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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

JULY 2025

## New Church Secretary

Amy McComas started work as the St. John's Church secretary on June 8, although she had been filling in since Debbie's sudden passing in March.

Amy is a lifelong member of St. John's, having been baptized as an infant and raised in the church. She enjoys reliving her church experiences growing up. Her parents, Ed and Vergie Powell, were active members of St. John's. She has two older brothers and an older sister (now deceased).

She and her husband, Bart, were married by Pr. Nelson at St. John's. They have two sons: Noah and Matthew.

She attended London Public Schools and Columbus State Community College. In high school she was first chair trombone in the marching band and made several trips with the band, including to the Orange Bowl in Florida.

She worked as a waitress at the Columbus 70 West Auto Truck Stop (now T/A) and then in her brother's catering firm. She worked as a pharmacy tech and then for Cardinal Health. In 2016 she started working in food service (for Mel Fisher) at Fairhaven School.

She still lives in the family home on Simpson Road that her father built, having lived there almost her whole life.

In her spare time, she likes to play board games, play cornhole and swim.

She worked with Debbie Carter and hopes that Debbie approves of how she's doing.

Amy was President of the St. John's Church Council and resigned to become Church Secretary.



One year old Amy  
from an old  
St. John's directory

Her favorite part of the job is helping plan and prepare for Sunday Worship.

Amy feels honored and blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve St. John's and hopes to do a good job.

When asked what we can do to support her, the answer was, "be patient."



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## Father's Day Barbecue



## Upcoming Events

- [London Fireworks](#)  
July 3, 5:00pm
- [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
- Church Council Meeting (open to all)  
August 12, 6:00pm
- [First Sunday Fellowship](#)  
September 7, after worship
- Church Council Meeting (open to all)  
September 9, 6:00pm
- [H.E.L.P. House Meal Preparation](#)  
September 15, 9:00am - noon

## 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.*

Sharon Dillion  
Jim Penix

Peg Saupe  
Pr. Josh Stibb

## First Sunday Fellowship



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

If you are interested in hosting one of the First Sunday Fellowships, please see the sign up sheet in Luther's Café. It's not that much work and there are always other folks willing to bring food and help out.

## Council Highlights

June 10, 2025

The council renewed Pastor Josh's contract for another six months.

The council proposed displaying slides about upcoming events prior to worship.

The Puzzle Night on 5/30 raised \$242.00.

Kelly Cooley is looking for someone to take over VBS next year.

Wyatt Eades examined the problem with drainage reported by Soil and Water and determined that it is not a tile problem (blow out), but natural drainage, agreeing with Dave Fisher. He filled it in and seeded. We will contact Soil and Water to see if that addresses their concern.

Our nest egg has increased by \$26,000 this year to \$118,883.00. Some of the increase is due to the lack of payroll for a full-time pastor.

Council approved \$750.00 in Benevolence donations to the Southern Ohio Synod in each of August and December, totally \$1,500.00.

Council appointed Valerie Eades as president and Aaron Patrick as vice president.

There is no council meeting in July.

## Church Council

Name	Phone / Text	Email
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Valerie Eades, President	(614) 419-0232	<a href="mailto:vjeades@gmail.com">vjeades@gmail.com</a>
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Josh Stibb, Interim Pastor		

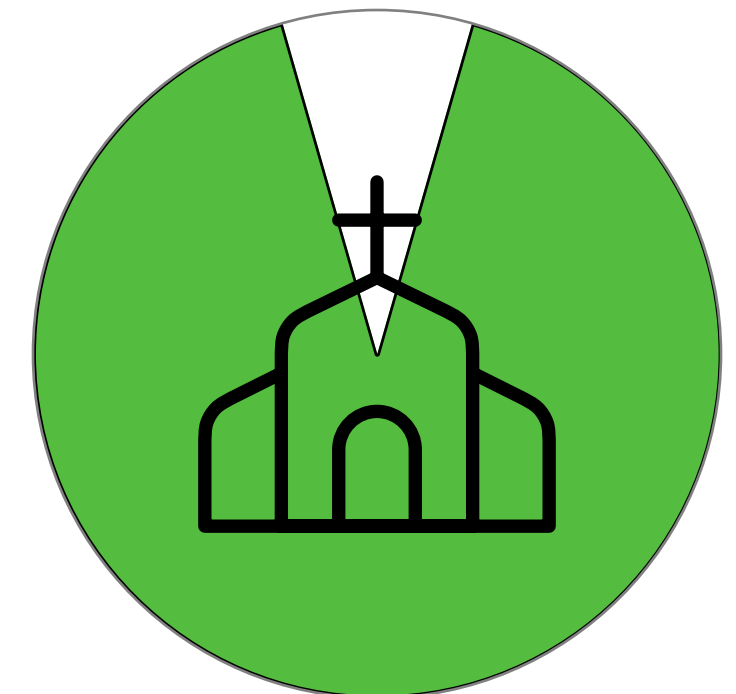
## Finance Report

	May	YTD
Income	\$21,989.00	\$112,112.97
Expenses	11,465.00	62,305.87
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$10,524.00</b>	<b>\$49,807.10</b>
<b>Mortgage Balance (6/1/25)</b>		<b>\$84,687.00</b>

# Mortgage Payoff

**Initial: \$971,747**

**Current: \$84,687**



## July Birthdays

- 1 Ryan Lappie
- 2 Jacob Friend
- 4 Dale Johnson
- 5 Alison Crawford
- 6 Mike Zbleski
- 7 Zachary Davis
- 9 Hudson Davis
- 10 Rick Davis
- 11 Matthew McComas
- 14 Charlene Olsen
- 21 Marian Fisher
- 22 Denise Languell
- 30 Dora Johnaon
- 31 Barb Mills

## July Anniversaries

- 1 Kenton & Nancy Komives
- 25 Kathy & Mark Erbaugh

## Call Committee Update

We have heard back from the synod. They had a big event this past week, which put them a week behind. The next step is that they are going to "train" us for the interviewing process. The training is scheduled for July 1.

## Call Committee Members

Rick Davis: chair	Victoria Patrick
Tim Amling	Morgan Riley
Kelly Cooley	Scott Spohler
Marty Komives	

## Volunteer Opportunities



There are many ways you can help St. John's. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office.

Some areas where help is needed

- Webmaster
- Fellowship coordinator
- Historian / Archivist
- Vacation Bible School
- Maintenance
- Worship Assistants
- Vocal / Instrumental Musicians

## Worship Assistants

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gene Noble	Jeff Blain	Mia Patrick	Tim Amling
<b>Ushers</b>	Nancy Penix Kristen Duncan	Dora Johnson Pam Smathers	Aaron Patrick Victoria Patrick	Matt Riley Morgan Riley
<b>Lector</b>	Nancy Hodosko	David Smith	Dana Fisher	Liz Lassel
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Tim Amling Susan Friend	Linda Ward Elain Komives	Al Datz Fran Datz	David Fisher Melonie Fisher
<b>Video Sound</b>	Mike Wood Bobby Wood	John Steckli D'Ann Steckli	John Steckli D'Ann Steckli	Mike Wood Andy Wood
<b>Offering Caregiver</b>	Tim Amling Matt Riley	Marie Wood Martha Davis	Kelly Cooley Mark Erbaugh	Valerie Eades Aaron Patrick
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Fran Datz Susan Friend	Fran Datz Susan Friend	Fran Datz Susan Friend	Fran Datz Susan Friend
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Rick & Kelly Davis	Given in the Glory	Dale & Dora Johnson	In honor of Marian Fisher's birthday David & Melonie Fisher
<b>Eternal Flame</b>	Dale & Dora Johnson	Dale & Dora Johnson	Dale & Dora Johnson	Dale & Dora Johnson

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

## July Sunday Readings

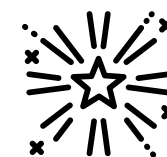
	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
6	4 Pentecost	Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalm 66:1-19	Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
13	5 Pentecost	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10: 25-37
20	6 Pentecost	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 11:1-13
27	7 Pentecost	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]	Luke 12:13-21

## Chimes Content

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

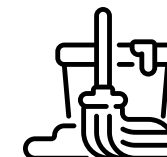
If you have any information about current St. John's ministries that should be shared, please let the church office know.

## 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.

## Puzzle Night



## 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.

The London Help House was very grateful for the donations that filled the church basket. Thank you for adding items whenever you are able since families definitely need it. The Help House crew cooked and packaged over 160 individual meals. The church smelled amazing as the ham, green beans, onions, and potatoes simmered. Thank you to all of you that donated money to help cover the costs. Another special thank you goes to the work crew that was here from 8:00am to 11:30am. Thank you to Deb and Jerry Ball, Fran and Allan Datz, Kathy and Mark Erbaugh, Linda and Wally Ward, Darrell Storck, and Fritz Heckel for their time. We had good socializing and friendship building. If you are interested in participating in the next meal preparation, just reserve the morning of September 15th between 8:00-12:00.

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 Fritz Heckel at 920-279-8044 or [heckelf6@gmail.com](mailto:heckelf6@gmail.com).

## Kroger Rewards

Thank you to the 19 households participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Between February 1 and April 30 you contributed \$43.26 to St. John's. The Kroger Rewards goes into our Ekedahl Fund.

If you are interested helping St. Johns through the Community Rewards program, visit <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

## Madison County Food Pantry

The Madison County Food Pantry now has a website: [www.madisoncountyfoodpantry.org](http://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

## Group Bible Purchase

Augsburg Fortress has released the *Lutheran Study Bible, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. This is the New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition. In addition to the Bible, there are four types of study notes



- World of the Bible
- Biblical Concepts
- Lutheran Perspectives
- Faith Reflections

The paperback version is \$32.99 and the hardcover is \$44.99. Quantity discounts of \$25.99 (paperback) or \$36.99 (hardcover) are available for 10 or more of each version.

If you are interested in participating in a group purchase, please let the church office know.

More information is available on web at





<https://augsburghfortress.org/LutheranStudyBible2ndEd>



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