Sunday Worship 10:00am

the Chimes

Christ in us, the hope of glory!

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"Thank you, Jesus." What a wonderful sentiment, one I hope we all have felt and said more than just a time or two. These are the words that my grandmother, rather, maw-maw – Norma Chandler, would say each morning as she awoke. I heard them countless times throughout the years when visiting both as a child and adult, up to the time of her death a few years ago. It didn't matter whether there were happy times in store for that day, and many times there were not. It didn't matter whether she found herself in good health that morning, as day-after-day, time, as well as cancer, continued to wear her down. But every morning as she was able to touch her feet to the floor, she gave thanks. One more deliverance safely through the night, one more opportunity to make the most of the day before her. And she knew just who to thank.

That makes me think of the leper in Luke 17:11-19 who actually comes back to thank Jesus after he and nine others were healed. The others continued to the temple to show themselves to the priests as Jesus had directed. But the one, the Samaritan, returns to Jesus. Why did he come back?

As a Samaritan, he would have had little concern for Jewish priests in a temple or synagogue. Maybe he was raised to always say, "thank you," but that seems a stretch. Perhaps, though, when he saw that he was healed, he recognized Jesus for who He is. Why visit a priest when Jesus provides the healing? Why go to a priest to pray when he has encountered the living God?

This man had very little reason to go and seek priests but had every reason to build a relationship with Jesus. His gratitude was far more than a "thank you." It was true worship; it was complete dependency. He was seeking a deep, personal and loving relationship with Jesus, all stemming from his deep gratitude.

It seems so hard to believe that we find Thanksgiving right around the corner. A time for family, for togetherness, for putting aside the differences that can invade even the closest of relationships and simply be thankful for what we have, whether much or little. But why wait for the fourth Thursday in November to be thankful? (And hopefully, you don't.)

Perhaps that's what we learn from this Samaritan. "Thank you" is one thing, but our true Christian calling is actually to seek a deeper relationship with Jesus throughout all our circumstances. Isn't that why we meet each Sunday morning – to give thanks and deepen our faith and relationship through worship and prayer and communion? Not as an end in themselves, but a way to deeper intimacy with Jesus as we rejoice in being saved by Him and we recognize our own dependence on Him.

As we are saved in Christ, we all receive His healing touch each day, even as we may bear physical struggles. May we all cry out "thank you" each day to the One who saves us, living a life of gratitude, one that will transform who you are in body and mind and will enable you to impact others as we live His command to love our neighbor as ourselves. God will truly be glorified in and

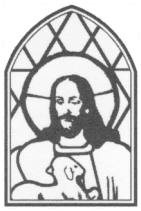
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through us as we live lives of gratitude to Him. May your holidays be blessed and may the times with family be spent with warmth and love.

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.

Barb and Patrick Mills
Amanda Kennedy (Ray Scharf's daughter)
Madi Herman
Nancy Hodosko
Charlene Olsen
Ray Scharf
Melanie Fisher
David Friend
Debbie Vecchiarelli
Ryan Lappie
Valerie Meister

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

Charles "Buck" McComas - Bart's Father

November Birthdays



2 Jennie Mullet
8 Liz Lassel
Maggie Wagner
11 Sophia Penwell
13 Brandi Ackley
19 Macy Eades
20 Aaron Patrick
John Stekli
23 Dorian Amling
23 Cody Penwell
25 Eileen West

November Anniversaries



11 Hadidon, Malenie & Robert



Mid-week Advent

Wednesdays, starting December 2.

Meal 6:00pm, bring something to share.
Worship 7:00pm

Confirmation



Alex Spohler, Vicar Jon, Sophia Penwell

Snacks for All Abilities Service

There is a sign up sheet for snacks for the second service.

PowerPoint Help Needed

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

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.

November Calendar



Congregation Meeting
November 1, after worship

First Sunday Fellowship
November 1, after worship

The Chosen Showing
November 3, 10, 17, 24 - 1:00pm
November 5, 12, 19, 26 - 7:00pm

Church Council Meeting (open to all)
November 10, 6:00pm

Bell Choir Practice
November 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:00 - 7:00pm

Vocal Choir Practice
November 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00-8:00pm

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

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.

Finance Report

	September	2026 YTD
Income	$28,617.62	$228,411,50
Expenses	58,383.26	321,072.87
Net	**$-29,765.64**	**$-92,661.37**

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.

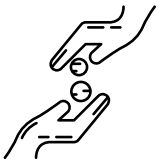
Kroger Rewards



Thank you to the 22 households participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program. From May through July you contributed $66.54 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/community/community-rewards

Good Samaritan Fund



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

Church Council

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Christian Education

Daylight Bible Study - Tuesday 10:00am Luther Café - Daniel
Adult Sunday School - Sunday 9:00am David Room - *Pulverized Parables*
Children's Sunday School - Sunday 10:00am Nursery

Adult Sunday School

For four weeks in November, we will be studying *Pulverized Parables: An Irreverent Look at Some of Jesus' Teachings.* Jesus's parables were designed to wake up his audience by turning some of the norms of the day upside down. With our modern culture different from that of the original audience, we've lost some of the "shock" value. With this study, we will try and generate a fresh look at these teachings.

- 1: *Wall Street* - wealth / employment
- 8: *Wedding Crashers* - weddings / feasts
- 15: *Sideways* - vineyards / wine
- 22: *Viewer's Choice* - parable(s) selected by the class



Time Change

Daylight Saving Time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back to 1:00am at 2:00am Sunday morning, November 1. If you don't you'll show up for worship an hour early. If you arrive early, feel free to join the Adult Sunday School for a study on *Pulverized Parables*.



Daylight Bible Study
10am Tuesdays at the Church

Linda Ward is leading this Bible study which is currently studying the Daniel. During Advent, we be studying the Gospel of Mark

New members are always welcome.

The last Tuesday of each month we meet at local restaurants so the community can see us. Contact Linda or the church office for the location.

Advent Bible Challenge

The Sunday Gospel readings for the church year starting in Advent (November 29) focus on Mark. There are four weeks in Advent and sixteen chapters in Mark, so make it a goal to read (at least) four chapters a week. The adult



Each week at St. John's Lutheran Church

Tuesday afternoons at 1:00

Thursday evenings at 7:00

Free to the congregation and friends!



Breakfast with Santa

St. John's Lutheran Church

380 Keny Blvd.

Saturday, December 12, 2026

9am-11am

Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Milk, Juice

Adults: $7.00 Children: $4.00

Kids under 2: FREE

Picture with Santa included with breakfast

Secret Santa Gifts



Blood Drive
St John's Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
380 Keny Blvd
London, OH 43140

Thursday, December 10, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: SJLC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.

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Operation Christmas Child

The National Shoebox drop off is November 16-23.

Last year Christmas Shoeboxes from St. John's were delivered into the hands of excited children in Ecuador and Honduras. In past years, this incredible ministry has taken our small contributions into Peru, Burundi, Botswana, Panama and other faraway countries planting seeds of God's love for all people.

Embrace the tradition, or perhaps start a new holiday tradition.

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.

- Donate online
- Build your shoebox online
- Pack your own shoebox and bring it to church by Sunday morning, November 15 and Eileen will drop it off.
- Or drop your shoebox off in person at any of the designated locations (see website for times/ locations). The closest location is Faith Assembly Worship Center 2600 US Highway 40 NE London, OH

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

Congregation Meeting

There will be a congregation meeting November 1 following worship. The meeting will discuss an offer to sell a portion of our land. We will **not be deciding to sell at this meeting**, we will only decide whether we want to reject the offer outright or if we want to continue the process and work out the details. This may involve the services of outside professionals.

If we reach an agreement with the prospective buyer, the decision to sell and the terms of sale will be presented and voted on at a future meeting.

Madison County Public Health

Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Health Survey

Take the anonymous Madison County Health Survey and help shape the future of health services in our community. Every response makes a real difference. Participate online by visiting: chasurvey.madisonpublichealth.org or contact the health department at (740) 852-3065 for a paper copy.

Christmas Order Form

London Florist And Garden Center

Organization	Contact Name	Phone Number	Date
Address:		City:	
Email:		**Requested Delivery Date (circle one):**	
		December . 4th 5th 18th 19th	

Note: Poinsettia 4" is only being offered in-store this year. All poinsettias come with free foil pot-cover and delivery. Please finalize your orders by Nov. 17th.

Poinsettia Color	**Description**	**6.5" ($15.00) Standard Size**	**8" ($47.00) X-large (3 plants/pot)**	**10" ($75.00) Giant Show-Stopper (6 plants/pot)**
Christmas Star Yellow	Like the star of Bethlahem, a golden yellow to point to the true meaning of Christmas		not available	not available
Classic Red	This traditional red Christmas favorite embodies the rich history and vibrant joy of the holiday season.			
Classic White	Elegant large leaves combine with a peaceful winter white to provide a crisp, clean appearance.			Not Available
Classic Pink	A sophisticated alternative to traditional red, this elegant pink poinsettia features soft, rosy-toned petals that add a gentle, refreshing warmth			
Red Glitter	Beautiful red with white speckles looks lightly dusted with snow, adding an eye-catching festive sparkle.			Not Available
Christmas Beauty Princess	Vibrant red & creme coloring, compacting more into a upright space.		Not Available	Not Available
Tapestry	Classic red with variegated mistletoe green/white leaves beautifully complements traditional greenery		Not Available	Not Available
*Sky Pink	A cherry-red improvement on the "Ice Punch" variety with striking contrasts for a cheerful look. ***Our Top Pic***		Not Available	Not Available
Winter Rose	Curly, rose-like red petals add a touch of classic sophistication and warmth to gathering spaces.		Not Available	Not Available
Champagne Peach	Champagne peach with soft cream tones introduces a gentle brightness to holiday decor. Often described as a rosy peach color		Not Available	Not Available
Princettia Pink	A light pastel pink favorite with smaller than traditional leaves		Not Available	Not Available
Princettia Hot Pink	Vibrant hot pink, with smaller than traditional leaves brings a cheerful, modern, and uplifting burst of joy to your celebrations.		Not Available	Not Available
Princettia Pure White	Brilliant white, with smaller leaves offer a snow-white brightness that captures the magic of winter and the pureness of forgiveness		Not Available	Not Available
Tri-Color	Each pot contains a red, white, and pink poinsettia. A very fun and stunning combination.	Not Available		Not Available
Other Plants:			Not Available	Not Available
Amaryllis (actively growing & blooming in an assorted color) **$20.00**	Huge, stunning, and definitely majestic red or "apple blossom white" blooms.		Not Available	Not Available
Christmas Cactus, (assorted colors, 6"), **$20.00**	A beautiful holiday classic featuring vibrant, cascading blooms in surprise seasonal colors (assorted). Low water needs. Medium size pot.		Not Available	Not Available
Norfolk Pine Tree (8") **$50.00**	A charming, miniature living Christmas tree that brings the fresh scent and cozy magic of a winter forest straight into your home.	Not Available		Not Available

Christmas Star



Classic Red



Classic White



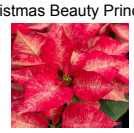
Classic Pink



Red Glitter



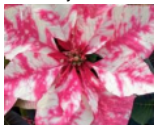
Christmas Beauty Princess



Tapestry



Sky Pink



Winter Rose



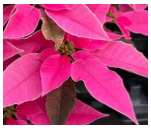
Champagne Peach



Princettia Pink



Princettia Hot Pink



Princettia Pure White



Tri-Color



Amaryllis



Christmas Cactus



Norfolk Pine Tree



Trunk or Treat

Bonus: find a former St. John's family.






















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Worship assistants for November 2026

Ministry	November1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Acolyte	Alex Spohler	Nancy Hodosko	Dominic Gammell	Mia Patrick	Gene Noble
Ushers	Linda and Wally Ward	Jerry and Deb Ball	Keith Languell Gene Noble	Victoria and Aaron Patrick	Nancy Penix Pam Smathers
Lector	Scott Spohler	Dana Fisher	Fran Datz	Mark Erbaugh	Debbie Vecchiarelli
Communion Assistants	Elaine and Marty Komives	Rick and Kelly Davis	Amy McComas Kristen Duncan	Tim Amling Susan Friend	Kelly Cooley Ruth Peters
Power Point Video	John and D'Anne Steckli	Scott and Alex Spohler	Mike and Marie Wood	Scott and Alex Spohler	Mike and Marie Wood
Altar Guild	Jerry and Deb Ball	Jerry and Deb Ball	Jerry and Deb Ball	Jerry and Deb Ball	Jerry and Deb Ball
Offering Caregivers	Tim Amling Fritzi Heckle	Marie Wood Kelly Davis	Kelly Cooley Mark Erbaugh	Valerie Eades Aaron Patrick	Sharon Dillion Nancy Hodosko
Altar Flowers	The McComas Family in honor of our loved ones	Malenie Hadidon Wedding Anniversary	Deb Vecchierelli for the glory of God	Beverly Londergan	Beverly Londergan
Eternal Flame	Nancy Hodosko	Nancy Hodosko	Nancy Hodosko	Nancy Hodosko	Nancy Hodosko