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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

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*There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

While I want you to read on, I also hope that many of you are already singing The Byrds in your head right now: "To everything (turn, turn, turn), there is a season (turn, turn, turn)....

Life is made up of many different seasons. And not just seasons like spring, summer, winter and fall, but different seasons of life, for different emotions and different responsibilities. We may know them by the everyday events within our lives, such as the birth of (grand) children, birthdays and ball games, graduations of students of all ages, weddings and anniversaries, days of work and toil, vacations and retirement.

We also know them as illnesses and hospital visits; of financial insecurities and unforeseen emergencies. Days when "normal" means living in and through pain, perhaps even when once razor-sharp minds can no longer remember the names of family members and friends. Days when the to-do list may include attending the funeral of a family member or close friend.

Some days we would love to just hit the pause button and let the moment seemingly remain forever. Some we may even wish to rewind and watch again as if for the very first time. Watch-rewind-watch-rewind-watch... over and over and over again.

Other days we wish we could fast forward, skip over and bypass. Some we would like to delete altogether or maybe rewind and re-record to somehow change the outcome if only we could.

The Lord created these different seasons in our lives to shape us, to help us deal with the world and the people around us and create us into who He intended us to be. He uses these seasons, good or bad, to show us that through it all, He is good and that He can, in the words of Solomon, "make everything beautiful for its own time" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). His time, not ours. Each of these seasons, whether joyful or sorrowful, are ways for God to capture our hearts and our faith.

And the faithful who recognize they receive their seasons from God's hand, those who remain ready to relinquish them as His eternal plan continues to unfold, discover a radical kind of freedom. The more ready we are to part with the good gifts we receive, the less worried we are about losing them, and the more able we are to enjoy them.

Because on this side of the cross and empty tomb, we are promised eternal life in Christ Jesus. We may live in an Ecclesiastes world of ever-changing seasons, but we are headed for a world without sin or suffering, without death or loss. And though we cannot keep our seasons from slipping away from us here, Scripture gives us hope that one day, all things will be made new.

Many of us may be living in a season of sunshine and happiness.

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Others perhaps in colder, darker times. Either way, God will change the season of life when He's ready to change something within us. He just wants us to trust Him through each and every season. No matter what kind of season we are going through, we can both remember and rest that God always promises to make it beautiful in His time.

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.

Madi Herdman
Nancy Hodosko
Ryan Lappie
George Lassel
Valerie Meister
Barbara Mills
Charlene Olsen
Piper Thompson
Marilyn
Kristen Duncan
David Friend- Susan Friend's brother in law
Sheila Kern - close friend of Susan Friend



August Calendar

[First Sunday Fellowship](#)
August 9, after worship
(note date change)

[Congregation Meeting](#)
August 9, after worship

[Church Council Meeting](#) (open to all)
August 11, 6:00pm

The Chosen Showing
Starting September 7

Blood Drive
September 24 (details coming)

PowerPoint Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers to run the PowerPoint computer for the Sunday afternoon service.

August Birthdays



- 8 Lilly Mullet
- 9 Mary Burke
- 10 Alex Mullet
- 14 Beverly Londergan
Christian Meister
- 18 Betty Thompson
- 25 Victoria Patrick
- 28 Valerie Eades
- 31 Milt Boerger

August Anniversaries



- 13 Aaron & Victoria Patrick
- 14 Jerry & Debbie Ball
- 20 Dorene & Mark Browning
- 21 Tim & Dorothy Amling
- 26 Tom & Linda Jaspter

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.

Congregation Meeting

Please attend Sunday August, 9th service. We will have a meeting about the importance of the roof repair. As most of you have learned, we have had damage from the storms. So make sure that you attend next Sunday as well as this Sunday and every Sunday. 😊

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.

NOTE: The August Fellowship is moved to August 9 for the Congregation Meeting.



Council Highlights

Council rejected a proposal from Robson (the original sign vendor) of \$7,850 for repair to our sign. We will implement a temporary fix of vinyl banners to cover the LED screens until a permanent solution can be found.

The roof has hail damage as well as being over 20 years old. Council called a special congregation meeting for August 9 to vote on roof repair.

Council accepted Liz Lassel's resignation as treasurer.

Council appointed Mark Erbaugh as treasurer.

Mark resigned as secretary and from council to accept the appointment (the treasurer is a non-voting member of council).

Council appointed Fritz Heckel as secretary.

There is a vacancy on council. Please consider volunteering.

Church Council

Name	Phone / Text	Email
Kelly Davis	(614) 581-8929	rick_and_kelly@yahoo.com
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(vacancy)		
Jon Meister, Vicar	(614) 204-8073	jmeistersam@stjohnslondon.org

Finance Report

	June 2026	2026 YTD
Income	\$24,962.48	\$131,713.57
Expenses	12,549.77	132,284.33
Net	\$12,412.71	\$570.76

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 go into our Good Samaritan Fund.

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



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.

H.E.L.P. House

The H.E.L.P House is a nonprofit organization who provides Madison County residents with daily needs. The new location is undergoing major renovations on the backside of Buckeye School. This area never had any plumbing so raising money to put in a kitchen and bathrooms is a priority. Thank you to everyone who ate at Los Mariachis in June during the 20% give back days. Meals will be distributed from Royal Cabinets until we hear other news. THANK YOU to the great crew who prepared 194 hot meals at St. John’s on June 16. THANK YOU also to those who were able to donate cash or keep the HH in their prayers because every little bit helps. We have always operated in the black! 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. Our next meal prep date will be September 21 and all are welcome who are available.

Donations are always welcome in the form of:

1. Cash

4. Onions

7. Buffet ham

10. Raw potatoes
2. Loaves of bread

5. Applesauce

8. Quart size zip bags
3. Cookies

6. Large cans of green beans

9. Snack size zip bags

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.



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



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.

No-Cost Out-of-County Medical Rides for Seniors in Madison County!

HELP SPREAD THE WORD TO A SENIOR WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM THIS TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITY!

ARE YOU 60 OR OLDER?

- You may be eligible for no-cost out-of-county medical rides!
- Call Fayette Madison Transit 740-335-9628
- When you call, ask for:
 - “The No-Cost COAAA Out-of-County Rides”
- Ride must start or end in Madison County.

NUMBER OF NO-COST-RIDES ARE LIMITED SO CALL SOON!



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

Adult Sunday School

We continue with our series titled *Animate: Faith*. Each session has a video featuring a leading Christian voice surrounded by time for personal reflection and journaling and then sharing ideas with the group.

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| • God | <i>Faith is a Quest</i> | Brian McLaren |
| • Religion | <i>Spirituality is Not Enough</i> | Lilian Daniel |
| • Jesus | <i>The Revolution of Love</i> | Mark Scandrette |
| • Salvation | <i>Abundant Life Now</i> | Shane Hipps |
| • Cross | <i>Where God Is</i> | Nadia Bolz-Weber |
| • Bible | <i>A Book Like No Other</i> | Lauren Winner |
| • Church | <i>An Imperfect Family</i> | Bruce Reyes-Chow |

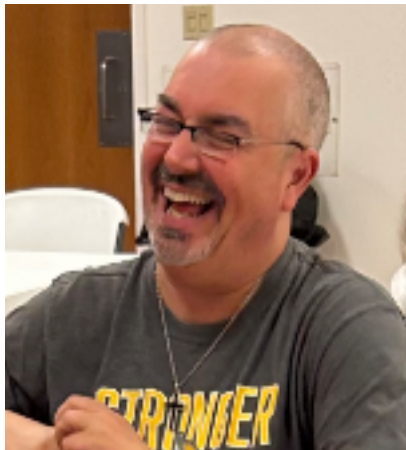
Please join us a 9:00 am in the David Room. All are welcome. Feel free to attend even if you can’t attend all sessions.



Luther Café Whiteboard

The theme for the whiteboard is now *We are all God's creation, share your family vacation pics.* Previously, it was *Favorite Bible Verse*. See the picture above of what everyone wrote.

Fourth of July Cookout



Each week at St. John's Lutheran Church
Tuesday afternoons at 1:00
Thursday evenings at 7:00
Beginning Tuesday September 7
Free to the congregation and friends!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST 2026

MINISTRY	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 9	AUGUST 16	AUGUST 23	AUGUST 30
ACOLYTE	ANDY WOOD	ALEX SPHOLER	DOMINIC GAMMELL	MIA PATRICK	JEFF BLAIN
USHERS	JERRY & DEB BALL	KEITH LANGUELL	DORA JOHNSON PAM SMATHERS	DAVE AND MEL FISHER	KRISTEN DUNCAN AMY MCCOMAS
LECTOR	LINDA WARD	SCOTT SPHOLER	TIM AMLING	DANA FISHER	SUSAN FRIEND
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	RUTH PETERS KELLY COOLEY	MALENIE HADIDON EILEEN WEST	GENE NOBLE DEB VECCHIERELLI	VALERIE EADES MACY EADES	RICK AND KELLY DAVIS
POWER POINT VIDEO/ SOUND	SCOTT AND ALEX SPHOLER	JOHN & D'ANNE STECKLI	MIKE WOOD	SCOTT AND ALEX SPHOLER	MIKE WOOD
ALTAR GUILD	SHARON DILLION NANCY HODOSKO	SHARON DILLION NANCY HODOSKO	SHARON DILLION NANCY HODOSKO	SHARON DILLION NANCY HODOSKO	SHARON DILLION NANCY HODOSKO
OFFERING CAREGIVERS	TIM AMLING FRITZ HECKLE	MARIE WOOD KELLY DAVIS	KELLY COOLEY MARK ERBAUGH	VALERIE EADES AARON PATRICK	SHARON DILLION NANCY HODOSKO
ALTAR FLOWERS	GIVEN BY BEVERLY LONDERGAN	GIVEN BY BEVERLY LONDERGAN	GIVEN BY BEVERLY LONDERGAN	TONYA BLAIN & VICTORIA PATRICK BIRTHDAYS BY JEFF BLAIN	MEMORY OF SAVANNA WILSON BY JEAN SHONKWILER
ETERNAL FLAME	DEBBIE VECCHIERELLI	DEBBIE VECCHIERELLI	DEBBIE VECCHIERELLI	DEBBIE VECCHIERELLI	DEBBIE VECCHIERELLI

Uncle Mike's Birthday

We would like to thank everyone for making Uncle Mikey's 80th birthday so special. He has gotten so many cards in the mail from St. John's friends! He is now everyone's favorite Uncle Mike.

Fred, Fritz & Gayla Heckel

