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"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we Serve"

Rev. Laurie Hill

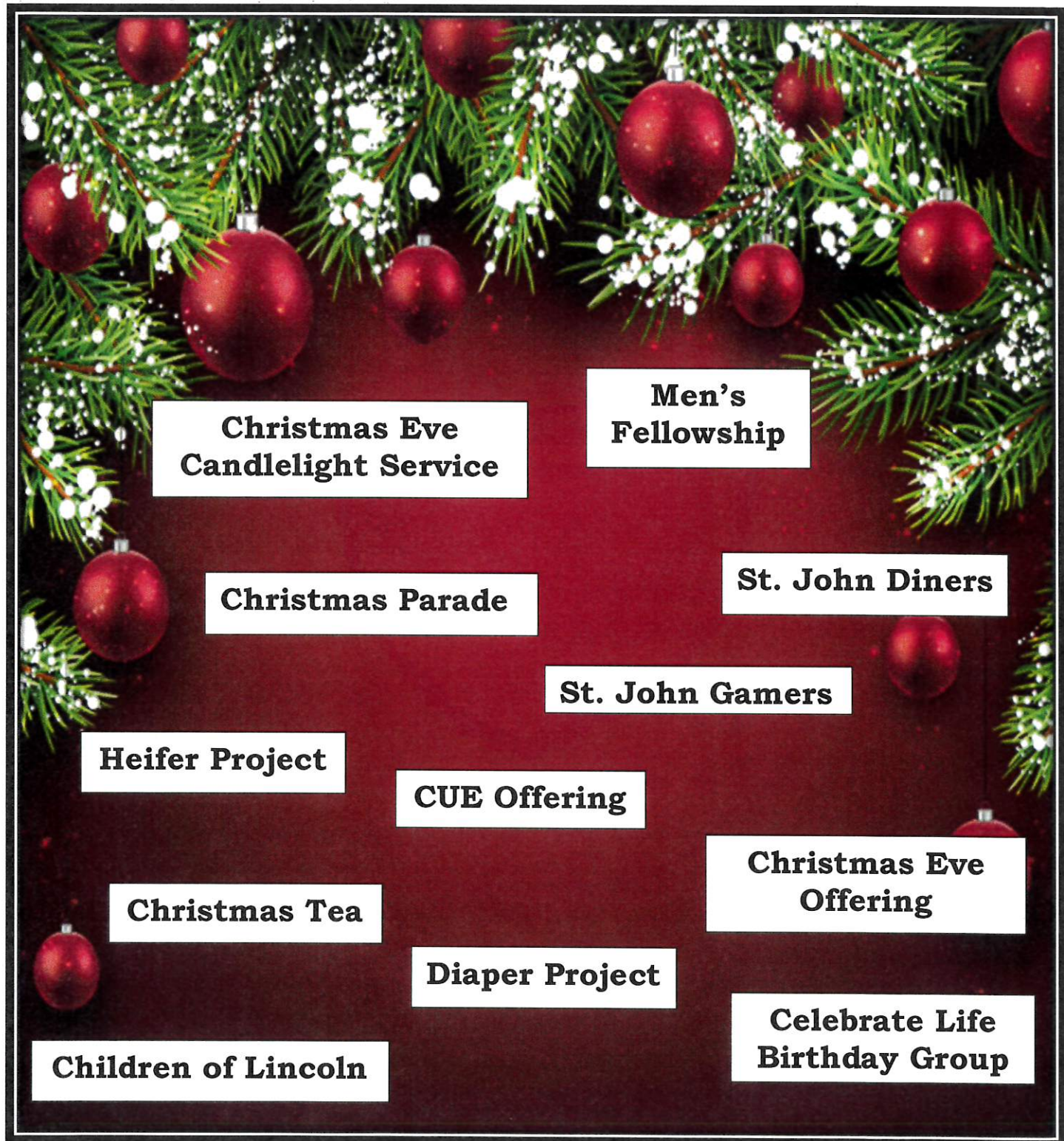
Darlene Begolka

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Office Manager

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

I know that some of us are like the “Elf” Character, eager and waiting all year for not just Christmas, but everything about Christmas! The tinsel, the carols, the bows, even the chill in the air. And some of us are more like Ebenezer, critical of anything that is red and green, smacks of commercialism, and are happy to claim, “it’s just another day”. And most of us are somewhere in between. Once I heard a quote and don’t know who said it, but it holds so much truth: “When you’re young, Christmas comes once every four years and when you’re old, Christmas comes four times each year.” If you put me on a scale, I would normally fall all the way to the Elf side, for sure...most years. But not every year. This is one of those years. I’ve had these years before when I just can’t get excited about it. But having said that, I’ve learned some, shall I say, “tricks of the trade” that I want to share with you.

First, you’ve all heard the expression, “Fake it til you make it”? This expression has been helpful to me in so many arenas of my life. Some may balk immediately and say, “Are you not being real with everyone then? Are you not being your authentic self?” And I say yes and no. When I’m not feeling “in the spirit”, I find that when I’m around a group of people, like my church family, people around me lift my spirits, so suddenly, I’m all “Elfy” again. Have you experienced this before when you maybe didn’t “feel like” going to church or attending an event but once you were there, you felt better? That’s exactly what I mean. Allow others into your heart so you can smile, you can participate, you are open to the Spirit of God to move you towards joy!

Second, at risk of sounding like your mother, “Go to Church!” If you’re not feeling “Christmasy”, there is no better way to feel the Spirit of Hope, Joy, Love and Peace than church. When you walk into our sanctuary, allow the beauty of the space, the love of the people around you, and the carols

and the message to lift your heart to a new place. I know that some of you have a hard time attending services, so for you, I invite you to come during the week and just sit and pray in our sanctuary. If you tell me when you are coming, I’ll turn on the lights for you. Pray. And just be.

Third, this year, just look for the “Christmas moments”. Don’t worry if every second of every day isn’t filled with candy canes and Santa Claus. Let me give you an example. Those of you who shop at CVS and have one of their cards know that we often get a long receipt filled with coupons and occasionally, there is one to five dollars off anywhere in the store. The other day, I went in and there was a little toddler running around who waved at me with the cutest smile. I had one of those coupons for \$5.00 off. The Spirit tapped me on the shoulder and said, “Give it to the mother of this little girl”. So I did and she was so grateful for \$5.00 that tears came to her eyes. An ordinary trip to CVS for me became a wonderful trip to CVS for me and someone else. Look for those moments! Create those moments! Look outside yourself to create Christmas for others! A very Merry and Meaningful Christmas is my prayer for all of us!

Pastor Laurie



ADVENT and CHRISTMAS HAIKU!



This Advent, for our advent candle lighting, I am using Haiku poems by Jeannie Prinsen. Jeannie is an instructor at Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario. Haiku poems are one of my favorite types. For those who've forgotten from high school English,

(like me), these Japanese originated poems are just three lines. The first line must have 5 syllables. The second line has 7 syllables. And the third line again has five. Here's a quick one just for you as an example.

Sun glistens through windows (5 syllables)
Dark approaches earlier (7 syllables)
How I'll miss the light! (5 syllables)

I would like to inspire you to write Advent/Christmas Haikus to share! I hope you will write one, three or ten and send them to me. I'd love to use them in the coming Advent weeks. I will put a display in the back of the sanctuary so you can leave them there or give them to me to write up there. Remember, the four themes of advent are hope, peace, joy and love. Maybe that will help. Haiku away!!!

Pastor Laurie



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022**

**Committee Reports for the Annual Report
are due in the Church Office by
Friday, January 7, 2022.**

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Monday, November 15, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Present: Warren Goetsch, Carolyn Pech, Jack Leich, Troy Meinershagen, Edna Mara, Bill Gosda, Kent Paulus, Tricia Pineda, Jan Hahn, Darlene Begolka (Office Manager),
Pastor Laurie Hill

President Goetsch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

President Goetsch inquired if there were any items up for removal or discussion as it related to the Consent Agenda items. Jan Hahn indicated CPR as referenced in the committee reports should be removed. All were in agreement and it was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. All voting aye, the motion passed.

PASTORS REPORT

Pastor Laurie indicated things were progressing as usual. There was a baptism held on Sunday, November 14, 2021 for Reagan Grace Ingram. Confirmation for Dean Meinershagen started on November 15, 2021 with the first meeting being held with Dean at Culver's. Pastor Laurie reminded Council that she would be off from November 24, 2021 to December 1, 2021. Council also then discussed in her absence that orientation of equipment for guest ministers should be the responsibility of the ushers and that a sound check should be performed by Don and/or Darlene Begolka prior to the service starting.

OLD BUSINESS

Security System – President Goetsch indicated Gary Atteberry had talked with Tech Electronics and requested their technology bid be itemized. The breakout of itemized costs is being requested to assess all the items and to prioritize based on the current financial issues of the church.

Nominating Committee – President Goetsch indicated the three individuals currently on the nominating committee are Edna Mara, Troy Meinershagen, Bob Meinershagen and himself. Positions needing to be filled are as follows:

- 3 Church Council members
- 2 Western Association Delegates
- 1 Illinois Conference Delegate
- 1 Illinois Conference Youth
- 1 Scholarship Board of Trustee

President Goetsch reiterated the Annual Congregational Meeting date, due date for the Annual Reports and when the 2021 Treasurer's Books close for advisory purposes only.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Proposed Budget – Council reviewed the proposed budget provided and went over line items with extended emphasis on those items that were increased. It was moved and seconded to adopt the proposed budget for presentation to the congregation at the annual congregational meeting. All voting aye, the motion carried.

Darlene Begolka indicated she received a call from the Zion Lutheran Church who was conducting a tour of Lincoln churches and invited us to participate in the tour by lighting up the stained glass windows on December 10, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. All Council members were in agreement.

Jack Leich indicated the church would need to provide the insurance card for the church bus in order to participate in the Christmas parade. Darlene has already requested this information from our insurance agent.

Pastor Laurie is working with Tracy Welch on a donation button for Sunday services broadcasting on Facebook.

President Goetsch indicated the next Council meeting would be held on December 13, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

With no further business to discuss a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting. Meeting concluded at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tricia Pineda
Church Council Secretary



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The St. John Scholarship Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2021 St. John United Church of Christ Christian Service Scholarship is Erika Foster. She is a student at Chicago Theological Seminary. This year the Board raised the maximum award for a winner not from this church from \$500 to \$1000. We voted to grant Erika Foster the full \$1,000.

Lynn Spellman, Chair;
Karen Birnbaum, Warren Goetsch, Rev. Laurie Hill,
Troy Meinershagen, Jason Netzley



**Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service with Communion
Friday, December 24th
10:00 p.m.**

CHARITY GUILD NOTES

By: Tonita Reifsteck, Secretary

Charity Guild met after the CELEBRATE LIFE Birthday Group in Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 12th.

President Karen Birnbaum called the meeting to order. Discussions and actions taken were the following:

- CELEBRATE LIFE enjoyed the summer meeting in Kickapoo Park and want to do that next year as well.
- Decision made to meet on Friday, December 10th at CHI restaurant. Toni will secure seating.

Sandy Wilmert, treasurer was instructed to gift St. John UCC in Chicago and Pastor Charlotte Nold each for our annual Christmas gift. Noted we served 3 funeral luncheons in 2021. They were for Selma Wilham, Marita Schneider and Lois Leonard.

Results for the Election of Officers for 2022 were:

- Karen Birnbaum – President
- Marlene Wilmert – Vice-President
- Tonita Reifsteck – Secretary
- Sandy Wilmert – Treasurer
- Lynn Spellman has accepted position of Kitchen Supplies Coordinator.

Following the meeting Norma Kramer shared a reading “Much to be Thankful For” and delighted us with providing music we could join in singing with.



ST. JOHN GAMERS

Sunday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Come enjoy some relaxing fun and fellowship and play some games with your church family. It's just what everyone needs during the busy Christmas season.

ST. JOHN DINERS

Saturday, December 11th

Plans have been made to go to El Mazatlan located at 203 Madigan Drive in Lincoln.

This is **NOT** a bus trip though. We are asking that you either drive yourself or carpool or let us know if you need a ride. Reservations are being made for 11:30 a.m.

There will be a signup sheet in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office, even though the bus is not going out we still need to let the restaurant know how many are coming.

Since it's the Christmas season the Small Group Team thought a White Elephant Gift Exchange might be fun. You are encouraged to bring a \$10 white elephant gift.

What more could you ask for on Saturday, good food, good fun and fellowship. See you there!

OUTREACH and PUBLICITY NOTES

Co-Chairs: Jim and Leslie Wilmert
and Tonita Reifsteck

Outreach and Publicity Ministry met on November 4, 2021 in Wilmert Lounge. Present were Leslie and Jim Wilmert, Jack and Nancy Leich, Sandy Wilmert, Lee Westerfield, Tonita Reifsteck and Pastor Laurie Hill.

Laurie shared highlights of Council meeting noting November 14th is an all-church lunch after church with Stewardship program a part of it.

Information shared: several sign up sheets are in vestibule: make coffee, order a copy of the 100th anniversary booklet, reserve ride on bus for Christmas parade.

Jack shared that Hanging of the Greenery will be on Monday, November 22nd. Time to be determined. Scouts will help set up the trees during their Monday meeting November 28th (First Sunday of Advent) after church finish decorating sanctuary.

Christmas parade is going to be a moving parade. Parade theme is "Christmas Movies". Our entry theme is "It's a Great Life" ("Every time a bell rings an angel gets its wings"). Toni will call Roger Michalsen to do artwork, ask Bob Meinershagen to drive, and head team making 'angel'. Jack has ordered pencils that will be passed out on route and will get help to clean bus and 'rig' decorations and music. Laurie will talk to St. John Jubilant Feet to see if they will walk and pass out pencils – scouts will be invited as well. Sign-up sheets to ride bus will go out November 14th.

Noted:

- College students have been sent notes and checks from St. John church family by Outreach
- Recycled items remain same at Christian Child Care all items except **NO MORE milk jugs**

- LHS newspapers and ear buds. Toni will call to see if specific school items are needed between now and end of 2021.
- Medicine bottles are welcome along with newspapers and plastic bags at Humane Society
- Catalogs, cards and new cards at Logan Rehab.
- Under new business it was noted coffee hour sign-ups scarce.

Clearance and details for caroling at St. Clara's and Castle Manor will be deterred later. (At this time only facilities housing our members). Individuals will be called later.

Everyone encouraged to submit any notes to be in the Annual Report that will be expected right after 2022 enters.

160th Anniversary suggestion of an Anniversary Ribbon bookmark with an original poem embossed.

Monthly articles in Chimes, – memories being shared on board in entryway.

Suggestion being sent to council budget committee to increase Outreach/Publicity line to \$2500 due to cost of stamps increase and other materials as well.

Publicity: noted that Pastor Laurie has been asked to submit Advent and Christmas services theme and program.

Next Red Cross Blood Drive is November 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We post 5 posters; they handle all publicity.

Pastor Laurie closed the meeting with a prayer. Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

ST. CLARA'S ANGEL TREE

take a name/buy a gift



St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care welcomes anyone who would like to participate – as we have in years past – in taking names off the ANGEL TREE to buy gifts for the 100 residents. You can:

1. Go to St. Clara's (main entrance) and take a name off the tree – report to the Activity Department to get a card with 'ideas' for that resident
2. Call and designate a preference man or woman and how many and pick up later at main entrance.
3. Call me (Toni at 217-855-1645) and give me the info and I will pick up and deliver to you the card, etc.

ALL GIFTS wrapped or bagged are to be returned to St. Clara's by December 15th



CHRISTMAS CAROLING to our shut-ins Sunday, December 12th



We will leave the church by 1:40 p.m. We will carol at St. Clara's in the café at 2:00 p.m. Then on to Castle Manor to carol in the entryway at 2:45 p.m. These are the only facilities now that we have residents. We will not be going into any private homes this year (weather, etc. too uncertain). SIGN UP to ride the bus at church. If you have questions call Toni.

OUTDOOR DECORATE a TREE EVENT

at

ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE

To make things cheerier for the residents and also initiate funds for activities St. Clara's is having an OUTSIDE DECORATE A TREE EVENT. If anyone wants to join in the fun – (we have a tree for St. John if ANYONE OR MORE would like to help decorate it we will enter it). Entry fee is \$10. Electrical cords will be run to your spot (27 locations set – not all have electrical source)



- Real or artificial (ours is artificial if you use it)
- No taller than 5-6 feet
- Lighting tree? Let them know
- Decorating dates between November 27th and December 17th
- Judging will be done by the Community on December 20th.



CHRISTMAS PARADE



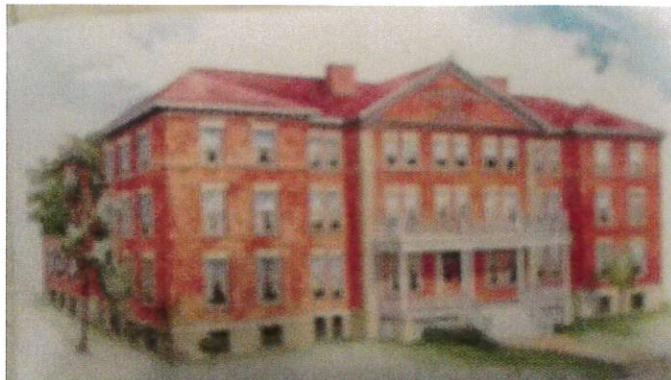
ST. JOHN UCC is in the Christmas Parade – there are still seats to ride the bus. Bob Meinershagen will be driving. Need walkers always to help pass out pencils to the children of all ages along the route! Parade is Thursday, December 2nd. Bus will leave church no later than 5:40 p.m. Sign up at church or call Jack Leich or Toni. THANKS

ST. JOHN 160th ANNIVERSARY

By: Tonita Reifsteck

Recap #3

Highlights Deaconess Hospital (1898-1974)



The Rev. Hermann Schmidt, pastor, was concerned about health care during the typhoid epidemic in 1898. With his wife, Adelheid being a Deaconess before their marriage, and with his congregation's support, brought deaconesses from St. Louis Deaconess order to Lincoln to provide trained nursing services to those who could not get care from the overwhelmed St. Clara's Hospital. In April 1899, 48 members of St. John Evangelical Church met and discussed building a Protestant Hospital in Lincoln. Already there was a Deaconess order now in Lincoln as they cared for those with typhoid and the elderly.

A 'prominent Lincoln citizen' and member of the church whose child had 'an incurable disease, *made a vow to God to erect a Protestant hospital in Lincoln if his child could be relieved from is suffering.* An estimated \$22,000. was needed to build and provide the furnishing and equipment. The site on corner of Seventh and Walnut was purchased for \$2500 and the cornerstone laid on Sunday, November 4, 1900. The cornerstone was moved several times as the Deaconess hospital changes evolved but now sits at the entryway off parking area of the church.

On January 19, 1902, the hospital was dedicated and occupancy was immediate. Deaconess from St. Louis were sent to fill the need. Several of the women of St. John were trained in the deaconess order (at present full list is not completed) tnr Because there was no money for food two women

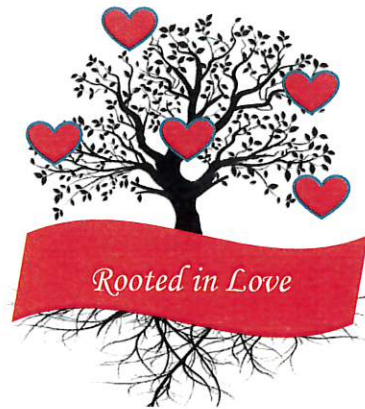
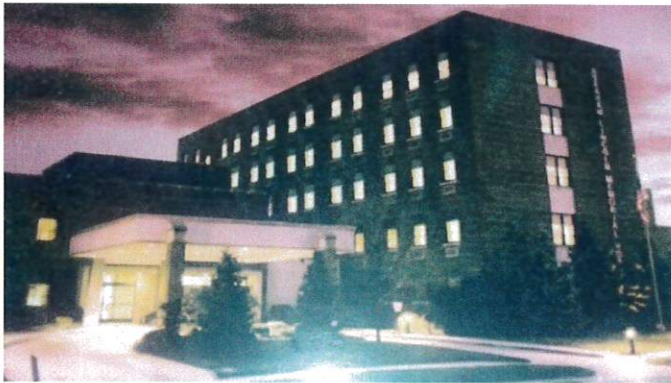
from St. John Church – Mrs. Adam Denger and Mrs. Gustave Briegel went to the homes of members every day from morning until night in Mrs. Denger's "runabout" (a one-horse road cart) to both city and rural members of St. John for donations of produce and food. Members gave garden throughout the year, and food was canned by the parishioners to store in a basement room for the winter. A yearly event in the fall was the cooking of peach butter in a large kettle over an open fire for the years supply to the hospital.



In September 1902 Reverend Gustav Niebuhr assumed the role of Pastor of the church, and as Administrator of the hospital/ (this dual role was continued throughout the pastorates of Hermann Schmidt, F. W. Schnathorst, Gustav Niebuhr, Charles Hoffman, G. S. Gerhold, John Hoefler and part of the pastorate of Harold Barth. In 1947 the Illinois Department of Public Health determined that our Deaconess Hospital was 'in desperate need of additional facilities and recommended a new hospital be built rather than add to the existing. Because of the Hill Burton act the building of a new hospital was put in place. In May of 1951 St. John E & R church's officers of the Evangelical Deaconess Society were authorized to transfer all real estate to the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Corporation church. In May 1962 St. Clara's Catholic Hospital closed their building. On April 2, 1954, the new ALMH hospital was dedicated and Emil O. Stahlhut became the first hospital administer that was not also the pastor of the E & R church. The old Deaconess Home and Hospital became a 69-bed Nursing Home until 1960 when it became a 'safe care Home for women'. It closed in 1974 and those residents were moved to

“Extended Care wing” of ALMH. Rev. Niebuhr’s aunt, Sister Adele Hosto resided in both facilities until her death in 1975. She was a constant presence in the health care throughout her years in Lincoln.

Members of St. John UCC continue to support its successor by being on the board of directors, volunteer at the hospital and other support programs to keep a vital health care facility in the community for over 121 years.



Stewardship Sunday was held on Sunday, November 14th. Stewardship packets were handed out at the close of the morning worship service. We then enjoyed a delicious catered meal, a motivational speaker and some Past and Present Bingo. Stewardship Packets that were not picked up have been mailed out. If you have not received yours, please let the Church Office know.

Thank you to those who have turned their Stewardship Envelope in. Our hope is that all the Stewardship Envelopes will be in by December 15th. You can either drop it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, mail it to the church or bring it to the church office.

May the simple joys
of Christmas
warm your heart,
fill your home,
and last a
lifetime.

NEW LOCATION

MEN'S BREAKFAST



SATURDAY, December 4
8:30 a.m.
Imo's Cafe
All Men of the Church are WELCOME.



OCTOBER FINANCIALS

Beginning Balance	\$10,128.82
Income	\$28,038.50
Expenses	\$25,645.67
Ending Balance	\$12,521.65

ATTENDANCE

October 31st

44 In-Person, 50 on Facebook, 17 bulletins mailed and website = 110+

November 7th

49 In-Person, 78 on Facebook, 17 bulletins mailed and website = 144+

November 14th

39 In-Person, 66 on Facebook, 17 bulletins mailed and website = 122+

November 21st

36 In-Person, 70 on Facebook, 17 bulletins mailed and website = 123+

ALTAR FLOWERS

- December 5th:
- December 12th:
- December 19th:
- December 26th:

PROTOCOL

SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE "HYBRID": (a combination of online and in-person).

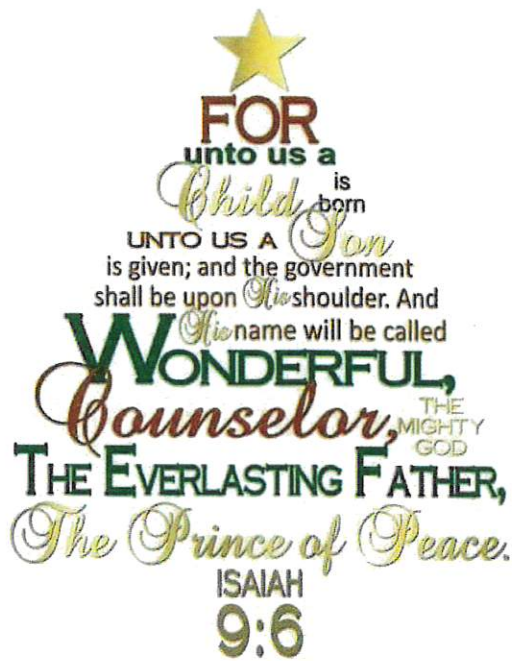
MASKING: Is required of everyone, vaxxed and unvaxxed.

SINGING: Masks required.

OFFERING: The Offering Plates will still be in the back of the sanctuary, but the usher will be bringing the plate forward during the offering time in the service. Another offering plate will remain in the back

COMMUNION: Communion sets will remain in the back for you to pick up as you come in. If you wish to bring your own, of course, that's fine. Darlene has "smidget" Tupperware containers if you wish to use one for your own juice/wine.

FOOD: ALL food still needs to be prepared in a commercial kitchen.





LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...

ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

- Dave Armbrust
- Steve Aue
- Leola Dowling
- Evelyn Fulkerson
- Susan Webb
- John Wilmert

CASTLE MANOR

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

- Carol Turner

CENTENNIAL POINT SENIOR LIVING

3440 Hedley Road, Springfield, IL 62711

- Patty McCann

AT HOME

Jean Cummings

1114 Pekin Street, Lincoln, IL 62656



WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

Carol, Jean and Susan Webb at the death of their brother, Allen Webb.

The family of Dr. W. Sterling Carey (Illinois Conference Minister from 1974-1994.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jan Hahn at the death of her aunt, Norma Anderson.



Articles for the **January 2022** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **December 19th**.

2021 TREASURER'S BOOK CLOSE




The treasurer's books for 2021 will close on Friday, December 31st at 12:00 noon. Any monies to be counted toward 2021 must be in the

Church Office by that time. Monies received after that time will be counted for 2022.



JUBILANT FEET,
is the church's walking group and they meet on **Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m. at Kickapoo Creek Park**
Everyone is welcome!



Walking Group

MISSION COMMITTEE

By: Verdeen Ingram, Co-Chair

SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAYS...The Mission Committee has designated the following Sundays:

- **Second Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Children of Lincoln project.**
- **Fourth Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action.**



It seems like everything is in short supply these days. It is a lucky day when I can find a package of canning lids at the store. The car lots are almost bare. And many parts for farm machinery are on back order. Now we learn (from the TV of course), that toys will also be scarce this holiday season.

Certain popular toys might be scarce, but there will still be a lot of great toys available. And we don't want any Logan County kids to discover on Christmas morning that there is a toy shortage in their house.

To make sure this doesn't happen, St. John will be helping Toys for Tots by collecting all kinds of toys. There will be a toy box and a donation can in the entryway until **Sunday, December 5th**. Please go shopping and bring your donations to the church during that time.

Donna Gaydosh heads up the Logan County Toys for Tots. She strives to give each child a book as well as a toy, so books are always welcome. Also,

she wants us to shop not only for those kids who are 4 years old, but also for those who are 14.

Our fundraising events of past years can no longer happen, so the Mission Committee is depending on you to fill the box with toys!

SEASONS GREETINGS!



The Christmas Card Tree is up in the St. John UCC entryway. Be sure to share your Christmas greeting with your Church Family by placing your card on the tree. Also, be sure the read all the greetings



The following is some information from CAPCIL:

CAPCIL employs 56 team members in **Logan County** with an average wage of \$18.10 per hour.

Logan County Community Impact

- Total number of Unduplicated Customers: **1195**
- Logan County households in 2020 was 10,797 **11% of Logan County Households** received at least 1 CAPCIL service in 2020
- Total Number of Service provided: **39,096**



BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Dean Meinershagen
Dustin Paulus
Rich Reinwald
- 8 Peggy Goetsch
Silas Tockey
- 10 Meredith Wilmert
- 14 Marilyn Armbrust
- 17 Bill Gosda, Jr.
- 19 Roger Michalsen
Marlene Wilmert
- 20 Doug Reifsteck
- 21 Amanda Leich
- 29 Carolyn Pech
- 30 Greg Conrady
Meghan Kurtz
- 31 Angie Kurtz

CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER...

Once again, we will be offering you the opportunity to make a donation to the Heifer Project in memory of your loved ones. In 2020 a total of \$1,120 was given and we were able to purchase a "Water for Life" program, two alpacas and a flock of chicks.

Since, it was so well received last year we are going to repeat it for 2021.

You can learn more at heifer.org.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE...

For those who would like to participate an envelope is being provided in this mailing. Please fill it out and then enclose your donation inside the envelope. Drop it in the designated offering plate on Sunday morning, or drop it off at the church office or place it in another envelope and mail it to the church office. It's that simple. We will need them returned by December 13th so a listing can be made for the December 19th bulletin. **Look for the paper ornaments on the tree in the entryway.**



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Larry and Verdeen Ingram
- 9 Glenn and Terri Shanle
- 18 Leland and Becky Semple
- 27 Roger and Jenna Michalsen



CELEBRATE LIFE BIRTHDAY GROUP
December 10 | 11:30 a.m.
Chi Family Restaurant
819 Woodlawn Road
Let Toni Reifsteck or Sandy Wilmert know if you are coming.



DECEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 1st

Rotary at 12:00 noon
St. John Chimers at 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 2nd

Christmas Parade at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 4th

Men's Fellowship at 8:30 a.m.
A Cup of Christmas Tea at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 5th

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.
In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service
with Communion at 10:00 am
St. John Ringers rehearsal after church
S. John Singers rehearsal at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 6th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.
Tech Team Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 8th

Rotary at 12:00 noon
St. John Chimers rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

Friday, December 10th

Celebrate Life Birthday Group at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 11th

St. John Diners

Sunday, December 12th

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service
at 10:00 am
Children of Lincoln Special Offering Sunday
St. John Ringers rehearsal after church
St. John Singers rehearsal at 11:30 a.m.
Caroling to Shut-ins at 1:40 p.m.

Monday, December 13th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14th

Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15th

Rotary at 12:00 noon
St. John Chimers rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

Friday, December 17th

Head Start Training Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 19th

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service
at 10:00 am
It's Birthday Sunday – Time to celebrate
December Birthdays
St. John Ringers rehearsal after church
St. John Singers rehearsal at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, December 20th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 23rd

St. John Chimers rehearsal at 7:15 p.m.

Friday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25th

Merry Christmas

Sunday, December 26th

In-Person and Live-stream Worship Service
at 10:00 am
Diaper Project Special Offering Sunday

Monday, December 27th

Church Office closed for holiday

Friday, December 31st

2021 Treasurer's Book close at 12:00 noon



PRAYER LIST

Matt Adams
John Barrick
Linda Barrow
Wayne Bowns
Harold Boyer family
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Mary Fuller
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Cindy Hansen
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Marianne Ingram
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Judy Kline
Kris Lucas
Kyle Lucas
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Mary Francis (aka Franny)
Lynn Price
Kayleigh Reifsteck
Mercedize Reyes
Diane Roschnafsky
Bonnie Sanders
Sandy Sanders
Alissa Smith
Chris Sprague
Kathy Staten
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Kent Tangman
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Jason Yates

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Jo
Joyce
Kyle

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Donna
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Cheryl
Kate
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- The Residents at the Christian Village and St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care
- All those from our "Church Family", Community, State and Nation working in the Medical Field
- Illinois Conference/Wester Association

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