

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"We are living and learning God's love by caring for our neighbors,  
sharing Jesus Christ and singing his praises."*



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## Mark your Calendar

### December

December 12, Council Dinner, 6:00 pm

December 13 & 27, Lion's Club, 6:30 pm

December 18, Confirmation 1:00 pm

December 18, BYOB 7:00 pm

December 21, Prayers Shawl, 12:00 pm

December 24, Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm

December 25, Lessons & Carols Service, 10 am

December 26, Office Closed

### January

January 1, New Year's Day Service, 10:00 am

January 2, Food Pantry, 10 am-12 pm

January 8 & 22, Confirmation Class, 1:00 pm

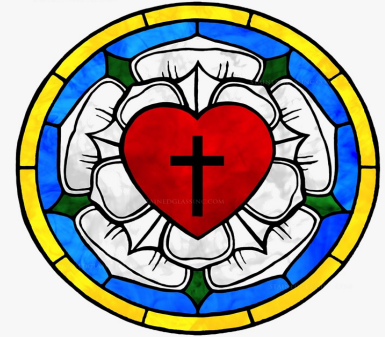
January 10 & 24, Lion's Club, 6:30 pm

January 18 WELCA, 11:00 am

January 18 Prayer Shawl, 12:00 pm

## Confirmation Class, 1:00 pm

Confirmation Classes meet twice a month at 1:00 pm on Sundays. The confirmands have just finished learning about The Ten Commandments and are now learning about The Apostles' Creed. Please keep them in your prayers as they learn about the church and their faith.



Meeting dates in December & January:  
December 18, January 8, January 22



Congregational Care

We as a congregation have a need and a desire to help others. There is a line item in our budget that allows us to do just that. To donate, please write line item "1140" or "congregational care" in the memo of your check or your giving envelope.

Prayerfully consider being a worship leader and volunteer to serve on a worship team. At this time, we are in need of Readers, Cantors, Ushers, Servers, and those that want to serve on Altar Guild.

Any blessing you wish to share with your church family is a gift to God, too!

|                           | <u>December 4</u>              | <u>December 11</u>              | <u>December 18</u>               | <u>December 25</u>               |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Lay Reader</b>         | Helen Patterson                | Charles Schulze                 | Zoe White                        | JoAnn Fuchs                      |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> | Patrick Walters                | Jimmy McDaniel                  | Kathy Henry                      | JoAnn Fuchs                      |
| <b>Cantor</b>             | Tessa Williams                 | Beverly Kolonko                 | Matt Hughes                      | Preston Brown                    |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Pat Patterson<br>Don Fuchs     | Charles Schulze<br>Richard Birk | Richard Davis<br>Richard Kolokno | Preston Brown<br>Patrick Walters |
| <b>Counters</b>           | Sheila Walters<br>Becky Branch | Helen Patterson<br>JoAnn Fuchs  | Richard Kolonko<br>Pat Hines     | JoAnn Fuchs<br>Jan Janosky       |
| <b>Sunday Supervisor</b>  | Patrick Walters                | Patrick Walters                 | Carol Sebesta                    | JoAnn Fuchs                      |
| <b>Children's Church</b>  | Sheila Walters                 | Helen Patterson                 | JoAnn Fuchs                      | Cathy McDaniel                   |

# DONATE TO THE ST. JOHN FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY



St. John has become a food distribution point for Friends of the Food Pantry organization. St. John volunteers gather on the first Monday of each month to sort and distribute food to our neighbors in need. Distribution is the first Monday of the month 10:00 am-12:00 pm, next one is January 2.

Donations rise and fall during the holidays, but we eat every day. Please consider buying a few additional items the next time you are at the grocery store and donate it to the food pantry.

If someone you know can use some help, share the good news about the food pantry. If possible, please purchase pull-top cans; some households may not have a can opener.

Thank you for your generosity and for embodying the St. John Mission Statement: *“We are living and learning God’s love by caring for our neighbors, sharing Jesus Christ and singing his praises.”*

## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Two arrangements are available to purchase each Sunday. You can buy one or both arrangements and can take the flowers home after worship. Altar Guild volunteers will place your flowers in a vase that may be returned later. At the time of this publication, there are still opportunities for floral arrangement purchase. **Cost for an arrangement is \$15.00 or your choice of contribution amount.** Write “Altar Flowers” and the date for which you are purchasing in your check memo section or PayPal note.

| Date        | Vase 1  | Vase 2  |
|-------------|---|---|
| December 4  | OPEN  | OPEN  |
| December 11 | Charles & Disa Schulze, in celebration of Disa’s birthday         | Charles & Disa Schulze, in celebration of Disa’s birthday |
| December 18 | OPEN  | OPEN  |
| December 25 | OPEN  | OPEN  |
| January 1   | OPEN  | OPEN  |
| January 8   | Steven & Amanda Boykin, in celebration of Amanda’s birthday 01/06 | OPEN  |
| January 15  | Steven & Amanda Boykin, in celebra-                               | OPEN  |
| January 22  | OPEN  | OPEN  |
| January 29  | OPEN  | OPEN  |

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN MINISTRY—hear God’s guidance and share His love**

- \* The congregation of St. John Lutheran Church, Pastor Pete and the congregation of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Bay City. Prayers for St. Peter Church in Bay City as they navigate their new direction.

## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY—wisdom, protection, strength, and peace**

- \* First responders, fire fighters, police men and women to protect and serve the community with justice for all.
- \* Doctors, nurses, and EMT’s; to find the courage to continue fighting this virus and to help keep all in need safe.
- \* Teachers, Staff, Students and School personnel to find a balance that will educate the next generation.
- \* Pastor Pete & Church Council during this time of COVID-19 while they work to figure out the best way to protect the health of everyone in worship.

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL —protection and support**

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|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| * PTSD sufferers     | * Alex Hernandez   | * ETSN Jason Smitherman |
| * Seth Collard       | * Jose Hernandez   |                         |
| * St. Carl Cringle   | * Tracy Jones      | * Kyle Stahlecker       |
| * Kenny Hankins      | * Johnny Ruttan    | * Garrett Wandel        |
| * SGM Robert Hartzog | * Drake Smitherman | * SPC Nicolas White     |

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY—wisdom and governance to secure the blessings of liberty**

- \* National leaders
- \* State leaders
- \* Community leaders

## **PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY—wellness and peace of mind—Members St. John**

- ♦ Deana Fuchs, having a colonoscopy and upper GI scope done, prayers for answers and healing.
- ♦ Thomas Harris, fell Friday 11/18 and had two leg fractures and a dislocated toe, had successful on Wednesday 11/23, prayers for recovery and healing.
- ♦ Connie Hohlt, had a bunion removed and can’t drive for 2 weeks, prayers for healing.
- ♦ Jan Janosky, was able to return home, please keep her in your prayers for recovery and healing.
- ♦ Robert Klingsporn, former member of St. John, is having medical issues and has been moved to a nursing home.
- ♦ Richard Kolonko, had a procedure done on 10/04 for prostrate treatment.

### **PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY—wellness and peace of mind—Members St. John**

- ◆ Lonnie Laqua, has five fractures in his back and 3 herniated discs, prayers as they will do surgery on 10/28 to fix the fractures and after healing then will address the herniated discs.
- ◆ Debra Rodriguez, who is still dealing with her back problems.
- ◆ Kay Smitherman, who had a CT scan at MD Anderson had all good reports from her doctors.
- ◆ Patrick Walters, surgery wound from June 6th is still healing but has had to be opened twice, pray that it heals completely and correctly this time.

### **PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY—wellness and peace of mind—Family of Church Members**

- ◆ Vickie Ahrens mom, has not been feeling good, continue prayers for her health, she just celebrated her 100th birthday on 11/13
- ◆ Karen Ayers, former member of St. John, thanks for the prayers for a successful knee surgery, continue prayers for a lengthy recovery and rehabilitation.
- ◆ Denice Bailey, sister-in-law of Preston & Judy Brown, receiving chemo for stage IV breast cancer.
- ◆ Carolyn Cernoch, sister of Beverly Kolonko, who will have surgery 12/27 for a hysterectomy.
- ◆ Wayne, brother-in-law of JoAnn Fuchs, is having a bone marrow biopsy.
- ◆ Grace Hines, sister-in-law of Pat Hines she has bone cancer and is still receiving chemo, however she is now suffering with dementia.
- ◆ Maureen Huffman, grandmother of Marina & Madison, cervical cancer has potentially returned, surgery on heart is scheduled as well.
- ◆ Ronnie Kaiser, cousin of Charles Schulze, has stage 4 prostate cancer.
- ◆ David Mattson, brother of Ruth Brown, who was diagnosed with liver cancer.
- ◆ Marlyn McClure, sister of Sharon Seibert, she is doing better but continues to need your prayers for health issues, she's confined to bed and can no longer walk.
- ◆ Kathy McManus, cousin of Richard Kolonko, who was diagnosed with breast cancer, prayers for the next steps with her doctors.
- ◆ Clinton McPhaul, nephew of Nancy & Richard Davis undergoing treatment of throat cancer. Prayers for healing & strength.
- ◆ Dustin Page, great nephew of Disa Schulze, who was in a horrible auto/semi accident on Thursday night. He is in ICU at Austin Medical Center and has severe head trauma.
- ◆ Deloris Tipp, Debbie Wiemken's mom, had a fall, was hospitalized and is now in rehab at Country Village, prayers for her as she is having a hard time adjusting.
- ◆ Oscar Trujillo, cousin of Beverly Kolonko, who injured his eye. Surgery was performed and a more may be needed to return his sight, prayers for healing.

## **PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY—wellness and peace of mind—Family of Church Members**

- ♦ Tommy Vacek, cousin of Beverly Kolonko diagnosed with MS.
- ♦ Gary Wade, uncle of Steven Boykin, is now on hospice, prayers for peace and comfort.
- ♦ Danny Walters, brother of Patrick Walters, as he adjusts to the life of a widower with his cancer in remission and the unknowns of PTSD.
- ♦ Harold Wolf, Sheila Walter's daughter-in-law Tori's dad, fell and broke ribs and partially collapsed lung.

## **PRAYERS FOR RECOVERY—wellness and peace of mind—Friends of Church Members**

- ♦ Pat Bell, friend of Beverly Kolonko, fell and broke her elbow, waiting to have surgery.
- ♦ Ana Eberspacher, former student of Tessa Williams, has leg cancer.
- ♦ Moni Gekler, friend of Beverly Kolonko is still dealing with the loss of her eye sight.
- ♦ Robin Jennings, friend & co-worker of Tessa Williams, going through treatments for cancer.
- ♦ Lisa Menard, special friend of Disa Schulze, having bad side effects from chemo.
- ♦ Tim Scheffel, friend of the Boykins, is having cardiac procedures done soon but also tested positive for Covid on Monday, prayers for him to get over covid and for successful treatments.
- ♦ Rita Stallberg, friend of the Kolonko's, is back at St. Luke's Hospital but will be coming home to 24 hour care or a nursing facility soon.
- ♦ Louise Stohr, her cancer came back and is doing chemo.
- ♦ Pat Sykora, friend of Beverly Kolonko, who was diagnosed with DCIS and had a lumpectomy.
- ♦ Adrian Tobar, friend of Beverly Kolonko, diagnosed with a brain tumor, is better but still needs prayers to help his health get better and better. Going from a vibrant 10 year old back to an infant after his accident 4 years ago.
- ♦ Ray Villarreal, friend of Sharon Seibert, cancer is growing again in the colon. Doctors are trying to figure out what can be done if anything. He continues to need prayers.

### **BYOB is Back!! December 18th, 7:00 pm**

Since it's been so long, BYOB is a chance to get together for fellowship and Bible study. BYOB, Bring Your Own Bible (or Beverage), will meet on the third Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm. You are encouraged to bring your own Bible, beverages, and desserts to share. See you then!



## WELCA OCTOBER PROJECT

To all those who donated items or money for postage for the Operation Christmas Child project WELCA did, we say a big THANK YOU! We filled 25 boxes and could not have done that without the congregations help. We are sure that some children will be thrilled when they open their boxes.



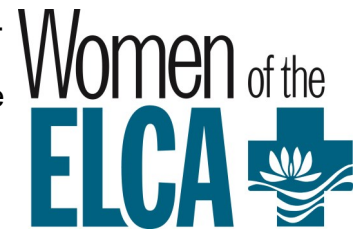
## PRAYER SHAWL December 21, @ 12:00 pm



For those interested in learning to crochet or knit the Prayer Shawl ministry will meet on Wednesday, December 21st at 12:00 pm. Or bring what you have been working on to share with others.

## WOMENS MID-DAY BIBLE STUDY—January 18, @ 11:00 am

The Women's Bible study is held once a month. A small amount of Women of the ELCA business will be discussed then bible study will begin. Please bring your own lunch. Tea, water & coffee will be provided. There will be no Bible study in December but will resume on January 18, 11:00 am.



There will be a short devotional read and discussed. JoAnn Fuchs has graciously agreed to lead the devotional. However if someone has an interest in leading or has a inspirational devotion to share please let JoAnn know.

The previous time that the group met was at 7:00pm. Please let us know if the change to morning meetings is more convenient. Feedback and new faces are always welcomed!

## PRAYER CHAIN

For the month of December, the Prayer Chain was asked to pray for the family and friends of the church listed on the previous few pages. Help us keep our prayer chain current. Please notify the church office, Pastor Pete or JoAnn Fuchs with updates or additions.

**Please let us know if you choose NOT to have your loved one's first name listed in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!**





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**Ministry of Music**

Ruth Brown, Music Director

**Property Chair**

Richard & Beverly Kolonko

**Fellowship Chair**

Beverly Kolonko, Coordinator

**Congregational Care**

OPEN

**Prayer Ministry**

JoAnn Fuchs

**Mutual Ministry**

OPEN

**Altar Guild**

OPEN

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**2022 Congregation Council**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| President      | OPEN            |
| Vice-President | Preston Brown   |
| Secretary      | Amanda Boykin   |
| Treasurer      | Patrick Walters |
| At-Large       | JoAnn Fuchs     |
| At-Large       | Carol Sebesta   |
| At-Large       | Cathy McDaniel  |

**Join us every Sunday!**

9:00 am Fellowship with coffee & donuts

10:00 am Worship Service

Children's Church During Worship



# *December 2022*

## *Events*

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

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**Fri**

**Sat**

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| <i>4</i><br><i>Confirmation Class 1:00 pm</i>                         | <i>5</i><br><i>Food Pantry 10 am-12 pm</i> | <i>6</i>                                | <i>7</i>                                  | <i>8</i><br><i>WELCA Tree Decorating 2:00 pm</i> | <i>9</i>  | <i>10</i> |
| <i>11</i>   | <i>12</i><br><i>Council Dinner 6:00 pm</i> | <i>13</i><br><i>Lion's Club 6:30 pm</i> | <i>14</i>                                 | <i>15</i>  | <i>16</i> | <i>17</i> |
| <i>18</i><br><i>Confirmation Class 1:00 pm</i><br><i>BYOB 7:00 pm</i> | <i>19</i>                                  | <i>20</i>                               | <i>21</i><br><i>Prayer Shawl 12:00 pm</i> | <i>22</i>  | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i> |
| <i>25</i>   | <i>26</i><br><i>Office Closed</i>          | <i>27</i><br><i>Lion's Club 6:30 pm</i> | <i>28</i>                                 | <i>29</i>  | <i>30</i> | <i>31</i> |

# *December 2022*

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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| <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br><i>Nicholas White</i>      | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br><i>Steve Branch<br/>Ashley Rodriguez</i>        | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br><i>Disa Schulze</i>               |
| <b>11</b><br><i>Bridget Besser</i>                                    | <b>12</b><br><i>Ashlyn Hildebrandt</i> | <b>13</b><br><i>M/M Patrick Walters, 19 yrs.<br/>M/M Jeffrey Smith, 14 yrs.</i> | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br><i>Sean Henry<br/>M/M Mike German, 49 yrs.</i> | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                                      |
| <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>                              | <b>20</b><br><i>Kay Carter</i>  | <b>21</b><br><i>Jim Hillis</i>                     | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br><i>Jan Janosky</i>                |
| <b>25</b><br><i>Gerry &amp; Nick Hildebrandt<br/>Victoria Seidler</i> | <b>26</b>                              | <b>27</b><br><i>Lindsey Smith<br/>Avery Faulkner</i>                            | <b>28</b><br><i>John Skrla<br/>Hannah Thompson</i> | <b>29</b><br><i>Noreen Heck<br/>Eric Patterson</i>          | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b><br><i>M/M Patrick Henry, 37 yrs.</i> |