
St. John's Way, Truth and Life

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On Christian Perfectionism

It is a snare to imagine that God wants to make us perfect specimens of what He can do; God's purpose is to make us one with Himself. The emphasis of holiness movements is apt to be that God is producing specimens of holiness to put in His museum. If you go off on this idea of personal holiness, the dead-set of your life will not be for God, but for what you call the manifestation of God in your life. "It can never be God's will that I should be sick." If it was God's will to bruise His own Son, why should He not bruise you? The thing that tells for God is not your relevant consistency to an idea of what a saint should be, but your real vital relation to Jesus Christ, and your abandonment to Him whether you are well or ill.

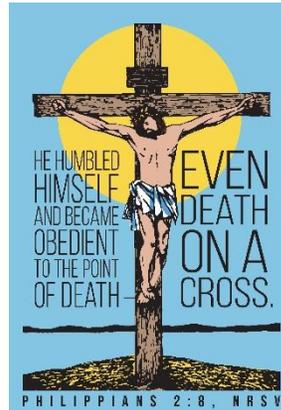
Christian perfection is not, and never can be, human perfection. Christian perfection is the perfection of a relationship to God which shows itself amid the irrelevancies of human life. When you obey the call of Jesus Christ, the first thing that strikes you is the irrelevancy of the things you have to do, and the next thing that strikes you is the fact that other people seem to be living perfectly consistent lives. Such lives are apt to leave you with the idea that God is unnecessary, by human effort and devotion we can reach the standard God wants. In a fallen world this can never be done. I am called to live in perfect relation to God so that my life produces a longing after God in other lives, not admiration for myself. Thoughts about myself hinder my usefulness to God. God is not after perfecting me to be a specimen in His show-room; He is getting me to the place where He can use me. Let Him do what He likes.

— Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)
My Utmost for His Highest

Prayer, Devotions, Worship
The Lenten Spiritual Journey

See you in Worship,
Pastor Johnson

The Choice to Be Human



Both Adam and Jesus faced the same temptation—the lure to “be like God.” Adam reached for divinity and stepped over the line, bringing sin and separation into the world. Jesus, however, chose humility. He remained obedient, fully human, and through His obedience brought redemption to all.

Adam's choice turned humanity into a burden; Jesus' faithfulness made humanity a blessing. The irony is striking: the one who tried to be God failed even to live as a man, while the one who was content to be human became known as the Son of God.

As Philippians 2:6-8 reminds us, “⁶ [He] who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (ESV)” May we follow His example in humility and obedience.

Return to the Lord your God.
For He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in
Steadfast Love!

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**Electronic Giving
is Good for
You and the
Church**

You can now make a contribution to our church through a mobile app!

To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.

1. Download the free app on your Apple or Android phone.
2. Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.
3. Log in or donate as a guest.
4. Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.

To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Mobile" or contact the church office.

To give from your personal computer go to:
<https://secure.myvanco.com>

**"Give according to your income,
lest God make your income
according to your giving."**



- Set Lutheran "In-Tents" camper registration fees at \$25.00 with St Johns to pay the balance, with more available as needed.
- Received Thank You's from Bethesda Children's Home, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Bethesda Lutheran Services, Water Missions, Lutheran Bible Translators (Ethiopian Seminary Project) and WVU Campus Ministry.
- Reviewed the evaluation of the pastor submitted by congregational members.
- Heard that 14 youth and 5 chaperones attended the Quake youth event in Pittsburgh.
- In a specially called meeting hired Patrick Pastor as sexton.

A complete copy of the approved minutes from each month is posted on bulletin boards in the Narthex and Education Building.

Your Church Council members are always available for your questions and concerns:

Ryan Shafer, Vice President	724-859-2749
Bill Bouch -	724-859-0359
Chris Choncek	724-664-6947
Dean Crooks	724-664-2015
Richard Farah	724-859-0049
Tammy Fleeger	724-664-1773
Elijah Holt	860-534-0023
Gene Jazwiniski	412-720-9189
Patricia Kirkpatrick	724-525-0962
Susan Neal	724-763-8331
Brendan Swanson	724-525-7255
Jill Wranich	724-902-9389

<u>Mark Your Calendars</u>	
March 15	Men's Banquet
April 5	Easter
May 3	Spring Concert
May 17	Women's Banquet
May 17	Youth Sunday
May 24	Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation
May 31	Grad Sunday
June 28	Over 80 Banquet
September 13	Rally Day

*God is helplessly, hopelessly
in love with you!
Has been since before
He created the universe.
Will be so after
the universe is long gone.*

Children and Youth MARCH 2026

March Kids Stuff:
Tuesday March 3rd: SPARK!
Saturday April 4th: Egg Hunt
12-1pm



WINTER CARNIVAL!
AT St. Johns Kittanning
March 3rd 2026
6:15-7:30pm
Dinner, Bible Story,
Exciting, faith building
interactive stations with games,
crafts and activities!
Preschool-6th Grade
COST: FREE!
Parents! Stay and hang out,
relax and rest, or run some errands!
Text **SPARK** to 724 276 5321
for weather updates,
announcements and reminders
NEW TO SPARK??
REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT
www.tinyurl.com/sparkstjohnskittanning

March & Holy Week
Student Stuff:
Sunday March 1st: Youth Group Movie
Outing
Movie Time, released 2-28
Friday March 6th: Afterschool Dinner
and Bible, and Chill 2:45-4:30
Friday March 13th: Afterschool, Dinner
and Bible and Chill 2:45-4:30
Saturday March 14th: Free CPR, 9am for
anyone interested
Sunday March 15th: Men's Banquet, No
Youth Group
Sunday March 22nd: Quick Student meet
up after Church
Wednesday April 1st: Student Bible
Study, Ispirare! Holy Week!
Friday April 3rd: Youth Group Hiding
Easter Eggs, 10am, Breakfast included!

Student
Afterschool
Fridays,
March 6th
and 13th:
2:45-4:30pm
Dinner,
Lent Bible
study,
& Chill
time





- 1 John Gallaher, Jennifer Butler
- 2 Lucas Bowser, Lori Sanders
- 3 Jacob Febinger,
Tim Harvey, Jay Smoyer
- 5 Alysia Dodd,
- 6 Kraig Walker, Kylie Simmons

- 7 Erwin Slater, Nate Baillie
- 8 Quinn Kellner
- 9 Vivian Henry, Jason Gariglio, Jerry Campbell,
Stella Smith, Arnold Wingard, Marsha Williamson
- 10 Vivian Bowser, Joanne Zubik
- 11 Megan Taylor, Bill Baden,
Randy Shamberger, Ralph Kozlowski
- 12 Wendy Pozzuto, Dick Fleeger
- 13 Andrea Kellner
- 14 Michael Hedding, Hope Ramsey,
Brendan Swanson
- 15 Kristen Gray
- 16 Deb Griffin
- 17 Wendy Cravener, Dennis Lager, Jessica Bailey,
William Bouch III
- 18 Beth Miller, Nickolas Bryan, Elizabeth John,
Abigail Baker
- 19 Jake Loughrey
- 20 Danielle Schaeffer
- 21 Jamie Smoyer, Louise Baker, Lonna Simmons
- 22 Tammy Byrne, Debbie Minarcin, Dean Crooks,
Larry Richardson
- 24 Anna Venesky
- 25 Shannon Zacherl, Chester Choncek,
Jeff Choncek, Abigail Purvis
- 26 Andrew Round, Ralph Lash, Joseph Stitt,
Dan Minnich
- 27 Ann Hutchison
- 28 Zachary Debnar
- 29 Carter Pyle
- 31 Jessica Campbell, Amber Sharrer

If your birthday does not appear and you would like it to, please contact the church office



Our January Church Offerings

	Jan	Jan	Year	Budget
<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>To-Date</u>	<u>To-Date</u>
Current				
Operating	22,986	27,974	22,986	27,974
Benevolence	2,602	3,333	2,602	3,333
Capital				
Campaign	1,414	1,655	1,414	1,655
Current				Gain/
Account	Income	Expenses		-Loss
Current Month	22,986	24,639		-1,653
Year to Date	22,986	24,639		-1,653

“Generous Father, thank you that all things were created through you and for you, you are before all things, and in you, all things exist. The Bible says that we should bring our tithes and offerings into your storehouse and that you will respond by opening the windows of heaven and sending down blessing upon blessing. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.”



ATTENDANCE

Our January Worship Attendance

January	2025	2026
1 st Sunday in Jan	83	44(E) 78(L)
2 nd Sunday in Jan	54(E) ___(L)	103
3 rd Sunday in Jan	104	46(E) 80(L)
4 th Sunday in Jan	103	17
Average for January	86	92



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

**Boone Mychal Shamberger
Edward Walker**

*“Every Sunday morning
Jesus is waiting to meet you
in Church.”*



Thank You's for March 2026:

- ♥ Thank you to, Nancy Johnson & Patrick Pastor for helping with the February newsletter mailing.
- ♥ Thank you to Blair Dawson, Dean Crooks and Karen Waugaman for shoveling snow.
- ♥ Thank you to the praise band, who dedicates their time and musical talents to serve God at St. John's! Ella Fennell, Brendan Swanson, The Smiths, The Veneskys and Jerah Wranich! You are all a blessing to St. John's!
- ♥ Thank you to our Christian Ed Team for helping prepare our new monthly Spark Events
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who donated food, set up, cleaned up, and served at our Fat Sunday Casserole Bakeoff! Kendall and Jessica Bailey, The Bouch Family, Angela, Avia, Vieira, and Vaila Clever, Mary Jane Dawson, Christy and Logan Duncan, Krista and Ella Fennell, Kherington Hilty and Andrea Erhman, Nancy Johnson, Baylee Koslosky, The Smith Family, The Venesky Family, & The Wranich Family! Thank you so very much! Congrats again to our Eggo Trophy winner, Kendall Bailey, with his delicious Blueberry Casserole!
- ♥ Thank you to Angela Clever for helping pick up Catechism kids!
- ♥ Thank you to Sharon Febinger for the adorable Valentine's decorations for the 2nd floor!
- ♥ Thank you to Tammy Fleeger for all you do to help me with Children's and Youth Ministry and many other things!
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who continually supports our Children's and Youth ministries!
- ♥ Another mention of Thank yous to our Quake Chaperones, Jessica Bailey, Angela Clever & Matt Smith!
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who continually steps up, especially at the last minute, to help with worship, from the altar, to the music, to reading, acolyting and more! YOU ARE APPRECIATED!
- ♥ To Men's Breakfast Cooking Crew: Scott Stirling, Ken Burkett, Dean Crooks, Keith Livengood, David Lindeman, Clair Roudebush, and Pastor Johnson.
- ♥ To Nancy Johnson for laundering the Kitchen towels.
- ♥ To Linda Charley for polishing the altar brassware.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helps with the Fellowship Hours before and after worship.
- ♥ Thank you to everyone who continually helps with keeping our church building working and clean! YOU ARE APPRECIATED!
- ♥ Many thanks to those that donated food, cakes, sauerkraut and their time to make the Habitat Luncheon a success. Special thanks to Carol Runinger for applying for Thrivent Matching Funds. Many hands make light work- thanks again to: Mary Jane and Blair Dawson, Toni Smail, Connie McMaster, Gene Hughes, Deb, Bill, Molly, Emily and Bill Bouch, Jack Griffin, Jill Wranich, Mark Hankey, Michelle and Ralph Kozlowski, John Swanson, Susan Neal, Rebecca Veith, Karen Waugaman, Tammy Fleeger and Frank Baker (awesome kraut Frank!)



Thank you to St. John's congregation and Council.

Words cannot express the gratitude that I feel when I think about the last 15 years at St. John's! I am awed at the work of the Lord, from the very beginning, with the definitive signs from God Himself, that He had used to lead me to St. John's. I prayed and read Ezekiel 37, as God showed me, He would bring back to life, these dry bones, calling me to what His plan and purpose was for my life. Thinking back, on my desperate plea to God, to help me actually raise my kids, instead of working 10-hour days away from them, and never seeing them, HE provided all that I needed, and all that my family needed, through you. Over the last 15 years, you have been, dear friends, prayer partners, children and youth ministry partners, idea givers, mega helpers, food makers, builders, cleaner-uppers, wisdom givers, hug-givers, ALL avenues of support, the village to raise my girls, encouragement champions, ears to listen, and most of all, family, brothers and sisters in Christ, which encompasses all of that. You've been like sisters & brothers to me, you've been like church-moms and dads, (... aunts, uncles and grandparents) ... and dear friends to me and my family.

The Smith Family is doubly blessed to have our extended family here at St. John's. I am incredibly overwhelmed by what God has done through you, over these years.

Looking at the next 15 years, I pray and hope, that we can continue to see what God can do through us! With children's ministry, youth ministry, community outreach, worship, service and more! What a phenomenal blessing it has been, as I sit in awe of what God has done, and say, He is the Lord and He will do it!

So, with that being said, THANK YOU, ... for the gift of money, for the beautiful clock... and tremendously, overwhelmingly, for being a part of this journey with me, for making things happen, for your love and support!

With Heartfelt Sincere Gratitude,
Julie Smith

mojotxt

We have a Texting App!

Mojo texting was created FOR churches! It is safe and doesn't sell your number to anyone else!

If you would like to receive schedule changes, updates, reminders and announcements from St. John's, please text the word **GRACE** to 724-276-5321. It will send you a welcome message.

You will now receive important messages via text about what's going on at St. John's!

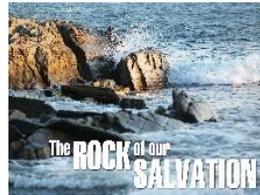
Messages will only be sent out on occasion and when important changes need to be communicated.

Thank you so much!

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Smith.

**Rock of Our
Salvation Worship**

8:30 a.m. Sunday,
March 15th

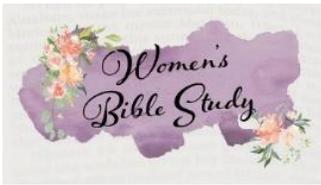


**Wednesday Evening Pastors' Study:
Adult Catechism, 7:00 pm**

This review is good for those who are preparing to join the congregation as an adult, for adult baptism or for those who just want to brush up on their catechism.

- March 4th Apostles' Creed
- March 11th Lord's Prayer
- March 18th The Sacraments, Confession
- March 25th Lutheran History/Theology/Liturgy

Women's Bible Study



... will return at the King's restaurant on **Tuesday, March 10th at noon**. Any questions, please contact Rose Montgomery at

rosetrix38@comcast.net. All are welcome!

Lenten Men's Prayer Breakfasts

**Saturday, March 7, 14, 21
at 8:00 a.m.**



The men of St. John's will be meeting Saturday mornings for breakfast and study. Following the meal will be a brief program concluding by 9:00 a.m.

**KMA Community Lenten Worship
Services Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm**

Mar 3	St. Paul's	Rev. Joe Weister
Mar 10	Kittanning	Rev. A. Laddusaw
Mar 17	Living Water	Rev. Johnson
Mar 24	St. Luke's U.C.C	Major B. Carlson

**Pastor's Sunday School Class:
Adult Sunday School**

Pastor Johnson's class will be studying the book of Acts of the Apostles. Come journey with Apostolic Zeal! As the Gospel spreads from Jerusalem to Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Rome).

**KMA Lenten Luncheons Schedule
Wednesdays @ 12:00 p.m.**

Mar 4	St. Paul's Episcopal	Rev. Brandon Cooper
Mar 11	St. Mary's Catholic	Father Eric Dinga
Mar 18	First Baptist	Rev. Jeffrey Smith
Mar 25	First Methodist / Hope Center	Rev. Ross Perrine

Needed for Altar Care:

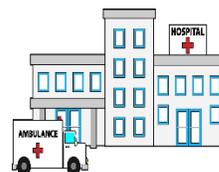
Plastic or Metal coffee cans for altar flowers. 30-to-40-ounce cans are ideal.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with every Sunday, can you serve?



**Looking for
monthly helpers.**

**Call the office
if you are
interested in
helping with
newsletter!**



**Heading into the
hospital?**

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please contact the office @

724-548-2051. Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were.



REVERSE LENT CALENDAR

Instead of giving something UP during Lent, please consider giving 40 "somethings!"

February 18	Soup	March 15	Bath/Hand Soap
February 19	Peanut Butter	March 16	Snack Crackers
February 20	Bar Soap	March 17	Syrup
February 21	Boxed Potatoes	March 18	Pancake Mix
February 22	Shelf Stable Juice	March 19	Canned Fruit
February 23	Grape Jelly	March 20	Soup
February 24	Tuna Helper	March 21	Cake Mix & icing
February 25	Macaroni/Cheese	March 22	Flour
February 26	Canned Fruit	March 23	Canned Beef Stew
February 27	Spaghetti Sauce	March 24	Shampoo
March 1	Alfredo Sauce	March 25	<i>Your favorite food</i>
March 2	Feminine Products	March 26	Kleenex
March 3	Cat/Dog Food	March 27	Disposable razors/men/women
March 4	Canned Meat	March 28	Canned Fruit
March 5	Baked Beans	March 29	Sugar
March 6	Box of crackers	March 30	Laundry Detergent
March 7	Rice	March 31	Feminine Products
March 8	Flour	April 1	Cleaning Products
March 9	Pasta	April 2	Toothbrush/Toothpaste
March 10	Can Ravioli style	April 3	Hand Soap
March 11	Cereal	April 4	Deodorant: Mens/womens
March 12	Canned Meat	April 5	Cleaning Products as Jesus cleansed us from all sin !
March 13	Tomato Soup		
March 14	Granola Bars		



Katie's Cupboard

Did you know~ For your consideration: If you are a member of the rewards program

at **Sprinkle's Neighborhood Market**, they have "free item Friday". You just need to make a purchase, pick up said item (it's free) and then you can donate to Katie's.

It's about time to think of spring cleaning and the Lenten reflection/cleaning of our hearts. If you could take and "March" your way to the local stores (**Dollar Tree** cleaning products work just fine) any cleaning item would be welcome.

We are also beginning to shelf pet items.

Meeting someone at the cupboard, they were so thankful for the tuna, not only for themselves but to share with their pet. Yes, Jesus reminds us to love and care for all God's animals.

If you would care to volunteer, have great ideas to further this ministry, offer suggestions ~please contact any member of council, **Amber Zurn** 724/902-9471 or **Tammy Fleeger** 724/664-1773. *We also welcome cash donations so that the Social Ministry Committee can do the shopping for you. Thank you for your support!*

Jesus, the model of salt and light

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, "You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world." Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means. "The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person," writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in Matthew for Everyone. "He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his [F]ather, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets."



Survey Results from Mutual Ministry**Review of OUR work AND Pastor's guidance in our service to the Lord and the work being done at St. John's.***(Remember - some of Pastor's work cannot happen without our involvement)*

Please complete the information below	YES	NO	No answer	Total
I feel welcome in church	18 (100%)	0	0	18
Worship is meaningful to me	18 (100%)	0	0	18
I attend church regularly	17 (94%)	1	0	18
I like Pastor's children sermons	18 (100%)	0	0	18
I like Pastor's sermons	18 (100%)	0	0	18
I think Pastor is a good teacher	16 (89%)	0	2	18
I think Pastor has good interaction with the youth	16 (89%)	0	2	18
I think Pastor is a good counselor in times of crisis	11 (61%)	0	7	18
I think we should do more in the community	10 (55%)	6	3	18
I think staff is a big help to Pastor	16 (89%)	1	1	18
I like the music ministry - choir, bells and chime choirs	14 (78%)	2	2	18
I think we have a good children's program	16 (89%)	0	2	18
I am involved in at least one committee or activity	13 (72%)	4	1	18
I get information I need to participate in church & activities	17 (94%)	1	0	18
I enjoy and participate in the after-church activities	9 (50%)	6	3	18
I think there is good communication throughout the church	13 (72%)	2	3	18
I think we get involved in too many projects	3 (17%)	10	5	18
I've watched or know someone who watches the TV ministry	14 (78%)	4	0	18

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

—James 5:16 (NIV)

NALC Disaster Relief **Basic Kitchen Essentials**

During a disaster we often are left with just the clothes on our backs; losing everything. In the past we have collected cleaning supplies and hygiene kits which help during the initial stage of recovery. The next level of support is helping to replace some of the basic household items. The Fellowship and Social Ministry Committees are reaching out to members to collect these kitchen items during March and April. Kits can be placed at the front of the Sanctuary.

Kitchen Kits

(Pack kits in a 2-gallon plastic storage bag or drawstring backpack)

- ✓ Manual can opener
- ✓ Cookbook
- ✓ Dish cloths
- ✓ Dish towel
- ✓ Hot pad
- ✓ Spatula (turner)
- ✓ Measuring cups
- ✓ Measuring spoons
- ✓ Storage container (2-cup w/lid)
- ✓ Trash bags (a few, mixed sizes)



In addition to the above items, if you so choose, include a useful kitchen item of your choice (i.e., mini cutting board, peeler, tongs, etc.). Thank you for your support.

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!



**ARMSTRONG COUNTY
FOOD BANK
POP-UP DISTRIBUTION**

STOP BY OUR POP-UP DISTRIBUTION EVERY FRIDAY TO TAKE HOME FRESH PRODUCE AND A VARIETY OF OTHER ITEMS—ALL COMPLETELY FREE! IT'S OUR WAY OF HELPING YOU SUPPLEMENT YOUR FOOD SUPPLY.

OPEN TO ALL ARMSTRONG COUNTY RESIDENTS.

- NO SIGN-UP NEEDED. JUST SHOW UP!
- PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN REUSABLE BAGS. **(ONE TO TWO GROCERY BAGFULS PER FAMILY LIMIT DETERMINED BY PRODUCT AVAILABILITY)**
- KEEP AN EYE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ANY LAST-MINUTE EVENT CHANGES.

ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES.

Dates	Location	Time
1/9; 1/16; 1/23; 1/30; 2/6; 2/13; 2/20; 2/27; 3/6; 3/13; 3/20; 3/27	ACCAP's Food Bank Warehouse 705 Butler Rd., Kittanning, PA 16201	11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (No admittance before 10:30 a.m.)

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN OUR MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTIONS, CALL 724-548-3408 OPTION 5.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE SHELF-STABLE FOODS; INFANT DIAPERS; OR BABY FOOD YOU CAN DROP IT OFF AT OUR WAREHOUSE BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 705 BUTLER RD, KITTANNING, PA 16201.

MONETARY DONATIONS CAN BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO 326 S. WATER ST., SUITE 1, KITTANNING, PA 16201. PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ACCAP AND INCLUDE FOOD BANK IN THE MEMO.

*100% OF DONATIONS STAY IN ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

*For 200 years St. John's has been a
bright beacon
of Christ's light and life for the world.
200 years and the work continues:
That all might know Christ's Love.*



*Women's Banquet
May 17th at 12:30*

GRACE
happens



at
**St. John's Lutheran Church
Kittanning, PA**

St John's Annual Sportsman & Brothers Fellowship Dinner



Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 5:00pm

If you have a wild game dish or appetizer, please bring it to share. We encourage your culinary skills.

MENU: Smoked Salmon, Deer Bologna, Smoked Cheese Appetizers, Walleye Cakes, Moose Meatloaf, Smoked Beef Brisket and Baked Potato.

The non-game menu is Smoked Brisket

Put this flier in the offering plate.

"Men's Banquet" by March 8, 2026

\$8.00/each Ages 12 and under free.

Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Number 12 and under: _____

*food allergies: _____

Paid: _____



Easter Flowers

Flowers may be purchased to place in the church for Easter. Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate or mail it to St. John's Lutheran Church, 218 N. Jefferson Street, Kittanning PA. Please include payment; if check, make out to *St. John's Lutheran Church* with the designation "Easter flowers" in the memo line. **Orders must be placed by March 23.** The cost of the flowers is as follows:

_____ Lilies	\$12.00
_____ Tulips	\$9.00
_____ Daffodils	\$9.00

In memory of

Given by:

In honor of

Given by:

_____ I will take my flower(s) after Easter Worship.

_____ Please take my flower(s) to a shut-in.

*"Of one thing I am perfectly sure:
God's story never ends with ashes."*

—Elisabeth Elliot



March 1

Assisting Minister	Lance Whiteman
Lector	Christine Whiteman
Comm	Christine Whiteman, Melissa Venesky
Acolyte	Stella Venesky
Welcome Team	Andrea Ehrman, Kherington Hilty
Camera Operators	Keith Livengood

March 8

Assisting Ministers	Mollie Bouch
Lectors	Colvin Adkins
Comm Assistants	Susan Neal, Karina Blose
Acolyte	Baylee Kozlosky
Welcome Teams	Debbie & Jack Griffin
Camera Operator	Bill Bouch

March 15

Assisting Ministers	Rebecca Swanson (E)
	Sara Shafer (L)
Lectors	Jill Wranich (E)
	Chris Choncek (L)
Comm Assistants	Jill Wranich & John Swanson (E)
	Nancy Pierce & Karen Waugaman (L)
Acolyte	Gracie Hodak (E)
	TBD (L)
Welcome Teams	The Hodaks (E)
	The Holts (L)
Camera Operator	Nick Wranich (E)
	Keith Livengood (L)

March 22

Assisting Ministers	Kay Thorell
Lectors	Rich Farah
Comm Assistants	Debbie & William Bouch
Acolytes	TBD
Welcome Teams	The Farahs
Camera Operator	Bill Bouch

March 29 – Palm Sunday

Assisting Minister	Charlie Bleakney
Lector	Brendan Swanson & Cast of Characters
Acolytes	Tommy Baker, Ella Fennell
	Colvin Adkins, Anna Venesky
Welcome Team	Jazwinskis and Baileys
Camera Operators	Keith Livengood

March 31 – Tuesday – Healing Service

Assisting Minister	Karen Waugaman
Lectors	Karen Waugaman
Comm Assistants	Karen Waugaman & Sue Barto
Camera Operator	Bill Bouch

*Worship is not one more thing to do,
but the one thing to do.*

March

Altar Guild: RuthAnn Hankey, Theresa Zydonik

Money Counters: Susan Neal, Ryan Shafer, Tammy Fleeger

Ushers: Bill Olinger, Jarrod Olinger, Ryan Shafer, Roger Mechling

Children's Hour:

Children's Hour is every Wednesday or Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.



St. John's Lutheran Church Staff:

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	Angela B. Clever
Sexton	Patrick Pastor
Director of Music/Organist	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

—Jesus



“Why call it Daylight Savings Time when the service feels so much longer?”

<h1 style="margin: 0;">March</h1> <h1 style="margin: 0;">St. John's Lutheran Church</h1> <h1 style="margin: 0;">2026</h1>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2 nd Sunday in Lent <small>Purple</small> 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship: Communion 1:30 Youth Movie	2 7:00 Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark	3 6:15-7:30 Spark Kids 7:00 KMA Worship	4 9:30 Children's Hour 12:00 KMA Luncheon 6:15 Senior Bells 7:00 Adult Catechism 7:30 Senior Choir	5 9:30 Children's Hour 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	6 2:45 Youth Group	7 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast Daylight saving time: Turn your clocks ahead tonight.
8 3 rd Sunday in Lent <small>Purple</small> 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship: Communion	9 7:00 Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark	10 12:00 Womens Study at Kings 7:00 KMA Worship	11 9:30 Children's Hour 12:00 KMA Luncheon 6:15 Senior Bells 7:00 Adult Catechism 7:30 Senior Choir	12 9:30 Children's Hour 2:45 Catechism Habitat Volunteer Meal 7:00 Catechism	13 2:45 Youth Group	14 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 CPR Class
15 4 th Sunday in Lent <small>Purple</small> 8:30 Worship: Rock of our Salvation 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship: Communion 5:00 Men's Fellowship Dinner	16 7:00 Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark	17 7:00 KMA Worship	18 9:30 Children's Hour 12:00 KMA Luncheon 6:15 Senior Bells 7:00 Adult Catechism 7:30 Senior Choir	19 9:30 Children's Hour 1:00 Newsletter mailing 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	20	21 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
22 5 th Sunday in Lent <small>Purple</small> 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship: Communion Noon Youth Group – QUICK! Ends at 12:30	23 7:00 Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark	24 7:00 KMA Worship	25 9:30 Children's Hour 12:00 KMA Luncheon 6:15 Senior Bells 7:00 Adult Catechism 7:30 Senior Choir	26 9:30 Children's Hour 2:45 Catechism 7:00 Catechism	27	28 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
29 Palm Sunday <small>Purple</small> 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship	30	31 7:00 Healing Service: Communion	1 12:00 Youth at Inspirare	2 <small>White</small> 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship	3 10:00 Youth Egg Hiding Noon KMA Good Friday Worship 7:00 Good Friday Worship	4 8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 12:00 Egg Hunt