

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

# ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

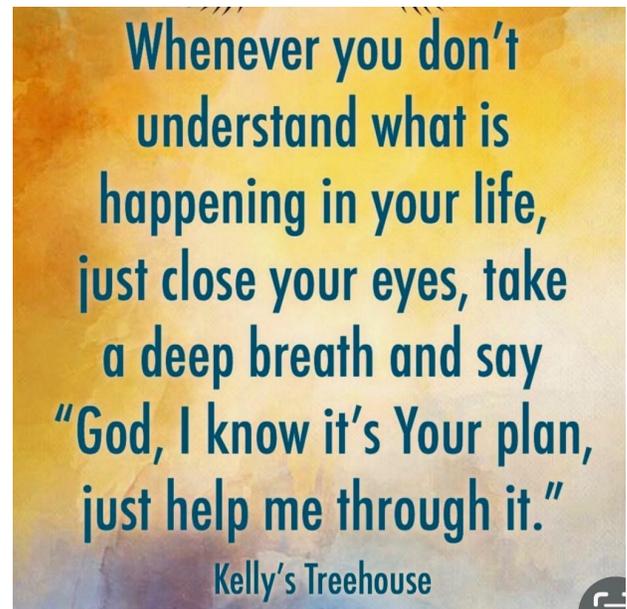
### FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Womens Lunch Bunch @ CW O'Charley's in @ NOON</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Choir @ 3 pm</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Council meeting immediately after church in Parish Hall</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Choir @ 3 pm</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Choir @ 3 pm</b>	<b>26</b>

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church! We're delighted to have you worship with us. If you'd like to connect with us, share a prayer request, or learn more about St. John's, please fill out a yellow communication card (located in the pew back) and place it in the offering plate at the rear of the church.

### Womens Lunch Bunch

- Tuesday, February 11
- 12 noon
- O'Charley's Restaurant in Canal Winchester
- Men are invited
- Charlotte Meyer will be making the reservation



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>Tina Anderson</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Tim Acton</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Jerry Canini</b>	<b>23</b>

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Matt Rutter**, scheduled for heart bypass surgery next week in Nashville

**Logan Rutter**, 7-year old grandson of Ed & Freda, had a heart episode, being monitored

**Linda Miller**, continued prayers

**Linda Leist**, continued prayers

**Steve Acton**, Tim's brother, cancer has advanced

**Cathy Pierce**, friend of Sally Acton, going through rehab after ankle surgery

**Sharon Bobo**, a friend of Sue Mason, struggling to recover from infection from multiple brain surgeries

**Jerry Daily**, recovering from gallbladder surgery, recuperating at home, and appreciates our prayers

**Erin**, 32-year-old patient of Hayley Knicely O'Shields in Charlotte, NC, who has an anoxic brain injury caused by a spontaneous heart tuck, is improving and now in a long-term rehabilitation center



**INSIDE STORY** BY SALLY ACTON

This week's musical article is about the song we sing at the end of the service each week. "God Be With You" was written by Jeremiah Rankin, pastor of Washington's First Congregational Church and president of Howard University in the nation's capital. He wrote it, he said, after discovering that the term "good-bye" meant "God be with you."

The alter flowers are in celebration of Neva and Don's oldest granddaughter

**Anna Jean Hornbeck**

who will turn 11 years old on her birthday February 12th.



The altar flower chart is in the Narthex where you may sign up to place flowers on the altar. Flowers are \$35. You may leave the money in the envelope under the chart for Linda Leist. Please be sure to indicate if the flowers are for a special occasion.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

We encourage you to keep your directory information up-to-date! Please email the church office with any changes to your address, email, phone number, etc., or to share news for the weekly bulletin.

office.stjlithopolis@gmail.com

The weekly Announcements and Order of Worship are available on the church website's homepage:

<https://www.stjlithopolis.com/>

**THE TRADITION CONTINUES**

We're holding our annual Super Bowl score guessing contest. Donations are appreciated and will be used to support a needy family at Easter. Enter your guess on a card available in the narthex for a chance to win The FOOTBALL. Or simply just donate. You don't want to miss this opportunity to be the year-long keeper of the highly sought-after FOOTBALL.

Good Luck !!

Choir practice is every Wednesday at 3:00 PM at the church, new singers are always welcome !!

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

FROM JANUARY 19

ATTENDEES: Sally Acton, Deb Canini, Jonette Christy, Mike Drodofsky, Alan Fisher, Sue Mason, Jon Leist, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott  
THE MEETING STARTED with Alan reviewing our current finances. As was stated during our past meetings and is a matter of record, all our finances are handled through "Standard and Poors."

OUR CALL COMMITTEE has been renamed "The Research Committee" since we are not calling a fulltime pastor, but are looking into finding a supply pastor. Robin Gile, Don Hornbeck, Neil Jarvis and Sue Mason are the Research Committee. Don is out of town for a few weeks. In the meantime, Robin will talk to a Synod representative to learn the best steps to make this happen.

A FIFTH SUNDAY "get together" was discussed. The issue is whether this should serve as a way to invite others to our church on the 5th Sunday of the month, which occurs five times during the year, as opposed to a "potluck" immediately after a Sunday service. Will people want to come back later in the day for this?

THE PARKING LOT is a major concern because there are cracks and rough spots. The Trustees will need to research the cost of having repairs done.

A COORDINATOR for the Prayer List is needed so that the list can be kept up to date, adding new prayer requests as well as removing the names that are no longer current.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Ruby Wolcott

## For Your Information

2025 YTD Offerings Summary	
Offerings through:	2/2/2025
Budget (yearly)	56,750.00
Budget YTD	6,548.08
Offerings - Total Rcvd	6,452.96
YTD Over(+)/Under(-)	-95.12

2025 Attendance Information	
January Avg = 36,	February Avg = 38

Ceiling Loan Summary	
Original Loan Amount:	36,231.00
P+I Payments made (34):	-22,718.46
Principal ( <b>only</b> ) Payments:	-11,500.00
Loan Balance Remaining:	4,699.37

~ 7 more pymts

Ceiling Gifts Summary	
Total Gifts Received:	33,560.20
Principal & Interest Paid:	-34,218.46
Current Gift Balance:	-658.26
# of Possible Payments:	-0.99

668.19/each mo

### Who's preaching?...

February                      Pastor Joe

### Opportunities to Serve

YEA! Don Hornbeck has stepped forward to create the cover page for our Sunday bulletins - Thank's DON

1) Monthly 'Spirit' Newsletter - we need someone to lead the 'SPIRIT' team

Please contact a council member if you are interested - **WWJD?**

### Sunday School

Adults - Sunday mornings at 9:00am upstairs in the Parish Hall

Children - During the church service in the Parish Hall (see Jonette Christy)

### Weekly Average Attendance by month for 2021 through 2025

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg
<b>2021</b>	0	15	22	34	29	26	30	28	29	30	30	20	24
<b>2022</b>	14	21	26	48	40	32	31	30	38	32	29	34	31
<b>2023</b>	24	31	29	35	38	33	33	30	35	26	29	29	31
<b>2024</b>	17	23	30	25	46	46	45	39	34	29	30	36	33
<b>2025</b>	36	38											
Yr-Yr Chg	19												

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