

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

With the New Year comes St. John's renewed commitment to feed the hungry through our Last Friday of Month Community Dinners and First Sunday of the Month Seneca St. Church Lunches. Please consider a commitment to serve in one of these outreach ministries this year!

Fa La La La La La La La Laa

12/15 @ 2pm
We will join the congregation of St. John's Lancaster, and carol in the Lancaster Towers. (Youth Party After)

Christmas Cookie Exchange

12/14 @ 11am
Bakers please sign up in the Narthex. We'll have brunch, laughs and go home with 6 dozen cookies!

Christmas Cookie Creations

12/21 @ 1pm
All are welcome. Making and Baking Cookies to raise funds for ELCA YG

Service of Lessons and Carols

12/22 @ 10:45
Telling the story of salvation in scripture and song.

Christmas Pageant Dec. 22nd @ 9am

Rehearsals will be on Sunday 8th and 15th during Sunday School.

We will need help with getting ready and the day of.

Sign-Up in the Narthex

This week's Altar Flowers
From the Altar Guild

St. John's Prayer List

Take time this week to pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Joe Angelo,
Ken Joe Angelo,
Kenneth Cendrowski,
Rose Doster,
Gracelyn Germano,
Al Gulas,
Ruth Hilbert,
Rick Lipka,
Sandy and Bill Marzahn,
Sandy Noyes,
Lowell Rothenberger,
Walter Stankowski,
Ron Wirth,
Sandy Gordon,
Diane Molnar,
William Rackl,
Betty Angelo,
Bonnie Marciniak,
John Anderson,
Judy Tolsma,
Mary Ann Szalanski,
John Boldt,
Arline Semlitsch
Mason Molnar

Bendito Adviento!

Martin Luther said, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

This season of Advent, we continue to explore our oneness in Christ using the language of music as we sing several parts of our liturgy with the lyrics in Spanish. Our choir and band will lead the singing as we stretch our minds and voices to learn to worship in another language.

Our music is an incredible form of prayer and we hope the sounds brighten these Holy days. Thank you from the Vision for Mission team and the Musical team for your continued support!

The Week Ahead

MONDAY	
Men's Work Group	9 a.m.
Zumba	6:45 p.m.
Knitting Group	7 p.m.
TUESDAY	
Zumba	9 a.m.
Music with Mar	6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	
Arthritis Exercise Class	1 p.m.
Youth Choir	5:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	7 p.m.
THURSDAY	
Tai Chi	11 a.m.
Rock Voices	6 p.m.
Bible Study	6 p.m.
<u>St. John's Meeting Night</u>	
Dinner at 6:30	
Membership	7 p.m.
Worship & Music	7 p.m.
Faith Formation	7 p.m.
SATURDAY	
Worship	5 p.m.
SUNDAY	
Worship	9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
St. Johns Christmas Dinner	1 p.m.
(Hosted by Ladies Aid and Men's Monday Work Crew)	

YOUTH CHOIR

(Open to all between the ages of 5-18)

Our next rehearsal is
Wednesday THIS WEEK
December 4th at 5:30pm

Performances
December 22nd 9am
(Arrive 8:30)
December 24th 5pm
(Arrive 4:15)

Pray for our friends and loved ones.

Debbie DePerno, (Paul and Georgie Napier), Debra Fischer, Joann Fischer, (Edie and Dick Fischer), Nancy Boehm (Janet Hender), Marilyn Lew, Pearl Hettinger (The Lew Family), Joe Angelo, Maria Sayers (Betty & Joe Angelo), Mark Schmidt (Donna Heine), Mark Luderman (Sandy Noyes), Stacey Gates ,Brooke Bremiller , Alycia Schaub (Maxine & Jim Steiner), Herman Schwert (Sue Koepfel), Rose Marie Puchala (The Forth Family), Keri Shaw (Donna Heine), Jon Horton (Mark Schnitzer), Mary Ann Stroka (Lexi Lang), Donald Merkel (Ruth & Norm Merkel); Bonnie Thompson (Mark and Soni Schnitzer)

All Victims
of War, Terror,
and Gun Violence

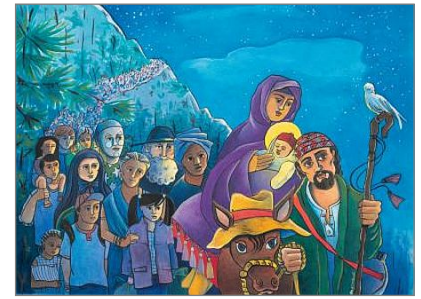
ALL THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES-
Shawn Jezewski, Jerry Corp, Rachel Acker, Russell Molnar, Christopher Kalinowski, Matthew Smith, Steven Schott

PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON

BISHOP JOHN STANLEY MACHOLZ

CONFERENCE DEAN LEE MILLER II

If you or a loved one would like to be added or removed from our St. John's prayer list please let us know.



Pastor's Corner
Advent: Waiting for Justice

The Advent of the Messiah is **all** about turning our understanding of power, authority and “order” upside-down. God cares most about the people that our culture labels “least” and “undeserving.”

The prophets point to this promised future where the national borders or political rivalries are no longer sources of war and oppression.

And so we wait.

For that time when we will be shown that our obsessions with using violence as a means of controlling others will be regarded by all as sin

and rejected throughout the world.

For a promised future when God's justice will envelop and turn upside down our small sense of justice.

Those we have pushed to the margins with our greed, ignorance, and fear shall be told to come to the head of the table and receive their promised comfort.

This future is a promise from God. That is to say we believe and trust and hope for this future. But we are also commanded to live into it. To practice compassion and justice with our very lives and to be, while we wait, always, always, always ready for the promise to be fulfilled.