

THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN



St John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Joe Wolf, Pastor

PRAYERS

ALAN BUTTERBAUGH
LEOLA CREIGLOW
JIM & NANCY FOGLE
JUDY KELLETT
LINDA LEIST
BILL MEYER
LEE SMITH
SAM PEARSON
SHIRLEY WEST
JOE WOLF

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY

9 AMY ANDERSON
9 LINDA WOLF
18 KALEE ANDERSON
22 KADEN ANDERSON-GIBSON
27 RUTH BIGLER
29 NEIL JARVIS

SPIRIT DEADLINE

IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM YOU
WOULD LIKE IN THE SPIRIT, IT
MUST BE TURNED INTO
MARIANNE BY THE 20TH OF EACH
MONTH

COMING IN APRIL

APRIL 2 – 10:30 AM PALM SUNDAY SERVICES
APRIL 6 – 6:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE
APRIL 6 – 7:30 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES W/COMMUNION
APRIL 7 – 6:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE
APRIL 7 – 7:30 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
APRIL 9 – 8:00-9:30 AM EASTER BREAKFAST
APRIL 9 – 10:30 AM EASTER SERVICES W/COMMUNION
APRIL 11- 5TH SUNDAY COMMITTEE BRAINSTORMING
APRIL 18 – 6:30 PM COUNCIL MEETING



SUNDAY, APRIL 9

COME JOIN US FOR EASTER
BREAKFAST.

SERVING WILL BE FROM
8:00 TO 9:30 AM

Thank you Shirley and
Peggy for the stamps.
We are now set for the
next few mailings of the
spirit..

ALTAR FLOWERS

There is an altar flower chart in the Narthex where you may sign up to put flowers on the altar. Flowers are \$35. You may leave the money in the envelope under the chart for Linda Leist. Please be sure to indicate if the flowers are for a special occasion.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Watching the “Today” show on NBC is one of my morning routines. I think it’s a good mix of national news, weather, entertainment, and serious topics. The program occasionally throws in a “Morning Boost” item. I want to share a couple with you.

1 – At a girls cheerleading competition as one of the teams started their performance, their music suddenly quit. Without music, it is very difficult for a team to stay in sync. They kept going as their coach started shouting 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8. After a couple repetitions, sensing what had happened, the crowd AND THE COMPETING TEAMS picked up the chant. The team was able to finish their routine.

2 – At a girls softball game, a girl hit a homerun with the bases loaded. As she was running toward 2 nd base she stumbled and hurt her ankle so badly that she couldn’t stand on it, let alone run. She had to touch each of the bases or her run would not count. There’s a rule that her teammates are not permitted to help her in any way. Spontaneously, members of the opposing team picked the injured girl up and CARRIED her around the bases making sure they carefully crouched down so that she could touch each base.

Both of these stories demonstrate doing the ‘right thing’. They’re both about recognizing someone in need, setting aside our differences, and providing assistance, compassion and caring.

We’re not to take advantage of someone else’s misfortune or their circumstances. We are to help someone in need, even if there’s nothing in it for us.

Jesus instructs us to be caring and compassionate, just because we can....

Alan Fisher
Council President

DONATE FLOWERS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SOME PERENNIALS FLOWERS FOR PLANTING AROUND THE CHURCH, PLEASE BRING TO JON LEIST. HE WILL ALSO ACCEPT CASH DONATIONS.

MOTHERS DAY BAGS

Beginning Sunday, April 16 a project to fill shopping bags for Mothers Day to be distributed by Canal Winchester Human Services will begin. Bags may be picked up beginning Sunday, April 16 and returned by Sunday, May 7. Suggested items to be included in the bags are listed on a note card inside each bag. Bags may be picked up in the Narthex. There will be a total of 20 bags available.

COUNCIL NOTES
MARCH 22, 2023

ATTENDEES: Marianne Daily, Mike Drodofsky, Shirley Evans, Alan Fisher, Jon Leist, Charlotte Meyer, Jill Snyder, Pastor Wolf, Chuck Wolcott, Ruby Wolcott

ABSENT: Tina Anderson, Bonnie Butterbaugh, Jonette Christy, and Pastor Wolf

Meeting called to order by Alan Fisher.

Council was asked to approve the minutes from the February Council meeting. Minutes approved.

-NOTE: we are waiting on an update to the estimate for the steeple repair. Also waiting on the cost for the lease of the copier.

TRUSTEES:

Chuck Wolcott updated council on the repair of the outside of the chimney. More information later in the minutes.

Jon Leist submitted a list of items that need attention around the church (list will be included in the April Spirit.). Would appreciate any and all help to complete the projects.

DEACONS:

Ruby Wolcott would like to have ribbon markers made for the hymnals. She will work on making them.

WORSHIP:

Boyd Boone would like to bring his group to do a concert for the church sometime in May. Council agreed that he would need to submit more information (i.e. type of music they will be playing, how many in the group etc.) Will await more information from Boyd.

Easter week services – Maundy Thursday services at 7:30 pm with Holy Communion. Good Friday services at 7:30 pm.

Easter Sunday – services at 10:30 am with communion.

EDUCATION:

Jon Leist shared that he will be doing his Easter Breakfast (from 8:00-9:30) Easter morning before the service.

Marianne Daily – reminded everyone that items for the Spirit are due to her by the 20th of each month.

- On March 28 the Girls group will be cleaning the kitchen beginning at 10:00 am. All volunteers are welcome.

– advised that Charlotte Meyer will now be coordinating the Girls Lunches. There will NOT be one in April.

FINANCIAL:

Tina passed was unable to attend due to work responsibilities. She will submit her report later to council.

NEW BUSINESS:

5TH SUNDAY SOCIAL EVENT – Discussed possible things that could be done for a 5th Sunday event.

Decided that a Working Committee would be formed (Bonnie Butterbaugh, Jonette Christy, Marianne Daily, Shirley Evans, Charlotte Meyer, Jill Snyder and Ruby Wolcott) and meet on April 11 to brainstorm on ideas for

this event. Meeting will be at 6:30 pm at the church. It was decided to plan for an event on the 5th Sunday and if Boyd Boone's group does present a concert on May 7 we would provide cookies and/or cupcakes following the service.

Jon Leist – asked that people donate flowers for planting around the church. He would prefer perennials or money.

Alan Fisher has done some research on what small churches can do to survive. He suggested that [healthychurch.com](http://www.healthychurch.com) be checked out.

Chuck Wolcott – Church chimney. While discussions have been in the past about the larger of the two chimneys, Chuck found after discussions with possible people to do repairs that the smaller chimney needs to come down within 30 days. It is very dangerous. Was suggested that money from the MEF could be used since this is an emergency. A motion made by Marianne Daily to authorize the Trustees to use MEF funds for the removal of the small chimney. Amount not to exceed \$10,000. Jill Snyder and seconded by Charlotte Meyer. Motion approved by Council.

MEETING ADJOURNED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE APRIL 18 AT 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Daily, Secretary

TRUSTEES REPORT

TO DO LIST:

- **Need another coat of stain on the ramp leading to the back entrance (weather permitting)**
- **Replace rod iron railing at the entrance to the basement and around the walkway. The new rail at the choir door entrance needs stained.**
- **Chimney repairs – Chuck Wolcott is working on getting estimates for the repair of the larger chimney and the small chimney.**
- **Hallway leading into the Pastor's office and bathrooms needs painted.**
- **Ramp leading to the basement (Westside of the church) needs panel replaced, tables removed, power washed. Possibly replacing the old fiberglass panels or painting them. Would help to brighten up that side of the church.**
- **Shed needs painted**
- **Two sections in the kids Sunday school room needs finished.**
- **New siding needs replaced, one side of the steeple completely gone. Alan Fisher has a point of contact.**
- **Church parking lot– needs attention. Some sections have gaps and a couple of sections are getting big dips.**
- **Carpet needs cleaned.**
- **There may be some issues with some exhaust pipes coming out of the back wall (basement wall).**

IF YOU SEE OTHER THINGS THAT NEED ATTENTION AROUND THE CHURCH, PLEASE, CONTACT JON LEIST (jleist@insight.rr.com) or call him at 614-570-6248.

Thank you

to Diana Johnson, Mike Moore and Ruby Wolcott who came and helped clean the kitchen and basement. These gals spent 3 hours on Tuesday, March 28 cleaning, washing and mopping. All is now nice and clean and would appreciate everyone who has an event to help keep it clean.



When you arrive to the church parking lot, you will notice some taped off areas. As noted in the Council notes, the small chimney needs to come down because it is unsafe. So to be cautious, there will be an area taped off until the chimney is removed. Sorry for any inconvenience and thanks for your understanding.

YOUR IMPACT

On others is bigger than you think. Someone still giggles when they think of that funny thing you said. Someone still smiles when they think of the compliment you gave them. Someone silently admires you. The advice you give has made a difference for people. The support and love you've offered others has made someone's day. Your input and opinions have made someone think twice. You're not insignificant and forgotten. Your existence makes a positive difference, whether you see it or not.

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April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day
2 PALM SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION	3	4	5 Passover CHOIR 6:00 PM	6 MAUNDAY THURSDAY SERVICES 7:30 W/COMMUNION	7 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES 7:30	8
9 EASTER HOLY COMMUNION BREAKFAST 8-9:30	10	11 6:30 PM 5 TH SUNDAY COMMITTEE BRAINSTORMING	12 CHOIR 6:00 PM	13	14	15
16 HOLY COMMUNION	17	18 COUNCIL 6:30 PM	19 CHOIR 6:00 PM	20	21	22 Earth Day
23	24	25	26 CHOIR 6:00 PM	27	28	29
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Vision Statement

“To embrace the gift of who we are as God’s people in this
Community and move out into the world to live as
Good News proclaimers and doers.”