

JANUARY

2023

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power.

May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

May we regard the world with tenderness.

May we honor rather than destroy.

Lower of all souls, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to blessings yet to come.

May we welcome your lavish love. In this new year, may the grace and peace of Christ bless us now and in the days ahead.

- Vinita Hampton Wright; Offered by Douglas Ruschman



St John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Joe Wolf, Pastor

PRAYERS

ALAN BUTTERBAUGH
LEOLA CREIGLOW
JIM & NANCY FOGLE
LINDA LEIST
BILL MEYER
LEE SMITH
SHIRLEY WEST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY

2	Jim Fogle
4	Debbie Long
8	Scott Phillips
9	Ryan Rutter
11	Don Hornbeck
12	Steve Merritt
18	Madison Kellett
18	Matthew Kellett
19	Jonette Christy
22	Larry West
31	Guy O'Neil

COMING IN JANUARY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 6:00 PM
Choir Christmas party at Marianne Daily's.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
GIRLS LUNCH We will meet at church. Bring your lunch and a drink. Dessert will be provided.
Bring your suggestions/ideas on what you would like to see happen at St John's in 2023

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 AT 6:30 PM
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING AT CHURCH

ALL ARE WELCOME

THANK YOU

TO JAY BARTOS, for his many years of service and dedication as a council member to St John's.

Thank you Jay

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

GINA MEYERS



Gina grew up in Logan, OH, the oldest of four sisters. Her dad was the town veterinarian. The family went to St. Matthew Lutheran Church where she was baptized and later, her children were baptized.

Gina lives on Cedar Hill Road a couple miles past Faler Feed. This is the home where her children, Jenna and Simon, grew up and went to Canal Winchester schools. Their home church was David Lutheran in Canal Winchester. Gina transferred to St. John's 7 years ago. She has enjoyed getting to know the people of St. John's.

After her graduation from Ohio University with a bachelor's in education, Gina was hired to teach special education at the junior high level at Pickerington Schools. Her career included teaching at the elementary level where she was awarded Teacher of the Year. Lastly, Gina worked with the remote school psychologist in Millersport Schools. After 42 years of working in the education field, Gina retired. She is enjoying her retirement.

She loves having more time for her hobbies which include reading, cooking and baking. Her specialty is cookies. Gina keeps fit by walking at Chestnut Ridge and going to work out at Eastside Gym.

Gina is well traveled. During her 20s she muscled her bicycle 600 miles on Highway 1, from San Francisco to San Diego. She has visited Europe a couple of times; one time she sought her roots in Germany with her daughter and a close friend from Logan. A Mediterranean cruise provided the opportunity to explore Turkey with her college room mate and long time friends. She spent many President's Day weekends at Walt Disney World to watch her daughter run the Disney marathon. She also explored Washington, Colorado and Montana when her son lived out west.

Gina volunteers at The Wagnalls as one of six members of the Friends of The Wagnalls. If you enjoyed Simply Christmas, thank Gina. That was one of their big projects. She has also promoted Columbus at the Experience Columbus booths in Easton and downtown.

I have known Gina for over 40 years. She is positive and a motivator. She is intelligent and informed. Communicating is one of her strengths. Gina has a terrific, vivid memory. If Alexa were human, she would be Gina! Ask her about the famous person we ran into when Nationwide was a fairly new building or the famous person we waited for to exit the stage door exit following seeing Elephant Man on Broadway! She probably remembers what we were wearing!

**DEADLINE FOR THE
FEBRUARY SPIRIT IS
JANUARY 20**

**COUNCIL NOTES
DECEMBER**

NO COUNCIL MEETING IN DECEMBER.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – DECEMBER 18, 2022

Meeting opened with prayer led by Alan Fisher.

COUNCIL

Congregation was asked to vote on the proposed members of council. Roster of council members presented to the congregation were: Bonnie Butterbaugh, Jonnette Christy, Marianne Daily, Mike Drodofsky, Alan Fisher, Jon Leist, Charlotte Meyer, Shirley Evans, Jill Snyder, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott.

Motion made by Jill Snyder to approve members of council. Seconded by Ruth Bigler, Council members approved by a show of hands.

BUDGET

Alan presented the proposed budget for 2023. Proposed 2023 budget \$69,489.00. Motion made by Jay Bartos, seconded by Peggy Smith. 2023 budget approved by a show of hands.

Alan Fisher shared accomplishments made by St John's in 2022. Some of those are: New TV, Entry way refreshed, ramp stained, hand rails by doorway in back, landscaping, security light, and the refurbished sanctuary ceiling.

FUTURE ITEMS

Parrish hall chimney needs repaired, steeple needs repaired, Noah's room needs repaired.

NEW CONSTITUTION

Council will begin working on Bylaws needed to complete the constitution. New Constitution will be presented to the congregation at next years congregational meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Sally Acton, seconded by Judy Kellett.

*COPIES OF THE 2023 BUDGET ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH.

WELCOME TO OUR 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

**BONNIE BUTTERBAUGH
JONETTE CHRISTY
MARIANNE DAILY
MIKE DRODOFSKY
ALAN FISHER
JON LEIST**

**CHARLOTTE MEYER
SHIRLEY EVANS
JILL SNYDER
CHUCK WOLCOTT
RUBY WOLCOTT**

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
REACH OUT TO ANY
OF OUR COUNCIL
MEMBERS IF YOU
HAVE QUESTIONS OR
CONCERNS.

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30 AM	2	3	4 CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10 GIRLS LUNCH @ CHURCH	11 CHOIR 6:00 PM	12	13	14
15 HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30 AM	16	17 COUNCIL 6:30 PM	18 CHOIR 6:00 PM	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 CHOIR 6:00 PM	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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<p>WHO'S PREACHING JANUARY SERVICE LEADER – JON LEIST FEBRUARY SERVICE LEADER-PASTOR JOE</p>
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