

# The Circle

## September Worship at St. John's

**13<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost**  
**Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Evening Light, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

As we celebrate Labor Day, in our Gospel Jesus tells us his work is to suffer, die and be raised. Our labor, he says, is to deny ourselves, take up your cross and follow him. How do we do that in our day to day lives? What does this “work” look like?

**14<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost**  
**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 Evening Light, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**  
**Sunday School Rally Day, 9:25 a.m.**  
**Confirmation, 9:25 a.m.**

**Adult Education Preview, 10 a.m.**

When everything is going well, relationships are a joy. But when there is conflict they become difficult and can even break. Our readings for this day are honest about conflict and about God who through Christ blesses us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

**15<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost**  
**Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 Evening Light, 5 p.m.  
 Confirmation Lock-In  
 Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**  
**Christian Education, 9:25 a.m.**

Forgiveness is one of the most powerful forces in life—and also one of the most difficult things to do. Our readings for this day invite us to drink from the inexhaustible and life-giving fountain of forgiveness.

**16<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost**  
**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Evening Light, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

**Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**  
**Christian Education, 9:25 a.m.**

God doesn't operate with the same set of rules human beings do and there are times when this can be so annoying!!! And yet, what we discover is that there is always more grace than we deserve. In our readings today we meet a frustrated prophet and a more than generous landowner. And in one or the other we find ourselves.



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*Six youth and two adult leaders spent a week this summer week serving in Philadelphia—see page 9 for details and more pics of love in action on inside back cover!*

## The Pastor's Message:

As we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, our Reformation500 celebration team invites us to write a short essay of 140 words or less on "Why I am a Lutheran Christian?" If you would rather explore that question in a work of art, that would also be welcomed. Essays and art will be shared through *The Circle*, the weekly bulletin and on a bulletin board.

I volunteered to go first and confess that keeping it within 140 words was a challenge. (A typical sermon is between 1,200 and 1,500 words.) But I enjoyed the exercise for it made me think deeply about this important question and then to give thanks for my family and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Allentown. Here's my answer to:

### Why am I a Lutheran Christian?

I was baptized on February 13, 1955, my parent's first anniversary. I was four weeks old. That made me a Christian, not because of anything I could do (my skill set was limited), but because God loved me, marking me with the cross of Christ forever. My parents joyfully kept their promises to raise me in the Christian faith, so faith became a natural part of who I am. God loves me.

My parents were Lutherans so I experienced this love within a re-forming community of faith. We were part of a lively, socially conscious urban congregation that valued worship, music and their children. Sins were forgiven every week. God's word was preached with diligence and care. Holy Communion was shared. And prayers prayed. All of this shaped me, re-formed me every day. And by God's grace still does.

Now it's your turn. Spend a few minutes thinking, put some words on paper or create some art and then send it to [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org) or share it with one of the Pastors.



Yours in Christ, Pastor Cynthia Krommes

### A Sabbatical Celebration

On Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> you are invited to celebration of Pastor Krommes' sabbatical in the Eisenhower Room. We will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. Please bring a side, salad or dessert followed by some pictures and sharing. RSVPs are helpful and can be made by contacting Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947 or [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org) or through our Yellow Communications Card. The evening will end by 8 p.m. If child care would be helpful please indicate that when you make your reservation. Pastor Krommes and her husband John are looking forward to sharing their trip and thanking the people of St. John's for their support, prayers and encouragement.

### Sunday School Kickoff Youth and Family Event Saturday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m.

It's the night before the first day of Sunday school! Please come to an informal gathering of youth and families as a celebration of the new school year. We will provide the s'mores—you bring your own lawn chairs, beverages and snacks. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and get children ready for church the next day!





## Sunday School Rally Day Sunday, September 10 at 9:25 a.m.

It's time to enroll in our children's Sunday school, confirmation program, youth group and adult education classes. If you have previously enrolled in Sunday school, you can simply check your child's information in the notebooks provided in the Narthex. If you have never registered, forms are available in the Narthex, on our St. John's website ([www.stjohnluthphoenixville.org](http://www.stjohnluthphoenixville.org)) and on the next page of this newsletter. On September 10th, students and parents are invited to meet their teachers in the church sanctuary for a fun adventure. We have some great activities in store and we hope you'll participate! For adults, there will also be a preview of adult classes for the year in Kley Hall. Please join us for Rally Day!

## Confirmation Class - Sunday, September 10th at 9:25 a.m.

"From Boys and Girls to Young Men and Women" That's how Manny Demutis describes what happens in confirmation—our children grow in who they are and in knowing "whose" they are. Confirmation is three years of faith formation that helps our seventh, eighth and ninth graders explore the promises made by God to them in their baptism. The first confirmation class for this year begins on Sunday, September 10th at 9:25 a.m. The 7th graders and 8th graders and their guides meet in the Eisenhower Room. The 9th graders and their guides will meet in the light blue room downstairs. On Saturday, September 16th into the 17th, all the confirmation students and guides will take part in the CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN, which begins at 6 p.m. sharp. Parents will have a brief meeting with Pastor Skyle, while the confirmation students participate in an evening of learning, service and fellowship. Then at our 8 a.m. Sunday worship, our new confirmation students will "knock on the church door" and ask to be "received into" confirmation. This is an essential bonding experience for our confirmation students; absences will be excused for emergencies only.



## For the Beauty of Creation....

...and for volunteers who care for that beauty  
at St. John's...THANKS BE TO GOD!

Our gardens are particularly beautiful right now. Intensive planting last spring, good care throughout the summer, and lots of rain has resulted in good growth and a "filling in" of the beds. However, while our plants are growing so are weeds. There will be a **Gardening Morning on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**. If you are available to help it would be deeply appreciated. If you are not and can help on a different day and time, you'll be assigned a "plot" to care for at a time that works for you. Either way, contact Pastor Krommes or our Garden Party chair, Lynn Titus, so that appropriate plans can be made.



## Take Out Hunger

Thank you for being part of our TAKE OUT HUNGER appeal during the summer. (If you missed this "take out" boxes are available in the Narthex on the triangle kiosk.) Everyone is asked to return their donation boxes the first two weeks of September. All our monies will be directed to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal to help hungry people in the United States and around the world. Our counting teams are requesting that you replace small change in your box with bills or better yet, count it all up and write a check made out to St. John's Lutheran with "World Hunger Appeal" in the memo line. Thank you!



# St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday Morning Christian Education Registration Form

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## Classes are held September– May

*(please complete one form per family—return to Sonya Sowards)*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Best phone number for family: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best email for family: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact your family:     email (default)  text to \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. mail  telephone call to \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give permission for St. John's to take and use photographs of you and your children for our website, Facebook page and/or other publications?    Yes    No    Yes, with stipulations: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults:

Name	Cell phone	Email	During the Christian Ed hour I would like to:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Help with children's program <input type="checkbox"/> Join the following adult group _____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Help with children's program <input type="checkbox"/> Join the following adult group _____
			<input type="checkbox"/> Help with children's program <input type="checkbox"/> Join the following adult group _____

Children:

Name	Gender	Birth date	Grade & school	Medical concerns/allergies

# MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S

As we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation take time to recognize that Martin Luther (1483-1548) was not only a theologian and a reformer, he was also a musician and a composer. In the reform of the liturgy, he gave community singing a renewed role. He composed about thirty chorales, and, with other musicians, a hymn book and asked that singing be taught in schools. St. John's recognizes the importance of music in its worship life. You are invited to join and be part of this joy-filled ministry. "He who sings prays twice."

**Tom Snyder, Director of Music**  
**John Quinn, Organist**  
**Sondra Andrews, Evening Light Musician**

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

- Youth in grades two to five or six
- Rehearses Sunday 9:00-9:25 AM
- Sings monthly alternating between 8:00 & 10:45 worship
- Rehearsals begin September 17

## ADULT CHOIR

- Teens through adults
- Rehearses Wednesday, 8:00 – 9:30 PM
- Major adult choir
- Provides leadership for 10:45 worship first, fourth, and fifth Sundays, 8:00 worship the third Sunday
- Rehearsals begin September 6

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR

- Provides leadership for 10:00 PM Christmas Eve worship and pre-service music beginning at 9:30 PM
- Rehearses Wednesday at the beginning of Senior Choir
- Rehearsals begin October 4

## ADULT HANDBELLS

- Older teens through adults
- Rehearses Thursday, 7:15 - 8:15 PM
- Moderately advanced ensemble
- Rings about once a month as member's scheduling allows
- Rehearsals begin September 14

## ST. JOHN'S CHOIR & FRIENDS

- Community Choir which presents an annual concert
- In 2017, 70 singers from 31 area churches participated
- Rehearsals: Sunday 3/25, 4/8, 15, 22, 29 7 – 9:00 PM
- Performance date is Sunday, May 6, 7:00 PM
- Celebration of Christmas Music – Sacred and Secular

Age groupings are guidelines and may be adjusted as needs arise. Flexibility is the key!

Talented instrumentalists and vocalists are always welcomed to present special music the Second Sunday of each month.

## 2017-2018 Concert Series

**Soli Deo Gloria: 500 Years of Lutheran Music**  
**Dr. Michael Krentz, Director of Music Ministries/Seminary**  
**Cantor, United Lutheran Seminary**  
**Joined by singers from area Lutheran congregations**  
**October 31, 2017, 4 PM**

A celebration of music from the Lutheran heritage from the earliest Lutheran hymns to pieces by 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century composers. The concert will feature music for organ and festive hymn settings for organ, congregation, and choir.

**Classics in Concert**  
**The Providence Chamber Orchestra**  
**November 19, 2017, 4 PM**

Christoph Willibald Gluck: Overture to Iphigenie en Aulide  
Franz Josef Haydn: Concerto for Cello in C, Steve Kramer – soloist  
Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 in A, Op. 92

**Christmas Classics**  
**The Capital Ringers,**  
**Linda S. Simms – Artistic Director**  
**December 3, 2017, 4 PM**

**Music in Celebration of Mother Earth**  
**The Providence Chamber Orchestra**  
**April 22, 4 PM**

Manuel de Falla: Ritual Fire Dance  
GEORG Friedrich Händel: Water Music, Suite No. 2  
Alexandr Borodin: In the Steppes of Central Asia  
Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 6 in F, Op. 68

**A Celebration of Christmas Music, Sacred and Secular**  
**St. John's Choir & Friends**  
**May 6, 2018, 7 PM**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert**

Rehearsals: March 25, April 8, 15, 22, 29, 7 – 9 P.M.  
Singers are welcome, music will be provided

## Celebrating the Reformation at St. John's

The year 2017 marks 500 years since a stubborn monk and towering thinker, Martin Luther, published his 95 theses or complaints against the Catholic Church and launched the Protestant Reformation, a momentous religious revolution that changed the world. We are celebrating this anniversary with enthusiasm as a time to remember and be renewed in the freedom of the Gospel.

### **Sunday, September 10—RALLY DAY with Marty**

Have your picture taken with a life-size Martin Luther during Sunday school or before and after worship. Luther will be "hanging out" with us through October.

### **Oct. 16-19 Reformation Week at Iron Hill Brew Pub**

Iron Hill is brewing two special Reformation beers: Katie's Brew (Martin Luther's wife was famous for her beer), and Heavenly Indulgence (the Catholic practice that set the whole thing off to begin with.) Various Phoenixville churches will sponsor Give 20 events at Iron Hill where 20% of their proceeds from food purchases will be given to the Code Blue Shelter located at the former Sacred Heart Church. **We are kicking off the week on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> with the St. John's Lutheran Day.** Give 20 Coupons (needed to get the donation) will be distributed beginning in late September. If you can't make it on Monday, plan to go on another day that week and learn about the Reformation from another tradition's point of view. Go ecumenical!

### **Sunday, October 22 Movie—*Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World* at the Phoenixville Colonial Theater beginning at 3 p.m.**

Martin Luther triggered a seismic upheaval that rocked the western world in the 1500s—with an impact that continues to reverberate to this day. This film tells the great adventure story of his life. At the same time, it examines his quest for truth—questions we all must face—including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?" St. John's is sponsoring this film. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and 62+, \$6 for children under 13 and will be available at St. John's beginning September 17<sup>th</sup> and through the Colonial's website. There are only 170 seats, so get your tickets early.

### **Sunday, October 29—Reformation Sunday school from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

All sorts of activities are being planned: a movie, cookie decorating, coloring pages, a skit, quiz bowl, a special German coffee hour and hammering one of the 95 Theses on a door. Children, youth and adults will move from "station to station" for this intergenerational learning experience.

### **Reformation Concert: Soli Deo Gloria: 500 years of Lutheran Music at 4 p.m.**

Michael Krentz, the Dean of the Chapel at the Philadelphia campus of the United Lutheran Seminary, will lead the event that that will include two hymn settings for organ, choir and audience and Bach's masterpiece, "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

### **Sunday, October 29 through November 11<sup>th</sup> – Fall Reformation 500 Book Fair**

There are wonderful new book offerings to supplement the book fair held last spring.

Also be sure to pick up a "Flat Luther" to take with you wherever you go and some coloring books for children (adults can use them too). Both are in the on the kiosk in the Narthex.



There will be a special blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 1st at 12:30 p.m. in the circle in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Pets of all shapes and sizes (or pictures of pets) are invited to be blessed. This has become a wonderful St. John's tradition for humans and animals. Please invite your friend and their pets to attend.



## “See You in September” Gathering

Young at Heart, our older adult group, will meet on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon in the Eisenhower Room. After a summer away it will be nice to see everyone. Pastor Tom Kochenderfer will provide a reflection followed by a light lunch. If you would like to bring a dessert, that would be terrific. There will also be an opportunity for the group to do some planning for the coming year. The program will be “Back to the Garden—A Time of Sabbatical” by Pastor Cindy Krommes. The Prime Timers of First Presbyterian Church are also invited. Please RSVP by calling Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947 or emailing [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org) or through the Yellow Communication Card.

## Learning Opportunities for Adults This Fall Sunday Morning Preview September 10th, Classes start September 17th

### Year Round Classes

#### Happy Hour

Called Happy Hour because the group is largely made up of parents whose children are in Sunday school—that’s why they’re happy! This class explores the weekly gospel text and current issues in parenting and supports one another.

***On September 10th the parents in this class are invited to the sanctuary to meet***

***the Sunday school teachers and hear about upcoming plans for Youth and Family Ministry. The Happy Hour group will begin meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> in Kley Hall.***

#### Sunday Morning Book Club

Do you love to read? Perhaps the Sunday Morning Book Club is for you. Each year the club formulates a list of books to read and then gathers weekly for a time of discussion and support. Beyond Sunday morning the Club enjoys evenings at the movies, particularly films on books they have read together. Coordinator Jean Herbranson lets everyone know what’s happening through “Life Together” and our weekly email update. Meets in Pr. Krommes’ office.

#### Faith Life

Faith Life is for those who want to think deeply about what’s happening in the world in relationship to their faith. This weekly discussion is coordinated by our Dean of Education, Jack Ertell, and is led by people from a variety of specialties including science, politics, education, and health care. Meets in the Meeting Room #1 on the left of the stage in Kley Hall.

#### A New Group

Parents of small children have begun a conversation about developing a new group—it might take place on Sunday morning or another time. It might involve study and fellowship or simply fellowship. Anyway, if you want to be part of something new, this might be for you. Interested? Email [office@stjohnphoenixville.net](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.net) to be kept in “the loop.”

### ***Sunday September 17 through January 21***

#### Always Re-forming

As we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, what does it mean for us today? This class will learn about the Reformation that began 500 years ago and how, by the grace of God, we are called to always be re-forming. Sandra Zimmermann will lead this class that meets in the Fireside Room.



## Sunday Morning Adult Study

### **SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, October 29th, 2:00-3:30 p.m.—St. John's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat**

Trick or treaters are invited to come in costume to safely trick or treat on our campus inside the circle. (Adults are also welcome to come in costume.) This is a great opportunity to invite your neighbors, co-workers and other friends to St. John's—please let them know! We will need a variety of volunteers. If you are interested in decorating your car trunk or truck bed or helping with the Trunk or Treat, please contact Pastor Skyle at [pas-torskrea@gmail.com](mailto:pas-torskrea@gmail.com) or text to (484) 716-5032. Following Trunk or Treat, don't miss the Reformation 500 Concert at 4 p.m.

**NEW TEAM MEMBER NEEDED!** The Christian Education team is looking for a few new team members to help plan faith formation for ages 0-adult. We meet for 1-2 hours on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The team shares responsibility for Sunday school activities, as well as overseeing the VBS planning team. Please contact Sonya Sowards at (610) 933.3947 or [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org) if you would like to participate on this team.

## Church Nursery Assistant

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Phoenixville, PA

\$11.50 per hour - Part-time

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is accepting applications from persons 18 years and older for a new part-time position as Church Nursery Assistant. The position is open to individuals who can give safe, loving and consistent care to young children (infants through kindergarteners) and can be available Sunday mornings from 7:45a – 12:15p (September through May) and on select Holy Days. The position reports to our Nursery Coordinator.

Applicants must have at least one year of childcare experience and must be able to meet state qualifications and pass background checks in order to be considered. Applicants already certified in CPR/First Aid are preferred, although the individual selected may be certified after being hired.

Job Type: Part-time

Salary: \$11.50 per hour

Job Location:

- Phoenixville, PA 19460

Required Education:

- High school diploma or equivalent

Required Experience:

- Childcare: 1 year

Required License or Certification:

- CPR/First Aid

Please send an email to [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org) to request a complete job description and an application.



WELCA met after worship on July 30<sup>th</sup> to assemble soups. It was a fun morning and assembling went smoothly. Lynn Titus is helping her grandson, Evan, with volunteer hours for confirmation and we welcomed his efforts too! Three soups are available: chicken, beef and potato. The cost is \$8 per quart or two for \$15. Soups may be purchased now by contacting Linda Landis.

We will gather at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to organize and plan meetings for the coming year. Please bring a list of your very favorite hymns with you that day. The agenda for the meeting also includes election of officers for 2017-18. Everyone is invited and welcome so mark your calendars now. Hope to see you there!



## 2017 Youth Servant Trip to Philadelphia

Six youth and two adult leaders spent a week serving in Philadelphia, learning all about urban gardening and poverty. We volunteered at children's learning centers, homeless shelters for men, women and children, and many community gardens and parks. We served side-by-side with new friends from Waynesboro United Methodist Church in Georgia. We also got some sightseeing in as well. Here's our group in front of the Art Museum! Thank you for praying for us and helping us get there!



## St. Peter's Lunches

We are currently providing lunches at St. Peter's for the homeless and other people who are struggling in our community. We do this the third Friday of every month and also fifth Fridays when they come up. We are in dire need of more volunteers to help prep and serve lunch. Donated desserts would also be a big help. If you do a dessert, it would be very helpful if you sign up ahead of time. The remaining dates we will be serving lunches for the rest of this year are September 15th & 25th, October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th & 29th. Please contact Deb Welsh at [djwelsh1453@yahoo.com](mailto:djwelsh1453@yahoo.com) if you can help out.



## Wednesday Bible Studies

There are two opportunities to be part of a St. John's Bible studies on Wednesdays. The **morning study** takes place in the community room at the Episcopal House, an independent-living apartment building for seniors on Mason Street in Phoenixville from 10 to 11 a.m. The **evening study** is from 7 to 8 p.m. and meets in the Fire-side Room. Both groups focus on one of the readings for the coming Saturday/Sunday. That means if you need to miss a week it is easy to get reconnected! New participants are welcome! If you are interested in the possibility of a study on a different day or time, please connect with either pastor or send an email to [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org).



## Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Imagine having to choose between having a meal and purchasing a notebook. Project Promise School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future. This year, our Social Ministry Committee, Christian Education Committee and Sunday school students will team up on a project to help children throughout the world. Together, we will pack these kits during Sunday school and bless them as we send them to those in need. How can you help? Please pick up any of these items while they are on sale for Back to School. Then place in the box in the Narthex by September 25th. Thank you!

- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approx. 8x10.5" (no loose leaf)
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side, inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band
- FIVE black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons

## People of God Involved in God's Work

### September Schedule

**Early Service                      Late Service**

#### Acolytes

3    TBD	TBD
10   TBD	TBD
17   TBD	TBD
24   TBD	TBD

#### Altar Guild

3    Leilani Ash & Janet Ertell	
10   Barbara Eng & Jean Herbranson	
17   Sandra Zimmermann	
24   Betty Hans & Elena Wallace	

#### Assisting Ministers

3    Ron Stevens	Dale Herbranson
10   Teresa Olsen	Sandra Stotler
17   Donna Thompson	Sam Ahola
24   Ron Stevens	Evan Aho

#### Baking Bread

3    TBD	
10   TBD	
17   Lynn Titus	
24   Adam & Gwen Supplee	

#### Coffee Hour

10   Fellowship Committee	
17   Social Ministry Committee	
24   Faith Life	

#### Communion Assistants/Lectors

3    Erica Lucas (L)	Brian Becker (L)
Chuck Liedike	TBD
10   Jay Stearly (L)	Mitch Reading (L)
Mark Gerner	Tyler Pekofsky
17   Greg Krueger (L)	Nancy Cressman (L)
Pam Freehafer	Margaret Walker
24   Don Titus (L)	Bill Starling (L)
Debbe Welsh	Dale Herbranson

#### Counters

3    Jeanne & Jeff Schanzenbach, Stephen Drewes, Ellie Kurtz	
10   Heather Yonosh, Peg Yerger, Peg Yanoviak, Donna Searchfield	
17   Mary Heiser, Ed Naylor, Mike & Cathy Kahl	
24   Jack Ertell, Lilly & Elisa Khan, Donna Anderson	

#### Lock-up

3    Brian Becker	Shelley Saeger
10   Allen Kramer	Dale Herbranson
17   Sandra Zimmermann	Bill Starling
24   Shelley Saeger	Don Titus

#### Ushers

3    Don Titus	Margaret Walker
Barry Church	Barb Rambo
Luanne Bindschusz	James Ninness
Bob Gorman	Carter Ninness
10   Dick Kunsch	Dale Herbranson
Debbe Welsh	Simon Khan
Seth Clark	Cathy Garrett
Sean Clark	Gabrielle VanDerveer
17   Judy Wolstenholme	Donna Anderson
Dick Wolsenholme	Tyler Pekofsky
Cathy Garrett	Beth Williams
Carol Cully	John Westerman
24   Erica Lucas	Glen Murphy
Rich Latella	Sandra Stotler
Rich Skoniczin	Paul Miller
Chuck Liedike	Ron Williams

## Electronic Giving Options Available

We have updated the options for how you can provide financial support to St. John's. These options are in addition to the Simply Giving program which many are already using. The new options will allow you to set up a recurring gift as well through your personal credit card or bank account. A new addition is the provision to send a one-time gift.

For immediate access, you can use your Smart Phone. To get to the Smart Phone application, scan the QR code below or search for "Give+" in the app store. Once installed, search for "St Johns Lutheran Church." There are many to choose from, so make sure you find St. John's in Phoenixville. This application will also allow single or recurring gifts.



Another option that will be coming soon is the ability to swipe a credit card at a computer station in the Narthex. Please contact Dale Herbranson if you have any questions.



Dear St. John's:

I would like you to know how much I appreciated the wonderful visit with Pastor Skyle, the beautiful flowers, and the much-needed prayers we shared together. Thank you for your love and wishes during my stay in recovery.

Love,

Ken Zimmermann

# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9am Holy Communion	28 6:30pm Kiwanis Board	29	30 7pm Bible Study 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous	31 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	1	2 5pm Evening Light
3 8am Holy Communion 10:45am Holy Communion	4	5 12:30pm PACA 3:30pm Staff 7:30pm Worship & Music	6 3pm Social Ministry 7pm Bible Study 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous 8pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	7 10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 6pm Pastor Krommes' Welcome Back 7pm Naranon	8 10am Mom's Music Club 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	9 5pm Evening Light 6pm Sunday School Kickoff
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Matthew Wolf's birthday James and Janet Reading's anniversary Amy Becker's birthday Joe and Sherri Muller's anniversary Jeff and Jeanne Schanzenbach's anniversary	28 Jessica Cratty's birthday Mark and Nancy Wilkinson's anniversary William and Faye Donovan's anniversary Harriet Carr's birthday George Mansur's birthday Chuck Blackledge's birthday	29 Anderson McMahon's birthday Codi Wilkinson, J's birthday Gloria Hatfield's birthday John Wilkinson's birthday Sandra Sheplock's birthday Taylor Kraft's birthday Nicholas Hollander's birthday Robert and Sandra Momyer's anniversary Ashleigh Melton's birthday	30 Cindy Schubert's birthday I. Mae Moore's birthday	31 Kent Brown's birthday Laura Caughlan's birthday Shannon and Holger Renner's anniversary Hayley Riley's birthday Tim and Beth Leong's anniversary	1 John and Pam Westerman's anniversary	2 Zackery Kramer's birthday Jack Ertell's birthday
3 Justin Caple's birthday Jennifer Lynn Bergey's birthday	4 Leslie Kem's birthday Elizabeth Sitkowski's birthday Barry Church's birthday Donald and Harriet Carr's anniversary	5 Mark Feinberg's birthday Cole O'Neill's birthday	6 Annabelle Greco's birthday Ryan Hadfield's birthday Margaux VanDerveer's birthday	7 Charles and April Liedike's anniversary Jason Bergey's birthday	8 Clarence and Joan Carl's anniversary Lori Jones's birthday	9 Matt Bethune's birthday Anna Gruici's birthday Ryan DesMarais's birthday Robb and Joan Cadigan's anniversary Robert Momyer's birthday
10 Bobbi Riley's birthday Courtney Krueger's birthday Lindsey Snyder's birthday Claire Gallagher's birthday	11 Katelyn Blattner's birthday Danielle Blackledge's birthday Tyler Pekofsky's birthday Janet Sifford's birthday Mark Rutherford's birthday Kyle and Joanna Oszyczik's anniversary Joanne Karoher's birthday	12 Kevin Rambo's birthday Robb and Lisa Frees's anniversary Robert and Dodi Strunk's anniversary	13 Brett Thomas's birthday Andrew Keddie's birthday Addilyn Smith's birthday Kenneth Tulish's birthday	14 Scott and Laura Geiger's anniversary Zina Franzo's birthday Andrew Carr's birthday	15 Byron and Marlene Seyler's anniversary	16 Erica Reading's birthday Wyatt Barker's birthday Avary Carr's birthday Greyson McBrearty's birthday Todd and Michella Ehrhart's anniversary Amy Fox's birthday
17 Michelle Friday's birthday	18 Chuck and Danielle Blackledge's anniversary Michelle Bader's birthday Marybeth Salamone's birthday	19 Shayne and Stacey Tobin's anniversary Eric Walters's birthday Eric and Tara Koups anniversary Reese Thompson's birthday	20 Chris and Melissa Perotto's anniversary	21 Chase Rickert's birthday Barbara Rambo's birthday	22 Janet Gerner's birthday Myron Cratty's birthday	23 Giovanna Brown's birthday Sarah Blattner's birthday
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