

MARCH 23, 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 26	Choir @ 3 pm
April 2	Tech Session @ 2
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April 6	Tech Session after church
April 12	Spring Gospel Sing @ 2 pm
April 20	Easter Sunday

HELP SUPPORT
OUR LOCAL
FOOD BANKS!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Vince Canini, eye surgery

Rebecca, niece of Mike Moore, recent ankle/leg surgeries

Continued prayers for **Roger Stemen, Samantha Bennet, Freda Rutter, Nancy Fogle, Linda Miller, Shirley & Larry West, Steve Acton, and Linda Leist.**



Progressive Euchre party On May 4, 2025, right after church in the basement. Lunch (BBQ pork, coleslaw, chips, cookies, and drinks) will be provided by Neil and Pam Jarvis. Prizes for first and second place.

The sign up sheet is either on the bulletin board by the flower sign up poster in the back of the church or on the info table. To those who have children in need of babysitting, please let us if know you are interested. Maybe a baby-sitter you know and who knows your kids, would be interested.

Hope you can come !!

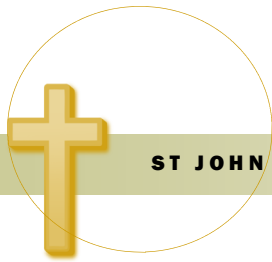
UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



Maddie Dillon	March 23
Judy Storts	March 25
Amy Anderson	April 9
Linda Wolf	April 9
Kalee Anderson	April 18

Mark your calendar for the **Spring Gospel Sing**

The Sing will be in the Sanctuary on Saturday, April 12, 2025, beginning at 2:00 PM. There will be many groups performing including our own St John choir, All 4 Him, Eddie Ewing, Jill Snyder flute, Don and Sylvia Lemley, Jenny Stoughton, Kameron Waite, the Levier's, and more. Hope to see you all there !!



THE INSIDE STORY BY SALLY ACTON



This week's sending song, "O Living Bread from Heaven", is a Lutheran Hymn originally written by Johann Rist and translated by Catherine Winkworth expressing gratitude for the Lord's Supper and the belief in Christ as the "Bread of Life"

COMMUNICATIONS AND YOU

We are working on an Information Table in the narthex for people to sign up for various activities and to keep up with what is going on within the church, accessible before or after the service. You will find sign-up sheets for the Easter Breakfast, Progressive Euchre in May, and other items.

Don Hornbeck will be conducting sessions starting in early April to help those needing assistance to navigate the United Church Directory, website, texting, etc. More details next week.

Work is underway to resurrect the Prayer Chain via email, and possibly through other communication channels.

FACILITIES Upcoming Projects

Replace Ramp Panels

Once the weather breaks, Jon will need a few folks to help remove and replace the panels in the ramp leading to the basement. He has the panels, just needs help.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES from March 16, 2025

ATTENDEES: Sally Acton, Bonnie Butterbaugh, Deb Canini, Jonette Christy, Mike Drodofsky, Alan Fisher, Briana Hart, Jon Leist, Sue Mason, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott

ALAN FISHER read an inspirational piece as a devotion. He then briefly went over current finances of the church.

FIRST ORDER OF THE MEETING was to discuss removing Tina Anderson as treasurer as she has not been able to do this job for some time. Council unanimously agreed this should be done.

RAISING THE volume of the MICROPHONE was discussed, people that sit near the rear of the church find it difficult to hear.

IT WAS CLARIFIED that we will be having an Easter breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. before the Easter service. Jon Leist will be in charge of the breakfast. He will accept money for purchasing supplies for the meal and additional contributions of food for the breakfast would be welcome. There will now be a permanent "Information Table" set up in the narthex for people to sign up for various activities and to keep up with what is going on within the church.

BRIANA HART, now on Council, told the group of the many ways to get information out to the general public about what is going on at St. John. This was very helpful. She also suggested we use Facebook Connections to share info about St. John and our activities. Look for more info to follow.

BRIANA HART is looking into presenting an "Intro to Estate Planning Session" for our members. Look for more info to follow.

A kids curriculum is being researched for JONETTE'S class. Kid-friendly bibles are being investigated.

PAM and NEIL JARVIS have asked if the two of them can set up a euchre party at church. Everyone believes this would be a fun thing to do. Remember, outreach comes in many forms!

CHUCK WOLCOTT volunteered himself and Ruby to power wash the concrete of the side ramp into the basement. Jon would like to finish refreshing this area before Easter.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Ruby Wolcott w/edits

2025 YTD Offerings Summary	
Offerings through:	3/16/2025
Budget (yearly)	56,750.00
Budget YTD	13,096.15
Offerings - Total Rcvd	15,501.38
YTD Over(+)/Under(-)	2,405.23

2025 Attendance Information	
Jan = 36, Feb = 28, Mar = 31, 36, 45	

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:	4,044.00 ~ 6 more pymts
Ceiling Gifts Summary	
Total Gifts Received:	34,225.20
Principal & Interest Paid:	-34,886.65
Current Gift Balance:	-661.45
# of Possible Payments:	-0.99 \$668.19/mo

Who's preaching?...

March	Pastor Joe
April	Pastor Joe

Happenings

New	Sat 4/12/25	Spring Gospel Sing at St. John at 2pm
New	Sun 4/13/25	Palm Sunday Service
New	Thu 4/17/25	Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30pm
New	Fri 4/18/25	Good Friday Service at 5:30pm
New	Sun 4/20/25	Easter Breakfast at 9:00am - Parish Hall Basement
New	Sun 4/20/25	Easter Sunday Service

Opportunities to Serve

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

Monthly 'Spirit' Newsletter - we need someone to lead the 'SPIRIT' team

Please contact a council member if you are interested - **WWJD?**

New Easter Breakfast - Let Jon Leist know if you can help with the breakfast

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										34
Yr-Yr Chg	19	5	7										

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New St John's facebook page:	https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064863065429 (updated)