

# “News from the Pews”

Dear People of God,

It is hard to believe we are already through the month of January. Although it has been a cold month, it still went rather quick. Jess and I are in the process of revamping our newsletter. When Covid and the restrictions first came about, we changed how we formatted the newsletter and started sending it out as a Word doc via email, and for those who do not have email, US mail. It has served us well and we will continue it this way with a few changes. It is our hope that we make it a bit more reader friendly. We will be adding to our monthly newsletter a few calendars. The first will be for events at or through the church and the other will be a service calendar. This way, you can print it off place it on your refrigerator and stay informed. We will continue to send out a weekly reminder. Everyone will still receive an email, but we will have printed copies at church.

Here is the second thing. When we send out the newsletter in email format, if possible, open the attachment and read/print it that way. When you open the pdf, the formatting will be much easier to read, with cleaner spacing, etc.

## **First, this!**

Words are not enough to express my gratitude for you're the amazing Christmas gift. My heart is overflowing with gratitude, and I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Much love and peace, Thank you!

## **New Council**

St. John's is blessed by so many willing to serve the church. Please welcome our 2022 council members, who were elected on Sunday, January 16th and will be installed on February 20th. Don Gritmacker, Ken Winkelman, Debbie Sorensen, Laura Leedle, Sandy Drevalas, Jim Lange, Dan Higgins and our treasurer Jan Winkelman.

*Thank you for your guidance and service!*

## **Cultivating Healthy Ministry**

February 24<sup>th</sup> ~ A1C Screening – Diabetes clinic. This will be held at St. John's from 2:30-6:15pm. **You must call 815-355-5554 to set up your appointment time.** We will have an attachment to this email on this event. Please share this with your friends/neighbors. It is free and open to all. **You do NOT have to fast.**

## **Looking for your input**

A few weeks ago, I sent out some background information on the Gospel of Luke and followed that up with information about the Gospel of John with pictures (you could see the pictures if you opened the attachment). This week I will be sending out information on “The Acts of the Apostles”. I also hope to add to the document, and future documents some pictures.

Is this helpful, informative? Should we continue with doing this on different books of the bible / history / pictures from biblical times? Let me know.

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Jan.	1/2: <i>Joann Leads</i>	1/9	1/16	1/23	1/30
Greeter	The Higgins	The Langes	The Petersons	Sharon P	Deb S
Lay Lit	Pat P	Diane B	John K	Joann L	Karen G
Reader	Gayle M	Karen G	Joann L	Pat P	Julie M
Comm.	The Gritmackers	The Winkelmans	Deb & Sharon	The Petersons	Sandy & Gayle
A/V	Caleb L	Joe H	Lily L	John K	Joe H
Usher	Don G	Don G	Don G	Don G	Don G
Altar	Pat P	Pat P	Pat P	Pat P	Pat P

Feb.	2/6	2/13	2/20	2/27
Greeter	The Winkelmans	Karen L	The Gritmackers	The Schulz
Lay Lit	Deanna V	Joann L	John K	Pat P
Reader	Jean L	Deanna V	Gayle M	Karen G
Comm.	The Higgins	The Meyers	The Strands	The Behrens
A/V	Caleb L	John K	Joe H	Lily L
Usher	Dan K	Dan K	Dan K	Dan K
Altar	Gayle M	Gayle M	Gayle M	Gayle M

March	3/2: <i>Asb Wed</i>	3/6: <i>Lent 1</i>	3/13: <i>Lent 2</i>	3/20: <i>Lent 3</i>	3/27: <i>Lent 4</i>
Greeter	The Leedles	Sandy D	The Kastnings	The Kellys	Jean L
Lay Lit	Diane B	Karen G	Deanna V	John K	Joann L
Reader	Joann L	Pat P	Julie M	Jean L	Deanna V
Comm.	The Leedles	The Langes	The Kastnings	The Gardners	The Gritmackers
A/V	<b>OPEN</b>	John K	Joe H	Caleb L	Lily L
Usher	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W
Altar	Jan W	Jan W	Jan W	Jan W	Jan W

April	4/3: <i>Lent 5</i>	4/10: <i>Palm</i>	4/14: <i>Maundy</i>	4/15: <i>Good</i>	4/17: <i>Easter</i>	4/24
Greeter	The Strands	Gerry V	Gayle M	The Langes	The Higgins	The Petersons
Lay Lit	Pat P	Diane B	Karen G	Deanna V	Joann L	John K
Reader	Gayle M	Karen G	Joann L	Pat P	Julie M	Jean L
Comm.	The Winkelmans	Deb & Sharon	The Petersons	Sandy & Gayle	The Strands	The Meyers
A/V	Will G	Will G	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	Lily L	Will G
Usher	Jim L	Jim L	Jim L	Jim L	Jim L	Jim L
Altar	Joann L	Joann L	Joann L	Joann L	Joann L	Joann L

**PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGES AND SUBSTITUTIONS HAPPEN OCCASIONALLY AND THIS SCHEDULE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THOSE CHANGES.**

## **Bible Study**

Bible study meets on Wednesday, either online via Zoom or in person at church beginning at 5:30 and ends at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

We just began a study on Jesus' parables (not too late to join us) and following that study we will either do a study on "The Most Glorious Psalms ever" or "Happiness vs. Purpose". Please feel free to join us. Come with your questions, or just come to absorb the conversations.

## **Amen Adventures (Sunday school)**

Meets on Sunday's beginning at 9 am. Join us!

## **Men's Club**

Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 6 pm at Sammy's in Walworth

Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 6 pm at Crandall's, Hebron

## **Looking Ahead**

February Youth Event is dependent on snow, and we will let everyone know our plans as soon as we know.

The Book Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month 10 am at the library.

Ash Wednesday, and ultimately Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at 7 pm.

Our Maundy Thursday service will be a community service with HUMC. More information to come, stay tuned.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Debbie

## Looking Forward...

Wed Feb 2nd	Bible Study @ 5:30pm & Mid-Week Worship @ 7:00pm
Fri Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Celebrating Seniors</u> @ 9:00am: <b>BYO Lunch</b>
Sun Feb 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SS Class @ 9am</b>
Wed Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study @ 5:30pm & Mid-Week Worship @ 7:00pm
Fri Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Celebrating Seniors</u> @ 9:00am
Sat Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	The Book Club, Hebron Library @ 10:00am
Sun Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SS Class @ 9am &amp; Youth Group: Sledding ALL Ages.</b>
Mon Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Council Meeting</u></b> @ 6:30pm
Tue Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Worship Meeting</u></b> @ 9am
Wed Feb 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study @ 5:30pm & Mid-Week Worship @ 7:00pm
Fri Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Celebrating Seniors</u> @ 9:00am: <b>Hot Lunch \$3.00</b>
Sun Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SS Class @ 9am</b>
Wed Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bible Study @ 5:30pm & Mid-Week Worship @ 7:00pm
Thurs Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>A1C Screening</u></b> at St. John's @ 2:30pm <b><u>Men's Club</u></b> at Sammy's @ 6:00pm
Fri Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Celebrating Seniors</u> @ 9:00am
Sun Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SS Class @ 9am</b>
Wed March 2nd	<b><u>NO</u></b> Bible Study @ 5:30pm & <b><u>NO</u></b> Mid-Week Worship @ 7:00pm <b><u>ASH Wednesday</u></b> @ 7:00pm
Sun March 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b> <b>Youth Group: Event</b>