**1st Sun. after the Epiphany/The Baptism of our Lord January 8, 2023**

 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:** “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered” ~ ***LSB* #404**

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

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

 “Growing as One” (see 2nd white insert)

 Readings (see back of 1st 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 Great Exchange Begins” *Matt. 3:13-17*

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

 “From God the Father, Virgin-Born” ~ ***LSB* #401**

 “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” ~ ***LSB* #395**

**Closing Hymn:** “Mark How the Lamb of God’s Self-Offering” ~ ***LSB* #600**

Postlude

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Due to the church being recarpeted, **worship on Jan. 15 & 22** will be held in the school building **gymnasium**. There will be **no Communion** on these two Sundays.

 **STEWARDSHIP OF PARTICIPATION**

 **DATE : SERVICE ATTENDANCE COMMUNION**

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| 12-31: New Year’s Eve | 31 | 28 |
| 1-1: 8:00 | 37 | 34 |
| 1-1: 10:00 | 29 | 22 |
| 1-1: Total | 66 | 56 |
| 1-4 Bible Study | 7 |  |

 **STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE**

**TODAY**

**Organist:** Kristen Weiss

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

**Elder(s) (8/10):** Rick Finkel / Don Clark

**Acolyte** **(8/10):** Kuper Musolff / Maddix Thoms

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave

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

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

**Elder(s) (****8/10):** Joe Landenberg / Larry Reinke

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

**Altar Guild**: Linda Schave

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY**

**READINGS** **HYMNS**

 **Psalm**: 40:1-11 606

 **O.T.:** Isaiah 49:1-7 402

 **Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 702, 602, 809

 **Gospel:** John 1:29-42a 551

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

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

 **January newsletters** are in your mailboxes.

**A friendly reminder: In writing or via email, newsletter submissions** are due to the church office by the 15th of the prior month and **bulletin announcements** by Thursday (9:00am) prior to Sunday.

**Thank-you** to all whom made the **Jan. 6 Epiphany Service, Christmas Program, and Hymn Sing** a success.

**THIS WEEK at ST. JOHN**

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| Sun: |  | **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD** |
|  | 8:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Divine Service w/ Holy Communion, p. 184 |
| Mon: | 4:00 | 7th Grade Confirmation |
|  | 7:00 | Finance Board |
| Tue: | 10:00 | “Winkel” @ Unionville |
| Wed: | 10:30 | Bible Study |
| Next Sun: | 8:00 | Worship, p. 203 |
|  | 9:00 | Sun. School & Bible Class |
|  | 10:00 | Worship, p. 203 |
|  | **11:15** | **Quarterly Voters’ Meeting** |

Monday *(Pastor):* **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Tuesday (*Pastor*): **9am – 1pm; 2-3pm**Wednesday (*Pastor & Kathy*): **9am – 12pm**Thursday *(Pastor & Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Friday *(Pastor & Kathy):* **9am – 12pm**Please call ahead to ensure that someone is in at (989) 428-4140.

**Stained Glass Window Fund**

Total Needed: $190,000.00

Received so far $155,400.00 Finance Board (11-28-22) $ 445.00

Amount Still Needed: $ 34,600.00

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

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| **January - December 31, 2022** |
| Needed per count Received (11-28-22) Needed year to date Received year to date  |  $ 8,235.00 $15,130.00 $199,405.00 $178,890.00  |

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**Ladies Aid would like to thank** the following individuals who helped with the fruit baskets this year: Denee Schave (organizer), Linda Schave, Darla Pankow, Kari Ann VerEllen, Sandy Landenberg, Lori Kowaleski, Harold & Carolyn Collings, Nancy Schelke & Darlene Tyler. 43 baskets were packed and delivered to our shut-in members and those over 80.

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**
Ruth Leese, Trent & Mackenzie Popour (at the birth of Kypton John Popour)

**SHUT-INS**

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

**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

Lori Pedrotte (daughter of Rodney & Janet Weiss)

Suzi Smith (daughter of Linda & Darwin Krueger)

Natalie Morgan (2-year-old daughter of Shannon Popour’s co-worker)

Kurt Reinke (son of Ramona Reinke)

Ainsley Hamilton (4 month old niece of Brooke Maurer & Ryan VerEllen)

**In Memory of John Schubel, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Larry Finkel, Marv & Vicki Koglin, Rich & Darlene Tyler

**In Memory of Jim and Peggy Bailey, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Larry Finkel

**In Memory of Ruth Clark, Patty Wichert, and Warren Meissner, a monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Trustee Fund:** David & Irene Schelke

**A monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Barnarbas Fund:** John Wicker and Carol Schave

**In Honor of the Baptism of Ella Kraft , A monetary gift has been given to St. John Lutheran Stained Glass Fund:** Harold and Carolyn Collings