

MARCH 2, 2025



# ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- March 05 Ash Wednesday Service @ 2 pm
- March 05 Choir @ 3 pm
- March 11 Gals/Guys lunch Pump House @ noon
- March 12 Choir @ 3 pm
- March 16 Council Meeting

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Nancy Fogle**, continued prayers
- Shirley & Larry West**, continued prayers
- Linda Miller**, continued prayers
- Linda Leist**, continued prayers
- Steve Acton**, Tim's brother, the cancer has advanced

Wed, Mar 5, 2025  
2:00 PM



ASH WEDNESDAY

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



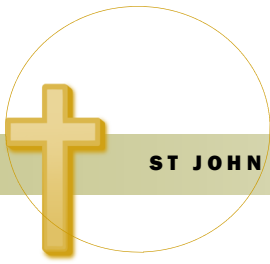
- Alan Butterbaugh March 7
- Baker Dillon March 8
- Gina Meyers March 18
- Maddie Dillon March 23
- Judy Storts March 25

Anna Bartos was inducted into Canal Winchester High School Honor Society this past week. This is quite an accomplishment as she works hard to make good grades and is a teacher assistant at the dance studio. She also is an accomplished dancer and competes around the country.



March 9th





THE INSIDE STORY BY SALLY ACTON

This week's music article is about today's hymn "O Master Let Me Walk With You", written by Washington Gladden. He was a Congregational pastor and served in Massachusetts, New York, and Ohio during the post civil war industrial era when racial and economic injustice was rampant. At that time people were searching for a new American ethic. Washington wanted to give people one and he is remembered as the Father of the Social Gospel in America. Ironically, Christians have embraced this hymn as a prayer of their own while laboring for the Master in a world desperately needing the transformation of Christ.

TECH SESSIONS COMING SOON

QR codes, emails, text messages, PDF files, URLs, websites, Facebook, Facetime, Zoom, streaming video, browsers, etc.—overwhelming techno geek talk? Agreed !!

Lets break these down into simple terms so we all understand how various communication tools can be used to help us stay connected. Don Hornbeck will be conducting sessions starting later in March to help those needing assistance to navigate the United Church Directory, website, texting, etc. More details to follow.

THE SNOWBIRD CORNER — CHASING THE SUN



Pam & Neil Jarvis spent 6 weeks as snowbirds this year, visiting Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head, and cruising to the Eastern and Western Caribbean. Here's Neil cuddling up to his new sloth friend in Roatan, Honduras.

Seasoned snowbirds Lee & Peggy Smith spend several months each year in their second home in Melbourne, FL. Lee makes delicious bread a few times each week and on Fridays he takes his bread to the workers at their favorite Friday hangout, the Upside Down restaurant. They will be heading back home and to their new condo at the end of April.



Novice snowbirds Don & Neva Hornbeck spent most of January in Florida and spent a day visiting seasoned snowbirds Guy & Maylou O'Neil in their winter residence in Fort Meyers. Look for them back in April.



Venice Florida is the winter residence of Jim & Nancy Fogle. They headed down last October and will be heading back to Ohio in early April.

## For Your Information

3/1/2025

<b>2025 YTD Offerings Summary</b>	
Offerings through:	2/23/2025
Budget (yearly)	56,750.00
Budget YTD	9,822.12
Offerings - Total Rcvd	10,858.89
YTD Over(+)/Under(-)	1,036.77

<b>Ceiling Loan Summary</b>	
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

<b>2025 Attendance Information</b>	
January Avg = 36,	Feb = 38, 29, 21, 22 (Avg = 28)

<b>Ceiling Gifts Summary</b>	
Total Gifts Received:	33,449.20
Principal & Interest Paid:	-34,218.46
Current Gift Balance:	-769.26
# of Possible Payments:	-1.15

\$668.19/mo

### Who's preaching?...

March                      Pastor Joe

### Happenings

Wed 3/5/25                      Ash Wednesday Service at 2pm  
 Wed 3/5/25                      Choir practice after service (~ 3pm)  
 Sun 3/16/25                      Council Meeting immediately after church

### Opportunities to Serve

Don Hornbeck is now producing the cover page for our Sunday bulletins. Give him your information.

Help 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

	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Avg</b>
<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	28											32
Yr-Yr Chg	19	5											

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