

**Nov/Dec
2025**

**ST. JOHN'S
CONGREGATIONAL
LEADERSHIP**

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the gestures of appreciation and heartfelt recognition of my 15th ordination anniversary. The surprise fellowship, cake, and cards (not to mention mimosas) were perfect. I thank God for you.

The day I was called to serve Saint John is one of the happiest and proudest moments of my life. I rejoiced not because I finally had a job after years of school and internships and loans, but because I was called to YOU. Through college I dreamed of one day pastoring a congregation LIKE Saint John. I consider it a great honor and a holy thing to be the pastor OF Saint John.

First calls are supposed to be 3-4 years and then you move on. The average pastorate for Lutherans is 8 ¼ years and then you get a new one. Yet here we are. 15 years and going strong. You took a chance on me all those years ago. I was fresh out of seminary with very little experience in the real world. You gave me a shot. For that I will never cease giving thanks. I will serve tirelessly to ensure you weren't wrong. I know that I've made mistakes along the way. I am sorry for any disappointment, discouragement, or disagreement I created here. It was never intended. I only hope that in the end you will find my love, service, care, and friendship as more than enough to cover those errors.

In marriage we ask partners: can you share and receive grace? Will you forgive as you've been forgiven? To me, that's not just a question for married people but one for the church. For 15 years we've answered yes. We are here together not because I'm so good or the church is so good, but because we're so good together. That goodness is built on grace. It's built on love. It's built on commitment. Many years ago, I shared an opinion at a council meeting that wasn't quite unanimously shared by the room. In that moment I said: I reserve the right to be wrong. We all laughed. In the end, I was wrong, but it all worked out because at this congregation we share and receive grace.

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Thank you for giving me the best job in the world – serving as the pastor of Saint John. It has been an honor, a privilege, and a joy. I look forward to making many more memories, walking together through the best and worst of what may come, and building the Kingdom of God at Saint John Lutheran Church.

Thank you, dear friends. I love you.

Your Pastor,

Scott



To date we have received over \$300,000 in pledges. Over \$100,000 has already been donated. We are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$500,000. Thank you! Stay tuned for 3 big fundraisers in 2026 including a MEAT RAFFLE, RUMMAGE SALE, & CAR SHOW/CHIX BBQ.

"As we therefore [celebrate] this History, we do so, knowing that our Future without God's help will be of little value. But we trust in God and pray for His continued mercies."

Pastor Martin J. Hooper
1933

The Saints who have joined the church
through the waters of Baptism:

Audie Anderson Webb
Bennett Styn
Griffin Joseph Mueller
Weston Jon Bondi
Quinn Richard Cretacci
Javier Benjamin Schmitt
Kaelyn Ava Pidgeon
Everett Jackson Leach
Rhett Conrad Havas
Charlie Bulinski
Leo Assuntino Bordonaro
Hailey Constance Hadala
Austin Terence Slaper

The Saints who have
joined the Church Triumphant:

William Clarence Westly, Jr. 1/18/2025
Carole Reid 3/4/2025
Karen Caton 8/16/2025
Mary L Gilbert 8/17/2025
David Chmielewski 9/13/2025
Charlie Zipporeli 10/23/2025

The Saints who enrich our church on earth
through membership:

Eric & Kristen, Sloan, Rose Weidert
Angelo & Sandy Anna & Olivia Lorenzo
Bob & Kerrie, Robert, Michael Zehler
Richard & Eliabeth Galmarini
Luke Galmarini & Bailey George
Ken Manning
Robert & Amy Bucholtz
Mark & Melissa Cook
Austyn Galmarini
Douglas & Christine Garlapo
Tom & Liz Hadala
Paula Charters
Nels Larson
Chris Pleban



SAINTS

OUR
DEARLY
REMEMBERED

Alice King Mother Larry & Barb King
Colleen O'Connor Friend Larry & Barb King Jean Delamere
Martin & Evelyn Abernathy In-laws Paul Swanson
Austin & Marilyn Swanson Parents Paul Swanson
Rick Oles Brother Mike Oles
Bernard & Helen Oles Parents Mike Oles
Carlton & Margaret Ullrich Parents The Ullrich Family
Janet & Mel Shero Parents Sandra Lange
Lynn Brock Husband Diane Brock
Mervyn Moore Husband Donna Moore
Warren J. Smith Father Susan J. Ott
Andy Diakun Son Kate & Jim Olson
Robert & Erna Schultz Parents Claire Ohanessian
Aris & Helen Ohanessian, Sr. In-laws Claire Ohanessian
Linda & Thomas Bulmer Parents Klansee & William Bulmer
Bobby Reynolds Father Klansee & William Bulmer
Daniel, Lydia, Aaron Bulmer Children Klansee & William Bulmer
Tina Tyler Aunt Klansee & William Bulmer
Terek Tyler, Jamen Johnson Cousins Klansee & William Bulmer
Bob Manning Friend Carlton & Molly Ullrich
Jessie Daum Grandmother Kathy Wood
Norma Ralph Mother Kathy Wood
Kermit & Mary Schlicht Parents Alan & Sue Aquilina
Dr. Anthony & Dawn Aquilina Parents Alan & Sue Aquilina
Mark Bosch Brother Rick & Gayle Bosch
Deceased members of the Pleban & Riexinger Families Linda Pleban
Richard & Marion Lenz Parents Jean Yanik
Michael Dryden Brother Lee Dryden
Marion & Daniel Kumiega Parents Susan Kumiega & Molly Ullrich
Charles & Ruth Hughes Parents Rich & Bobbie Traina
Joe & Theresa Traina Parents Rich & Bobbie Traina
Carol Traina Daughter-in-law Rich & Bobbie Traina
Constance Bacon Hadala Mother The Hadala Family
Maureen Koch Cousin Matt & Joni Coté
Joseph D & Joan F. Zehler Parents Robert Zehler
Joseph & Karen Smigiel Grandparents Robert & Michael Zehler
Charles & Mary Platzer Parents Jean Delamere
Don & Doug Pulfer Friends Jean Delamere
Mariah Strickland Cousin Pastor Scott Hannon

LIFE @ SJLC





Join us for the

TURKEY BOWL AND TAILGATE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8

10:00 AM - 4:00PM

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

6540 MAIN ST. WILLIAMSVILLE



**Show up wearing your best
jungle gear and ready for a
day full of flag football!
Lunch is provided and bringing
canned goods or gently used
clothing for donations is
encouraged.**



ST. JOHN YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING

***Join the fun for a night of FOOD,
FRIENDS, and FRIENDSHIP!***

***The dish of the night is still up in the
air, but prepare for FUN-FILLED games
and a DEVOTIONAL for the kids to
come together and find a connection to
GOD.***

***WHAT TO BRING: A yummy side dish to
feed 10-12 kids***

**11/18
6-8PM**

***Location: St. John
Lutheran Church***





“Bags of Cheer!”

“Bring some cheer to people in nursing homes!”

Prepare your own bag...

- **Homemade cards**
- **Crossword puzzles**
- **Books**
- **Hand sanitizer**
- **Paintings**
- **Coloring books**
- **Werther's Original Caramels**
- **Butterscotch Hard Candy**
- **... and so much more!!**



We're excited to spread some cheer!

**Bags will be collected until Sunday
November 23rd.**



Thank you!



We are requesting donations for cleaning supplies/personal care items/over the counter medications/and other such items not covered by SNAP benefits- these donations will also support the increasing needs of the Depew Community Center.

These will be collected through the end of the calendar year.

Items not covered by SNAP:

Vitamins, medicines, and supplements.

If an item has a Supplement Facts label, it is considered a supplement and is not eligible for SNAP purchase.

Any nonfood items such as:

Pet foods

Cleaning supplies, paper products, and other household supplies.

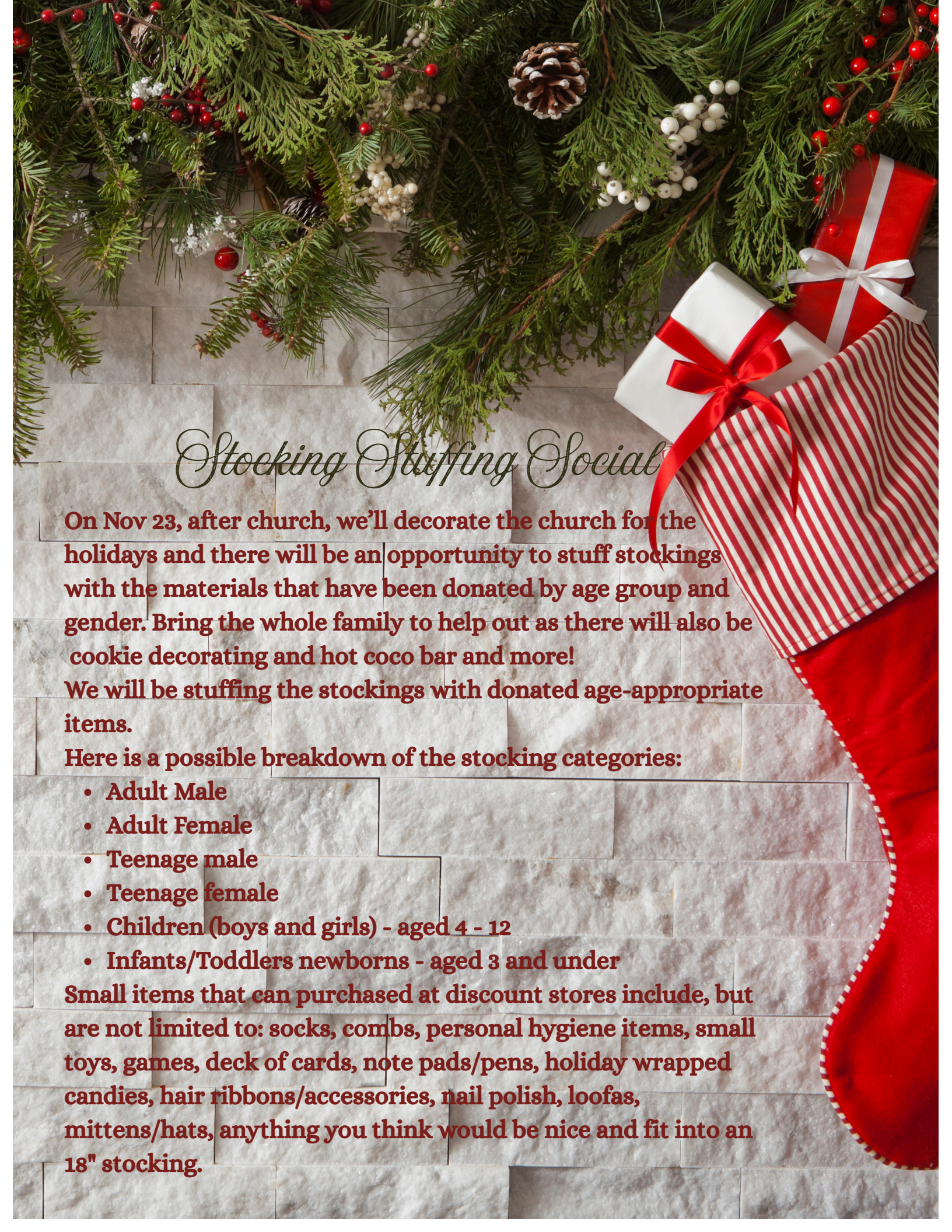
Hygiene items and cosmetics

**SNAP
Help**



Christmas is Coming

- Hanging of the Greens: Nov 23, after church
- Poinsettia order: <https://sjlcamherst.com/christmas> by Dec 15.
- Christmas Pageant: Dec 21
- Christmas Eve Services: 3:00pm & 5:00pm
- Lessons & Carols: Dec 28



Stocking Stuffing Social

On Nov 23, after church, we'll decorate the church for the holidays and there will be an opportunity to stuff stockings with the materials that have been donated by age group and gender. Bring the whole family to help out as there will also be cookie decorating and hot coco bar and more! We will be stuffing the stockings with donated age-appropriate items.

Here is a possible breakdown of the stocking categories:

- Adult Male
- Adult Female
- Teenage male
- Teenage female
- Children (boys and girls) - aged 4 - 12
- Infants/Toddlers newborns - aged 3 and under

Small items that can purchased at discount stores include, but are not limited to: socks, combs, personal hygiene items, small toys, games, deck of cards, note pads/pens, holiday wrapped candies, hair ribbons/accessories, nail polish, loofas, mittens/hats, anything you think would be nice and fit into an 18" stocking.

Greetings,

Once again, the kindness of the folks at St. John has come shining through! The winter coat drive for the needy at the **Depew Community Center** has been a success thanks to your generosity. Your thoughtfulness has been given life through the warmth that you've provided through the donation of winter coats. While for some of us it's little more than clearing out a closet, for those in need who will receive the coats it makes a huge difference when facing our local weather. Coat donations will continue to be accepted until **November 23, 2025**. Thank you for recognizing the need and offering a solution.

Thank You



November

Logan Besch 11/03
Gia Rainero 11/03
Carlton Ullrich, II 11/08
John Reich 11/09
Robert Bucholtz 11/12
Sandra Parker 11/12
Katie Carson 11/14
Michael Goehle 11/15
Robert Kohout 11/16
Sarah Merlihan 11/18
Asa Pawlowski 11/18
Peter Schmude 11/18
Aris Ohanessian 11/19
Lee Dryden 11/20
Michael Zehler 11/21
David McMullen 11/22
David Burow 11/26
Lillian Scorsone 11/27
Anna Lorenzo 11/28
Marsha Lewis 11/30
Emily Reid 11/30

December

Judy Swanson 12/01
David Schmude 12/02
Charlee Havas 12/03
William Lawniczak 12/04
Donald Reidell 12/04
Nicole Favale 12/05
Elizabeth Galmarini 12/05
Nancy James 12/05
Mark Cook 12/07
Scott Lawniczak 12/09
Delaney Hannon 12/10
Paige Russell-Holler 12/10
Margaret Davis 12/13
Victoria Lohead 12/14
Vincent Tobia 12/14
Joann Krieger 12/18
Jared Kachelmeyer 12/25
Sandra Langl 12/25
Declan Kruszynski 12/30

Gathered In Prayer (GiP) St. John Lutheran Church Prayer List

Bereaved

Charles Zippiroli, family of Morgan & Johnny Zippiroli

Hospitalized and Homebound

Don Reidell, Iris Reese, Richard Galmarini (Beth), Colleen Gunning

Healing, Comfort & Special Concerns

Sherry Slaper, Bobbie Traina, Jim Pankow, Robert Turley, Grace Bosch-Krug,
Bob Rosa, Anita Rosa, Sandi Ekberg, Charlotte Carnes, Bob Tiffany, Jerry Szykowny,
Jennifer Ekberg, Judy Yendall, John Sivak, Millie Webb, Audi Webb,
Christine Bosch, Sheri Steinman

Lois & Dale Kruschke, friends of Betty & Bob Williams
Shaylee Parker, friend of Pam and Ken Figel
Christie Guadagno, family of Bobbie & Rich Traina
Carol Allison, sister of Deni Krantz
Gerald Molen, cousin of Betty & Bob Williams
Tom Pankow, brother of Jim Pankow
Ron Granitz & wife, Adrienne, friends of Marsha Irmer.
Tomoni Steinhilber, niece of Barb Tiffany
Heidi Flack niece of Deni Krantz
Elaine Small, friend of Marsha Irmer
Jen Diakun, daughter of Kate & Jim Olson
George Walgrove, family of Diane & Dave McMullen
Dave & Janice Rouse, family of Judy & Dave Nitchke
Audrey Crimian & Amy Riemenscheider,
sisters of Candy & Jim Pankow

Ann Gambino-Cook, friend of Pam Figel
Lois Robinson, friend of St. John
Marilou Taylor, friend of Lee Dryden
Miriam Benson, friend of Kate & Jim Olson
Carol Dixon, sister of Joni Cote
Scott Behrend, son of friends of Ginny & Ray Hohl
Ingrid Herman, friend of Pam and Ken Figel
Vincent Curtin, son-in-law of Lee Dryden
Bonnie Beebe, friend of Susan Hadala
Rev. Ken Hilston, friend of Ray Hohl
Joel Hutcheson, brother of Jim & Kate Olson
Pr. David Preisinger, friend of Marsha Irmer
Charlie Ryan, nephew of Kate & Jim Olson
Linda Sievert, friend of Ginny Hohl

For the Sake of the World

~To increase our responsible stewardship of creation
~For wise governing dealing with political tension, suffering, and peace in our country and all countries at war
~Healing, comfort and strength for those seeking refuge from natural disasters
~For the unhoused, and all who suffer from hunger, loneliness, violence, racism antisemitism, addiction, coercion
and abuse in any form
~For the youth who struggle with anxiety and other issues of mental health
~Those who grieve over mass shootings
~For those who have no one to pray for them

Military

Sean Menzies, Matt Newman, Drew Steinhilber, Lt. Col. Kurt Wasilewski, Matt Hallgren

Contact Deb Francis with any prayer requests to add to the list at 716-512-5513
or beaconseeker52@gmail.com, or call the church office.