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# St. John's Way, Truth and Life

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## October 2023

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Bequests, Tithes, Capital Campaign,  
and the NALC Today, Tomorrow, and  
Forever Campaign

Lois Farester was a woman with a worn-out Bible who deeply loved her God and her Church. She always lamented not being able to give more to the church. She wished she could give to St. John's Building Campaign. She included St. John's in her will, designating 15% of her estate to be a gift to St. John's. That gift amounted to \$20,816.65.

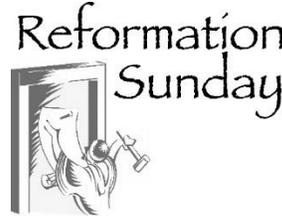
It is bequests that made possible a Lay Assistant to the Pastor (Jean Painter Goodrich Fund), full time Director of Children's and Youth Ministry (Loretta O'Donnell bequest) and the purchase of buildings (Helen Biehl bequest) that became our parking lot which started our building project. Many more bequests have furthered the work of Jesus Christ here at St. John's.

*Please consider naming St. John's in your will—it will empower the mission and ministry of Jesus!*

Council tithed the gift from Lois Farester, designating \$2,081.66 to the NALC Today, Tomorrow and Forever Campaign. The remainder, (\$18,734.99), will go to help pay down our mortgage. We still owe the Goodrich Fund \$251,000.00. This is our last loan for the new building.

It is St. John's custom to give a tithe of all bequests away as an example of our need to give. As a Christian, I need to say thank you to God for what He has first given me. I do that by giving at least a tenth of my income back to God in "thanks, praise, and celebration for what He has first given me." Congregations are no different. St. John's is also called by God to pass on a significant portion of

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On **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** following worship we will eat, drink and play games! This year it's for everyone from one to one hundred and four. Bring your appetite for Reformation (Octoberfest) food and get ready to frolic the day away. Activities for everyone will abound. **All Food and drinks provided by our Fellowship Committee.**

*Be sure to wear RED on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>!*

### October Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.



The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday morning for breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program concluding by 9:00 a.m.



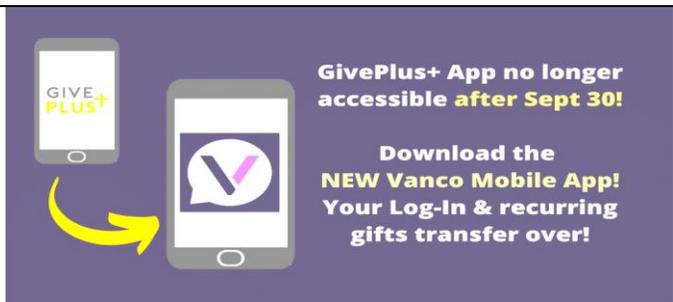
### Harvest Home Sunday is October 15<sup>th</sup>!

Donations of non-perishable food items or monetary donations are being collected through October 15<sup>th</sup> and may be placed in the chancel area of the sanctuary. Monetary donations should be marked on your offering envelopes "Katie's Cupboard". All food will be given to Katie's Cupboard. There is GREAT need in our community and this is a wonderful way to share God's love by giving to our cupboard to help our neighbors in need.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Home-canned goods cannot be distributed through the Food Bank.

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**Vanco Electronic Giving APP**

**You can make a contribution to St. John's through a mobile app!**

To get started, download "Vanco Mobile" for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "Vanco Mobile" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry and thank you for your support!

1. Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone.
2. Search for St Johns Lutheran Church.
3. Do NOT use a PERIOD after St, or comma in Johns to search.
4. Select St Johns Lutheran Church 218 North Jefferson St Kittanning, Pa.
5. Your information should be automatically transferred if you have an account with Give Plus already.
6. Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.
7. Log in or donate as a guest.
8. Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.

For those already using Give Plus, the app will no longer be available after January 2022.

<b>Mark Your Calendars</b>	
October 15	Harvest Home Sunday
October 29	Reformation Sunday
November 5	All Saints Sunday
December 3	Christmas Concert
December 17	Christmas Pageant

*Every Sunday morning  
Jesus is waiting  
to meet you in church.*



- Heard that our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our congregation is next year. Forming a committee to plan the celebration.
- Heard that the outside columbarium will be dedicated on All Saints Sunday.
- Approved allowing Elizabeth Cramer to use the Sanctuary and Gathering Space on November 18th from 9:00 am to noon (for rehearsal) and November 19th at 2:30 pm for a piano recital for her students.
- Heard that the Mission District Convocation is October 21, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bedford. We need one delegate and two visitors.
- Received thank yous from Bethesda Lutheran Services, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Lutheran World Relief, Water Missions, Lutheran World Relief, Hope Lutheran Church Smethport, Lutheran Bible Translators (for the Ethiopian Seminary), Spiritual Orphans Network (Ukraine relief) and North American Lutheran Seminary for donations.

*A complete copy of the approved minutes from each month is posted on bulletin boards in the Narthex and Education Building.*

Your Church Council members are always available for your questions and concerns:

Kyle Kirkpatrick - Vice President	724-954-7366
Dean Crooks	724-664-2015
Tammy Fleeger	724-297-5889
Wendy Hodak	724-664-4345
Gene Hughes	724-543-3011
John Swanson	724-525-1381
Brett Taylor	724-525-0850
Richard Thorell	724-349-5287
Kraig Walker	724-664-3085
Karen Waugaman	724-543-9043

Mutual Ministry Committee requests everyone fill out the survey enclosed in this newsletter (on blue paper). Every other year the congregation is asked to complete a survey evaluating Pastor Johnson, the congregation, and our life together. The first side surveys how important each form of ministry is, and the second side is an evaluation of how well each category is being done.

Please return the surveys to the office by mail or drop it in the offering plate.

*Thank you for participating in this important measure of our life together!*

# Children and Youth October 2023



Join us for Trunk or Treat  
at St. John's Kittanning,  
Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>  
4:00-5:30pm

We'll have games, activities, and  
TREATS for Kids 12 and under in our community!  
In case of bad weather,  
the event will move to our social hall.

**We will need:** Candy Donations, Folks to bring their  
cars to pass out treats, and Folks to help set up and  
clean up.

**Thank you for your support, as we reach  
out with the LIGHT of CHRIST to the  
community!**



**Faith Kids and Youth Group Visiting our Shut Ins!**  
We will meet at a local nursing home to Sing and visit and give a treat to the residents.  
Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:00pm.  
Parents, please let Julie Smith know if you are able to come. I will give you the address of the home we are going to visit.



Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
After Worship  
Super Fun Activities for all ages,  
Reformation Photo Booth  
Toss the Indulgences, Build a Mighty  
Fortress, Reformation Trivia,  
and More!

**October Dates:**  
October 4<sup>th</sup>: Singing to shut ins @4:30pm  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>: BFF Day Bring a Friend Sunday  
October 28<sup>th</sup>: Reformation Fun, after worship  
**What's Coming Up?**  
November: Kids Art Fest  
First Responder Thank You!  
December: Kids Christmas Pageant  
Presents for Parents Event



**Bring a Friend to Sunday School!**  
**(It's every week, But....)**  
**Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>,**  
**Bring a Friend to Sunday School, and Church!**  
**Everyone will get a special treat!**  
**Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup> is National New Friends Day, we can't wait to meet some friends at St Johns.**

**Youth October Calendar:**

- October 1<sup>st</sup>: Youth Group, Neon Night, Student Message, Glow painting & Games
- October 4<sup>th</sup>: Meet to sing to shut ins 4:30pm
- October 8<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group 6:30-8pm, Fall Cookie Challenge
- October 15<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group 6:30-8pm, Movie Night
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Youth Group 6:30-8pm, Mystery Night
- October 26<sup>th</sup>: Youth Help at Trunk or Treat
- October 29<sup>th</sup>: TBA

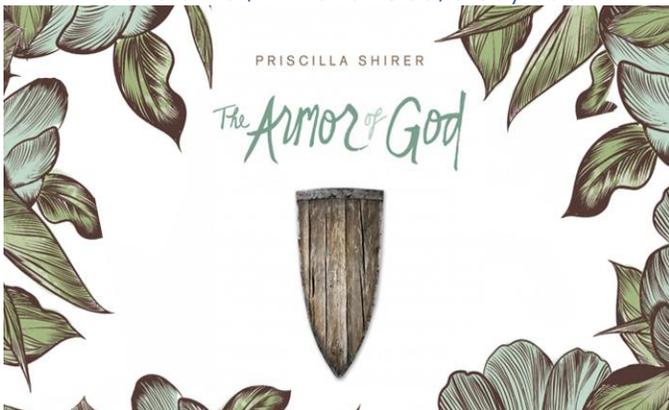
**CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT!**  
**JORDAN FELIZ AND COLTON DIXON**  
**SUNDAY NOV. 19<sup>th</sup>**



Word of Life Church Greensburg  
 Students and families, see Julie Smith, if you're interested in attending

**Fall Women's Bible Study Begins**

Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm  
 And Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am  
 Some books available, or order on Amazon  
 Priscilla Shirer, Armor of God, Study Book



**Sunday**

**October. 1<sup>st</sup>:**  
 Youth Group  
 Neon Night!  
 6:30-8pm  
 Walking Tacos  
 Student message  
 Glow Paint & Games



**Sunday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Youth Group 6:30-8pm  
 Fall Cookie Challenge  
 & Food Drive



**Sunday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Youth Group  
 Movie Night  
 6:30-8pm  
 Wear your PJs!



**Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 MYSTERY PROJECT  
 6:30-8pm  
 DON'T MISS THIS ONE!

**Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Help with Trunk or Treat!  
 Rides after school.  
 2:45-5:30pm, (Or  
 whenever you need to  
 leave)...



**Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 TBA



- 1 John Gray, Jr.
- 2 Connie McMaster
- 4 David Smith, Cory Black,  
Myah Zacherl, Brock Hodak,  
Lonna Meiers
- 5 Pastor Ashley Rossi  
Sean Kremer, Robert McCluskey
- 6 Corie Bleakney, Bill Hutchison

- 7 Stephen Wolff, Alan Kremer
- 8 Steven Kozuch, Jr.,
- 11 Bill McMaster, Sr.
- 12 Amber Zurn, Ruth Ann Hankey,  
Elizabeth Shafer, Calise Czekanski
- 13 Christine Schall
- 14 Megan Rupp
- 15 Raymond Schaub, Wayne Bullers
- 16 Denise Zimmerman
- 17 Amy Black, Jeffrey Moore, Brenda Spatafore
- 20 Timothy Barto, Robert Richardson, Lori Young
- 21 Carter Hartman, Doug Chasse, Jean Mikula,  
Hannah Spatafore
- 22 Chad Law
- 23 Judith Parry, Sharon Febinger
- 24 Carol Heider, Mary Lou Jambor, Adam Peck
- 25 Jay Laube
- 26 Tyler Hutchison, Jared Starr, Jack Zubik
- 27 Christopher Olinger
- 28 Janelle Dodd
- 29 Bradley Houser, Samantha Stitt
- 30 Ian Beck, Lynda Howlett
- 31 Susan Barto, Brandon Simensky, Anna Choncek

*We are born into and made for community.  
When our relationships get severed,  
there is a jump in anxiety.  
That is why we need to go to Church,  
To be part of the body of Christ.*



## We have a New Texting App!

Mojo texting was created FOR churches! It is safe and doesn't sell your number to anyone else!

If you would like to receive schedule changes, updates, reminders and announcements from St. John's, please text the word **GRACE** to 7242765321. It will send you a welcome message.

You will now receive important messages via text about what's going on at St. John's! Messages will only be sent out on occasion and when important changes need to be communicated.

Thank you so much!  
If you have any questions, please contact Julie Smith.



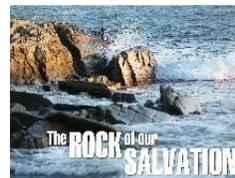
## Our August Church Offerings

Offerings	August Receipts	August Budget	Year To-Date	Budget To-Date
Current				
Operating	17,257	26,207	164,115	209,657
Benevolence	1,666	3,333	13,539	26,667
Capital				
Campaign	2,172	1,937	17,034	15,495
<b>Current Account</b>				<b>Gain/ -Loss</b>
Current Month	17,257	26,747		-9,491
Year to Date	164,115	206,008		-41,893

## ATTENDANCE

### Our August Worship Attendance

August	2022	2023
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Aug	28(E) 59(L)	E(32) L(56)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Aug	* (E) 113(L)	E(53) L(65)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Aug	30(E) 55(L)	E(37) L(78)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Aug	41(E) 69(L)	E(35) L(64)
<b>Aug. Average</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>105</b>



## Rock of our Salvation Worship

8:30 a.m. Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Women's Bible Study

will return at the King's restaurant on **Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at noon.** Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at [rosetrix38@comcast.net](mailto:rosetrix38@comcast.net). All are welcome!



## Thank You's for October 2023:

- ♥ To Mary Jane Dawson, Janice Smith, Ruth Ann Hankey and Julie Smith for helping with the September newsletter mailing.
- ♥ To everyone who continues to support & donate to the Katie's Cupboard Ministry @ St. John's.
- ♥ To all who brought breakfast items for Rally Day. Many thanks to Connie McMaster, Tammy Fleeger, Robert John, Cassidy Smith, Nick and Jill Wranich, Bill and Debbie Bouch, Marve Gaiser for all the help in set up, cook it up and clean it up! Can't do it without you!
- ♥ To all those who helped in any way with the Progressive Workshop Dinner: Debbie Griffin, Connie McMaster, Gene Hughes, Nick and Jill Wranich, Bill and Debbie Bouch, Tammy Fleeger, Rick and Juanita John, Nancy Pierce, Colvin Adkins, Robert John, Lynda Howlett, Ruth Ann Hankey, Teresa Zydonik and Karen Waugaman.
- ♥ To all who have helped clean up the church in absence of a sexton. Nancy Pierce, Connie McMaster, Tammy Fleeger, Donna Livengood, Karen Waugaman, Robert, John, Mary Jane and Blair Dawson, Matt Smith, Rick and Juanita John. And anyone else who has helped, we truly appreciate it very much, thank you!
- ♥ To Jill Wranich for helping clean up Youth Groups.
- ♥ To our Sunday School Teachers and subs Megan Rupp, Donna Livengood, Rick John, Wendy Hodak and Debbie Griffin.
- ♥ To Betty and Alan Mitchell for the wonderful donation of Sunday School Supplies and coloring books.
- ♥ To Connie McMaster for driving Catechism students.
- ♥ To Tammy Fleeger for your help cleaning and organizing our Sunday School rooms!
- ♥ To Men's Breakfast Cooking Crew: Marve Gaiser, Ken Burkett, Clair Roudebush, and Pastor Johnson.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Children's and Youth Ministries here at St. John's!
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who covered the office while we are searching for a secretary, Carol Runninger, Rose Montgomery, Cheryl Mechling, RuthAnn Hankey, Betty Mitchell and Connie McMaster.
- ♥ Thank you to all who continually support our Children's and Youth Ministries at St. John's!
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helps with the Fellowship Hours after worship!

## Katie's Cupboard

### Winter Supply List



#### Personal Care Items

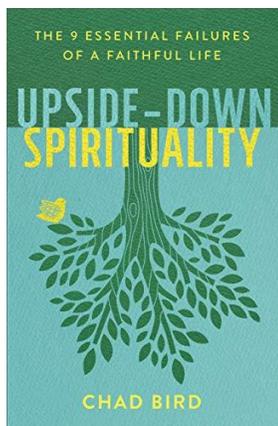
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- Toothpaste, Toothbrushes
- Moisturizer
- Pads/tampons
- Diapers/wipes
- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Hats, Gloves, Scarves
- Handwarmers

#### Paper Products

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Kleenex

#### Nonperishable Foods

- Peanut butter and jelly in plastic
- Boxed/bagged grains/beans: rice, couscous, quinoa, red beans, white beans
- Pasta: dry pasta, bagged pasta meals, mac n' cheese
- Pasta sauce in plastic
- Cereal: cold and hot
- Peanut butter and other snack crackers
- Applesauce
- Dried fruits
- Granola bars
- Canned complete meals (Dinty Moore, Lasagna, Spaghetti O's)
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Dry Goods (coffee, hot chocolate, tea, flour, powdered milk, sugar)
- Cake mixes, cornbread mixes, muffin/pastry mixes
- Canned meats (SPAM, Vienna sausage, tuna, chicken)



## Book Study

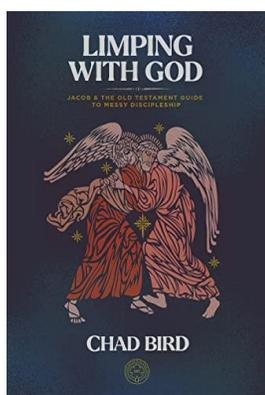
Wednesday Evenings This Fall  
Beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00 p.m.

Upside-Down Spirituality: the 9  
Essential Failures of a Faithful  
Life, by Chad Bird.

"In our age when the church can too often seem like a poor copy of the world, Chad Bird challenges us to reclaim the astounding originality of our ancient, backward faith. Where the world stresses the

importance of success, Bird invites readers to embrace nine specific failures in the areas of our personal lives, our relationships, and the church. Why? Because what human wisdom deems indispensable is so often an impediment to our spiritual growth, and what it deems insignificant is so often essential to it.

"With compelling examples from the Bible and today, Bird paints an enticing picture of the counterintuitive, countercultural life that God wants for us. He helps readers delight in all of the ways that Jesus turned the world upside-down, allowing us to experience true freedom, not from our weaknesses but in the midst of them."



## Pastor's Sunday School Class:

**Adult Sunday School  
Beginning September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor Johnson's class will be studying the book Limping with God, by Chad Bird.

"Jacob seems to be anything but a model disciple. He's a trickster, liar, and selfishly ambitious man who fathers

children with four women and leads a dysfunctional family rife with jealousy and backstabbing. But Jacob is also Israel, the namesake of the Old Testament community of God, chosen and blessed. As such, this sinner-saint, who limps along with the Lord, burdened by weakness and beset by problems, is the mirror image of all of us who follow Jesus. In his life we see our lives, our struggles, our failures, and most especially the God who loves us and chooses us as his own. As we explore his bio, from his wrangling in the womb with Esau to his death as an old man in Egypt, we will learn more about ourselves and the God who is with us and for us in Jesus the Messiah."

## Mission Trip to Kentucky

Our Mission District is looking for volunteers to travel to Eastern Kentucky to work on homes affected by flooding. We will be going the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>, returning on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, staying at a Community Church. You will need an air mattress or cot, sleeping bag and personal items including good footwear and work clothes. The cost is \$150.00 per person to cover the cost of meals.

We will be going to the community of *Lost Creek* located about 20 miles from Hazard, Kentucky.

Questions can be addressed to Reverend Joyce Dix-Weiers, STS by text or phone 412-817-3988.

Rev. Joyce Dix-Weiers, STS  
PO Box 155  
Elderton, Pa 15736

Make checks out to the "MNEMD"

All are welcome to join us. There is skilled work and non-skilled work to be done. It is a lot of work, but it will be some of the most rewarding work you will do. You will meet great people and have an experience of your life

## Women of the North American Lutheran Church Mid Northeast Mission District Fall Gathering

Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>  
9 am to 3 pm

Salem Lutheran Church  
26 Clarion St.

Smicksburg, PA 16256

\$10 Registration

RSVP by October 28<sup>th</sup> to Lane Magera  
At [ismagera@gmail.com](mailto:ismagera@gmail.com) or 847-714-3876

Oh! how great and glorious a thing it is to have before one the Word of God! With that we may at all times feel joyous and secure; we need never be in want of consolation, for we see before us, in all its brightness, the pure and right way. He who loses sight of the Word of God, falls into despair; the voice of heaven no longer sustains him; he follows only the disorderly tendency of his heart, and of world vanity, which lead him on to his destruction.

—*The Table Talk of Martin Luther*



## Bequests, Tithes, Capital Campaign, and the NALC Today, Tomorrow, and Forever Campaign

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what it receives in order to do the mission and ministry of God. Mission and ministry do not stop at our doors, the mission and ministry of St. John's reaches around the world! Christ calls neither people nor congregations to self-centeredness.

The North American Lutheran Church began in 2010. St. John's is a charter member. The NALC has always operated in a lean fashion. In order to expand the mission and ministry of the NALC, it is embarking on a three-year campaign to raise \$5,000,000.00 in order to fund the following projects:

- Life to Life Discipleship Training
- Church Plants
- Stewardship Education
- North American Lutheran Seminary Expansion
- Pastoral Development Events
- Call Process Coordinator
- Missions: Locally, Nationally, Globally
- Youth and Family Ministries
- Improved Communications
- Developing a Centralized NALC Office
- Missional and Ecumenical Relations
- Congregational Mission and Renewal Grants
- Worship Renewal Conferences
- Building a Legacy of Faith

The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) is a growing Christian church in the Lutheran tradition, uniting more than 142,500 Lutherans from 475+ congregations across the United States and Canada. The NALC embodies the theological center of Lutheranism in North America and stands firmly within the global Lutheran mainstream. The NALC is a church family committed to the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and, in keeping with the Lutheran Confessions, believes all doctrines should and must be judged by the teaching of Scripture.

The NALC has embraced four Core Values which shape its common life: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, and Congregationally Focused. As a church centered on

the unique Gospel of Jesus Christ, the NALC is animated by missions and evangelism, grounded in the 2,000-year tradition of Christian faith, and organized chiefly to serve our congregations. A renewed Lutheran community moving forward in faith, the NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe.

The North American Lutheran Church began in 2010 with 17 congregations. Its structure was designed for about 125 congregations. The Today, Tomorrow, and Forever Campaign will provide the funds necessary to continue the growth, spreading the Gospel in Christ's Name, into the future.

See you in Worship,

*Pastor Johnson*



A time of fellowship will be provided each Sunday after worship in the Gathering Space. Please plan to stay after worship to meet and greet fellow members and visitors of St. John's. If you would like to help host a fellowship hour, please see Pastor Johnson.

### **Heading into the hospital?**

***If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please contact the office @ 724-548-2051. Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were.***

### **God's helpers**

God's providence is not in baskets lowered from the sky, but through the hands and hearts of those who love him. The lad without food and without shoes made the proper answer to the cruel-minded woman who asked, "But if God loved you wouldn't he send you food and shoes?" The boy replied, "God told someone, but [they] forgot."

—George Buttrick

# October

## October 1

Assisting Ministers Deborah Bouch  
 Lectors Emily Bouch  
 Comm Assistants Nancy Pierce, Robert John  
 Karen Waugaman, Julie Smith  
 Acolytes Brody Hodak, Colvin Adkins,  
 William Bouch, Callie Adkins  
 Welcome Team The Venesky Family  
 Camera Operator Bill Bouch

## October 8

Assisting Minister Karen Waugaman (E)  
 Jonah Petruschke (L)  
 Lector Patty Kirkpatrick (E)  
 Linda Charley (L)  
 Welcome Team The John Family (E)  
 Tammy Fleeger (L)  
 Acolyte Anna Venesky (E)  
 Quinn Kellner (L)  
 Camera Operator Robert John  
 Bill Bouch

## October 15

Assisting Ministers Julie Smith(E)  
 Sara Shafer(L)  
 Lectors Jill Wranich(E)  
 Jonah Petruschke (L)  
 Comm Assistants Jamie and Noelle Smoyer(E)  
 Susan Neal, Karen Waugaman  
 Jonah Petruschke, Lori Young(L)  
 Welcome Team The Venesky Family (E)  
 Donna Livengood (L)  
 Acolytes Elizabeth Smoyer(E)  
 Kendall Bailey, (L)  
 Camera Operators Nick Wranich(E)  
 Keith Livengood(L)

## October 22

Assisting Ministers Kay Thorell  
 Lectors Charlie Bleakney  
 Acolytes Emma Graf  
 Welcome Team Bouch Family  
 Camera Operator Robert John

## October 29

Assisting Ministers Pastors  
 Lectors Pastors  
 Comm Assistants Pastors  
 Welcome Team The Rupp Family  
 Acolytes Mollie Bouch, Delaney Smith,  
 Cassidy Smith, Robert John  
 Camera Operator Keith Livengood

## October

Altar Guild: Becky Swanson

Money Counters: Karen Waugaman, Kraig Walker,  
 John Swanson

Ushers: Ed Walker, Kraig Walker, Dean Crooks & Blair  
 Dawson

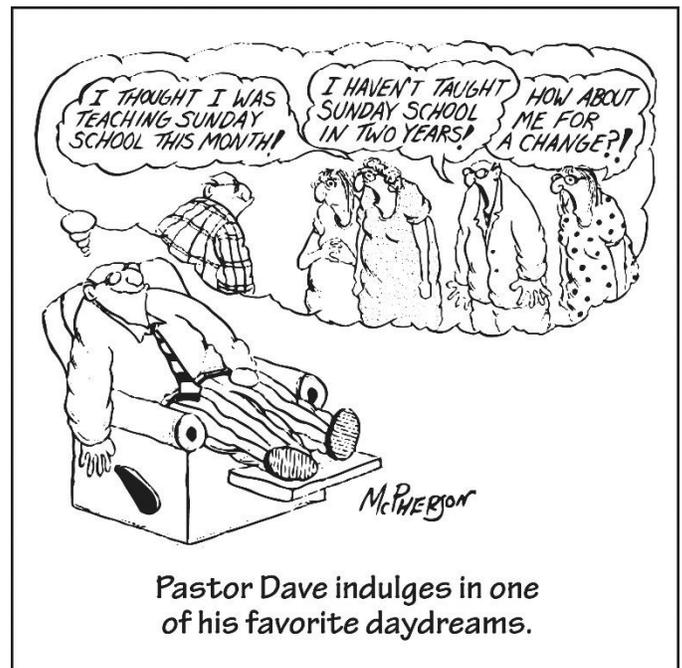
## Children's Hour:

Children's Hour is every Wednesday or Thursday  
 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

## St. John's Lutheran Church Staff:

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	TBA
Sexton	Michael Craft
Director of Music/Organist	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*



Pastor Dave indulges in one of his favorite daydreams.

*“The function of prayer is not to influence God but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.”*

—Søren Kierkegaard

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">October</span> <span style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold;">St. John's Lutheran Church</span> <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2023</span> </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost <small>Green</small> 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship: Communion  6:30 Youth Group	<b>2</b>  7:00 Property	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 Children's Hour  5:30 New Bells 6:30 Senior Bells 7:00 PJ's Book Study 7:30 Senior Choir	<b>5</b>  9:30 Children's Hour  2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost <small>Green</small> 8:30 Worship: Rock of our Salvation 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship  6:30 Youth Group	<b>9</b>  7:00 Council	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 Children's Hour  5:30 New Bells 6:30 Senior Bells 7:00 PJ's Book Study 7:30 Senior Choir	<b>12</b>  9:30 Children's Hour 12:00 Womens Study at Kings  2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
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<b>22</b> Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost <small>Green</small> 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship  6:30 Youth Group	<b>23</b>  6:00 Mutual Ministry 7:00 Worship & Music	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30 Children's Hour  5:30 New Bells 6:30 Senior Bells 7:00 PJ's Book Study 7:30 Senior Choir	<b>26</b>  9:30 Children's Hour 1:00 Newsletter mailing  2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Reformation Sunday <small>Red</small> 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship: Communion 12:00 Reformation Frolicking Festival  6:30 Youth Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 9:30 Children's Hour  5:30 New Bells 6:30 Senior Bells 7:00 PJ's Book Study 7:30 Senior Choir	<b>2</b>  9:30 Children's Hour  2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>