

APRIL 6, 2025



ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE WEEKLY UPDATE

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church! We are 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 complete a yellow communication card located on the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6	Tech Session @ 11:30
April 8	Gals & Guys Lunch
April 9	Choir @ 3 pm
April 12	Spring Gospel Sing
April 16	Choir @ 3
April 17	Maundy Thursday
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Sunday
April 23	Choir @ 3
April 27	Council Meeting
May 4	Progressive Euchre

PRAYER REQUESTS

Vince Canini, eye surgery

Rick Schaffner, friend of Sue Mason, dealing with recent cancer diagnosis

Rebecca, niece of Mike Moore, recent ankle/leg surgeries

Continued prayers for **Freda Rutter, Nancy Fogle, Linda Miller, Shirley & Larry West, Steve Acton, and Linda Leist.**

Calendar Details

Gals & Guys Lunch Bunch will dine at LongHorn Steakhouse, 1740 Hill Rd N, Pickerington, on Tuesday, **April 8**, at noon. Charlotte Meyer will be making the reservation

Spring Gospel Sing will be in the Sanctuary on Saturday, **April 12**, beginning at 2:00 PM. There will be many groups performing including our own St John choir, All 4 Him, Eddie Ewing, Jill Snyder flute, Don and Sylvia Lemley, Jenny Stoughton, Kameron Waite, the Leviers, and more.

Maundy Thursday service on **April 17** at 5:30

Good Friday service on **April 18** at 5:30

Easter Breakfast on **April 20** starting at 9:00 am downstairs in the Parish Hall followed by Easter service at 10:30

Progressive Euchre party on **May 4**, right after church in the basement. Lunch (BBQ pork, coleslaw, chips, cookies, and drinks) will be provided by Neil and Pam Jarvis.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



Amy Anderson	April 9
Linda Wolf	April 9
Kalee Anderson	April 18
Ariana Hart	April 19
Kaden Anderson-Gibson	April 22

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!



the inside story by Sally Acton



This week's sending song is "Jesus Loves Me".

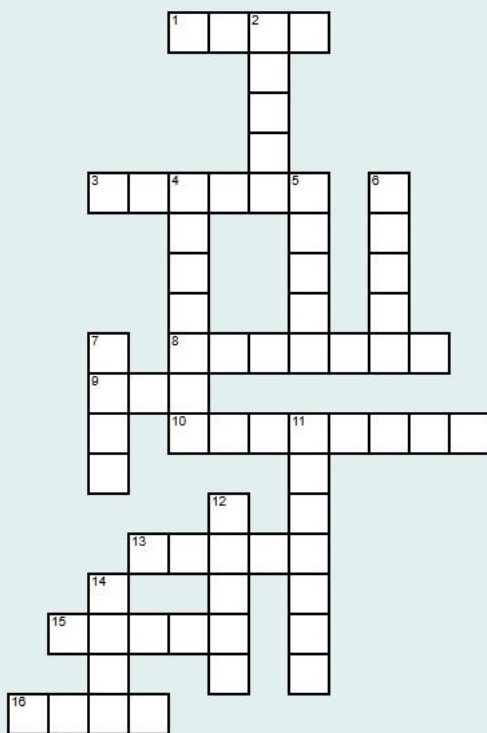
Sisters Anna and Susan Warner wrote poems and stories for publication. One of the most successful joint projects was a novel "Say and Seal" in which a little boy named Johnny Fox is dying. His Sunday School teacher, John Linden, comforts him by taking him in his arms, rocking him, and making up a little song, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so". The novel became a bestseller, second only to Uncle Tom's Cabin. When hymn writer William Bradbury read the words of John Linden's little song written by Anna, he composed a childlike musical score to go along with them. *Jesus Loves Me* soon became the best known children's hymn on earth.

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.



Animals of the Bible

Author: Peg Gifford



Across

- 1 Jesus fed 5000 with 2 ____ and 5 loaves of bread
- 3 Beware those in sheep's clothing as they are ravenous ____
- 8 Eden tempter
- 9 Insect of Proverbs
- 10 You are of more value than many ____
- 13 Jesus' parable of the sheep and ____
- 15 White animal in Revelation
- 16 As the ____ pants for streams of water....

Down

- 2nor cast your pearls before ____
- 4 Food of John the Baptist
- 5 Most frequently mentioned animal in the Bible
- 6 First bird released by Noah
- 7 ____ of God who takes away the sins of the world
- 11 Before the ____ crows you will disown me 3 times
- 12 Easier for a ____ to go through the eye of a needle
- 14 The Holy Spirit appeared at Jesus' baptism as this animal

For Your Information

Prepared 4/2/2025

2025 YTD Offerings Summary	
Offerings through:	3/30/2025
Budget (yearly)	56,750.00
Budget YTD	15,278.85
Offerings - Total Rcvd	19,868.38

YTD Over(+)/Under(-) 4,589.53
(Includes prepaid offerings from a member's \$3k RMD)

2025 Attendance Information	
Jan = 36, Feb = 28, Mar = 37	

Ceiling Loan Summary	
Original Loan Amount:	36,231.00
P+I Payments made (35):	-23,386.65
Principal (only) Payments:	-11,500.00
Loan Balance Remaining:	4,044.00

~ 6 more pymts

Ceiling Gifts Summary	
Total Gifts Received:	34,305.20
Principal & Interest Paid:	-34,886.65
Current Gift Balance:	-581.45
# of Possible Payments:	-0.87

\$668.19/mo

Who's preaching?...

April 6, 13, 20 Pastor Joe
April 27 Jon Leist

Happenings

	Sat 4/12/25	Spring Gospel Sing at St. John at 2pm
	Sun 4/13/25	Palm Sunday Service
	Thu 4/17/25	Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30pm
	Fri 4/18/25	Good Friday Service at 5:30pm
New	Sun 4/20/25	Easter Breakfast <u>helpers</u> at 7:30am
New	Sun 4/20/25	Easter Breakfast at 9:00am - Parish Hall Basement
	Sun 4/20/25	Easter Sunday Service
New	Sun (4/27/25)	April Council Meeting after church (<u>moved from Easter Sunday</u>)

Opportunities to Serve

New Contact Don Hornbeck with information to include in our Sunday bulletins.
New Easter Breakfast (helpers) at 7:30am in the Parish Hall Basement - Let Jon Leist know if you can help

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
2021	0	15	22	34	29	26	30	28	29	30	30	20	24
2022	14	21	26	48	40	32	31	30	38	32	29	34	31
2023	24	31	29	35	38	33	33	30	35	26	29	29	31
2024	17	23	30	25	46	46	45	39	34	29	30	36	33
2025	36	28	37										33
Yr-Yr Chg	19	5	7										

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St John's facebook page:	https://facebook.com/StJohnLithopolis
	--> Thank Don Hornbeck <--

