

NEWS-NOTES

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, December 4, 2022

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As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present. We are glad to have you sharing in our celebration of worship. We invite you to visit our website, www.stjohnsmc.org for more information about our church and our activities.

ATTENDANCE: Last Sunday: 9:30, 28; 11:00 a.m. 22, 12:00 p.m. 10; Total: 54

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY

P.A.D.S. UPDATE—THANK YOU!!

Thank you for being a part LaPorte County Gives. We are so grateful for the support and out pouring of love that we received during this event. LaPorte County Gives is a 30-hour event that took place from Sept 30th to Oct 1st. The event raised \$373,711 for 56 different non-profit organizations in LaPorte County. We are so honored to have raised \$31,337.87 putting us in 3rd place for the event! We couldn't have done it without you! Now that totals are in, we are pleased to announce that the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County has matched \$27,000 totaling \$57,337.87. We are putting half of these funds into our endowment held with the Unity Foundation and the rest will be used to support the people who need it most, our clients.

As we quickly approach the holiday giving season, we also ask that you please keep us in your heart and mind. It is the generosity of our donors and volunteers that allow us to achieve amazing things

If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely, Harrison Holtkamp, Executive Director

BLOODMOBILE

The next Bloodmobile at St. John's will be Tuesday, December 6th, from 12 - 6 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule your donation.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Ladies: Celebrate with a Holiday Lunch!

The St. John's Women's Guild will hold a Christmas lunch at Patrick's Restaurant on Friday, December 16th, at 12 noon. We will order off the menu and pay separately. Invite your friends and relatives to join us. To make a reservation or ask questions, contact Karen Lawrenz or Phyllis Nowatzke.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

December 8, 15: Peanut Brittle

December 24, Christmas Eve: 8:00 p.m. worship service, in Sanctuary

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

St. John's wishes to extend deepest condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Ethel Wagenblast, mother of Mr. Gary (Yvonne) Wagenblast, who recently entered eternal life. We pray God's peace and comfort on Mrs. Wagenblast's family and friends.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!! PEANUT BRITTLE, ANYONE?

Join our Guild project by eating peanut brittle, selling peanut brittle, or making peanut brittle! We can make a difference right here in Michigan City! St. John's Guild is now offering its famous peanut brittle at \$10.50 per pound. You may call the church office to place your order (872-9121).

Tell your family and friends that once again all profits from the sale will be donated to community agencies or St. John's projects. Orders for peanut brittle can be picked up before the church office closes at noon on Mondays or Thursdays or on Sunday morning between services. Thank you for your continued support. (P.S. Our upcoming work dates are December 8 & 15.)

LAST CALL! LITURGISTS FOR 2023, We Need YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a Liturgist for 2023! We really appreciate your willingness to help!

We are always in need of more Liturgists, however; so, if you've been debating on whether or not you should join the ranks, please don't be shy—we need your charming voice and positive presence as a Liturgist! Come join our group of dedicated and talented Liturgists! Just call the office and speak with Joyce. She will assign you days that fit with your schedule. Please call 219-872-9121 to add your name to our Liturgist list. The schedule will be sent out very soon.

ANNUAL REPORTS Due Dec. 8th

Committee Chairmen, please remember that your report for the annual meeting is due at the December Board meeting, Thursday, December 8th. Email is always best! Please email your report to the office at secretary@stjohnsmc.org

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

The Preschool raised over \$300 from the Hollys Giveback Night. Thank you to all who participated! In November, both classes learned about the first Thanksgiving, discussed that for which they were thankful, and went for pizza at Wana Pizza. Everyone had fun and ate lots of pizza.

The children are very excited for Christmas. The Pre-Kindergarten class made a candy cane Advent calendar, and the Beginner's class made a Santa Advent calendar. Pastor Fine has been reading the Christmas story to both classes. The children are always very excited to see and talk with him. Christmas parties will be December 19th and 20th. The Preschoolers will have a book gift exchange, and are hoping for a special visit from Santa.

TREE OF LIFE

We have many occasions to celebrate with special birthdays, marriages, baptisms, and anniversaries, and to mourn the loss of loved ones. For a minimum donation of \$50, you can add your wish to honor or remember to the Tree of Life. If interested, please see the office.

MITTEN TREE

Our Christmas Mitten Tree is up and is located to the left of the double doors leading to the Sanctuary's Narthex. Help keep others warm this winter with your donations of hats, gloves, and mittens!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The November Treasurer's Report is now available in the office.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, Saturday, Dec. 24th,

8:00 p.m. Worship, in the Sanctuary (no Christmas worship service on Christmas Day)

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Church Office Hrs.: Mon. & Thur., 9-12

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 4

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Gospel service (chapel)

MONDAY - DECEMBER 5

6:00 p.m. Men's Study

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 6

12 - 6:00 p.m. Bloodmobile

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 7

3:30 p.m. Discipleship Group

5:30 p.m. Scouts

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 8

8:30 a.m. Peanut Brittle

6:30 p.m. Board mtg.

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 10

8:30 a.m. Prayer Group

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 11

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Christianity 101

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11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Gospel service (chapel)