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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

DECEMBER 2025



Pr. Josh, Maisie, Hallie & Macy



Randy, Dominic, Lisa, Pr. Josh & Karen

## New Members

On November 9 we celebrated the baptism of Macy Victoria Eades, Hallie Loren Patz and Maisie Lou Patz.

On November 16 we received Dominic Gammell, Randy Lash, Lisa Lash and Karen Papp as new members via transfer.

## Christmas Worship Schedule

*Christmas Eve, December 24th*

*8:00 PM Celebrating the Nativity of our Lord  
with Holy Communion and Candlelight*

*Sunday, December 28th 10:00 AM*

*A Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas.*

*Sunday, January 4th 10:00 AM*

*Second Sunday of Christmas*

*(The wonder we celebrate at Christmas)*

*We invite you and your family to come celebrate our Savior's Birth on  
Christmas Eve and the following two Sundays.*

*Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace to God's People on Earth!*

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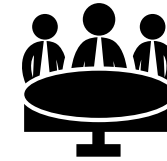
# Women's Christmas Dinner Sunday

December 7th at 5PM.

*Please join us at St. John's for an evening full of fellowship among our sisters of Christ. Dinner will be provided and the men will serve the meal. A gift exchange (\$10-\$15) will occur. Kind of like a white elephant gift exchange. Music and maybe a few carols sung. There will be a drawing too. Sign-up sheet is by the front door; please let us know so we can prepare accordingly. If you have any questions, please let Amy know. All women are welcomed. Merry Christmas!!!!*



## Council Highlights



Council discussed the statement of intent for giving to the Synod.

The repairs needed to the HVAC system were less than expected and the invoice for services was less than the amount council approved in September.

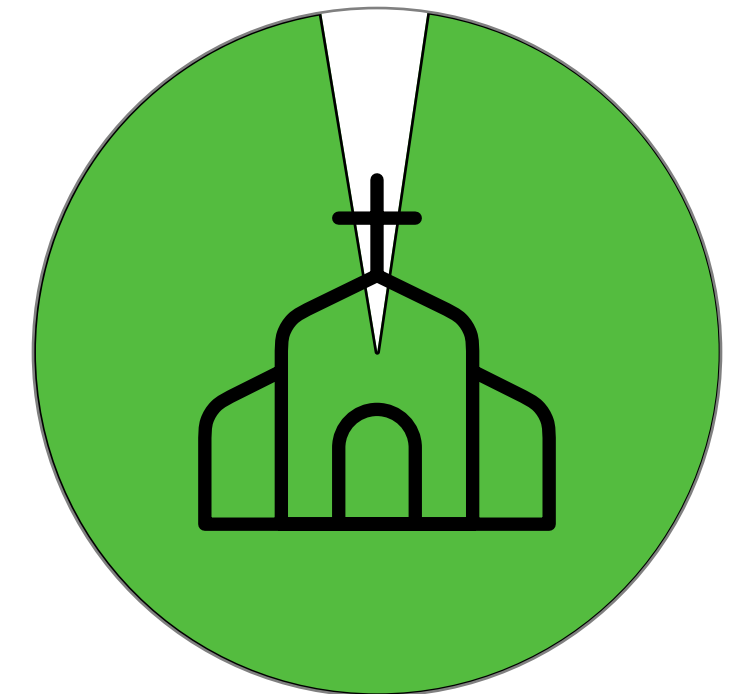
Madison Correctional was unable to coordinate a special dinner for the select inmates, but are still interested in food donations. Council will discuss a food donation for Christmas at our December meeting.

Council decided to continue using PNC bank. Valerie will work them to get the signatures on our accounts updated.

## Finance Report

	October	YTD
Income	\$30,133.34	\$252,857.34
Expenses	12,667.81	152,182.18
Net	\$17465.53	\$80,675.18
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Mortgage Balance (11/10)		\$50,844.76

*Mortgage Payoff*  
**Initial: \$971,747**  
**Current: \$50,845**



## Call Committee

Rick Davis: chair  
 Tim Amling  
 Kelly Cooley  
 Marty Komives

Victoria Patrick  
 Morgan Riley  
 Scott Spohler

## Church Council

Name	Phone / Text	Email
Kelly Davis	(614) 581-8929	rick_and_kelly@yahoo.com
Martha Davis	(740) 248-6440	mjdavis7085@gmail.com
Valerie Eades, President	(614) 419-0232	vjeeades@gmail.com
Mark Erbaugh, Council Secretary	(740) 845-1877	mark.election@gmail.com
Melanie (Fritzi) Heckel	(920) 279-8044	heckelf6@gmail.com
Liz Lassel, Treasurer	(614) 769-3986	agourdus1@yahoo.com
Aaron Patrick, Vice President	(937) 417-8346	ampatrick29@gmail.com
Josh Stibb, Interim Pastor		

## December Birthdays



- 5 Joe Datz
- 8 Alex Spohler
- 11 Priscilla Stibb
- 12 Josh Stekli  
Ellie Wood
- 13 David Fisher  
Maverick Ball  
John Stekli, Sr.
- 16 Chris Webb
- 19 Karen Gearhart
- 20 Elisha Fisher
- 21 Karissa Dodge
- 27 Kyle Carter  
Hannah Stibb
- 29 Jeff Blain  
Wyatt Eades

## December Anniversaries



- 14 John & Debbie Henneman
- 19 Dana & Rachel Fisher
- 21 Marty & Elaine 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

	December 7	December 14	December 21	Christmas Eve	December 28
<b>Acolyte</b>	Andy Wood	Nancy Hodosko	Mia Patrick	Gene Noble	Tim Amling
<b>Ushers</b>	Al Datz Fran Datz	Dora Johnson Marian Fisher	Victoria Patrick Aaron Patrick	Gene Noble, Jeff Blain Jerry Ball, Debbie Ball	Dave Fisher Mel Fisher
<b>Lector</b>	Valerie Eades	Dominic Gammell	Elaine Komives	Mark Erbaugh	Rick Davis, Scott Spohler Dorene Browning
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Ruth Peters Kelly Cooley	Rick Davis Kelly Davis	Dana Fisher Rachel Fisher	Tim Amling Susan Friend	Nancy Penix Eileen West
<b>Video Sound</b>	John Stekli D'Ann Stekli	Scott Spohler Anna Spohler	Mike Wood Bobby Wood	Woods Family Spohler Family	John Stekli D'Ann Stekli
<b>Offering Caregiver</b>	Tim Amling Fritzi Heckel	Kelly Davis Marie Wood	Kelly Cooley Mark Erbaugh		Valerie Eades Aaron Patrick
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jerry Ball Debbie Ball	Jerry Ball Debbie Ball	Jerry Ball Debbie Ball	Jerry Ball Debbie Ball	Jerry Ball Debbie Ball
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In honor of Alex Spohler's birthday by family	In honor of Ellie Wood's birthday by family	In loving memory of Zack Ward by parents Wally & Linda	In loving memory of Gary Peters by the Peters family	In loving memory of Gary Peters by the Peters family
<b>Eternal Flame</b>	Peters Family	Peters Family	Peters Family	Peters Family	Peters 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 - Nicene Creed
- Children's Sunday School** - Sunday 10:00am Nursery

## December Worship Readings

	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
7	2 Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
14	3 Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:5-10 Or Luke 1:46b-55	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
21	4 Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Romans 1: 1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
24	Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]
28	Lessons & Carols				



### 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.

## Kroger Rewards



Thank you to the 22 households participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program.

Between August 1 and October 31 you contributed \$46.40 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)

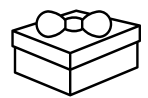
The Food Pantry serves an average of 800 households which includes an average of roughly 3,000 individuals every three months. Food and financial support can be dropped off at 125 S. Oak St. in London during distribution hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday, or by special arrangement

## 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. We have 15 children to adopt.

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



Hand bell choir starts practicing on Wednesdays @ 6pm. Anyone can join and ring a bell or two. Marie Wood will direct.

### Bell Choir Schedule

11/26/2025 no practice

12/3/2025 practice at 6pm

12/10/2025 practice at 6pm

12/17/2025 practice at 6pm

Stay tuned for more practice times.



### Vocal Choir Schedule

11/26/2025 no practice

12/3/2025 practice right after Advent 7pm service

12/10/2025 practice right after Advent 7pm service

12/17/2025 practice right after Advent 7pm service

Stay tuned for more practice times.



## 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  
Martha Davis & Family  
Marian Fisher  
Vici Geer  
George & Liz Lassel  
Charlene & Elmer Olsen  
Jim Penix  
David Smith  
Betty Thompson  
Debbie Vecchiarelli

## Christian Sympathy

The family of David Groves (Sonia Hazlett's brother) who passed way November 15.

The family of Rebecca Bell (used to attend our DD service) who passed away November 19.

## 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.*

## New Addresses

Peg Saupe  
1551 MLK ST SE  
Unit #4042  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Vici Jean Geer  
Madison House  
351 Keny Blvd.  
Room 119  
London, Ohio 43140

Marilyn Ballenger  
Danbury Estate  
2870 Snouffer Road  
Apt. 232  
Columbus, Ohio 4323

## 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](mailto:heckelf6@gmail.com).



# **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**