

MARCH 9, 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 11	Gals/Guys lunch Pump House @ noon
March 12	Choir @ 3 pm
March 16	Council Meeting
March 19	Choir @ 3 pm

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Ryan Rutter**, work related accident, damaged thumb, surgery scheduled for Monday

**Roger Stemen**, brother of Sally Acton, having a heart procedure next week

**Samantha Bennet**, age 19, daughter of a friend of Sally Acton, having surgery next week for thyroid cancer

**Steve Acton**, Tim's brother, the cancer has advanced

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

HELP SUPPORT  
OUR LOCAL  
FOOD BANKS!



We will be adopting a family for Easter. Please place your food donation in the shopping cart. Everything is appreciated.

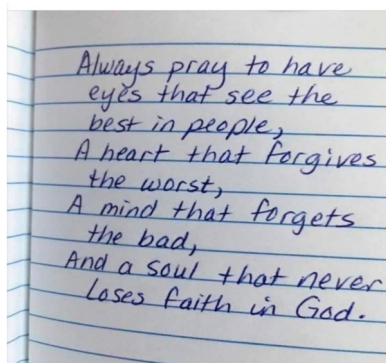
### Gals/Guys Lunch Bunch

- Tuesday, March 11
- 12 noon
- The Pump House in Lithopolis
- Charlotte Meyer will be making the reservation

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



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



### Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting is next Sunday, March 16, 2025, immediately after church in the Parish Hall in the basement.



THE INSIDE STORY BY SALLY ACTON

This weeks hymn, "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult" was written by Cecil Frances Alexander born in Ireland in 1818. She wrote poems and hymns mainly for children. This hymn was an exception and was not written for children. It was written as a calling for disciples of Christ. Based on the fishermen Andrew and Peter it invites all people to follow Him.

GLOBAL REFUGE (FORMERLY LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES)

Living out the Biblical call to welcome the stranger

Congregations play an invaluable role in welcoming immigrants and refugees to their new communities, whether sponsoring a family, showing solidarity through advocacy, or accompanying new neighbors in other ways. Global Refuge creates resources to support congregations in living out the Biblical call to welcome the stranger. We pray these resources will encourage, educate, and engage your congregation in the work of welcome.

The Global Refuge Identity

In January of 2024, we adopted our new name - Global Refuge. While we understand that this news is exciting for some and difficult for others, we assure you that our mission, vision and values remain unchanged. To learn more about the decision, our critical work this year, and our plans for enhanced faith and mobilization work, view this webinar found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jyablcbe2w>

TECH SESSIONS COMING SOON

Don Hornbeck will be conducting sessions starting in late March to help those needing assistance to navigate the United Church Directory, website, texting, etc. More details to follow.

Topics will include, but not limited to:

- How to install/navigate our United Church Directory
- How to navigate to the church website multiple ways without knowing the address
- How to find the weekly Announcements and Order of Worship—including history versions
- How to use your phone to conference in with multiple people or to a Council Meeting
- How to connect to the church Facebook page
- How to send and receive text messages from one or many people at once

Do you remember when we used to wait until 9 PM to call people, just so we could take advantage of those unlimited minutes? It's crazy to think that 20 years later, we all pay for unlimited calls, but now, it feels like we rarely call anyone anymore.



Ash  
Wednesday  
Choir

