



St. John's Lutheran

MESSENGER

A Publication of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church located in Miamisburg, Ohio, Established in 1819 March/April 2025

Who is God?

What is God?

Why worship?

How do we see ourselves and the world?

Our Lutheran tradition has some strong, faithful answers to the above questions. We learn who God is through Jesus's dying on the cross – and rising again. It meets us in love and grace, giving us purpose.

Still, we have no monopoly on worshiping God. This Lent, we look at our neighbor's faiths. We want to honor and learn from their journey. It will lead us to question our own faith, and ultimately to grow in it. God is bigger than our labels – denominations, identities etc.

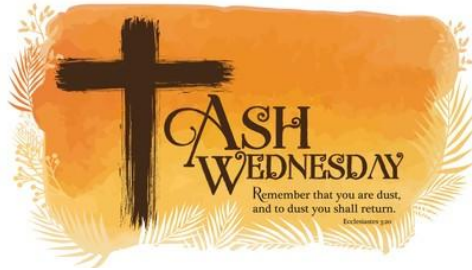
Each Wednesday in Lent we'll have something special, kicking off with a traditional Ash Wednesday service on March 5th at 7pm. Then, starting March 12th, we'll offer our faith study time together (also at 7pm), until Holy week. We won't meet on Wednesday of Holy Week, but we will have Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service, taking us back to the center of our faith, the resurrection of our Lord, on Easter Sunday.

So, please consider joining us on Wednesday evenings during lent as we work through *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* together, ultimately re-examining and deepening our own. These are good Lenten themes!

Blessings,
Pastor John

WELCA MONTHLY MEETING

The 1st WELCA meeting for 2025 will be at Nancy McCabe's house at 6:00 on Monday, March 3rd. Dinner will include Nancy's take on green everything!



Service will be on March 5th at 7:00 p.m. and will be telecast via ZOOM (see page 6 for details).

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Thrivent has provided a gift card for \$250 to buy personal care items to donate to Helping Hands.

During Lent, only if you want to donate, bring items in and place them in the wagon that will be in the narthex.



Join us for some fun before we move into the season of Lent, with pancakes and fellowship on March 9th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.



St. John's will have an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 12th at 2:00 p.m.

If you wish to donate candy, please put in the basket in the narthex.

We are also looking for volunteers, if you want to help contact Brook Ñauta or Beth Knight.



April 13, Palm Sunday

April 17, Maundy Thursday

April 18, Good Friday

April 20, Easter

@ 7:00 p.m. in person and via zoom

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Join us at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast in fellowship hall.

Signup sheets will be posted in the narthex.

GAME NIGHT, FEB. 22ND



ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?

Thrivent members are eligible for participating in the Thrivent Choice program, where up to \$250 per project can be requested. These projects are intended for outreach programs, not the general expenses of the congregation, and could be requested for such events and activities as the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, Shred & Bread fundraiser, Christmas Forest, School Supplies, and any other outreach activities that our congregation supports.

How can you help? Contact your Thrivent representative to see if your membership makes you eligible for the Thrivent Choice program.

If you are eligible, please let Linda Kent or Karen Doyle know so that we can create a list of Thrivent members within the congregation.

MARCH/APRIL CALENDAR

- March 3 6:00 p.m. WELCA Monthly Meeting
- March 5 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- March 6 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting
- March 7 9:00 a.m. Learning Committee Meeting
- March 9 9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
- March 9, 23, April 13 & 27
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #35159
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #32299
- March 11, 25, April 8, & 22
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #3330
- March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Study
- March 14 2:30 p.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- March 15 8:00 a.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- March 21 2:30 p.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- March 22 8:00 a.m. TWIGS Scrapbooking Event
- April 3 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting
- April 6 1:00 p.m. Area 56 Meeting
- April 12 2:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- April 17 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
- April 18 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
- April 20 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast Carry-In

Sunday's at 7:30 p.m.

Monday's & Friday's at noon

Friday's at 6:30 p.m.

AA/Al Anon meets in Fellowship Hall

AA Group meets in Fellowship Hall

Dayton Tamil Academy

Please notify the office of any meetings and/or events that need to be included in the calendar.

This will ensure rooms are not double booked.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85711628176?pwd=V0dOK21vekJqNTIiwM3hOT2UyNzkyQT09>

Meeting ID: 857 1162 8176

Passcode: 071964

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdSEte9ZyO>

REMINDER

You can always find the Zoom link for the simulcast services on St. John's website:

www.stjohnsmiamisburg.org

Click on the "In-Person Worship and Simulcast Link" menu option near the top of the home page.

*Before going to bed on
Saturday, March 8th ...*



Budget Report for January 2025

Income for January 2025:		\$6,572.11
Expenses for January 2025:		
Outreach	\$233.00	
Staff	\$7,344.31	
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$2,418.74	
Property Insurance	\$479.83	
Utilities	\$998.35	
Committees	(\$5.00)	
		\$11,469.23
January Budget Balance (income - expenses):		(\$4,897.12)
YTD Income:	\$6,572.11	
YTD Expenses:	\$11,469.23	
YTD Balance:	(\$4,897.12)	

Description of categories:

Outreach: Benevolence, special benevolence.

Staff: Pastor and staff pay and expenses.

Facility Upkeep/Administration: Maintenance and office expenses.

Property Insurance: paid monthly

Committees: Discipleship, Learning, Worship & Music.

Utilities: Natural gas, electricity, water and trash services.

Congregational Contacts

Pastor John Czarnota Pastor 920-642-3363

Council Members

Julie Helter	*President	937-232-3378
Everett Morris	*Vice President	937-760-1099
Linda Kent	*Church Treasurer	937-885-3529/937-572-7815
Judy Kuemmel	*Financial Secretary	937-321-1198
Garry Andrews	*Recording Secretary	937-848-2090
Cindy Kemper		937-367-2341
Cathy Zimmer		937-212-9283

***Executive Committee**

Organizations, Boards and Staff

Karen Doyle	Church Secretary/Messenger Editor	937-866-3780
Tom Hoffman	Board of Trustees Chairman	937-859-8871/937-654-1218
Cheryl Page	Discipleship Committee Chairman	937-602-7952
Brook Ñauta	Learning Committee Chair	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Ida Geary	WELCA President	937-626-7765
Doug McCabe	Organist	937-866-8669
Brook Ñauta	Children's Choir	513-217-0564/937-367-1473

Christian Education

Beth Knight	Pre-k through 1 st Grade	937-414-5212
Barb Hoffman		937-859-8871/937-231-6341
Brook Ñauta	2 nd Grade through 6 th Grade	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Robin Skelding	Confirmation	937-748-5405

Ministry Contacts

Nancy McCabe Prayer Chain 937-654-4972



MARCH

- March 8
Aiden Ring
- March 11
David Helter
- March 22
Brian Kent

APRIL

- April 1
Brook Ñauta
- April 4
Marjoei Abner
Kendall Ring
- April 6
Gary Naylor
- April 8
Brody Lamb
- April 10
Ken & Sandra Yeazel
- April 12
Ida Geary
- April 13
Amy Ñauta
- April 23
Garry & Nancy Andrews
- April 30
Tom & Barb Hoffman



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