

MARCH 30, 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

April 2	Tech Session @ 2
April 2	Choir @ 3 pm
April 6	Tech Session @ 11:30
April 8	Gals & Guys Lunch
April 9	Choir @ 3 pm
April 12	Spring Gospel Sing
April 16	Choir @ 3
April 17	Maundy Thursday
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter Sunday
May 4	Progressive Euchre

PRAYER REQUESTS

Vince Canini, eye surgery next week

Rick Schaffner, friend of Sue Mason, dealing with recent cancer diagnosis

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**.

Calendar Details

Gals & Guys Lunch Bunch will dine at LongHorn Steakhouse, 1740 Hill Rd N, Pickerington, on Tuesday, **April 8**, at noon. Charlotte Meyer will be making the reservation

Spring Gospel Sing will be in the Sanctuary on Saturday, **April 12**, 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 Leviders, and more.

Maundy Thursday service on **April 17** at 5:30

Good Friday service on **April 18** at 5:30

Easter Breakfast on **April 20** starting at 9:00 am downstairs in the Parish Hall followed by Easter service at 10:30

Progressive Euchre party on **May 4**, right after church in the basement. Lunch (BBQ pork, coleslaw, chips, cookies, and drinks) will be provided by Neil and Pam Jarvis.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



Judy Storts	March 25
Amy Anderson	April 9
Linda Wolf	April 9
Kalee Anderson	April 18
Ariana Hart	April 19
Kaden Anderson-Gibson	April 22

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!



THE INSIDE STORY BY **SALLY ACTON**



This week's sending song, "Amazing Grace", was written by John Newton. Some things you may not know about his famous hymn. His title for it wasn't "Amazing Grace" originally but "Faith's Review and Expectation". It is based on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17. Here is a nearly forgotten verse that Newton added near the end,

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The Sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Shall be forever mine.

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.

TECH SESSION WEDNESDAY

Don Hornbeck will be conducting sessions to help those needing assistance to navigate the United Church Directory, website, texting, etc. The first session is this Wednesday, April 2, at 2:00 pm in the Narthex an hour before choir. This is an open session, come when you can and stay as long as you can, for personal assistance with:

- * 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 historical 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



At the same time, someone will be available to take your photograph for the Church Directory. If you do not have a picture in the directory, or if you would like to update your picture, this is a perfect time to get it done.

FACILITIES Project List for 2025

1. Ceiling over the organ and wall cracks by communion room (Alan to notify individual who did ceiling)
2. Back door and frame needs replaced
3. Panels replaced on west side going to basement, waiting on weather
4. Power wash going to basement (Chuck & Ruby)
5. Lawn care and Flower beds (Jon/Byran Fowler)
6. Railing going up ramp needs re-stained (Don H.)
7. Railing on eastside needs painted (Don H.)
8. Discussed removing Pew for Handicap, wheel-chairs, and walkers
9. Alan is going to contact individual about replacing panels that came off during a storm
10. Choir discussed supporting family or member of church for Easter (Open)
11. The parking lot, fractured by time and elements, is showing signs of fatigue with several noticeable cracks and may need resurfaced

2025 YTD Offerings Summary	
Offerings through:	3/23/2025
Budget (yearly)	56,750.00
Budget YTD	14,187.50
Offerings - Total Rcvd	16,118.38
YTD Over(+)/Under(-)	1,930.88

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

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?...

April 6, 13, 20 Pastor Joe
 April 27 Jon Leist

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.

New Easter Breakfast at 9am in the Parish Hall Basement - 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	36										33
Yr-Yr Chg	19	5	6										

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