**1st Sunday after the Epiphany/The Baptism of our Lord January 7, 2024**

 St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

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**WELCOME**! It’s our privilege to have you join us in being in the Presence of our Lord and Savior! At St. John, we follow the historic Liturgy of the Christian Church, which highlights the Biblical understanding of the True worship of God: *first and foremost*, that He Comes into our presence to give us His Saving Gifts (“Divine Service”) in His Word and Sacraments; and then, in *response,* we thank and praise Him in word and song, and pray for His continued Blessings.

**Who should receive Holy Communion at St. John?:** *All Confirmed members* are invited to Commune, who are sorry for their sins and wish to be Forgiven and Strengthened. Also, *visitors from other L.C.-M.S. and T.A.A.L.C. churches*, who fit the same description, are welcome. So that no one else might eat and drink in Judgment of their sins (1 Cor. 11:29), *all others are asked to refrain* from Communing. If you’re in doubt, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Prelude

**Opening Hymn:** “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” **~ *LSB* #405**

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** “Divine Service, *Setting 4”* ***203*ff.**

 *Introit* (see 1st white insert**;** read responsively by half Verse)

 “Growing as One” (2nd white insert)

 Readings (see first white insert)

 Gradual (see front of same insert; read responsively by half Verse).

**Hymn of the Day: “**To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” ~ ***LSB* #407 (memory)**

**Sermon**: “The Reality of Christ” *Romans 6:1-11*

**Distribution Hymns:**

“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized” ~ ***LSB* #596**

“Baptismal Waters Cover Me” ~ ***LSB* #616**

“The People That in Darkness Sat” ~ ***LSB* #412**

**Closing Hymn:** “Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters” ~ ***LSB* #598**

Postlude

**STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

**DATE: SERVICE             ATTENDANCE   COMMUNION**

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| 12-31: 8:00 | 55 | 49 |
| 12-31: 10:00 |  27 | 24 |
| 12-31: Total |  82 | 73 |
| 12-31: S.S. / B.C. | 1 / 3 |  |
| 12-31: 4:00 | 37 | 33 |
| 1-3: Bible Study  | 6 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist**: Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (8/10):** Kevin Arndt, Galen Young / Don Clark

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Greg Woodke / Don Clark

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jett Zimmerman /

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave

**NEXT SUNDAY****Organist:** Kristen Weiss

**Ushers (****8/10):** Kevin Arndt, Galen Young / Don Clark

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Harold Collings

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Jensen Zimmerman / Brady Iseler

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave

 **LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

Psalm 139:1-10 901
**O.T.**: **1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)** **402**

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 589; 827; 507

**Gospel:** John 1:43-51 836

 **January – March *Portals of Prayer*** are available in the entryway basket.

The **January *Lutheran Witness*** (with ***Michigan In Touch***) is available on the entryway table.

**January newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**A friendly reminder: Newsletter submissions** are due to the

 church office by the 15th of the month preceding the month for

publishing. **Bulletin announcements** are due to the church office by Thursday (9:00am) before the Sunday to be published, in writing.

 **2024 Offering Envelopes** are available in the entryway.

**2024 Flower Chart** is up on the window in the entryway, Please sign up on your special occasion dates to provide flowers to beautify our Chancel; or call Vicki Koglin at **989-225-7060.**

**Barnabas Fund:** This fund is for the purpose of providing financial help for those in emergency need. Please consider donating to this endeavor.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: |  | **The Baptism of Our Lord** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
|  | 6:00 | Finance Board |
| Tues: | 10:00 | “Winkel” @ St. John, Port Hope |
|  | 7:30 | Long Range Planning |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Thurs: | 7:30 | Church Council |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |
|  | 9:00 | Sunday School / Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, pp.203ff. |

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm;** *(Sally)* **9am-12pm**

Tuesday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**

Wednesday *(Pastor &* *Sally*): **9am – 12pm**

Thursday: *(Pastor):* **9am – 12pm**

Friday: *(Pastor & Sally):* **9am – 12pm**

Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at (989) 428-4140

**2022 Debt Fund**

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| **January - December 31, 2023** |
| Total NeededReceived (12-31-2023) Received year to date Amount Still Needed  |  $ 27,000.00 $ 1,010.00  $ 6,260.00  $ 20,740,00 |

**BUDGETED FINANCE REPORT - *Not Including Special Accounts***

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| **January - December 31, 2023** |
| Needed per count Received (12-31-23) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,540.00 $ 16,265.00 $ 196,420.00  $ 188,915.00  |

Bulletins provided by Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, MI Phone 800-251-8699

**PRAYER LISTS** The following members and friends areknown to be in the

hospital, ailing or recovering and are in need of our prayers, cards, and visits.

**MEMBER PRAYERS:**
Rosemary Koglin; Roger Friedland

**SHUT-INS:**

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| Yvonne Fuhrman   | Jack Noble (Meadow Lane, B.A.) | Jeffrey Schave |
| Norma Johnson(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Jeanette Piotter(Lakeview E.C., H.B.) | Sandy Struble(Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Joyce Koglin (Meadow Lane, B.A.)  | Elmer/Ruth Leese | Gary Schave(Meadow Lane, B.A.) |
| Jeannie Woodke (Huron Co. Medical) |  |  |

 **FRIENDS:**

Isabel Mix (great-granddaughter of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Reecilyn Joy (daughter of Michael and Julie Joy)

Gordon Summers

Karen Kreh (daughter of Joyce Koglin)

Daryl Sengstock

Natalie Morgan (daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

David Sias (great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Debbie Pokora (sister-in-law of Mary Eggert)

Jaxon Bates (infant great-grandson of Elmer & Ruth Leese)

Ryder Finkel (6-year-old grandson of Don & Linda Finkel)

Daniel Polega

Logan Phillips (granddaughter of Linda Schave)

Duane Schave

**In Memory of Erwin Schave monetary donations for St. John Lutheran Church Debt Fund:**  Harold & Carolyn Collings, Susan & Ron Reinke, Jeff, Lori & Connor Kowaleski, Albert & Janice Bender, Alan & Judy McTaggart, Marsha Maschke & family, Lavern & Brenda Friedland, Darla Pankow & Lola Smith, Herb & Betty Leese, David Smith, Darlene, Tom & families, Les, Linda & Joe Weiss, Steven, Kristen & Avery Weiss, Larry Finkel, Jan & Steve Schulz, Leo & Linda Smith, Gary Eggert **Trustee Fund:** Nancy Schelke, Kevin & Sally Arndt **St John Lutheran Church:**  Arnie & Mary Eggert, Marvin & Carol Woodke, Ron & Luann Thoms, Charlene Sharrard, Orville Eggert, Ron & Wanda Srebinski, Scott Iseler, Joann Cove & Richard Stros, Jason & Sarah Shaw, Larry & Marge Engel, the entire Dan May family, Larry & Marge Engel, Marv & Vicki Koglin, Roy & Elaine Reinke, Irene Pilaski **St. John’s Choir:** Karen Iseler

**In Memory of Elaine Eggert, who passed away on December 18, 2021 a monetary donation was given to the St. John Debt Fund:** Gary Eggert

**A memorial for Beverly Lasceski was given to the St. John Lutheran Trustee Fund:**  David & Irene Schelke **Stained Glass Window Fund:**  Roy & Elaine Reinke

 **In Memory of Arlene Zelz a monetary donation has been given to the Trustee Fund:** David & Irene Schelke

**A monetary gift has been given in Memory of Earl Reinke to the Stained Glass Window Fund:**  Roy & Elaine Reinke

**In Memory of Michelle Grekowicz a memorial has been given to the Trustee Fund:**  David & Irene Schlke

**A monetary donation has been given in Memory of Carole Pleiness for the Trustee Fund:** David & Irene Schelke

*The Baptism of our Lord*

