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From Our Pastor

Dear Family in Christ,

Happy New Year (the civil year, the church year began on the first Sunday of Advent). I hope you had a merry, joyous and meaningful Christmas celebration. Feast of the Epiphany is/ was observed on January 1 (the feast's official date is January 6) as we celebrate the arrival of Magi to the home of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. January 8 celebrates the Baptism of Jesus the Christ.

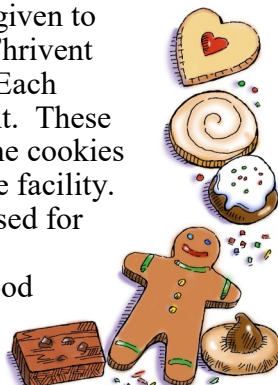
Last year was quite a year and be sure to read the well-done parish council report. Thanks to all of you who were faithful to the ministry of St. John Lutheran Church and School in 2022 as we look forward to an even greater year of 2023.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Don+



The Lutheran Women of Tidewater Cookie Pack

The Women's groups from St. Timothy, Our Saviour, Emmanuel and St. John again continued to provide cookies for the 1500 inmates at the Virginia Beach Correctional Center. Because of the pandemic, the jail will not accept home baked cookies. Therefore for the last few years we have had to buy them. This year the cookies were one of the items in a ditty bag to be given to each inmate. We have been able to get \$250 grants from Thrivent (a financial services organization founded by Lutherans). Each congregation has members who have policies with Thrivent. These members can apply for the Community Service Grants. The cookies already purchased had been delivered to the Chaplain at the facility. So two \$250 grants requested by St. John members were used for postage stamps to be used on Christmas cards provided for prisoners to send greetings to friends and relatives. It is good to be associated with other church and to provide for those who might be forgotten.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am
Adult Bible Study
10:30 am
Worship Service

OUR MISSION

*We are a family
of Christ,
committed to serving,
teaching, welcoming
and loving
all God's people.*

Celebrating
69 Years
*of Ministry
in Ocean View*
1953-2022



From Our Council President

The year is drawing to a close. As I look back over 2022, the picture is a busy one with many accomplishments. From improvements to our infrastructure, the outside property, to the creation of a Sunday morning Bible Study, Council Meetings after Worship, the sale of the parsonage, Advent soup and Bread moved from Wednesday evenings to after Worship on Sundays, reinstatement of 5th Sunday congregational meetings and monthly potlucks. We moved Worship back to St. Matthias Hall while the sanctuary heat was worked on. Membership increased. We held a youth baptism. In September we celebrated 69 years of Lutheran presence in Ocean View. Our eldest member, Emily Kircheval offered a look at the first 20 years of our ministry.

The coming year is shaping up as one continuing our efforts to grow in spirit and actual members, to update our kitchen, replace the AC throughout the building and support the ministry of our School.

The 2023 council will be installed during our Epiphany service on January 1st. Congratulations to Sue Bove and Pat Kindred, newly elected; and returning council members, Deb Midgett and Tara Taffe. At the first meeting of the new year, officers will be elected.

A big thank you to those serving this year as the Executive Council: Deb Midgett as Vice President, Ellen Wilson as Secretary and Carolyn Moran as Bookkeeper. I have been honored to serve as your Council President this past year and look forward to the work of your elected Council in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Davidson



*Remember
these lost
loved ones*

Natalie Schroeder
September 1, 2022

The Family of
Saint John
wishes to express
our deepest
condolences
and prayers to the
families and friends of those who have passed
...

Connie Hoff
December 17, 2022

If you would like to send your condolences,
the addresses of the families are listed below.

Rev. Mark Schroeder
c/o Concordia Lutheran Mission
2271 Sycamore Avenue
Buena Vista, VA 24416

Mr. Alan Hoff
306 W. Raysor Street
St. George, SC 29477

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted...



It has been a busy year. We baptized one youth, held memorial services for those who entered eternal rest and continued home communion for those unable to attend worship. We continued altar flower fundraisers at Easter, Pentecost and Christmas.

The choir, under the leadership of our Music Director, Lee Hendricks, provided inspiring anthems and special music throughout the year.

Rides to worship and events have been provided as needed.

Please remember to reach out to those in need of a call or note.

The Prayer Chain is a vital ministry coordinated by Barb Stockman keeping members informed of those requesting special prayers. Our church secretary can take a message for Barb or you may contact her directly. Requests /communications are made via email or phone calls.

The Altar Guild can always use volunteers. Karen Sutton leads this group and schedules our weekly worship assistants. Training is available.

Please plan on joining those who will de-deck the Halls on the morning of January 7th at 9:00 am.

Yours in Christ,
Gail Davidson, Worship and Music Chair



Date	Congregation	Choir/Assistants	Nursery	Total
November 6, 2022	19	8	0	27
November 13, 2022	27	8	0	35
November 20, 2022	18	7	0	25
November 27, 2022	?	?	?	?



09 ~ Don Greene
14 ~ Seika Smith
16 ~ Judith Vlcek
17 ~ Arthur Chivers
19 ~ Stephanie Chivers
Gerry Reed
21 ~ Gail Davidson
24 ~ Rachel Shaffer
26 ~ Linda Grubbs
27 ~ Joann Krumm

SEN-RETS

Wednesday, January 18th
11:30 AM
St. Matthias Hall

Pot-luck and Good Conversation!

All are invited and welcome!

Budget Update – November 2022	
Monthly Revenues	\$6,786.36
Monthly Expenses	\$10,959.36
Year to date Revenues	\$144,625.46
Year to date Expenses	\$179,700.67
Year to date: Actual Revenue less Actual Expenses	-\$35,075.21
<i>Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, In managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.</i>	

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1953 & 1978
SCHOOL

Celebrating 69 years of Ministry!

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Gail Davidson

Vice President: Deborah Midgett

Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson

Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton

Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks

School Director: Sheila Sanchez

Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran

Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

If your mailing information has changed,
please notify the Church Office.

Thank you!

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

will be held on

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

ALL ACTIVE VOTING MEMBERS PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

PURPOSE:

**REVIEW ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

and

**GENERAL DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE WELFARE
OF THE CONGREGATION AND
NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.**

BACK-UP DATE:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023