

THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN



A Prayer for Memorial Day

Dear God, We thank you for the freedom you have given to us, and for the price that was paid by Christ so that we could live free. We remember today. The cost of it all. The great sacrifice for freedom.

We thank you for the brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, so courageously for our nation. We ask for your covering and blessing over them and their families. We pray that you would be gracious and encircle them with your peace. We pray for your great favor and goodness to be evident in their lives.

Please be with all those who wear the uniform, who serve our communities and nation every single day. We ask that you provide your protection, that you would be their guiding force who leads the way, and their rear guard who keeps them safe from behind. We ask that you would draw them to yourself amidst the dangers they face in a dark world, for you are the Truth, you are the Way, you are the Light. *(by Debbie McDaniel)*

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Joe Wolf, Pastor

PRAYERS

ALAN BUTTERBAUGH
LEOLA CREIGLOW
JIM & NANCY FOGLE
LINDA LEIST
BILL MEYER
WILLIE MOORE
SAM PEARSON
LEE SMITH
TAYTE KINKER
SHIRLEY WEST

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY

4 JERRY DAILY
21 KLOEY ARNETT
22 AMMY RHINEHART
28 LINDA KNICELY

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY
May God's Grace be with you, and may his love surround you on this special day and always.

COMING IN MAY

MAY 7 – SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS 9:00 AM
- BAPTISM OF ROBERT PARKER SEIFERT (ROBIN GILE'S GRANDSON)
- MOTHER'S DAY BAGS ARE DUE BACK TO CHURCH
MAY 9 – GIRLS LUNCH NOON @ SCRAMBLERS (CANAL WINCHESTER)
MAY 16 – COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 PM @ CHURCH

MOTHER'S DAY BAGS

DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR MOTHER'S DAY BAGS ON MAY 7. Bags will be distributed by Canal Winchester Human Services. Suggested items to be included in the bags are listed on a note card inside each bag.

THANK YOU TO SANDY MONEYPENNY FOR THE DONATION OF AFGANS AND DISH CLOTHS FOR OUR MOTHER'S DAY BAGS,

DONATE FLOWERS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOME PERENNIALS FLOWERS FOR PLANTING AROUND THE CHURCH, PLEASE BRING TO JON LEIST. HE WILL ALSO ACCEPT CASH DONATIONS.

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

Each week contains 168 hours.

St. John's typical Sunday morning service lasts about 1 hr. That means that, as a group, we worship and pray to God 1/168 th of each week. That leaves 167 hours unaccounted for. How do you spend your 167 hours each week?

Mowing my grass takes 2 hours. In the spring I mow twice a week, that's 4hrs.

Driving to/from our jobs takes approximately 1hr per day.

Experts tell us to get 7-8hr of sleep per night.

Watching a football game or a hockey match takes 2.5 hrs.

A trip to the grocery store takes 1hr plus travel.

We probably spend at least a couple hours per day watching television.

Who know's how many hours we spend on our cell phones?

How would you like to DOUBLE your God time each week?

St. John's church council is looking at ways to expand the one hour we currently spend worshiping and praying to God each week. We would start with one adult session and add others if there's enough interest.

One possibility would be to watch a Bible/Christian video and discuss it. Another would be to do a traditional bible study, where everyone brings their personal bibles and are led through exploring what's in them. We plan to start offering a Sunday morning session that would probably start around 9am.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?

Alan Fisher
Church/Council president



COUNCIL NOTES
APRIL 18, 2023

ATTENDEES: Tina Anderson, Bonnie Butterbaugh, Marianne Daily, Mike Drodofsky, Alan Fisher, Jon Leist, Charlotte Meyer, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott

ABSENT: Jonette Christy, Shirley Evans, Jill Snyder and Pastor Wolf

Meeting called to order by Alan Fisher.
Meeting opened with devotions.

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

FINANCIAL:

Tina updated Council on church finances.

TRUSTEES:

Chuck Wolcott updated council on the repair of the outside of the chimneys and steeple. Company has removed the small chimney and fixed the steeple. They are still completing the work on the larger chimney and small chimney.

WORSHIP:

Boyd Boone would like to move his group's presentation to May 14. Decision was made to have him wait until later in the summer for their presentation. Sally, Alan and Jon to discuss with Boyd.

EDUCATION:

Alan would like to begin a bible study group. He suggested a class on Sunday morning, or one to meet at his home. It was decided to hold the first one on Sunday, May 7 from 9:00 am to 9:45 am. Suggestions were video, books or bible studies.

5TH SUNDAY SOCIAL EVENT – Suggestion made to hold an Ice Cream Social in July and do the October fest again in October. Other suggestions were to hold a Farmers Market or breakfast. No decision made.

MEETING ADJOURNED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE MAY 16 AT 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Daily, Secretary

**WE ARE IN NEED OF COPY
PAPER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE SOME PLEASE LEAVE IN
THE OFFICE, OR SEE ALAN
FISHER OR MARIANNE DAILY**

TRUSTEES REPORT

Thank you to Allen F. and Chuck W. for their time and research for having the church chimneys repaired. One had to be torn down and the other one repaired. The company we used also replaced and repaired the church steeple. We aren't done yet,

Thank You Jerry Daily for putting Noah's room together and cleaning the carpet in the Narthex. Really looks clean. (Coffee patrol will start Sunday)

I have had a couple approach me about painting the shed, that project will start sometime in May.

On the brighter side wouldn't it be nice if we could have about 10 loads of fill dirt. Individual made a statement I couldn't handle it, ride a lawnmower over the yard on the East side of the church where the old house use to be. Two things could happen lose weight or get your insides screw up.

There is a panel that needs replaced going down into the basement. I am taking the old one home and clean it up then reinstall it.

Thank you all for your suggestions.



TO DO LIST:

- Need another coat of stain on the ramp leading to the back entrance (weather permitting)
- Replace rod iron railing at the entrance to the basement and around the walkway. The new rail at the choir door entrance needs stained.
- Hallway leading into the Pastor's office and bathrooms needs painted.
- Ramp leading to the basement (Westside of the church) needs panel replaced, tables removed, power washed. Possibly replacing the old fiberglass panels or painting them. Would help to brighten up that side of the church.
- Two sections in the kids Sunday school room needs finished.
- Church parking lot- needs attention. Some sections have gaps and a couple of sections are getting big dips.
- There may be some issues with some exhaust pipes coming out of the back wall (basement wall).

IF YOU SEE OTHER THINGS THAT NEED ATTENTION AROUND THE CHURCH, PLEASE, CONTACT JON LEIST (jleist@insight.rr.com) or call him at 614-570-6248.

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 May Day	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6
7 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION	8	9 GIRLS LUNCH (SCRAMBLERS) NOON	10	11	12	13
14 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY	15	16 COUNCIL MEETING 6:30P	17	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION	22	23	24	25	26	27
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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.”