

The Spirit of St John

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Joe Wolf, Pastor

December 2024



Prayer Request

LEOTA ACTON (TIM'S MOTHER)
STEVE ACTON (TIM'S BROTHER)
ALAN & BONNIE BUTTERBAUGH
DUANE BEHRENS
JIM & NANCY FOGLE
JON & LINDA LEIST
BILL & CHARLOTTE MEYER
LINDA MILLER
CHRIS NELSON
SAM PEARSON
JANET ROBERTSON
ED & FRED RUTTER
RYAN RUTTER
MEGAN SCHMITZ (CANCER)
LEE & PEGGY SMITH
LARRY & SHIRLEY WEST

Happy 
Birthday

DECEMBER

2 JIM FOGLE
4 DEBBIE LONG
9 RYAN RUTTER
11 DON HORNBECK
19 JONETTE CHRISTY
22 LARRY WEST
31 GUY O'NEIL

DECEMBER 1 ADVENT BEGINS
DECEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM CHURCH SERVICES 10:30 AM
DECEMBER 4, 11, 18 CHOIR PRACTICE 3:30 PM
DECEMBER 10 - GIRLS/GUYS LUNCH 12:00 PM @ PUMP HOUSE, LITHOPOLIS
DECEMBER 15 - COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING CHURCH @ CHURCH
DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 7:00 MUSIC 7:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 1

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL CONCERT

Mark your calendar so you don't miss this Christmas Gospel Concert.
Saturday, December 14 in the church sanctuary beginning at 2:00 PM. INVITE
A FRIEND!

Simply Christmas in the Village

Christmas in the Village will be December 14 at Wagnall's Memorial Library. St John's will once again be holding a bake sale. We will be located in the loft, same as last year. Set up is at 9:00 am. Sale to run from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Sign up sheets for donations of baked goods and workers will be coming soon.



O Come
Let Us
Adore Him

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

7:30 PM

MUSIC BEGINS

7:00 PM

Thank you

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the Adopt-A-Child for Christmas project! We “adopted” 10 Bloom-Carroll children with total donations for all of them of 10 pairs of pants, 40 shirts or tops, and 50 “wish list” items. Wow! That will certainly brighten Christmas morning for these children! Thanks again for your generosity. Have a blessed Christmas!

Charlotte Meyer, Gina Meyers & Sue Mason

Wishing you and your family many blessing this Christmas season.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Sally Acton

Jonette Christy

Alan Fisher

Charlotte Meyer

Ruby Wolcott

Bonnie Butterbaugh

Mike Drodafsky

Jon Leist

Chuck Wolcott

Pastor Wolf

FUTURE SPIRITS

This will be my last Spirit. While I have enjoyed working on the Spirit and appreciate all the help I have received over the years, it would make it rather difficult to continue producing the Spirit since I have moved. So much of the information comes from attending church and other church activities, and I won't be able to do that.

We are still looking for a volunteer to pick up producing the Spirit. You do not have to do what I have done, make it your own. Design your own, but PLEASE volunteer if this is something you could do.

Merry Christmas Marianne

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Please place your food donations in the shopping cart. Everything is appreciated.

COUNCIL NOTES

11/17/2024

ATTENDEES:

Bonnie Butterbaugh, Jonette Christy, Mike Drodofsky, Jon Leist, Charlotte Meyer, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott

MIKE DRODOFSKY led the devotions for the meeting.

FINANCES were discussed in depth in preparation for the annual congregational meeting in January, 2025. We are comfortable with our income, but are not in a position to hire a full time pastor. Therefore, the people on the Call Committee are asked to attend the 12/15/24 council meeting to discuss “next steps” in finding a supply pastor.

Also, there was discussion about the fee charged by Vanco, the company who processes and oversees donations given automatically through personal bank accounts.

ROBIN GILE will be asked to contact the Bishop’s office in order to understand the procedure to obtain a steady supply pastor. Others on the call committee include Sue Mason and Don Hornbeck.

Submitted by Ruby Wolcott

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Christmas is a time to reflect
On all that God has done
It's not a matter of what we get,
But the birth of the Holy one
It's not about gifts
With ribbons and bows,
Or Christmas trees,
Tinsel and mistletoe
The Christmas gift given to us,
Is Jesus Christ's
Gift of love.

Have a Merry Christmas
and a Joyous New Year!



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP 10:30	2	3	4 CHOIR 3:30 PM	5	6	7
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 10:30 WORSHIP	9	10 GIRLS/GUYS LUNCH 12 PM	11 CHOIR 3:30 PM	12	13	14
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP 10:30 COUNCIL AFTER CHURCH	16	17	18 CHOIR 3:30 PM	19	20	21 Winter Begins
22 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 10:30 WORSHIP	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 7:30 PM MUSIC AT 7:00 PM	25 Hanukkah Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28
29 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 10:30 WORSHIP	30	31 New Year's Eve				