



MAY 11, 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

May 11	Mother's Day
May 13	Gals & Guys Lunch at Paddock Pub @ Noon
May 18	Council Meeting
May 26	Wagnalls Bake Sale

Choir practice is over until September



Please place your food donation for the **Food Pantry** in the shopping cart. Everything is appreciated.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Kloey Arnett	May 21
Giana Hart	May 21
Ammy Rinehart	May 23
Donna Canini	May 24
Linda Knicely	May 28

PRAYER REQUESTS

The family of **Tim Acton**, his mother Leota Mae (Hart) Acton passed away this week

Karma Wisecarver, undergoing cancer treatment

Bonnie Butterbaugh, recovering from knee surgery

Continued prayers for **Michele ("Mike") Moore, Bill & Charlotte Meyer, Freda Rutter, Nancy Fogle, Linda Miller, Shirley & Larry West, Steve Acton, and Linda Leist.**

Calendar Details

Gals & Guys Lunch Bunch will dine at the Paddock Pub, 1005 Richardson Rd, Groveport, on Tuesday, **May 13**, at noon. Call Charlotte Meyer to make your reservation.

Memorial Day Bake Sale will be Monday, **May 26**, in Wagnall's Community Building. Sign up sheets are in the narthex for

donations of baked goods and volunteers to staff the tables on Memorial Day. You can drop off your baked goods from 8:30 - 9:30 am. The parade begins at 10.



Contact Sue Mason if you would like to be on the **email prayer chain**



The altar flowers today are in memory of Leota Mae Acton, from the St John Choir



the inside story by Sally Acton



“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” is a hymn that celebrates the work of Christ bringing deliverance from spiritual darkness and into the light of God’s grace. It emphasizes Christ’s power to heal, free, and bring light to those in darkness. The hymn’s lyrics highlight themes of redemption, healing, and unity in Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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.



Anna M. Jarvis, born in 1864 in Webster, West Va., is credited as the force behind Mother’s Day. When Jarvis was 41 years old, her mother died. On the second anniversary of her mother’s death, Jarvis made public her plans to establish a day to honor mothers. On the third anniversary (the second Sunday in May 1908), a celebration of mothers was held at the Wanamaker Store Auditorium in Philadelphia. The observance became official in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation naming the second Sunday of May as a day for “public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country.”

MAY 4TH EUCHRE PARTY A BIG SUCCESS



Lee Smith was the big winner of the progressive euchre party last Sunday. He also had the most loners—three !! Guy O’Neil came in second place. Thank you Pam & Neil for the delicious lunch !!



For Your Information

Prepared 5/10/2025

2025 YTD Offerings Summary	
Offerings through:	5/4/2025
Budget (yearly)	56,750.00
Budget YTD	20,735.58
Offerings - Total Rcvd	27,525.97

YTD Over(+)/Under(-) 6,790.39
(Includes prepaid offerings from a member's \$3k RMD)

2025 Attendance Information	
Jan = 36, Feb = 28, Mar = 37, Apr = 38, May = 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:	3,393.28

~ 5 more pymts

Ceiling Gifts Summary	
Total Gifts Received:	34,605.20
Principal & Interest Paid:	-34,886.65
Current Gift Balance:	-281.45
# of Possible Payments:	-0.42

\$668.19/mo

Who's preaching?...

5/11, 18, 25 Pastor Joe

Happenings

Today (5/11) Mother's Day
5/18/2025 Council Meeting immediately after church

Opportunities to Serve

Contact Don Hornbeck with information to include in our Sunday bulletins.

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	38								35
Yr-Yr Chg	19	5	7	13									

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