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"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we Serve"

Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Kline

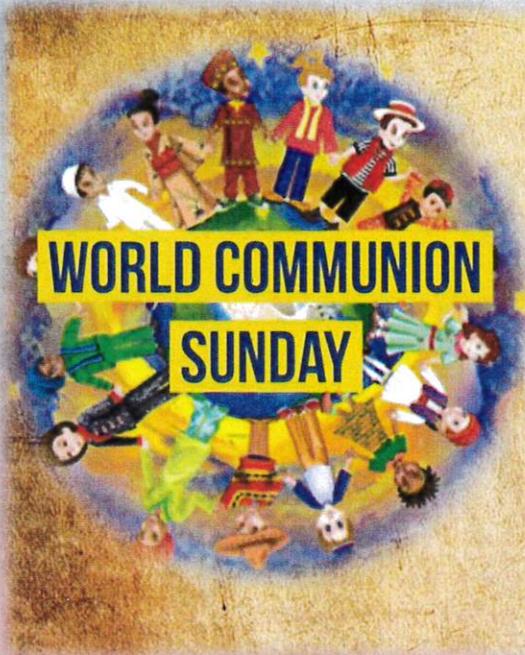
Darlene Begolka

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Pastor

Office Manager

October 2025



St. John United Church of Christ and the 1st Presbyterian Church will celebrate World Communion Sunday together on Sunday, October 5th during the 10:00 a.m. worship service at St. John United Church of Christ (204 – 7th Street in Lincoln). The choirs from both churches will join their voices together and sing "Table of Joy". All are Welcome!

Celebration being planned!!!

Our congregation is 165 years old

AND

Our building is 100 years old

Sunday, October 26, 2025

- **Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.**
- **PowerPoint History of activities and events from 1860 to the present following church**
- **Dinner at 12:15 p.m.**
- **Time of Recognition and Remembrance following dinner**



PASTOR'S CORNER

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 15, 2025
7:00p.m.

OUR FUTURE CHURCH AND JESUS CHRIST

Jesus calls His church to be rebuilt and refreshed, and St. John UCC will respond to this calling! October and the Fall season welcomes a new ministry and opportunity to share the gospel afresh in this time of Halloween and All Saints Day. The Biblical Gospels tell the beginning and the destiny of our local UCC congregation, and the global Christian Church and movement, the *ecclesia*, as we respond to God's calling and future in these words from the Gospel of Matthew:

"Then Jesus said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age'." (Matthew 28:18-20.)

A LIGHT TO THE WORLD

This Fall may our St. John fellowship, friends and members remember and experience again this miracle of redemption! World Communion Sunday will be shared with our neighbors from 1st Presbyterian church, just as Jesus shared The Last Supper with his friends and soon to become apostles. And the Twelve Disciples soon would receive the Great Commission at Holy Week, and bring to us the new future that God intends now for us. Come and be reconnected to His Good News this Fall, as we prepare for the new light of Advent and Christmas! We are called now to raise up and renew our St. John UCC and refresh our ministry together.

Rev. Ken Kline

- Present:** Silas Tockey, Randy Pech, Laura Lee, Kaye Wilmert, Carolyn Pech, Keith Birnbaum, Roger Michalsen, Bob Meinershagen, Donna Kessinger, and Darlene Begolka, Office Manager, and Pastor Kenneth Kline
- Guests:** Toni Reifsteck- 165th Church Anniversary; and Jan and Ed Jeffries

President Silas Tockey called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m., Monday, September 15, 2025. Pastor Kline read Psalm 100 to open the meeting.

Guest 1: Jan and Ed Jeffries

- **Memorial Committee** – There has been a request to purchase a new wheelchair since the current one has rips and tears. With some research a Medline Excel Extra-wide 24" seat Wheelchair for adults, which supports up to 500 pounds, was found to be best and currently on sale. There are Memorial funds from Jerry Gehlbach that Nancy Gehlbach has agreed could be used to purchase the wheelchair. It was moved and seconded to purchase the new Medline wheelchair using monies from Jerry Gehlbach memorials. All voting aye. Motion carried.
- **Veteran's Celebration** – The money raised from El Mazatlan fund raiser was a little more than \$720.00. Several individual donations of over \$200.00 have been received. The committee has received 2 donations of \$1000.00 from non-church member donors. Both donors have given money for the celebration and appreciate the Veteran's Celebration and its commitment to the community and veterans. The invitations to veterans will be mailed out on Tuesday, September. 16th. On September 18th Silas Tockey will be having

an Open Mic on a Mission night at Spirited Republic as a fund raiser for the celebration.

Guest 2: Toni Reifsteck – Charity Guild/Kitchen committee - 165th/100th Anniversary

- Toni asked about the **water fountains** in Fellowship Hall that public uses. Charity Guild has been buying bottled water for church use, and she wondered when the new one would be installed. Silas was going to contact Building and Grounds to see if they have made any inquiries about replacing the fountains.
- **Communion Supplies** - There are small ceramic communion pitchers in the kitchen that are sitting out on counter and kitchen committee would like to put those in cupboard so as to keep them from breaking. They would also like to move all communion supplies into one cupboard. That project will be done soon.
- **Kitchen Carts** – Toni asked if air could please be put in the kitchen cart tires.

165th/100th Anniversary

- **Bookmarks** have arrived and will be put together. They are gifts for all attendees.
- Hallmark is working on the wooden ornament gifts for invited guests.
- The **deadline for meal reservations is October 10th** – so far there are 30 plus some invited guests have responded as coming. The meal will be served family style for convenience.
- Rev. Hoefler's son called to ask if he could get permission to park RV in parking lot during the weekend of anniversary. It was okayed for him to park over by the Boy Scout trailer (in that area of the parking lot). He isn't asking for water or electricity during this time.
- **Glass Communion Cups** - There are glass communion cups on display with other memorabilia, and those will be used during communion on October 26th. The Anniversary committee would like to invite anyone who wants a cup as a souvenir that

they be allowed to go ahead and take with them the day of anniversary. All agreed that it is okay.

- **Use Storage room items** - Committee would like to bring out of storage the Sunday School (children's) tables, pews, etc. All agreed that it is okay.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report as corrected (spelling error). All voting aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda with changes as submitted. All voting aye the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship Team – There will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd to discuss World Communion Sunday (joint service with 1st Presbyterian Church); Anniversary Service; Totenfest in November, and upcoming Advent/Christmas Eve service. Date for Pastor Kline's installation is yet to be determined.

PASTOR'S' REPORT

Pastor Kline gave his thanks to all who have welcomed him and helped fix up the parsonage by cleaning and making any repairs. He is now the Charter Executive for the Boy Scout Troop here at St. John's. He was a previous Boy Scout and is very honored to be appointed to the position. He also has joined the Rotary Club of Lincoln. He has been doing shut-in visits. He's made 11 pastoral contacts since he started on September 1.

OLD BUSINESS

Hoefler Memorial Tree - Tree will get planted by Anniversary. Recommend placing stones from parsonage yard around the tree.

Laptop for Nursing homes- At a previous meeting it was mentioned about purchasing a laptop for St. John UCC nursing home residents to have access to watch Sunday services that are being live streamed. Research on prices will be done for this project before any purchase.

NEW BUSINESS

Parsonage Furniture – Pastor Kline has some furniture, but could use a better couch, etc. The recliner from the nursery will be moved to the parsonage for him to use.

Joys and Concerns during church Service – A solution has been suggested and will be tried during the Joys and Concerns times. Because of privacy during that time the mic wasn't used, but it is possible to Mute what is being heard by those online. So, we can use the mic again in the sanctuary, but those online will not hear sound but see screen with "Time of Reflection".

Worship Leaders Meetings- The Pastor, the Organist, and Choir Directors will meet quarterly to discuss future service preparations. The Worship Team will remain as is and will also meet on a quarterly basis – this team meets to plan upcoming music and Altar preparations/Schedule. The Worship Leader's meeting was this week and changes to the Bulletin were discussed. It was recommended that Bulletins be preprinted bulletins as used prior to covid, and that the lyrics to the hymns be printed on the screen only and not in the bulletin. It was moved and seconded to accept the bulletin changes as Worship Leaders recommended. All voting aye. Motion carried. Other portions of the bulletin were eliminated. Future changes may be made.

Website Update – There will be a website revamp. Austin G., Calob P., Tracy Welch-Website master, Darlene, and pastor will take time to view other church websites to get ideas on how to update St. John UCC website.

Communion –Communion Sunday, the Communion will remain all grape juice at this time. The portable combined cup and wafer, which was used during covid, will be used for shut-ins at this time.

World Communion Sunday is October 5. 1st Presbyterian Church will be joining us for this service. There will be a joint choir singing as well. **Railsplitter Ringers** – Calob Pluhm has started a Bell Choir and Chimes Choir with an invitation for others in the community to perform. The first performance would be pre-music to the L.A.M.S. Winter Concert. He and Darlene will be having rehearsals at St. John for those in the community

who are interested. It was moved and seconded that the council is in favor of proceeding to use the St. John UCC bells and chimes, Railsplitter Ringers, for community functions outside of the church, barring any insurance issues. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Rotary Dues for Pastor – This item is already built into the budget

CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

Letter from Todd of Workcamp for Lincoln is seeking churches to partner to do home repair in Logan County homes. Pastor Kline took the information and will look into this.

Trillium Place – This is an addiction and recovery center located within the "Hope on 5th" facility. This letter is an informational one and will be put in the CHIMES for all to read.

ADJOURNMENT – It was moved and seconded to adjourn. All voting aye the motion carried. All said the Lord's Prayer before adjourning at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Laura Lee, Council Secretary



Daily Devotional booklets are available for October, November and December in Narthex and in the entryway. No charge. Outreach invites you to take one and if you know of a shut-in or someone else who would be interested - by all means, take one for them too.





LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Dave Armbrust
Jerry and Mary Berglin
Edna Mara
Wayne Mara
Ruth Post
Susan Webb

CASTLE MANOR

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Bill Krepps

COPPER CREEK

203 Stahlhut Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Steve Aue

LINCOLN VILLAGE HEALTHCARE CENTER

2202 N. Kickapoo Street, Lincoln, IL 62656

Judy Kline

VONDERLIETH LIVING CENTER

1120 N. Topper Drive, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548

Sandy Sanders

CEDARHURST OF SPRINGFIELD

3520 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62711

Helen Opperman

CELEBRATE LIFE...

By: Tonita Reifsteck



Twenty St. Johner's enjoyed a sunny, warm/not hot day at Kickapoo Park for the September **Celebrate Life** gathering on Friday, September 12th. Nancy led everyone in singing the Johnny Appleseed Blessing then everyone enjoyed their sack lunch. Toni led a program using each person present their date of birth, telling them what day of the week that fell on and closed with the Poem "Born on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, etc." for them to claim their own zodiac. (Nancy remembered the modern version of the ditty). Those enjoying the afternoon (sitting across front in pic) the 3 birthday celebrants: Bob Sanders, David Schneider and Tonita Reifsteck joined in fellowship by Marilyn Armbrust, Karen Birnbaum, Nancy Gehlbach, Verdeen Ingram, Janet Johnson, Norma Kramer, Jack and Nany Leih, Carolyn Pech, Glen and Terri Shanle, Lynn Spellman, Carol Webb, Marlene Wilmert and Sandy Wilmert. Sandy had brought balloons for the 3 and cupcakes for everyone – (busy getting things arranged as the next event was Toni opening the many 'gifts' practical, comical, tasty and some just plain ornery! A FUN afternoon. A Beware WARNING -Milestone birthdays are open season for Sandy's handiwork. Birthday, Get Well and Thinking of You cards were signed. It was a memorable day!

October Celebrate Life will be at Kickapoo Creek Park on Friday, October 10th at 11:30 a.m. Hopefully nice fall weather! In case of rain, it will be at church. NO reservations necessary – all are welcome at the first shelter at Kickapoo Creek Park. Bring own lunch and drink. This is the month of the church's anniversary so program will center on that.

GREETERS

October 5th: Bob Meinershagen
October 12th: Sandy Meinershagen
October 19th: Carla Jurgenson
October 26th: Jack and Nancy Leich

MISSION NEWS

By: Verdeen Ingram and
Marlene Wilmert, Co-Chairs

SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAYS...The Mission Committee has designated the following Sundays:

- **Second Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken for the **Children of Lincoln project.**
- **On the fourth Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken for the **Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action.**

Marlene Wilmert, Co-Chair adds: In the month of August, 16 bags of groceries were delivered to Lincoln/Logan Food Pantry.

Also we were finally able to locate and deliver 134 stuffed animals to Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Thank you and blessings for our church support.

Coats For Kids



Sunday, September 21st was a great day at St. John. Our coats were on display and ready to be given to Community Action (CAPCIL). Our Thanksgiving offerings from last year (plus lots of gifts which were added since then) were used to buy new coats for local children. We were able to give 362 coats to Breann Titus who accepted them on behalf of CAPCIL. The guys who picked them up on Monday morning filled their whole trailer! Thanks so much to everyone who contributed to this great project!

Just a note...

Hats, scarves, mittens and gloves will be collected now until Sunday, November 16th.

Reuse-A-Shoe

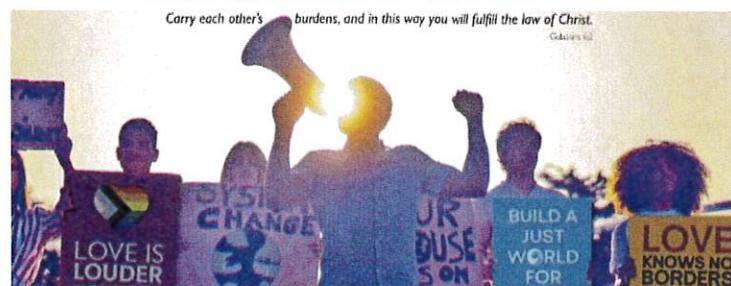
Larry and I recently went to the Doobie Brothers concert in St. Louis. Why is this relevant to St. John? Because St. Louis has the closest Nike outlet and that is where we take the old athletic shoes that you bring in to recycle. This time we were able to deliver 4 kitchen garbage bags full of shoes. The people at the store were sure excited to get them. These shoes will be recycled into playground surfaces, etc. for deserving schools and neighborhoods. Thanks to all of you who brought in your shoes. Keep them coming! We will be glad to spend another day or two in St. Louis!

October Food Item Is...



**All non-perishable items are
WELCOME.**

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING Sunday, October 5, 2025



In the letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages the church to "carry each other's burdens." This seems to be a clear enough encouragement. Why then, does he also say just a few verses later, "for each one should carry their own load?"

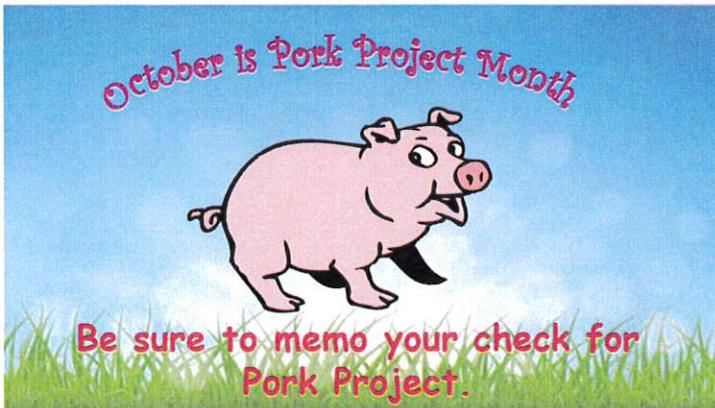
This scripture highlights a dynamic many of us face when we help others or receive help. There's a difference between helping someone and taking over for them. Inversely, it can be both challenging

and a source of comfort to receive care. Giving and receiving, with autonomy, is an integral part of justice ministries.

When the United Church of Christ gathers to collect the Neighbors in Need offering, we work to honor this complexity. The money collected supports the work of the UCC's Washington D.C. Office for Public Policy and Advocacy. The advocacy done in this office can be on behalf of churches, but most of the time, it involves partnership with congregations and church members across the nation. The work is shared through collective advocacy, with and for one another.

Contributing to this offering allows us to share one another's burdens. Two-thirds of your donation supports the UCC's justice and witness ministries, such as the D.C. Office. The remaining one-third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), which has been witnessing to Native values and culture as a vital part of the UCC since 1971.

Thank you for your gifts as we work together, sharing our burdens to support our Neighbors in Need.



When the temps start to turn cooler that means Christmas is only a few short months away.

Which means it's time for the Toys for Tots Campaign. The official start date is October 1st. So, when you are out shopping keep in mind those children who would not have a Christmas without the help of Toys for Tots. We have been informed

of some needs: items for boys ages 5-12; items for teens, and books in general. But whatever new toys, games, books, etc. you bring in will be greatly appreciated by the children who may not otherwise have a Christmas.

The Mission Committee has a fundraiser planned for Toys for Tots:

- On Thursday, November 19th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Spirited Republic, Silas Tockey will do an Open Mic on a Mission and that mission is Toys for Tots.

Orders for Red T-shirts with Churches and Niebuhr's Serenity Prayer need to be requested by **OCTOBER 5th** so, they can be ordered/printed by Celebration Sunday. Questions talk with Tonita Reifsteck. Payment is due no later than pick-up day.

Articles for the **November** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **October 19th**.



Tonita Reifsteck says "THANK YOU for the cards, text messages and/or phone calls to me for my 90th! I truly Celebrated Life and know firsthand what those notes mean when we send cards each month to someone special. Ah yes, thanks for the 'age gifts' for the vintage I've entered. What fun we all had in Celebrate Life lunch in the Park. You all are a blessing in my life. Thank you! "

LOGAN COUNTY VETERANS CELEBRATION

Hosted by St. John United Church of Christ



It has been a very busy summer planning for the November Veterans Celebration.

Thank You!! Your support of our fundraisers is so appreciated. This event happens because of YOU and the community support we receive. God has blessed our event. It is our prayer that we will continue to honor our GOD and the Veterans.

Our next fundraiser is on Wednesday, October 1st at the Country Aire Restaurant. This is an all-day (6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.) fundraiser.

Invitations went out last week and we have already received reservations.

It is not too late to mail an invitation to a veteran in Logan County who did not receive an invitation last year and/or has moved. We need the names and addresses immediately to allow time to receive and respond. It is very important that you provide both the first and last name and a correct mailing address. We also request a phone number, as we may need to place the veterans on a standby list if we reach the maximum seating number. Due to privacy laws, it is very difficult to get complete information so we must rely on you to provide it.

The information needed is Name, Address, City, Zip Code and Phone Number.

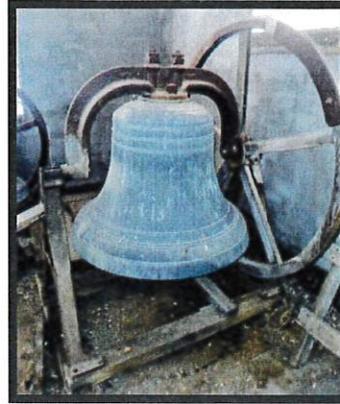
Please email this information to:
petejan75@Frontier.com
or Text to: 1-217-414-3306

Special thanks to our Committee Members who work so hard year-round for the event.

Logan County Veterans Celebration Committee
Jan Jeffries, Chairman

ST. JOHN BRONZE BELLS

By Tonita Reifsteck



Early in 1884 a group from St. John Evangelical Church traveled to Ohio to 'look at bells for the church' that was in building stage at that time. There were 2 bells that had been entered to an exhibit and had received

"blue ribbon" awards. They were chosen at that time to be purchased by St. John. Interestingly, the blue ribbons were still attached to them when they were delivered in October of 1884.

These bells—one weighing 612 pounds is 48 inches in diameter at the base and 42 inches in height and structure is 3 inches in thickness. The smaller bell weighs 721 pounds is 34 inches in diameter and 35 inches in height. Lifted into the steeple of the new church on the corner of Fifth and Union Streets, they first rang to call people to worship for the first Sunday in the new church on January 18, 1885.

On Sunday, July 12, 1925 the congregation assembled for the last time in the sanctuary of the former church located at the corner of Fifth and Union Streets for a farewell worship service. As the members left the church and the cortege proceeded down Union Street to Seventh Street and then to Maple Street the bells now relocated to the new church building, tolled until the last member had reached the new church. These bells continue to ring in our church following many of the traditions of the past—besides calling people to worship, in times past, during the praying of The Lord's Prayer a bell would be tolled 3 times. Still today, following a memorial service of a member called into eternal life, a bell is tolled in respect for as many years of the decedents life.

There have been 'special occasions' when the bells were rung—they first being on Monday, April 21, 1913 the morning following the death of Rev.

Gustav Niebuhr. Other special ringing were November 11, 1918 World War 1, Armistice Day and again on August 14, 1945, World War 2— peace with Japan. There have been years when they were rung as a national theme of Ringing Out the Old and Welcome the New on New Year's Eve.

AUGUST FINANCIALS	
	
Beginning Balance	\$14,551.67
Income	\$12,436.35
Expenses	\$14,349.37
Ending Balance	\$12,638.65

St. John Diners
Parkview Inn in Bloomington
Saturday, October 11th
11:30 a.m.



Are you planning to attend St. John Diners in October? Sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary to let us know. This way we know how many to make the reservation for. Be at the church parking lot on October 11th by 11:00 a.m. to leave for Bloomington. Those driving on their own the reservation is for 11:30 a.m.

Altar Flowers



October 5th:
 October 12th:
 October 19th:
 October 26th:

Eat at the
Country Aire Restaurant
 in Atlanta, Illinois
Wednesday, October 1st
All Day (6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.)
Dine-In or Carry-Out
10% of the sales that day will go to the
2025 Logan County Veterans Celebration.
(The Logan County Veterans Celebration is hosted by St. John United Church of Christ.)
Mark your calendars and come out to support this great project.
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NEEDED...
COFFEE HOUR
HOST/HOUSTESS VOLUNTEERS



Sign-up sheets are in Narthex and Kitchen.

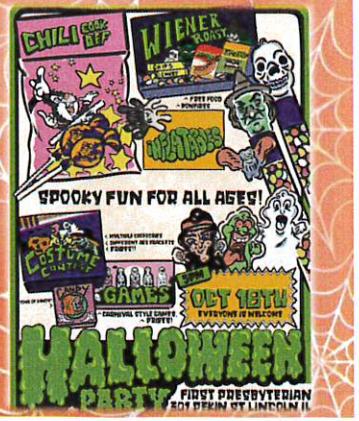
Dinner Reservations
for the 165th/100th Celebrations
of St. John UCC on October 26th,
need to be made by OCTOBER 10th
so that a count can be given to the Caterer.
Any questions see Laura Lee.

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Rhonda Howard
- 7 Rod Morgan
- 13 Cody Conrady
Amelia Elizabeth Mayfield
- 14 Troy Meinershagen
- 16 Alison Pagel
- 25 Carla Jurgenson
- 26 David Wilmert
- 30 Leland Semple
- 31 Greg Fuller
Jenna Michalsen
Michelle Muhlach

Our friends from
1st Presbyterian Church
have invited us to
their Halloween Party.



TOTENFEST IS NOVEMBER 2nd



If you have a friend or family member whose life you would like to celebrate, email the church office with their name, date of birth, date of death, and relationship to you.

There are some forms in the back of the sanctuary if you would rather fill one of those out. Please use a separate form for each person.

We need the information by October 22nd.



Saturday, October 4th
8:30 a.m.
Imo's Café

All men of the church are Welcome

ATTENDANCE

August 31st

31 In-Person, 32 on Facebook, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 77+

September 7th

41 In-Person, 31 on Facebook, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 86+

September 14th

38 In-Person, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 52+

September 21st

37 In-Person, 43 on Facebook, 14 bulletins mailed and website = 94+

We Extend Our Deepest Sympathy To...



Suzanne Tockey and family at the death of her brother, Tim Schippel

October Calendar



Wednesday, October 1st

All-Day (6:00 to 8:30 p.m.) Fundraiser at the Country Aire Restaurant for the 2025 Logan County Veterans Celebration

Saturday, October 4th

Men's Fellowship at Imo's Café at 8:30 a.m.

World Communion Sunday, October 5th

St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship/Communion at 10:00 a.m.

Our friends from 1st Presbyterian Church will be joining us for worship

St. John Ringers practice following church

St. John Chimers practice following ringers

Monday, October 6th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Railsplitter Ringers at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7th

Outreach and Publicity meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8th

Stewardship Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 10th

Celebrate Life Birthday Group at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 11th

St. John Diners at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 12th

St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

St. John Ringers practice following church

St. John Chimers practice following ringers

Monday, October 13th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Church Office closed for holiday

Tuesday, October 14th

Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 18th

Fall Association Meeting

Halloween Party at 1st Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 19th

St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

St. John Ringers practice following church

St. John Chimers practice following ringers

Monday, October 20th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 26th

Celebration Sunday...

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St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Historical PowerPoint following church

Celebration Dinner at 12:15 p.m.

Monday, October 27th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Railsplitter Ringers at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28th

Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 31st – Saturday, November 1st

Annual Celebration in DeKalb

Note:

The YMCA After School Program

Monday – Friday

3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Prayer List



Alissa Smith
Cheryl F.
Katrina Opperman
Lynn
David
Kathy Staten
Jim Walsh
Kristen
Lee Wolfe
Joyce (Gail Marquardt's mother)
"Pete" Luckhart
Abigail
Middle East
Raymond
Stephanie Opperman
Janet Dullard
Sharlene
Jen Steele
Ellen Schweizer
Beverly
David Dennis
Louise Jeffries
Martha
Debbie
Duke
Chris
Allen
Linda Barrick
Wil Buse
Drake Miller
Bill Dennis
Patricia Southerd
Leslie Wilmert

Kevin Wilham
Kathy
Elizabeth Miller
Katie
Jackie Curry
Ron Brawdy
Dorothy
Merlene Stout
Janet Johnson
Kelli Thompson
Sandy
Dylan
DJ
Jeremy Cook
Fred
Linda Gehlbach
Nolan
Larry Jones family
Carol Mills
Ryman Miller
Lainey Miller
Lucy Miller
Kathleen Twente
Kim Aper family

Illinois Conference/Western Association

FACILITIES AND HOMEBOUND:

Dave Armbrust, Steve Aue,
Jerry and Mary Berglin, Judy Kline,
Bill Krepps, Wayne Mara, Edna Mara,
Sandy Sanders, Ruth Post, Susan Webb

Staff of St. John United Church of Christ

Members and Friends of St. John UCC

Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Kline
Darlene Begolka
Carolyn Pech
Dana Birts
Laura Lee
Calob Pluhm
Darlene Begolka

Ministers

Pastor
Office Manager
Financial Manager
Custodian
Organist
St. John Ringers and St. John Singers Director
St. John Chimers Director

Church Council for 2025-2026



Silas Tockey, President
Randy Pech, Vice-President
Laura Lee, Secretary
Keith Birnbaum, Current Fund Treasurer
Bob Meinershagen (Elder), Special Funds Treasurer
Kaye Wilmert (Elder), Financial Secretary
Donna Kessinger
Roger Michalsen, (Elder)
Carolyn Pech

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Dear St. Johns United Church,

Our experienced team is here to be a trusted resource for referrals for addiction recovery and DUI services. Trillium Place Lincoln, an affiliate of Carle Health, offers a variety of care options for adults including:

- Substance use disorder assessments.
- Intensive outpatient programming (IOP).
- Outpatient services.
- Peer support services.
- DUI evaluations and treatment.
- Referral information for withdrawal management (detox) services, residential/inpatient addiction services and other community resources.

Our team of counselors and addiction professionals has a long-standing reputation for providing compassionate, accessible care that meets people where they are on their recovery journey. We're here to help connect individuals with the support they need.

To make a referral or to learn more about our addiction recovery services, contact our team today:

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Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the wellness of our community. We look forward to working together.

Best regards,

Trillium Place Lincoln