



**NOV. /DEC.
2025**

NEWSLETTER

**Join us for
Worship
each Sunday:**

**Traditional
Worship**
9:00 a.m.

**Contemporary
Worship**
10:45 a.m.



1100 N. Main St., Celina, OH 45822

419-586-2332

E-Mail: office@purpledoorchurch.org

Be a part of our Sunday worship services!
VOLUNTEERS are needed to serve as:

- Readers
- Welcome Team member (serve coffee & treats!)
- Ushers/Greeters
- Communion assistants
- Altar Guild member
- Share special music

Please contact the church office for more details or place a note on the attendance card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate or you may drop a note in the blue drop off box by the office.



The 2025 Altar Flower sign-up calendar is available on the bulletin board outside of the office and there are still open dates for November & December. The 2026 sign-up Calendar will be available soon. When you provide flowers for the altar, not only do you get to remember a special event or person, the flowers are then given to members of the church who are shut-ins or now live in nursing homes to brighten up their day.

Stay informed about happenings at St. John:

- † Our website: www.purpledoorchurch.org
- † On Facebook: www.facebook.com/purpledoorchurch
- † Download our app: *St John Lutheran Celina*
Click "Announcements" on our App.
Those announcements will always be up-to-date.
- † Sign up to receive "Looking Out My Window" via email each week.

C.A.L.L. MINISTRIES

St. John is a generous contributor to the C.A.L.L. Food Pantry, which offers much needed support to those who need a hand up.

- Requests for Nov.: Socks, Gloves, Hats, etc. for cold weather.
- Requests for Dec.: Towels, Wash Clothes, New Blankets
- Monetary donations are also welcome. **Please no clothing.**

If you have any questions, contact the church office.

Donations can be placed in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

**November
Delivery**
Tim &
Diane
Menchhofer



**December
Delivery**

Danielle
Caylor

***James 5:16**, says, "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*

If you or a loved one needs healing prayers, contact Barb Hare at: (419) 586-8834, or email her at: bjhare@hotmail.com to be added to the prayer chain.



The freezers are looking a little bare.

Calling all Bakers!!!!!!

It's that time of year when the bakers are busy baking. So, when you are pulling out those yummy cookie recipes, think about getting together enough ingredients to make an extra dozen or more treats for the church's freezers. There is nothing like having a scrumptious homemade bake good along with a cup of hot coffee this time of year to add to one's fellowship before or after worship service!

The church is open Mon. thru Thursday 8am to 3pm and Fri mornings 8am to noon or place them in a freezer Sunday before worship. **A HUGE thank you** to all those who have baked cookies in the past! You are awesome! Keep up the good work and **keep baking**.



The Sewing Group gathered with Pat Meikle (standing, fourth from the left), who has lovingly sewn 900 tops for our quilts. What a gift of time, talent, and heart! Thank you Pat.



Saturday, December 6th, 2025 | 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Ways to Join the Fun:

- Decorate a table and attend
- Buy tickets (\$20 per person) as a hostess, invite guests, and attend
- Buy a ticket for yourself (and friends) and attend

Table Decorating Info:

- Plan a table for 8-10 with a holiday theme
- Set up: Friday, December 5th, 9 AM – 7 PM
- Have fun with a beautifully decorated table, string orchestra, and brunch by Romer's

Table Judging Categories:

- Most Elegant - Best Christmas - Best Religious - Historical/Vintage - Best Movie/Book/Song/TV - Best Winter/Nature - Most Playful/Unique

To Decorate:

Contact Beth Heiby (419-733-7964), Kim Gardner (419-733-7639), or Mary Meyer (419-733-0195) along with your category, by the end of October. Decorators get first seating for their table!

For Tickets:

Cost is \$20 per person. Contact the office anytime or available after Sunday services on Nov 2, Nov 9 & Nov 16, or call/text Beth Heiby.

For ALL the details, visit: linkly.link/2ExvA

Thank you so much for your interest in this event!

Beth Heiby - Kim Gardner - Ellen Staehler - Mary Meyer - Sandy Kennedy - Susie Nelson

Pictures from the 2025 Camp-out Worship Service at Ft. Loramie, OH



**Mary Miller S.A.M.
leading Worship Service**



**Campers enjoying the Worship Service &
beautiful day**



**Game of Hokey Pokey during the
Children's Moment**



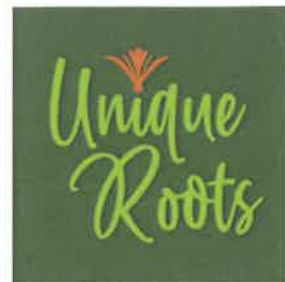
**Kim Trisel, Kent Miller, David Barrett &
Ian Trisel providing music for the service**

2025 Poinsettia Order Form

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Red	
Pink	



All poinsettias are in a 6.5" pots and come with a gold foil sleeve

Total poinsettias _____ X \$12 = _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Please make checks out to St. John Lutheran Church
and give your order to the office or put in the offering plate

Please drop off the order form to the church office. The DEADLINE is NOVEMBER 4, 2025

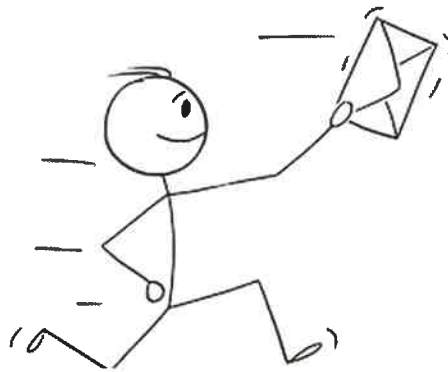


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GRAND LAKE SYMPHONY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**DECEMBER 14TH AT 3:00 PM
AT ST. JOHN IN THE
SANCTUARY**



We have hung a blue drop-off box on the wall by the office. It is there for your convenience and security. If it is outside of normal operating office hours, please put any correspondence or check into the blue box and it will be given to the appropriate parties when the office reopens. Thank you!



As the **call committee works to find prospective pastors**, we are wanting to reach out to the local people who trained and moved away. Not only to find out if any would **like** to look at the job opportunity at St. John, but also to find out if they possibly know of anyone in their circle of contacts that might be interested.

If you have any contact information of anyone who lived/worshiped here, trained to be a pastor, and moved away would you mind passing that information onto Angie McLaughlin at 423-619-4116 or Angieb3759@gmail.com

Serving in Worship – Nov. & Dec.

9:00 a.m. / November 2025

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kids' Praise
Nov. 2	Kent Miller	Ginny Wade	Lee & Judy Fennig, Beth Heiby, Tim-Menchhofer	Ginny Wade, Lorna Saddler	Jen Roidt	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Nov. 9	Carrie Cubberley	Cathy Weis	Ed & Kirsten Fuelling, Dan & Cheryl Heindel	Mike & Diana Spicer	Lorna Saddler	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Nov. 16 10:30	David Barrett	Sue Buxton	Mike & Lu Grunden, Tim & Yolanda Hone	Myron & Sue Buxton	Diana Spicer	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Nov. 23	Cindy Wendel	Jim Fennig	Kevin & Mary Meyer, Dan Snider, Dan Bird	Becky Davis, Don Green	Margie Fennig	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Nov. 30	Kent Miller	Ed Fuelling	Mike & Diana Spicer, Jerry & Vicki Weisman	Jim & Margie Fennig	Lynne Fuelling	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

9:00 a.m. / December 2025

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kids' Praise
Dec. 7	Carrie Cubberley	Diane Menchhofer	John Dieringer, Ron Heindel, Todd Hone, Dave McMurray	Lee & Judy Fennig	Don Green	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 14	David Barrett	Lauren Fuelling	Mike Overman, Steve Siebert, Sam Schmitz, Shane Stachler	Ed & Lauren Fuelling	Yolanda Hone	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 21	Cindy Wendel	Kris Heiby	Jim & Margie Fennig, Beth Heiby, Tim Menchhofer	Beth Heiby, Todd Hone	Trisha McMurray	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 24 9:00 pm	Kent Miller	Todd Hone	Lee & Judy Fennig, Terry & Linda Fisher	Tim & Yolanda Hone	Jen Roidt	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 28 10:30	Carrie Cubberley	Mike Overman	Trey Stover & family	Jen Roidy, Tim Menchhofer	Lorna Saddler	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

Flower Delivery Schedule

Nov. 2	Yolanda Hone
Nov. 9	Angela & Greg White
Nov. 16	Brenda Vantilburg
Nov. 23	Judy Menchhofer
Nov. 30	Linda Long

Dec. 7	Diana Spicer
Dec. 14	Angela & Greg White
Dec. 21	Judy Menchhofer
Dec. 24	
Dec. 28	Yolanda Hone

10:45 a.m. / November 2025

Date	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kids' Praise
Nov. 2		Brian & Michelle Miller, Pam Rasawehr	John Maury, Emilie Buening	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Nov. 9	Gabe Ventura	Trey Stover & family	Michelle Miller, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Nov. 16	Combined	Combined	Combined	Combined	Combined
Nov. 23	David Barrett	The Buening Family	Michelle Miller, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Nov. 30	Michelle Behm	Brian & Michelle Miller, Pam Rasawehr	John Maury, Emilie Buening	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

10:45 a.m. / December 2025

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Dec. 7	Karen Leugers	Trey Stover & family	Michelle Miller, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 14	Gabe Ventura	Tena Potts, Dennis Dagley, Greg & Angela White	John Maury, Emilie Buening	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 21	Kent Miller	The Buening Family	Michelle Miller, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 24 4:00 pm	David Barrett	Brian & Michelle Miller, Pam Rasawehr	John Maury, Emilie Buening	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Dec. 28	Combined	Combined	Combined	Combined	Combined



**Nov. 16th and Dec. 28th
are
Combined services
Starting at 10:30 am**

Dates	Altar Guild		Altar Flowers
	9:00 am	10:45 am	
Nov. 2	Rhonda Overman	Emilie Buening	Kris Heiby
Nov. 9	Rhonda Overman	Emilie Buening	Barb Dance
Nov. 16	Rhonda Overman	Emilie Buening	
Nov. 23	Mary Meyer	Karen Leugers	
Nov. 30	Mary Meyer	Karen Leugers	
Dec. 7	Judy Menchhofer	Pam Rasawehr	
Dec. 14	Judy Menchhofer	Pam Rasawehr	
Dec. 21	Edgar Fuelling	Mary Miller	
Dec. 24	Joann Plattner	Joann Plattner	
Dec. 28	Edgar Fuelling	Mary Miller	Mike & Rhonda Overman

CHURCH CALENDAR

November

1 – SATURDAY

2 – SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

3:30 pm Book Club (parlor)

3– MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

4– TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

10:00 am Library Meeting (library)

5– WEDNESDAY

9:00 am St. John Builders (parlor)

5:30 pm WOW Free Will Donation Supper

6:30 pm WOW Program (Packing Party)

6:30 pm Adult Study Group (parlor)

6 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

1:00 pm Shalom Bible Study (parlor)

9– SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship



10 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

11 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

12 – WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm WOW Free Will Donation Supper

6:30 pm WOW Program

6:30 pm Adult Study Group (parlor)

13 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

16 – SUNDAY

10:30 am Combined Service

Congregational Meeting

17 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

18 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

19 – WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm WOW Free Will Donation Supper

6:30 pm WOW Program

6:30 Adult Study Group (parlor)

20 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

23 – SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

24 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

25 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (106-D)

26 – WEDNESDAY

NO W.O.W

27 – THURSDAY

Happy Thanksgiving

30 – SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship



CHURCH CALENDAR

December

1 – MONDAY

- 10:00 am Purple Pacers
- 7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

2 – TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)
- 10:00 am Library Meeting (library)

3 – WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 am St. John Builders (parlor)
- 5:30 pm WOW Free Will Donation Supper
- 6:30 pm WOW Program
- 6:30 Adult Study Group (parlor)

4 – THURSDAY

- 10:00 am Purple Pacers

7 – SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship

8 – MONDAY

- 10:00 am Purple Pacers
- 7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

9 – TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)
- 9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)
- 7:00 pm Night of Promise

10 – WEDNESDAY

NO W.O.W

11 – THURSDAY

- 10:00 am Purple Pacers
- 1:00 pm Shalom Bible Study (parlor)

14 – SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Children's Christmas Program
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 3:00 pm Grand Lake Symphony Concert

15 – MONDAY

- 10:00 am Purple Pacers
- 7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

16 – TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)



17–WEDNESDAY

NO W.O.W

18 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

21– SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

22 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

23 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry (106-D)

24–WEDNESDAY CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm Contemporary Worship

9:00 pm Traditional Worship

NO W.O.W

25 –THURSDAY CHRISTMAS DAY

28 – SUNDAY

10:30 am Combined Worship Service

29– MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

30 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

31 – WEDNESDAY NEW YEARS EVE

CLOSED

NO W.O.W



THESE DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOLIDAYS. PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE WITH CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE, OUR APP, OR FACEBOOK



**Thank you to all who continue
supporting the Card Ministry.
Your donations of stamps and
cards are greatly
appreciated!**

*(Currently the ministry is in need of "Get Well"
cards)*

NIGHT OF PROMISE
A SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING



DECEMBER 9, 2025
7:00 PM



We will be collecting items
for the baby shower for
Jesus starting
December 28, 2025 until
January 6, 2026.
We will give the baby
supplies to CALL,
OUR HOME,
and

Choosing Life Pregnancy Center.



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Christ Caring for People through People.

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And amid this confidential, one-to-one caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through. If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small--and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, please call Mike Overman (419) 953-7370. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to help.



The Family of Judy Bowers would like to thank everyone for your prayers and condolences. They would also like to thank the Meal Team, Dayle Ross, Carl Stuck, Ashley Wagnild and Mary Miller for their kindness and helpfulness during a difficult time.

Thank you, Mike Siebert and Robin Smith, for the donation of the Wick Pies for the freezer. They were a huge success, and we hope to get more from anyone who would like to pick some up if they get near the Wick outlet.



A Beautiful Day for a Purple Pacers 5K Walk



A Prayer Before the Start



Get, Ready, Set, Go





WALKING SCHEDULE

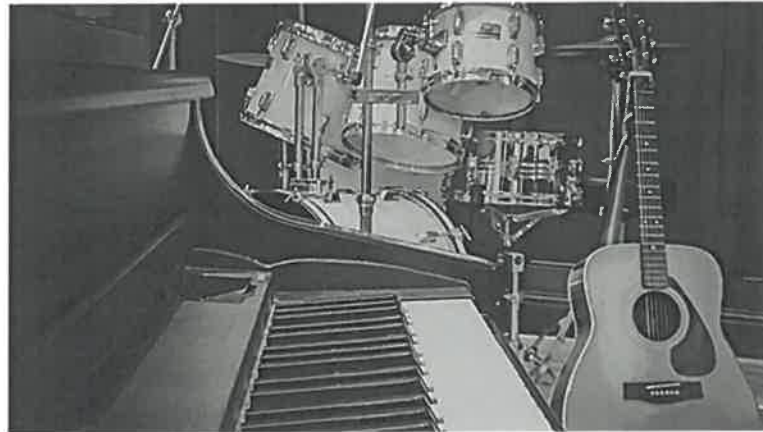
Nov. 3 rd	Walking at church
Nov. 6 th	Huffy Pond (meet at the backside of Eastview Park)
Nov. 10 th	Walking at church
Nov. 13 th	Walking at church
Nov. 17 th	Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum
Nov. 20 th	Walking at church
Nov. 24 th	Walking at church
Nov. 27 th	No walking <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>



Dec. 1 st	Walking at church
Dec. 4 th	Walking at church
Dec. 8 th	Christmas Party
Dec. 11 th	Walking at church
Dec. 15 th	Walking at church
Dec. 18 th	Walking at church
Dec. 22 nd	Walking at church
Dec. 25 th	No walking <i>Merry Christmas</i>
Dec. 29 th	No walking <i>Happy New Year's Eve</i>



Join the Contemporary Praise Band



**Singers and musicians are needed for our
10:45 Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday mornings.
(The Praise Band is also looking for a leader.)**

**Contact the office if you would like to be a part of this inspirational group
of musicians at (419) 586-2332 or office@purpledoorchurch.org**

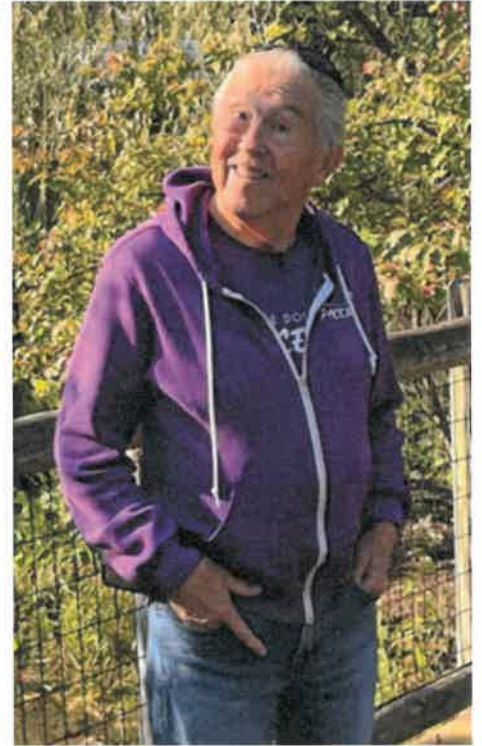
MealNet

**This mission is designed to help anyone who is sick, have been hospitalized, had a new baby etc. Those on the team will be contacted by text message about the need for food and team members choose a day they are able to provide a meal. (The meals can be as simple as store bought pizza, KFC, something from a restaurant or especially home cooked.)
We are welcoming additional volunteers who would like to join this team. If you have questions,
call or text Lorna Saddler at: 419-790-5584.**





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A Little Monkeying Around with the Purple Pacers



at the Ft. Wayne Zoo



Dear Parents,

Can you believe that the countdown to Christmas has started? Decorations are coming out, and we are all getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As part of the celebration at St. John, our W.O.W children (both preschool thru 6th grade) will be participating in our Children's Christmas Worship Service, which is being held on Sunday, December 7th at the 10:45 worship service in the Sanctuary.

This year's musical is Why the Chimes Rang. "Why the Chimes Rang" is a classic Christmas story of two brothers who travel to the city to witness the Christmas Eve service, only to find the famous church chimes silent. The story highlights that the meaningful gifts are not material ones, but rather those of charity and a loving heart. The children will practice during W.O.W each Wednesday, starting November 12th. There are no extra practices to attend since this will all be done during our Wednesday night programming.

If your child has not been attending W.O.W Wednesdays, it's not too late to join in on the fun. W.O.W is from 6:30pm-7:30pm on Wednesdays and has a free-will donation meal starting at 5:30pm. We'd love to have you join us!

Please mark your calendars so that you will be able to attend this. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 419-586-2332 or j.gross@purpledoorchurch.org.

Please take a few minutes to let us know if your child will be able to attend the Christmas Program on December 7th by returning the form below to the church office, calling me at 419-586-2332 ext. 1004, or emailing me at j.gross@purpledoorchurch.org by November 12th.

Thank you for helping us to make the Christmas Program a success!

Jenelle Gross Director of Children's Ministry

CHILD'S NAME _____

GRADE _____ AGE _____

_____ My child WILL participate in telling the Christmas Program on Dec. 7th at the 10:45 Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

_____ My child will NOT be able to participate in the Christmas Program this year.

*Those we love remain with us
for love itself lives on,
and cherished memories never fade
because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never
be more than a thought apart,
for as long as there is memory,
they'll live on in the heart.*

In Loving Memory of:

Ralph Beckstedt
Paul Stein
Sue Meier
Craig Klopfleisch
Joyce Trafzer
Nancy Bredemeier
Jay Zizelman
Ginny Brewer
Judy Bowers





Congratulations to Celina Cross Country senior Colin Buening, the son of Jeff & Emilie Buening on his recent achievement of becoming the Overall WBL Champion.

Colin also broke the SCHOOL RECORD previously held by Andrew Goodwin in 2009. Colin ran a 15:48.2 beating Goodwin's record of 15:49. Great job Colin!

Indoor



2026 SEASON DATES

9:30 – 11:00 AM

Jan. 15th & 29th | Feb. 12th & 26th | Mar. 12th & 26th

ALL ARE WELCOME

Brief Financial Report

	September	YTD - 2025
Income	\$56,761	\$436,222
Expenses	\$41,942	\$371,310
Net	\$14,819	\$64,912

Giving was 17.4% more than budgeted for the month.

Expenses were 8.44% less than budgeted for the month.

Thank you for your continuous, generous support of the missions at St. John Lutheran Church. Our finances continue to be strong. Giving is currently 0.30% more than budgeted for year-to-date while expenses are 15.44 less than budgeted for YTD.

In September, we spent approximately \$32,000 from our Capital Improvement dedicated account for the parking lot resealing, a new air conditioner & furnace for the sanctuary, paint for the octagon, and a water main repair in the yard. These were our first expenditures of 2025 from this account. As of 9/30/25, the official remaining balance in the Capital Improvement account was \$57,121.

Please consider making additional gifts to the Capital Improvement account as Council considers making improvements to a few spaces around the church, including the Lobby, the Octagon and/or making ADA improvements to some bathrooms.

Church Council

September 30, 2025

Present: Diane Menchhofer, Matt Gilmore, Chad Sapp, Pam Rasawehr, Ed Fuelling, Moriah Plattner, Lauren Fuelling, Sue Buxton, Karen Leugers, Don Trisel, Ingrid Tebbe, Mary Miller, Cheryl Heindel, Jennifer Barrett

Opening: Diane Menchhofer called the meeting to order. Matt Gilmore presented a devotional for the meeting.

Support Pastors' Report: Jennifer Barrett stated support pastors submitted their September reports.

Committee Reports: Pam Rasawehr and Moriah Plattner reported for the Worship Committee. The Worship Committee discussed preparations for All Saints Sunday, The Night of Promise (December 9th), and services on Christmas Eve. Mary Miller will be preaching all the Christmas Eve services for St. John Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran; she recommended Christmas Eve service times at 4pm and 9pm at St. John Lutheran and at 6:30pm at St. Paul Lutheran. Next Worship Committee meeting scheduled for November 17th.

Lauren Fuelling gave a brief overview of the Community Engagement Committee. She stated the campfire night with corn hole tournament was a small yet enjoyable first event for their committee. The committee is currently busy with preparations for the Seventh Day Slumber concert by the lake on October 16th. They are working to find volunteers for the concert and possibly will reach out to the congregation.

Diane Menchhofer stated that the Nominating Committee has extended nominations for all upcoming church positions except Vice President. She is encouraging the Council to give consideration for who in the congregation may be a good candidate.

Matt Gilmore stated for the Audit Committee that the auditor contacted Don Trisel about the 2024 audit. The Audit Committee, Don, and the auditor are coordinating to fill where they knew some policies are lacking and considering cleaning up some accounts.

Karen Leugers, Sue Buxton, and Lauren Fuelling reported for the Mutual Ministries Committee. They stated that reviewing job descriptions with staff are completed. They

are discussing how often to perform routine check-ins (considering quarterly or semi-annually).

Business Manager's Report: Don Trisel presented a summary of the September 2025 financial report. Don highlighted the budget is currently holding and work has begun for the 2026 church budget. Matt Gilmore motioned to accept the financial report; Chad Sapp seconded. Motion passed.

President's Report: Jennifer Barrett stated the CALL Committee reported preparing to interview a candidate and there may be a couple other potential candidates in the works.

Unfinished Business: Cheryl Heindel presented a mock-up of the conversion of the current nursery space into a new pastor's office and storage space in addition to reviewing layouts from last council meeting. Cheryl stated did not have pricing for the layouts; she will work on creating a budget for each potential project. Don Trisel advised Council that Capital Improvement Fund has seen a lot of activity this year paying for additional upkeep items like the sanctuary HVAC unit and repaving parking lots and recommends being aware of expenditures from this fund.

Chad Sapp stated meeting with Mack Electric for a bid on Octagon lighting. They discussed various lighting options for Octagon space. Chad plans to also receive a second bid on Octagon lighting to compare. Chad also met with Riesens for a sketch for the bathrooms. He will also get a second layout option from Muhlenkamps through Hunters. Sue Buxton asked if the church will need state approval to do the bathroom renovation; Chad to pursue a definite answer while gathering options.

Council discussed combined service dates for the remainder of 2025 and partially through 2026. In addition to combined services around certain holidays, Council opted to have combined services on Sundays with Congregational Meetings in order to facilitate church members being able to attend the meetings. Diane Menchhofer motioned, Pam Rasawehr seconded, and motioned passed for the following Sundays to have one worship service at 10:30AM:

- 11/16/2025 - Congregational Meeting with lunch provided to follow service
- 12/28/2025
- 2/8/2026 - Congregational Meeting with lunch provided to follow service

- 5/24/2026
- 7/5/2026
- 9/6/2026

New Business: Mary Miller advised Council that a letter to the Synod expressing St. John Lutheran's continued necessity for a SAM will need to be sent for Mary to continue supporting the church in the upcoming year. Matt Gilmore motioned for a letter to be sent stating Mary's continued need for the congregation; Ed Fuelling seconded. Motion passed.

Executive Session: Council entered into executive session for approximately 50 minutes.

After exiting the executive session, Diane Menchhofer motioned for Kim Trisel to be hired for the Contemporary Music Director position. Chad Sapp seconded. Motion passed.

Matt Gilmore motioned that a paid trial period for Mary Miller's Custodial position be offered to a nominee with pay being the same as Mary's current rate. Chad Sapp seconded. Motion passed. Ingrid Tebbe stated she will inform the nominee of Council's decision.

Adjournment and Prayer: Jennifer Barrett called the meeting to adjournment. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Moriah Plattner



W.O.W.



PAJAMA PARTY

December 3rd

Wear your PJ's and join us for a fun night at W.O.W.

Meal: 5:30 – 6:30 PM

WOW – 6:30 – 7:30

**Don't forget we are collecting PJ's for local foster kids until
December 7th. All sizes: birth to teen**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**We are collecting items for our
annual Operation Christmas Child.**

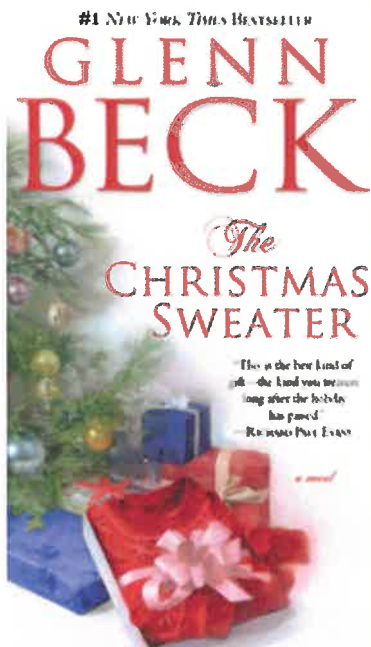
**The Packing Party this year is on
November 5, 2025 at W.O.W.**



**Each child is asked to bring one toy to pack in a
shoebox.**

Lunch at Mary Meyer's cabin, (est. 1860's)





The Book Club has chosen their next read.

They will be reading "The Christmas Sweater" by Glen Beck. It is a story about a 12year-old-boy named Eddie who is disappointed when his mother gives him a homemade sweater instead of the bicycle he had wanted for Christmas. Through a magical tour, he soon learns the real meaning of Christmas. The Book Club will begin meeting **Dec. 10th** at 1:00 pm in the library.

Please come and join us and bring a friend.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Life & Ministry of the Messiah

(Young Adult Bible Study – 20's& 30's)

We have in-person and online options!

Email: tebbe@purpledoorchurch.org

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for more information. JOIN NOW





Angel Tree

We will be participating in the Mercer County Angel Tree Program being run by Our Home Family Resource Center. We anticipate having tags on our tree in the Narthex by November 21, at the latest. Last year there were 2781 gifts given to 927 children in Mercer County. Please consider supporting the Angel Tree Program.

Garry Gray sends a big "Thank You" to all who sent cards and prayed for him. He appreciates all the ministries of our church.



Bob and Rita Meihls sent a letter thanking the church for meals, prayers, and visits.

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