

St. John
The Apostle

"one sent forth - a messenger"

DECEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024

**APOSTLE & ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE
JANUARY 5**

**FIRST COMMUNION
11-5**

Rngtn: Elliot Blashock, Luke Houser, Nicholas Schlauch

TRANSFER

Donald, Wende, & Kayla Swartz
Michael, Megan, & Cason Remetta

Thank You...

...to everyone who helped in any way with the Election Day Luncheon & Bake Sale. Your donations of food and baked goods and your purchases were appreciated. Thrivent provided seed money.

...to the Cubscouts who came out to clean the sanctuary in preparation for the Advent-Christmas season as a merit badge project. Great job, cubscouts!

...to these Thrivent members who designated Choice Dollars to St. John's:

Brndvl: \$14 Wendy Everett
Rngtn: \$182 Ann Brown, Ronald Brown

PRAYER FOR OUR PASTORAL VACANCY

Gracious God, as we prepare to call a new pastor, may we count on the support and prayers of our members just as we trust your Spirit to guide us. During this time of pastoral vacancy, we pray for patience through the call process, that when your time is right, you will lead us to our new pastoral leadership. We pray that you would keep us strong in our faith and worship life; and we thank you for blessing us with supply pastors, and worship leaders. As pastoral candidates review our ministry profile, we pray for them and their families. We ask that you would be with them as they prayerfully consider their decision to accept our call. We ask that you work through our Call Committee and guide them in their duties; give them wisdom in choosing a pastor to lead us into the future and an exciting new chapter in our life of faith and ministry. All this we ask in your Holy name. Amen

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Pastor's Page is provided by Pastor Philip Smith who is our visitation pastor during the pastoral vacancy. He will take care of hospital visits, weddings, funerals, First Communion, Catechism, pre baptismal meetings, etc.

PASTORAL CONTACT INFORMATION

In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Phil Smith, visitation pastor, 570-384-3645, the church office 570-889-5203 or Marion Chupasco 570-889-3393; and she will contact pastoral coverage.

PrayerPartners

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As a continuation of the on-going ministry of the Prayer Partners; you are invited to pray for members, family, friends, and the ongoing ministry of the Brandonville-Ringtown Lutheran Parish.

This list is provided for your use so that we might support each other in our efforts to be a caring Family of God.

Some people you may know well; and others not as well. A new list will appear each month.

Pray for their health, their daily ministries, their homes, families, and for their spiritual growth.

Pray that God would guide and direct their lives. Pray that they may be thankful for God's blessings and for His strength when they face difficulties.

Put the list where you will see it often---on the refrigerator, in the car---wherever you will be reminded.

Then, having been reminded, offer your prayers to God on their behalf.

Who knows the joy, comfort, or blessings that can result because we are each remembered by others in prayer. (If your APOSTLE arrives late, please include the members and petitions for those days that may have been delayed.)

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Megan Marconi, Gary Miller, Pat McClaren, Stacey Rentschler, Kat, Billy Klingerman, Shirley, Marie, Chris, Erika, Krista, Gary, Rod Currier, Rose, Fred Warren, Mary, Billie Jo, Albert, Bill, JoAnn Harrison, Lovell Kahley, Pam, Dale, Lynn Schreffler, Phyllis Shehan, Tina Shehan, Michael McColl, Gertrude, Ralph Richards, Yvonne VanLoon, our Parish during the vacancy and call process, those in the armed services, our companion congregation, the Amani Parish and the South Central Diocese of Tanzania, all facing conflict and violence, all doctors, nurses, medical staff, emergency services, police, businesses, restaurants, schools, parents, family, friends, neighbors, and ministers sharing God's Words of comfort during these challenging times.

The promise of resurrection to eternal life for Joseph Ziolko; and shared grief for his family.

PRAYER LIST NOTE: To respect privacy, please be sure to ask permission from the person or their family before placing his/her name on our prayer list.

