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Sunday Worship 10:00am

the Chimes

Christ in us, the hope of glory!

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2025

Easter Celebration



Christians have always celebrated the resurrection of Jesus on Easter, but this year, Pastor Josh turned it into a party.

After Easter brunch and musical preludes from the bell and vocal choirs, the service started with a children's sermon where Pastor Josh introduced his "Hallelujah Popper" showering the front of the sanctuary with confetti.

Since Easter is a celebration, the communion elements were upgraded to champagne or sparkling grape juice and a special bread. We picked up a champagne flute on our way to the alter and were given several sips of champagne and a sizable piece of bread which we took back to our seats to enjoy in reflection and in conversation with those around us. We took the flutes home with us as a reminder of the celebration. We were encouraged to take them to work and use them as a discussion starter about St. John's.

There were 146 in attendance and though we were down to the last bottle, there was enough for everyone.

The service concluded with a shower of confetti from another "Hallelujah Popper" and was followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children.



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Debbie Carter Obituary

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Deborah Lynn (Schmittauer) Carter, a cherished mother, sister, grandmother, and friend, who left us on March 25, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Born on August 5, 1956, to John "Jack" and Catherine Schmittauer, Debbie lived a life filled with love, laughter, and countless cherished memories.

A proud graduate of London High School in 1974, she dedicated over 30 years of her life to St. John's Lutheran Church, where her warmth and compassion deeply touched the community. Debbie found joy in the simplest pleasures, whether it was cooking her family's favorite dishes or delighting in cooking shows. Her heart resonated with love for her family, and she treasured each moment spent with her grandchildren, traveling to countless baseball games and creating memories that will forever be etched in their hearts.

Debbie's back porch was her sanctuary, where she found peace sitting at her picnic table, listening to the joyous sounds of nature around her. She embraced life with open arms and an open heart, finding beauty in every moment.

Debbie is survived by her daughter, Ashli (Matt) Carter, and her son, Kyle Carter. She is also lovingly remembered by her sister, Sandy Balderson, brother-in-law Rick Timmons, sister-

in-law Sharon Carter, and her adoring grandchildren: Drew (Reese) Carter, Sam Carter, Jack Carter, and Ben Carter. Her spirit will continue to shine through her great granddaughter Wrenlee, as well as her faithful companions, dogs Paisley and Henry. In addition, she leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends who were blessed to know her.

Debbie is now reunited with her husband and the love of her life for 23 years, Steve Carter, as well as her parents, her beloved grandmother Lillian Fauver, and her sisters Terri Timmons and Patti Schmittauer. She is also preceded in death by her brother-in-law Mike Carter, sister-in-law Joyce Weir, and sister-in-law Carol Haller.

The family invites friends and loved ones to gather in remembrance of Debbie at St. John's Lutheran Church, located at 380 Keny Blvd, London, Ohio 43140. Friends are welcome to call on Sunday, March 30, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with a heartfelt funeral service to be held on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 11:00 AM. Following the service, Debbie will be laid to rest at Somerford Township Cemetery, where her spirit will be reunited with those she held dear.

Debbie's love and kindness have left an indelible mark on all who knew her. She will be missed more than words can express but will remain forever in our hearts.



Council Highlights

April 8, 2025

We want to establish a signature fundraising event within the community, such as the Baked Steak or Pork Dinner of the Methodist church.

The HVAC system needs repair. We are waiting on an estimate.

Patrol cars from both London PD and Madison County Sheriff are using the St. John's parking lot and driving through the grass rather than on the pavement.

Christopher Blain has volunteered to paint a mural on our dugout.

We discussed a church softball game.

The trim around the main stained-glass window has failed. Bart McComas will repair it once the weather improves.

The entry locks will be re-keyed and new keys issued as needed.

We will be using champagne and special bread for communion on Easter as it is a celebration. Pr. Josh has done this before and will explain it to the congregation.

We will have a Mothers' Day brunch after worship on May 11 instead of the first Sunday social hour.

We are terminating the home school group's use of our building after this school year.

Council approved Amy McComas to be the next church secretary pending agreement on a job description Pr. Josh is preparing.

Madison County Food Pantry

The Madison County Food Pantry now has a website: www.madisoncountyfoodpantry.org

The Food Pantry serves an average of 800 households which includes an average of roughly 3,000 individuals every three months. Food and financial support can be dropped off at 125 S. Oak St. in London during distribution hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday, or by special arrangement

Schilling Scholarship Fund

The Andrew and Betty Schilling Scholarship Fund of St. John's Lutheran Church was established in March 1985 by an initial donation in the honor of the Schillings from Harold Rhodes. It is a perpetual fund with the earnings to be used to provide financial assistance to members of St. John's Lutheran Church of London, Ohio in further education beyond the secondary level. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, applications will soon be available on the information table at the church entrance.

The deadline to apply is May 31.



Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, please pick up a prayer request card in the church office. In accordance with HIPAA Law, a prayer request should not be published without the person's consent.

Anita Boiven
Sharon Dillion
Jim Miller

Piper Thompson
Debbie Vecciarelli

Prayers of Sympathy

We extend prayers of Christian sympathy to the families of Debbie Carter and Mary Kay Simpson.

H.E.L.P. HOUSE

Please pick up a few extra non-perishable food items while grocery shopping and place your donations in the basket marked "H.E.L.P. House" at the church entrance. The H.E.L.P. House is always in need of everything from non perishable food to personal care and hygiene items. New or gently used spring/summer clothing are particularly needed this time of year with warmer weather approaching. Your help is definitely appreciated!

The Help House is in particular need of cereal, dry pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, etc.), egg noodles, dry beans (black beans, navy, pinto, red beans), canned soups, crackers (saltines, Ritz, etc.).

Finance Report

	March	YTD
Income	\$36,633.76	\$70,307.97
Expenses	13,391.75	38,619.83
Net	\$23,242.01	\$31,688.14
Mortgage Balance (4/1/25)		\$94,987.00

May Birthdays

- 2 Jim Dillion
- 3 Elmer Olsen
- 4 Noah McComas
Oliver Riley
- 6 Bart McComas
- 11 Jace Penwell
- 12 Fred Heckel
- 19 Fran Datz
- 21 Dorothy Amling
- 22 Al Rings
- 25 Nancy Penix
- 29 George Lassel

May Anniversaries

- 13 Elizabeth & Rick Riffle
- 15 Leigh & Scott Spohler
- 25 Steve & Barb Mills
- 27 Ellen & Blair Miller

What would you like to see in the Chimes?

I want to know what things about St. John's you would like to see in future *Chimes* newsletters.

If you have any information about current St. John's ministries that should be shared, please let me know.

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Kroger Rewards

Thank you to everyone participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Those of you who shopped at Kroger between 11-1-2024 and 1-31-2025 helped contribute \$72.26 total donation to St. John's. The Kroger Rewards goes into our Ekedahl Fund.

Worship Assistants

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Acolyte	Tim Amling	Andy Wood	Jeff Blain Mia Patrick	Amy McComas
Ushers	Fran Datz Deb Ball	Gene Noble Marty Komives	Nancy Penix Amy McComas	Matt Riley Morgan Riley
Lector	Valerie Eades	Michael Klamo	Eileen West	Mark Erbaugh
Communion Assistant	Nancy Hodosko Victoria Patrick	Al Datz Jerry Ball	Dave Fisher Melanie Fisher	Rick Davis Kelly Davis
Video Sound	John Stekli D'Ann Stekli	Scott Spohler Alex Spohler	Mike Wood Andy Wood	Scott Spohler Anna Spohler
Offering Caregiver	Tim Amling Matt Riley	Marie Wood Kelly Davis	Kelly Cooley Mark Erbaugh	Valerie Eades Aaron Patrick
Altar Guild	Liz Lassel	Liz Lassel	Liz Lassel	Liz Lassel
Altar Flowers	Debbie Vecciarelli	Marian Fisher	Leigh Spohler Scott Spohler	George Lassel birthday by Liz Lassel
Eternal Flame	The McComas Family	The McComas Family	The McComas Family	The McComas Family

The Altar Flowers and Eternal Flame charts are posted in Luther's Café. If you would like to sponsor one or the other in memory of or in honor of someone special, please sign up on the chart or call the church office.

The altar flowers are \$35.00 for the pair and the eternal flame is \$10.00 per week.

Christian Education

Daylight Bible Study - Tuesday 10:00am Luther Café - Gospel of John

Adult Sunday School - Sunday 9:00am David Room - Gospel Reading for that Sunday

Children's Sunday School - Sunday 10:00am Nursery

Sunday Readings

Date	Sunday	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
4	3 Easter	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	Psalm 30	Revelation 4:1-8	John 21:1-9
11	4 Easter	Acts 9:26-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 5:11-15	John 10:22-30
18	5 Easter	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 7:9-17	John 13:31-35
25	6 Easter	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:1-6	John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9

Church Council

Josh Stibb: *pastor*

Amy McComas: *president*

Valerie Eades: *vice-president*

Mark Erbaugh: *council secretary*

Liz Lassel: *treasurer*

Kelly Davis

Aaron Patrick

Matt Riley

Call Committee

Rick Davis: *chair*

Tim Amling

Kelly Cooley

Marty Komives

Victoria Patrick

Morgan Riley

Scott Spohler