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

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HOLY WEEK at ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29th

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. led by the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kline.

Palms will be waving in celebration of Palm Sunday.

Special Music will be provided by St. John Chimers
playing *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*.

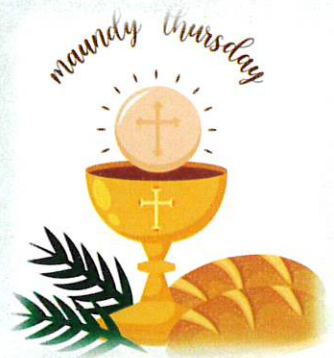
MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd

The congregations from St. John UCC and 1st Presbyterian Church
will worship together on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at St. John UCC.

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kline and Rev. Dr. Adam Quine
will be leading us in worship.

Music will be provided St. John Ringers playing *"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"*
and a combined vocal choir from 1st Presbyterian Church and St. John UCC will
sing *"Think of Me and Remember"*.

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5th

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. at Kickapoo Creek Park.

(In case of inclement weather, the sunrise service will be postponed.)

Easter Breakfast with serving from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship with Communion at 10:00 a.m. led by the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kline.

Special Music will be provided by the

St. John Chimers playing *"Easter Song"*;

St. John Ringers playing *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* and

St. John Singers will perform *"Resurrection Joy"*.



PASTOR'S CORNER



FRIENDS AND "LOST SHEEP"! COME HOME FOR EASTER!

Dear Friends and 'Lost Sheep' of St. John! April 5th, Easter Day, begins the Season of Easter and Spring is here. Much has changed here at church as you have welcomed me as your new Pastor, and I am most grateful for the loving welcome that I and my family and friends have received.

Much will change, but not the gospel of Jesus Christ! Please notice that we are called to rebuild our church, to heal old wounds, and to answer the calling of the Spirit to renewed community and life in the name of Jesus Christ!

The Forty Days of preparation from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week remembered the 40 days Jesus spent in the Wilderness. He was also confronting and redeeming our personal human dramas and sinful human nature with the love of God.

"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry" (Luke 4:1-2). Jesus confronted sin and the devil and was victorious!

Now comes Holy Week with Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday worship services here. Our friends from the 1st Presbyterian Church will join us on April 2nd at 7pm for Communion celebrating the Last Supper. Join us please.

Then Easter Morning we will meet at Kickapoo Creek Park at 6:15 a.m. for a 'SonRise' service

followed by Easter Breakfast here at the church with serving from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m. will celebrate new life and the victory of Jesus Christ.

'LISTENING TO THE SPIRIT' IS HERE!

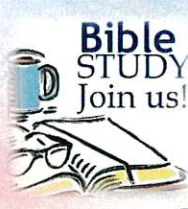
Easter and the Easter Season will launch us into a time of transition and growth. This program of discussion and dreams and new ideas for our church will reveal God's Calling and Plan for our church's future ministry.

The Niebuhr Discussion sessions that we have enjoyed during Lent at 4pm each Sunday Afternoon is concluded, and 'Listening To The Spirit' begins!

We will meet in the Wilmert Lounge at 4:00pm in groups of eight to 12 persons on Sundays, April 12th, 19th, 26th, May 3rd and 17th to "Listen to the Spirit" together. We will develop new ideas and opportunities as you share with me your hopes and dreams for St. John UCC in the next 5 years. I will present a report of the findings and results from "Listening to the Spirit" on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th. Our dreams and new ideas faithfully shared will reveal God's Calling and Plan for our church's future ministry!

WE INVITE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO COME HOME TO YOUR ST. JOHN CHURCH! GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE!

Pastor Ken

A graphic for Bible Study. It features a stylized illustration of an open book with a quill pen resting on it. Above the book, the text "Bible STUDY Join us!" is written in a mix of bold and regular fonts. The background is a soft, watercolor-like wash of light blue, green, and pink.

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

**ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEEETING NOTES**

Monday, February 16, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Present: Carolyn Pech, Laura Lee,
Bob Meinershagen, Randy Pech,
Suzanne Tockey, Hannah Meece,
Jack Leich, Kaye Wilmert,
Pastor Ken Kline and Darlene Begolka
(Office Manager)

Absent: Donna Kessinger

Guests: Gary Atteberry, Jan Jeffries,
Silas Tockey

The invocation was given by Pastor Ken Kline.
Reading an excerpt on the Sermon on the Mount
followed by prayer.

Jan Jeffries, Chair of the Memorial Committee: The
committee had met and had requests to submit to
the council for approval, want to honor the
deceased and let the families know about what has
been purchased with the donations. Marshall and
Amanda Leich memorials will be used for the safety
of the church. An infant and small children pad for
the defibrillator, fire blankets, evacuation chair for
stairs to help disabled people in an emergency,
lighter weight one use fire extinguishers for smaller
individuals to use (will not interfere with refillable
extinguishers) will need to go through building and
grounds for how many, signage, etc. Laura asked
about emergency choking device for children device
do we have any? Not at this time-may look into
those in the future. It was moved and seconded to
purchase the following items: pads, chair and fire
blankets. All in favor, none opposed, motion
carries.

Jack Leich said it was a real great program on
Sunday, February 8th and learned many useful tips
and skills, looking into signage for the extinguishers.

Jan Jeffries, Chair of the Veterans Ministry
Committee, stated that the 2026 Veterans
Celebration will be on November 8, 2026. The
American Legion has been reserved for the event.
Will be meting soon to start official planning.

Silas Tockey gave an update on some of the
technology at the church. Thinks that the projector
in the fellowship hall could be fixed by replacing a
bulb. It was moved and seconded to allow Silas to
purchase the bulb first and allow him to have
authorization to spend up to \$1000 if the fix does
not work, money to come from memorial. All in
favor, no opposed-motion carries.

Some from the Technology Committee met with
website manager Tracy Welch showing him other
church websites that they would like to model the
St. John website after.

Outdoor Sign: Still working on this.

Gary Atteberry, Co-Chair of the Building and
Grounds Committee was present at the meeting to
let the Church Council know that the budget that
was passed at the 2026 Annual Congregational
meeting did not have a line amount for a
maintenance position, did not catch it until later
that Sunday. The Church Council is now aware of
this and will monitor and revisit at a later date.
Leland is looking into companies to get railings
constructed for the Chancel Area.

Jack Leich mentioned there had been some
conversation about a cabinet to secure the
historical items, they want the cabinet on the other
side of the wall by the Christmas side, old council
robe cabinet, there is \$150 donated towards the
wood/products for the establishment of the
cabinets, Toni Reifsteck and Verdeen Ingram would
like to see this happen.

5-minute Break

It was moved and seconded to approve January
Minutes. All in favor, no opposition, motion carries.

Committee Reports

The Worship Team met in January 2026. The
following items were discussed:

- The Ash Wednesday Service will be at the
1st Presbyterian Church; there will be a
combined choir selection
- We will not be having Lenten Services here;
don't know if there are other invites from

- other churches, Immanuel Lutheran Church is having one every Wednesday
- Maundy Thursday Service will be here and with 1st Presbyterian Church. The choirs from each church will combine their musical talents
- Good Friday: not determined, Rev. Kline will be available for vigil here
- Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am at Kickapoo Creek Park at one of the pavilions, Rev. Kline will be out there with a sunrise vigil and see what develops
- Easter breakfast
- Easter Service at 10:00 a.m.
- Only Gerbera Daisies will be ordered, price and sign up will be out later
- Musicfest is Sunday, May 17th
- Pentecost Sunday is May 24th possibly having confirmation done that day
- Summer music – anyone can contact and make sure a date is open
- Niebuhr Award: the committee is thinking about bringing it back to the community, Need to find the guidelines again if there are any of them, the committee is looking into maybe giving this award again? Laura would like to pursue the award again– Darlene will work with Laura and get some things going

Jack Leich had some ushers talk and brought up when to put the candles out, carrying the light to the road and the altar–leave them until after the service? Need a time to ensure that the altar candles are extinguished.

Suzanne Tockey had a congregant bring up the announcements about selling things during church–easy fix–could we separate the business of the church from the worship service, gathering music, welcome, announcements, ring the bell and do the prelude then start worship service

Pastor Report

- Hosted the Lincoln Area Ministerial Association–noticing that many churches do not send ministers to the meeting, is curious as to why that is happening, had about 15-16 people

- Wonderful Bible studies on Mondays with good conversation, someone joins from the Lutheran Church, as it grows he will look into Bible studies
- Boy Scout Sunday: found out he was hosting and handing out Eagle Scout awards as Jeff Street Christian Church
- 4th Saturday of each month leading a worship service at St. Clara's for residents
- 32 pastoral contacts
- Attended a variety of church activities Old Business: Addressed most topics with the guests in attendance
- Pictorial Directory: Randy, Laura, Carolyn - Have tried to do this ourselves but it has not worked out in the past–decided it should be an outside company
 - Several companies were researched to complete the job Universal Church Directories
 - Discussed with other churches and had no problems with the company
 - Schedule 2 days in row for photos, they have dates in April available for booking (April 10/11 or April 21/22)
 - John Nester (Universal Directory) would have an organizational meeting and prepare the promo material for the pictures
 - If some people want to have a picture can pics be added and they can, shut ins can be added as well. Drawback: organizations in groups take their own pictures and save them on a USB and send that to company
 - Maybe have Jean Meinershagen and/or Lynn Paulus to take photos

It was moved and seconded to proceed with Universal Church Directory to begin the process of making a new Pictorial Directory in 2026 with photo sessions on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11, 2026. All voting yea, no opposed motion carries

NEW BUSINESS:

- Review Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes–review and file for approval at 2027 Congregational Meeting-Financial

Oversight Committee met several times-file as revised for approval in 2027

- b. Communion Schedule: paper passed for sign-up
- c. Other: Jack Leich finds it difficult for the pastor to know what is going on a daily basis by not being in the office. Some options were discussed.
- d. Other: Pastor needs strong people to volunteer to move boxes of books to the church office from the parsonage

It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion carried. Rev. Kline led the group in The Lord's Prayer.



WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMAPHY TO...



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Helen Opperman.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of George Wilmert.

ATTENDANCE

March 1st

46 In-Person, 38 on Facebook, 10 bulletins mailed and website = 94+

March 8th

40 In-Person, 42 on Facebook, 9 bulletins mailed and website = 91+

March 15th

32 In-Person, 41 on Facenook, 9 bulletins mailed and website = 82+

March 22nd

35 In-Person, 39 on Facenook, 9 bulletins mailed and website = 83+



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

AT HOME

Sandy Sanders



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Charity Guild is sponsoring an All-Church Family Potluck and Program after church on Sunday, June 7th. The program will be what the members of St. John bring to share – THEME: FAMILY WEDDINGS. Bring your wedding picture, (or your parent's, siblings, etc.) and anyone who still has their wedding gown and wants to display that – all the more memories the better. The meal will be outlined in detail in the May Chimes – but plan on a return to "Potluck". Good Food – Good Fellowship!



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**.

During the months of January and February, Missions was sponsoring a Soup A Thon for the food pantry.

Thirteen bags (13) bags of groceries were delivered the end of February with 104 cans of soup plus other food items collected. Pretty impressive donations and we thank you so much.

Also 70 teddy bears and 67 Easter stuffed animals were delivered to Lincoln Memorial Hospital ER. We cannot thank you enough at St. John's for your continued support of this special project which affects so many children and families.

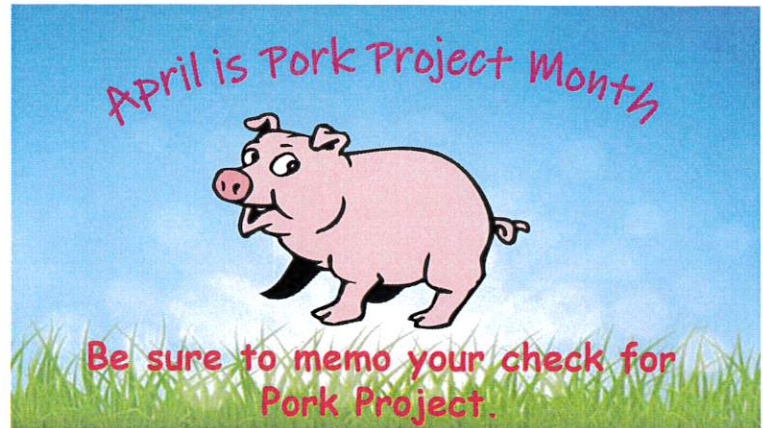


April is showers, flowers and Earth Day. Here at St. John, we can celebrate Earth Day not only on April 22nd but every day.

Our Giving Tree is filled with buckets for recycling. We collect pop tabs, plastic bottle caps, eyeglasses, cell phones, egg cartons and aluminum cans, just to name a few. We are doing a

good job, but we can always do better, so take a few minutes to gather up your recyclables (that we recycle here at the church) and bring them to the church.

Remember that we are called to be stewards of the Earth. It doesn't really belong to us - it belongs to God!



April Food Item Is...



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



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

FUNERAL LUNCHEON GUIDELINES...

Charity Guild presented an update of the "FUNERAL LUNCHEON GUIDELINES" to the Church Council for approval of implementation on March 16th. Copies of these guidelines are in the Charity Guild cabinet in the pantry to give to family's at their time of need. A copy has also been given to the Council's records, Rev. Dr. Ken Kline, the church office and officers of the Charity Guild. A copy can be obtained by anyone interested. This update was felt necessary in light of the fact that fewer members are able to do big lunches, so catering has become the norm – with Charity Guild helping family with their decisions and doing the serving and clean-up with help from other church members.



CELEBRATE LIFE GROUP

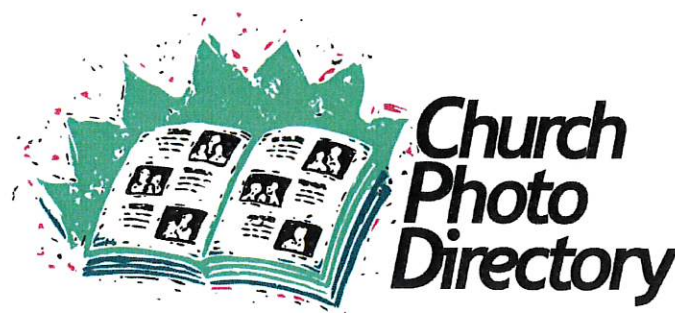
By: Tonita Reifsteck

Sixteen gathered at El Mazatlan for Celebrate Life on Friday, March 13th. Birthday's for Donna Kessinger and Jim Wilmert were celebrated, cards signed for other birthdays and Easter cards for shut-ins. Marilyn Armbrust, Karen Birnbaum, Janet Johnson, Donna Kessinger, Pastor Ken Kline, Laura Lee, Carolyn Pech, Tonita Reifsteck, Dan Row, Lynn Spellman, Carol Webb, Jim and Leslie Wilmert, Kaye Wilmert, Marlene Wilmert and Sandy Wilmert.

April Celebrate Life will be on Friday, April 10th at the Country Aire Restaurant in Atlanta at 11:30 a.m. Giving your **reservations** to Sandy Wilmert and/or Toni will make it easier to get the group together. It was suggested that a sign-up sheet also be put in narthex.



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



*The rosebud announces the birth of
Claire Anne Weber,
born on March 27, 2026.*

*She is the daughter of Max and Katie Weber;
grandparents are Ed and Michelle Spellman;
great grandparents are Hank and Lynn Spellman.*

OUTREACH AND PUBLICITY

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

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

Meeting opened with reflection: *"You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."* (Ralph Waldo Emerson).

Pastor Kline opened the meeting with prayer.

Reminder: Ash Wednesday Service will be at 1st Presbyterian Church. Also, invited to other services there and Lenten series on 23rd Psalm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Maundy Thursday Service will be at St. John's with joint choir with 1st Presbyterian Church.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dan Row continues to get visitor info – cards sent by Toni/phone calls
- Membership class is now in progress until Palm Sunday
- Potato Bar Report: \$250 donations: Silicone breast pumps will be ordered

NEW BUSINESS

- 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 – Highlight ministries in Chimes
- What can be done to reactivate SPECIAL NEEDS ministry to members?
- Rec has been called – we will be notified of team when coaches organize

Meeting closed with prayer led by Pastor Kline.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m.

NEEDED...

COFFEE HOUR HOST/HOUSTESS VOLUNTEERS



Sign-up sheets are in Narthex and Kitchen.

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 them for an 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.

DEVOTIONALS for April, May and June are in the entryway and Narthex for anyone who wants one.

There are also more Large Print ones available if needed.

Questions – see a member of Outreach Ministry



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

All men of the church are Welcome



St. John Diners Saturday, April 25th 11:30 a.m.



Are you planning to attend St. John Diners in April? 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, April 25th** just meet us at either the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. to carpool or meet at Jack's in Tremont for an 11:30 a.m. reservation.



- 9 Esther Denney
- 13 Brady Curry
- 16 Emmett Nowack
- 17 Heather Goetsch
- 20 Karen Birnbaum
- 25 Laura Lee
- 27 **Wayne Mara**
Betsy Pech
- 29 Becky Rader

Names in **red** are church family members who are on the visitation list. Let's fill their mailboxes on their birthdays.

FEBRUARY FINANCIALS



Beginning Balance		\$77,391.28
Income	\$ 8,423.42	
Expenses	\$24,180.90	
Ending Balance		\$61,633.80



ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Randy and Betsy Pech
- 13 Steve and Elaine Aue
- 20 Rich and Rochelle Joseph



- April 5th: Nancy Gehlbach
- April 12th: Randy Pech
- April 19th: Karen Birnbaum
- April 26th:

GREETERS

- April 5th: Toni Reifsteck
- April 12th: Dan Row
- April 19th: Verdeen Ingram
- April 26th: Lynn Spellman

In Loving Memory...



Helen B. Opperman, 98, of Lincoln, Illinois passed away on March 1, 2026, at the Cedarhurst Assisted Living Facility in Springfield.

Helen was born July 11, 1927, the daughter of Carl and Katherine Leesman. She married Austin Opperman on November 26, 1950, in Lincoln. He preceded her in death on October 28, 1996. Also preceding her in death were her parents, two brothers, Harold and Raymond Pech of Lincoln, and a sister, Mildred Wilmert of Lincoln.

Helen and Austin had a son, Dennis (Maribeth) of Tuscola and a daughter, Diane (Dr. Frank) Aguirre of Springfield. She enjoyed having four grandchildren, Doug (Katrina) Opperman of Sherman, Brad (Laurie) Opperman of Mahomet, Kathryn (Kyle) Vietzen of Morton, and Ryan (Jenna) Aguirre of White Lake, Michigan.

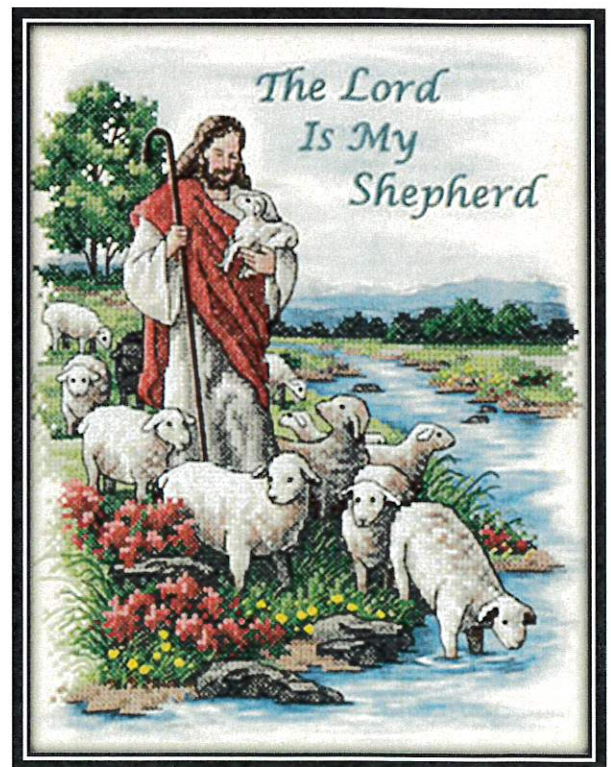
She was blessed with seven great-grandchildren, Henry and Sloan of Sherman, Barrett and Cole of Mahomet, and Olivia, William, and Connor of Morton.

Helen grew up on a farm and enjoyed farm life. She was a lifelong member of St. John United Church of

Christ in Lincoln. She worked as a nurse's aide at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital for twenty-five years.

Helen enjoyed playing pinochle and watching Big Ten College basketball games. She was a member of the Oasis Senior Center in Lincoln. She also volunteered for the American Red Cross and at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held on March 6, 2026 at St. John United Church of Christ with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kline officiating. Burial was in New Union Cemetery.



In Loving Memory...



George Calvin Wilmert, 94, passed into his eternal rest February 17, 2026 surrounded by his beloved family. George was born in Lincoln, Illinois February 27, 1931, the son of George Luther and Ruby Ellen (Purlee) Wilmert.

He married Marlene Boyer March 15, 1975. She survives along

with daughters, April (Don) Martin, Gina Akerman and Sheila (Kevin) Bourland and sons, Kevin (Andrea) and Steven (Doreen) Wilmert. Grandchildren - Angie (Frank) Bramwell, Chad (Jill) Martin, Clint (Dorian) Akerman, Rusty (Alyson) Akerman, Levi (Patty) Akerman, Jennifer Wilmert, Emily (Matt Wilmert and Dave Bourland. Great grandchildren - Ashlynn and Martin Glick, Hunter, Wyatt and Maggie Martin, Broc, Kip and Blake Akerman, Trinity Wilmert, Alyvia Casteel, Hayden Richardson, Emily, Gracie and Skyler Akerman and great great granddaughter, Aaliyah Glick.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Gregory Allen Wilmert, granddaughters, Conner Loeffelholz and Melissa Wilmert and 2 sisters, Evelyn Wilmert and Betty Ann Holmes.

George was an avid fisherman and hunter. He served several years as president of Lincoln Sportsman's Club and invited boy scouts out for fishing and gun safety instruction. He taught many kids how to fish and clean fish. He enjoyed participating in softball, basketball, bowling and tennis. He was a big fan of the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears and Fighting Illini basketball. Another favorite pastime was playing pinochle and euchre.

George was the 1st president of Local 787 United Rubber Workers at Firestone Tire and Rubber Plant in Bloomington in 1966. He also served on a nationwide joint labor wage administration committee to help save jobs and make management more profitable. He served as Secretary of the Committee on the Ministry of Lincoln Decatur Presbytery. He filled several pulpits as a lay minister. As a member of St. John United Church of Christ, he served several terms as an officer in Men's Brotherhood, taught Sunday School and delivered meals on wheels. He served 3 terms on the West Lincoln School board and was president one year. He opened the gym on Saturdays for kids up to high school age and on Sundays for high schoolers and adults. He also served as boy and girl scout coordinator.

George will be remembered for his love for his family and friends, his wisdom and wit and always trying to strive for fairness in all matters.

Funeral services were held on March 28, 2026 at St. John United Church of Christ with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Kline officiating.





April Calendar

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

Maundy Thursday Service/Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4th

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

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m.

Easter Breakfast serving from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.

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

Monday, April 6th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study at 12:00 noon

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7th

Outreach and Publicity at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 10th

Celebrate Life Group at 11:30 a.m.

Pictorial Directory Pictures

Saturday, April 11th

Pictorial Directory Pictures

Sunday, April 12th

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.

St. John Ringers practice following church

St. John Chimers practice following ringers

St. John Gamers at 2:00 p.m.

Niebuhr's in Action Group at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 13th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study at 12:00 noon

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14th

Cub Scouts at 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 18th

Western Association Spring Meeting

Sunday, April 19th

Coffee Hour at 9:15 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Niebuhr's in Action Group at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 20th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study at 12:00 noon

Church Council meeting 6:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21st

CAPCIL Foster Grandparents meeting

Saturday, April 25th

St. John Diners at 11:30 a.m. at Jack's in Tremont

Sunday, April 26th

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.

St. John Ringers practice following church

St. John Chimers practice following ringers

Niebuhr's in Action Group at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, April 27th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study at 12:00 noon

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28th

Cub Scouts at 6:15 p.m.

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

Note: LCT practices will start on April 13th. Practices will be Monday – Thursday from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m.



Prayer List



Alissa Smith
Cheryl F.
Lynn
David
Kathy Staten
Jim Walsh
Kristen
"Pete" Luckhart
Abigail
Middle East
Raymond
Stephanie Opperman
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
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