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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

NOVEMBER 2025



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26, several people gathered in the parking lot for the annual Trunk or Treat. People wore costumes, cars were decorated, pumpkins were carved and Amy served hot cocoa. Over 100 children from the community got "treats." See photos throughout this issue of the *Chimes*.



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Breakfast with Santa

St. John's Lutheran Church
380 Keny Blvd.

Saturday Dec. 13, 2025

9:00am - 11am

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Milk, and Juice

Adults: \$7.00 Children: \$4.00

Kids under 2: Free

PICTURE WITH SANTA INCLUDED WITH BREAKFAST

Secret Santa Gifts and Craft Tables

Upcoming Events

 [All Saints' Sunday](#)
November 2

[First Sunday Fellowship](#)
November 2, after worship

Church Council Meeting (open to all)
November 11, 6:00pm

[First Sunday Fellowship](#)
December 7, after worship

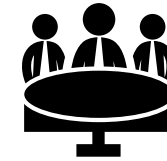
[Women's Christmas Dinner](#)
December 7, 5:00pm

Church Council Meeting (open to all)
December 9, 6:00pm

[Breakfast with Santa](#)
December 14, 9:00-11:00am

[H.E.L.P. House Meal Preparation](#)
December 15, 8:00am - noon

Council Highlights



Council voted to approve Melanie (Fritzi) Heckel to the vacancy on council.

Council renewed the lease for our Ricoh copier for 60 months.

The church has at least two computers running Windows 10 which can't be upgraded to Windows 11. Windows 10 has reached EOL status and will no longer be getting security updates from Microsoft. These need to be replaced.

Council discussed providing help for Thanksgiving dinners for 80 inmates at the prison who are in a select program for self improvement.

It's too late in the year to repave the parking lot, but we will be patching the worst potholes.

Council is looking into improving church cleaning.



Call Committee

Rick Davis: chair
Tim Amling
Kelly Cooley
Marty Komives

Victoria Patrick
Morgan Riley
Scott Spohler

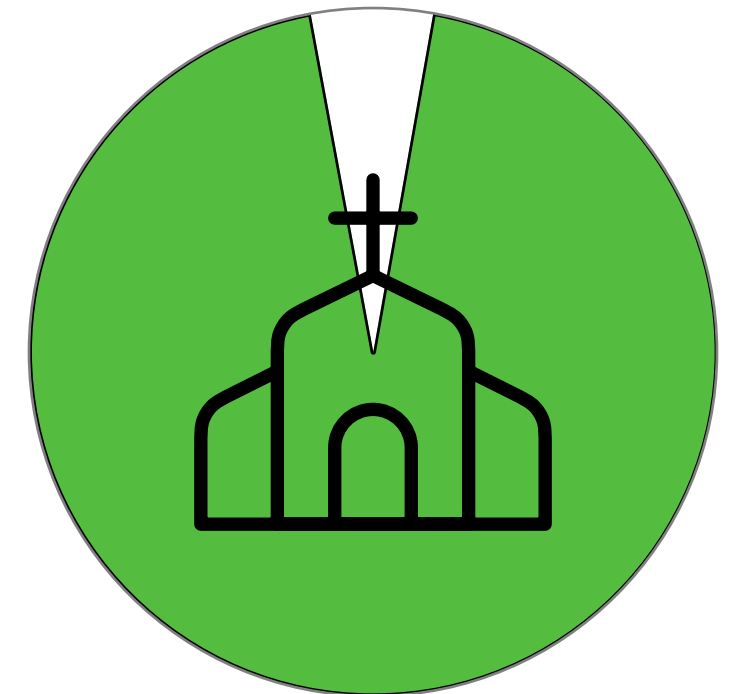
Church Council

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Kelly Davis	(614) 581-8929	rick_and_kelly@yahoo.com
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Josh Stibb, Interim Pastor		

Finance Report

	August	YTD
Income	\$31,494.92	\$202,724.00
Expenses	13,367.87	\$139,514.37
Net	\$18,127.05	\$63,209.63
Mortgage Balance (10/7)		
		\$56,400.64

Mortgage Payoff
Initial: \$971,747
Current: \$56,401



Women's Christmas Dinner

December 7th

5:00PM

November Birthdays



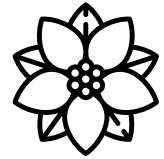
- 8 Maggie Wagener
Liz Lassel
- 11 Sophie Penwell
- 13 Brandy Ackley
- 19 Macy Eades
- 20 Aaron Patrick
John Steckli
- 23 Cory Penwell
Dorian Amling
- 25 Eileen West

November Anniversaries



- 16 Ryan & Lacie Lappie

Christmas Poinsettias



The deadline to order is November 18. The cost is \$13.75 each. There are a variety of colors. Order forms are available on the table by the entrance.



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

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Acolyte	Andy Wood	Jeff Blain	Dominic Gammell	Mia Patrick	Gene Noble
Ushers	Elaine Komives Marty Komives	Nancy Hodosko Sharon Dillion	Valerie Eades Macy Eades	Wally Ward Linda Ward	Pam Smathers Dora Johnson
Lector	Mark Erbaugh	Dana Fisher	Eileen West	Scott Spohler	Tim Amling
Communion Assistant	Dave Fisher Melanie Fisher	Rick Davis Kelly Davis	Amy McComas Kristen Duncan	Victoria Patrick Aaron Patrick	Ruth Peters Morgan Riley
Video Sound	Mike Wood Andy Wood	Scott Spohler Alex Spohler	John Steckli D'Ann Steckli	Mike Wood Andy Wood	Scott Spohler Alex Spohler
Offering Caregiver	Tim Amling Sharon Dillion	Kelly Davis Marie Wood	Kelly Cooley Mark Erbaugh	Valerie Eades Aaron Patrick	Sharon Dillion Nancy Hodosko
Altar Guild	Jerry Ball Debbie Ball	Jerry Ball Debbie Ball	Jerry Ball Debbie Ball	Jerry Ball Debbie Ball	Jerry Ball Debbie Ball
Altar Flowers	In honor of peace Liz Lassel	Davis' in honor of Marine Corps Birthday	Dale Johnson Dora Johnson	Fran Datz Al Datz	Maveryck & Willa Ball Birthdays by the Ball's
Eternal Flame	Spohler Family	Spohler Family	Spohler Family	Spohler Family	Spohler 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 - New topic coming
- Children's Sunday School** - Sunday 10:00am Nursery



November Sunday Readings

	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
2	All Saints Sunday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
9	22 Pentecost	Job 19:23-27a	Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
16	23 Pentecost	Malachi 4:1-2a	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:15-19
23	Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colosians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
30	1 Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

Daylight Bible Study

10am Tuesdays at the Church



Linda Ward is leading this Bible study which is currently studying the Gospel of John. New members are always welcome.

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.



All Saints' Sunday



During worship on November 2, we will remember those who have passed since All Saints' Sunday 2024. This year we especially remember those whose funerals were celebrated at St. John's:

Ruth Ann Blain (1/2/25)
Debbie Lynn Carter (3/25/25)
Mary Katherine Simpson (4/6/25)
Paul Wayne Harkins (5/25/25)
Brenda Jean Smith (9/15/25)



Kroger Rewards

Thank you to the 19 households participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program.

Between May 1 and July 31 you contributed \$43.92 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

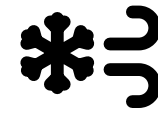
The Food Pantry serves an average of 800 households which includes an average of roughly 3,000 individuals every three months. Food and financial support can be dropped off at 125 S. Oak St. in London during distribution hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday, or by special arrangement

Chimes Photos

If you like one of the photos in *the Chimes*, let me know and I will make you a print or provide a digital version of it.

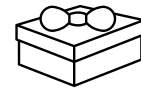
Mark Erbaugh

Winter Weather Cancellation Policy



Church Council has determined that generally if Madison County is on a level 2 or 3, worship will be cancelled for that day. We will do our best to let you know in advance.

Hope 4 The Holidays



"Adopt A Child"

It is a tradition at St. John's to "adopt" less fortunate children for Christmas and soon the children's names will be posted for you to "adopt." Those of you who would like to purchase a gift for a needy child at Christmas, we will soon have names for you to adopt from the bulletin board at the church entrance (or call the church office). Purchase no more than 3 gifts (\$50.00-\$75.00 total) from the child's wish list and return the wrapped gifts to St. John's.

Be sure to have all the gifts tagged with the scrolls so the family will know which item goes to which child.

Care Group



Interested in learning about the Care Group? We send birthday, anniversary, get well, etc. cards to families. The church furnishes the cards. It's nice to be remembered and you'll feel good for doing the remembering!

Questions, please see Debbie Ball or the church office.



Prayer Requests

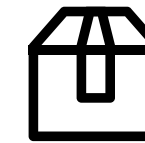
If you have a prayer request, please pick up a prayer request card in the church office. In accordance with HIPAA Law, a prayer request should not be published without the person's consent.

Marilyn Ballenger
Vici Geer
George Lassel
Charlene Olsen

Jim Penix
Peg Saupe
David Smith
Debbie Vecchiarelli

We extend prayers of Christian sympathy to Betty Thompson and family on the loss of her brother, Jim Miller.

Christmas Shoebox



Operation Christmas Child

National drop off November 17-24.

Donate online: build your shoebox online. See the Samaritan's Purse website at <https://samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child> for details.

General information and the shoeboxes are available near the church entrance.

Pack your own shoebox and bring it to church by Sunday morning, November 16 and Eileen will drop it off.

A Christmas shoebox from St John's was delivered into the hands of a child in Peru last year.

What a special gift in so many ways to him and his family! In past years, shoeboxes from our church have shared the precious gift of Jesus with children in Burundi, Botswana, Panama, Guatemala, South Sudan, Columbia and "special hard to reach areas". Start a new tradition. Continue a worthy tradition.

Eileen West (threewests@msn.com) is happy to answer any questions.



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 December 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.



New Presiding Bishop

On October 4, Yehiel Curry was installed as Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. Read more and watch the installation service at <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2025/10/answering-the-call>.



Give Thanks

Thanksgiving...a time to gather with family and friends, share an amazing meal together, football games, and so on but most of all, giving God thanks for our families and all the generous gifts which God has blessed each of us with.

