

# THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN



St John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Joe Wolf, Pastor

# PRAYERS

ALAN BUTTERBAUGH  
LEOLA CREIGLOW  
JIM & NANCY FOGLE  
JUDY KELLETT  
LINDA LEIST  
BILL MEYER  
LEE SMITH  
SAM PEARSON  
SHIRLEY WEST

# HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY

7 ALAN BUTTERBAUGH  
18 GINA MEYERS  
25 JUDY STORTS



# COMING IN MARCH

**MARCH 14 – NOON GIRLS LUNCH @ DELANEY’S**  
**FEBRUARY 21 – 6:30 PM COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CHOIR PRACTICE - 6:30 EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Stamp donations would be appreciated for the mailing of the Spirit.  
  
You may leave in the office or give to Marianne.



If you did not attend the Ash Wednesday Soup dinner, you missed some good homemade vegetable soup, along with bread, rolls and desserts.  
  
Great opportunity to socialize and get to know our fellow worshippers.  
  
We hope to have more of these events, watch the Spirit for announcements.

**BACKPACKS FOR MOTHER’S**  
  
Beginning in April we will make backpacks available for you to fill with items for mothers. The packs will be in the narthex and will have note cards attached with suggested items.  
  
Once filled, return to church so we can deliver to Canal Winchester Human Services for distribution.  
  
Packs should be returned by April 23.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
  
There is an altar flower chart in the Narthex where you may sign up to put 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.

# MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT



A few weeks ago, Pastor Joe's sermon spoke about Salt. That got me to thinking and I thought I'd focus this message on salt.

Did you know there are 44 references to salt in the Bible (Old Testament=37, new=7). Salt is a two-edged sword. In small amounts it adds taste to bland foods, but too much can ruin the taste. Centuries ago salt was used to preserve meats, but it had to be thoroughly rinsed out before consuming it.

Salt is essential for life.

Cows lick salt to keep their bodies functioning properly. It supports their water regulation, blood flow, growth, fertility, as well as aiding with milk production. They can die in extreme cases of deprivation.

Humans need salt, but not too much. It's necessary for good health. It plays a vital role in nerve and muscle function and helps our bodies maintain fluid balances.

Christians are called to be salt of the earth. Just remember too much can be off-putting and counter-productive, and too little (or none) has no effect. We've got to strike the right balance.

We are to 'season' the world around us. As Christians we can do this by our words and actions. Be pleasant. Be a good example. Be a 'seasoning' for someone. But not too much....

Go be salt....

Alan Fisher

**COUNCIL NOTES**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

**ATTENDEES:** Tina Anderson, Jonette Christy, Marianne Daily, Mike Drodofsky, Shirley Evans, Alan Fisher, Jon Leist, Charlotte Meyer, Jill Snyder, Pastor Wolf, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott

**ABSENT:** Bonnie Butterbaugh

Pastor Wolf opened with prayer.

Council was asked to approve the minutes from the January Council meeting. Minutes approved.

**TRUSTEES:**

Chuck Wolcott - updated council on the repair of the outside of the chimney. He and Ruby will take care of repairs as needed.

Jon Leist – waiting on an estimate to repair the steeple.  
Also would like to get Noah’s room finished.

Alan Fisher – he has discussed a new copier, one that collates and staples. We may be able to get these features on a new one for the same price we are currently paying.

**WORSHIP:**

Jon Leist asked if we wanted to have lilies for Easter. No definite answer given.

Jon asked that information be included in the Spirit regarding the sign up sheet and payment for flowers on the altar.

**FINANCIAL:**

Tina passed out her financial reports. She has worked to make them clear so everyone can understand. St John’s will begin forwarding \$200 a month to the synod for the benevolent fund in March.

**EDUCATION:**

Marianne Daily reported that the Girls Lunch discussed doing backpacks for Mothers for Mothers Day. Packs will be located in the Narthex where people can pick one up and it will have a note card with suggested items. Once filled they would be brought back to church for delivery to Canal Winchester Human Services. We would offer everyone in the church the opportunity to participate.

Also discussed Easter for kids. No egg hunt but in the place of that we would make Easter baskets. Marianne will do the baskets, council members were asked to provide individually wrapped candy and some small toy(s). Won’t need a lot, will make 10-15 baskets.

Fifth Sundays – discussed ways in which we might plan special events on fifth Sundays. Suggested was that the offering on those Sundays be donated to a special cause. Or have some social event (game night, dinner, lunch etc.) Suggestions would be appreciated.

**DEACONS**

Alan Fisher asked for suggestions on how we could increase attendance. One suggestion was to send letters to those not attending inviting them to worship with us and that we miss them. This will be an agenda item at another meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> CHOIR 6:00 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <i>HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> CHOIR 6:00 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> GIRLS LUNCH	<b>15</b> CHOIR 6:00 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <i>HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE</i>	<b>20</b> Spring Begins	<b>21</b> COUNCIL 6:30PM	<b>22</b> CHOIR 6:00 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> CHOIR 6:00 PM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> SPIRIT MAILING	

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MARCH 20**

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**MARCH 12**



**Vision Statement**

“To embrace the gift of who we are as God’s people in this Community and move out into the world to live as Good News proclaimers and doers.”