



APRIL 13, 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 13	Palm Sunday
April 17	Choir @ 4:45
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

Rebecca, niece of Mike Moore, recovering well from her recent ankle/leg surgeries

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

Calendar Details

Palm Sunday service on **April 13** at 10:30

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 will be provided by Neil and Pam Jarvis: BBQ pork, coleslaw, chips, cookies, and drinks. We still need couples and singles. There are 13 players signed up so far and room for more.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



Kalee Anderson	April 18
Ariana Hart	April 19
Kaden Anderson-Gibson	April 22
Ruth Bigler	April 27
Neil Jarvis	April 29



The altar flowers today are dedicated to one of the best flower arrangers of all time—our very own **Linda Leist**. Week after week, she blesses us with beauty through her incredible artistic gifts. And standing faithfully beside her is the best helper of all time—her husband, **Jon Leist**.



the inside story by Sally Acton



Today's Procession hymn, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" was written by Theodulph of Orleans about 820 a.d. He was a brilliant man who worked hard to reform the clergy. He established schools and advanced education. He advocated high morals, built churches, and composed hymns of praise to God. As he meditated on our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem prior to His Crucifixion and Resurrection, he wrote this great Palm Sunday hymn. Originally there were 78 verses. The first several are the ones we commonly sing today.

PALM SUNDAY: JESUS' TRIUMPH ENTRY TO JERUSALEM

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where crowds welcomed Him by waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!" This event reminds Christians to open their hearts to Jesus and commit to following Him.



Palm Sunday services often include the blessing of palms and a reading of the Passion, which recounts Jesus' suffering and crucifixion, setting the stage for Holy Week and the journey to Easter. Jesus entered the city knowing He would be tried and crucified and welcomed His fate to rise from the grave and save us from sin! Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the remembrance of Jesus' last days.

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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.



We had a great turnout for the Gals/Guys Lunch Bunch this past Wednesday at LongHorn Steakhouse in Pickerington

HOW DOES THE EASTER BUNNY RELATE TO EASTER?

The Easter Bunny, while not explicitly mentioned in the Bible, has become a popular symbol of Easter, particularly for children. Its origins are rooted in pagan traditions of fertility and new life, with rabbits being associated with spring and rebirth. Over time, these traditions were intertwined with the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, making the Easter Bunny a part of the broader Easter experience.



For Your Information

Prepared 4/14/2025

2025 YTD Offerings Summary	
Offerings through:	3/30/2025
Budget (yearly)	56,750.00
Budget YTD	15,278.85
Offerings - Total Rcvd	19,908.38

YTD Over(+)/Under(-) 4,629.53
(Includes prepaid offerings from a member's \$3k RMD)

2025 Attendance Information	
Jan = 36, Feb = 28, Mar = 37, Apr = 38	

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, 17, 18, 20 Pastor Joe
April 27 Jon Leist

Happenings

	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	<u>Easter Sunday</u> 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	38									35
Yr-Yr Chg	19	5	7										

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