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

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During the
*Season
of Lent*
contemplate
your heart and
look at our
world with
Hope.

PASTOR'S CORNER



OUR FUTURE CHURCH AND JESUS CHRIST

Jesus calls His church to be refreshed and renewed, and St. John UCC will respond to this calling! As Lenten reflections give way to Holy Week and Easter Joy, our church is moving into the future with focus and courage. The Gospels tell us the beginning and the destiny of our local church, and the global Christian church and movement, the *ecclesia*, as we are renewed and respond to God's calling and Future.

"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 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).

The twelve Disciples experienced this miracle of redemption as The Great Commission that launched the future of the Way of Jesus Christ, and created all churches everywhere. It is our turn now to reclaim this miracle and commission of Jesus Christ!

THE MISSION

Let's do some new things! In this Holy season of Lent 2026, we will launch new programs beginning on Sunday March 1st. I will lead a "Discussion of the Niebuhr's of Lincoln" on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the Wilmert Lounge, followed by a "New Member Orientation and Conversation" at 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. The Confirmation Class will continue and is held bi-weekly on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Wilmert Lounge until Pentecost.

Further, we will produce a professional quality new St. John Church Photo-Directory this Spring. In addition, I will lead a "listening to the Spirit" Futuring program after Easter with organization and details to be announced in the April Chimes.

The Mission we share is to work now for the restoration and redemption of our Christian Community and family. This mission is launched now in our Lenten pilgrimage: worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m., the Maundy Thursday Communion Service shared with the First Presbyterian Church on April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Also, we will come alive in faith at our early morning Sunrise Service on Easter Morning at Kickapoo Park at 6:00 a.m. and Easter Sunday Celebration in 10:00 a.m. Worship.

Let's Grow Our Church! Come Home to your church this Lenten and Holy Week Season! Join us on each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. worship at St. John for the Holy drama and passion of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Ken

Bible Study
Mondays at 12:00 noon.
Bring a sack lunch.

A graphic with a light blue and pink background. On the left, there is an illustration of an open book with glasses on it. The text "Bible Study Join us!" is written in a stylized font. Below this, the text "Bible Study Mondays at 12:00 noon. Bring a sack lunch." is written in a bold, black font.

2026 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

"Our love offering to the world."

A graphic with a golden, textured background. At the top, the text "2026 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING" is written in a bold, black font. Below this, there is a large, stylized heart shape formed by two hands holding a globe. Inside the heart, there is a photograph of a diverse group of people smiling and talking. At the bottom, the text "Our love offering to the world." is written in a red, cursive font.

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

**Monday, January 19, 2026
7:00p.m.**

Present: Silas Tockey, Randy Pech, Laura Lee, Kaye Wilmert, Carolyn Pech, Roger Michalsen, Bob Meinershagen, Donna Kessinger, and Darlene Begolka, Office Manager, and Pastor Ken Kline

Absent: Keith Birnbaum

President Silas Tockey called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2026. Pastor Ken began the meeting with Psalm 100 and an opening prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

It was moved and seconded to approve the December Secretary's Report as submitted. All voting aye, the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Gamers: This group has started up again on the second Sunday of the month from 2pm-4pm.

Diners: Trips will be made in town in the winter or until the weather is warmer. Next trip in February will be to Country Aire in Atlanta.

Stewardship: The updated amounts for the budget are:

Current: \$79,320.00
OCWM: \$10,035.00
Sister Church: \$2,955.00
Contingency: \$4,809.00
Good Samaritan Fund: \$3,085.00

PASTOR'S' REPORT:

Pastor had question about health insurance for the last 3 months of 2025. That question will be addressed.

Activities:

- Presided at Celebration of Life for Susan Webb
- Attended Church Christmas Dinner, and Diner's at CHI
- Presided over Christmas Eve Service
- Led a Worship service/program at St. Clara's
- Attended Lincoln Area Ministerial Association (LAMA) meeting and will be hosting at St. John UCC in February with pizza for lunch
- Attended Rotary Meeting
- Presided over the Boy Scout Eagle Scout ceremony at Jefferson Street Christian Church
- Led Bible Study on Mondays
- Attended Committee meetings when invited—Men's Meeting, Outreach Committee, Worship Team, etc.
- Made a total of 49 pastoral contacts in December
- Encourage a new pictorial directory be made
- Future project – Start a Niebuhr discussion Group

It was moved and seconded that Laura Lee form a committee to research Pictorial Directory companies. All voting aye, the motion passed. Laura Lee, Randy Pech, and Carolyn Pech will research and have a proposal by February's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Outdoor Digital Sign- Silas will send a link to a few of these options
- B. Future Projects:
 1. Little Food Pantry
 2. New Carpet
 3. Railing at the altar
 4. Weather proofing around windows in Fellowship Hall
 5. Sunday School Rooms reorganizing
 6. Mission Room, Veteran's Room – possible relocations
 7. Broken Floor Tile replacement
 8. Christmas undecorating process

9. Other projects – Projector does work, but the sound mixer does not
Yamaha Brand cost around \$200; HDMI cables

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review Agenda for Annual Congregational Meeting on January 25th.

Nominating Committee Report:

Church Council – 3 vacancies to fill –
Jack Leich, Hannah Meece, Suzanne Tockey
Western Association Delegate – 2 vacancies to fill – Bill Gosda, Jr., Silas Tockey
Illinois Conference Delegate – 1 vacancy to fill – Laura Lee
Scholarship Board of Trustees – 1 vacancy to fill – Austin Garriott

CORRESPONDENCE AND EMAILS

Lincoln Grand Theater invites church discounted cost of \$6/person if a group of 25 or more for private showing of any movie preferred by the church. They will be having a public showing of the movie, "I Can Only Imagine 2".

Todd Henry, representative of "Workcamp for Lincoln" sent a letter inviting Logan County residents to fill out an application for home repair, such as ramps, etc.

ADJOURNMENT – It was moved and seconded to adjourn. All voting aye the motion carried. Pastor Ken gave a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Laura Lee, Council Secretary



WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPAPHY TO...

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jean and Troy Meinershagen and family at the death of Jean's grandmother, Darline Becker on February 12th.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Marlene Wilmert and family at the death of George Wilmert. George died on February 17th.



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

CASTLE MANOR

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Bill Krepps

COPPER CREEK

203 Stahlhut Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Steve Aue

CEDARHURST OF SPRINGFIELD

3520 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62711

Helen Opperman

AT HOME

Sandy Sanders

ATTENDANCE

February 1st

46 In-Person, 34 on Facebook, 11 bulletins mailed and website = 91+

February 8th

43 In-Person, 24 on Facebook, 10 bulletins mailed and website = 77+

February 15th

49 In-Person, 57 on Facenook, 10 bulletins mailed and website = 116+

February 22nd

33 In-Person, 40 on Facenook, 10 bulletins mailed and website = 83+

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**.
- **Third Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken for our **Teddy Bear project**.
- **On the fourth Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken for the **Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action**.

POP TAB COLLECTION PROGRAM...



You can make a difference by collecting aluminum pop tabs! Pop tabs may be small but they add up and make a big difference for the families who call Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois “home” while their child receives medical care.

Spread the word about collecting pop tabs. Tell your family, friends, co-workers, and everyone else that St. John UCC in Lincoln is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does Ronald McDonald House Charities collect pop tabs? The money earned from recyclable aluminum tabs lets us keep families close to their children being treated in our local medical hospitals.

How much do you get for each pound of pop tabs? Ronald McDonald House® Charities of Central Illinois gets the going rate for pop tabs, which varies based on the demand for aluminum.

Why do you only collect the tabs from cans? Although the entire aluminum can is valuable, the tab itself is much cleaner and easier to collect in large quantities. The tab of a standard soda can is made of high-quality aluminum. By itself, it doesn't mean much, but when we pull together, pop tabs add up and become a valuable donation to Ronald McDonald House® Charities of Central Illinois.

Who can participate in the pop tab program? Anyone is welcome and encouraged to participate! A pop tab collection is a terrific program for schools and other youth groups to get involved and make a contribution in their community. Offices, church groups, hospitals, grocery stores, and other clubs also find this program to be ideal and easy to organize.

FUN FACT: Each year, Ronald McDonald House® Charities of Central Illinois collects approximately 17 million tabs.



On February 10th, Larry and I delivered three boxes of pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. The ladies working there that day put the tabs on the scale – 47.6 pounds!! Great job everyone!

When they learned that we came from Lincoln the ladies told us about the family we had passed as we came in. That family, also from Lincoln, had stayed at the house for nine months while their daughter was being treated at the hospital. The girl is now twelve years old and doing fine. They had just stopped by to say hello to the people who had taken such good care of them. What a success story that was!

Donations like ours help to keep Ronald McDonald House open. By collecting and donating pop tabs we do our small part to help

families stay together during trying times. When their lives are turned upside down, when a child is in crisis, families can rely on the folks at Ronald McDonald House to provide a place to stay, warm meals and a shoulder to lean on.

Thanks for your support!



The following is a Thank You note received from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois:

Dear St. John United Church of Christ,



Thank you for your gift to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois!

Since 1985, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois has provided a supportive "home away from home: for families whose children are receiving medical care.

We sincerely thank you for your gift of 47.6 pounds of Pop Tabs!

Thank you for helping the families we serve!

Sincerely,
Amber D. Kaylor
Chief Executive Officer

LINCOLN LOGAN FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION REPORT JANUARY 2026

By: Rick Releford and Norm Newhouse,
Co-Managers

Individuals served = 1,197

Children served = 366

Households served = 366

Increase of 10% to December 2025.

Thank you to those donations for nonperishable food items for past two months! Our customers appreciate your efforts!

For the month of March, we ask for canned protein items: chicken, beef, tuna, pork. These canned foods store easily and have a longer shelf date too. Donations may be left near the door of the food pantry porch, near the end of the ramp.

Thank you again for supporting the Lincoln Logan food pantry!

Outreach Ministry always appreciates the volunteers who help with COFFEE HOUR - Make coffee and clean-up afterwards. Treats are furnished by Outreach unless someone shares with that on occasion. See Jack or Nancy Leich or Toni Reifsteck with questions or sign up on sheet in Narthex or in kitchen. Enjoyable fellowship prior to worship every Sunday from 9:15 until 10:00 a.m.

Easter Food Baskets...



For the March Food Item, we are joining several churches in the community to provide Easter Baskets for those in need for an Easter Dinner. St. John UCC is responsible for 50 jars of applesauce. So that all the baskets contain the same size of jars of applesauce we are asking that you contribute money towards those jars of applesauce by March 22nd.



Articles for the **April 2026** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **March 19th**.

SAVE THE DATES...

**Friday, April 10th
Saturday, April 11th**



St. John UCC has made arrangements with Universal Church Directory to prepare a church pictorial directory for 2026.

They will be here on Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th to take pictures.

If you and your family want to be included in the Directory please mark these dates down and be thinking of a time when you can come to the church for a photo session.

Each family or individual will receive 1 free Directory and an 8x10 photo for free. If you want extra photos taken they will also do those. There is no cost to the church. They make revenue by selling pictures to participants. If you are on a committee, in a choir, or part of an organization we will be including photos of them in the directory too. Keep watching for more information about signing up to schedule your photo session. Really excited to be doing this project with everyone!

Committee - Laura Lee, Randy Pech, and Carolyn Pech



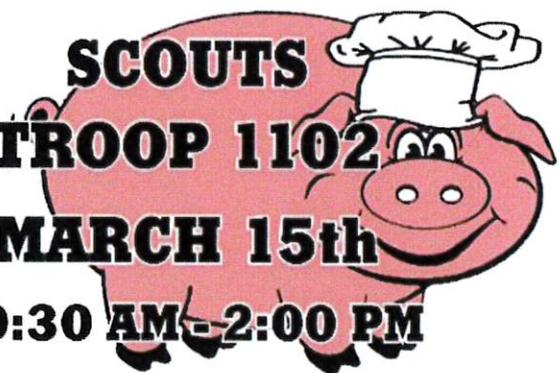
AED/FIRE SAFETY

By: Kaye Wilmert

On February 8th we held an AED information and fire safety program after church. The AED is new and was given to the church from the Gehlbach family in memory of Jerry. Everyone was given

handouts on how to use the AED. Several things were added to AED case after our program last summer that had been suggested by our congregants. This AED does daily self-checks and will notify us when new battery or pads are needed - should last at least 2 years before that becomes an issue. We learned where fire extinguishers are and more good ideas were given by the congregants. First it was suggested to have fire blankets in the kitchen. And 1 set of infant/child AED pads (the AED knows automatically to decrease voltage when they're attached). And Randy Pech suggested an EMS mobility chair to remove a person from the church when not able to use elevator. All good suggestions. We passed these requests on to memorial committee. I'm going to leave it to others to explain mobility chair, fire blankets, and smaller fire extinguishers. I have handouts on AED-Jack Leich has them. It was a very productive meeting with so many good safety ideas from our congregants.

SPRING BBQ



**SCOUTS
TROOP 1102
MARCH 15th
10:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

The Oasis Senior Center, 2810 Woodlawn Rd, Lincoln, IL

Menu

**Authentic Southern Pulled Pork BBQ
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,
Potato Salad & Dessert
Iced Tea, Lemonade & Coffee**

**Tickets \$10.00
Dine In or Carry Out
(Kids hotdog meal
available upon request.)**




Support Scouting...Because Character Counts

CELEBRATE LIFE GROUP

By: Tonita Reifsteck



Eighteen gathered at Cracker Barrel for Celebrate Life, Valentines and Birthdays on Friday, March 13. Marilyn Armbrust, Karen Birnbaum, Nancy Gehlbach, Janet Johnson, Pastor Ken Kline, Bob and Sandy Meinershagen, Carolyn Pech, Tonita Reifsteck, Dan Row, Lynn Spellman, Amy Tabor, Carol Webb, Jim and Leslie Wilmert, Kaye Wilmert, and Sandy Wilmert. All enjoyed stopping to visit with Bob and Sandy Sanders who were dining with their granddaughter and two of her sons as we came into the room. Valentines were signed for the shut-ins, other cards signed and "Happy Birthday" sung to Sandy Meinershagen, only February celebrate there. March CELEBRATE LIFE will be March 13th at El Mazatlan at 11:30 a.m.



Note received for Charity Guild Members and helpers:

"Dear Sandy, Thanks to you and your Charity Guild buddies and all your extra helpers for serving such a well-organized and managed meal after Susan's funeral. We are very grateful.

I am sorry Marlene wasn't able to be there. I will watch Toni's prayer chain email for news that George is doing better.

All our best,
Jeanie Webb (signed)

OUTREACH AND PUBLICITY

By: Jim and Leslie Wilmert and
Tonita Reifsteck, Co-Chairs

Outreach Ministry met on February 3, 2026 with Jack and Nancy Leich, Jim and Leslie Wilmert, Sandy Wilmert, Tonita Reifsteck and Pastor Kline present.

Meeting opened with reflection: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." (Anne Frank)
Pastor Kline opened the meeting with prayer-

Report of council: Ash Wednesday Service will be at 1st Presbyterian Church, invited to other services there and also, Lenten series on 23rd Psalm at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

OLD BUSINESS

- Card and check sent to Bailee Pineda now in graduate school program.
- Dan Row continues to get visitor info – concern on (expressed interest by 4)
Membership class shared
- Correction in Annual Report – 8 participated in \$30.62 Kroger's Rewards
- Reported 17 Scouts and leaders treated to Culver's for Christmas decorating and their support in other programs

NEW BUSINESS

- Details for Deliberator Program and lunch after church finalized for February 8
- Map with designated locations of Fire Extinguishers, Motion lights will be shared
Menu will be same as before: Ham/Chicken salad, salad, dessert and drinks
- Set March 1 for Potato Bar/proceeds to go to WIC program at Health Department
- COFFEE HOUR – still need hosting support will share need with council
- Brainstorm of ideas on involving more members and prospective members in life of St. John – ongoing mission.

Meeting closed with prayer led by Toni – next meeting is March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

**NEEDED...
COFFEE HOUR
HOST/HOSTESS VOLUNTEERS**



Sign-up sheets are in Narthex and Kitchen.



March 1st: Nancy Gehlbach
 March 8th:
 March 15th:
 March 22nd:
 March 29th: Laura Lee

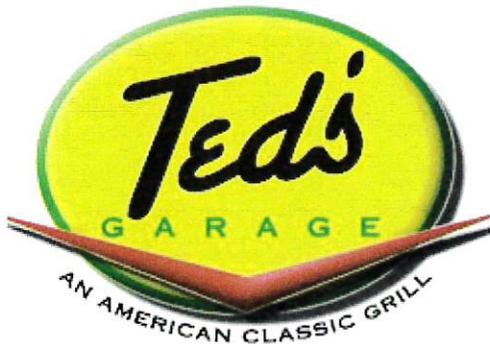
JANUARY FINANCIALS



Beginning Balance	\$38,211.80
Income	\$74,895.79
Expenses	\$35,716.31
Ending Balance	\$77,391.28

Celebrate Life Group
Friday, March 13th
11:30 a.m.
EL MAZATLAN
 restaurant & grill

St. John Diners
Saturday, March 21st
11:30 a.m.



Are you planning to attend St. John Diners in March? 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. Then on Saturday, March 21st just meet us at either the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. to carpool over or meet at Ted's Garage for an 11:30 a.m. reservation.

Discussion of the Niebuhr's
of Lincoln
starting Sunday, March 1 and
continuing every Sunday
at 4:00 p.m.
Soup will be provided at 5:00 p.m.



New Members
Orientation and
Conversation
starting Sunday,
March 1 and
continuing every
Sunday at 5:15 p.m.

OUTREACH...

By: Tonita Reifsteck

Following church on February 8th, twenty-two learned the features and how to operate the new Defibrillator that has been given to the church in memory of Jerry Gehlbach. Kaye Wilmert demonstrated how to understand the directions and place the paddles. An article on what this piece of life saving machine can do is written up by Kaye, our Parish Nurse, within this edition of Chimes.

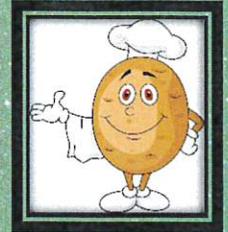
Following Kaye's presentation Fire chief Anderson via speaker phone (power problems downtown kept him from coming) informed us that size of extinguishers in building are recommended according to the square footage of our church. Placing smaller ones that are more easily used by age and strength of those who might be ones to respond is acceptable alongside the existing larger (10-12 pounds) throughout the building. Everyone present had a floor plan of the church that the committee will finish notations of where extinguishers, EXIT and motion lights are located and post at least one on each level of the church. Randy Pech demonstrated how to use one (without pulling the pin that day!) emphasizing holding canister, pointing low sweeping back and forth. If one isn't able to do that – "get out of the building". Leland Semple informed us that at the time YMCA started in our building an upgrade of EXIT lights and other safety issues were addressed and instituted before they could be here. Mr. Anderson thought it very good and responsible that we have gone to this length to keep awareness of everyone's safety. Outreach will report updates and progress as it happens.



BOOKLETS AVAILABLE – FREE - on the table outside of Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex: "*Sojourns in the Clay*" (Stories of Cancer Survival written by James Hernandez – husband of Barbara Schneider Hernandez – Marita Schneider's daughter) as he battled cancer/his reflections and strength for others. Take for yourself or share with someone you think might benefit from it.

Potato Bar Sunday, March 1st Following morning worship

Donations will be used to purchase Sippy Cups, Utensils and possibly infant blankets for WIC at Lincoln Health Department.



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, March 7th
8:30 a.m.
Imo's Café**

All men of the church are Welcome

GREETERS

March 1st: Marlene Wilmert
March 8th: Bob Meinershagen
March 15th: Sandy Meinershagen
March 22nd: Carla Jurgenson
March 29th: Jack and Nancy Leich



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Emily Sanders
- 2 Donna Kessinger
- 3 Randy Pech
- 5 Savannah Conrady
- 8 Linda Nowack
- 10 Kendall Paulus
Suzanne Tockey
- 11 Nancy Gehlbach
Malachi Tockey
- 12 Henry Spellman
Diane Aguirre
- 14 Melissa Wilmert
- 17 Erin Abbott
- 19 Robert Sanders, Jr.
- 21 Beth Wright
- 22 Katelyn Atteberry
Maci Meinershagen
- 23 Shyanne Conrady Duffer
- 24 Andrew Goetsch
- 26 Verdeen Ingram
- 27 **Steve Aue**
- 28 Michelle Mayfield
- 30 Jim Wilmert
- 31 Austin Sanders

The name in **red** is a church family member who is on the visitation list. Let's fill his mailbox on his birthdays.



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Troy and Jean Meinershagen
- 20 Charles and Michelle Mayfield

WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR LENT?



There will be **NO LENTEN SERVICES** at St. John UCC.

Instead, on the Wednesdays during Lent (March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th) you may either go to:

- During Lent at First Presbyterian Church, Adam will lead a morning prayer on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. in Union Chapel. This 15-minute service will include scripture readings for the day, poetry, and the tradition of extinguishing candles to symbolize our Lenten journey.
- On Wednesday evenings, at First Presbyterian Church they will continue their free supper at 6:15 p.m. The discussion will focus on "Making Sense of Lent," using the Sunday lectionary to guide our conversations. Each Kirk Night includes communion. Come for supper, just the discussion, or both – either way, we would love to have you!
- Immanuel Lutheran Church will have Dave Griffith leading a study on Psalm 23.

March 4th: "He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

March 11th: "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Your rod and staff, they comfort me."

March 18th: "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over."

March 25th: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."



Sunday, March 1st

St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.
Confirmation at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship/Communion at 10:00 a.m.
Potato Bar Luncheon following church
Discussion of the Niebuhr's of Lincoln at 4:00pm
Soup at 5:00 p.m.
New Member Orientation/Conversation at 5:15pm

Monday, March 2nd

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study at 12:00 noon
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3rd

Outreach and Publicity at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 7th

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

Sunday, March 8th

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
St. John Gamers at 2:00 p.m.
Discussion of the Niebuhr's of Lincoln at 4:00pm
Soup at 5:00 p.m.
New Member Orientation/Conversation at 5:15pm

Monday, March 9th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study at 12:00 noon
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10th

Cub Scouts at 6:15 p.m.

Friday, March 13th

Celebrate Life Group at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 15th

St. John Singers practice at 9:00 a.m.
Confirmation at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
St. John Ringers practice following church
St. John Chimers practice following Ringers

Discussion of the Niebuhr's of Lincoln at 4:00pm
Soup at 5:00 p.m.
New Member Orientation/Conversation at 5:15pm

Monday, March 16th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study at 12:00 noon
Church Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 20th

LCT Auditions from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21st

LCT Auditions from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
St. John Diners at 11:30 a.m. at Ted's Garage

Sunday, March 22nd

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
Discussion of the Niebuhr's of Lincoln at 4:00pm
Soup at 5:00 p.m.
New Member Orientation/Conversation at 5:15pm

Monday, March 23rd

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study at 12:00 noon
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24th

Cub Scouts at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 29th

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
Discussion of the Niebuhr's of Lincoln at 4:00pm
Soup at 5:00 p.m.
New Member Orientation/Conversation at 5:15pm

Monday, March 30th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study at 12:00 noon
Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Note: The YMCA After School Program is Monday-Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Alissa Smith
Cheryl F.
Lynn
David
Kathy Staten
Jim Walsh
Kristen
"Pete" Luckhart
Abigail
Middle East
Raymond
Stephanie Opperman
Janet Dullard
Sharlene
Jen Steele
Ellen Schweizer
Beverly
David Dennis
Louise Jeffries
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
Kelli Thomas

Sandy
Dylan
DJ
Jeremy Cook
Fred
Linda Gehlbach
Ryman Miller
Lainey Miller
Lucy Miller
Kathleen Twente
Kelly Thomas
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"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we serve"



2026 GERBERA DAISY ORDER FORM



The Worship Team is going to add color to the sanctuary for Easter this year. In addition to the silk Easter lilies (we are using silk Easter Lilies due to allergies) there will be **35 Gerbera Daisies** adding color and beauty to our sanctuary on Easter morning. We hope you will support and help with decorating the sanctuary for Easter.

The potted Gerbera Daisies will be \$14.00 each. You have the option to list several names per daisy, since the cost has gone up and we are ordering fewer.

ALL ORDERS FOR THE POTTED GERBERA DAISIES
ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR ORDER FORM(S) AND CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE
ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
204 SEVENTH STREET
LINCOLN, IL 62656

or

DROP IN THE OFFERING PLATE or BRING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.

-----DETACH-----

(USE A SEPARATE ORDER FORM FOR EACH \$14.00 PURCHASE)

Name _____

Gift _____

or

In memory of _____

from _____
