



## WHAT DOES GOD HAVE IN STORE FOR 2023?

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

I'm chuckling already about how many articles and advertisements we will all be reading over the next few weeks about New Year's resolutions, people joining gyms, and going on diets. Those thoughts took me in the direction of thanking God for how most of the exciting things that happen in our lives aren't very carefully planned out ahead of time. They probably don't just happen spontaneously either. Did you plan the moment you would meet the love of your life? Did you say, "Hey, next Tuesday I'll meet Jesus along the way and say, 'yes' to His call for me to follow"? Some (and I agree) think our growth moments happen because we do two things at the same time. We set a course of action and simultaneously stay open to whatever emerges along the way. That's called strategic process if you study organizational systems. It's also called journeying in faith if you study the Bible. Faith is always the gracious and surprising accomplishment of God.

Nothing will happen if you aren't intentional. Even a failure is better than doing nothing. Join the gym. Start that diet. Just do it! Many faith-based organizations I know can't make a decision to save their souls or anyone else's for that matter. They stay stuck in patterns of the past that keep them safe and comfortable, blaming others in the present for all that afflicts them, until it's too late. In other words, nothing will happen, unless you decide to do something, but no matter what you do, the outcome isn't ultimately going to be up to you.

The book of Acts opens with Jesus giving final instructions to his followers. Jesus tells them "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth." (Acts 1:8). It wasn't a lot to go on, but it was enough. Jesus' followers walked away with a sense of direction and began a journey together that would lead them to places they never could have imagined. They believed the Holy Spirit was at work in, through and all around them. When they saw the Spirit at work, they joined in. None of these things could've happened if they hadn't been willing to move out and follow the course Jesus, their leader, had given them. Was it without bumps along the way? Absolutely not! Literally, for God's sake, Jesus had to die. But they didn't really plan anything that happened along the way. When they did try to plan things out carefully, it didn't work out so well at all. Just ask Mathias. He's the only disciple who was chosen, using anything resembling a plan. The other disciples, caught up by the idea of replacing the Judas, actually developed a list of job qualifications! And Mathias met them (Acts 1:15-26). Scripture records virtually nothing about Mathias as he disappears from the story and is never heard from again. How much of what happened did somebody (besides God) actually plan ahead of time? How much of it happened because somebody was paying attention to what God was doing, and dared to join in? (Seeing Through New Eyes, A Renewal Enterprise, Inc. 2010)

One of my favorite people on the planet, as a little girl, would say with open arms, "Where go? What do?" There's wisdom in that little girls' questions. We should take those words out for a spin and enjoy what God has in store for us in 2023.

Be blessed!  
Pastor Bob

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# Christmas

THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 24 3:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 24 8:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP  
DECEMBER 25 10:30AM

CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL  
DECEMBER 25 11:00AM-1:00PM

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



## FREE CHRISTMAS MEAL

**December 25**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
45 N. Reading Avenue, Boyertown



# ¡FELIZ 2023!

By: Jen Schlegel

As you read this, know the members of St. John's heading to Cuernavaca, Mexico are incredibly excited to learn more about the programs of Wellspring Karitas on the ground in the communities being served. We leave Boyertown on Wednesday, January 11 and head to Elizabeth, NJ where we will spend the night so we can catch our early morning flight to Mexico City. We return on Tuesday, January 17, arriving in Boyertown that evening.

Please pray for our team members: Pastor Bob, Becky and Scott Scheiry, Shannon Omlor, Amanda Ehst, Jen and Camryn Friz, John and Ashley Gheer, Bev Blake, Jen Schlegel, and Tracey Smith. Tracey is representing Karitas and is joining our delegation. We'll all get to meet her in person when she worships with us on Sunday, January 8.

We begin the new year in the midst of the twelve days of Christmas that culminate with Epiphany on January 6. The three wise men travelled from afar, following the star of Bethlehem, to bear witness to the presence of our King. They offered gifts to our Lord and Savior. Imagine what others might have thought of these wise men who brought these valuable gifts to a baby of such lowly and humble origins. They brought gifts fit for a King.

In many places around the world, Epiphany, the "little Christmas," is celebrated with gifts even more so than Christmas Day. This year, the offering taken during our Friday, January 6 Epiphany service will be put toward purchasing tools to equip ALEM's second team of individuals who repair wheelchairs in Cuernavaca and the surrounding area. We will be purchasing some tools to ship, and other tools will be purchased in Mexico. The ALEM program has three goals: to repair wheelchairs for those in need, to give people with disabilities purpose and community, and to open the eyes of those in the community to the worth and fruitful productiveness of the disabled. Please consider a monetary gift to help support this program that indeed lifts up those others seen as lowly and humble.

Wellspring Karitas Foundation is committed to Building a more Beautiful World from the Bottom Up. Wellspring Karitas does indeed lift up people who some consider to be lowly – people with disabilities, people with hunger, children at risk of dropping out of school, indigenous farmers. Wellspring Karitas does this "lifting and building up" by supporting programs that empower people and build community. One program includes a preschool in a squatter's community that provides education and feeds breakfast to 150 children every day! Another education initiative supports young people transitioning from elementary school through middle school, where there is a high dropout rate. Another program supported by Wellspring Karitas is a group of fair trade restaurants, employing people with disabilities and sourcing food from indigenous farmers. All profits are put back into the community.

When local people identify local needs and local solutions, a healthy community is built! A community that people invest and reinvest in. A community where relationships thrive. The type of community I think we'd all like to live in. We can help make this happen for the people we'll encounter in Cuernavaca, and we'll learn how we can join in to further serve in our own community and further develop healthy community relationships.

Many ministries respond to community needs, but when a ministry is developed to get to the source of the concern, then we are living out our baptismal call to strive for justice and peace in all the world.

Indeed this is what God asks of us.

Thank you for your prayers and your contributions. We look forward to going and learning, and returning and serving. We'll be sharing our experiences with the congregation when we return, including ways that the trip will bear fruit and plant seeds in our own community.

## COME, FEAST, AND CELEBRATE

God's glory revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ!  
Share in a simple pot-luck meal followed by celebrating  
the conclusion of the Christmas season, the Epiphany of Our Lord, in worship together.

**Pot Luck Meal**  
*bring something to share*

Friday, January 6  
5:30 pm  
Lower Level



**Worship**  
*bring your donation for Karitas*

Friday, January 6  
7:00 pm  
Sanctuary



# THE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH

By: Jen Friz

When reflecting the “business” of the church that has been the focus of council over the last few years, it has been quite a unique time. My term on council began just a few weeks before the start of the pandemic in February of 2020. As our council has done its best to prayerfully navigate these complexities, we were constantly reminded that tough decisions are never going to satisfy everyone. While trying to make decisions for the safety and care of the congregation about worshiping in person or online only, wearing masks and having ropes on the pews there was still the underlying, core “business” of the church that needed to continue. And during this time of transition of the church, the way the council works together and where it puts its energy is critical for the church’s future.

Finances, how we spend our endowments, building maintenance, bees in the steeple, the perpetual search for an organist, pre-school budget and expectations, constitution and by-law amendments, events added to the calendar that need volunteers, and of course, the need for planning using the calendar, database and task lists! This is the business of the church, right?! Or is it?

While all of these things are core components of the functioning of the church, after 3 years on Congregation Council I have learned from Pastor Bob and others that the business of the church is **JESUS**. When we forget that, when we fail at keeping Jesus at the center of our work, we will be going down the wrong path.

In many ways council functions like a small group. We are a team. We have built intentional relationships. We are partners in ministry. We don’t always agree, but with trust and respect, we work together and our words and actions are authentic, and we share and accept one another’s flaws. And the most effective and impactful part of our council meetings is when we share our faith, experiences, ideas, and our vision for how to develop totally devoted disciples of Jesus at St. John’s and in our community.

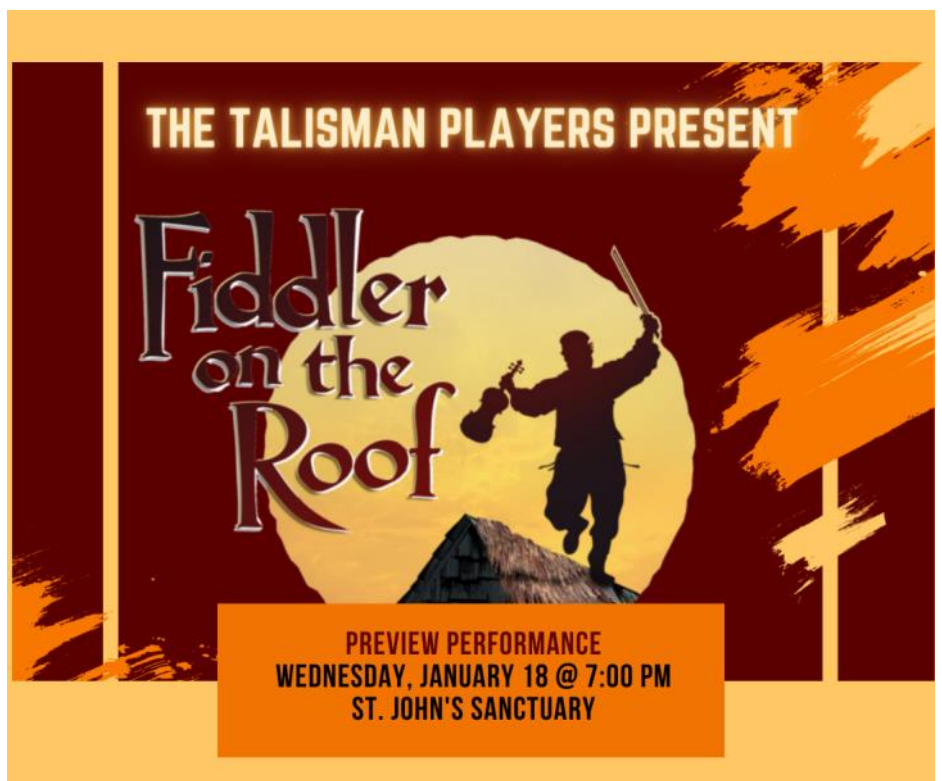
In the same way that requirements to wear or not wear masks were divisive, so is the vision that the leaders of St. John’s have set forth, to be a learning community, to love God and love one another, and to evolve from a pastor-centric church, where pastoral visits make people feel good, to a congregation filled with mature disciples who care for one another and train and equip others for works of service. I pray that the leaders of St. John’s faithfully lean on God and continue to prayerfully discern the vision and purpose in our church in God’s mission, always looking to the cross.



## TALISMAN PLAYERS RETURN TO THE STAGE

By: Tom Nardone, Talisman Players

It has been a difficult two years that has left many of us saddened and confused and at times wondering when we might feel “normal again”. Well what can be better than a dose of laughter or a good cry of joy... and there is no better source than good theater! The Talisman Players decided to return by re-inventing their “classic” very first musical at the Kutztown Community Theatre; “Fiddler on the Roof” on January 20-22 in the Georgian Room of Old Main, at Kutztown University. To add to the “good news”, they are continuing their joyful collaboration with Boyertown and a very special preview performance at St John’s on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00pm. The cast is full of veteran Talisman Players as well as a group of wonderful actors making their theatrical debut with this Community Theatre. For information please visit, [talismanplayers.com](http://talismanplayers.com) or [stjohnsboyertown.org](http://stjohnsboyertown.org).



# THE SHACK

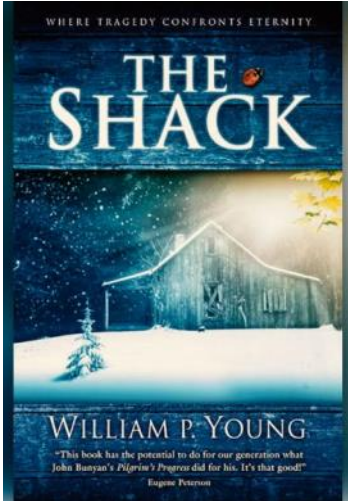
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By: Cathy Krause

**PART 2** (read Part 1 in December's newsletter)



A cataclysmic event (e.g., a flood, a fire, an auto accident, a death, etc.), generally, changes the life of the person experiencing it. What that person does with the change is dependent on the person and their faith.

The Shack is a work of fiction involving a cataclysmic event. I believe that God can use anything to fulfill his purposes – even a novel. This article is not a book review; it is an exploration of one of the biblical concepts found within its pages.

Relationship – how often have we heard this concept from the pulpit! Our relationship with God is the most important. Read I John 4:9-11:

<sup>9</sup>“God shows us his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life. <sup>10</sup>Real love isn’t our love for God, but *his love for us*. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we *must* love each other. (CEV, italics-mine)

Relationship with God allows us to love and to serve in every situation. Consider Mackenzie’s mental gyrations when he is in the cavern. Was he judging God for allowing his daughter to be brutally raped and murdered? How often have we/I criticized/judged? privately, of course. Is this the love our relationship with God expects?

“All love and relationship is possible for you *only* because it already exists within me, within God myself. Love is *not* the limitation; love is the flying. I am love.” (Papa speaking to Mackenzie, p. 103, italics – mine)

Read I John 4:18-20. An example of how I failed God’s love: while working at the Career Center, a tall, dark-skinned student followed me in the hallway. For some reason, I felt afraid. I had seen the student before; they were enrolled in a friend’s program; and I do have African-American friends. Why was I afraid? I don’t know. I do know that I felt ashamed. What I didn’t have was a relationship with that student. “The one who fears is not perfected in love.” (I John 4:18c NASB) I have a long way to go in my relationship with God.

To return to The Shack: we all have tragedies in our lives – some more devastating than others. But tragedies are not orchestrated by God. He can, though, use them for his purposes. God will use them for good and to give the most loving outcome.

Read Romans 8:28. By embracing God’s love in the midst of pain or suffering, there is grace. Mackenzie found this grace through forgiveness – his for those who wronged him and God’s for him.

There are many theological concepts in The Shack. Here is a list of a few of them:

The power of love is greater than hate.

Jesus came to give us life.

God’s love gives us freedom.

God does not force his love on us.

A relationship with God involves trust.

Each of these concepts could provide sermons (or newsletter articles).

To close, read the following:

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39 NASB)



The Directors Big Band performed at St. John’s on December 10, bringing festive Christmas music to our sanctuary. If you missed them in 2022, be sure to save the date for 2023. We’re excited to welcome them back next Christmas season on Saturday, December 9, 2023!







## HAPPY NEW YEAR – WELCOME 2023!

By: DeeDee Kelly, Preschool Teacher

Winter is upon us and hopefully, that means snow! As much as fall is my favorite season, winter is a very close second. Cold, crisp, fresh air...I just love it! Standing outside while it's snowing feels like standing inside a snow globe. As I watch snowflakes float gently to the ground, it makes me think of all the children here at St. John's - each one beautiful, each one unique, just as God intended.

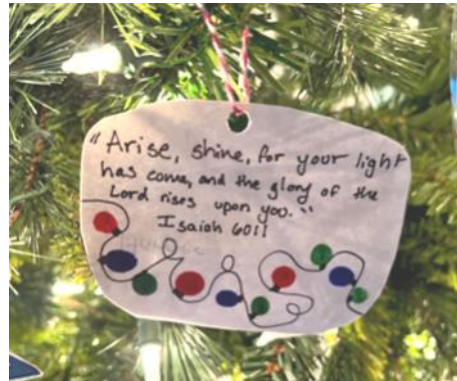
After sharing in a wonderful Christmas social event, where our students' families were invited into the preschool, it's fun to reflect on all the giggles and smiles on the faces that were in attendance. There were tables of various crafts, games, "reindeer food" making, a photo-prop selfie station, and shared goodies complete with a hot cocoa bar. It was some much needed family fun time before leaving for our Christmas break.

Most people enter into January being able to take a breath and relax as they start to slow down from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. That is not the case for the preschool staff. For us, it is the start of our sprint towards the finish line that is the end of our school year. With so much learning, projects, and fun still to be had, these months just seem to fly by so quickly. As much as we remind the children to stop and "smell the flowers and blow the bubbles", we as staff need to remember to do the same thing and really enjoy the time we have left with our classes.

As we move forward into this new year, we humbly ask for your continued prayers for knowledge and guidance as we provide a nurturing and faith-based learning environment for our students.

All of us at the preschool wish all of you a blessed New Year!

Our preschool students were busy this Christmas making beautiful ornaments that decorated the Christmas tree in our Lower Level lobby and then were taken home to be enjoyed for years to come!



## Eagle Messenger Article Deadlines

**Monday, January 9** for February issue

**Monday, February 13** for March issue

**Monday, March 13** for April issue

## WOMEN'S GROUP

**Joyful Sisters of Service**, will be meeting on  
Tuesday, January 24 at 1:00pm in the conference room.  
Plans for what direction the group will take in 2023  
will be discussed at this meeting.  
All women are welcome to join the group.

## CONNECT

support for parents of special needs children

COFFEE  
SUPPORT  
ENCOURAGEMENT  
LOVE

Wednesday,  
Jan 11 & 25  
9:15-11:00 am

St. John's Lutheran Church  
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Register and find more  
information at  
[stjohnsboyertown.org](http://stjohnsboyertown.org)

GUIDED DISCUSSIONS AND  
TAKE-HOME DEVOTIONS



FACILITATED BY ROSALIE ELLIS  
WRITER & INTEGRATIVE LIFE COACH

Led by writer and integrative life coach, Rosalie Ellis, Connect is a support group for parents/caregivers of children with special needs. This group will support and encourage parents whose hearts and homes have been impacted by the demands of raising a child with exceptional needs.

Two sessions are currently scheduled. Attend one or both! Register to attend on our website.

## LIGHTING PROJECT

By: Dave Eidle

The lighting project for the Sanctuary and Narthex started as a refresh of the lighting system that was remaining from before the renovation. The project will upgrade our lights from the current fluorescents to more efficient LED technology. When looking at the project as a whole, and through various meetings, it became apparent that this renovation needed to be more than just an upgrade, but a look at moving the Sanctuary forward into the future. We now have new technologies in the Sanctuary such as a video system that would benefit from the upgrade. We needed to look at how the overall lighting system would affect the projection screen while maintaining adequate lighting levels at the chancel. After review of multiple options, we have decided to maintain the overall lighting layout by replacing the current lighting fixtures of the Sanctuary and providing better light output control, along with adding several lights to aid with the lighting of the chancel. In addition to the work in the Sanctuary, we will be replacing the Narthex lighting fixtures to better align with the new fixtures installed in the Sanctuary further upgrading the church.

After the lighting fixtures were selected, we now had an opportunity to optimize the lighting controls for not only the congregation but also our on-line viewers. We are going to not only maintain some of the current lighting controls, but also add to them to provide even more flexibility with all of the fixtures being dimmable. The new lighting control system will provide more flexibility and easier use.

We are now in the pre-construction phase of the project where lighting fixtures are being ordered and construction details are being coordinated with the construction team. Once the lighting project is complete, we will have a Sanctuary poised to move us into the future providing us with an even greater worship experience, not only for those in person in the Sanctuary, but also for those who are viewing online.

Walk  
in the  
light

1 John 1:7



# A DISCIPLESHIP COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

By: Pastor Bob

You did it! You did exactly what Jesus asks us to do. You took the “Great Commission,” found in Matthew 28:19-20, to the people of Boyertown and beyond. “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you, always, even to the end of the age.”

You hosted Handel’s *Messiah*, beyond our walls and in our community, at the Boyertown Area Senior High School. You invited them to celebrate the story of the birth of our Lord through smiling faces and beautiful voices. You invited our local school district’s Select Choir and the Reading Choral Society to celebrate and join in all the fun, too. More than four hundred guests attended an event where the music reveals the greatest gift you will ever receive, the gift of God’s love in Christ for you – right here and right now! A community church joins their gifts with the gifts of others to do what matters, not to but most importantly, WITH God! Thank you to all who organized, supported, and experienced this spectacular event.

A week later we hosted the Directors Big Band concert in our sanctuary, and we’ve asked if we could host them again in 2023. They said yes! You might want to get December 9, 2023 on your calendars now and invite your family and friends. Their spirit-lifting music matches the quality and joy-filled personalities of the musicians and their ability to usher in the joy of the season. Thank you to all who organized, supported, and experienced this spectacular event.

For those who struggle this time of the year we offered a very special Blue Christmas service led by Dr. Don Eisenhower. Loss and grief are real, and we never want to forget those among us who feel more pain than joy. We pray for them and with them, always.

Thank you! Journeying through this season of Advent has been a joy-filled blessing with the messages we heard from Shannon Omlor and Amanda Ehst. Now we wait together with great expectation for the Nativity of our Lord, the Messiah, Emmanuel – God with us.





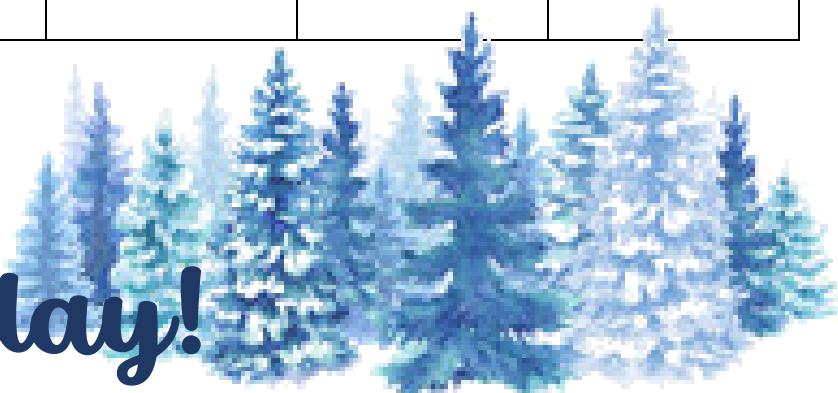
# JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>2</b> Preschool Closed Office Closed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30a Preschool Chapel Time 11:30a Preschool Staff 12:45p Preschool Chapel Time 6:30p Worship Team	<b>5</b> Operation 143 Delivery 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>6</b> Epiphany of Our Lord Preschool Gym Class 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 5:30p Potluck Dinner 7:00p Worship Celebration	<b>7</b> 8:00a Congregation Council Work Day 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>8</b> Baptism of Our Lord 9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship Celebration 10:45a Karitas Meeting	<b>9</b> 5:00p Newsletter Submission 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	<b>10</b> 9:00a Admin Staff	<b>11</b> 9:15a Connect	<b>12</b> Wellspring Karitas Trip 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>13</b> Wellspring Karitas Trip Preschool Music Class 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>14</b> Wellspring Karitas Trip 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>15</b> Wellspring Karitas Trip 9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>16</b> Wellspring Karitas Trip Preschool Closed	<b>17</b> Wellspring Karitas Trip 6:00p Talisman Players 6:30p Finance Team	<b>18</b> 9:30a Pottstown Soup Kitchen 7:00p Fiddler on the Roof	<b>19</b> Operation 143 Delivery 9:00a Community Leaders 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>20</b> Preschool Gym Class 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>21</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>22</b> 9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>23</b> 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	<b>24</b> 1:00p Joyful Sisters of Service 6:30p Building a Better Boyertown	<b>25</b> 9:15a Connect	<b>26</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service w/Holy Communion 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>27</b> Preschool Music Class 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>28</b> 8:00a Worship Team Work Day 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>29</b> 9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>30</b> 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>31</b>				

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Johanna Clark	<b>4</b> Ryan DiPietro Earl Guinther	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Abigail Rhoads
<b>8</b> Elizabeth Rose Darlene Smith	<b>9</b> Connor Cordero Amy Moyer	<b>10</b> Chris Schlegel	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Randy Rupert	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Jenny Clark	<b>18</b> Dana Smith	<b>19</b> Charles Eckert III	<b>20</b> Luke Young	<b>21</b> Brandon Levan Kelli Miller
<b>22</b> Karen Buzalewski	<b>23</b> Bev Blake Harper Gaugler	<b>24</b> Amanda Kulhamer Jean Moyer Ronald Sheidy	<b>25</b> Dennis Strouse Jr.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Annabelle Burkert	<b>28</b> Lamar Hartline
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Jason Eidle Jackson Fretz Daniel Stout	<b>31</b> Christopher Houser				

Happy Birthday!





# WORSHIP MINISTRY

Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Day	Special Service	Lector	Media	Prayers	Sound	Ushers	Video
1/1/2023	Sunday	9:30 AM	First Sunday after Christmas	Lessons and Carols	NA	Shannon Omlor	NA	Myles Omlor	Gerry Krause, Bill Rohrbach, Susan & Andy Varzally	Nyla Omlor
1/6/2023	Friday	7:00 PM	Epiphany of Our Lord		TBD	Sarah Eidle	Ros Moatz	Chase Sennott	Ros & Brian Moatz	Jason Eidle
1/8/2023	Sunday	9:30 AM	Baptism of Our Lord		Bev Blake	Shannon Omlor	Karen Pollock	Ashley Gheer	Barbara Houp, Ros Moatz, Darin Moyer, Kevin Moyer	Scott Scheiry
1/15/2023	Sunday	9:30 AM	Second Sunday after Epiphany		Andy Varzally	Sarah Eidle	Molly Byrne	Brianna Rohrbach	Becky & Barry Erb, Bunny & Ron Riffle	Abbe Grofe
1/22/2023	Sunday	9:30 AM	Third Sunday after Epiphany		Mary Kay Heimbach	Shannon Omlor	Sarah Eidle	Myles Omlor	Joanne Dykie, Scott Scheiry, Carol Sematis, Terry Wadsworth	Sarah Eidle
1/29/2023	Sunday	9:30 AM	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany		Missy Endy	Sarah Eidle	Michele Eidle	Chase Sennott	Charles Haddad, Phil Haddad, Sandy & Terry Wade	Shannon Omlor
2/5/2023	Sunday	9:30 AM	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany		Jen Schlegel	Shannon Omlor	Tom Engle	Myles Omlor	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach, Bently Rick, RJ Rick	Nyla Omlor
2/12/2023	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Boy Scout Sunday	Jay Herbert	Sarah Eidle	Mel Roth	Chase Sennott	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer, Mike Gilbert, Ed Schaeffer	Jason Eidle
2/19/2023	Sunday	9:30 AM	Transfiguration of Our Lord		Jill Koch	Shannon Omlor	Friz Family	Ashley Gheer	Jay Herbert, Jerry Krause, Ros & Brian Moatz	Scott Scheiry
2/22/2023	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday	Imposition of Ashes	Brian Moatz	Sarah Eidle	Sue Grofe	Brianna Rohrbach	Ros & Brian Moatz	Abbe Grofe
2/26/2023	Sunday	9:30 AM	First Sunday in Lent	Girl Scout Sunday	Lori Carnes	Shannon Omlor	Nancy Graver	Myles Omlor	Lauren Frey, Darin Moyer, Kevin Moyer, Bill Rohrbach	Sarah Eidle

# EAGLE MESSENGER

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We believe God's purpose for the people of  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to develop  
joy-filled children of God who love the Lord  
and share God's Word.

*We do this by:*

- Maintaining a trusting and welcoming environment.
- Praying daily.
- Reading scripture regularly.
- Sharing our faith through action-based service.
- Encouraging holy conversations.
- Feeding our faith with music.

*With a focus on:*

- Activities that build relationships.
- Worship that is relevant.
- Meeting the needs of the vulnerable in our community.

Return Service Request - Dated Material  
Mailed December 20, 2022

## WORSHIP

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

Office Hours (open by appointment)  
Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Pastor Bob Machamer  
Kay Christman, Finance Team  
Amanda Ehst, Worship Coordinator  
Sue Grofe, Finance Team  
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