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The Tower Monthly Newsletter

November 2016

Worship Schedule

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

9:15 AM Service
In the Family Life Center

✠ **Kids Praise**

9:15 & 10:45 Services
for Ages 3 thru Grade 4

✠ **10:45 AM Radio Broadcast**
WCSM – 96.7 FM

✠ **9:15 & 10:45 AM Live Stream**
www.purpledoorchurch.org

✠ **Holy Communion**
Every Sunday

✠ **Nursery Available**
9 to Noon

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

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
8:30am-4:30pm
(Closed 12:30-1:30pm)
Friday 8:30am-12:30pm



In this month's issue:

Reformation Series with IC
Festival of Tables
2017 Church Campout
Directory Pictures

...and much more!

How do I Sabbath?

“Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD you God; you shall not do any work... For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.”

Exodus 20.8-10a, 11

Wow, it's November already! I wonder of course, “where has this year gone?” The answer is simple, the year hasn't passed us by it's we who've been bustling about our daily lives with work, school, or maybe both. Where has our time gone?

Maybe the better question is, where have we had our times of Sabbath? In rushing about our daily lives of work, school, chauffeuring the kids to this sporting practice and tournament, cooking dinner, working out, and everything else we do I ask the question again, “When did you Sabbath?”

Most people think of Sabbath as just a day that you don't do anything, right? “*Six days you shall* labor and do all your work. But

on the seventh day... you *shall not* do any work.” (vs 9, part of 10) Now there is a Yes side of that. This command for not working was to remind the former Israelites who were slaves in Egypt that their whole life was not about production and work. They have to be commanded that they need to take a break. If we go non-stop we burnout and don't keep this command...

However, there's another side of this command. Rest to restore.

I mentioned that burnout thing. This command of Sabbath is not just about taking a break. It's also about remembering the blessing of life and joy we have been given by God. We rest to restore ourselves in what/how God has created us to be. Your rest doesn't have to be doing nothing, although it could be. Your rest can be the joy of doing something you love to enjoy the life and salvation God has given you. Consider how the farmers have begun planting cover crops in the off seasons to help replenish the earth with what it needs. How do you replenish yourself with Sabbath?

I'd invite you to cut out the box provided, or maybe you might like to get a giant sheet of paper, and fill it in with words or pictures of things you like to do to Sabbath. Describe/Draw what you and your family/friends like to do to remind the life you have because of God. Then under the description write, “when did I last truly Sabbath?” And now put it up somewhere you'll see it every day as a way to live into the new and refreshing life God has given us in Christ.

God has freed us from Sin and Death in Christ. And God graces us with so much. So the question of, “when did I last truly Sabbath?” reminds us to give thanks and enjoy the life God has given us free from Sin and Death. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, join me in resting a bit in the new life we have in Christ and raising a voice of thanks giving.

Grace and Peace,

Vicar Fred



Immaculate Conception Church

A Commemoration of the Reformation

October 31, 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Today there are many interactions, family connections and similarities that unite our churches.

Three Sessions will begin to explore the many aspects of shared faith between Lutherans and Roman Catholics and help us continue our work toward a future where all may truly be one in Christ.

Session I – Did you hear the joke about the Catholic priest and Lutheran pastor who walked into a bar? – A Look at the Lighter side of being Lutheran and Roman Catholic

Thursday, November 3, 2016, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Immaculate Conception Parish Activity Center Room 103

Join us as we share delightful stories of interfaith experiences and discuss questions related to the Lutheran and Roman Catholic faith understandings and traditions.

Session II – Martin Luther: A closer look at an Augustinian Monk, a reluctant Lutheran

Thursday, November 10, 2016, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

St. John Lutheran Fellowship Hall

Join us as we take a closer look at Martin Luther, a devout Catholic, Augustinian Priest and Professor of Theology

Session III – A Lutheran and a Catholic approach the Pearly Gates... Topics of Faith and Eternal Life

Thursday, November 17, 2016, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Immaculate Conception Parish Activity Center Room 103

Join us as we explore and discuss how Grace & Salvation, the Eucharist and Ministry are understood in the Lutheran and Roman Catholic traditions.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS

Plans are underway for a church campout June 2-4, 2017 at Lake Loramie State Park. Expect a gathering place for coffee and donuts in the morning, evening bonfires, Saturday evening carry-in and worship, and much more. Friday evening meal and lunches are on your own.

Interested? Cost is \$70 per campsite. Registrations and money need to be turned in by **November 20, 2016** to the church office or one of the committee members below.

Jen Roidt 419.586.8004

Kay Klopfleisch 419.733.0441

Sue Buxton 419.305.7008.

We'll handle the reservations with the Park.

Lake Loramie also has 3 cabins available for \$90/night. You'll need to call the camp and pay them directly if you want one of these. Call early...like Dec 2, 2016.....they go fast.

CAMPOUT REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

of people _____

Tent? Trailer? Motorhome? Other? _____

Amount due: \$70

Make checks payable to St. John

Registrations can be dropped off at the church office or given to Jen Roidt, Kay Klopfleisch or Sue Buxton

Registration Deadline November 20, 2016

Adult Wednesday Night Bible Study

**FEARLESS
CONVERSATION™**

Join us as we explore the topic "Is God in Control of My Life?" Each week we will dive into the Bible to find the truth as we grapple with tough questions about God and faith. No preparation or registration is required – come any weeks you are available since it is a different topic each week! We meet in the church library from 6:30-7:30pm.

Upcoming topics:

11/2 – "Why does God use tragedy as part of his plan?"

11/9 – "Are my actions alone enough to let others know I'm a Christian?"

11/16 – "What is a redeemer, and what does this have to do with me today?"

11/23 – *No WOW- Happy Thanksgiving!*

11/30 – "When is it okay to hide my faith?"



Join us for Faith and Film, Sunday, November 13th at 2pm in the Parlor. We will be watching the critically acclaimed *Whale Rider* (Columbia-Tristar, 2013, PG-13). The film focuses on a young Maori girl, Pai, as she wrestles with a calling to lead in the face of a culture that historically has looked to male chiefs to lead them.

If you might need child care please contact Vicar Fred by November 6th. The film is recommended for High School Age and Up.

Be a Part of Our Directory, get your picture taken:

**November 25th & 26th,
December 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th**

Sign Up Now: Online at www.purpledoorchurch.org,
at the Welcome Center or call the church office.

You will be professionally photographed by Lifetouch and
have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.

Bring in a canned good and get \$5 off pictures packages.
(all donations go to CALL Food Pantry)



Can't make it to one of these dates??

Call the office for additional information or visit the Welcome Center after service.

The Blessings of Serving as a Stephen Minister

Since 1975, more than 600,000 men and women from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers. Most became a Stephen Minister as a way to help others who were hurting—but they quickly discovered that God blesses them in amazing ways in return. Read about how serving as a Stephen Minister changed these two lives.

“Stephen Minister training has helped me grow—personally, spiritually, and professionally. I use my Stephen Ministry skills all the time with patients, peers, and physicians. Stephen Ministry has made a big difference in my own life and in my congregation.”

Anna, Registered Nurse - Hendersonville, Tennessee

“Since becoming a Stephen Minister, I’ve experienced a richness of God’s grace beyond anything I could have imagined. To truly listen with the ears of Christ, to see others through His eyes, to know His heart, to see Jesus working through you to touch the life of someone else is a window into heaven.”

William, Business Owner - Katy, Texas

A new Stephen Ministry training class is scheduled to begin on January 30, 2017. Consider this ministry opportunity. For more information, contact Debby Cowdery, 419-790-9723, today

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:12

St. John Lutheran Women's Ministry

“CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF TABLES”

WHEN: December 3rd, 9:15-11:00 am

WHERE: St. John Family Life Center

WHO: All ladies and their friends



Event Schedule:

9:15-10:00—come in and view the elegant and fanciful tables decorated a variety of Christmas themes.

Vote for tables in the categories of:

“Most Elegant”, “Best Christmas Theme”, and “Most Playful/Unique”

10:00-10:30—brunch catered by Judy Menchhofer and Carolyn Leffler.

10:30-11:00—enjoy the delightful Christmas sounds of the Grand Lake Symphony Strings!



*Tickets are \$10 and will be sold after each service
on November 13th, 20th, and 27th.*

*If you are still interested in becoming a table hostess,
Contact Beth Heiby, 419-733-7964 or bethheiby@gmail.com.*

Come join us for great Christian Fellowship and Fun!

MAKING THE LOVE OF CHRIST KNOWN IN OUR COMMUNITY

*“He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8*

Wernle Caring & Sharing:

Wernle is a residential treatment facility providing a full range of services and support for behaviorally and emotionally challenged adolescent males and females, ages six through 21, and their families. The St. John Caring and Sharing program allows people to “adopt” one of these children and support them through prayer, letters and small gifts at their birthday and Christmas. ***There are currently 59 residents at Wernle and we have 14 without sponsors.*** If you would like to find out more about this flexible but very impacting ministry, contact Lorna Saddler 419/586-5628 or Pat Maury 419/586-4967 or mark your communication card in worship.



Council on Aging Angel Tree:

The Angel Trees will be presented on Sunday, November 20th. By providing gifts for some of our underprivileged senior citizens, you are “making the love of Christ known” in our community. Please watch for more information in your future Sunday bulletins. Thank you for your continued support of this project, sponsored by The Council on Aging.

Giving Thanks Community Thanksgiving Meal:

St. John has been asked to donate pies to the Giving Thanks Community Thanksgiving Meal. If you are interested in donating, please have them delivered to Celina High School on Wednesday, November 23rd between 3-6pm or after 8 am on Thursday, November 24th.



Directory Assistance:

We have 2 different opportunities for people to help make our new directory happen! 1- Volunteer to call families who haven't signed up for the directory pictures (One week before pictures) 2- Volunteers to help check in members as they come in for their scheduled photography time. These are 3 to 4 hour shifts. If you are interested in helping or want more information, call Brittany in the church office.

If you are interested in finding out more about these opportunities that make a significant impact on our community, contact Andrea Kuehne in the church office.

*New to St. John and looking for a place
to connect through serving?*

Serving in your
Sweet Spot!



YOUR SWEET SPOT AT ST. JOHN

Saturday, November 12th 9:30-10:30am in Room 106-D

*Join us for a special time to learn about the ministries of St. John,
how God has gifted you and the awesome SWEET SPOT where those intersect!*

RSVP to Andrea Kuehne in the church office today!

*Contact Andrea if you need childcare



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

FOOD ITEM OF THE MONTH – SOUP & CRACKERS



We know the wonderful fall weather is going into winter soon. Time to check out a book to read beside the warm fireplace. We have many good books by Beverly Lewis, Jan Koran, Francine Rivers, Michael Phillips, Bill Hybels and many more wonderful authors. Come and explore to see what you can find.

BOOK REVIEW

Winter Dream by Richard Paul Evans

A holiday tale inspired by the biblical story of Joseph and the coat of many colors follows the modern story of Joe, who after being forced out of the family business by jealous siblings becomes the chief advisor to the CEO of another company. Joseph Jacobson is the 12th of 13 siblings, this his story.

BOOK CLUB

Notice change of date due to the holidays. Book discussion will be Thursday December 1st at 1pm. Our book will be *Winter Dream* by Richard Paul Evans. Will have books available on November 6th.

Apologize for not having enough books to go around this last month. Will have plenty of books for December. Hope to see you at 1pm in library for a lively discussion.



Thanks!

CALL Ministries

Thank you for your donation of \$555 and 270 items to CALL Ministries! We continue to have an average of 771 Family visits to the Food Pantry every month along with the Clothing Pantry providing around 2200 articles of clothing, free of charge to the clients each month. The "Work 4" Program continues to see Clients working for and receiving large household items after completing their volunteer hours and CALL Cafe is averaging 66 clients enjoying a hot meal every Tuesday evening. Keep praying!

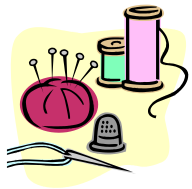
Mike & Diana Spicer

Thank you for the beautiful roses and all the wonderful well wishes from our church family. God has truly blessed us with family & friends.

Charity Circle –Nov. 2nd at 1:30pm in the Parlor
Grace Circle –Nov. 14th at 1pm in the Parlor
Shalom Circle – Nov. 3rd at 7pm in the Parlor
Friendship Circle – Nov. 19th details TBA

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SEWING CIRCLE ~ NOVEMBER 8TH
AT 9 AM IN THE SEWING ROOM



From the Sewing Room

By Marilyn Nelson
Co-chair Mission in Action

Eileen Rhodes was surprised with a Birthday cake and singing of "The Song" on our October work day.

What a Blessing! Sewing Circle has THREE hard working ladies in our 90 YEAR YOUNG CLUB. They set high standards for us.

Bright fall colors popped off of 10 comforters finished by 11 ladies, again. Way to Go, Girls!

Special salutes go to Nancy and Dave Bredemeier for taking our fall harvest, 80 COMFORTERS, to Ft. Wayne, IN and to Brit-tany Schwartz for making labels for our boxes, a last minute request.

P.S. We are in need of a couple more home sewers who can make a couple of tops a month. The blocks are cut and waiting for YOU. This is very basic sewing.

Call Marilyn Nelson at 419-586-7751 for more information.



As Santa's Helpers' little purse begins to jingle the Holidays draw closer. Remember, please, there will be a "Helper" at each service until Thanksgiving to gather your contributions; Or you can drop an envelope marked "Santa's Helpers" at the church office or in the offering plate.

We are very grateful for the generosity you show to our members in the military and those who are homebound, in nursing homes and/or assisted living. Our Santa Bag contains haircuts, hair sets, fresh fruit & home-made bread, a gift card, cash or whatever suits the situation.

Thank you in advance for making sure that these special people know they are remembered and loved by their "Friends at St. John" during the Christmas Season!

Worship

NOVEMBER 6TH – ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On November 6th, we will celebrate All Saints Day. In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In Holy Communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. On this great Sunday, we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest," who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. Specifically, on this day we remember those who have joined the Body of Christ through Holy Baptism in the past year, and those who have transitioned to resurrection life in the past year.

NOVEMBER 13TH – THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

Come and join us on November 13th when the women of our church will be celebrating Thankoffering Sunday. We joyfully give a special offering in our Thankoffering boxes and envelopes to our Lord for all of the many blessings he bestows upon us. This offering will be collected at all services.

In addition, this year each female resident at Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center in Richmond, Indiana will be remembered in prayer. People who wish to help bless these girls may tie a knot on a pieced quilt immediately after receiving communion. These quilts will then be gifted to each girl at Wernle. Instructions will be provided in the Thankoffering Sunday bulletin.



DECEMBER 11TH – CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

As part of the Christmas celebration at St. John, our children (both preschool and elementary) will be participating in our Children's Christmas Worship Service which is being held on **Sunday, December 11th at the 10:45** worship service in the Sanctuary. The service will focus on the Christmas Story with the children singing Christmas Carols. They will practice on Wednesdays during the opening at WOW, starting November 2nd. There are no extra practices to attend. If your child is not currently attending WOW, it's not too late to join!





ENDOWMENT FUND

Our Heffner Endowment Committee distributes accumulated interest annually to several local ministries including our own St. John Builders and Youth Ministry. Here are some examples of happy recipients this year.

Wayne Street United Methodist Church (St Marys):

“Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous support of Waynestock 2016!!!”

Family Care Options:

“Thank you so much for your gift of \$900. We will use these funds to add a handicap accessible patio to the back of our Respite house so our clients can enjoy being outside during their stay.”

Restoration Counseling:

“Thanks so much for the gracious gift....We have been able to offer tapes on marriage, child rearing, deep healing from trauma, depression and even tools for anger because of your generosity.”

Additional acknowledgements may seen on the bulletin board near the office. We hope you will remember the Heffner Endowment welcomes gifts for any reason anytime of the year.

2017 FLOWER CHARTS



Flower Charts will be going up soon! Find them outside the office (for Sanctuary flowers) and in the Family Life Center hallway (for Family Life Center flowers) Please consider providing altar flowers in remembrance of a particular person or special date in your life. Remember that this is first-come, first-served so if you have a particular date you would like, sign up early.

There are also a few dates available in 2016!

Sign up today!

St. John Lutheran Council Meeting

September 20, 2016

Present:

Pastor Jeff Gramza, Charlene Stephenson, James Hiles, Mike Overman, Sandy Kaup, Steve Siebert, Phil Schumann, Terry Fisher, Dan Heindel, Susie Nelson, and Vicar Fred Bartelt.

Opening:

Vicar Fred opened with devotions and prayer.

Secretary's Report:

Terry Fisher moved and Mike Overman seconded to accept the secretary's report from July. Motion passed unanimously. James Hiles moved and Terry Fisher moved to accept the secretary's report from August. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Our income for the month was \$4304 under our budgeted income. Our expenses for the month were \$1027 under our budgeted expenses. Year-to-date, our expenses are \$15,462 more than our income. This is not uncommon during the summer when people are on vacation, but Pastor Jeff expressed concern about this continuing instead of picking back up. So it was decided to send quarterly giving statements hoping to remind members if they are behind on their giving. Since we have new members, it was suggested again to advertise electronic giving.

Pastor's Report:

- There were 2 more baptisms in August, and 2 so far in September, for a total of 4 since the last council meeting.
- Administration is making plans for a new church directory.
- Stephen Ministries are in the process of recruiting for the new classes.
- Youth is planning the year's calendar and events.
- The first Wednesday of WOW for the season was very good.
- Pastor has started a New Members Class.
- The Tackett Concert of country gospel music is this Saturday, September 24th in our Family Life Center at 7 PM. Admission is free but concertgoers are asked to bring a canned food item for the Call Food Pantry. We have permission to stream it live.
- We are not doing an aid station for the Grand Lake Marathon. But a church brochure will be in the packets they give the runners.
- Social Concerns said they had a great response for the School Supply Drive.
- St. John Builders reported that the "House of Hope" is coming along well and the Windy Point property was sold.
- Contemporary Worship needs a new digital piano. Pastor Jeff recommended the Roland RD800 for \$2500. Sandy Kaup moved and James Hiles seconded to approve the purchase with funds from the Memorial Fund.
- Pastor reported that Ryan Hole, from the new member class, cleaned all the seats of the Family Life Center. We are very thankful for his gift.
- November 20th has been selected for the next congregational meeting.

- The Renovation Committee met with the 2nd architect and they are creating a more detailed wish list. They are also plans for touring other churches with remodeled worship spaces.
- October 30 will mark the 499th anniversary of the Reformation. This will also begin a renewed global dialogue between the Lutheran Church and the Roman Catholic Church. Locally, on October 30 we will begin this historic dialogue with a pulpit switch. On the momentous Reformation Sunday, Fr. Kenneth Schnipke from Immaculate Conception will be our guest preacher. Pastor Jeff will be the guest preacher at IC. In November, we will have three Catholic/Lutheran conversational gatherings. In Lent of 2017, small groups representing both Catholics and Lutherans will be studying and praying together. We will use a study guide jointly written by both global church bodies.
- Pastor Jeff has been invited on a tour of the Holy Lands. His application is in process, and prospects look good. This will be January 23 – 30, 2017.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Overman and Susie Nelson seconded. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

September Receipts/Expenses		
	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Receipts	\$48,532.13	\$377,481.00
Expenses	\$47,419.36	\$391,830.28
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1,112.77	(\$14,349.28)

CHURCH CALENDAR

1– TUESDAY

10:00 am Life Group/106-D
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm St. John Builders/106-A

2 – WEDNESDAY

6:00 am Aerobics/FLC
8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
10:00 am Life Group/Library
1:30 pm Charity Circle/Parlor
5:00 pm Children’s Choir/Music Room
5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH
5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC
6:00 pm Youth Handbells/Music Room
6:30 pm Education for All Ages
6:30 pm Adult Handbells/Music Room
8:00 pm Worship Team/FLC

3 – THURSDAY

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
6:30 pm Lutheran & Catholic Study/IC
7:00 pm Shalom Circle/Parlor

4 – FRIDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
Confirmation Class Lock-in

5 – SATURDAY

6 – SUNDAY

All Saint's Sunday

7:45; 9:15; 10:45 a.m. Worship

7 – MONDAY

6:00 am Aerobics/FLC
12:00pm Bloodmobile/FLC
6:15 pm Aerobics/FH
7:00 pm Life Group/Parlor

8– TUESDAY

9:00 am Sewing Circle/Sewing Room
10:00 am Life Group/106-D
3:00 pm Library Team/Library
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry/106-D
7:00 pm Executive Committee/Parlor

9 – WEDNESDAY

6:00 am Aerobics/FLC
8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
10:00 am Life Group/Library
5:00 pm Children’s Choir/Music Room
5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH
5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC
6:00 pm Youth Handbells/Music Room
6:30 pm Education for All Ages
6:30 pm Adult Handbells/Music Room
8:00 pm Worship Team/FLC

10 – THURSDAY

6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
6:30 pm Lutheran & Catholic Study/FH

11 – FRIDAY

8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC

12 – SATURDAY

13 – SUNDAY

Thankoffering Sunday

7:45; 9:15; 10:45 a.m. Worship
8:30 am All-you-can-eat breakfast/FH
2:00 pm Faith & Film/Parlor

14 – MONDAY

6:00 am Aerobics/FLC
1:00 pm Grace Circle/Parlor
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Life Group/Parlor

15– TUESDAY

10:00 am Life Group/106-D
6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
7:00 pm Council/106-A

16 – WEDNESDAY

6:00 am Aerobics/FLC
8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
10:00 am Life Group/Library
5:00 pm Children’s Choir/Music Room
5:30 pm Free-Will Donation Meal/FH
5:45 pm Open Gym/FLC

6:00 pm Youth Handbells/Music Room
 6:30 pm Education for All Ages
 6:30 pm Adult Handbells/Music Room
 8:00 pm Worship Team/FLC
17 – THURSDAY
 6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
 6:30 pm Lutheran & Catholic Study/IC
18 – FRIDAY
 8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
19 – SATURDAY
20 – SUNDAY
 7:45; 9:15; 10:45 a.m. Worship
 12:00 pm Congregational Meeting/FH
21 – MONDAY
 6:00 am Aerobics/FLC
 8:00 am St. John Builders / FH
 1:00 pm WELCA Board/Library
 6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
 7:00 pm Life Group/Parlor
22– TUESDAY
 10:00 am Life Group/106-D
 6:15 pm Aerobics/FLC
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry/106-D
23 – WEDNESDAY
 6:00 am Aerobics/FLC
 8:30 am St. John Flyers/FLC
 10:00 am Life Group/Library
 6:30 pm Youth Thanksgiving/Youth Room
 No WOW Activities

8:00 pm Worship Team/FLC
24 – THURSDAY
Thanksgiving – Office Closed
25 – FRIDAY
Office Closed
 Directory Pictures 2pm-9pm
26 – SATURDAY
 Directory Pictures 9:30am-4:30pm
27 – SUNDAY
 7:45; 9:15; 10:45 a.m. Worship
28 – MONDAY
 6:00 am Aerobics/FLC
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 8:00 pm Worship Team/FLC

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting
on Sunday, November 20th following the 10:45 service for the purposes of approving the 2017 budget and slate of council and committee members. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast



ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Fruit, Yogurt & MORE

Sunday, November 13th

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Adult - \$6, 10yrs & under - \$4

(Buy a Pass & get 6 breakfasts for the price of 5!)

St John Fellowship Hall

Proceeds Benefit St. John Lutheran Youth Mission Trip

This Month's Church Register:

BAPTISMS:

10/9 Kynlee, daughter of Ryan Hole and Heidi Henry
10/16 Elyse, daughter of Ryan and Sarah Fennig
10/16 Breckyn, son of Joel and Kenzie Henkle

BIRTH:

10/3 Hayden, son of Eric & Louisa Hemmelgarn

WEDDINGS:

10/15 Jessica List and Kaleb Menchhofer
10/29 Susie Wint and Max Overman



Hilary & Mark Goettemoeller	11/2
Tom & Lorna Saddler	11/2
Mike & Sue Fennig	11/3
David & Jennifer Barrett	11/6
Paul & Jackie Czernik	11/9
Matt & Amy Gilmore	11/11
Erwin & Jiana Ysawa	11/14
Gene & Cynthia Eley	11/17
Bill & Cindy Grier	11/21
Beverly & Stewart Kellermeyer	11/22
Newman & Mary Clapp	11/28



birthdays

Sheryl Frahm	11/1		
Vicki Weisman	11/1		Dola Smith 11/13
Helen Fetters	11/3		Dianne Uhlenhake 11/13
Brianna Miller	11/3		Reed Hanes 11/14
Craig Snavely	11/3		Mike Fennig 11/15
Betty Borger	11/4		Carolyn Shinn 11/15
Shirley Endicott	11/4		Bria Doner 11/16
Duane Forlow	11/4		Brooke Rammel 11/17
Amy Miller	11/5		Jodi Weisman 11/17
Colin Buening	11/6		Tyler Levi 11/18
Martin Fahncke	11/6		Samuel Schmitz 11/19
Jane Smith	11/7		John Maury 11/20
Lynne Fuelling	11/9		Michele Huber 11/21
Kristi Stachler	11/9		Kenzie Kellermeyer 11/21
Graeme Stewart	11/9		Leah Plattner 11/21
Dave Hoyng	11/10		Tim Head 11/22
Nancy Bredemeier	11/11		Donald Kable 11/22
Michelle Elston	11/11		Cheyenne Glenn 11/23
Phil Schumann	11/11		Kathleen Snider 11/23
Barbara Hare	11/12		Dorothy Bader 11/24
Carolyn List	11/12		Sonny Ysawa 11/24
Diane Menchhofer	11/12		Jeffery Gramza 11/28
Bart Heiby	11/13		Paige Kuehne 11/28
Karen Hoenie	11/13		Steven Gardner 11/29
Everett Kalcec	11/13		Natalie Zizelman 11/29
			Wendee Bertke 11/30
			Virginia Euckert 11/30
			Sue Meier 11/30

November

Purple Door Youth Calendar

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 WOW 6:30-7:30pm Jr. High Sr. High	3	4 Confirmation Lock-in 7pm – 7am	5
6	7	8	9 WOW 6:30-7:30pm Jr. High Sr. High	10	11	12
13 Pancake Breakfast 8:30 – 12:00 2017 Mission Trip Participants	14	15	16 WOW 6:30-7:30pm Jr. High Sr. High (Small Groups)	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 No WOW. Jr. & Sr. High Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30 – 9:00pm Bring a side dish to share.	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30 WOW 6:30-7:30pm Jr. High Sr. High			

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you are interested in the purchase of a poinsettia plant for the Christmas Eve Worship Services, please fill out the form below and turn in to the church office.



• FOR THE SANCTUARY:
WHITE POINSETTIAS:
(how many) _____ @ \$10 each

• FOR THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER:
BURGUNDY POINSETTIAS:
(how many) _____ @ \$10 each

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks out to St. John Lutheran Church.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

For Bulletin:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

NOTE: Please bring or mail order form to the Church Office at 1100 N. Main Street, Celina, OH 45822. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. These plants will NOT be used for flower & visiting, so please take yours. *Special thanks to Candy Forlow's Flower & Plant Barn for the Poinsettias!*

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

Serving in Worship in November

Altar Flowers ~

06: *Open*
 13: Martin Fahncke
 20: Jeff & Cindy Buschor
 27: *Open*

Altar Guild ~

(7:45) Judy Menchhofer
 (9:15) Robin Elston
 (10:45) Mary Meyer/Ed Fuelling

7:45

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Readers	Paul Czernik	Kris Heiby	Todd Hone	Karen Leugers
Ushers	Jeff & Cindy Buschor, Don & Denise Green	Ellen Stachler, Jayne Selby, Linda Siebert, Karen Heindel	Dan & Cheryl Heindel, Tim & Yolanda Hone	Todd Hone, Jayne Selby, Tom & Betty Leininger
Comm. Assistants	Tim & Yolanda Hone	Jen Roidt, Kathy Snider	Becky Davis, Don Green	Jen Roidt, Estella Nusbaum
Welcome Team	Estella Nusbaum	Jen Roidt	Jen Roidt	Cindy Buschor

9:15

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Readers	Steve Fisher	Laura Billger	Nancy Chaney	Heather Cramer
Ushers	Elston Family	MaryAnn Fisher, Amy Boley	Elston Family	MaryAnn Fisher, Yvette Fuelling
Comm. Assistants	Kristi Huelsman, John Maury	Darlene Adams, Jill Ellis	Steve Elston, Ted Stachler	Steve & Laura Billger
Kids Praise	Michelle Behm Samantha Hiles	Jordan Rushton Hannah Rasaweher	Alicia Romer Brittany Romer	Kristi Stachler Kortney Stachler

10:45

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Assisting Minister	Carrie Cubberley	David Barrett	Jim Fennig	Becca Head
Readers	Diane Menchhofer	Ginny Wade	Ed Fuelling	Carrie Cubberley
Ushers	Dan Bird, Don Bird, Tim Menchhofer, Mike Overman	Deb Cowdery, Judy Fennig, Joan Sielschott, Diana Spicer	Mike & Lu Grunden, Tena Potts, Dennis Dagley	Kevin & Mary Meyer, Don & Jan Wilson
Comm. Assistants	Don Wilson, Jerry Weisman	Sue Buxton, Vicki Weisman	Joann Plattner, Moriah Plattner	Jim & Margie Fennig
Kids Praise	Trisha McMurray Keaton McMurray	Jenny Barrett Rachel Barrett	Andrea Kuehne Josh Kuehne	Laura Zizelman Camden Zizelman
Welcome Team	Pam Arps	Margie Fennig	Lynne Fuelling	Trisha McMurray

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