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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDS.	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Traditional Worship 8:15am New Membership Class 9:30am Sunday School Hour 9:30am Contemporary Worship 11am Traditional Worship 11am Adult Basketball 5pm	**2** *BSF Leaders 9:30am* *Property Team 10am* *Lunchtime AA 12pm* *Irish Music Rehearsal 4pm* *Elizabeth Circle 6pm* *Puppets 6:30pm* *Daily Reprieve AA 7pm*	***3 RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE*** ***VOTING IN THE FLC ALL DAY*** *Men's Prayer Group 7am* *Quilters 9:30am* *OWLS Planning 11:30am* *Private Event 5pm* *Girl Scouts #6679 6pm* *Boy Scouts #392 7pm* *SW Historical Soc. 7pm*	**4** *BSF 9:30am* *Small Group 1pm* *Private Event 2pm* *Private Event 5pm* *IQA Bible Study 6pm* *Women's Chorale 6:30pm* *Design for Living AA 7pm* *Energizers & Explorers 7pm* *Chancel Choir 7:30pm*	**5** *Promise Keepers 8am* *Bulletin Team 3pm* *Children's Choir 5pm* *Adventure Club & Faith Trek 5:45pm* *Celebration Ringers 6:15pm* *Dartball 8pm (@Bethel)*	**6** *Bible Study 9:30am* *Private Event 2pm* *Men's Chorale 3pm* *AA 8pm*	**7** *Traditional Worship 4pm* *Serenity Seekers AA 7pm*
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15 BLESS THE SHOEBOXES Traditional Worship 8:15am New Membership Class 9:30am Sunday School Hour 9:30am Contemporary Worship 11am Traditional Worship 11am Annual Veterans Luncheon 12pm Adult Basketball 5pm	**16** *BSF Leaders 9:30am* *Lunchtime AA 12pm* *Irish Music Rehearsal 4pm* *Council 6:30pm* *Puppets 6:30pm* *Daily Reprieve AA 7pm*	**17** *Men's Prayer Group 7am* *Quilters 9:30am* *Red Cross Blood Drive 12pm* *Private Event 5pm* *Friends of the Library 6pm* *Girl Scouts #6679 6pm* *Blue Ribbon 4-H 6:30pm* *Boy Scouts #392 7pm*	**18** *BSF 9:30am* *Small Group 1pm* *Private Event 2pm* *Private Event 5pm* *IQA Bible Study 6pm* *Women's Chorale 6:30pm* *Design for Living AA 7pm* *Energizers & Explorers 7pm* *Chancel Choir 7:30pm*	**19** *Promise Keepers 8am* *Bulletin Team 3pm* *Children's Choir 5pm* *Adventure Club & Faith Trek 5:45pm* *Celebration Ringers 6:15pm* *Dartball 8pm (@FBGC)*	**20** *Bible Study 9:30am* *OWLS 11:30am* *Private Event 2pm* *Men's Chorale 3pm* *AA 8pm*	**21** *Private Event 2pm* *Traditional Worship 4pm* *Serenity Seekers AA 7pm*
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Justin Gottshall
Sara Hartley
Lynnsey Logan
Stephanie Orahood

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RJ Castle
Barb Connors
Colton Thompson

3
Tyler Dent
JD Hayes
Ryan Uhrin

4
Ulrike Daniels
Georgia Finley
Susan Locey
Sharon May
Noah Schemrich
Alice Starr
Jenna White

5
Wayne Beavers
Judy Graessle
Hadlee Miller
Ashley Waller

6 Chris Jenkins

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Don Allman
Bella Castle

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Johnathan Allmon
Johnathan Duncan
Diana Imbrock
Jackie Rutan
Levi Solomon

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Tony Bennett
Linda Grody
Luke Robinette

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Gary Pecuch
Bill Snashall

12
Kaitlyn Ball
Darlene Conkle
Rachel Dougherty
David Grossman

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Auroraday Hamilton
David Stallard

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Gary Allwine
Barbara Sims

15 Shelia Holcomb

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Dan Allman
Rebecca Baumgartner
Jeanne Gusa
Gayle Woodgeard

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Scott Katterhenrich
Cindy Rawlins
Marilyn Weisenberger

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Walt Fike
Rowan Lovell
Bill Woodgeard

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Joey Jones
Tom Spray

20 Amy Hughes

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Cindy Dye
Ike Stage

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Veronica Hamilton
Trinity Isom
Ashley Kleoudis
Morgan vonLohr

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Armand Arabian
Jill Beck

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Betty Lewis
Jen Relyea

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Raymond Bentley
Elizabeth Kingsbury
Dan Rutan

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Greg Absten
Jennifer Patterson
Kathy Ratcliff

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Bryanna Brown
Richard Grimes
Erle Taylor
Briley Waller

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Jennifer Czaplicki
Jacqueline Wells

30 Ian Hughes

WRAPPED IN PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We are happy to teach anyone interested how to knit or crochet. For more information, call Glenda Allman at 614-352-5955 or Diana Imbrock at 614-271-5775.



Join us for the next meeting on Saturday, November 10 at 9am in Room 103-4.

Here's a spiritual growth goal:

Join a Circle of friends!

Joining our Circles is an easy way to make new friends and grow spiritually. Both Circles have



evening meeting times and are held in Room 103-4. Contact the leaders listed for more information.

Elizabeth Circle
Contact
Amy Shaw
614-496-2890

Monday, November 2 at 6pm

Sarah Circle
Contact
Diane Carducci
614-871-7588

Monday, November 23 at 7pm

SERVICE PROJECTS

BIKE PROJECT

Once again St. John's is pairing up with The Buckeye Ranch to supply bikes to children in need within central Ohio. We'd love to have your support providing for these kids! Here's how you can help:

- You may sponsor a fourth of a bike for $25, half of a bike for $50, or help purchase a helmet for $20. Donation envelopes are located at the church's entrances and will be available **November 9th**. Envelopes must be returned by **December 6th**. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church.
- Questions? Contact Corban Allman at corbana09@gmail.com or Megan Grossman at mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Make sure to put these dates on your calendar!
All of December – No Wednesday & Thursday night ministries
December 5 – Bike Project Assembly
December 3 & 10 – Youth Christmas Program practices
December 13 – Youth Christmas Program
December 19 – Hollystock
December 27 – No Sunday School

The Columbus Miniature Society (CMS) invites everyone to the 40th Annual Miniature Show and Sale at St. John's Lutheran in Grove City!

The longest running miniature event in central Ohio will feature a free Show Hall starting near the North Entrance Café and winding down through the Link. The Show Hall will contain more nearly 200 displays made by local miniature artists.

The Vendor Hall in the FLC will have more than two dozen artisans selling one-of-a-kind scale items, raffles for prizes such as kit baskets and completed miniature works, a craft table for kids, and a free miniature creative challenge for the public. Entrance to the Vendor Hall is $5.00.

Relationships are important to us at St. John's!

We want to surround our children and youth with lots of faith-filled relationships between all age groups so that they might know the love of Jesus and stay connected with the church. If you'd like to know how you can make a difference in a young person's life, connect with Kelsey Bacon, Youth and Family Ministry Director.

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See Pam Wittenberg on how your gift cards can raise monies at no extra cost to you!

ORDERS ARE PLACED THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

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Our organization number is EY530.

Shop at Kroger and a percentage comes back to the youth at St. John's!

WEEKLY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday School is for kids age 2 through grade 12 every Sunday from 9:30-10:30 am. Don't forget to check in on the tablets in the lobby before Sunday School starts!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Every other Sunday, during the Contemporary Worship sermon, kids pre-k through 2nd grade are pulled out for Children's Church in room 103-4. Children enjoy a creative lesson with one of our rotating teachers—Jenn Czaplicki, Kate Shrum, Erin Wahl, or Christina Allman.

WEEKLY YOUTH MINISTRY EMAILS
Parents, if you are not receiving weekly emails from Kelsey Bacon (new youth director!), please email her at kbacon@stjohnsgc.org to get added to the list.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL GAME NIGHT – November 7th
November 7th from 6:00-8:00 pm at church! We will spend the evening hanging out, playing games, and eating dinner together. Please let Kelsey know if you can make it!

LEGO CLUB – November 8th
The last Lego Club of the year will meet on Sunday November 8th, 12:00-2:00 pm. We start with lunch in the FLC, then have a short Bible lesson and create with Lego. It's creative, fun, and a great time with friends! Parents are welcome to join. Please RSVP to Christina or Jen Mitchell (jenmitchel@aol.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM for all children in Sunday School classes will take place on Sunday, December 13th starting at 5pm with dinner and the program to follow. Adults and children, please contact Christina Allman if you would like to be involved. We will have rehearsals on Thursday, Dec. 3rd and 10th with dinner provided from 5:30 to 7:15pm and dress rehearsal on Sunday, Dec. 13th during the Sunday School Hour.

SERVICE PROJECTS

VETERAN'S LUNCHEON – November 15th
Teens, we would love to have you help at this awesome event. Show your appreciation to our vets by serving them lunch. You will get a brief training the week before to prepare. If you did not fill out the Teen Service Form, please email Megan Grossman (mgrossman@stjohnsgc.org) to let her know that you'd like to help.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
All boxes are due on November 10th. Boxes can be picked up for filling and dropped back off in the church lobby. On Sunday November 15th, we bless the boxes in church.

CHILI COOK-OFF – November 22nd
Teens, we'd love your help with set up, serving, and clean up at the Chili Cook-Off! Please let Kelsey know if you'd like to serve at this event. Confirmands, this counts as one of your service projects for the year.

St. John's Youth Ministry Team

Kelsey Bacon
Youth & Family Ministries Director
614-592-7930
kbacon@stjohnsgc.org

Christina Allman
Kids Ministry Coordinator
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callman@stjohnsgc.org

Donna Westerfeld
Teen Ministry Coordinator
614-815-4696
dwesterfeld@stjohnsgc.org





WEEKLY MINISTRIES

ADVENTURE CLUB & FAITH TREK
These ministries, for kids ages 4 through 4th grade, meet weekly on Thursdays from 5:45pm-7:15pm. Check in opens at 5:30pm. Suggested donation for the evening meal is $4. Each group enjoys gym time, a meal with friends, arts and crafts, and an active Bible lesson.

EXPLORERS & ENERGIZERS
These ministries, for grades 7-8 and 9-12, meet weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm. Interested in being on the adult leadership team? Please connect with Teen Coordinator Donna Westerfeld. Wednesday nights are a great night to connect with others, make friends, and grow in faith.

IQA HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY
This in-depth Bible study meets on Wednesdays before Energizers in room 103-4. This year we are studying the minor prophets. Come and join in on a great discussion!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
Children's choir meets right before Adventure Club from 5:00-5:30pm in the Chapel on Thursday nights with Kate Shrum. Children attending Adventure Club will be escorted there after choir practice. Contact Kate (kate.shrum@icloud.com) to sign up.

PARENTING GROUP
A group just for parents meets during Sunday School hour every week from 9:30-10:30am in Room 103-4, with Amy Wanner. Stop by and join the conversation. It's a great place to be encouraged and feel supported.

TIPS FOR HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS WHEN GRIEVING

1. DECIDE WHAT YOU CAN HANDLE COMFORTABLY AND LET FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW. Can I handle the responsibility of the family dinner, etc. or shall I ask someone else to do it? Do I want to talk about my loved one or not? Shall stay here for the holidays or go to a completely different environment?
2. MAKE SOME CHANGES IF THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE FOR YOU. Open presents Christmas Eve instead of Christmas morning. Vary the timing of gift giving. Have dinner at a different time or place. Let the children take over decorating the house, the tree, baking, and food preparation, etc.
3. RE-EXAMINE YOUR PRIORITIES: GREETING CARDS, HOLIDAY BAKING, DECORATING, PUTTING UP A TREE, FAMILY DINNER, ETC. Do I really enjoy doing this? Is this a task that can be shared?
4. CONSIDER DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR SOMEONE ELSE. Donate a gift in memory of your loved one. Donate money you would have spent on your loved one as a gift to charity. Adopt a needy family for the holidays. Invite a guest (foreign student, senior citizen) to share festivities.
5. RECOGNIZE YOUR LOVED ONE'S PRESENCE IN THE FAMILY. Burn a special candle to quietly include your loved one. Hang a stocking for your loved one in which people can put notes with their thoughts or feelings. Listen to music especially like by the deceased. Look at photographs.
6. IF YOU DECIDE TO DO HOLIDAY SHOPPING, MAKE A LIST AHEAD OF TIME AND KEEP IT HANDY FOR A GOOD DAY, OR SHOP ONLINE OR THROUGH CATALOGS.
7. OBSERVE THE HOLIDAYS IN WAYS WHICH ARE COMFORTABLE FOR YOU. There is no right or wrong way of handling holidays. Once you've decided how to observe the time, let others know.
8. TRY TO GET ENOUGH REST – HOLIDAYS CAN BE EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY DRAINING.
9. ALLOW YOURSELF TO EXPRESS YOUR FEELINGS. Holidays often magnify feelings of loss. It is natural to feel sadness. Share concerns, apprehensions, feelings with a friend. The need for support is often greater during holidays.
10. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY BEREAVED PERSONS IS THAT THEY DO COME TO ENJOY HOLIDAYS AGAIN. THERE WILL BE OTHER HOLIDAY SEASONS TO CELEBRATE.
11. DON'T BE AFRAID TO HAVE FUN. Laughter and joy are not disrespectful. Give yourself and your family members' permission to celebrate and take pleasure in the holidays.



Sure, you're asking, "What's a leprechaun doing in the Eagle in November?" Well, you can bet your lucky shamrock I'm not looking for a turkey!

But we are looking for a photographer, well, really a volunteer who likes taking pictures, lots of pictures, for our upcoming St. Johns's Irish Concert in March. Phone cameras will do just fine. Enthusiasm to take part and a good eye is all that is really needed.

If you are interested, please contact Mike Cunningham at 614-561-5214 or at fmichaelc51@gmail.com or leave a word with the church office and he will call you back. Slainte'.

Meditation Moment - November

*from St. John's Prayer Stations to your family…

Each month the bulletin and Eagle will have a meditation moment which can be used individually or with your family. Enjoy time with your Heavenly Father as you take a moment to breathe in His love, grace, peace, and goodness. If you would like prayer stations set up for your small group, Sunday School class, or event, contact Diana Imbrock.

Theme: Our Story; Our Journey

Meditation Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.'"

Activity: Your Story/Our Journey

Supplies: white paper or cardstock; sharpie or marker; a quiet space

As we prepare for our Advent Journey to the manger, it's a good time to reflect on our life journey. We each have a story, a faith journey; but together we have one story and one journey interconnected in a web of faith. How have you journeyed to this place in your life so far? With a sharpie or marker, write five or six words on the cardstock that best describe your personal story. Reflect upon who you are, who you are **not**, who has encouraged you in your faith walk thus far, and how God has led you.

Pray the journey prayer below at the end of your meditation time.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father,

I thank You for the many faith opportunities and faithful people that have brought me this far on my faith journey. As I contemplate the next unknown steps of my journey, I ask You to calm my restless heart and to call to my mind Your promise of prosperous plans that give me a hope and a future. I hold tightly to this promise and pray that I keep it close as a constant source of encouragement. I choose to be excited, Lord, as my story in You continues. I pray, Lord, that you will lead me to cross paths with Your faithful examples, and that You would use me to be a blessing and witness to all I come in contact with on this journey. Help me to be Your salt and light wherever I go. In Jesus' name I pray, **Amen**.

Christmas Cookie Sale Coming…..
On Saturday, December 19th from 9 am – Noon in rooms 103-104, we will be holding our annual **Christmas Cookie and Goodie Sale.** We are asking for **HOMEMADE ITEMS ONLY. We need many many cookies and goodies to make this a successful event.**
Again this year, you will be able to choose your own cookies for your platter. We will have prepackaged plates also if you would prefer those.
Baked goods can be dropped off by **8:30 am on Friday, December 18th** in the Family Life Center Kitchen.
If you don't want to bake but want to help in another way, you can make a monetary donation to the Kitchen Fund would be appreciated.
Volunteers are needed to help with the sale on Saturday, December 19th.
If you are available Saturday, please mark the salmon sheet in the bulletin or you can call Sue Sutton, 614-539-9544, or Suzie Brace, 614-313-1364.
Proceeds from our sale will go to the Kitchen Fund.

The Mitten Tree is coming the weekend of October 31/November 1! Please help fill it with mittens, gloves, hats, earmuffs, scarves, and warm socks for all ages.
All items need to be new with tags or homemade.
The tree will be up until November 29th, after which the items will be taken to the Purple Door Free Store, where they will be distributed to our neighbors in need. Please contact Ben Previts at 380-710-3689 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping our community stay warm!

PROPERTY TEAM MEMBERS meet the first Monday of the month at 10:00am.
If you have questions or concerns, please share them with a member of the team or put a note in the Property Team mailbox by the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



There's only a couple more weeks left to get your shoeboxes filled! We have an opportunity to share God's love with children all over the world and everyone can help! Here's how:

1. Fill a shoe box with toys, school supplies, and personal care items - see the OCC insert for ideas.
   Don't forget the $10 to help with shipping.
2. Bring in one or two items to go toward filling a box. Just place these items in the donation tub in the Link.
3. Build a shoebox online by visiting https://sampur.se/3TeYFqq and click on Operation Christmas Child. Use your phone to scan this QR code to BUILD a box from your HOME for $30!

Include a $10 donation to cover the shipping costs and drop off your filled shoebox in the Link before November 10th. Remember to pray for the children and their families to experience and grow in God's love as they respond to the Gospel that is presented at the shoebox events around the world.

The deadline to bring in items is Tuesday, November 10th.
Please contact Justin, Beth, Brayden and Addy at 740-360-2752.

Quilters

The Quilters, with the help of the congregation, are donating 100 Christmas bags to the Grove City Food Pantry at the "Purple Door" Methodist Church for the children. We like to add candy to "sweeten-up" the bags. You may donate any leftover, wrapped Halloween or other wrapped candy or healthy, wrapped snacks as long as its expiration date is in 2027. Remember, don't eat that leftover Halloween candy. Donate it. We need two tables full of candy to fill the 100 Christmas bags.

Thanks to your giving hearts, our collection of other items for the Christmas bags is almost complete. The goals of 100 boxes of Crayola crayons, 100 plush toys, 100 pencils, 100 bouncy balls, 100 combs, and100 toothbrushes have been reached. We can still use any small items appropriate for a child to add to the bags. Please place your donation in the Quilters' cabinet in the Link.

The Grove City Family Dentistry on Columbus Street is once again donating toothbrushes and other dental care items for each of the 100 bags. The toothbrushes you have already donated for the Christmas bags will be given to Sarah Circle for the hygiene kits they donate to a charity.

The Christmas bags will be filled and delivered on Tuesday, December 1, 2026. Your help on December 1st in filling the bags will be welcomed and appreciated. We start filling the bags at 9:30A.M. The Christmas bags will be given to the children as a gift of Christian love and compassion. We are usually finished bagging within two hours.

The Quilters thank the many people for helping us. Betty and Dellno Lewis took at least 5 donated boxes and bags of extra material we could not use to Amish country. Linda Vozel purchased the material, cut out and sewed 100 Christmas bags. Barb Armentrout purchased the bouncy balls for the bags. The Quilters feel so blessed to have your caring help.

Look for our quilt sale in the Link during the cookie sale on December 19, 2026. The Quilters' proceeds will be given to St. John's and the Grove City area causes. Most of the unsold quilts will be given to children's charities. We have hand-knotted and sewing-machine stitched quilts of various colors and sizes for sale. Stop by any Tuesday and select a quilt. As we always remind you, our Lutheran quilts keep you warm and look pretty on a bed.

Would you like to learn to quilt? There are boxes of pre-cut 6 "squares for you to make your selections for a quilt. We are a small group waiting for your friendship.

Please note, there will not be a Quilters' meeting on November 24, 2026. We will be doing all those Thanksgiving do-ahead preparations instead of quilting.

This Thanksgiving, we are truly thankful for your support of our ministries. You respond to our many requests for donations. The Quilters thank you for you and your concern and understanding for others. We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.

COME ONE! COME ALL!

To the annual Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction on Sunday, November 22nd, right after the late service.

We will be tasting chili and voting on the best St. John's recipe. Bid on some amazing desserts created by the incredible bakers right here in our midst.

It's a perfect time to get those much-needed Thanksgiving treats without all the work! All donations and auction monies will go to support St. John's Short-Term Missions.

If you would like to enter your award-winning chili in the contest or create a dessert for the auction, please watch the bulletin for details or contact Diana at gloriaadios06@gmail.com. Come join us for a fun-filled, tummy-filled afternoon!

OWLS EVENT – NOVEMBER 20, 2026
OWLS AND JORDAN'S CROSSING REQUEST
HELP, HOPE AND HEALING FOR THE HOMELESS

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday for most of us and our families as we give thanks for our many blessings. We also are praying that you are touched by this organization and choose to contribute in some manner. The **O**lder **W**iser **L**utheran**S (OWLS)** are asking for donations from members of St. John's to support Jordan's Crossing Resource Center. JCRC is a unique source for individuals, low-income families, the homeless and the addicted on the west side, primarily the Hilltop area. Fred and Donna Rieser are directors of this program and every month JCRC serves 20,000 hot meals, 37 individuals are referred to detox and treatment programs, 12,000 people are served through their Choice Pantry Program, they provide clothing, canned goods, personal hygiene products, etc. donated by more than 500 people each month, distributes 1,000 units of life saving Narcan and works with Healthcare Connections to Mt. Carmel and Southeast Mental Health Services among many other ministries. The Riesers will be the guest speakers at the OWLS November 20 meeting. If you and your group would like to join the OWLS in our drive, it would be appreciated. A few suggested items they could use are: tents, tarps, sleeping bags, plastic forks, napkins, sandwich bags, socks, canned goods and boxed food and of course, monetary donations. For more information, contact Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002 or email bss4903@yahoo.com. You can also arrange for your donation to be picked up by contacting Bonnie. Thank you in advance for your support.

You are welcome to our join us for the November 20th meeting, The OWLS will provide fried chicken for our potluck lunch but we ask you to bring a covered dish and join your friends for a delicious lunch and a wonderful program. Please plan to arrive around 11:15 am so we can open the meeting at 11:30 am. Use the salmon insert in Sunday's bulletin to make your reservation so the group can plan accordingly. You can also call the office or Bonnie Swanson at 614-562-8002. Just in case you don't know **--- OWLS** are **Older Wiser LutheranS** but everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES
are now available on the table in the Overflow.

These are dated 2026, and your box number may be different from last year, so please wait until January 1st to use them. If you do not see a box with your name, please indicate that you would like a box on the notepad provided. I will place a box for you beside the notepad the following weekend. When using the "other" line, please specify the fund you would like to donate to. If none is specified, it will be placed in the Operating Fund.



MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN AS OF OCTOBER 11TH, 2026

Memorial Fund
Given in memory of **Jim Braskett** by Cindy Pennington
Given in memory of **Kristen Millet** by Cindy Pennington
Given in memory of **Howard Linder** by Beth Katterhenrich; Suzie Long; Cindy Pennington; and Andrea Offenburger

Youth Memorial Fund
Given in memory of **Howard Linder** by Kevin and Holly Starr

OWLS Fund
Given in memory of **Ginny Bent** by Suzie Long
Given in memory of **Howard Linder** by Dellno and Betty Lewis; and an anonymous donor

Vacation Bible School Fund
Given in memory of **Philip Pennington** by Abigail BruBaker

Additionally, we can express gratitude through acts of kindness and generosity, extending God's love to others in tangible ways. Finally, we are able to cultivate a thankful heart through prayer, continually lifting up praises to God for His goodness and faithfulness in our lives.

Thanksgiving is more than a holiday; it's a sacred invitation to foster gratitude and recognize God's abundant blessings in our lives. As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, let us pause to reflect on the spiritual significance of this season. May we embrace gratitude as a daily practice, acknowledging God's provision, mercy, and grace in all circumstances. And may our lives be a testament to the transformative power of thankfulness, shining brightly as beacons of God's love and generosity in a world hungering for hope and healing.



Looking forward in Faith,

Pastor Patti



ANNUAL VETERANS LUNCHEON

Dear Veterans,

In honor of your sacrifice and service to our country, you and a guest are invited to the 13th Annual St. John's Veterans Luncheon.

This event will take place in the Family Life Center on Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 12:45pm in honor of Veterans Day!

Please mark the salmon sheet in your bulletin or call 614-875-2314 prior to November 1 to RSVP.

VETERANS LUNCHEON PHOTOGRAPHS

As the Veterans Day Lunch approaches, we are asking Veterans or any military personnel to stop by to have their picture taken for recognition at this luncheon. These photos will be taken after each service on Saturday October 31 and Sunday November 1 in the North Entrance. Also, if the veterans cannot attend the luncheon, we are asking families to send photos of them to the church office so we may include them at this event.

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND REMEMBRANCE:

The Service of Comfort and Remembrance will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary. This service provides a worship opportunity for those who not only have experienced the death of a family member or friend in the past year, but also to comfort those who have experienced deaths in past years who continue to deal with their grief.

For those that have had a loss in the past year, the family will receive an ornament in memory of their loved one. A fellowship hour with refreshments will follow the worship service in the Family Life Center.

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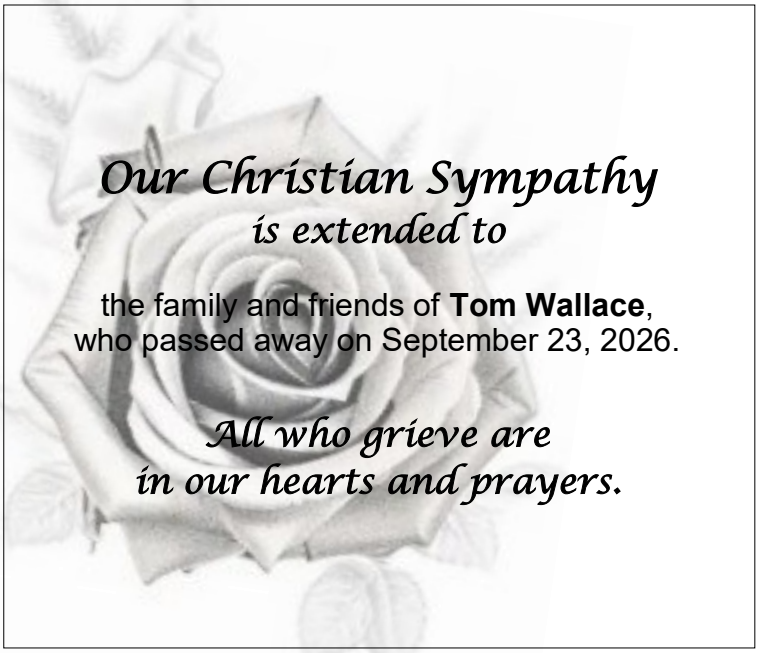
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Our Christian Sympathy
is extended to

the family and friends of **Tom Wallace**,
who passed away on September 23, 2026.

All who grieve are
in our hearts and prayers.

JOIN US FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP

Traditional Worship:
Saturdays at 4:00pm
Sundays at 8:15am & 11:00am

Contemporary Worship: Sundays at 11:00am

Join us each week during the Sunday School Hour!

We would like to welcome all children ages 2 and up who are not already attending to join us during the Sunday School Hour from **9:30-10:30am each Sunday.**

Parents are encouraged to join one of our adult classes. There's even one that focuses on parenting related topics.

If you have any questions, please see Tim Allman or a member of the youth staff.

We look forward to seeing you!!

Church Office hours are
Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.

NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

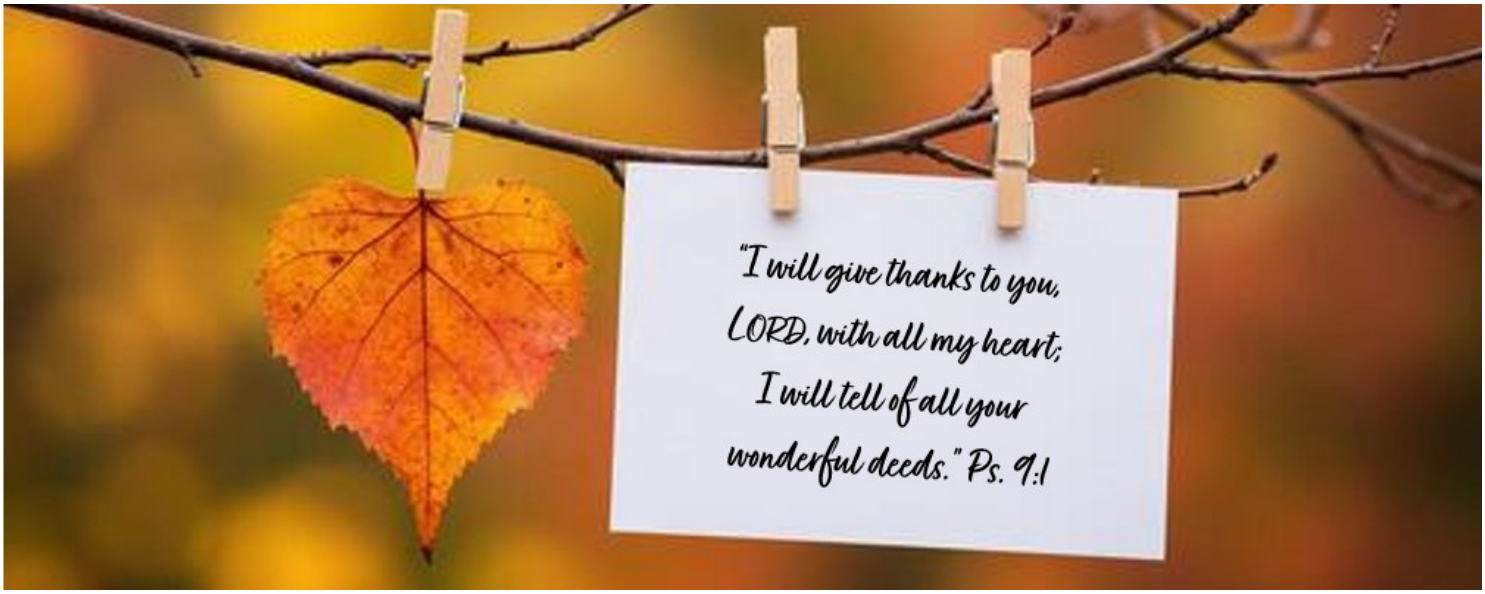
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Letter from the Associate Pastor



Dear Disciples of Jesus,

As we approach Thanksgiving, it is more than just a national holiday marked by turkey dinners and football games; it's meant to be a profound expression of gratitude deeply rooted in spiritual and cultural traditions. Thanksgiving transcends cultural and religious boundaries, resonating with people worldwide as a time to celebrate abundance, share meals with loved ones, and reflect on the blessings of the past year. As Christians, we understand the importance of gratitude as a central tenet of our faith. Thanksgiving provides us with a sacred opportunity to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the blessings in our lives. In maintaining an attitude of gratitude, we cultivate a heart that is content, focusing not on what we lack, but on what we have been given.

At its core, Thanksgiving is a spiritual practice that invites us to acknowledge God's abundant blessings and express gratitude for God's provision. The Bible is filled with verses exhorting believers to give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:18), recognizing that every good gift comes from above (James 1:17). Thanksgiving serves as a tangible reminder of our dependence on God and God's faithfulness throughout the seasons of life. It fosters humility, acknowledging that we are recipients of unmerited grace and undeserved favor.

As Christians, gratitude is more than a once-a-year observance; it's a daily discipline that shapes our attitudes and actions. Cultivating gratitude involves intentional practices that foster a spirit of thankfulness in our lives. One such practice is keeping a gratitude journal, where we write down three things we're thankful for each day. This simple exercise helps us recognize God's blessings, both big and small, and cultivate a habit of gratitude.