

THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN



A Prayer about Fathers

Our Father in heaven, you have made yourself known to us through Jesus Christ and have invited us to pray to you as our Father, that we may pray boldly and confidently to you.

We pray for fathers. Give them wisdom. Give them patience. Give them the ability to love in a way that reflects your love.

We pray for children. Give them guidance. Give them a spirit of obedience. Give them warmth, comfort, and peace in their fathers' homes.

We pray for the fatherless and those who struggle in their families. Be their Father when earthly fathers fail. Show them love and guidance, and help them to know a father's love through your love, providence, and care.

Use Christian friends and other families to encourage and guide, nurture and instruct, and bless them with your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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 JULY BIRTHDAY

3 NANCY MINTEL
6 ROBIN GILE
8 KARLN FOWLER
9 JILL SNYDER
11 LINDA LEIST
18 FREDA RUTTER
19 JOSELYN RUTTER
20 MAYLOU O'NEIL
29 LOGAN RUTTER

COMING IN JUNE

JUNE 4, 11, 18 & 25 – SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 9:00 AM
JUNE 13 – GIRLS LUNCH NOON @ LITTLE ITALY (GROVEPORT) We were unable to confirm that the hot dog place was open so we moved the lunch location.
JUNE 18 – FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 20 - COUNCIL MEETING 6:30 PM @ CHURCH

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.

MOTHER'S DAY BAGS

WE WERE ABLE TO DELIVER 14 BAGS TO CANAL WINCHESTER HUMAN SERVICES. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS.

As part of our outreach program, we would like to begin having a Sunday each month designated to bring in food for the food pantry. We need someone (or more) who would be willing to deliver the collected items to the food pantry. Please let a council member know if you are willing to volunteer. Thank you

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bonnie Butterbaugh	Alan Fisher
Jonette Christy	Jon Leist
Marianne Daily	Charlotte Meyer
Mike Drodofsky	Chuck Wolcott
Shirley Evans	Ruby Wolcott

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY SPIRIT IS JUNE 20

I received the following email and feel this is useful information for our congregation.

I hope this email finds you well. As a church community that values the importance of caring for our aging loved ones, I wanted to share with you a resource that may be of interest.

We understand that for many Christian seniors, finding a senior care facility and community that understands their faith and provides an environment consistent with their values is essential. To help seniors in your community, we have created a free resource that provides information on Christian senior living facilities and communities. Our guide includes details on commonly provided services, resident expectations, and financial resources.

At Caring.com, we recognize the vital role that faith plays in the lives of aging adults. We believe that our resource could be an essential tool for your community, especially for those seeking a Christian-based environment to call home. You can access it here: <https://www.caring.com/caregivers/guide-to-christian-and-catholic-senior-living/>.

We would be honored if you would consider sharing our guide on your church website <https://www.stjithopolis.com/>. By doing so, you can help connect seniors and their families with a community that aligns with their values and beliefs.

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are open to suggestions and would appreciate any insights you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Smith
Community Outreach and Senior Advocate

Caring.com is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses, and other loved ones. We have been featured by AARP, The Administration for Community Living, The National Legal Resource Center, and Forbes, as well as referenced by many governmental agencies and organizations across the Internet.

For additional information go to [caring.com](https://www.caring.com)

5TH SUNDAY

OUR NEXT FIFTH SUNDAY WILL BE IN JULY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP WITH THIS EVENT PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY EVANS, MONICA LONG OR MARIANNE DAILY



GOD, I'M NOT PERFECT. SOMETIMES I FORGET TO PRAY AND SOMETIMES I LOSE MY TEMPER. BUT, THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME ANYWAY AND GIVING ME ANOTHER DAY TO START OVER AGAIN.

AMEN

COUNCIL NOTES
MAY 16, 2023

ATTENDEES: Bonnie Butterbaugh, Jonette Christy, Marianne Daily, Mike Drodofsky, Shirley Evans, Alan Fisher, Charlotte Meyer,

ABSENT: Tina Anderson, Jon Leist, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott and Pastor Wolf

Jill Snyder has resigned from council. Looking for another volunteer to fill this slot.

Meeting called to order by Alan Fisher.

Meeting opened with devotions.

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

FINANCIAL:

Tina's report was shared with council. Tina was unable to attend due to illness.

TRUSTEES:

Had 4 raccoons again in Noah's room. Thanks to Mike Drodofsky they were caught and "rehomed". Hopefully the way they have been getting in has been fixed. Now need to clean up the room again.

WORSHIP:

Anyone have any suggestions or changes they would like to see for services or the bulleting.

Charlotte indicated that she would like to see the words to the hymns printed in the bulletin.

EDUCATION:

Bible study class has begun. They will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. The first two were successful and hope to continue the discussions.

5TH SUNDAY SOCIAL EVENT – Working on an Ice Cream Social in July and the October fest again in October.

Fourteen Mother's Day bags were delivered to Canal Winchester Human Services. Thank you to all who participated.

Discussion was held regarding the formation of a Women's Group. The Girls Lunch Bunch was suggested as a possibility, need more discussion.

TV has been set up in the basement. Not sure where it will be placed permanently.

At what point do we move money from the checking account to the savings account or a CD?

We have the bills (2) for the chimney and steeple repair. Jon received another bill later for \$275 more. Correct is the bill Jon received.

Gutters are overflowing on the front of the church.

MEETING ADJOURNED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE JUNE 20 AT 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Daily, Secretary

TRUSTEES REPORT

WELL, we had four visitors, which were definitely uninvited. Racoons! Again in Noah's room. After some "effort" they were removed and have been re-homed. Noah's room is once again in need of some attention. If you would be willing to assist in the clean up please contact Jon Leist. Hopefully their entrance route has been sealed off!!!!

Some other projects that could use help....

- **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.



If you were in church on May 14, you had a great opportunity to meet a wonderful young man from Germany. *Cyrus (Kardas)* is an exchange student from Germany.

Those who met him were so impressed how kind and polite he was and even one of our congregation was able to speak to him in German! We all hope he will visit with us again.

If you would like additional information on how you can help with this exchange student opportunity please feel free to contact Linda Knicely.

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> HOLY COMMUNION	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> GIRL'S LUNCH NOON	<i>14</i> Flag Day	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> FATHER'S DAY HOLY COMMUNION	<i>19</i> Juneteenth	<i>20</i> COUNCIL MTG 6:30 PM	<i>21</i> Summer Begins	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	

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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.”