



## ~~~TUESDAY NEWSDAY~~~

### March 17, 2026



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP FEBRUARY 18TH 12 PM & 630 PM
MIDWEEK DINNER & DEVOTIONAL FEBRUARY 25 <sup>TH</sup> , MARCH 4 <sup>TH</sup> , 11 <sup>TH</sup> , 18 <sup>TH</sup> , 25 <sup>TH</sup> 545 PM MEAL TIME, 630-7 PM WORSHIP & DEVOTIONAL
PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH 29 <sup>TH</sup> 8 AM, 930 AM, 11 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 2 <sup>ND</sup> 630 PM
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 3 <sup>RD</sup> 12 PM & 630 PM
HOLY SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 4 <sup>TH</sup> 4 PM
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 5 <sup>TH</sup> 8 AM, 930 AM, 11 AM



\*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!

- Potluck on **March 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](mailto: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.

### **Men's Ministry Event**

Fellas, plan to attend the next Men's Ministry Event at the Orchard Park VFW (5784 Ellis Road) on **Sunday, April 19** from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Contact Pastor Nate at [atnate@stjohnsop.com](mailto:atnate@stjohnsop.com) to let us know you're planning to come!

### **Senior Day Trip - Shea's Buffalo Theater**

On **May 6** at 11:00 AM we will have a guided tour of the historic 100 year old theater. Meet at St. John's at 10:15 to carpool. \$25 for the tour--payable at Shea's the day of. Sign up at Sign-up Central.

### **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. No class April 6 & 13.**

April 20 we begin a study of the book of Matthew--we will read through the entire book as we study how Matthew unfolds the story of Jesus.

#### **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](mailto:sean@stjohnsop.com)

#### **Gospel Moms**

Join us every other Thursday morning at 10:00 AM in the nursery for prayer, fellowship, and gospel-focused discussion. Children welcome!

**March 19, April 2,16,30** Questions? Contact Brenna Ames 716-397-9452 or [brennakz.ames@gmail.com](mailto:brennakz.ames@gmail.com)

#### **Women's Bible Study**

"Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks"

**March 28** at 9:30 AM

Questions? Contact Andrea Smith at 716-983-9169 or [andrea@stjohnsop.com](mailto:andrea@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.

## Laurie's Knitting & Sewing

We will meet on **April 14** at 6:00 PM.

## **\*\* MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY \*\***

### Middle School:

Wyldlife Dates 2026			
Date	What	Time	Location
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

St. John's Middle School (2026)			
Date	What	Time	Location
24-Mar	Stuff Easter Eggs	2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	St. John's
25-Mar	Prodigal Son Skit	6:30 PM - 7:15 PM	St. John's
22-Apr	Middle School Hang Out	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	St. John's



## 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 \*\*



The graphic features a decorative border of colorful Easter eggs at the top and bottom. The central text reads "EASTER EGG HUNT" in large, bold, pink-outlined letters. Below this, the date and time "Saturday, March 28th, 10AM" is written in a pink, rounded font. A pink oval contains the text "Egg hunt for children through 5th grade." To the left, the "HOP-A-THON" logo is displayed, including the text "to raise money for filling & shipping Operation: Christmas Child shoeboxes" and a small airplane icon. To the right is a QR code, and a speech bubble contains the text "SIGN UP HERE TO HELP!"

## ~Prayer List~

### Our Church Family

Marcia

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

Joanne & Lori: battling cancer

Taesha A.: chronic illness  
 Katy C.: sudden death of husband  
 Sandy: recovering from surgery

**Those with Health Concerns:** Andrea Timmons

**Those with Cancer:** Kristi Krupp, 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 14, 4:00 PM ~ 37 people  
 March 15, 8:00 AM ~ 33 people  
 March 15, 9:30 AM ~ 164 people  
 March 15, 11:00 AM ~ 152 people

Sunday School ~ 60 children  
 Middle/High School ~ 12 youth

Wednesday evening Lent devotion ~ 54 people

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**2026 Ministry Budget Giving Toward Goal of \$924,746**

Week	Received*	YTD actual	YTD budget*	Over/(Under)
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)
3/15/2026	\$ 15,103	\$ 165,743	\$ 195,619	\$ (29,877)

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



- 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 Kempinski 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.