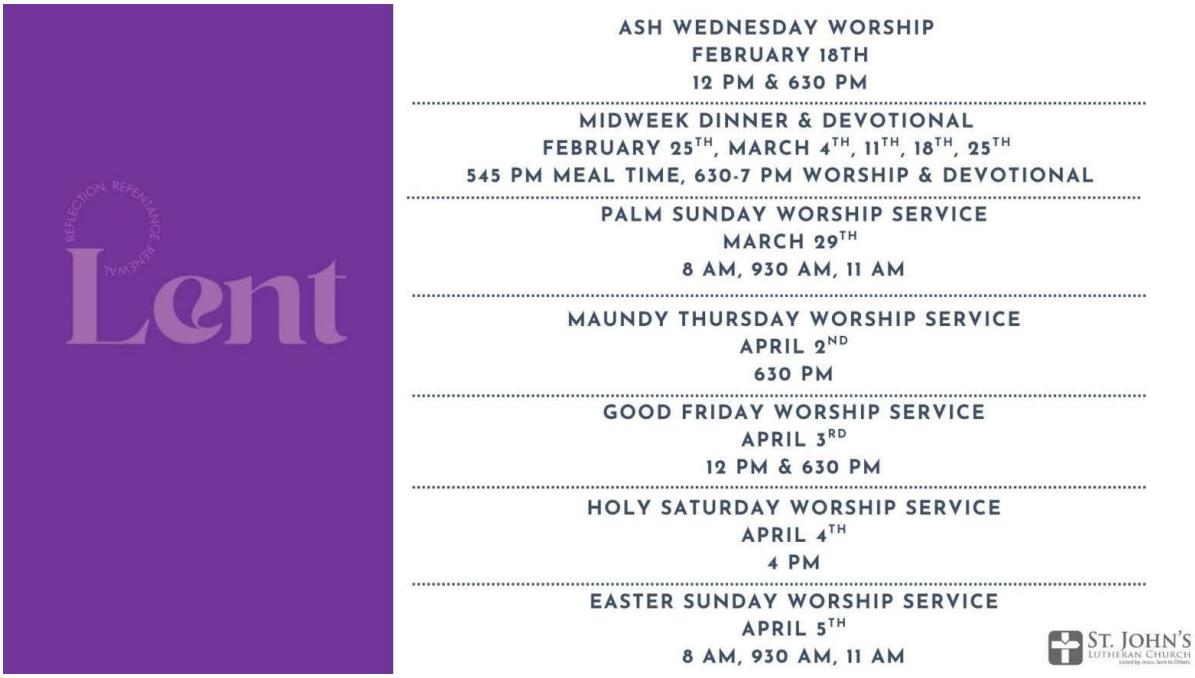
~~~TUESDAY NEWSDAY~~~
March 10, 2026



*There will be Palm Saturday service on Saturday, March 28 at 4:00 PM.

Lent Midweek Gatherings
Join us Wednesday evenings throughout Lent as we spend time reflecting upon Christ's great sacrifice and preparing our hearts for Easter.
We will be having meal time weekly in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45-6:30 PM

and worship/devotion in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM. We will be alternating between potlucks and provided meals.
Sign up to help plan for headcount. https://tinyurl.com/3xbwd2aj
We hope to see you there!

- Potlucks on ***March 11 & 25***. Feel free to bring a salad, side, dessert or beverage to share.
- Provided meal with free will offering on ***March 18***.

Help us to close the actual budgeted giving gap
As you may have seen, we are currently behind budgeted giving by approximately $30,000 so far year to date. A couple families have it on their hearts to help close the gap and have offered to match additional special incremental giving (i.e. beyond regularly planned giving) up to $10,000 between now and Easter. Please prayerfully consider helping to close the gap by giving a special incremental gift that will be doubled during this Easter season. For envelope giving, please note "Close the Gap" on your envelope. For online giving, you can select the "Close the Gap" fund in Clover or click here.

Easter Flower Sale
It is time to place the Easter flower order. The flower boxes and order forms are located in the downstairs Lobby. This year's selection includes:
Tulips, daffodils, hyacinths - $10.00
Easter Lilies and Mums - $14.00
Deadline for placing order - Sunday, March 22.
Cash or checks are welcome - Checks are made out to St. John's Lutheran Church.
Please mark your checks and envelopes "Easter Flowers".
Please remember what you order so everyone gets their correct flowers on Easter.
Thank you.

Caring for Those Away
Would you like a family member who is away at college or in the military to receive a care package from St. John's? If so please email Dawn at dawn@stjohnsop.com with the person's name and complete address ***by Wednesday, April 1.*** If your family member received a package in the fall they will again receive one this spring.
If anyone is interested in donating items for the care packages we can use the following individual items: goldfish, cookies, candy, granola bars, or any other yummy treats! Please leave them in the "Caring for Those Away" bin in the Lobby downstairs. Thank you in advance!

~Upcoming Events~

Senior Potluck
Join us on ***Wednesday, March 18*** at noon for a potluck lunch. Please sign-up at Sign-Up Central for a headcount and what you will be bringing.

Senior Day Trip
Join us on ***Friday, March 27*** for a visit to the Broadway Market. Sign up at Sign-Up Central. We will meet at church to carpool at 10:15 AM.

Sight & Sound Theater "Joshua" Bus Trip
August 26-28 Trip includes "Pretty Woman" at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, tour of the Wheatland Estate, dinner at an Amish home, Hershey Chocolate World and much more. Complete details and registration forms at Sign-up Central.

~Education & Ministry~

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

Adult Education
Sundays at 9:30 AM Join Abby Baack for 5 sessions as we spend the season of Lent focusing upon Jesus' resurrection. We will be using a series guided by pastor J.D. Greear and taking a deeper look at Jesus's life, death, and resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew, revealing the ways we should see ourselves in Jesus's story. Jesus died for us so that he could be alive in us today. Easter changes everything.

Pastor Mike's Bible Class
We meet ***Monday's at 12:00 PM.***

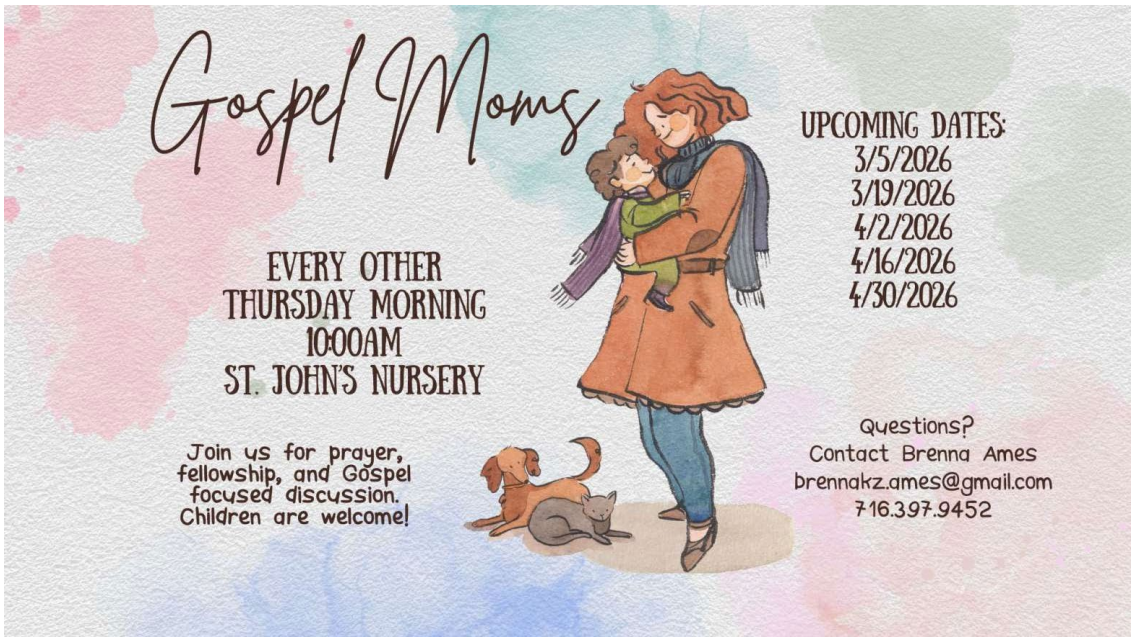
Laurie's Knitting & Sewing
We will meet on ***March 10*** at 6:00 PM.

Women's Bible Study
"Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks"
March 14 & 28 at 9:30 AM
Questions? Contact Andrea Smith at 716-983-9169 or andrea@stjohnsop.com

Tuesday Night Men's Group
We will meet on ***March 17*** 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

Women's Discipleship Group
We will meet on ***April 12*** at 11:00 AM in the Community Room. For more

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



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

Middle School*:*

Wyldlife Dates 2026			
Date	What	Time	Location
28-Feb	Wyldlife Club	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	St. John's
14-Mar	Wyldlife Club	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	St. John's
28-Mar	Wyldlife Club	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	St. John's
18-Apr	Wyldlife Club	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	St. John's
2-May	Wyldlife Club	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	St. John's
26-30 July	Wyldlife Summer Camp	Depart from OP at 6:30 AM	Lake Campion - Glen Spey, NY

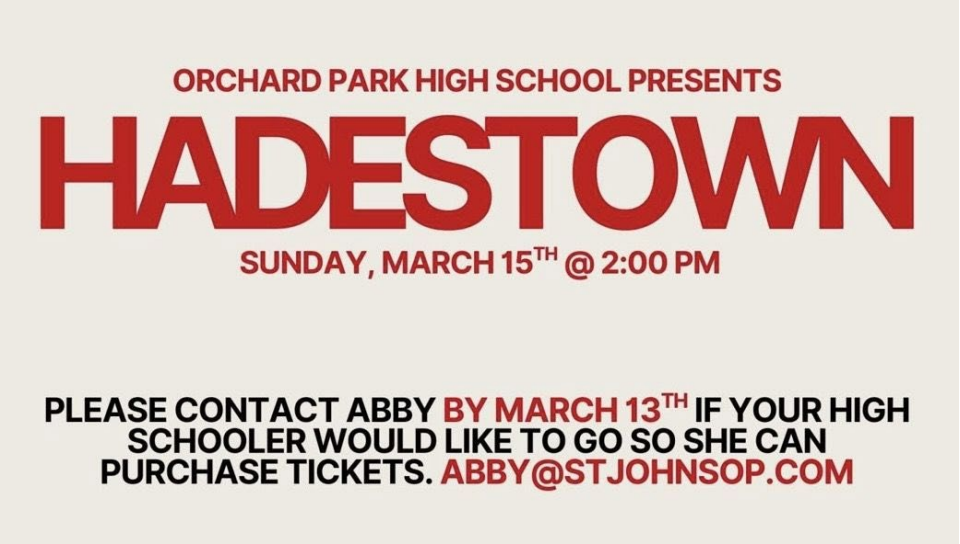
Cost is $20 per person. Please use this link to make your payment:
https://stjohnsop.com/connect/youth-ministry-payment
Check-in starts at 6:30 PM on Friday.
Pick up will be from 6:40 AM - 7:10 AM on Saturday.
Food, fun games, and Bible study will be provided!

High School:

Young Life "Club"
Every Tuesday at 7:30 PM. This is a time of fellowship, games, and learning more about who Jesus is. Locations vary.
Please contact Young Life leader, Jack Rosen (716)-547-5078 for more information.

Young Life "Campaigners" ***Every Friday at 6:21 AM***. This is a time devoted to studying God's Word, engaging in discussions, and praying together, led by one of

the Young Life leaders.
Please contact Young Life leader, Grace Shaw (276)-768-0849 for more information.



**** CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ****

Sunday School Snacks
Sunday School Snacks are provided based on donations we receive. We currently have been able to purchase the non-perishable items (popcorn, etc.) that the children have been enjoying each week, but that fund is now depleted. Please consider either donating toward that fund (Children's Ministry on envelope or drop down online) or signing up below to provide fruits or vegetables. Thank you!! https://stjohnsop.flocknote.com/signup/232632

~Prayer List~

Our Church Family

John Prestia's Family: John went home to be with Jesus after battling cancer
Karl Haeussler: injuries from accident
Greg F., Christie, & T.C.: continued peace & healing

Our Family and Friends

Taesha A.: chronic illness
Katy C.: sudden death of husband
Sandy: recovering from surgery
Kristi Krupp: cancer
K. Carrier: sudden loss of spouse

Those with Health Concerns: Andrea Timmons

Those with Cancer: Becky McKeon, Henry Fieldsa, Denise Crane, Pam, Joey, Bob, Dennis Burgwardt, Wade Y., Steve G., Pat Fournier, Danielle, Heather, Ann R., Sarah

Military: Ethan, 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.*

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Worship Attendance Report

March 7, 4:00 PM ~ 30 people
March 8, 8:00 AM ~ 38 people
March 8, 9:30 AM ~ 123 people
March 8, 11:00 AM ~ 142 people

Sunday School ~ 47 children
Middle/High School ~ 12 youth

Wednesday evening Lent devotion ~ 52 people

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2026 Ministry Budget Giving Toward Goal of $924,746

Week	Received*	YTD actual	YTD budget*	Over/(Under)
2/8/2026	$ 16,283	$ 84,453	$ 106,701	$ (22,248)
2/15/2026	$ 15,374	$ 99,827	$ 124,485	$ (24,658)
2/22/2026	$ 11,957	$ 111,784	$ 142,269	$ (30,484)
3/1/2026	$ 18,085	$ 129,869	$ 160,052	$ (30,183)
3/8/2026	$ 20,771	$ 150,640	$ 177,836	$ (27,196)

*Weekly Budget of $17,784 based on approved Budget of $924,746 divided by 52 weeks

March

2 - Chris Gartenman, Sue Grisanti
3 - Elizabeth Burgwardt, Jesse Burgwardt, Dawn Sauda
4 - Kristin Beckett, Dianne Buyer
5 - Brenden Von Kramer
6 - Dennis Burgwardt, Lisa Derrisaw, Dave Meissner, Austin Tatar
7 - Linda Dutkiewicz
9 - John Beecher, Kelly Buckley
10 - Darlene Holmes, Margo Luniewski
11 - Nate Clinard, Harrison Sullivan
13 - Mark Radominski, Russ Schroeder
14 - Elaine Przewozny, Maureen Roth, Richard Streicher
15 - Gabriella Bogoevski. Sydney Bogoevski, Nicholas Kempski Jr.
16 - Wayne Biehler, Rick Heaton, Stacy Wilczak
18 - Katheryn Dehlinger, Lawson Palowski
19 - Ernie Matthews
20 - Bob McMaster, Ellanorah Struckmann
21 - Ruthie Reynolds, Grace Thelen
22 - Abby Hartke, Mike Reynolds, Janice Rickard
23 - Cindy Diehl, Patty Gotro
24 - Stephen Aldstadt
25 - Abby Francis, Bob Glace
27 - Michelle Faust
28 - Diane Hagelin, Hayley Rogers
29 - Sharon Fulton, Mike Pici
30 - Lynette Benzinger, Bette Chapman, Jackie Clinard, Joyce Persons
31 - Al Bielecki, Timothy Collins Jr., Anita Meissner, Anne Menard, Karen Sievenpiper

~On-Going Information~

Green Bins
Due to lack of storage and a warm place to sort, the green bins will be **on hold until March/April.** Thanks for your understanding.
Call June with questions. 716-648-4062.

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.