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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 2026

On Pentecost Sunday, we shared a wonderful morning at St. John's. I'd like to think they are all wonderful, but this one especially so. We had a baptism! The first steps of a toddler as a child of God, the directions and pace of this part of his journey dependent upon his parents and family. He will stumble. He will fall. But he will get back up each time, and we pray that his direction remains firmly pointed toward our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

From that morning's service I went straight into confirmation class. In teaching our students, they encounter steps that are being taken a bit further down the road of their spiritual journeys. They, too, will stumble and fall, and they, too, will rise each time. But with each step they take, they are more independent of the directions they will take. They now choose the path for themselves. We also pray for them, that their direction remains steady and true and pointed to Christ.

But they are human. Imperfect. They may lose their way at times, and perhaps more than once. They may find themselves among the high weeds and off the trail altogether. Just like you and me.

For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

That seems simple enough. But for those of us further down the road, so to speak, I'm sure we would agree it is far tougher than one could imagine. To walk by faith takes courage and strength. It takes patience. It takes a willingness to follow sometimes, and lead in others. We often must be willing to give up many aspects of control within our life, often in areas we have fought so hard to gain control of for ourselves in the first place. The journey we take is often difficult but it is also a tremendous blessing and reward. Walking by faith allows us to see and experience God in all His fullness and grace.

Walking by faith requires our obedience to God and it may take us to places we've never known. It means we hold onto the dreams that God has planted within our hearts even though with each step we take we may fail to realize we are making any progress at all. Because life doesn't always look like how we planned and what we wanted it to be. Walking by faith means the courage and love to stand up for others and lift each other up at times when it feels we need to be lifted. Lifting others along their path, not to ours, but pointing them in their own path toward Christ.

A walk of faith forces us out of our comfort zones. We must be willing to let God turn our world upside down and shake it – like a snow globe! Shaken, settled, then shaken again. Sometimes the result may be a calling within a particular church ministry (helping with worship service, fellowship, education or outreach activities). Sometimes the walk may include pain within our life. But whatever steps, and what we encounter along the way, give it to God. Surrender and ask Him to use it to change your life, and He will lead your journey, smooth your path before you and teach you that walk of faith.

Continue taking steps each day. You may wobble like a toddler at times, and you may run a perfect race at others. But either way,

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take a step. Don't stand or sit still. You'll never see more than you see right now if you stand still. God has in store for us great things. Surrender to Him and let Him lead your way.

With blessings
Vicar Jon



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.

Prudy Goodyear
Madi Herdman *Keith Languell's grand daughter*
Nancy Hodosko
George Lassel
Ryan Lappie
Valerie Meister *Vicar's mother*
Charlene Olsen
Rich Paysen
Jim Penix
Marilyn *Martha Davis' sister*

We extend Christian sympathy to the friends, family and loved ones of those who have recently passed.

Richard Wayne Hout Elaine Komives' brother
Peg Saupe



June Calendar

First Sunday Fellowship
June 7, after worship

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

HELP House Meal Preparation
June 15, 8:00am - noon

Council Planning Retreat
June 20, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Fathers' Day BBQ Party
June 21, after worship



Worship Service for People of All Abilities

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."
Genesis 1:27, 31



Come join us for worship, songs of praise, and fellowship. Jesus welcomes all, and you are invited to receive Him within the meal of communion. Arrive comfortable - there is no dress code. Leave blessed - with the love of Christ.



When

Every Sunday beginning June 7
Worship time: 2:30-3:00 PM
Fellowship time: 3:00-3:30 PM

Where

St. John's Lutheran Church
380 Keny Blvd.
London, OH 43140
(740) 852-1522



Good Samaritan Fund

The church now has *The Good Samaritan* fund. Proceeds from this fund will be used to meet emergency needs within the community and in the congregation. Please consider contributing to this fund.

Starting in July, the line item on your offering envelopes for the mortgage will be replaced by this fund since we no longer have a mortgage.

Some of this fund will be used to purchase gift cards to be given out by the church office (with documentation to prevent abuse) to those coming to the church for assistance. Some of this fund will be contributed to the H.E.L.P house for their community emergency fund.



Council Highlights

Council will hold a planning retreat June 20 from 9-5 at the church.

The special needs (DD) service will resume on June 7.

We are looking into offering custom embroidered clothing promoting St. John's.

Attendance of the Adult Sunday School has increased.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 26 - 30 (Sunday through Thursday).

Allstate Exterior will be inspecting our roof for hail damage.

The dugout on the ball field has been vandalized with graffiti and will need to be repainted.

Council received an estimate of \$65,000 for a new digital sign. Council will explore less expensive alternatives.

The current cleaner is not doing all that needs to be done. Council is looking into a replacement cleaning service

Finance Report

	April	YTD
Income	\$17,809.66	\$82,841.05
Expenses	23,248.56	108,432.54
Net	\$5,438.90	\$25,591.49

Pentecost Baptism



(L to R) Vicar, Braxton Gray, Houston Gray, Emile Johnson

Lasagna Dinner Kitchen



Church Council

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June Birthdays



- 6 Dorene Browning
- 8 Ruth Peters
- 9 Al Datz
- 13 Tim Amling
Isabel Lappie
- 14 Anna Spohler
Jordan Toops
- 15 Kimberly Storck
- 17 Andy Wood
- 24 Katie Sparks
- 27 Eric Friend
Elisabeth Rissle
- 28 Marie Wood

June Anniversaries



- 7 Elmer & Charlene Olsen
Kyle & Emily Ball
- 11 Jim & Nancy Penix
- 21 Jim & Sharon Dillion
- 25 George & Liz Lassel
- 29 Steve & Kelly Cooley
Fred & Fritzi Heckel

First Sunday Fellowship



Join us after worship the first Sunday of each month in Luther's Café for coffee, snacks and fellowship. Since the first Sunday in April is Easter, the fellowship will be the Easter Bruch at 8:30.

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.

Daylight Bible Study



10am Tuesdays at the Church

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

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.

Altar Flowers / Eternal Flame

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 and the eternal flame is \$10.00 per week.

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 the 21 households participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program.

Between February 1 and April 30 you contributed \$56.26 to St. John's. The Kroger Rewards goes into our Good Samaritan Fund.

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

Christian Education

[Daylight Bible Study](#) - Tuesday 10:00am Luther Café - Gospel of Matthew

[Adult Sunday School](#) - Sunday 9:00am David Room - *Animate: Faith*

[Children's Sunday School](#) - Sunday 10:00am Nursery

HELP House

Changes at the HELP House

The HELP House is a nonprofit organization who provides Madison County residents with daily needs. Unfortunately, the building they were operating out of is not available anymore. The administration is searching for another facility to continue operations. Until one is located, the staff is still going to make meals but from different kitchen locations. Our St. John's council voted to allow the use of our kitchen for food/meal prep when the other churches are unavailable. We are not becoming a distribution or storage site. We also do not have to provide volunteers.

Organizations like St. John's Lutheran will continue to provide a hot home cooked meal certain days of the month. Our congregation works together to prepare at least 150 individual servings that friends in need can enjoy. St. John's prepares a meal four times a year on the third Monday of March, June, September and December.

Donations are always welcome in the form of:

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| 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! We socialize as we chop veggies and fill the containers. It is very enjoyable and uplifting so please feel free to join us from 8:30-11:30 or anytime in between.

Please contact Fritzi Heckel at 920-279-8044 with any questions or suggestions.

Adult Sunday School

On May 3, we began a series titled *Animate: Faith*. Each session starts with a video featuring a leading Christian voice followed by time for personal reflection and journaling and then sharing ideas with the group.

- God | Faith is a Quest *Brian McLaren*
- Religion | Spirituality is Not Enough *Lilian Daniel*
- Jesus | The Revolution of Love *Mark Scandrette*
- Cross | Where God Is *Nadia Bolz-Weber*
- Bible | A Book Like No Other *Lauren Winner*
- Church | An Imperfect Family *Bruce Reyes-Chow*

Please join us a 9:00 am in the David Room. All are welcome. Feel free to attend even if you can't attend all sessions.

How to Get the Most from Thrivent Investments

If you already have an investment account through Thrivent Financial Investments you are able to apply for an Action Team grant twice a year for \$250 each time. The application is short, practical, and easy to complete. There are also “Choice Dollars” you can designate. Please contact Fritzi Heckel 920-279-8044 for assistance and ideas. We need to coordinate our requests so they don’t overlap. None of this money comes from your personal account, it is a corporate mission to help communities thrive and to serve others.

To start:

1. Set up your online access at [click here](#) to set up online account access.
2. Log in and click the top tab called Generosity.
3. On the left panel, you will see “Thrivent Action Teams” or “Thrivent Choice”.

Thrivent Action Teams will get you to the \$250 grant application.

Thrivent Choice will get you to the Choice Dollars (similar to our Kroger points).

You can do both.

4. Once on one of those pages, scroll a bit to see what option you want.

This may seem like a small amount but since 19?? St. John’s Lutheran has received over \$30,000 from Thrivent giving.





Summer Concert Series

at BLUEBIRD & SOVEREIGN VILLAGE

COOKOUTS • COLD DRINKS • LIVE MUSIC
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Join us for great food, cold drinks and live music!

MAY 15	Barefoot Jake McCoy
JUNE 5	Late Horizon Band
JUNE 19	Hayley Keffer
JULY 10	Two by Two
AUGUST 7	Steve Spires Band
AUGUST 21	JR Hunter Band
SEPTEMBER 25	Spittin' Image

2026 COOKOUT MENU

MAY 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Ice Cream Truck 	AUGUST 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corn Dogs & Hot Dogs Creamy Cornucopia & Tomato Salad Kale-walder Ice Cream Truck
JUNE 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot Wings & Grilled Chicken Potato Salad Cucumber & Onion Salad Ice Cream Truck 	AUGUST 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burgers with All the Fixings Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Ice Cream Truck
JUNE 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shredded Pork & Hamburgers Potato Salad Collards Ice Cream Truck 	SEPTEMBER 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steak & Sauerkraut German Potato Salad Chips Ice Cream Truck
JULY 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grilled Sausage & Shredded BBQ Chicken Potato Salad Chips Ice Cream Truck 	

BLUEBIRD RETIREMENT COMMUNITY | *Sovereign Village*
2250 State Route 30 SW | London, Ohio



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE 2026

MINISTRY	JUNE 7	JUNE 14	JUNE 21	JUNE 28	
ACOLYTE	MIA PATRICK	DOMINIC GAMMELL	ANDY WOOD	MIA PATRICK	
USHERS	NANCY PENIX KRISTEN DUNCAN	MARIAN FISHER RACHAEL FISHER	KEITH LANGUELL TIM AMLING	PAM SMATHERS DORA JOHNSON	
LECTOR	VICTORIA PATRICK	SUSAN FRIEND	FRAN DATZ	D'ANNE STECKLI	
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	AMY McCOMAS GENE NOBLE	JEFF BLAIN AARON PATRICK	JERRY AND DEB BALL	DAVE AND MEL FISHER	
POWER POINT VIDEO/	MIKE AND ANDY WOOD	SCOTT & ALEX SPOHLER	JOHN & D'ANNE STECKLI	MIKE AND ANDY WOOD	
ALTAR GUILD	KELLY COOLEY RACHAEL FISHER	KELLY COOLEY RACHAEL FISHER	KELLY COOLEY RACHAEL FISHER	KELLY COOLEY RACHAEL FISHER	
OFFERING CAREGIVERS	TIM AMLING FRITZ HECKLE	MARIE WOOD	KELLY COOLEY MARK ERBAUGH	VALERIE EADES AARON PATRICK	
ALTAR FLOWERS	CHARLENE & ELMER 68TH WEDDING ANNIV.	JIM & NANCY PENIX WEDDING ANNIV.	ANNA SPOHLER BIRTHDAY	STEVE & KELLY COOLEY'S 35TH WEDDING ANNIV	
ETERNAL FLAME	THE COOLEY FAMILY	THE COOLEY FAMILY	THE COOLEY FAMILY	THE COOLEY FAMILY	

