

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church



December 2023

Mission Statement: We are called by God to be the light of the world. We are to go forth and show Jesus' love and forgiveness through loving care for all God's creation.

Bethlehem

St. John Children's Christmas Experience 2023

Walk Through Bethlehem is a FREE live, interactive event set in the village of Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth. Please plan to join us and invite your friends and family to experience A Walk Through Bethlehem with the St. John Youth on **December 13th at 6:30, after the evening church service at 6:00**

You'll be immersed in an ancient city's sights, sounds, and smells, eventually making your way to the same discovery that the shepherds made that first Christmas night—Jesus, the Savior, lying in a manger. Costumed characters and interactive sets help the youth to recreate Bethlehem at the time of Jesus's birth. Visit the merchants and shopkeepers, sample the food, pass through the crowded inn, and find Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus in the manger.

Activities are provided in the



village shops for children to have hands-on experiences.

Thank You

The library committee would like to thank everyone who brought donations or purchased items at our book sale. Donations for next year will be accepted Starting in June and until the week of the sale in October. A monetary gift will be given to the Alex Dove Foundation and Focus (SWEPS) from the profits of our sale this year.



Lutheran Witness Subscription

Price \$25.80 per year (11 issues- June/July is a combination edition) Please make your check out to St. John Lutheran Church and on the memo line write "Lutheran Witness" Mail or drop your payment off at the church office by Monday, December 25th. New subscriptions will begin in March 2024

Annual Report Deadline

It's that time again!! Annual reports from all boards and organizations need to be brought or e-mailed to the church office by Wednesday, December 27, 2023

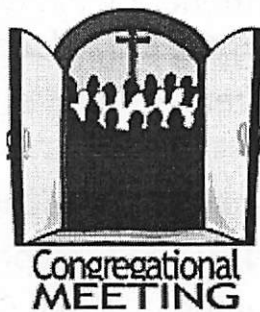


Scrip Scrap Corner

Christmas will be here before we know it. It is still not too late to purchase scrip gift cards for your last minute shopping needs. We have a large selection in stock and can also special order if you need something we do not have. They make good stocking stuffers. Please help St. John out and do your Christmas shopping at church. **The profit for November was \$299.53**



January Congregation Meeting The congregation meeting is scheduled for January 21st after church



New Church Office Secretary

We have a new person for our Church Secretary. Her name is Cassidy Martin. She started out getting trained the week of November 19th. Will probably be a few more weeks or more before she will be taking over completely. She is a sweet girl.



PUZZLE

Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = P R A Y (v. 1)

lady + i = (v. 3)

drab + e = (v. 5)

rod + o = (v. 7)

bask - b = (v. 9)

keeps - p = (v. 9)

define - ee = (v. 9)

shift - t = (v. 11)

sneaky - y = (v. 11)

sift + g = (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_____ (v. 13)

Answer: pray; daily; bread; door; ask; seek; find; fish; snake; gifts; Holy Spirit