

NOTES & NEWS ITEMS

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving to God and in celebration of Leah Raeann Arnold's 4th birthday on December 23, by her grandparents.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—*Last weekend to order.*

Poinsettias will need to be ordered by this weekend for the display for Christmas! Please place the order form with payment in the box in the Marie Pfarr room. Call Charlotte Blumenschein at (937) 644-4111 with any questions or help with ordering. Thank you from the Flower Committee!

CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIES AT THE CEMETERY: Please join families of St. John's observing the foreign custom of placing luminaries on graves of loved ones on Christmas Eve. This reminds us and our community that:

"Jesus came to us at Christmas as the

Light of the world and so we have the comfort and peace of knowing
that our loved ones are with the

Light in everlasting joy and happiness."

MIDWEEK ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: "Peace Came to Earth"

Last session on 12/20 at 6:00 pm at the Heritage House. Led by Pastor Jack.

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Through much prayerful consideration and discussion with a large portion of the congregational members who attend the Saturday evening service, it has been decided to move the start time from **6:00 pm to 4:00 pm** effective **Saturday, December 16th. This change will be effective December 16, 2023 - March 16, 2024.** It is felt that moving the time will make winter time driving safer for our congregational members who attend this service. Direct any questions or concerns to any of the Elders, or Mike Friday at 937-243-2436.

ACES: Please join us for Euchre & fellowship this Wednesday at the Youth House at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.00 including prizes, drinks, and cookies.

LADIES AID SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, January 7, 2024, the Ladies Aid will hold a Pie Making Class at the Heritage House at 3:00 PM. Mark your calendars, and hope to see you there!

BIBLE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 24:

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 24
Family Service at 7:00 pm
Candlelight Service at 11:00 pm (Communion)

Christmas Day Service
Monday, December 25
Sanctuary Worship Service at 10:00 am (Communion)

St. John's Lutheran Church Prayer List

December 16-17, 2023

The following is a list of prayer concerns. Please use this as a daily reminder in your PRAYER TIME.

WE PRAY FOR: Our Nation, Our Leaders, and Our Military Personnel & their families, Our High School & College Students, and Our St. John's Students and Faculty. For those in the world who find themselves in a state of hopelessness or a lack of choice; victims of violence, homelessness and the like. For peace and comfort during this challenging time.

WE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING OR SEEKING MEDICAL

TREATMENT: Georgianna Alvarez, Bailey Albondante (daughter of Ashley Starr Albondante), Amy Balderson, Gene Blumenschein, Megan Bowsher, Peggy Edwards, Arthur Felty, April Firestone, Mike Griffith, Peggy Heimbush, Nancy Howard, Ray McCarty, Rita Leedy, Cheryl Nicol, Rodney Nicol, Caleb Rausch & Family, Doris Rausch, Dave Ruff, Dan Scheiderer & Family, Janet Stierhoff, Betty Stillings, Wes Vollrath and Carolyn Williamson.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING, INDEPENDENT LIVING:

Dorothy Cotton—Bluebird 112

Dan Scheiderer—Gables 406

Marjorie Myers—Randall Residence, Centerville

Grayce Kleiber—Wesley Glen, 5155 N. High St.,
Apt. 225 S, Columbus, OH 43214

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER FINANCIAL CONCERNS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

WE PRAY FOR YOUNG GROWING FAMILIES IN OUR CHURCH, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

We wish a blessed day to our member who is celebrating their 90+ Birthday:

90+ BIRTHDAY

Myron Rausch - 12/17

920 Sherwood Ave.

Marysville, OH 43040

BAPTISM *We welcome this child of God to the Forever Family through Holy Baptism:*

Adalyn Elizabeth Golden, daughter of **Daniel and Megan Golden**, who was baptized Saturday afternoon, December 16, here at St. John's by Pastor Jack Heino. Adalyn's sponsors are Joe and Amy Balderson.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY *We thank and praise God for the years of marriage given:*
Eugene and Ruth Ann Mayer who celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on December 18.

BEREAVEMENT *We extend heartfelt sympathy and prayers of comfort to the families of:*

✠ **Walter Shier**, father of Tim (Della) Shier, who went to his heavenly home on December 6, 2023.

✠ **Griff Clifton Cook, Jr.**, brother of Peggy Bunsold, who went to his heavenly home on December 7, 2023.

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus— and for all the people according to their needs.

OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS: *Please help us to keep this list current by contacting the church office with updates 937-644-5540.*

Kristie Alvarez (daughter-in-law of Georgiana Alvarez)
Walter & Sherry Atkins (friends of Gary & Pat Martin)
Cindy Back (sister-in-law of Craig Wetteman)
Kaleb Boyd (friend of Dave & Zita Scheiderer)
Montana Brown (great-granddaughter of Beth & Marvin Brown)
Darlene Bumgardner (stepmother of Vicki Craig)
Marvin Bumgardner (father of Vicki Craig)
Sara Bolden (daughter of John & Nancy Howard)
Cindy Nicol Brake
Rosali Chapman (coworkers daughter of Vicki Craig)
Aubrey Decker (niece of John & Dee Junkans)
Libby Eberhard & Family (friends of Becky Andrews)
Chuck Eley (father of Phil Eley)
Bernadette Eyerman (great-granddaughter of Ned & Ruthann Rausch)
Maveric McLoy Elsmore
Garzón Family & Venezuelan people (Cross Family)
Jackie Harrington (neighbor of John & Judy Walkup)
Linda Hayen (sister of Glenda Nicol)
Jeannene Henault (friend of Dave Huber)
Gretchen Junkans (mother of John Junkans)
Ali LeMasters (niece of Carol Scheiderer)

Tracy Mabry (friend of Peggy Richardson)
Jeremy Marsh (son of Jim Marsh)
Aya Matsumoto (daughter of Hiro & Keiko Matsumoto; friends of Lucy Eger)
Kenny & Beth Nicol (6433 Spruce St., Milton, FL 32570)
Pat & Lester Nicol (sister-in-law/brother of Lucille Eger)
Marcy & Mark Niendam (friends of Shari & Jim Marsh)
O'Keefe Family (friends of the Priday Family)
Chelsie Rausch & Family
Scott Reed (brother of Dave/father of Nathan, Nick & Jake)
Roger Rieckers, Jr. (nephew of Judy & John Walkup)
Robyn (friend of Kathryn Pinti)
Tim Stallings (nephew of Pete & Becky Bennett)
Mike Strasser
Wib Strait (grandfather of Kevin (Lisa) Arnold)
Bob Wallick & Jim Wallick (brothers of Mary Stierhoff)
Jennifer Weimer (friend of Becky Andrews)
Lynn Werling (son of Sharon & Don (+) Werling)
Jack Williamson (father of Kristen Rausch)
Holly & Children, Ava & Alexis (friends of Kelly Gallmeyer)
Benjamin (son of friend of the Gallmeyer's)
Mark (friend of Wanda DuPuis)
Sarah & Family (niece of David & Maria Cross)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

SFC Justin Blumenschein - Ft. Campbell, KY
Birthdate: August 3

SFC Wes Cullman
(wife, Leigh Ann; children, Caroline & Vivian)
Birthdate: March 6

Sgt. Jeffrey Garey
8620 Cobblefield Dr.
Apt. #1C
Columbia, MD 21045
Birthdate: December 4

MSgt Nicholas Pender (wife, Monica)
Ramstein, Germany
PSC 2 Box 6046
APO, AE 09012
Birthdate: August 10

1SG Rausch Adam
4813 Lakewood Ridge
Manhattan, KS 66503

Pastor Visit Information: If you wish to make arrangements for Pastor Jack to make a visit, please contact the church office. You can call Pastor Jack directly at 937-240-3002 or email at jheino@sjsmarysville.org, or contact Regina Bullerman, Church Secretary, directly at 937-240-3004 or email at rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org

Into Your hands, O great and gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Continuing Education Student Information for 2023-24

If you have a student or students who are continuing their education or training that you would like to include on the list below, please email Regina Bullerman at rbullerman@sjsmarysville.org with the following information: **name**, **where they are attending**, **mailing address**, and **birthdate**. If you had your student or students listed from the previous year, we ask you to please resubmit their information for accuracy purposes.

Jordyn Ledley

Birthdate: January 4
Attends: Columbus State
Home: 19766 Parrott Blvd.
Marysville, OH 43040

Leah Nicol

Birthdate: January 10
Attends: Ohio State University - ATI, Wooster
1901 Apple Orchard Dr.
1058 Franklin Ct.
Wooster, OH 44691

Katelyn Vollrath

Birthdate: March 1
Attends: Otterbein University
127 W. Plum St.
Westerville, OH 43081

Megan Vollrath

Birthdate: March 4
Attends: Mount Vernon Nazarene University
V-3309
800 Martinsburg Rd.
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Michael McCarty

Birthdate: April 21
Attends: The Ohio State University
79 W. Maynard Ave.
Columbus, OH 43202

Kyle Craig

Birthdate: May 24
Attends: Ohio University
40 Smith Street
Athens, OH 45701

Sylvia Madeline Headings

Birthdate: June 19
Attends: Ohio State University - ATI, Wooster
1901 Apple Orchard Dr.
1060 A Franklin Ct.
Wooster, OH 44691

Drew Rausch

Birthdate: July 28
Attends: Wilmington College
Wilmington College Mailroom
1870 Quaker Way
Pyle Center Box 831
Wilmington, OH 45177

Brianna Graham

Birthdate: August 13
Attends: Bowling Green State University
Home: 17673 Robinson Rd.
Marysville, OH 43040

Aidan Wilson

Birthdate: August 26
Attends: Western Governors University
Home: 12030 St. Rt. 736
Marysville, OH 43040

Olivia Hahn

Birthdate: August 27
Attends: Columbus State
Home: 425 Linden St.
Bellefontaine, OH 43311

Joshua Masters

Birthdate: November 5
Attends: University of Dayton
300 E. 3rd St., Apt. 536
Dayton, OH 45402

Hunter Barker

Birthdate: November 15
Attends: Hocking College
1100 East Green St.
Room 112 Summit Hall
Nelsonville, OH 45764

Sylvia Eley

Birthdate: November 18
Attends: Ohio University
38 North McKinley Ave., Apt. 110
Athens, OH 45701

Wyatt Rausch

Birthdate: November 26
Attends: Owens Community College
480 Lehman Ave., APT. 303
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Lydia Branstiter

Birthdate: December 12
Attends: Ohio University
38 North McKinley Ave., Apt. 110
Athens, OH 45701