

The Circle

February 2025



Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope your progress on the daily Bible reading is going well! I have to confess, I'm a little behind at the moment, but I'm looking forward to being able to catch up in the next day or two. I've had a couple of people say to me that they're looking forward to the daily Bible readings, and I've heard a few more people say that they're reading some of the sections differently, especially the readings from Proverbs, which are usually a few verses at a time. That's completely okay—at some point, I'm going to sit down and just read through the entire book of Proverbs all at once. It's less important to read exactly the prescribed section on the specific day, and more important to work toward building that habit of daily time with Scripture.

But a very important mark of discipleship is the one that we're going to try in February: sharing the faith story with those outside the Church. I'm always going to remember an interaction that a classmate of mine had with one of our professors in seminary. My classmate had quoted the saying attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words when necessary," and my professor smiled and said, "yeah, but words are necessary a lot more often than you think." Which is true. In the book of Romans, St. Paul says, "But how are [people] to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?" Paul wasn't writing that letter just to preachers or theologians or professional leaders in the church; he was writing it to all of the Christians in Rome. All of us—no matter what age, level of education, status, or anything else—all of us are called to share that Good News of what God has done for us.

Which I know isn't always the easiest thing to do; talking with people about faith can be a scary thing, especially since most of us don't do it very often. But the Holy Spirit will be there with you when you do it, and like any other skill, the more you practice it, the easier it will become. Before you can share the story of your faith with others, it can help to think through it for yourself. Think about times that you've seen God active in your life, and think about ways that you've been able to draw nearer to God. And at some point this month, find someone in your life who isn't part of a church, and invite them to come along to worship with you. I'd be willing to bet that once all is said and done, even if the person you invited doesn't join you for worship, that you'll have strengthened your relationship with that person, and become closer to them.

Sharing about your faith, and reaching out to other people in love and faith, is a huge part of living that life of faith that we're all called to live.

In Christ,

Pastor Russ

Annual Meeting February 23rd

St. John's annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2025, immediately following the service. All eligible voting members (those who are confirmed and have communed and contributed in 2024) are invited to attend.





Bible In A Year Reading Plan

February

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Proverbs</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	01 Exodus 13:17-15:18	Matthew 21:23-46	Psalms 26:1-12	Proverbs 6:16-19
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<input type="checkbox"/>	03 Exodus 17:8-19:15	Matthew 22:34-23:12	Psalms 27:7-14	Proverbs 6:27-35
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<input type="checkbox"/>	05 Exodus 21:22-23:13	Matthew 24:1-28	Psalms 29:1-11	Proverbs 7:6-23
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<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Exodus 30:11-31:18	Matthew 26:47-68	Psalms 32:1-11	Proverbs 8:27-32
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<input type="checkbox"/>	14 Exodus 37:1-38:31	Matthew 28:1-20	Psalms 34:11-22	Proverbs 9:9-10
<input type="checkbox"/>	15 Exodus 39:1-40:38	Mark 1:1-28	Psalms 35:1-16	Proverbs 9:11-12
<input type="checkbox"/>	16 Leviticus 1:1-3:17	Mark 1:29-2:12	Psalms 35:17-28	Proverbs 9:13-18
<input type="checkbox"/>	17 Leviticus 4:1-5:19	Mark 2:13-3:6	Psalms 36:1-12	Proverbs 10:1-2
<input type="checkbox"/>	18 Leviticus 6:1-7:27	Mark 3:7-30	Psalms 37:1-11	Proverbs 10:3-4
<input type="checkbox"/>	19 Leviticus 7:28-9:6	Mark 3:31-4:25	Psalms 37:12-29	Proverbs 10:5
<input type="checkbox"/>	20 Leviticus 9:7-10:20	Mark 4:26-5:20	Psalms 37:30-40	Proverbs 10:6-7
<input type="checkbox"/>	21 Leviticus 11:1-12:8	Mark 5:21-43	Psalms 38:1-22	Proverbs 10:8-9
<input type="checkbox"/>	22 Leviticus 13:1-59	Mark 6:1-29	Psalms 39:1-13	Proverbs 10:10
<input type="checkbox"/>	23 Leviticus 14:1-57	Mark 6:30-56	Psalms 40:1-10	Proverbs 10:11-12
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<input type="checkbox"/>	26 Leviticus 19:1-20:21	Mark 8:11-38	Psalms 42:1-11	Proverbs 10:17
<input type="checkbox"/>	27 Leviticus 20:22-22:16	Mark 9:1-29	Psalms 43:1-5	Proverbs 10:18
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Meeting God in the Ordinary WELCA Retreat

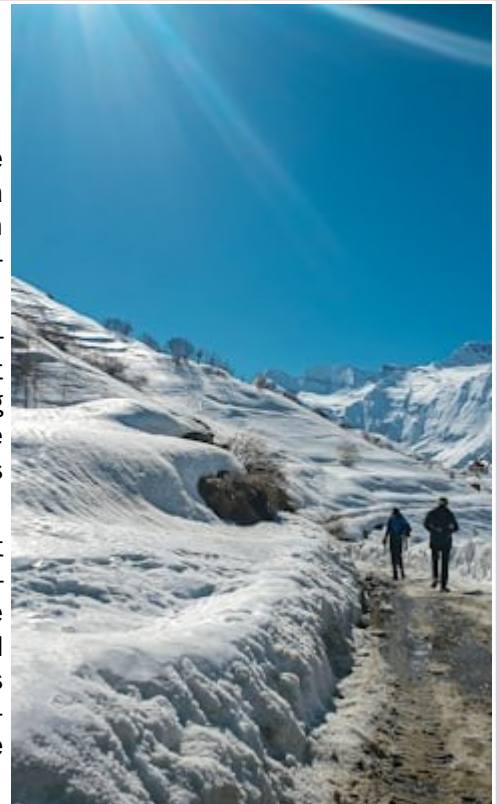
March 22, 2025

When we look at Scripture, we see it is often in the midst of everyday life that one encounters God—on a trek up a mountain, pulling water from a well, on a boat waiting for fish to bite, on the road to Emmaus. Our own faith stories are full of “aha moments” that occur amidst the ordinary routines of life.

We often expect to experience God in life’s big memorable events—a graduation, wedding, anniversary, the birth of a baby, a milestone birthday. But most of our lives are filled with ordinary moments and routines: drinking morning coffee, reading a book, having lunch with a friend, washing the dishes, exercising at the Y, volunteering at church or in the community. It is there in the ordinary that we meet God. It’s just a matter of “seeing” . . .

In this year’s WELCA retreat, “Meeting God in the Ordinary,” we will look at our lives—the commonplace, the joyful, the heartbreaking events—and discover the presence of God, hidden in plain sight. The retreat will take place on Saturday, March 22nd. It begins with coffee and fellowship at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The cost is \$20. We welcome back Rev. Kris Peterson as our retreat leader. Call or email Sonya Sowards in the church office to register (office@stjohnphoenixville.org or (610) 933-3947 ext. 2). If you have any questions, please contact Linda Landis.

Please bring an ordinary object from a time when you experienced the presence of God—photograph, cell phone, hymnal, recipe, a letter/card, mug, a souvenir from a special place, a flower, a gift from a friend, an heirloom, etc.



Women of the ELCA February 25th @ 10:30 a.m.

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, February 25th at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Russ will be presenting an interesting program: “Uncovering the Book of Revelation.” We will also finalize retreat plans and tie up any loose ends. Mark your calendars for this meeting as well as our retreat on March 22nd, and meetings on March 25th and April 22nd.

Thanks to everyone who welcomed folks from the Senior Center’s “Candlelight House Tour” to St. John’s. During the tour about 50 visitors came through the doors, viewed the peaceful candlelit sanctuary, listened to festive holiday music, purchased items from the Angel Tree and received invitations to worship with us on Christmas Eve. It was outreach to the greater Phoenixville community at its best.

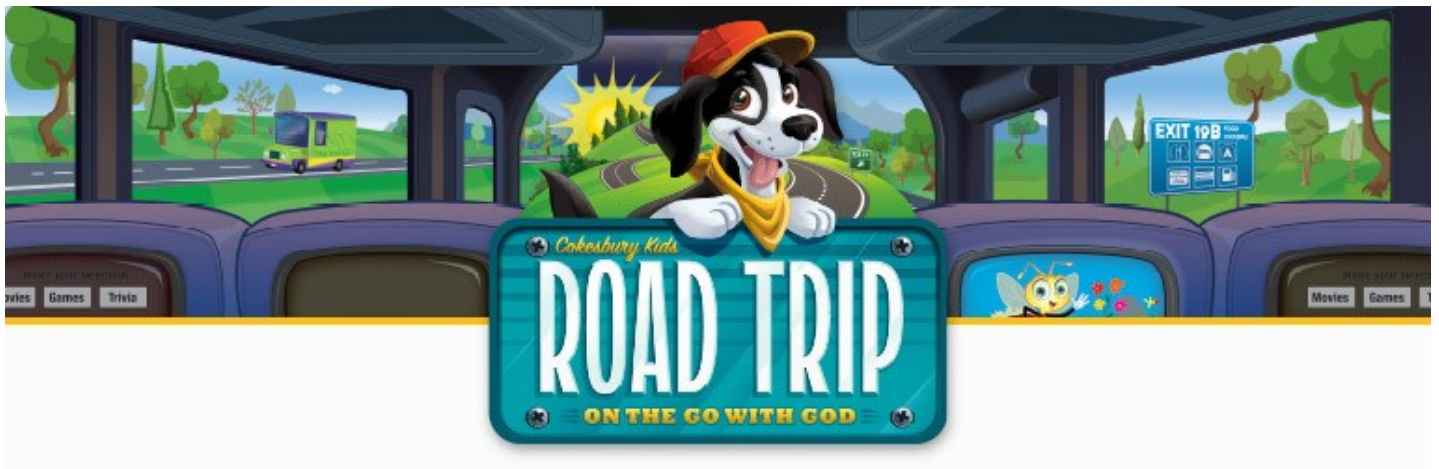
Tom Snyder

Thank you to those who helped “Hang the Greens” on December 22nd and helped Un-Decorate on January 5th. About 30 people helped in December and 20 in January. Many tasks were completed smoothly and quickly, and everyone’s help is much appreciated!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner & Games March 4th, 5-7:30 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee will be resurrecting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Games this year! The dinner will feature pancakes (including gluten-free pancakes), breakfast meats, eggs, fruit and other goodies. Pancake games for the kids will also be featured. Proceeds from this year's dinner will go toward expenses for the Appalachian Service Project trip. Please RSVP to Sonya at office@stjohnphoenixville.org or (610) 933.3947, ext. 2, indicating the number of adults and children attending. We are asking for a free will donation, with a recommendation of \$7 per person, or \$25 for a family of four or more.



Vacation Bible School

June 16th-20th

Planning your child(ren)'s summer activities? Don't forget to include Vacation Bible School! You can register now by clicking here. Registration closes on **June 2nd**. Registration sign-up: <https://forms.gle/1RCfbkiwyCfXsWqB6>

We are currently looking for adult and teenage group guides, station leaders and other volunteers. VBS is a huge undertaking, and we could use all the help we can get! For every gift in the Kingdom of God, there is a way to serve with VBS. Please click here to sign up! Volunteer sign-up: <https://forms.gle/98VuTVyYLNk5UYHD9>



BEAR CREEK CAMP

relationship with God, nature and community. Thank you once again for your support this year.

Sincerely,

Collin Grooms

Bear Creek Camp Executive Director

Dear Friends of Bear Creek Camp:

Our 50th anniversary year was an opportunity to truly reflect on the impact and meaning of being an intentional community together as the BCC family. You are an important part of an entire network of supporters who ensured the sustainability of our shared ministry through your gifts this year. Only together can we continue to invite all people to explore, celebrate, and grow in

Registration for this summer at Bear Creek is open!
Go to bearcreekcamp.org to sign up.

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2024**

Attendees:							
Kyle Oszeyczik	P	Mitch Reading	P	Dale Herbranson	P	Stephen Drewes	P
Kelly Gallagher	P	Janet Gerner	P	Sue Starling	P		
Aimee Hillegas	P	Kate Hicks	P	Jeanne Schanzenbach	P	Mike Kahl	P
Guests:							
Sonya Sowards	P	Tom Snyder	P				

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Aimee. Dale led with an opening devotion.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dale, second by Kelly to accept the minutes; motion passed.

Staff Reports

Motion by Sue, second by Stephen to accept Staff reports; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee report from 12/03/24.

Motion by Mitch to approve the Finance report; Kyle seconded; motion carried.

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Electronics Committee from 11/17/24 – accepted as written.
- Faith Formation from 12/02/24 – accepted as written.
- Property Committee from 12/02/24 - accepted as written.
- Worship and Music Committee from 12/03/24 – accepted as written.
 - Pulpit exchange has three interested pastors. More to come.
- Social Ministry Committee – from 12/04/24 – accepted as written.
- Fellowship Committee – did not meet.
- Columbarium Committee – did not meet.
- Executive Committee – did not meet.
- Stewardship Committee – from 11/18/24 accepted as written.
- Welcome Team Committee from 11/12/24 accepted as written.
- Green Team from 11/18/24 accepted as written.

Motion by Dale, Second by Jeanne to accept committee reports; motion carried.

Old Business

- Lock-Up signup
- Muhlenberg Parish – nothing to report. Next meeting is 12/11 here at St. John's.
- Vacant Council seat(s) – Marc Staudenmaier volunteered to join Council; John Dorward agreed to a nomination. Two other nominees are still needed. Mike made a motion that we extend an offer to Marc to fill Elisa's spot, beginning with the January Council meeting. He could then still fulfill two additional full terms subsequently. Mitch seconded the motion; motion carried. Aimee will contact Marc.
- Finance Fund Task Force – first meeting on 12/16.
- Audit Task Force – We do have the process document; Heather Yonosh has agreed to serve; two other individuals are needed. Will follow up in January meeting.

New Business

- Approval of job description for Director of CYFM position – the Hiring Team submitted a motion to Council that the revised position description for the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries be approved as written (with a minor correction). Motion carried.
- 2025 Budget – overall budget process was discussed; draft budget was reviewed and discussed. Final budget review will be completed in January.

Stephen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21; Janet seconded; motion carried.

Next regular meeting is January 13th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Starling

Church Council Secretary

February 2025 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Anna Schaible's birthday Ellie Schaible's birthday Hannah Kramer's birthday Kimberly Breidenbach's birthday Mary Scavello's birthday	27 Gary Campbell's birthday William Stotler's birthday	28 Lily Stewart's birthday	29	30 Charles Soult's birthday Cindy Gadzicki's birthday	31 Stephanie Riley's birthday	1 Evan DesMarais's birthday Madison Muller's birthday
2 Chris Thompson's birthday Lhotse Durlinger's birthday Martene Holter's birthday	3 David Wilkinson's birthday	4	5 Derek Carr's birthday	6 David Reading's birthday Martin Emery's birthday	7	8
9 Erin McKenna's birthday Jason O'Neill's birthday	10 David Horvath's birthday Joel Zimmermann's birthday Kevin Beck's birthday Norah DiGioia's birthday	11 Beverly Rote's birthday Bill Schoellkopf's birthday Jacob and Page Durlinger's anniversary Kim Birdsell's birthday Mark Wilkinson's birthday	12 Cole Church's birthday Mae Cratty's birthday	13	14 Benton Drewes's birthday Gary Barker's birthday Marlene Seyler's birthday	15 Kate Warren's birthday Rachel Kelly's birthday
16	17	18 Alexander Seidel's birthday	19 Aimee Hillegas's birthday Laura Staudenmaier's birthday Miles Church's birthday Sally Tomasco's birthday	20 Alicia Dewey's birthday	21 Chris Boyle's birthday John Dorward's birthday	22 Bill Wimble's birthday Cathy Kahl's birthday Shaun and Maura Lockett's anniversary
23 Addison Kunsch's birthday Carmen Murphy's birthday	24 Robin Emery's birthday	25 Chuck and Carol Cully's anniversary David Lacy's birthday	26 Lily Lane-Aharonian's birthday Scott Deichmann's birthday	27 Tyler Thompson's birthday	28 Carsen G. Veneziani's birthday Jocelyn Mowrer's birthday Sophia I. Veneziani's birthday	1 Andrea Hart's birthday Jimmy Moreland's birthday Karen Carr's birthday Sam and Beth Fryer's anniversary

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26 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion 2pm PCO Rehearsal 3pm Girl Scouts 4pm Girl Scouts 40441 and 4041	27 10:30am Covered Bridge Garden Club 11am Alanon Family Group 6pm Cadette Troop #42024 7pm Finance Committee	28 10am Mom's Mingle 10:30am WELCA 7pm Fellowship Committee	29 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	30 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal	31	1 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
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9 9am Faith Formation 9:45am Fellowship Time 10:15am Holy Communion 2pm PCO Rehearsal 2:30pm Girl Scouts 40441 and 4041 3pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Youth Group/Confirmation	10 10am MAEVE Moms Mingle 10:15am Staff 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Church Council	11 6:30pm Parent Grief Support Group 6:30pm Welcoming Team	12 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	13 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal	14	15 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
16 9am Faith Formation 9:45am Fellowship Time with Bishop 10:15am Holy Communion 4pm Thomas Keesecker, piano concert	17 11am Alanon Family Group 5pm Stewardship Committee 6pm Cadette Troop #42024 7pm Green Team 7pm Stephen Ministry	18 Circle deadline	19 6pm Girl Scouts #473 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	20 6pm Brownie Troop #4094 6pm Girl Scouts #4432 6:30pm Kiwanis 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal 8:15pm Naranon Support	21 St. Peter's lunch	22 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
23 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion, followed by Annual Meeting 2pm National Charity League 2pm PCO Rehearsal 3pm Girl Scouts	24 10:30am Covered Bridge Garden Club 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Finance Committee	25 10am Mom's Mingle 10:30am WELCA 7pm Fellowship Committee	26 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	27 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal	28	1 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous

People of God Involved in God's Work

February Worship Staff

Acolyte

- 2 Leah Kramer, Grace Supplee & TBD
9 TBD
16 Madelyn Hicks
23 Peyton DeWolf

Altar Guild

- 2 Janet Ertell & Nancy Cressman
9 Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
16 Andrea Hart & Jean Herbranson
23 Betty Hans & Jean Herbranson

Assisting Minister

- 2 Ron Stevens
9 Bill Starling
16 Deb Ahola
23 Walt Deichmann

Bread Baker

- 2 Kate Hicks

Communion Assistant/Lector

- 2 Nancy Cressman
9 Mitch Reading
16 Mimi Woods
23 Lynn Titus

Counters

- 2 Jeff & Jeanne Schanzenbach; Donna Anderson
9 Heather Yonosh; Jack & Janet Ertell
16 Mary Heiser; Mike & Cathy Kahl
23 Stephen & Jen Drewes

Evening Light Assistant

- 1 Sandy Momyer
8 Rich Latella
15 Shirley Platzer
22 Rich Latella

Fellowship Time

- 9 Worship & Music Committee

Lock-Up

- 2 Kyle Oszeyczik
9 Mitch Reading
16 Kate Hicks
23 Dale Herbranson

Stream Team

- 2 Aimee Hillegas & Dale Herbranson
9 Josh Romano & Paul Miller
16 Dale Herbranson & Paul Miller
23 Aimee Hillegas & Paul Miller

Ushers

- 2 Cathy Garrett & Dick Kunsch
9 Sue Starling & Donna Anderson
16 Diane & Katelyn Blattner
23 Don Titus & Nancy Cressman

Faith Formation for Adults in February

Sunday morning classes aren't just for children! There are currently four adult classes that meet from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. every Sunday. **Bible Study**, led by Linda Landis, meets in the Fireside Room and will learn about the "Bent Woman: We've Got God's Attention" and "Woman with the Issue of Blood." **Faith Life** gathers in Meeting Room 1 (to the left of the Kley Hall stage) and discusses current events in relation to faith, led by Jack Ertell. **Happy Hour**, a group of parents who support each other while their children are in Sunday school, meets in the Eisenhower Room and is coordinated by Mitch Reading. **Sunday Morning Book Club** meets in the Pastor's office and will be discussing "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett and "The Winter Rose" by Jennifer Donnelly.

Why does the robin's
Breast be red
Long ago when Christ
Was born a little
Brown bird sang
Lullabies when
Christ hung upon
A cross a little
Brown bird sang to
Comfort Him a drop
Of Christ's life
Touched his breast
That all shall know
A small brown bird
Sang to comfort Him

Margaret Walker

Listen hear the children cry
In love we were born that man might
Know God's love freely given that
Man everlasting love should know
Love dwells not in stone but
In the heart of man who was made
In God's image as it is written
The God of love dwelleth with man
Rejoice therefore our God of
Love loveth all both great
And small alleluias rise to
Our God of love

Margaret Walker

Guidelines for Submission of Articles for St. John's Communications

Submissions to the Parish Administrator for insertion in St. John's communications may include worship, faith formation, social justice, music and community events, and any items directly related to St. John's mission of "Living, growing & sharing in God's love through Jesus Christ." Submissions received by Monday at 11:00 a.m. will be included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Later submissions will appear in the following week's bulletin. All submissions are also included in all other applicable forms of communication (email, social media, website, slides, etc.) as soon as possible after receipt.

Submissions for *The Circle* newsletter are due on the 18th of every month (except July). Submissions received after this deadline may appear in other applicable St. John's communications and in the following month's newsletter.

When submitting articles, please include complete information such as date, time, location, and how to sign up for events (including links and QR codes to forms). Images are welcome but should be photos taken around St. John's or posters created by the submitter—not stock images or any images downloaded from the Internet which St. John's is not licensed to use.

If you have any questions about St. John's communications, please contact our administrator, Sonya Sowards, at office@stjohnphoenixville.org or (610) 933-3947 ext. 2.

Kid-Friendly Worship Resources

We have children's worship bags available to use during services.

We also have children's bulletins/activity sheets available on the "triangle table."

The nursery is open on Sunday mornings during church for children who may need a break/extra care/etc.


Please ask an usher for help finding these resources! We welcome and celebrate all the ways children participate in our community.

Communion Records and Prayer Requests

RECORD OF COMMUNION AND/OR PRAYER REQUEST

We took communion (date & time):
 8P
 10:15a
 9:00a (summer)
 other date & time _____

I'm a visitor



Name(s): _____ Env. # _____

New or change in contact info? If so, print corrected information below:

Prayer request(s): _____

Please place this card in the offering plate or hand it in on the triangle kiosk in the narthex (lobby) when you leave. THANKS!

Our constitution defines members eligible to vote at regular meetings of the church as those who "shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record" in the calendar year. Your contribution is recorded when it includes your name and/or envelope number. To ensure that your communion is recorded, please fill out the "Record of Communion and/or Prayer Request" card at least once a year. Communion cards can be found in the pew racks at the end of each pew. The card may also be used for prayer requests, address changes, questions, or comments. If you are worshipping exclusively from home, please contact Sonya Sowards with prayer requests and worship dates.

Donating Stock to St. John's

One of the many ways to financially support St. John's is through the donation of stock. Donating appreciated stock will benefit the church and provide a potential tax benefit to the donor. For stock that has been held for more than a year and has appreciated in value, one can take a charitable deduction based on the stock's fair market value on the day of donation. Additionally, making such a donation will avoid capital gains taxes on the increased value of the stock. If interested in donating stock to St. John's, contact our Church Treasurer, Shirley Platzer, at (484) 938-7763.

Summary Financial Report as of December 31, 2024

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 27,995	\$ 83,384	\$ 335,934	\$ 382,183
Other Income	3,791	3,951	45,500	41,908
	\$ 31,786	\$ 87,335	\$ 381,434	\$ 424,091
Expenses	\$ 39,745	\$ 49,024	\$ 476,940	\$ 457,624
Income (Deficit)	\$ (7,959)	\$ 38,311	\$ (95,506)	\$ (33,533)

Two-Liter Soda Containers Needed

Please save straight-sided two-liter soda bottles and place in the marked box in the glass entryway. Altar Guild will cut them to size and add tape to cover the cut edge so they can be used as take-home containers for altar flowers. Thank you!

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Worship Schedule

Saturdays

5 p.m. Evening Light with Holy Communion

Sundays

10:15 a.m. Holy Communion

(fall, winter and spring)

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

(Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day)

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