my prayer that during this season, you can feel Jesus drawing near to you as we await the arrival of his kingdom—a kingdom of justice, peace, mercy, and love.

Have a blessed Advent and a merry Christmas. May you trust that Jesus our Emmanuel is near.

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Halle Kluever +

DECEMBER AND JANUARY
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In order to help you prepare for worship, we print the lectionary texts for each week. If you are helping a young child prepare for worship, look up the texts and read them together. Below is the schedule for the months of December and January:

December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation

Lessons:

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Psalm 25:1-10 Luke 21:25-36

December 4 – Wednesday Advent Service

6:00 P.M. – Soup Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Holden Evening Prayer Service

December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of the Word
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation

Lessons:

Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 1:68-79 Luke 3:1-6

December 11 – Wednesday Advent Service

6:00 P.M. – Soup Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Holden Evening Prayer Service

December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7
Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 3:7-18

December 18 – Wednesday Advent Service

6:00 P.M. – Soup Dinner
6:30 P.M. – Holden Evening Prayer Service

December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. – Service of the Word
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School
10:15 A.M. – Christmas Cantata
6:00 P.M. – Christmas Program

Lessons:

Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:46b-55 Luke 1:39-55

December 24 – Christmas Eve

7:00 P.M. & 10:00 P.M. – Candlelight Service
Lessons: with Holy Communion
Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14
Psalm 96 Luke 2:1-20

December 29 – First Sunday of Christmas

9:00 A.M. – Service of Lessons & Carols
Lessons:

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Colossians 3:12-17
Psalm 148 Luke 2:41-52

January 5 – Second Sunday of Christmas

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation
11:30 A.M. – Community Luncheon

Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14
Psalm 147:12-20 John 1:1-18

January 12 – Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of the Word
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17
Psalm 29 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 19 – Second Sunday After Epiphany

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Birthday Social
& Rock-a-thon

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Rock-a-thon

Lessons:

Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Psalm 36:5-10 John 2:1-11

January 26 – Third Sunday After Epiphany

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of the Word
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation

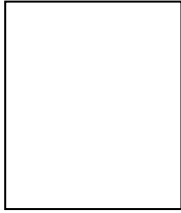
Lessons:

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

CHURCH SERVICE ONLINE

You can watch our Sunday church service “Live” every Sunday at 10:15 A.M. on Facebook. If you are not our Facebook friend, send us a friend request to: [Saint John Lutheran Church](#) and watch the service Live or at whatever time you want.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES



Mid-week 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 4, December 11, and December 18. All are welcome!

SEWING GROUP



Due to busy holiday schedules, there will be no sewing in December. We will resume sewing group on Fridays, January 3 and 10, at 9:30 A.M. We are always looking forward to new members joining us.

2025 CHURCH ENVELOPES



Your 2025 Church envelopes will be in the Fellowship Hall on tables near the front steps, on Sunday, December 8, 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 2025 ENVELOPES OR THOSE OF A FRIEND, NEIGHBOR, OR RELATIVE.**

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.

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, 2025 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 8.***

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.

E-MAIL FOR CHURCH



Make sure to check your e-mail every Friday for the weekly e-update from St. John’s. We also send e-mails on special events here at 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.

DECEMBER CATERING FOOD SALE



The Catering Committee is sponsoring a macaroni & cheese, broccoli & cauliflower salad, lobster roll, and soup sale on Saturday, December 14.

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 – \$8.00 each.
 2 lb. oven-ready tray Price – \$4.00 each.

o *Home-style Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad* – Fresh broccoli and cauliflower chopped and blended with cheddar and Swiss cheeses, diced bacon, and a mayonnaise dressing.
 Price – \$2.50 per pint.

o *New England Style Lobster Roll* – Lobster, diced celery, lemon juice, black pepper, Dijon mustard and mayonnaise mixed and then placed on a New England roll. Price – \$7.00 each.

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, sour cream, and crispy bacon pieces. Season with black pepper, salt, parsley, and Worcestershire sauce.
 Price – \$7.50 per quart.

o *Beef Stroganoff Soup with Mushrooms* – Tender chunks of beef sauteed with onions and mushrooms. Mix with a hearty beef stock. Thicken with flour. Add tender egg noodles, sour cream, and Worcestershire sauce.
 Price – \$7.50 per quart.

To place an order, please fill out the order slip in the next column and either mail or drop off to the church by Sunday, December 8. You can also call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361

or Harrison Williams at 610-216-4284, or e-mail Harrison at williamshj2514@msn.com.

December Food Order Blank

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

4 lb. Tray Macaroni & Cheese (Ready to Bake)
 _____ @ \$8.00 per order = \$ _____

2 lb. Tray Macaroni & Cheese (Ready to Bake)
 _____ @ \$4.00 per order = \$ _____

Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad (pint size)
 _____ @ \$2.50 pint = \$ _____

New England Style Lobster Roll
 _____ @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

Baked Stuffed Potato Soup
 _____ @ 7.50 quart = \$ _____

Beef Stroganoff Soup with Mushrooms
 _____ @ 7.50 quart = \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____

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.

SECOND CHANCE SHOPPE

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

- Tuesday, December 10, 2024
- Tuesday, January 14, 2025
- Tuesday, February 11, 2025
- Tuesday, March 11, 2025



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". 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.

YOUTH ADOPT-A-CHILD GIFTS



The Youth Fellowship class adopted seven 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 11. 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 14.

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 17:

- Mary Farrell Hannah Moyer

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 12.** We are collecting the boxes/bags of instant potatoes here at St. John's. Baskets will be distributed to the families on Saturday, December 14.

Current food needs are: cereal, jelly, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, and canned tuna. Financial donations are always needed and welcome for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS PROGRAM DROP-OFF



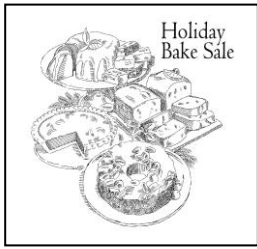
The Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association, Northern Lehigh Food Bank, and Friedens U.C.C. sponsored a Christmas Gifts for Children Program again this year. Friedens Church is again

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 14, 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.

ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY BREAD



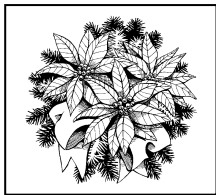
The Youth Fellowship group is selling holiday bread for Christmas again this year. The bread sales are a major source of funding to send our youth to the National Youth Gathering. The cost

this year to send five students and four chaperones to New Orleans was over \$15,000. The next youth gathering will be held in June 2027 and St. John's will have 20 youth eligible to attend. These breads freeze beautifully and make wonderful Christmas gifts!

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 15.***

Breads will be baked on Friday, December 20, and on Saturday, December 21, by the youth and their advisors. Breads can be picked up on Sunday, December 22, after the church services. Thank you for supporting the Youth Fellowship fundraiser.

ALTAR GUILD HOLIDAY SET-UP

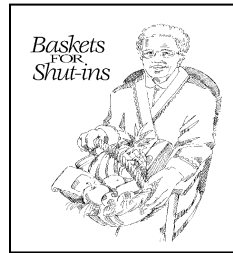


The Altar Guild members will decorate the church with poinsettias for Christmas Eve on Saturday, December 22, at 9:00 A.M.

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



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 22. 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.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



Please join us in worship at the 10:15 A.M. service Sunday, December 22, to hear the choir's annual Christmas Cantata.

This year's cantata is "Night of Wonder" by Jay Althouse and Sally Albrecht.

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.

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).

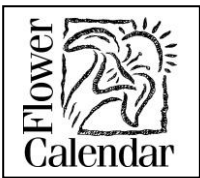
When Sharon or Pastor Halle are alone in the office, the church doors, including the glass doors by the office, will be locked. There is a doorbell outside the doors that you may ring to gain access to the building.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!



Please join us on Sunday, December 22, at 6:00 P.M. as our Sunday School children present this year's Christmas program: "Christmas Preparations". 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 22. Donations can be brought to the church office or the kitchen marked "S.S. Program". Thanks for your help!

BULLETIN AND FLOWER CHARTS



The 2025 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.

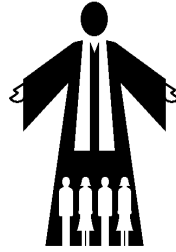
The cost for sponsoring flowers will remain at \$35.00 per date. The cost for sponsoring bulletins will remain at \$25.00 per date. Payment can be mailed into the church office or placed in your offering envelope on a Sunday. To sponsor bulletins or flowers for a date, sign your name on the appropriate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

A flower sponsor is still needed this year for Sunday, December 29.

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.

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.

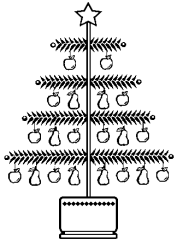
Please consider signing up for at least one duty or an additional duty to what you are presently doing. If you are willing to volunteer for any of these duties, please complete the sheet below and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by Sunday, January 7.

New participants would not be scheduled until February 2025. If you have any questions on any of the positions, please contact the church office at 610-767-6361.

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



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 21, around baking the holiday breads they are selling. Poinsettias will be arranged by the Altar Guild members on Saturday, December 21. The pew candles will be set up by members of the Worship and Music Committee in church on Monday, December 23, at 10:00 A.M. We invite people to stay after the 9:00 A.M. service on Sunday, December 29, 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.

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

STAFF HOLIDAY TIME



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

Pastor Halle and Josh will be away on vacation from Monday, January 6, through Wednesday, January 15. Anyone in need of pastoral care in early January can call the church office at 610-767-6361.

2024 GIVING



All monies that you want credited to your 2024 offering **must** be into the church office **before** 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 31, 2024.

To receive credit for your 2024 giving under IRS guidelines, we must receive the offering before the end of the year. We have no way of crediting your 2024 giving account after the December 31, 2024 deadline.

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 (March 5, 2025), the beginning of Lent.

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 – Alex Sigley and Emma Snyder.

Alex Sigley served two three-year terms on council.

Emma Snyder served on council one year as our youth representative and one year as a council member.

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, 2025.



COFFEE HOURS



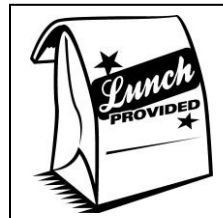
Coffee hours will be held the first Sunday of the month between the two services, if there are people willing to supply baked goods.

Open dates for 2025 are: January 5 and May 4. Please sign the coffee hour sign-up sheet on the rear radiator 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.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

We served 193 meals at our November luncheon. We were so excited to see so many on that beautiful Autumn day.

We want to thank Margaret Blose, Debbie Cunfer, Jane Frantz, Bobbi Jo Kline, Ruthann Mantz, Julie Miller, Chase Moyer, Chelsy Rehrig, Jayden Rehrig, Nancy Rehrig, Ann Schaadt, Dan Schaadt, and Bruce Sipos. Our volunteers make for a successful luncheon. A big thank you also to all our bakers.



January 5 will be our next luncheon. The meal will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, salad, and desserts. Donations of desserts are greatly appreciated. Start your New Year by sharing a meal with community and church members.

Brian & Debbie Geiger

We Love Our VOLUNTEERS

PIG STOMACH DINNER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Eat-in or Take-out

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

Menu:

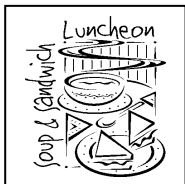
Pig Stomach Pickled Cabbage
Applesauce Dinner Rolls and Butter
Homemade Desserts

Tickets: \$13.00 per meal.

Tickets can be purchased from the church office during the week or on Sundays.

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

JANUARY SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE



The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Orders are due on Sunday, January 19. Pick-up times will

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

o *Pulled Pork Barbeque on a Roll* – Shredded roast pork in its natural juices on a four-inch roll.
Price – \$6.50 each.

o *Tuscan Grilled Chicken Wrap* – Strips of grilled chicken with sundried tomatoes, white beans, fresh spinach, grated parmesan cheese, and Italian dressing all wrapped in a tortilla shell.
Price – \$6.50 each.

o *Chili Con Carne* – Sauté ground beef, diced onions, and red & green bell peppers. Add diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, dark red kidney beans, parmesan cheese, and chili powder.
Price – \$7.50 per quart.

o *Creamy Reuben Soup* – Sauté diced onions, chopped garlic, and chopped corned beef in butter. Add flour, chicken broth, caraway seeds, Worcestershire sauce, heavy cream, sauerkraut, and Swiss cheese.

Price – \$7.50 per quart.

o *Seafood Chowder (New England Style White)* – A mixture of diced celery, diced onions, chopped clams, crab meat, scallops, shrimp, and white fish sautéed in butter. Thicken with flour. Blend in hearty seafood stock and heavy cream. Season with black pepper, parsley, thyme, Old Bay seasoning, oregano, and Worcestershire sauce. Finish with diced potatoes.

Price – \$8.50 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 19. 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.

January Soup and Sandwich Order Blank

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Pulled Pork Barbeque on a Roll
_____ @ \$6.50 each = \$ _____

Tuscan Grilled Chicken Wrap
_____ @ \$6.50 each = \$ _____

Chili Con Carne
_____ @ 7.50 quart = \$ _____

Creamy Reuben Soup
_____ @ 7.50 quart = \$ _____

Seafood Chowder
_____ @ 8.50 quart = \$ _____

Total Due \$ _____



ROCK-A-THON



The Youth Fellowship and Confirmation class will hold a Rock-a-Thon to raise money for The Kindness Project on Sunday, January 19, 2025 from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

(Snow date is January 26, 2025).

The Kindness Project’s mission is to provide a brighter future for children in foster care by offering free essential resources and enrichment opportunities. They quickly provide essentials so resource families can focus less on the financial stress and more on providing love and emotional support to the children in their care.

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 late 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 19!

LEARNING MINISTRIES DAY

A Learning Ministries Day, “What does it mean to be a Christian in a culture that challenges our faith?” will be held at Jordan Lutheran Church in Orefield on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Snow date is Saturday, February 1. Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30 A.M. Opening devotions are at 9:00 A.M. There will be two workshops – one in the morning and one in the afternoon (list of workshops are available on the synod website at: www.godslove.org). The cost is \$35 per person. Registration deadline is Monday, January 13. Form available in the office.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE



Annual reports for each organization of the church are due to the church office by Sunday, January 26, 2025.

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 5, 2025.

CATERING EVENTS

The Catering Committee will have soup and sandwich sales throughout the year. They will also hold eat-in/take-out dinners for 2025 as follows:

- January 11 – Pig Stomach (see page 10)
- February 8 – Pork & Sauerkraut (see page 12)
- April 5 – Ham & Dandelion
- October 4 – Steak Dinner
- December 3 – Pig Stomach

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.

SAUERKRAUT SUPPER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 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: \$13.00 per meal

Tickets will go on sale in mid-December.

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

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.

SOUPER SUNDAY



Help wind up the NFL football season in a really "souper" way. On Sunday, February 9, 2025, "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.

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. As the two hospital networks have grown, we do not get names even when calling with our church code. Please call the church to keep us informed of any hospitalizations so Pastor Halle can visit (when possible) and keep people in our prayers.



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.

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 giving shortfall.

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

Congregation of St. John's,

We wanted to say thank you to the congregation of St. John's for all the birthday cards they sent to our mom, Alice Bender, to help celebrate her 100th birthday. She had smiles on her face as we read each card and message to her. You all helped to make her celebration extra special.

Feeling Blessed,
Merry, Linda, and Susan Bender

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Trick-or-Treat outreach. We had approximately 450 trick-or-treaters.

Thank you to McKenzie Chruscial and the students of the grades 4-6 Sunday School class for assembling the treat bags; and to the following for setting up, decorating, handing out the treats, and cleaning up: Cameron Chruscial, Cole Chruscial, Debbie Cunfer, Pastor Halle (aka Willy Wonka), Annalise McWilliams, Erin Snyder, Kayleigh Snyder, Sharon Stehly, and Ivy Velazquez.

Ruthann Mantz

St. John's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$225.00. We serve the needy individuals and families living in the Northern Lehigh and surrounding area of Lehigh County. Thanks to your generosity we will be able to continue serving people in our area.

Barbara J. Scheirer, Director
Northern Lehigh Food Bank

St. John's Sunday School,

Thank you so much for the box of treats I received. The snacks were greatly appreciated.

Isabella Stehly

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 "Learning More in 2024". Presentations were made on the following: (1) Bridging the gap between clergy and staff (2) Church finances & the office; (3) ABC's of LGBT; and (4) Weird bible stories & the work of parish administration. We also had an evening of water color painting.

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



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

Florence Smith (Home) celebrating her 84th birthday on December 6.

Joanne March (Home) celebrating her 85th birthday on December 12.

Carol Miller (Home) celebrating her 81st birthday on December 14.

Anne Saylor (Home) celebrating her 85th birthday on January 10.

December ANNIVERSARIES

David and Jane Dietrich
51st on December 22
Warren and Marie Reitz
28th on December 21
Robert and Greta Unger
27th on December 27
Michael and Jessica Carleton
17th on December 28

January ANNIVERSARIES

Randy and Kathy Horn
51st on January 26
Kevin and Lana Gruber
48th on January 22
William and Anita Snyder
43rd on January 2
Joshua and Pastor Halle Kluever
4th on January 9



Arthur Liam Sipos
Son of Jacob Matthew Sipos & Ashley
(nee Weeks) Sipos was born on
September 11, 2024

Haven Grace Sipos
Son of Allan Bruce Sipos & Cella
(nee Schleicher) Sipos was born on
September 21, 2024

PASTORAL ACTS



Robert M. Kuba
11-6-2024

Richard W. Frantz
11-16-2024

BAPTISM

Jonah Daniel Sigley
Son of Adam David Sigley and
Michelle Jane (nee Demko) Sigley
was baptized on November 24, 2024



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 1 – First Sunday in Advent – Monthly Munchies.

Pre-school/K-Grade 6 – Advent Lesson. Practice lines, try on costumes, and practice Christmas songs.

Confirmation – Class with Pastor Halle.

High School Class – Assist Pre-school/Kindergarten with their items.

December 8 – Second Sunday in Advent

Pre-school/K-Grade 6 – Advent Lesson. Practice lines, try on costumes and practice Christmas songs.

Confirmation – Class with Pastor Halle.

High School Class – Assist Pre-school/Kindergarten with their items.

Thursday, December 12 – Donations of instant potatoes due for Christmas baskets for N.L. Food Bank.

December 15 – Third Sunday in Advent ***Holiday bread orders due!***

Pre-school/K-Grade 6 – Advent Lesson. Practice lines, try on costumes, and practice Christmas songs.

Confirmation – Class with Pastor Halle.

High School Class – Assist Pre-school/Kindergarten with their items.

Saturday, December 21 –

10:00-11:00 A.M. – Pre-school/K-High School – Practice for Christmas Program.

8:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. – Confirmation class & High School class:

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 22 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00 A.M. – Pre-school/K-Grade 6 – Practice Christmas Program and Christmas Eve songs.

Confirmation class & High School class assist with practice.

6:00 P.M. – Christmas Program – Students should be in their class by 5:45 P.M.

We are in need of baked goods for the cookies and ice cream party following the program.

Tuesday, December 24 – ***Christmas Eve***

7:00 P.M. service. We sing before the service at 6:45 P.M. and also after the offering.

Youth Fellowship (Confirmation class and High School class) participate in all aspects of this service. Need to be at church at 6:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 29 – No Sunday School.

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 12.



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 22.

Our Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 22. Students need to be in their classrooms by 5:45 P.M. Donations of baked good are needed.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Meadow Sly	December 3	Mia Humanick	December 17
Catherine Farrell	December 7	Grady Newhard	December 17
Stella Graver	December 8	Alexander Carleton	December 18
Delaney Sabene	December 14	Jesus	December 25
Maddie Humanick	December 17		



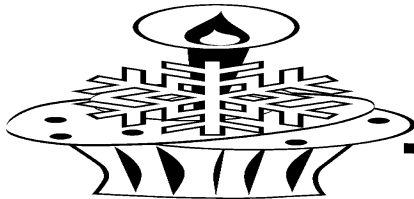
THE JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE

JANUARY SCHEDULE:

- January 5** – Monthly Munchies
 9:00-10:00 A.M. – Pre-school/Kindergarten-Grade 6 – Epiphany Event.
 High School – Help with Epiphany Event or continue decorating for Rock-a-thon.
 11:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M. – Community luncheon.
- January 12** – Pre-school–Grade 6 – Regular lesson and learn songs for February 23.
 High School – Finalize decorations/plans for Rock-a-thon.
- January 19** – 9:00-10:00 A.M. – All Classes: Birthday Social (bring your birthday coins).
 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. – Rock-a-Thon. (snow date is January 26)
 Kitchen open to purchase lunch. Bake sale.
- January 26** – Pre-school–Grade 6 – Regular lesson. Practice songs for February 23.
 Confirmation class with Pastor Halle.
 High School – Conversation.



Birthday Social – Our annual birthday social will be held on Sunday, January 19, in the Fellowship Hall. Activities will include: making birthday cards for our members 80 and over, painting rocks to decorate around the new bench outside, rocking for the Rock-a-thon, counting our birthday coins, and of course cupcakes! Snow date is January 26.



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

Adeigh Long on January 29 (2 years old)

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

SEPTEMBER 2024					
DATE	CHURCH ATTENDANCE	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND
9-1	54	\$ 1,765.00	August 31 Balance	\$ 5,196.92	\$ 14,049.71
9-8	18 + 62	1,411.63	September Income	7,297.65	203.00
9-15	27 + 54	1,670.60	September Expenses	17,958.28	** 6,000.00
9-22	27 + 52	1,517.00	September 30 Balance	(\$ 5,463.71)	\$ 8,252.71
9-29	18 + 38	930.00			
	Totals	\$ 7,294.23			

* September 1 was the last Sunday with one service at 9:00 A.M. Two services began on September 8.

** \$6,000 expense in Building Fund was for cement work at the parsonage and bench at church.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through September 2024	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,835.48
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,031.37 / \$ 3,877.52
Budgeted to Date	\$ 149,583.72
Received to Date	\$ 79,223.46 / \$ 151,223.46
Expenses to Date	\$ 162,316.89
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 83,093.43) / (\$ 11,093.43)

**** 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 \$47,000 from Mildred Hetzer Fund interest, \$20,000 from Second Chance Shoppe, and \$5,000 from Catering.
- (2) the right side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, including \$47,000.00 from Mildred Hetzer Fund interest, \$20,000 from Second Chance Shoppe, and \$5,000 from Catering.

OCTOBER 2024					
DATE	CHURCH ATTENDANCE	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND
10-6	32 + 50	\$ 2,412.00	September 30 Balance	(\$ 5,463.71)	\$ 8,252.71
10-13	24 + 45	2,052.97	October Income*	33,416.26	5,040.00
10-20	18 + 45	2,098.00	October Expenses	17,311.98	3,033.89
10-27	21 + 48	1,307.75	October 31 Balance	\$ 10,640.57	\$ 10,258.82
	Totals	\$ 7,870.72			

* \$25,000.00 of investment interest was put in Current Fund and \$5,000.00 was put in Building Fund.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through October 2024	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,835.48
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,038.13 / \$ 4,293.95
Budgeted to Date	\$ 164,925.64
Received to Date	\$ 87,639.72 / \$ 184,639.72
Expenses to Date	\$ 179,628.87
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	\$ 5,010.85 / (\$ 91,989.15)

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

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (DECEMBER 2024)

Date	Service	Acolyte/Bell	Comm. Asst.	Camera	Altar Guild	Lector	Ushers
December 1 (C) Advent 1	8:00 A.M.	Elaina Ray	Fianna Christman				Scott Raber (DIC) & Erin Snyder
December 1 (C) Advent 1	10:15 A.M.	Meadow Sly	Jackie Kuba & Jodi Kocher	Gabriel Ziegler	Sharon Stehly	Jackie Kuba	Bobbi Jo Kline (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly
December 8 Advent 2	8:00 A.M.	Jayden Rehrig					Jessica Rehrig (DIC) & Kayleigh Snyder
December 8 Advent 2	10:15 A.M.	Izabella Snyder		Corbin Ziegler	Stephanie Beers	Sharon Stehly	Chad Miller (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, & Ken Staller
December 15 (C) Advent 3	8:00 A.M.	Chelsy Rehrig	Josh Kluever				Sue Freed (DIC) & Jessica Smoyer
December 15 (C) Advent 3	10:15 A.M.	Kylee Truett	Erin Snyder & Sharon Stehly	Devon Sabene	Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Jill Schaffer	Scott Raber (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Sharon Stehly
December 22 (C) Advent 4	8:00 A.M.	Cole Chruscial					Bobbi Jo Kline (DIC) & Ron Kuntz
December 22 (C) Advent 4	10:15 A.M.	Chloe Ziegler		Jessica Rehrig	Sharon Stehly	Cantata	Jessica Rehrig (DIC), Ron Humanick, & Ruthann Mantz
December 24 Christmas Eve (C)	7:00 P.M.	Cameron Chruscial/ Jayden Rehrig	Jodi Kocher & Ruthann Mantz	Bobbi Jo Kline	Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Youth	Devon Sabene (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, & Youth
December 24 Christmas Eve (C)	10:00 P.M.	Meadow Sly	Sharon Stehly	Josh Kluever	Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Sharon Stehly	Sue Freed (DIC) Dennis Rehrig, & Ken Staller
December 29 1st Sunday after Christmas	9:00 A.M.	Elaina Ray			Linda Humanick	N/A	Erin Snyder (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Sharon Stehly

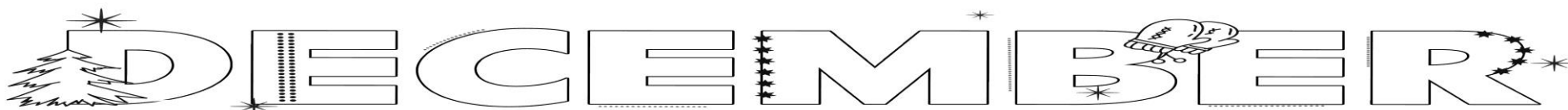
It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot serve on a Sunday and notify the church office (610-767-6361) or e-mail at stjohnslatinton@gmail.com) of the change by Thursday morning.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (JANUARY 2025)

Date	Service	Acolyte/Bell	Comm. Asst.	Camera	Altar Guild	Lector	Ushers
January 5 (C)	8:00 A.M.	Jayden Rehrig	Fianna Christman				Jessica Rehrig (DIC) & Ron Kuntz
January 5 (C)	10:15 A.M.	Chase Moyer	Jackie Kuba & Jodi Kocher	Joe Krempasky	Devon Sabene & Sharon Stehly	Jodi Kocher	Sue Freed (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly
January 12	8:00 A.M.	Chelsy Rehrig					Devon Sabene (DIC) & Jessica Smoyer
January 12	10:15 A.M.	Izabella Snyder		Gabriel Ziegler	Stephanie Beers	Lynne Fedorcha	Chad Miller (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, & Jodi Kocher
January 19 (C)	8:00 A.M.	Cameron Chruscial	Josh Kluever				Scott Raber (DIC) & Fianna Christman
January 19 (C)	10:15 A.M.	Kylee Truett	Erin Snyder & Sharon Stehly	Corbin Ziegler	Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Ruthann Mantz	Kayleigh Snyder (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, & Ken Staller
January 26	8:00 A.M.	Cole Chruscial					Erin Snyder & Sue Freed
January 26	10:15 A.M.	Chloe Ziegler		Devon Sabene	Sharon Stehly	Cheryl Burke	Brandy Ziegler (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Ron Humanick

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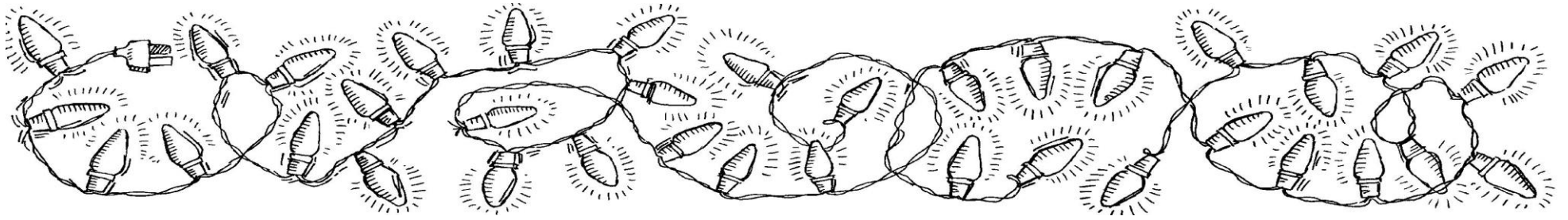
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 1st Sunday in Advent 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation / Coffee Hour 8:00 A.A.	2 3:30 Girl Scouts	3	4 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:00 Soup Dinner 6:30 Advent Service 6:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	5 10:00 Ingathering at Union Lutheran 5:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	6	7
8 2nd Sunday in Advent <i>Best/Sell Scholarship Applications Due Food Sale Orders Due</i> 8:00 & 10:15 Service of the Word 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation 8:00 A.A.	9	10 11:00 Second Chance Shoppe Board Meeting	11 <i>Angel Tree Children's Gifts Due to Church</i> 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:00 Soup Dinner 6:30 Advent Service 6:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	12 <i>Instant Potatoes Due for Food Bank</i> 8:00 A.A.	13	14 8:00-10:00 Christmas Gifts to Friedens UCC 9:00-11:00 Food Sale Order Pick-up
15 3rd Sunday in Advent <i>Holiday Bread Order Deadline</i> 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School 8:00 A.A.	16 7:00 Women's Club	17 7:00 Union Cemetery Meeting	18 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:00 Soup Dinner 6:30 Advent Service 6:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	19 Winter Begins 6:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	20 9:00 Bread Baking	21 Winter Begins 8:00 Bread-Baking 9:00 Poinsettia Set-up 10:00 Program Practice 11:00 Xmas Eve Practice 11:30 Decorate church 12:30 Shut-in Bag Prep.
22 4th Sunday in Advent <i>Holiday Bread & Gift Bag Pick-Up</i> 8:00 Service of the Word 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Christmas Cantata 6:00 Christmas Program 8:00 A.A.	23 10:00 Set up Candles in Church 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 & 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion	25 Christmas CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED	26 8:00 A.A.	27	28
29 Sunday After Christmas 9:00 Service of Lessons & Carols 10:00 Take Down Candles in Church 8:00 A.A.	30	31 New Years Eve <i>11:00 2024 Giving Deadline</i>	1/1 New Years CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED	1/2 6:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	1/3 9:30 Sewing	1/4



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12/29 1st Sunday After Christmas 9:00 Service of Lessons & Carols 10:00 Take Down Candles in Church 8:00 A.A.	12/30	12/31 New Years Eve <i>11:00 2024 Giving Deadline</i>	1 New Years Day CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED	2 6:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	3 9:30 Sewing	4
5 2nd Sunday After Christmas 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School/Confirmation Coffee Hour 11:30-1:00 Community Luncheon 8:00 A.A.	6 The Epiphany of Our Lord P A S T O R	7 H A L L E &	8 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir J O S H	9 O N	10 V A C A	11 T I O N
12 The Baptism of Our Lord Sunday After Epiphany 8:00 & 10:15 Service of the Word 9:00 Sunday School 8:00 A.A. P A S T O R H A L L E &	13 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7:00 Women's Club J O S H O N	14 11:00 Second Chance Shoppe Board Meeting V A C A T I O N	15 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	16 6:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	17	18
19 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Food Sale Orders Due 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Birthday Social 11:30-1:00 Rock-a-thon 8:00 A.A.	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 7:00 Union Cemetery Meeting	22 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:45 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	23 8:00 A.A.	24	25 9:00-11:00 Food Sale Order Pick-up 9:00 Learning Ministries Day at Union Lutheran
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