



St. John's Lutheran

MESSENGER

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President's Chapel

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

January 1st, 2022

Happy New Year of our Lord 2022! Let us all work for peace, show kindness and hope, and do whatever we can to help our community to know and see God's Love in practice in our outreach and service. We also pray for an abatement of this pandemic and a return to some normalcy in our everyday lives.

I wanted to send this quick note to the Congregation to let you know we will be implementing some changes in our Sunday Service starting tomorrow due to the extraordinary surge in Ohio's COVID19 caseload and positivity rate. When we reopened to in-person worship, the weekly case numbers had fallen close to 2,200 per day for the entire state. We are now seeing infection rates as high as 24,000 per week, a nearly 10 fold increase.

As a result of these trends, we are reverting back to the "common communion table" instead of traditional communion. Also, we will **encourage (but not require) masks for service**. Finally, if you believe you are particularly vulnerable whether you're vaccinated or not, and want to be safe, you can *always* join us on-line for our simulcast using the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88017089351?pwd=aEI5OWRyWGVYSHM0SFJ1cFRuOUZmdz09>

Meeting ID: 880 1708 9351, Passcode: 149911

Dial In: +1 312 626 6799 (Eastern Time Zone)

Lastly, you may have heard that the US is seeing more "breakthrough" cases of COVID with fully vaccinated (and boosted) individuals. My youngest sister Eileen suffered through a breakthrough case over the holidays. However, the overall COVID19 mortality statistics are still very telling. **94+% of serious COVID cases and deaths are still occurring amongst unvaccinated individuals**. While vaccines are always a personal choice between individuals and their Doctors, as President of the Congregation I urge those who have hesitated on the vaccination to call your Dr's office and speak to a Nurse Practitioner or schedule an appointment if you are still not sure about taking the shot. We love all our Congregants, we certainly don't want anyone to suffer or pass on when a viable alternative provided by God's hands through our researchers and Doctors is right within our personal grasp. Please pray about this choice!

Thanks for your attention, HAPPY NEW YEAR again, and we'll see you Sunday.

Respectfully,

Brian M Kent, Ph.D., President

St John's Lutheran Church, Miamisburg, OH

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

During the service on Sunday, December 12th, the children presented "Living Word".





Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 23, 2022.

The congregation will vote on the 2022 budget and will vote a new council member to replace Don Pabst, who has served the last two years.

The in-person Congregational meeting will be after church service. (We will simulcast this right after service as well, so people can still participate in the Annual Meeting even if they are not at church.)

The Discipleship Committee would like to thank everyone for their wonderful donations to the Christmas Forest.

We had 3 families this year, with a total of 6 children. We gave each family a complete meal for Christmas.

We also gave much needed supplies and \$260 to Jeremiah's Letter, who serves people in great need. They need the money to obtain birth certificates and social security cards so that the people can get aid.

We also gave \$1,045 to Helping Hands.



Helping Hands Food Pantry



December 6, 2021

Dear St. John's Lutheran Church,

Miamisburg Helping Hands really appreciates your very generous donation of \$1152.00 that we recently received from you. We really appreciate this kind of support that you have given to our community. We are serving food to people of need in Miamisburg community. So far in 2021 we have served 1575 households and 4742 individuals.

When clients visit the pantry, we give an average family 50 lbs. of food (more to larger families) plus bread, milk, eggs, meat and fresh produce when it is available. With your donation we will be able to purchase 6336 lb. of food from the Foodbank. Sometimes, we need to go to local grocers for some items when supplies run short and we shop for the best price.

We applaud your generosity and are very grateful, especially since there are those in our community unable to provide food for their families. Thank you for being such a loyal donor!

Sincerely,
Miamisburg Helping Hands
Sandy Winter, Secretary

Miamisburg Helping Hands is a non-profit, charitable 501© (3) organization. Your donation Can be used as a charitable donation on you Federal Income Tax form if you itemize.

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This recipe was submitted by Nancy McCabe from the "Kitchen Keepsakes from St. John's Family" cookbook that was published in 1998 by the Women of St. John's Lutheran Church.

White Chicken Chili

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| 1 lb. dried great northern
White beans | 6 cups chicken broth |
| 2 lbs. boneless chicken breasts | 1 tsp. marjoram |
| 5 T. oil | 1 ½ tsp. oregano |
| 2 medium onions, chopped | 1 T. green chili peppers |
| 3 cloves garlic, minced | ½ tsp. cayenne pepper |
| | 3 cups white cheddar cheese |

Place beans in a large pot and soak overnight in 3 inches of water.

Heat 3 tablespoons of oil in large pot. Chop chicken breasts and add to oil. Sauté for 5 minutes. Remove to a dish and reserve. Add remaining oil to pot. Stir in chopped onion, garlic, chili peppers and spices. Sauté for 5 minutes. Add drained beans and broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer about 2 hours until the beans are very tender. Add chicken and 1 cup cheese. Stir until cheese melts. Season with salt and pepper.

Serve with the following garnishes: sour cream, salsa and the remaining 2 cups of





Budget Report for November 2021

Income for November 2021:	\$4,938.96
Expenses for November 2021:	
Outreach	\$250.00
Staff	\$1,952.95
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$950.18
Roof Loan Payment	\$270.75
Utilities	\$272.24
Committees	\$74.28
	\$3,770.40
November Budget Balance (income - expenses):	\$1,168.56
Year to Date Income:	\$76,391.78
Year to Date Expenses:	\$61,021.02

Description of categories:

Outreach: Benevolence, special benevolence.

Staff: Pastor's pay and expenses, staff salaries and benefits, FICA, worker's comp.

Facility Upkeep/Administration: Maintenance/repair and office expenses.

Property Insurance: paid once a year in April.

Roof Loan: Monthly payment for fellowship hall roof repair loan from endowment.

Committees: Discipleship, Learning, Worship & Music.

Utilities: Gas, electricity, water and trash services.

Roof Loan Starting Balance	25,377.00
November Balance	6,430.20



January 5
Julie Helter
Elijah Morris
January 14
Robin Skelding
January 23
Ben Hoffman
January 25
Mike Bell
January 26
Nancy McCabe

Congregational Contacts

Council Members

Brian Kent	*President
Don Pabst	*Vice President
Linda Kent	*Church Treasurer
Cathy Zimmer	*Secretary
Judy Kuemmel	*Financial Secretary
Garry Andrews	
Ida Geary	

***Executive Committee**

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937-470-2404
937-885-3529/937-572-7815
937-212-9283
937-321-1198
937-848-2090
937-626-7765

Organizations, Boards and Staff

Karen Doyle	Church Secretary/Messenger Editor	937-866-3780
Tom Hoffman	Board of Trustees Chairman	937-859-8871/937-654-1218
Cheryl Page	Discipleship Committee Chairman	937-602-7952
Brook Nauta	Learning Committee Chair	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Ida Geary	WELCA President	937-626-7765
Doug McCabe	Organist	937-866-8669
Brook Nauta	Children's Choir	513-217-0564/937-367-1473

Christian Education

Barb Hoffman	Pre-k through 1 st Grade	937-859-8871/937-231-6341
Brook Nauta	2 nd Grade through 6 th Grade	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Robin Skelding	Confirmation	937-748-5405

Ministry Contacts

Nancy McCabe	Prayer Chain	937-866-8669
Kim Naylor	Son-Rise Breakfast @ First Lutheran	937-903-8638



January 5
Gary & Diane Naylor



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Happening's in January

- January 6 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Life Line Screening in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. – Girl Scout Leaders Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- January 9 1:00 p.m. - Area 56 in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop #32299 in the Undercroft
- January 11 6:00 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop #35159 in the Undercroft
- January 12 7:30 p.m. – Girl Scout Troop #30200 in the Undercroft
- January 15 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Member Event in Fellowship Hall
- January 16 6:00 a.m. - SonRise Breakfast at 1st Lutheran Church in Dayton
- January 19 6:30 p.m. - Learning Committee
- January 23 11:15 a.m. - Annual Congregation Meeting
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop #32299 in the Undercroft
- January 25 6:00 p.m. - Girl Scout Troop #35159 in the Undercroft

Every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. AA/Al Anon meets in Fellowship Hall

Every Monday & Friday at noon, there is an AA Group in Fellowship Hall

*Please let the office know of any meetings and/or events that need to be included in the calendar.
This will ensure rooms are not double booked.*