



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DEB NOLL, MINISTER

We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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ST. PAUL "MESSENGER"

DECEMBER ~ 2023

"You are the light of the world . . . let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to the Father in heaven. ~ Matthew 5: 14 and 16

Dear Friends in Christ,

We enter into the Advent season, sitting in darkness. Jesus has ascended to the Father, and we hold to the promise of his return. We do not know when he will return, so we wait, expectantly we wait. While we wait, we cannot sit idly by doing nothing. We are called to let our light shine, so we become involved in Christ's mission of spreading the good news of peace, hope, joy, and love to everyone with whom we encounter. We are called not to put our light under the bushel basket, but to let it shine. Where is God inviting you to let your light shine this holiday season?

On my recent vacation to the Amish country in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, I was given a copy of "Amish Country News" Holiday '23/Winter '24. In it was a story about Amish children getting ready for Christmas. The article shared a poem "Ten Little Candles" to be presented by ten children during an Amish school Christmas program. *Imagine ten children, each holding a candle, each recites a verse extinguishing his/her candle as appropriate.*

Ten little candles, God made them to shine,
 But selfishness just snuffed one out, and then there were nine.
 Nine little candles, doing without a mate,
 Bad companions came along, and then there were eight.
 Eight little candles, doing work for heaven,
 "I forgot" sat down on one, and then there were seven.
 Seven little candles, all with blazing wicks,
 Someone cried out, "Goody Boy," and then there were six.
 Six little candles, all of them alive,
 But one was tired of playing, and then there were five.
 Five little candles, once there were more,
 Sunday baseball fanned one out, and then there were four.
 Four little candles, bright as bright could be,
 But one of them just didn't have time, so then there were three.
 Three little candles, could one of them be you?
 That one gave up going to church, and then there were two.
 Two little candles, our story's almost done,
 "I'm too small, no use," one cried, and then there was one.
 One little candle, the baby born at Christmas, kept burning by itself,
 And oh how bright it shined.
 Brave and steady burned His flame,
 until the other nine again began to shine.



The child holding the last burning candle, then lights the other nine, as the children exit singing, "This Little Light of Mine."

The wait for Christ's return seems long, if you only sit in expectation. But, if you eagerly watch for where Christ is living in the world, then you may see that Emmanuel is among us, living with us every day. My prayer is that you allow your light to shine brightly this Advent and Christmas season.

In Christ's Light and Love,
Minister Deb



Epiphany Open House
St. Paul Lutheran Church Parsonage
9339 Township Road Road 32, Jenera

Hosted by Minister Deb and Dick Noll

Saturday, January 6, 2024
3:00PM to 8:00PM

Come celebrate the arrival of the Magi bearing gifts in honor of Christ's birth.

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – 7:00PM

Attendance: Minister Deb Noll, Tom Carey, Mary Coldren, Nathan Cowan, Jane Follas, Amy Gibson, Jan Grieser, Laurie Laird, Jake Leu, Natalie McClelland, Amanda Price, Mike Stoltz, Tammy von Stein

CALL TO ORDER – Laurie Laird

Chairperson, Laurie Laird, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and opened with a review of our 2023 Book Study, "Grounded in Prayer" (Week 5 – Day 7, Week 6 Day 1-3). Written by Brent W. Dahlseng.

The October 10, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Checking account balances as of October 31, 2023 (MMDA – Money Market Demand Account)

Current	\$152,573.70
Building	\$185.44
Improvement	\$1,971.77
Missions	\$11,666.80

Special Projects

Shipwreck Festival	\$2,176.29
Music	\$2,300.51
C. Price Memorial Funds	\$33,191.56
Special Projects – Other	\$0.06

Total QuickBooks Op./MMDA **\$205,773.07**

Operating Account \$37,345.16

Money Market Demand Acct.	\$174,401.03
Total Operating/MMDA	\$211,746.19
Outstanding Checks at 10/31/23	(\$5,973.12)
Total Reconciled Operating/MMDA	\$205,773.07
Savings	
General Memorial	\$8,852.62

- Account balances for October 2023 and current profit & loss statement comparing budget vs. actual were reported along with October checks written. Contributions to the Current Fund as of October 31, 2023, totaled \$206,787.13 vs. a budgeted \$166,063.58. Expenses for the same period totaled \$177,104.14 vs. a budgeted \$141,880.26.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Natalie McClelland

- The lighthouse chalk drawing was mounted, and the bulletin board moved to east hallway.
- The furnace was inspected on November 2, and everything looks good. It was reported however, that unit 12 in nursery had water leak and should be kept an eye on since the furnace cabinet was rusted. There is no need for replacement at this time but will potentially need replaced at the next 2-year inspection.
- Nest of ground bees was found in front of the stone church sign and will be treated.
- Mike Stoltz fixed Jane’s desk.
- The landscaping crew from New Leaf updated the grounds at the church and parsonage.
- Natalie will be looking at potentially replacing 3 or 4 of the old church road signs. The cost to replace each sign is approximately \$130.

MINISTER’S REPORT – Respectfully Submitted, Deb Noll, Synod Authorized Minister

Word for Thought:

¹³ *It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers together to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD,*

“For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,” the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God. (2 Chronicles 5:13-14)

These verses give me cause to look ahead to December 10, when the Children of St. Paul will share the message of Jesus’ birth. The minister’s voice will not be necessary that morning, because the children’s voices and the special music will fill God’s house with the goodness of the LORD. St. Paul’s is blessed to have families with young children; and we are blessed to have talented musicians who share their gifts in worship. Let us remember to thank the children and our musicians for their gift to St. Paul. Thank each of you on Church Council for serving as well. The Lord is good, and his steadfast love endures forever.

Activity Since the October Council Meeting:

Worship & Church Functions

- Worship Services (x8)
- Harvest Home Services (x2 led worship, no sermon)
- Congregational Gatherings
 - Fall Harvest and Trunk or Treat
 - Kids Praise (x4)
 - Thursday Evening Card Group “The Jokers” (x4)
 - Lee and Deb Best Workday Luncheon
- Worship Team meeting (x1)

- Staff Meeting (x1)
- St. Paul WELCA (x1)
- Confirmation Classes (x4)
- Choir (x2)
- Presentation of Bibles to 3 Third Graders/Taught Bible 101 in Sunday School

Member Contacts Outside of Church

- Christian Care Consults (x7)
- Prayer before the workday @ Lee and Deb Best's house

Related Church Activities

- Text Study Zoom (x4)
- Synod Authorized Minister Cohort Zoom (x1)
- Synod Authorized Ministers/Supervisors/Council Chair Brunch with the Bishop (x1)
- Synod Authorized Minister/Supervisor meeting (x1)
- Synod Authorized Minister/Supervisor phone check-in (x2)
- Worship with the Residents @ Good Samaritan Society (x2)
- Care Cards/Birthday and Anniversary Cards (x27)

Ecumenical Relationships and Community Contacts

- Worship Service is November 19, 2023 @ 7:00 pm here at St. Paul. Refreshments will follow.

Continuing Education

- Clinical Pastoral Education Classes
 - CPE Coordinator/Supervision Check in Zoom (x5)
 - CPE Peer Group Zoom Sessions (x4)
 - CPE Check in with SAM Supervisor (x4)
 - 5 Weeks down, 5 to go!
- Stephen Ministry Continuing Education (x1)

Upcoming Events

- November 26, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. Service, Baptism of Isla Lucille Etler

YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR REPORT – Amy Gibson

- The spiders have not been removed the airlock by the youth room. Laurie has spoken to the cleaning crew and the area will be cleaned.
- Council was ok with Amy purchasing a mesh office chair along with a filing cabinet that locks for her room.
- The Giving Blitz is back on for this Sunday, November 19th before the Thanksgiving Service. Items will be purchased for Hope House, Findlay.
- Bowling is scheduled for December 3rd.
- A Lock in is scheduled for December 31st.
- Winter jam is in the works, in the process of getting peoples names to attend.
- Over 30 youth have signed up for the Snow Trails, which will be held in February.
- The youth are in search of a gently used ping pong table that folds.
- Youth will be asking congregation if there are any members with interior designer background to help with storage concerns in the youth room.

PARISH EDUCATION – Amanda Price

- Fall Festival was a success with over 100 in attendance.
- On October 22, 3 Bibles were passed out to the 3rd graders.
- Kids praise has had an average of 25 – 30 kids in attendance with the highest at 37 attending for the science night with Dick Noll.
- The Christmas program will be held December 10th with one service at 10am. There will be a “heavenly spread” served after program which will consist of bagels and hot cocoa.

OUTREACH

- Arlington Food Pantry food drive was held the month of October and was a success.
- 6 Military Care Packages were sent to those serving in our congregation.
- Coats and Mitten drive going on through the month of November.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES –

Old Business

- **2024 Church Positions Nominees approved.**
 - Chairperson – Laurie Laird **
 - Vice Chairperson – Jan Grieser **
 - Elder – Tom Carey ** Mary Coldren
 - Recording Secretary – Natalie McClelland *
 - Treasurer – Jane Follas
 - Trustees – Tom Marquart **, Jacob Orwick **, Mike Stoltz, Bart Welte, Deb Clevenger *
 - 9:00AM Service Deacons – Nathan Cowan ** Aaron Smith
 - 11:15AM Service Deacons – Lynn Boehm, Lee Laird
 - Parish Board Superintendent – Emily Clark *
 - Asst. Superintendent – Open
 - Secretary – Rebecca Stoltz
 - Treasure – April Smith
 - Members – Kendra Parke, Amanda Leu, Erin Tobin, Chelsea Boehm, Jenna Stoltz
 - Cemetery Trustees – Allen Boehm, Raymond Bower, Steve Reichley
 - Staff Support [Appointed] – Gary Wilson, Craig Durliat, Mike Ingram, Janet Carey
 - Trust Fund Committee – Craig Durliat, Anna Wolford, Lisa Gossman, Doug Coldren, Jane Follas
 - Youth Board Chairperson [Appointed] – Chris Sheets
 - Vice Chairperson [Appointed] – Jenny Welte
 - Treasurer – Lindsay Follas
 - Secretary – Tina Cowan
 - Youth Board – Adults – Amanda Leu, April Smith
 - Youth Board – Youth Reps – TBA
- 2024 Budget was approved to present to the congregation at the Semi–Annual Meeting

New Business

- Thanksgiving envelope offering will go towards Arlington Food Pantry.
- Members of the congregation shared their concerns with council as to the direction of the ELCA.

ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 9:01pm.

Tammy von Stein, Recording Secretary

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR DECEMBER 2023

SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR: Lisa Gossman
PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Jan Grieser
HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Tammy Robinson
AUDIO VIDEO: Jacob Orwick and Marty Grieser
ALTAR GUILD:
WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

Nadine Boehm — nadineb@thewavz.com or 419-722-6370
Pam Hoffman — pkhoffman87@gmail.com or 419-358-1682

HOSPITAL STAYS

It is important to the church that we support you through illness and hospitalizations. If you are admitted to Blanchard Valley Hospital for an overnight stay we would like to know.

If you are planning an admission to any hospital, please call the church office at 419-326-3535 to let us know the date you are entering and how long you anticipate staying.

At admission to BVH, *planned or unplanned*, you (or your spokesperson) will be asked several questions,

1. Religion: this may be asked at pre-registration or at admission along with your address, phone number, etc. Please give our denomination.
2. If you wish to be on the Hospital Directory and the Religion List. These questions will be asked of you (or your spokesperson) during the “Consent to Treatment” process. Please answer “yes” to both.

In order to protect your privacy the hospital does not routinely call the church to tell us you have been admitted, unless you specifically ask them to call us. We depend on you or your family to let us know if you have been admitted.

If you have been in the hospital for a day or two and have not been visited, please ask your family or nurse to contact the church office.

A new federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastors and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized and would like to notify the pastor, it is important that you or a member of your family inform the church office as soon as possible at 419-326-3535 and the secretary will contact the pastor.

PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023: Janet Baker (*sister-in-law of Vera Sheets*); Karen Beard (*Jessica Kemerley's mother*); Denee Bower (*Scott's wife*); Connie Cooper (*Phyllis Rettig's sister*); Ann Demler; family and friends of Gordon and Heather [whose son died tragically] and his newlywed-wife Mari; Mark Hoffman (*Mike's brother*); Mike Inbody; Daryl Ingram (*Mike's brother*); Jim Jones (*brother-in-law of Sally Valentage*); Annette Kerr; Barb Kinney (*Sandi Marquart's mother*); John & Becky Krock (*Christine Kemerley's brother & sister-in-law*); Kyle McDowell; Paul Searfoss (*brother of Loretta Bower*); Beth Wilhelm; all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Evan McMonigal, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambebe Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

THANK YOU for the beautiful flowers and gift cards given me and by extension Dick for Pastor/Minister Appreciation month. We continue to be humbled by the gracious generosity and support given us by the wonderful people of St. Paul. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for all of you, our St. Paul family.

Thank you, again,

Minister Deb and Dick

Thank you for the box of goodies for Veterans Day! I appreciate the gratitude!

Nate Sheets

Dear St. Paul Members, Thank you for all your prayers and support while serving in Iraq and remembering me with this special care package.

Griffin Hartman

Dear St. Paul Giving Family, Thank you so much for the generous donations of money, food, cookies, snacks, and punch for Kids Praise. Thank you to the teachers, helpers, and kitchen staff who were there each week to teach and feed those in attendance. The next 5 week session will begin on Wednesday, January 10th, so mark your calendars for another learning experience.

A kind word – A thoughtful deed – A caring heart – simple reflections of the Kingdom of God. You all are a wonderful reflection of God’s heart. Thanks so much! Thank you all for the beautiful card and your prayers. We are so grateful!

Annette and David Kerr and Buddy

We give thanks for all who took part in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. From the beautiful bulletin to our area pastors, Pastor Matthew Blau, Pastor Steve Ramsey, and Minister Deb Noll who provided the meaningful service. Deliciousness followed the service with many donated desserts being enjoyed by many. It was a blessing to be together as a community.

Greeting St. Paul – Jenera, Thank you for the card, thoughts, and prayers. I personally enjoyed the few weeks I was able to be with you all. Blessings and prayers to you during Advent and Christmas. Peace,

Pastor Mike Poole

Thank you so much for your donations for “Coats for Christmas”. You donated 34 coats, 26 pairs of socks, 20 hats and gloves combo, and many, many knitted caps and scarves. Your support each year for this worthy cause is greatly appreciated.



We welcomed Isla Lucille Etler by Infant Baptism into membership at St. Paul on Sunday, November 26th at the 9:00AM Worship Service. Isla is the daughter of Nathan and Lauren [Pepple] Etler. Isla was born on July 27, 2023. May blessings be with Isla as she begins her baptismal journey. Sponsor for Isla is Jenna Pepple.



LADIES ~ LADIES ~ LADIES! Plan to come to the Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 13th at NOON. ALL women who attend St Paul are invited to attend. NO sewing that day, just bring a favorite Christmas dish to share. What a wonderful opportunity to enjoy this fellowship time during the Christmas Season!

AUTOMATED ENTRY DOOR UPDATE

The congregation supported the installation of the automated entry door at our Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 15th.

The company has been notified and the mechanisms have been ordered for the installation.

We will keep you informed when they plan to do the work.

**Join us on Sunday, December 10th at 10:00AM for our special Christmas Worship Service —
“Heaven and Nature Sing”**

We need a multitude of angels to help share the news of Jesus’s birth. If you know a child that would like to be a part of the service, please contact Emily Clark or Amanda Price. We will practice during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, December 3rd. We also plan to hold a rehearsal on Wednesday, December 6th (time TBD)

Also, we are looking for youth to share their musical talents as pre-service music. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Space for anyone interested.

All are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship following the service.

~ Parish Education Board ~

December 10, 2023 ~ 10:00am



Join us for refreshments following the service

MINISTER DEB’S FALL HOURS: During the ten weeks of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Minister Deb’s office hours will be:

Monday — scheduled day off

Tuesday — 9:00am to 4:00pm (*evenings available for church meetings*)

Wednesday — 9:00am to 5:00pm (*10:00am to 4:00pm Blocked for CPE*

& SAM Zoom sessions) Evenings available during Kid’s Praise

Thursday — 9:00am to noon in office and 1:00pm to 3:00pm Member Home Visits

Friday — 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday — 9:00am to noon (*in office as needed, otherwise available at the parsonage*)

Sunday — 8:00am to 1:00pm Worship, and 4:30pm to 6:00pm Catechism

Hours are subject to change as necessary. Minister Deb is available 24/7 for emergency and crisis situations.

Phone contact: Cell 419-560-1988 / Church 419-326-3535.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, December 3 rd	5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, December 10 th	5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, December 17 th	5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, December 24 th	<u>NO</u> Confirmation
Sunday, December 31 st	<u>NO</u> Confirmation

ReFUEL MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, December 3 rd	Christmas Bowling Party
Sunday, December 17 th	ReFUEL Meeting — 6:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday, December 31 st	YOUTH / New Year’s Eve Lock-In — 7:00PM — 7:00AM

* * **LYO is currently in search of a ping pong table.** The table needs to be able to fold and have wheels for storage purposes.

* **ANYONE — Do you have a talent for interior design?** LYO is looking to update the youth room. From paint to storage if you have ideas we would like to hear from you! **If interested in this challenge, contact Amy.**

Dartball Schedule for December

Monday, December 4 th – 7:30PM	Dola @ Jenera Jr.	Jenera Sr. @ St. Johns/Trinity, Findlay
Monday, December 11 th – 7:30PM	Jenera Jr. @ Upper Sandusky	Dola @ Jenera Sr.
Monday, December 18 th – 7:30PM	Salem, Findlay @ Jenera Jr.	Jenera Sr. @ Upper Sandusky
Monday, December 15 th	Christmas Holiday Break	



The Bible Study Group is on Christmas break and will resume on Thursday, January 4th and they will be studying Proverbs. The Bible Study Group meets each Thursday morning in the Library at 9:30AM. All are welcome.

St. Paul Outreach Committee Focus Statement for 2023

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:9–10

The St. Paul Outreach Committee will be using this Bible verse in 2023 to focus our efforts on needs closer to home. As a body of believers in Jesus we want to come alongside people in our community who are in need. That way we can do what Paul calls “carrying each other’s burdens.” (Galatians 6:2) Relying on God’s strength, we listen, we empathize, we help where we can, and we can also pray for them. We can look for ways to “do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Paul says that when we do so, we fulfill the law of Christ: to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. The burdens of life can be heavy, but praise God, he’s given us our church family to lighten the load. If you know of a “neighbor” who could use some help, please let us know and we’ll prayerfully consider what we as a church family can do to help.

2023 Daily Bible Readings

The Year of Story is the Northwestern Ohio Synod's theme for 2023. Each year, Bishop Daniel Beaudoin encourages Church leaders and congregations to engage in daily Bible reading. The readings this year will walk readers through "The Story of Jesus." Together, let us read His story and ponder what God's Word reveals to us. The list of readings for the entire year may be found at:

<http://nwos-elca.church/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-Bible-Reading-Guide.pdf>

The readings for December are:

THE ARREST, CRUCIFIXION, AND BURIAL OF JESUS [ACCORDING TO MATTHEW] (CONTINUED)

Dec. 1	<i>The Death of Jesus</i>	Matthew 27:45–56; Mark 15:33–41; Luke 23:44–49; John 19:28–37
Dec. 2	<i>The Burial of Jesus</i>	Matthew 27:57–61; Mark 15:42–47; Luke 23:50–56; John 19:38–42
Dec. 3	<i>The Tomb is Guarded</i>	Matthew 27:62–66

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Dec. 4	<i>The Resurrection of Jesus</i>	Matthew 28:1–10; Mark 16:1–8; Luke 24:1–12; John 20:1–10
Dec. 5	<i>The Report of the Guard</i>	Matthew 28:11–15
Dec. 6	<i>Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene</i>	Mark 16:9–11; John 20:11–18
Dec. 7	<i>Jesus Appears on the Way to Emmaus</i>	Luke 24:13–35; Mark 16:12–13
Dec. 8	<i>Jesus Appears to His Disciples</i>	Luke 24:36–43; John 20:19–23
Dec. 9	<i>Jesus Appears to Thomas</i>	John 20:24–29
Dec. 10	<i>The Purpose of the Gospel of John</i>	John 20:30–31
Dec. 11	<i>Jesus Commissions the Disciples</i>	Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 16:14–18; Luke 24:44–49
Dec. 12	<i>Jesus at the Sea of Tiberias</i>	John 21:1–14
Dec. 13	<i>Jesus and Peter</i>	John 21:15–19
Dec. 14	<i>Jesus and the Beloved Disciple</i>	John 21:20–23
Dec. 15	<i>Final Authentication</i>	John 21:24–25
Dec. 16	<i>The Ascension of Jesus</i>	Mark 16:19–20; Luke 24:50–53

CHRISTMAS READINGS

Dec. 17		Luke 1:1–4
Dec. 18		Luke 1:5–25
Dec. 19		Luke 1:26–38
Dec. 20		Luke 1:39–45
Dec. 21		Luke 1:46–56
Dec. 22		Luke 1:57–66
Dec. 23		Luke 1:67–80
Dec. 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Luke 2:1–7
Dec. 25	<i>Christmas Day</i>	Luke 2:8–20
Dec. 26		John 1:1–18
Dec. 27		John 1:19–28
Dec. 28		John 1:29–34
Dec. 29		John 1:35–42
Dec. 30		John 1:43–51
Dec. 31		Psalms 150

December 2023 Birthdays

Friday, December 1st James Norman
 Saturday, December 2nd Sam Luke
 Saturday, December 2nd Maya Riegle
 Saturday, December 2nd Richard Smith
 Sunday, December 3rd Colleen Boehm
 Monday, December 4th James Kemerley
 Tuesday, December 5th Corey Henson
 Tuesday, December 5th Shawn Hirt
 Tuesday, December 5th Liam Norway
 Tuesday, December 5th Kris Russell
 Tuesday, December 5th Laine Smith
 Wednesday, December 6th Nik Boehm
 Wednesday, December 6th Christian Panfil
 Wednesday, December 6th Andrew Wolford
 Thursday, December 7th Kim Shepard
 Friday, December 8th Eli Fitch
 Friday, December 8th Katie Krantz
 Friday, December 8th Joseph Leisure
 Saturday, December 9th Emil Nagel
 Sunday, December 10th Hunter Dodge
 Sunday, December 10th Linda Kroske
 Sunday, December 10th Jonathan Krosnosky
 Sunday, December 10th Maren Krosnosky
 Sunday, December 10th Minister Deb Noll
 Sunday, December 10th Keegan Puthoff
 Sunday, December 10th Anna Wolford
 Monday, December 11th Taylor Welty
 Tuesday, December 12th Emily Clark
 Tuesday, December 12th Jamie Kemerley
 Wednesday, December 13th Chris Reichley
 Wednesday, December 13th Zhanna Ruehle
 Thursday, December 14th Hayden Walters
 Saturday, December 16th Amanda Panfil
 Saturday, December 16th Stephen Welly
 Sunday, December 17th Zoya Habib
 Monday, December 18th Chelsea Boehm
 Tuesday, December 19th Paul Kroske
 Thursday, December 21st Andrew Kroske
 Thursday, December 21st Lance Leisure
 Friday, December 22nd Taylor Laird
 Friday, December 22nd Colin Tobin
 Saturday, December 23rd Ellieana Kerner
 Saturday, December 23rd Evelyn Robison
 Saturday, December 23rd Beverly Snyder
 Sunday, December 24th Freya Ruehle
 Monday, December 25th Emelia Carey

Tuesday, December 26th RuthAnn Bower
 Tuesday, December 26th Jennifer Griggs
 Tuesday, December 26th Lucas Henson
 Thursday, December 28th Alex vonStein
 Thursday, December 28th Blake Wilson
 Friday, December 29th Stephanie Krosnosky
 Sunday, December 31st Elaine Ingram



December 2023 Anniversaries

Wednesday, December 6th Willis and Arlene Marquart – 65
 Monday, December 18th Chad and Penny Ward – 13
 Friday, December 22nd Phil and Tracy Riegle – 16



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DECEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
LECTOR: Andrew Follas ALTAR GUILD: ORGANIST: December 3 rd : Janet Carey December 17 th , 24 th , and 31 st : Lisa Gossman					1 6:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved by Pam Hoffman	2 5:00PM – 9:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved for Boehm Christmas
3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 1:30PM – 3:30PM YOUTH / Christmas Party – Bowling 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	4 7:30PM Dartball Dola @ Jenera Jr. Jenera Sr. @ St. Johns/Trinity	5	6 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice 8:00PM Bell Choir Practice	7 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by “The Jokers”	8	9
10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10:00AM Christmas Program Fellowship Hall reserved ALL DAY 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	11 7:30PM Dartball Jenera Jr. @ US Dola @ Jenera Sr.	12 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	13 NOON Women of the Church Luncheon Senior Choir Christmas Caroling	14 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by “The Jokers”	15	16
17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEADLINE FOR HEAD START CHRISTMAS GIFTS 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	18 9:00AM Head Start Christmas Gift Pick-up 7:30PM Salem @ Jenera Jr. Jenera Sr. @ US	19	20	21 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by “The Jokers”	22	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion NO Confirmation Class 7:00PM Christmas Eve Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Dartball — Christmas Holiday Break NOON Fellowship Hall reserved by Rachel Hartman	26	27	28 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by “The Jokers”	29	30
31 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion NO Confirmation Class 7:00PM — 7:00AM YOUTH / New Year’s Eve Lock-In						