



## **THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN**

### **ST JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**JOSEPH WOLF, PASTOR**

**MAY 2024**

#### **OUR 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.”

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## **PRAYERS**

**ALAN & BONNIE BUTTERBAUGH  
DUANE BEHRENS  
JIM & NANCY FOGLE  
LINDA & JON LEIST  
BILL & CHARLOTTE MEYER  
LINDA MILLER  
SAM PEARSON  
ED & FREDA RUTTER  
LEE & PEGGY SMITH  
LARRY & SHIRLEY WEST**

## **HAPPY MAY**

## **BIRTHDAY**

**4 JERRY DAILY  
21 KLOEY ARNETT  
22 ANNY RINEHART  
28 LINDA KNICELY**

# MAY HAPPENINGS

MAY 5, 12, 19, 26 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM CHURCH SERVICES 10:30 AM  
MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 CHOIR PRACTICE 3:30 PM  
MAY 14 - GIRLS/GUYS LUNCH 12:00 PM @ CLEAR CREEK WINERY  
MAY 19 - COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING CHURCH @ CHURCH

## 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.

## CEILING LOAN STATUS

Balance on loan \$21,640.79

If you wish to make a contribution to be used toward the ceiling, please make sure to mark it CEILING

## THANK YOU FROM CANAL WINCHESTER HUMAN SERVICES

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation. We wanted to express our gratitude for your continued support. Thank you for all you do to support our Community Food Pantry.

## SPRING GATHERING OF LUTHERAN WOMEN

The Central Ohio Conference Spring Gathering will be Sunday, May 5, 2024 @ Peace Lutheran Church in Gahanna. If you would be interested in more information or registering to go please see Marianne Daily for more information.

**ASCENSION DAY**  
**MAY 9**



## **COUNCIL NOTES**

April 21, 2024

**ATTENDEES:** Bonnie Butterbaugh, Marianne Daily, Jonette Christy, Mike Drodofsky, Alan Fisher, Jon Leist, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott. Guests Linda Knicely and Diana Johnson.

Ruby began the meeting with a prayer and devotions.

Council approved the minutes for the March council meeting.

**PASTOR BOB ABRAMS** from the Synod visited to help guide council on the steps that need to be taken to call a new pastor since Pastor Wolf will be leaving at the end of July. Expect this to be a long process. It will not take place quickly.

He suggested we adapt to our new situation rather than "react."

He also added, in case we are wondering, that the word "Synod" means "Walking together along the way."

He informed us that we have fellowship with many church denominations and named a few we can consider during the call process. Among them are the Episcopal Church, United Methodist, Presbyterian – USA, Reformed Church of Christ and Moravian.

He also told us there is an organization in Lancaster called Lancaster Lutherans Together if we care to talk with them. This would widen our contacts for advice or suggestions.

**FINANCE** – Alan Fisher, President, went over the latest financial figures. We are getting good returns on investment. Alan stated that for the first time, there was not quite enough to make a full payment on our ceiling loan.

**REMINDER** - There are still many chores to be done around the church. Please see Jon if you feel you have skills for a specific job on the list.

**A GOSPEL SING** will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Various choirs and soloists will participate.

Submitted by Ruby Wolcott

# MEMORIAL DAY BAKE SALE

St John's has once again been offered the opportunity to participate at The Wagnalls for their Memorial Day celebration. We are asking for baked goods to be donated and also for workers at the bake sale. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to sign up. More information about activities for the day will be sent via email.

## PROJECT SUGGESTIONS FOR 2024

- A/C 'S CHECK OUT /SERVICE
- REPLACE ROOF GOING INTO THE BASEMENT, POWER WASH WALLS/PAINT IF NEEDED. MATERIAL IN NOAH'S ROOM (PANELS)
- RAMP NEEDS ANOTHER COAT.
- WOULD LIKE TO PAINT HALLWAY TO PASTOR OFFICE AND RESTROOMS
- UPPER PART OF CLASSROOM, INVENTORY OF BOOKS TO TAKE TO WAGONALLS OR HALF PRICE BOOKS.
- CLEANING AND INVENTORY OF CABINETS IN ROOM BY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL.
- CARPET CLEANED NARTHEX
- TURN NOAH'S ROOM INTO A STORAGE WITH SELVES FOR EASTER, FALL AND CHRISTMAS ITEMS WAS ALSO SUGGESTED DOING THE NURSERY? WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT AS A NURSERY,
- TIME FOR CLEANING OUT BACK FLOWER BEDS BY RAMP. (MY TASK BEFORE SURGERY)
- NEED REPAIR ON CHURCH SIGN. I HAVE THE FUSES PLUS MIGHT NEED A COUPLE OF BLUBS.
- OPEN FOR ANY OTHER PROJECTS AND SUGGESTIONS/
- CEILING OVER ORGAN, WEST WALL CRACKS AND EAST WALL.

IF YOU CAN DO ANY OF THE ABOVE PROJECTS, PLEASE CALL  
JON LEIST (614) 570-6248

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CHOIR 3:30	2	3	4
5 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP 10:30	6	7	8 CHOIR 3:30	9 ASCENSION DAY	10	11
12 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 10:30 WORSHIP  Mother's Day	13	14 GIRLS/GUYS LUNCH NOON	15 CHOIR 3:30	16	17	18  Armed Forces Day
19 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP 10:30 COUNCIL AFTER CHURCH	20	21	22 CHOIR 3:30	23	24	25
26 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 10:30 WORSHIP	27 Memorial Day BAKE SALE @ WAGNALLS	28	29 CHOIR 3:30	30	31	