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## ST. JOHN'S

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a community of Christians who, through God's Word and Sacraments, are enabled by the Holy Spirit to grow and serve Christ at home and in the world.*

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**Sunday School 8:45am**

**Worship 10:00am**



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JANUARY, 2022**

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Pastor's Reflection..."Holy" moments and new beginnings



Just recently while organizing some things in my office I came across a book of poetry. It is a wonderful reflection on ministry by a Lutheran Pastor, Gary Puckett, entitled *On Living in the Township of Heaven*. Gary writes about the 'holy' moments of life, the kingdom of God that can be found within the ordinary and as we come out of yet again other difficult year, we need to find those 'holy' moments and God's kingdom as we begin our journey into 2022. Here is the poem titled "New Year."

### ***New Year***

*Put new calendars on the walls  
Misdate the checks that pay the bills  
Resolve to be more resolute*

*It's a new year  
It's a fresh start*

*Farm out the kids  
Shake out the rugs  
Take out the trash  
It's a clean house*

*It's a fresh start  
Dig out the sidewalk  
Fill up the birdfeeder  
Watch for fresh tracks in the yard  
It's a new snow  
It's a fresh start*

*Shed an old grudge  
Make a new friend  
Do something everyone knows you won't  
It's a new life  
It's a fresh start.*

Continued...

As the New Year unfolds, it's all about new beginnings. Remember, the ministry of Jesus was primarily a ministry of newness, of granting newness and new starts to people broken by their pasts. People followed Jesus because in him they discovered a God who forgave sins, and absolved weaknesses, and offered those who followed, a new life and a fresh start. Those who followed Jesus discovered that in each moment of every day, every step and every breath was a chance to begin again, to turn away from sin and to start over. And it was in this newness that they found their joy!

I think this is just what the doctor orders after enduring another challenging year of pandemic ups and downs.

For all of us here at St. John's and for our family and friends and for all Christians, every day carries the promise of New Year's Day. Remember this when you become overwhelmed by the darkness of the world. Remember this when you are disappointed by your life, your children, your spouse or your situation. Remember this when death is at your doorstep and darkness threatens to overwhelm you.

I invite you to cut out the poem or take a screen shot and place it somewhere you will be reminded daily of the invitation that each day is a NEW YEAR and FRESH START!

Happy New Year, dear St. John's family and friends,

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Shawn*



### **PASTORAL COVERAGE**

On Sunday, January 9th, Pastor Shawn will be away at Winterfest.

Norbert Mamet will be leading the Sunday Worship Service.

Please continue to contact Pastor Shawn for any Pastoral needs during this time.

# PROPERTY CORNER-Property Planning Committee

## PROPERTY CORNER - from your Property Planning Committee

- Bob Myers Recognition - The PPC, with Council support, recognized Bob Myers for his many years of service in the maintenance of the physical facilities at St John's. He was presented with a framed image of our Sanctuary window that was created with words describing the things Bob did over the years. Also included were the names of his children and grandchildren and his wife Mary Louise, as well as a number of church symbols. Our profound thanks to Bob and those he recruited to help take loving care of the church buildings and church rental properties.
- We need your help - We ask you to help keep the kitchen door at the Link and the doors from the Fellowship Hall to the Narthexes closed throughout the week. This will help conserve energy usage during the heating and cooling seasons. Thanks in advance for your help in this area.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENTS

## Sunday School Schedule for January

### Sunday School Schedule:

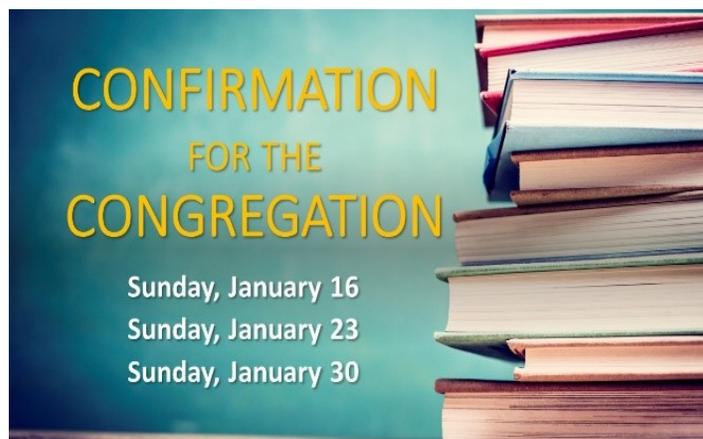
January 2: No Sunday School

January 9: No Sunday School

**January 16: Confirmation for the Congregation**

**January 23: Confirmation for the Congregation**

**January 30: Confirmation for the Congregation**



Amy Mambu will be away during the month of January. Therefore, Pastor Shawn will be teaching our Elementary and Confirmation Class together during the month. Parents and all members of the church are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for these three class offerings. We will gather at 8:45am for fellowship, starting Sunday, January 16 and the topic of discussion will be Biblical literacy. Pastor Shawn plans to spend time teaching about the Old and New Testament and teach some insights about the Bible that should be engaging for all age groups. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn and be community together.

# ST. JOHN'S HAPPENINGS

## Sunday Morning Schedule

**8:45am - Sunday School**

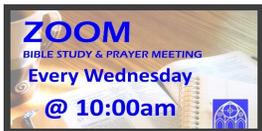
**10:00am – In-Person & Online worship** at St. John's and on YouTube @ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLYusK7PV28KOqSVH6xpbFA>

**10:00am – Online Worship** – Zoom and Facebook - Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9078365134?pwd=OEE2K002VkY4b0JCeWx5T2U3YmRRQT09>

or by dialing +1 929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 907 836 5134 Passcode: 407818

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/St.JohnsAbbottstown/live>

## Join us for Bible Study on Wednesday!



Please join us for Bible Study. I have personally grown because of the group and I think those that join us have experienced growth as well. With all the things happening in the world around us, sometimes we just need to take a break and be encouraged to pray and let scripture guide us. I hope you may consider

joining us every Wednesday at 10:00am. The Zoom link and information is below.

Meeting Link with Password: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9078365134?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9078365134?pwd=OEE2K002VkY4b0JCeWx5T2U3YmRRQT09)

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To call in use +1 929 205 6099. Use the Meeting ID and Password when prompted.



## All Saints Confirmation Camp – Mark your calendar!

Confirmation camp will be held at Camp Nawakwa Sunday, June 12th through Friday, June 17th. Students going into 7th grade are eligible to attend and you are able to attend for four consecutive years. This is an amazing ministry, one which St. John's places as a priority by paying for the entire week of camp. Many

of our youth return for several consecutive years at Confirmation Camp. See Pastor Shawn for more information.



I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone for the wonderful achievement plaque that was presented to me in December. It is much appreciated! I have enjoyed the many years of helping out when needed at St. John's.

Love, Bob Myers

# DONATIONS NEEDED

## ABBOTTSTOWN/EAST BERLIN FOOD PANTRY

*On December 1st, 22 families were served at the East Berlin Pantry; which included a total of 54 individuals and on December 2nd, 13 families were served at the Abbottstown Pantry, which included a total of 38 individuals.*

The Abbottstown/ East Berlin Food Pantry will be open on January 5th in East Berlin with hours from 4pm—6pm. Abbottstown Food Pantry is open from 3pm –4pm on January 6th.

### Ruth's Harvest

During the month of January, please consider donating the following two food items (Chef Boyardee & Cereal Boxes) to our backpack program.

Thank You!



# SERVICE

### LAUNDRY LOVE—Tuesday, January 4th

St. John's has joined the movement called Laundry Love. On the first Tuesday of the month we offer free laundry to those with financial need at The Sudz laundry mat at the Kennie's Shopping Plaza in Spring Grove. This month we will offer free laundry on **Tuesday, January 4 at 6:00pm**. Watch the video on our website to learn more. Contact the office if you are interested in joining our team.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

12:27 PM  
12/05/21  
Cash Basis

## St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Actual vs Budget - Summary November 2021

	Nov 21	Budget	Jan - Nov 21	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>	20,679.69	18,629.00	209,587.39	204,919.00	223,548.00
<b>Expense</b>					
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES NON SYNOD	95.00	166.66	2,275.90	1,833.34	2,000.00
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES THRU SYNOD	1,116.67	1,250.01	13,783.37	13,749.99	15,000.00
PASTORAL MINISTRY	7,134.86	7,441.25	80,253.45	81,853.75	89,295.00
ADMINISTRATION	2,910.10	2,954.00	33,490.04	32,494.00	35,448.00
WORSHIP AND MUSIC	95.39	1,283.33	5,251.85	14,116.67	15,400.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	597.94	974.58	6,234.39	10,720.42	11,695.00
CHURCH COMMITTEES	0.00	166.67	587.64	1,833.33	2,000.00
PROPERTY	2,872.22	4,392.50	58,103.01	48,317.50	52,710.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	14,822.18	18,629.00	199,979.65	204,919.00	223,548.00
<b>Overage (Shortfall) to meet current expenses</b>	<b>5,857.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,607.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Envelope - Special Designated Giving for January:** During the month of January, the **Special Designation** on your envelope will go to **Touch of Grace**. It is our hope that gifts designated to "Special Designation" in January go above and beyond someone's regular giving to the general fund.



### ARE YOU A CUSTOMER OF AERO ENERGY?

We have received several checks from Aero Energy at the end of the heating season, just for your participation in their House of Worship program. Thank you to all who are participating! Please contact Donna in the office for more information on how you can help donate to St. John's just by making your propane/oil payment.

# PRAYER CONCERNS



## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER:

Earl Altland, Deb Keeney, Stacey Riggs, Kevin Shearer, Shirley Crawford, Thomas Niedererr, Joe Heltzer, Amy Ogurcak, Robin Talbott, Janet Heflin, Greg Adams, Brenda Shue, Larry LaRue, Kim H., Roy Slothour, Mike Botterbush (brother of Eunice Mentzer), Virginia Houpt (sister of Mary Fogle), George Reber, Mary Fleming, Kim Shirley Drummond (sister of Joan & Gary Slonaker), Hayley Thompson (granddaughter of Mary Fogle), Larry Brown, Annie Sharrer, Daylin Bennet, Adam Jones, Frank George, the family of Charlene Atha, David Trent, Estella Goodall, Lois Martoranna, Josiah Snyder, John Jeffcoat, Mary Lawrence, Lisa Hart, Carl & Donna Gentel, Cheri Yost, Ryan Laughman, Nancy Zavilla, Randy Ruth, Craig Miller, Lisa Berwager, Renee Noble, Myra Miller, Leslie Passalacqun, Scarlet (Great-Granddaughter of Bonnie Staub), Dot Bonebrake, Janet Ellison, Nancy Emig, Margaret Lingg and Harold Walton.

## HOMEBOUND:

Erma Becker, Gloria Breighner, Dorothy Hoffheins and Merle Linebaugh.



Kaden Decker	January 1	Lisa Neiderer	January 9	Maclay Mathias	January 24
Jeanne Hoke	January 4	James Hoff	January 12	Michael Gruver	January 25
Bill Haverstick	January 4	Hunter Weaver	January 14	Matthew Tyson	January 28
Angela Schuchart	January 4	Ruthetta Baker	January 20	Craig Schuchart	January 29
Jeff Zinn	January 6	Amy Colgan	January 21	Marlin Baker	January 31
Raymond Swope	January 7	Arlene Moul	January 22		
Tiffany Carbaugh	January 8	Colby Wildasin	January 22		
Kevin Moul	January 9	Juline Grim	January 23		

**\*Denotes Homebound Member**