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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

JUNE 2025

Mother's Day Brunch



A Prayer for Mother's Day

Pr. Josh shared this in his Mother's Day Message. Amy Young, adapted by Heidi Carrington Heath.

I want you to know I'm praying for you if you are like Tamar, struggling with infertility, or a miscarriage.

I want you to know that I'm praying for you if you are like Rachel, counting the women among your family and friends who year by year and month by month get pregnant, while you wait.

I want you to know I'm praying for you if you are like Naomi, and have known the bitter sting of a child's death.

I want you to know I am praying for you if you are like Joseph and Benjamin, and your Mom has died.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if your relationship with your Mom was marked by trauma, abuse, or abandonment, or she just couldn't parent you the way you needed.

I want you to know I am praying for you if you've been like Moses' mother and put a child up for adoption, trusting another family to love your child into adulthood.

I want you to know I am praying for you if you've been like Pharaoh's daughter, called to love children who are not yours by birth (and thus the mother who brought that child into your life, even if it is complicated).

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I want you to know I am praying for you if you, like many, are watching (or have watched) your mother age, and disappear into the long goodbye of dementia.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if you, like Mary, are pregnant for the very first time and waiting breathlessly for the miracle of your first child.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if your children have turned away from you, painfully closing the door on relationship, leaving you holding your broken heart in your hands. And like Hagar, now you are mothering alone.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if motherhood is your greatest joy and toughest struggle all rolled into one.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if you are watching your child battle substance abuse, a public legal situation, mental illness, or another situation which you can merely watch unfold.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if you like so many women before you do not wish to be a mother, are not married, or in so many other ways do not fit into societal norms.

I want you to know that I am praying for you if you see yourself reflected in all, or none of these stories.

This mother's day, wherever and whoever you are, we walk with you. You are loved. You are seen. You are worthy.

And may you know the deep love without end of our big, wild, beautiful God who is the very best example of a parent that we know.

Amen.

Upcoming Events

- [Puzzle Night](#)
May 30, 7:00pm
- [First Sunday Fellowship](#)
June 1, after worship
- Church Council Meeting (open to all)
June 10, 6:00pm
- [Father's Day BBQ](#)
June 15, after worship
- [H.E.L.P. House Meal Preparation](#)
June 16, 9:00am - noon
- [London Fireworks](#)
July 3
- [First Sunday Fellowship](#)
July 6, after worship
- [Church Cleaning](#)
July 19, starting at 9:00am
- [First Sunday Fellowship](#)
August 3, after worship
- [Vacation Bible School](#)
August 3 - 7 6:00 - 7:30pm

Council Highlights

May 13, 2025

In the Pastor's report, Pr. Josh noticed new faces in worship. We discussed ways of tracking visitors and making sure St. John's meets their needs. We are no longer providing visitor cards. We discussed having a QR code that visitors could scan to find information about St. John's and request additional information.

A couple of people have expressed interest in baptism.

We discussed having a poster showing a count-down to the mortgage payoff.

St. John's will have a community puzzle event May 30. There will be a Father's Day BBQ, June 15 after worship. St. John's will have a cookout with games on July 3 prior to the London fireworks. The church will provide meat, buns and soft drinks. We discussed community movie nights.

The children provided flowers for women on Mother's Day. The children's sermons have been well received.

Matt and Aaron will be generating a list of the maintenance status of major items so we can allocate funds for repair or replacement. This may delay resurfacing the parking lot, and if so, we need to do some patching.

We approved a motion to terminate the arrangement with the home school group after the end of their school year on May 19. They have not been good stewards of the church property.

We scheduled a church clean-up day for Saturday, July 19 starting at 9:00am. This is a time to do major cleaning beyond what is done weekly. Bring your buckets and mops. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

We ran out of time and were unable to discuss hiring Amy as the new church secretary. We scheduled an additional council meeting at 6:00pm, May 27 to finalize this.

May 27, 2025

We developed and approved a job description for the Church Secretary.

We appointed Amy McComas as Church Secretary at an hourly rate of \$22 starting June 8. We agreed to pay Amy \$5,247 (9 weeks of 26.5 hours at \$22/hour) for time worked since Debbie's passing.

Amy McComas resigned from Church Council.

We appointed Martha Davis to fill the vacancy on council (but not as President). We will address the vacancy of President at our next meeting.

We changed the start time of our regular meetings from 7:00pm to 6:00pm, still on the second Tuesday of the month.



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

Finance Report

	April	YTD
Income	\$19,816.00	\$90,123.97
Expenses	12,221.04	50,840.87
Net	\$7,594.96	\$39,283.10
Mortgage Balance (5/1/25) \$89,987.00		

June Birthdays

- 8 Ruth Peters
Dorene Browning
- 9 Al Datz
- 13 Isabell Lappie
Tim Amling
- 14 Anna Spohler
- 15 Kirk Stork
John Henneman
- 17 Andy Wood
- 24 Katie Sparks
- 27 Eric Friend
Elizabeth Riffle
- 28 Marie Wood
Lucas Lappie

June Anniversaries

- 6 Dora & Dale Johnson
- 7 Emily & Kyle Ball
Charlene & Elmer Olsen
- 11 Nancy & Jim Penix
- 19 Eileen & Wayman West
- 21 Sharon & Jim Dillion
- 25 Liz & George Lassel
- 29 Kelly & Steve Cooley

Chimes Content

What things about St. John's would you like to see in future *Chimes* newsletters?

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

Worship Assistants

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Acolyte	Nancy Hodosko	Andy Wood	Mia Patrick	Anna Spohler	Tim Amling
Ushers	Victoria Patrick Aaron Patrick	Dana Fisher Rachael Fisher	Debbie Ball Jerry Ball	Matt Riley Morgan Riley	Marty Komives Jeff Blain
Lector	Fran Datz	Dorene Browning	Bobby Wood	Mark Erbaugh	Elaine Komives
Communion Assistant	Nancy Penix Gene Noble	Tim Jasper Linda Jasper	Amy McComas Kirsten Duncan	Ruth Peters Kelly Cooley	Rick Davis Kelly Davis
Video Sound	John Stekli D'Ann Stekli	Scott Spohler Anna Spohler	Mike Wood Andy Wood	Scott Spohler Alex Spohler	Mike Wood Ray Scharf
Offering Caregiver	Tim Amling Matt Riley	Marie Wood Kelly Davis	Kelly Cooley Mark Erbaugh	Valerie Eades Aaron Patrick	Kelly Davis
Altar Guild	Kelly Cooley Rachael Fisher	Kelly Cooley Rachael Fisher	Kelly Cooley Rachael Fisher	Kelly Cooley Rachael Fisher	Kelly Cooley Rachael Fisher
Altar Flowers	In honor of Dale & Dora Johnson's Anniversary	Lynn Robinette birthday given by Beverly Londergan	Anna Spohler birthday	In honor of Andy & Marie Wood birthdays	In honor of Steve & Kelly Cooley's anniversary
Eternal Flame	The Wards in honor of their grandkids	The Wards in honor of their grandkids	The Wards in honor of their grandkids	The Wards in honor of their grandkids	The Wards in honor of their grandkids

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

June Sunday Readings

	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
1	7 Easter	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
8	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17 [25-27]
15	Holy Trinity	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
22	2 Pentecost	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
29	Peter & Paul, Apostles	Acts 12:1-11	Psalm 87:103, 5-11	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18	John 15:21-19
or	3 Pentecost	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62

First Sunday Fellowship



Join us after worship the first Sunday of each month in Luther's Café for coffee, snacks and fellowship.

London Fireworks



Join us July 3 starting at 5:00pm for food and games before the London Fireworks which can be seen from the Church. The church will provide meat, buns and soft drinks.

Church Cleaning



Join us July 19, starting at 9:00am for church cleaning. This is a time to do non-routine cleaning. We will also be hanging pictures that were taken down prior to painting. Feel free to bring cleaning supplies.

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PUZZLE NIGHT

Friday May 30th
Event time: 5:30-7:30pm
Cost: \$20 Per team (1-4 people)

Pre-Register by the 27th @ ampatrick29@gmail.com. Money not due till the event

Food:
Pizza and Drinks before the event can be purchased starting at 5pm

Event Details:

- Teams of up to 4 will have 2 hours to complete a 500 piece puzzle.
- Each member of the winning team will receive a gift card

FATHER'S DAY BBQ PARTY

St. John's Lutheran Church
380 Keny Blvd. London OH
June 15th- 11-12:30pm
*Join us out back for food and activities

H.E.L.P. House

The H.E.L.P. House is a nonprofit organization who provides Madison County residents with daily needs. They have clothing, furniture, bedding, and of course food. The people running H.E.L.P. House use all the donations collected to help people in need. All donations will get redistributed around the area.

There are organizations like St. John's Lutheran that provide a hot cooked meal certain days of the month. Our congregation pulls together resources to make a ham, potato, onion and green bean dish (that makes the church smell amazing). When all the chopping and cooking is done, it is packaged in individual serving sized containers. We box them up and the staff from H.E.L.P. House picks it up so they can serve the people who line up at the doors. St. Johns does this four times a year on the third Monday of March, June, September and December.

Our next opportunity is June 16.

Donations are always welcome in the form of:

1. Cash
2. Loaves of bread
3. Cookies
4. Onions
5. Applesauce
6. Large cans of green beans
7. Buffet ham
8. Quart size zip bags
9. Snack size zip bags
10. Raw potatoes

There will be a sign up sheet on the board by the entry for anyone to sign up to donate or help prepare the meal. We appreciate all the help!

Please contact Fritzi Heckel at 920-279-8044 or heckelf6@gmail.com.

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

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.

Church Council

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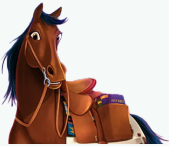
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WONDER JUNCTION

BY ANSWERS IN GENESIS

Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory. Howdy, partners! Welcome to Wonder Junction! Here at Wonder Junction, we travel through the Old West while marveling at Jesus' birth, childhood, ministry, death and resurrection, and coming return.

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
<p>BIBLE POINT The Wonder of His Birth</p>	<p>BIBLE POINT The Wonder of His Childhood</p>	<p>BIBLE POINT The Wonder of His Ministry Years</p>	<p>BIBLE POINT The Wonder of His Death & Resurrection</p>	<p>BIBLE POINT The Wonder of His Return</p>
<p>BIBLE STORY The Wonder of His Birth (Matthew 1-2, Luke 2)</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY The Wonder of His Childhood (Luke 2:39-52)</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY The Wonder of His Ministry Years (Selections from the book of Mark)</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY The Wonder of His Death and Resurrection (Matthew 27-28)</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY The Wonder of His Return (Select verses from Matthew 25:14-30)</p>
<p>MEMORY VERSE John 1:14</p>	<p>MEMORY VERSE Luke 25:2</p>	<p>MEMORY VERSE John 21:25</p>	<p>MEMORY VERSE John 20:31</p>	<p>MEMORY VERSE Matthew 6:10</p>
 <p><i>Tiny</i></p>	 <p><i>Junior</i></p>	 <p><i>Mighty</i></p>	 <p><i>Champ</i></p>	 <p><i>Mission</i></p>

We are looking for Volunteers
The Children of St. John's need your help!
August 3-7, 6:00-7:30pm
Please contact Kelly Cooley 614-374-4331