



# The Eagle

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December 2020

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
3220 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio  
614/875-2314

Dear Disciples of Jesus,

*"The Hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight."* (lyrics from O Little Town of Bethlehem)

This is one of my favorite times of the year when it comes to singing. I LOVE Christmas music of all sorts, from the holly, jolly to the Holy. These songs sing of laughter and longing, love and joy, promise and peace. They speak of miracles of old, and hope anew.

I've talked to so many people over the years who wish for their own miracles during this time of year. And while they may be smaller than what makes a good Christmas Carol, they are no less important to the one doing the hoping. Maybe your hope is that a prodigal child will find their way home to your table this year. Maybe your hope is that your table will have enough food. Maybe your hope is that the empty chair left by the death of a loved one will not cause you to lose heart. Or maybe your hope is that someone special will fill your heart with joy.

Over 2000 years ago, there was a couple who had hoped for their own miracle, and like many they had long given up on their dream. Zechariah and Elizabeth had prayed earnestly for a child, year after year, and that prayer went unfulfilled. So, they gave up on their dream.

But they never gave up on God. No, they stayed faithful to Him. And then, one very ordinary day, something extraordinary happened. Zechariah, who was a priest in Israel, was chosen to give the incense at the altar. This was a once-in-a-lifetime chance, a rare honor for such a common man. And as he performed this sacred duty, an angel of God appeared, and not just any angel, but THE angel, Gabriel, and broke God's 400-year silence with Israel.

The angel told Zechariah that he and his wife Elizabeth would have a son – a son who would have a special purpose to prepare Israel for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus. And his name would be John. Poor Zechariah, this all sounded impossible to him. Not the miracle itself – he knew the Scriptures and believed this.

He just had a hard time thinking God could use silly old him and his up-in-years wife. But true to His Word, God performed this miracle in the lives of these two people, Elizabeth and Zechariah. Why? Because they were faithful people in a time of unfaithfulness. And yet they had given up on the dream God had planted in their hearts – the dream of having a son. Zechariah didn't have a problem with the BIG miracle of God sending a Son to be born of a virgin and to be the Savior. It was the little miracle he had trouble with, in his own life.

Do we shut God out of doing miracles in our lives because we have trouble believing there could be such a thing for us? I encourage you to read Zechariah's Canticle found in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1:68-79. Read it aloud with your loved ones, and be filled with the promises of God, given to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and promised to you and me! Merry Christmas!

**Rejoice in Hope,**

**Pastor Patti**



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## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**Officers:** Neva Warren, President; Kevin Stener-son, Vice President; Melissa Butsko, Secretary; Dan Yeater, Treasurer.

**Members-At-Large:** Debbie Abbitt, Fred Previts, Aaron Clark, Cindy Henricksen, Warren Althoff, Richard Werner.

Church Office hours are Monday through Friday,  
8am to 4pm.

**The deadline for the JANUARY Eagle  
is December 10th.**

Email announcements & articles to  
sj@stjohnsgc.org or leave a handwritten copy in  
the church office.

**Please note that all in-person worship services have been cancelled from Nov. 23 through at least Dec. 18, 2020. We will let you know when we are able to resume with services in the church building.**

**DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION continues to be held on  
Sunday mornings from 10:00am to 10:30am.  
(weather permitting)**



## **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S: 4:30; 6:00; 7:30; and 9:00 p.m.**

Due to the recent spike in cases of Covid-19 and the necessity of maintaining distancing precautions, we'll be doing Christmas Eve a little differently this year. Our plan is to hold **four** worship services at 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 and 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord. Come and join your congregation in giving thanks to God for the precious gift of his Son on this holy night! If circumstances change suddenly and we need to change any worship schedules, we'll certainly let the whole congregation know!

### **CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP: 10:00 a.m.**

We plan to gather at 10:00 a.m. in the Main Sanctuary to celebrate Christmas Day (Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>) with a service of Holy Communion and Christmas carols. Come and sing praises to the Newborn King!

## **NORMAL WEEKLY WORSHIP TIMES:**

**Saturday at 4pm**

**Sunday at 8am, 9:30am, 11am**

**Contemporary-Sunday at 11am**

**(Social Distancing will be practiced and face coverings are recommended.)**

**Due to the increase in Covid-19 infection rates, the OWLS will not meet in December. Watch the bulletins for upcoming meetings and in the meantime—wear your mask, wash your hands, and stay safe!**





**ELLEN PREVITS confirmed her faith on September 27, 2020. Each student was asked to create a faith tri-fold. Below you'll see some excerpts of what Ellen wrote. *May God richly bless Ellen in her life with Christ, as she continues to hope and trust in Him. Amen!***

**My favorite Bible story** is the story of Ruth. The story talks about Ruth's devotion to Naomi, her mother-in-law, even when she was told to go away. Ruth then went on to marry a man who would help Naomi and Ruth. I enjoy this story because it makes me want to have this level of devotion to someone like Ruth did. She was very loyal and I hope I can use her as a role model in the coming years.

**My favorite service project** during my two years of confirmation was the Mitten Tree. I set up Christmas trees so hats, mittens, and gloves could be placed on them. These objects were then given to those in need in the Central Ohio area. I took the project over from the Beacons, who had done it previously, so I was given lots of help. Linda Chenault was very nice and answered all of my questions. One thing I learned from this project was how to be thankful for the things I have. I always want to be a part of serving others because it really opens my eyes.

**(God Sighting)** On Sunday, June 28th, the gospel mentioned giving a fresh cup of water to someone as a way to show God's love and in turn be blessed. After listening to the service, my dad and I went on a bike ride. We normally take long rides together and race multiple times. We were on our way home when I started feeling nauseous and lightheaded. We pulled over so I could rest. I thought that I could keep going, so we started home again. I couldn't keep going, so we had to stop. Again. I was lying on the ground outside of a house when the woman who lived there came out. "Do you want some water?" she asked. I accepted and drank it gratefully. I drank three-fourths of that bottle right then. I'm very thankful for that water, and I knew it was because God had filled that woman's heart with the Holy Spirit, prompting her to give me that fresh bottle, blessing me and herself.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**Thank you** for your generous gifts and prayers for the children in need around the world! Shoeboxes filled by our St. John's family were delivered to a local church collection site on November 16.

We ask that you continue to pray that God prepares the hearts of these children, that they respond to His love. If you would like to be a Prayer Partner for this ministry, please visit [www.Samaritanspurse.org/PraywithOCC](http://www.Samaritanspurse.org/PraywithOCC). You can join 27,000+ Prayer Partners who pray for Operation Christmas Child year-round.



*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thess 5:16-18*



The Mitten Trees are returning to the North Entrance and the Link November 7 through December 6! Please help fill the trees with mittens, gloves, warm hats, earmuffs, scarves and socks for all ages. ***All items need to be new with tags or homemade.*** After December 6th the items will be taken to the LSS Champion Food Pantry, where they will be distributed to anyone in need. Please contact Ellen Previts at 614-345-8576 or Jaylynn Jermann at 614-971-1106 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping our neighbors stay warm!

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

We have a variety of ways to keep us all connected and growing in faith! Talk to Laurie, Diana, or Gary! The December/January youth ministry materials have been delivered or picked up. If you have questions about any of the materials, please feel free to connect with us!

- **A Family Faith Box** is a box full of fun & faith for the entire family, geared towards ages 5 through 12 but can be adapted for all ages.
- **Individual Sunday School Lessons** (Age 3 through 6th Grade) For more info about Sunday School, connect with our Sunday School Superintendent Tim Allman at [tim.allman110@gmail.com](mailto:tim.allman110@gmail.com).
- **Confirmation Sunday School** and **High School Sunday School** meet virtually on Sunday mornings.



- **Youth Group Materials** for Adventure Club (ages 5—4th grade), Faith Trek (grades 5—6), Explorers (grades 7—8), and Energizers (grades 9—12) have been distributed with the December/January materials. Virtual meeting id numbers and passwords have been given to each student, along with any materials needed for each virtual meeting. If you can't attend the virtual meeting each week, that's ok. Join us when you can! We do take the month of December off.

- **HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY** is on Sundays, 1:30—2:30pm. Talk to Diana Imbrock for study materials and GoToMeeting ID number.

If you did not receive materials but would like to be on our list, talk to Laurie Pecuch at 614-875-2314 or [lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:lpecuch@stjohnsgc.org).

## CATECHISM

Sunday morning Trot through the Old Testament is happening via virtual meeting. Gary sends out a weekly email to parents. We're learning a lot together! *We will be taking a break on December 20th and 27th.*

January 3rd is the Holy Communion Learning Event for first year students. January 10th is the Lord's Prayer Learning Event for second year students. See your weekly email from Gary for details or connect with him at [gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org). Plans are to meet on-site, but be sure to check your email for any last minute changes.

There are plenty of service opportunities for catechism students (and high school students). Connect with Gary at [gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org) or Diana at [dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:dimbrock@stjohnsgc.org) for an updated list.

## SCRIP GIFT CARDS

We place orders for gift cards the first Tuesday of the month (which comes up quickly in December on the 1st). Please use the form on the youth office door or just give Laurie or Gary a call at 614-875-2314. Within a week ordered gift cards are back to us and in your hands.



Want to order on-line and/or put more monies on an existing SCRIP card? Please talk to Pam Wittenberg or Gary Pecuch. Anytime you order on-line, please let us know, as we need to release your order. You can email Gary at [gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:gpecuch@stjohnsgc.org). *Thanks for your support!*

*Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to use for your daily purchases or to gift to others! It's easy. It's convenient!*

### Transformation Zone July 11-16, 2021

If you are a high-schooler and interested in serving Jesus, helping area neighbors, and being transformed, have we got a camp for you! Transformation Zone! The cost is only \$125.00 for the week and space is limited. If you are interested, contact Diana Imbrock for more information or give her your \$50.00 deposit to hold your spot. Hurry! Don't be left out!

**DECEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 1 PETER** - Pastor Seth will lead a discussion on the book of 1 Peter on Wednesday nights through December. Class will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, starting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and will continue for 5 weeks through December 30<sup>th</sup>. Even if you cannot attend all the sessions, we encourage you to jump in where you can! We're looking forward to the good discussion and fellowship.

## FAMILY/PARENT RESOURCE



We have discovered a Christian resource for families to help them navigate these challenging times. The resource is called AXIS. It includes parent guides, conversation kits, a culture translator, family reboots, and educational events (summits and 10-day teen talks).

If you're a parent, or grandparent, or an adult in a young person's faith web and you would like to know more about AXIS, please contact Diana, Laurie, or Gary.

We're purchasing an all-church access pass and then launching the program in January. We just need your e-mail address to get these worthwhile resources into your hands.

We will also be creating a facebook page just for parents, grandparents, and caring adults to discuss the resources and to encourage each other in raising our youth in today's world.

There is also an opportunity to get personal access to all the resources that AXIS provides so you can dig into the topics that most interest you right now. Again, contact us! We look forward to hearing from you!



Thank you for continuing to pray for and support Missions!

We are hoping that we will find ourselves back on the Mexico Mission Field with our precious children the summer of 2021.

If you have a heart for the children of Mexico and sharing the Good News with our brothers and sisters in Christ, come join the 2021 Mexico Mission Family!

Mission dates are July 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

Contact Diana Imbrock with questions or to sign up.

## NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS

**FLOOD BUCKET**

- ONE 5 gallon bucket with lid
- TWO large trash bags
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- PineSol or liquid floor cleaner
- Scrub brush
- Dust Mask (N-95 recommended)
- Rubber gloves
- Broom
- Rakes, shovels, hoes – debris removal tools

**PLEASE BRING INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OR COMPLETED KITS TO ST. JOHN'S. PLACE IN ROOMS 101-2**

**DECEMBER FLOOD BUCKET ITEMS**

**NEW AND USED BIBLES ACCEPTED ANYTIME.**

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING OTHERS IN THEIR TIME OF NEED!**



Our annual coat collection has begun! A box will be in the church library for your donations. Please consider donating coats, scarves, gloves and blankets. We will take these to a church-affiliated men's and a women's shelter. Thank you for sharing your Christian beliefs by providing for the less fortunate. ~ Blessings, *Bruce & Karen Whyte*

## DEVOTIONALS—NURTURE YOUR SPIRIT

**2020 IS A YEAR WE WON'T SOON FORGET!** And while there are many things we are missing and mourning the loss of, we are also embracing some of the opportunities that God has laid in front of us in the midst of these challenges. In many ways, this Advent season is an incredibly important one. We are looking forward expectantly to what God will do through His Word in us, our friends, family, and church! **If you're looking for something creative this season to connect with? We've created a digital Advent calendar! Each day has a short video with the Jesus Storybook Bible, a prayer, or action that can be used with the whole family: <https://adventmyfriend.com/105948/db6fc8702b/> May the peace of Jesus Christ guard your hearts and minds throughout this Advent season! *Jenny Brockman***



The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) presents, *Prepare the Way of the Lord*, an Advent devotional booklet for 2020. This year's booklet is based on the two-year daily lectionary provided in the Lutheran Book of Worship, Year I. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Selbo, bishop of the NALC, has prepared a bit longer devotion for each of the Sundays in Advent, along with a devotion for Christmas Day. The Rev. Dr. David Wendel, NALC assistant to the bishop for ministry and ecumenism, has prepared the brief weekday and Christmas Eve devotions.

There are several ways to access the 2020 Advent devotional: download a copy, receive daily messages or download an e-book version. For details on how to access *Prepare the Way of the*

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** - devotional booklets for January through March are now available. If you have not yet picked up a copy and would like one, please call or e-mail the church office and we will reserve one for you, Contact us at 614-875-2314 or [sj@stjohnsgc.org](mailto:sj@stjohnsgc.org)



### **GOING DEEPER SMALL GROUPS: NEW STUDY AVAILABLE**

A new study packet: **“Going Deeper with the Ten Commandments,”** is now available for our *Going Deeper* small groups. Hard copy packets are available in the Link, and electronic copies can be downloaded from our church website ([www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org)). If you would like to know more about our Going Deeper small group ministry, or would like to join a small group, please contact Pastor Seth at 217.255.2118 any time. Several of our small groups are meeting online; others are meeting in the church building. If you would like to meet in the church building, please call Jan Miller at 614.875.2314 to reserve a regular room and time slot. We hope you can participate in our “Going Deeper” journey!



*May God  
Grant you Comfort  
and Peace*

## OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Jim Carpenter on the death of his wife, Faun, on  
October 11<sup>th</sup>

The family and friends of Dr. Herman Rehder who died on  
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>

Howard Linder on the death of his sister, Rahea Coll, on  
Nov. 9

The Lang family on the passing of Tom's father, Ed, on  
Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.

## TIPS FOR HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS When Grieving

- 1. DECIDE WHAT YOU CAN HANDLE COMFORTABLY AND LET FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW.**  
Can I handle the responsibility of the family dinner, etc. or shall I ask someone else to do it?  
Do I want to talk about my loved one or not? Shall I stay here for the holidays or go to a completely different environment?
- 2. MAKE SOME CHANGES IF THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE FOR YOU.**  
Open presents Christmas Eve instead of Christmas morning. Vary the timing of gift giving.  
Have dinner at a different time or place. Let the children take over decorating the house, the tree, baking and food preparation, etc.
- 3. RE-EXAMINE YOUR PRIORITIES: GREETING CARDS, HOLIDAY BAKING, DECORATING, PUTTING UP A TREE, FAMILY DINNER, ETC.** Do I really enjoy doing this?  
Is this a task that can be shared?
- 4. CONSIDER DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR SOMEONE ELSE.**  
Donate a gift in the memory of your loved one. Donate money you would have spent on your loved one as a gift to charity. Adopt a needy family for the holidays. Invite a guest (foreign student, senior citizen) to share festivities.
- 5. RECOGNIZE YOUR LOVED ONE'S PRESENCE IN THE FAMILY.** Burn a special candle to quietly include your loved one. Hang a stocking for your loved one in which people can put notes with their thoughts or feelings. Listen to music especially like by the deceased. Look at photographs.
- 6. IF YOU DECIDE TO DO HOLIDAY SHOPPING, MAKE A LIST AHEAD OF TIME AND KEEP IT HANDY FOR A GOOD DAY, OR SHOP ONLINE OR THROUGH CATALOGS.**
- 7. OBSERVE THE HOLIDAYS IN WAYS WHICH ARE COMFORTABLE FOR YOU.**  
There is no right or wrong way of handling holidays. Once you've decided how to observe the time, let others know.
- 8. TRY TO GET ENOUGH REST – HOLIDAYS CAN BE EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY DRAINING.**
- 9. ALLOW YOURSELF TO EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS.**  
Holidays often magnify feelings of loss. It is natural to feel sadness. Share concerns, apprehensions, feelings with a friend. The need for support is often greater during holidays.
- 10. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY BEREAVED PERSONS IS THAT THEY DO COME TO ENJOY HOLIDAYS AGAIN. THERE WILL BE OTHER HOLIDAY SEASONS TO CELEBRATE.**
- 11. DON'T BE AFRAID TO HAVE FUN.** Laughter and joy are not disrespectful. Give yourself and your family members' permission to celebrate and take pleasure in the holidays.

**CORPORATE WORSHIP SERVICES ON HOLD AT ST. JOHN'S,**  
**STARTING MONDAY NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

We are sorry to announce that due to the rapid increase in Covid-19 cases in our county, and following the Special Advisory issued by Franklin County Public Health, we are closing our church building to larger groups (including our corporate worship services) of **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We will maintain strictly limited building use at least through Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, which is when the county's stay-at-home advisory period ends. We will let the congregation know before December 18<sup>th</sup> what our plans for reopening will be.

During this period, we will have no in-person worship services at St. John's. Unfortunately, this includes our Thanksgiving service. The building will be accessible for individuals and for small groups (of fewer than 10 people) who have scheduled their meetings with the church office.

At this point, we cannot say for sure whether we'll be able to hold in-person Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services; we're hoping it will be possible and are planning for it! Regardless, we will be organizing a live-streaming worship service for Christmas Eve.

Please remember that we offer online worship videos each week with sermons, prayers and readings at our church website: [www.stjohnsgc.org](http://www.stjohnsgc.org). We hope you will tune in on Sundays. We will also continue our Wednesday night online video offerings.

Drive-through communion will continue to be available on Sunday mornings. Please note that **as of November 29<sup>th</sup>, we will switch the Drive-through time to 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

Please pray for the world, our nation, and our congregation during these challenging times. Pastors Seth and Patti are here for you; please call us any time!



**ST. JOHN'S IS DEBT FREE**

In November, St. John's was able to make the final payment for organ and sanctuary renovations we undertook nearly five years ago. Many of our church members made a firm commitment from the outset to regularly contribute to the fund, making our progress towards this goal incredibly fast and consistent. What an amazing accomplishment on the part of our congregation! **Thank you** so much to all of you who have lovingly dedicated your resources to this project, for the glory of God. Our worship and praise to the Lord has been truly enriched by your beautiful generosity

**NOTES OF THANKS:**

“Thank you all for the many cards you sent my way for Pastor's Appreciation Day. What a lovely surprise and wonderful affirmation of my call to serve the people of St. John's. May you continue to be blessed in your faithfulness to our Lord! In gratitude and love”, *Pastor Patti*

“I am so grateful to the many friends at St. John's who thoughtfully remembered the 25th anniversary of my ordination. I greatly appreciate your cards, gifts and kind words of support. Thank you to St. John's Sunday School Chapel class for the lovely birthday card and wishes. It was much appreciated.” ~ *Laura Rush*

“Thank you, members of St. John's, for all the wonderful cards I've received for Pastor Appreciation Month! Your beautiful words of love and encouragement mean so much to me. I'm truly blessed to be your pastor. Thank you, and may God bless you all with his love and peace!” ~ *Pastor Seth*

“I am so grateful to the many friends at St. John's who thoughtfully remembered the 25th anniversary of my ordination. I greatly appreciate your cards, gifts and kind words of support. I am amazed at how fast the years have passed. I feel blessed that my path of service in Christ has led to hospital ministry in Grove City and to the family of faith at St. John's!” *With love and appreciation, Karen Jersild*

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“Thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, and expressions of concern following my auto accident last week. I am healing, and happy to be back in the office.” ~ *Jan Miller*



## BEACONS and QUILTERS NEWS

The Beacons and Quilters wish to thank everyone for their donations to help fill the 100 Christmas bags to be given to the children whose families use the LSS Food Pantry on Champion Avenue. We hope the bags bring a bit of Christian love and joy to the children. We are hoping the pandemic will ease up, and we will be able to fill the bags on December 8, 2020.

The Beacons and Quilters wish to thank Grove City Family Dentistry on Columbus Street for their donation of 100 toothbrushes, toothpaste and flossers for the Christmas bags. These are much appreciated donations. The children will enjoy their child-friendly brushes.

The Beacons and Quilters would like to thank the Grove City Meijer Store for donating \$150 in gift cards to purchase items to add to the mitten trees and the Christmas bags.

Thanks to Diana Imbrock for securing a grant from Thrivent to purchase items for the mitten trees and the Christmas bags. This will help buy warm gloves for cold hands.

The date for the December Beacons' meeting is changed-the pandemic willing. The December Beacons' meeting will be the second Tuesday, December 8, 2020 and it will be a busy one. We will fill the Christmas bags in room 103-104. In the early afternoon, we will take our donations of Christmas bags to the Champion Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to come and help fill the bags. Please come and visit. This will be the last meeting of the year.

We will not have our Christmas quilt sale this year because of the pandemic. We are selling the quilts individually. Please call the church to set up a time to look at the quilts.

If you find you have extra time at home and would like to make a quilt to donate to the Beacons and Quilters, we can furnish the material and other supplies at no cost to you. Call the church to set up a time to make your selection of material.

The Quilters are not meeting while Franklin County is red on the covid map. We will meet again when the county is yellow or orange. The Quilters usually meet every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm in rooms 103-104. The Beacons meet with the Quilters on the third Tuesday to cut stamps and help with projects. Bring a sack lunch. All materials are provided. At the Beacons' meeting, we take monetary offerings for the food pantries and for the Beacons' general fund.

*Dear God, I miss my "old" life and am uncertain about the coming year. Please help me find the strength to face all the days of this pandemic. Amen*

**The Beacons wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.**

## MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2020

### Memorial Fund

Given in memory of **Paul Bausch** by Rosemary Krebs, Jim and Pam Krebs, and Helen Haun; and Erle and Judy Taylor.

Given in memory of **Mildred Braskett** by Connie Sonnen; Paul and Andrea Offenburger; and Erle and Judy Taylor.

Given in memory of **Mary Fail** by Dellno and Betty Lewis; Ms. Billie Gregory; Paul and Teresa Harris; Jerry and Marcy Mounts; and Ruth Bagley.

### Organ Debt Reduction Fund

Given in memory of **Joyce Althoff** by Warren Althoff.

Given in honor of the **ordination anniversaries of Bishop Ron Warren, Pastor Tom Phillips, and Pastor Karen Jersild** by Carl and Nancy Kinman; and Shirley Blake.

**Given in honor of Mel Penrod** by Robert & Bonnie Swanson.

Given in memory of **Paul Bausch** by Jim Braskett.

### Current Fund

Given in memory of **Paul Bausch** by Paul & Mitzi Schemrich.

### Bed Brigade

Given in honor of **Chad & Heather Whyte and Bruce & Karen Whyte** by Kathy Harris.

### Grove City Food Pantry

Given in memory of **Mary Fail** by Millie Quinn; and Marilyn Martin.

### Wycliffe Bible Translators

Given in honor of the **ministry of Steven and Rachel Katterhenrich** by Beth Katterhenrich.

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DATED MATERIALS

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AN ABUNDANTLY  
BLESSED HOLIDAY  
SEASON!

FROM THE FULLNESS OF  
GRACE WE HAVE ALL  
RECEIVED ONE BLESSING  
AFTER ANOTHER.  
JOHN 1:16