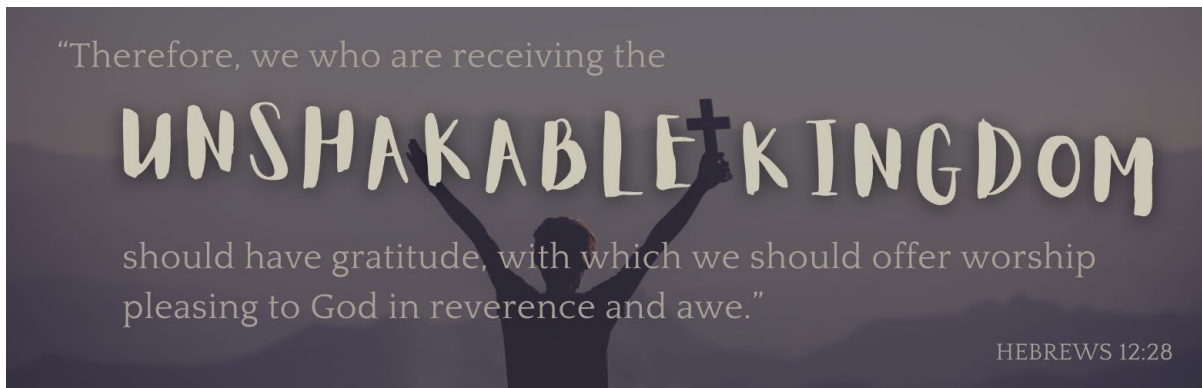




~~~TUESDAY NEWSDAY~~~

November 18, 2025

Christmas Poinsettias

We will again adorn our chancel with beautiful Poinsettia flowers this year. The cost of each Poinsettia is \$10.00. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia please fill out a form located at Sign-Up Central in the lobby or at counter upstairs. Place it in a sealed envelope, along with \$10.00 per plant in cash or check (made out to St. John's Lutheran Church - "poinsettia" on memo line.) ***Please place orders in the "Poinsettia Box" by December 7 - as that is the deadline.*** Late orders will not be able to be accepted.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Update

As a result of your generosity, we were able to pack and send a **total of 117 shoebox gifts** through Operation: Christmas Child. **THANK YOU!**

You can read more about this ministry here:

[Samaritan's Purse International Disaster Relief — International Relief](#)

Memories in Time Respite Care

Our ministry offers respite for caregivers of those dealing with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Once a month, (on the third Tuesday for four hours) we offer care for our guests, those with Alzheimer's. During those four hours our wonderful and fun volunteers spend time with our guests playing games, crafts, music, exercise, a yummy lunch and lots of laughs. You might even find some goats visiting. If you are in need of respite, know someone that is in need of respite, or want to volunteer contact Jan at 716-290-7060. Fliers also available at Welcome desk. Caregivers are encouraged to give their burdens to God, who cares for them and will provide rest. We as volunteers are trying to help provide some of that rest.

Church Membership Records System Change

As you may be aware, we are in the process of changing systems for our membership records. In order to ensure a smooth transition, we are reviewing household information. ***If you haven't done so already, please email tarinee@stjohnsop.com or contact the church at 716-662-4747, to ensure the information for your household is correct.*** This change also includes our giving data and test giving summaries were emailed out on August 6 reflecting giving from January 1 to July 31 of 2025. If you did not receive a statement or believe there may be an error in your statement please let us know. Thanks for your help!

Sign-Up for the Online Photo Directory

After you've turned in your church directory signup form, we will add you to the system and you will receive an email prompting you to add a photo. At that point you can also sign in to use the directory either in the phone app or in your web browser. Questions? Ask Michelle at michelle@stjohnsop.com.

Logging in to the Church Directory

Many of you have filled out a sheet to signup for the church directory, and have already added your family photo. If you haven't yet, please login to the directory and update your photo.

To login on your web browser, follow this link, and be sure to use the email you provided on your sheet: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

To download the Instant Church Directory app to your phone, use the following:

Apple App Store: [click here](#)

Google Play Store: [click here](#)

Questions? Reach out to Michelle at michelle@stjohnsop.com

~Upcoming Events~

New Member Class

Our next new member class scheduled for November has been postponed until January or February.

Email tarinee@stjohnsop.com with questions.

Senior Potluck

November 19 at 12 noon. Sign up at Sign-up Central.

Pies & Praises / Thanksgiving Eve Worship

On Thanksgiving Eve, **November 26** we will join together to celebrate all of our blessings. Bring a pie (savory or sweet - you choose!) to share with your St. John's Family at 5:45 PM, followed by Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 6:30 PM.

Contact Tarinee Pefley at tarinee@stjohnsop.com for more information.

Christmas Decorating Party

At 12:00 PM on ***Sunday, November 30***, we will gather together following the 11:00 AM service to decorate the lobby for Christmas. Bring a soup or crockpot of something yummy to share and enjoy fellowship with your St. John's family as we deck the halls and get ready for the Christmas season.

Senior Day Trip - Blessed Sacrament Church, Buffalo **Date change**

Please join us on ***Friday, December 5*** at 11:00 AM. Those who wish carpool meet at St. John's at 10:15 AM. No need to have been signed up for original date in order to attend. Sign up at Sign-up Central.

Angel Tree - Christmas Gifts

Green Angels - Walking in Grace has arrived.

The angel tree is up! ***The deadline for submitting names will be December 7.***

Sign out boards will be to the right of the Christmas tree on the wall/behind the pillar.

Yellow angels are gifts for kids and green angels are for adult/seniors.

Family gifts/white angels are only 3 this year: laundry detergent (50oz bottle only), tissues and toilet paper.

All individual people gifts will be returned upstairs and white angel gifts are going to be stored under the stairs. Look for signs.

Please sign out all yellow and green angels - individual people gifts. Please notice that the yellow kid angels have 2 different instructions. Some say "wrap" and some say "no wrap".

If your green angel has a devotional book on it, go to the office and look for the plastic blue folder for payment. It is on the counter outside Norma's office.

If you have questions/concerns - please call June - 716-648-4062. Thank you and blessings in advance!!



~Community Events~

Volunteers needed at Southtowns LADD Thriftshop

Mondays & Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Even if you can volunteer one day a month that would be a huge help!

Questions or looking to volunteer contact Lois Rogers at 716-662-5995.

The American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED

Training is being held in Orchard Park! Last time this year!

Pre-register to receive a link to complete the online portion of the training, then attend the in-person skills competency session with an American Red Cross authorized provider. Upon successful completion of the session, you will earn the American Red Cross Certification for First Aid and CPR and AED, which is valid for two years. The training can also be taught at your location!

Call/text for details 716-783-4525.

UPCOMING TRAINING: November 20

TIME: 5:30-8:30 PM

LOCATION: 227 Thorn Ave, Orchard Park, NY 14127

COST: \$105, includes supplies and American Red Cross processing fee

Registration link: <https://site.corsizio.com/event/6907cb708ff18fc3788ec427>

The 69th Annual CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPER

First Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 14 5:30 PM (pre-service carol sing at 5:00 PM)

~Education & Ministry~

**** ADULT EDUCATION & MINISTRY ****

Christian Resilience with Russ Kamis

Sunday, 9:30 AM in the Community Room

Last session: November 23

Women's Discipleship Group

We meet the **first Sunday of every month** at 11:00 AM in the Community Room. .

For more information or questions contact Diane Hagelin 716-374-5219.

Pastor Mike's Bible Study

We meet **Mondays at 12 noon**.

We are currently studying season 5 of "The Chosen."

Men's Bible Study

Join us on **Thursday afternoons**, 4:00-4:45 PM as we engage in fellowship and God's word. We will be studying the book of Romans. The book of Romans is considered by many to be one of the most important books ever written on the Christian faith. Writing to Christians, the apostle Paul defines the gospel, explores its depths and discusses its significance and implications for the Christian life.

Interested in joining or have questions? Contact Jesse Pritchard or Jason Lent for more information.

Women's Bible Study

"Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks"

2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 10:00 AM

Questions? Contact Andrea Smith 716-983-9169 or andrea@stjohnsop.com

Tuesday Night Men's Group

We will meet on **December 2 & 16** at 7:00 PM. Anyone who is interested in joining the group is more than welcome! Questions? Please contact Sean Clifford at sean@stjohnsop.com

Gospel Moms

Looking for encouragement and connection in this season of motherhood?

Join other moms for prayer, fellowship, and Gospel-centered conversation **every other Thursday at 10:00 AM** in the St. John's nursery. Children are welcome!

Upcoming date: November 20

Gospel Moms

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY MORNING
1000AM
ST. JOHN'S NURSERY

Join us for prayer,
fellowship, and Gospel
focused discussion.
Children are welcome!



UPCOMING DATES:
12/11/2025
1/8/2026
1/22/2026
2/5/2026
2/19/2026

Questions?
Contact Brenna Ames
brennakz.ames@gmail.com
716.397.9452



Advent Study

Buy the book.

Wednesday, December 3rd ~ 7pm
Friday, December 12th ~ 7pm-9pm*
Wednesday, December 17th ~ 7pm
Monday, December 22nd ~ 7pm



Video series by Christine Caine & Lisa Harper



Questions? see Vicki Koglmeier
vicki.koglmeier@gmail.com ~ 716.601.9329

Women
AT THE WELL

**** MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY ****

Middle School:

****Wyldlife - December 6** from 7:30 - 9:00 PM at St. John's.

****Camp Hickory Hill Retreat - January 16 - January 18.**

The retreat will start at 6:30 PM on Friday and end at 11:00 AM on Sunday.
More details to follow.

Questions? Contact Abby Baack: (402)-641-3425 or Abby@stjohnsop.com



High School:

****Younglife** - Meets every **Tuesday at 7:30 PM.**

Contact Abby Baack (abby@stjohnsop.com) for more details.

****Campaigners** (a Younglife Bible Study) - also meets on Friday mornings **before school at 6:21 AM**, 17 Evergreen Trail, Orchard Park.

Questions? Contact Abby Baack at abby@stjohnsop.com





~Prayer List~

Our Church Family

Sandy Offhaus: knee surgery
Shirley: stroke
Roxanne Schultz: recovering from back surgery
Greg F., Christie, & T.C.: continued peace & healing

Our Family and Friends

Tracy: renewed faith & understanding of His grace, mercy & forgiveness
George Boller: loss of house and 2 service dogs due to house fire
Ken S.: in ICU following car accident

Those with Health Concerns: Baby Emily, Andrea Timmons

Those with Cancer: Danielle, Darcel, Peggy T., Max, Ann R., Ann, Pam, Sara, Terri, Danielle, Chuck Heide, Peggy, Elicar, Jennifer, Noreen, Karl, Kay Alstadt, Samantha, Kristi Krupp, Jennifer Witkowski

Military: Benjamin Geblein, Alec Hoch, Tyler Vargo, Justin Snyder

**Prayer requests will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise noted in the prayer request.*

**Please resubmit names to Dawn Sauda as needed if they have been removed.*

2025 Ministry Budget Giving Toward Goal of \$881,150.00

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**Worship Attendance Report**



November 15, 4:00 PM ~ 24 people  
November 16, 8:00 AM ~ 42 people  
November 16, 9:30 AM ~ 129 people  
November 16, 11:00 AM ~ 132 people

Sunday School ~ 58 children  
Middle/High School ~ 16 youth

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****As noted in the section under "Church Membership Records System Change," we are in the process of updating all members information. Moving forward, if you do not see your name listed here (and would like to) then please be sure to update your information. Thank you.**

November

- 1 - Karen Jolls
- 2 - Tracy Baun, Bryan Hansen
- 3 - Carrie Brooks, Adam Chirico, Carrie Fitzgerald, Christopher Gerace,
Nora Matychak, Colin Zitnik
- 4 - Christine Agle, Katie McLaughlin, Brian Schwinn, Emerson Tatar
- 5 - Jack Bosiacki, Sandra Enser, Dina Kempinski, Cyndie Smith
- 8 - Mary Brauch, Karl Haeussler, Cheryl MacEwen
- 10 - Kristin Brewster, Emily Henrich, Kyle Kraus
- 11 - Gail Klanian, Karoline Radtke
- 12 - Tracy Galuski, Ronald Gefaller, Daryl Haseley, Guy Tuori
- 13 - Donna Hoch, Sandy Offhaus
- 14 - Tara Ellis, Nick Kempinski, Lynn Sarama, Allison Stephans
- 15 - Scott Hill, Ethan Pohlman, Sarah Radt
- 16 - Jerry Engel, Heidi Maher

- 17 - John Brooks
- 18 - Heidi Daly
- 19 - Becky Overton
- 21 - Karen Chader
- 22 - Christopher Agle, Angela Frost, Lisa Henrich, Jackie Hooper, Eleanor Maggiore, Allen Meyer, Pat Ryan
- 24 - Ron Fuhrhop, Avery Klein
- 26 - Katie Prestia, Diane Simonsen, Amanda Vickard
- 29 - Emily Bernas, Bob Ehlers, Amanda Faust, Ken Hartwig, Vicky Loretto, Melissa Spaeth
- 30 - Cindy Christman, Gabriella Matthews, Barb Vroman

~On-Going Information~

Green Bins

As you may have noticed, the green bins are beyond capacity. Due to lack of storage and volunteers with our Southern Tier people, we are going to be on hold until further noticed. Please do not leave anything in the bins.

Thank you. I'll update as soon as I can - June

Coupons

Please continue to bring in your coupons from the newspaper and BJ's booklets. Place them in the basket hanging on the wall near the coffee counter.

****I am unable to accept any expired coupons.****

Flowers on the Altar

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, to celebrate an anniversary, etc. you can do so by signing up at Sign-up Central in the Lobby or emailing Dawn Sauda at dawn@stjohnsop.com. **The cost is \$15.00.**

Praise Reports

If you have any praises that you would like to share with the church please feel free to send them to Dawn at dawn@stjohnsop.com ****Weddings, births, Dean's list, anything that brings joy and you'd like to share.**

Shut-in/Unable to attend worship

If you are aware of anyone who is unable to attend worship and would appreciate a pastoral visit and at-home Holy Communion please contact Pastor Mike (mike@stjohnsop.com or 716-713-7305) or June Meissner (716-648-4062). Please make sure we have up-to-date information on how to contact them.

House Blessing

Have you recently moved into a new home or simply desire to have your home blessed? Pastor Mike is happy to come to your house and bless each room with you or your family. Contact Pastor Mike at Mike@stjohnsop.com if you are interested or would like more information.

Need to talk to a Pastor?

If you would like to have a phone conversation and prayers with Pastor Mike about family illness, isolation, employment concerns, fear of the future or any other issues, send a message using the Pastoral Care Request link on the St. John's website. Please include the best phone number at which you can be reached and any days or times that are best for you.