

WELCOME! to St. John's Lutheran Church

# St. John's Weekly VOICE

December 1, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent



## Sign up for 2024 Altar Flowers!

1 bouquet needed for Dec. 8  
2 bouquets needed for Dec. 29

Please note: You can sign up for 2025 Altar Flowers online by clicking on the link on the home page of our website. If you have any questions, Sandy O. will be happy to assist you.

### SOCIAL MINISTRIES

We are collecting the following for  
December:

**Food Pantry:** Boxed Au Gratin or Scalloped Potatoes, white cake mix, canned red or green frosting

The Food Pantry is currently serving 61 families.

**Shared Bounty:** 4-roll toilet paper

Please place in containers in the Coat Room. Thank you!



Volunteers are ready to pray for the needs of others. Contact Clyde at 419-874-8175 or the church office at 419-837-5115.



Your St. John's dartball team faced some fierce competition from BG Nazarene last Monday. There were hot darts flying in the Gathering Room, but alas, they weren't our darts 😞 We've dropped below .500, but are hoping to turn things around tomorrow at New Rochester. 🎯

### Book Studies!

at St. John's in the Lounge

## Incarnation Study

by Adam Hamilton

Mondays at 9:30 a.m. November 18,  
December 2, 9, 16  
or Wednesdays @ 7:11 p.m. on ZOOM  
Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18



Going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister can help you or someone else. To learn more, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders — Joe Nycz @ 419-575-3895 or Nancy Nycz @ 419-349-1932



### Looking to Lend a Helping Hand?

We still need some help for volunteer sign-ups for December. Thank you to those who have volunteered. There is a sign-up sheet on bulletin board in the Narthex for our Sunday Worship services as well as our Christmas Eve services. Or you can visit Sign Up Genius to volunteer online. Thanks!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2024 Christmas Program!



Our Christmas Program will be presented during the youth-led worship service on Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. See Kristy Williams for more information.

### Office Hours for the Week of December 2

Mon. 12/2 ~ 9a - 3p  
Tues. 12/3 ~ 9a - 3p  
Wed. 12/4 ~ 9a - 3p  
Thur. 12/5 ~ 9a - 3p  
Fri. 12/6 ~ CLOSED

**SAVE THE DATE!!**



**WE NEED COOKIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES. YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF IN THE KITCHEN WITH A NOTE ~ "FOR CHRISTMAS EVE FELLOWSHIP" ~ Thanks! Fellowship Committee**



## Announcing

**The return of a fabulous mission project for St. John's!!**

**Build a Bed.  
Change a Life.**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!  
Saturday, April 12, 2025**

### CHURCH INFORMATION:

Phone: 419-837-5115 Fax: 419-837-5578  
Mail: St. John's Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 279 (must use P.O. Box for mail)  
5520 Fremont Pike, Stony Ridge, OH 43463  
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Website: www.StJohnsStonyRidge.net

## THIS WEEK at St. John's

So, God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation  
~ Genesis 2:3

### SUNDAY, December 1

*Do something you love today*

9:00 a.m. Christian Education  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
4:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (PH)

### MONDAY, December 2

*Decorate a space in your house.*

6:30 p.m. JJAAM Practice (S)  
7:30 p.m. Dartball @ Away

### TUESDAY, December 3

*Thank someone for the work they do.*

Noon Prayer via Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Committee Mtg. Night #1

### WEDNESDAY, December 4

*Share a blessing with someone today.*

7:00 p.m. Festival Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, December 5

*Tomorrow is St. Nick's Day. Fill someone's shoes with a treat.*

6:30 p.m. Decorate the Church  
8:00 p.m. AA 

### FRIDAY, December 6

*Take a run or walk with someone else.*

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast @ Panera on Rt. 20

### SATURDAY, December 7

*Spend time outside today.*

10:00 a.m. Shared Bounty (PH)

### SUNDAY, December 8

9:00 a.m. Christian Education  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
Noon Private Event (PH)  
4:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (PH)

## LAST WEEK at St. John's

**Attendance** Sunday Worship: 113  
**Offerings through November 24, 2024**  
**General Fund Income (Year-to-Date):**

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$247,500	\$198,833

**Benevolence Fund (Year-to-Date):**

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$24,750	\$14,146

**Improvement: \$14,695 (Y-T-D)**

## ELECTRONIC GIVING



We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It takes just a few minutes to set up a giving plan. To set up a recurring or one-time giving schedule, visit us online at stjohnsstonyridge.net (or scan the square with your phone) and locate the Give Generously button.