# The Circle

## January Worship at St. John's

New Year's Weekend Saturday, December 30th Evening Light, 5 p.m. Sunday, December 31st **Christmas Lessons and Carols** with Communion, 10 a.m.



MAS!! continues with Christ- by faith. mas Lessons and Carols on Sunday morn-

ing with one service beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday school is off this week and will return next Sunday, January 7th.

Weekend of the Feast of the Epiphany Saturday, January 6 Evening Light, 5 p.m. Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

The word "epiphany" means "showing forth," and it names the day that the Church tells Matthew's story of the magi from foreign lands who follow the light of the star and thus "see" Jesus as Christ. Their gifts are symbols: gold, because they honor Jesus as the king: frankincense, because they worship Jesus as divine; and myrrh, because they are readying for his death.

> Second Weekend after Epiphany Saturday, January 13th Evening Light, 5 p.m. Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

This weekend we hear about the "calling" of a young boy, Samuel, as well as two of the disciples of Jesus, Philip and Nathanael. At the same time our country celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend and in doing so reflects upon his calling as a pastor and prophet. What are we being called to do?



Third Weekend after Epiphany Saturday, January 20th Evening Light, 5 p.m. Sunday, January 21st Holy Communion, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

So what's holding you back? What motivates you into IT IS STILL CHRIST- action? In the texts this week we meet a reluctant Our celebra- prophet and two excited new disciples. Both are part tion of our Lord's birth of each one of us as we address fear in order to live

> Fourth Weekend after Epiphany Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> Evening Light, 5 p.m. Sunday, January 28th Holy Communion, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School, 9:25 a.m.

So how do we deal with evil? In our Gospel for this weekend, we hear that Jesus sides against every force that brings death and disease. Lord, have merсу . . . .

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## The Pastor's Message:

## Confirmation, Eagles and Epiphanies

Most ninth graders live in hope. That is very evident in confirmation when they share their "highs and lows." This year every week the young men have expressed hopeful concern about the Philadelphia Eagles, especially quarterback Carson Wentz. On



December 10<sup>th</sup> when Wentz left the field after a serious knee injury, they were devastated. The next Sunday it was their "low" even as they were trying to stay positive about his replacement, Nick Foles. We had to talk about it and especially about what Carson Wentz said in a Facebook video that all of this was "part of God's plan." An adult guide challenged this line of thinking saying, "it was not God's plan that those two huge Ram defenders damaged Carson's knee." Another commented, "It might have been part of the Rams' Defensive Coordinator's plan to stop Wentz, but not God's. That's not how God works." That still left the question, "so what is God's plan?"

To be WITH US no matter what happens! That's God's plan. The great Jewish writer Elie Wisel wrote, "God created man because he loves stories." God made Adam and Eve and the stories began. The Bible is full of them—stories about fear and faith, love and loss, exile and homecoming, grief and hope. Over and over again through promises and laws, prophets and priests, judges and kings, God seeks to be with us. As the writer of Hebrews put it, "In many and various ways, God spoke to our ancestors . . . but now he speaks to us by a Son." (Hebrews 1:1) Through Jesus, God takes on flesh and blood, moves right into our neighborhood, into our lives, to be with us. God's plan is to be with us no matter what happens—with us in victory and defeat, with us in glory and injury, with us in joy and sorrow. God loves to hear our stories, even the tragic ones because that is why he died on the cross—to be with us, to bring us to a new day. God's plan for the Eagles, for Caron and Nick, for our ninth graders, for you and me is to be with us.

It was a Confirmation epiphany moment—when the guides and I could see things click into place in the growing hearts and minds of our ninth graders. The word "epiphany" means "showing



forth," when something is revealed. It is the name the Church gives to the weeks between Christmas and Lent when we explore through scripture and song God's plan for us and all of creation. We'll experience the visit of the Wise Men to the newborn child, hear about the calling of prophets and disciples, witness some amazing miracles of Jesus and have a mountaintop transfiguring experience.

Perhaps in this season of Epiphany the Philadelphia Eagles will fly into the Super Bowl or perhaps not. Either way it is God's plan to be with them and with you and me. Indeed, with all of the blessed and broken creation. After all, God loves stories.

Pastor Cynthia Krommes

## Is God Calling You?

It is time to think about and pray for nominations to our Church Council. Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 25th. Part of the meeting includes approval of a spending plan (budget) for 2018, election of new Council members and three delegates to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly. Perhaps God is calling you to serve on Council or to attend Synod Assembly on behalf of St. John's.

The responsibilities of a member of Council include attendance at one Council meeting each month, serving as a liaison to a committee and once a month lock up of the offering. Beyond that Council members are asked to



pray for St. John's each day, continue to grow in their knowledge of God's Word, attend worship regularly, be faithful stewards of time, talent and treasure and to build up our community of faith. Council is the ongoing decision making body of St. John's that gives leadership for us to fulfill our mission of living, sharing and growing in God's love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly is the annual meeting of the synodical expression of the Church, a gathering of lay and rostered (pastors and professional church workers) leaders to celebrate, encourage and direct the ministries of the Church. This year the Assembly meets on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Mennonite Meetinghouse in Franconia. Beyond the pastors, St. John's sends two delegates to the yearly assembly. **THIS YEAR THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE ELECTING A NEW BISHOP!!!** For more information about the assembly and the synod, please check out www.ministrylink.org.

To make a nomination for Council and for the Synod Assembly, just use our Yellow Communication Card in the Sunday bulletin or email Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org.



# Save the date for the

St. John's annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 13, 2018

More details to follow . .



Our Stewardship Committee thanks all those who have returned their 2018 Commitment Cards. If you have yet to do so, please return it as soon as possible. Our Council will be making the final revision of the 2018 spending plan at their January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Pledge cards can be found in the narthex or on our website, stjohnluthphoenixville.org. You are also invited to make your commitment via email to Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org. Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's.!

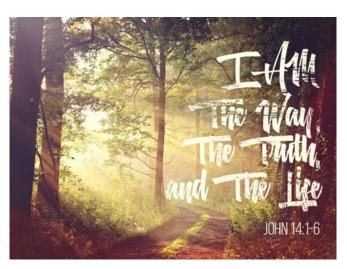


## **Snow Removal Help Needed**

We have already received our first snowfalls and it's time for us to plan for snow removal. The Property Committee has arranged for the plowing of the parking lots and roads. We are in need of volunteers to clear the sidewalks. We have a snow blower to help with this. If you are able to assist, please note that on the Yellow Communication Card or contact Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947 or office@stjohnphoenixville.org.

## Welcome to THE WAY

Are you looking for new meaning in your life? Is St. John's a community of faith that is a place of growth for you? If so, consider being part of THE WAY on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. A new session of THE WAY begin on February 18th. Called THE WAY after the first followers of Jesus, who were known as "People of the Way" before being called Christians, this is an opportunity for faith to be explored, nurtured and renewed. It is "the way" to prepare for baptism and the baptism of children, "the way" to affirm your baptism and "the way" to grow in the Christian life. For more information or to sign up, please speak with Pastor Krommes, send an email to office@stjohnphoenixville.org or fill out the Yellow Communication Card in the bulletin.



## Don't Know Much about the Bible?

One of the best ways to grow in faith is to grow in knowledge of the Bible. By doing so you experience how God has worked in the past and discover how God is working now, especially in your own life. A brandnew Bible study is beginning on January  $7^{\text{th}}$  at 9:30 a.m. in Kley Hall. Lead by Pastor Cindy Krommes, the study will explore Bible basics and what it means to you. For more information, email Pastor Krommes at c.krommes@verizon.net .

#### First Bible

First Holy Bible classes—for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and parents—will be held January 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Children and parents will meet Kate Demutis in the Red Room in the downstairs Sunday school wing during the Sunday school hour. The Bibles will be presented to children on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the 10:45 a.m. service. Please contact Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org if your child plans to participate.





## First Holy Communion for Fifth Grade and Up

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, as well as any older students who have not received Holy Communion instruction, will receive their First Holy Communion on March 18<sup>th</sup> at a special celebration at our 10:45 a.m. worship service. To prepare, our First Communion students will meet for four weeks—February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>—during the Sunday school hour for First Communion instruction with Kate DeMutis. The class will be held in the Red Room in the downstairs Sunday school wing. Please contact Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org if your child plans to participate.



On Sunday mornings there are four learning opportunities for adults at St. John's. Class locations are listed outside of Kley Hall near the church office. All the classes begin at 9:25 a.m. New folks are always welcomed.

## Happy Hour—Dwelling in God's Word

This class gathers to support and encourage one another and also to be fed by God's Word. They explore the weekly Gospel text and how it relates to their lives. By doing so, faith and friendship grow. Many of those who participate in this group are parents so there are always connections being made and mutual support given. The class meets in the church library (Meeting Room #2).

#### **Sunday Morning Book Club**

In Sunday Morning Book Club discussion is always lively with much laughter. Beyond Sunday morning the club gathers for evenings at the movies, particularly enjoying films on books they have read together. Coordinator Jean Herbranson lets everyone know what's happening through *Life Together* and our weekly email update.

#### 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.

#### A New Class

A new class led by Linda Landis begins January 7th. Details to come!

#### The WAY

Our newcomer group, The Way, will begin in February 2018. Please speak with Pastor Krommes to learn more, especially if you are interested in becoming a member of John's.

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Every Wednesday there are two Bible studies. The first meets at 10 a.m. in the St. Peter's Place Community Room located at 601 Centre Street in Phoenixville. The second meets at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Room at St. John's. Each group delights in welcoming new people to the study. No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary.





### **WELCA News**

We are happy to report that due to outstanding response from St John's members we far exceeded the stocking stuffer collection for Silver Springs Martin Luther School. Over 250 items were collected and delivered to the school in late November. Thank you to all who helped make it happen!

After a short November business meeting, we packed cookies and goody bags for St. John's homebound members. Again, a big "Thank You" to all who donated delicious homemade cookies to help make this holiday season more cheerful for these members.

On another positive note we are happy to report that we will contribute a total of \$650 to various groups and charities. We have supported many of these charities for a number of years and are pleased that we can continue to do so again this year.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. Please plan to join us as we begin the new year with a humor-themed program to chase away the winter "blues" and a pizza lunch.



# New to St. John's?

Welcome! You are invited to join "The WAY" our newcomers' group which will

begin in February. In the meantime, please connect with one of our pastors to learn more about St. John's! Both Pastor Skyle Rea and Pastor Cindy Krommes can be reached at (610) 933-3947 or email office@stjohnphoenixville.org.



## **Youth Summer Mission Trip**

We are excited to partner with St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon for our very first Appalachia Service Project trip. We will be traveling to Kentucky by vans to help repair homes and buildings. As of this printing, the group that will be participating includes:

Adult leaders: Jodi O'Neill, Justin O'Neill, Shelley Saeger and Jeff Vanderveer Youth: Evan Aho, Anna Gerner, Rosa Gerner, Cole O'Neill, Mo O'Neill, Nathan Romano, Gabrielle Vanderveer

There may still be a few spots left. Youth must currently be in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to participate. Any interested youth or adults should contact Pastor Skyle at pastorskrea@gmail.com ASAP!

## **Confirmation Retreat**

Please pray for our confirmation students as they attend the Confirmation Retreat on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. through Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students will be journeying to TelHai Camp in Honey Brook to learn about Luther.

Parents and Grandparents: we need you! Our Christian Education team needs a few more voices around the table. We meet once a month for planning purposes. Please see Mark Gerner or Pastor Skyle if you would be willing to serve!



Thank you! Many thanks to our children's Sunday school team for their hard work every week. The Christmas pageant was a joy, and we appreciate the enthusiasm and guidance of pageant director Elisa Khan and all the teachers, students and parents. We have a great Sunday school program that runs on volunteers - thanks to our Sunday School Superintendent Mark Gerner for keeping us organized, to our registrars Allen Kramer and Evan Aho, and to our amazing teachers and helpers: Mitch and Erica Reading, Elisa Khan, Sarah Blattner, Kelly Gallagher, Arlene Hudak, Carlla Carr, Mark Yanchek, Ron Williams, Debbie Gordon, Chris and Melissa Thompson. If you know a child who would enjoy our program, please contact Pastor Skyle at pastorskrea@gmail.com.

Confirmation



Back by popular demand . . . . Cake Wars is coming! More information will be available soon!

Income: Envelope Giving Other Income
Total Income
Expenses
Income (Deficit)

Monthly			Year-to-Date				
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\$	39,143	\$	36,194	\$	430,581	\$	404,681
\$	(639)	\$	(4,080)	\$	(7,027)	\$	(35,580)

Summary Report as of November 30, 2017



## 2018 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends Announced

Your marriage relationship is one of the things in life that provides the greatest potential for happiness. Is yours living up to this potential? Please make 2018 the year you resolve to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to maximize the joy and intimacy that God intends for your marriage.

The following Weekends have been scheduled with one more to be added in Massachusetts in the fall.

- \* March 16-18, 2018 at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A newly renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."
- \* April 6-8, 2018 at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College Pennsylvania. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of Pennsylvania.
- \* September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, Pennsylvania. A lovely hotel-style facility In a wooded area of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown.
- \* October 19-21, 2018 at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat next to Olmsted Mansion in Allegheny National Forest, two hours north of Pittsburgh.

Two nights lodging, five meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per-couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up at your earliest convenience by going to the website, <a href="www.GodLovesMarriage.org">www.GodLovesMarriage.org</a>, and paying the registration fee with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at (724) 325-3166 or <a href="mailto:fischamber@comcast.net">fischamber@comcast.net</a>.



## People of God Involved in God's Work

#### January Schedule

## **Early Service**

#### **Late Service**

#### **Altar Guild**

- Leilani Ash & Janet Ertell
- 14 Barbara Eng & Janet Ertell
- 21 Sandra Zimmermann
- Betty Hans & Elena Wallace

#### **Assisting Ministers**

7	Lynn Titus	Josh Saeger
14	Jay Stearly	Nancy Cressman
21	Dale Herbranson	Evan Aho
28	Ron Stevens	Cole O'Neill

#### Baking Bread

- Pastor Krommes
- 14 Lynn Titus
- 21 Adam & Gwen Supplee
- Rich Latella & Rich Skoniczin

#### Coffee Hour

- Social Ministry
- 14 7th and 8th grade confirmation
- 21 Bell Choir
- 28 Finance

#### Communion Assistants/Lectors

7	Erica Lucas (L)	Mitch Reading (L)
	Don Titus	Sam Ahola
14	Mark Gerner (L)	TBD
	Pat Lucas	Heather Yonosh
21	Chuck Liedike (L)	Brian Becker (L)
	Debbe Welsh	Will Blackledge
28	Greg Krueger (L)	Sandi Stotler (L)
	LuAnne Bindschusz	Tyler Pekofsky

#### **Counters**

- Jeanne & Jeff Schanzenbach, Stephen Drewes
- 14 Heather Yonosh, Shirley Platzer, Peg Yanoviak, Donna Searchfield
- Mary Heiser, Ed Naylor, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 28 Jack Ertell, Lilly and Elisa Khan, Donna Anderson

#### Lock-up

7	Don Titus	Bill Starling
14	Dick Wolstenholme	Brian Becker
21	Dale Herbranson	Laura Caughlan
28	Bobbi Riley	Rick Kramer

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Madison Gadzicki	Paul Miller
Cindy Gadzicki	Beth Williams
Debbe Welsh	James Niness
Greg Krueger	Carter Niness
Chuck Liedike	Deb Ahola
Barry Church	Barb Rambo
Bob Gorman	Brian Becker
Carol Cully	Sandi Stotler
Don Titus	Donna Anderson
John Rawlins	Cathy Garrett
Seth Clark	John Westerman
Sean Cleark	Tyler Pekofsky
Dick Kunsch	Glen Murphy
Richard Latella	Dale Herbranson
Richard Skoniczin	Gabrielle Vanderveer
Cathy Garrett	Laurie Griggs Williams
	Madison Gadzicki Cindy Gadzicki Debbe Welsh Greg Krueger Chuck Liedike Barry Church Bob Gorman Carol Cully Don Titus John Rawlins Seth Clark Sean Cleark Dick Kunsch Richard Latella Richard Skoniczin

## **Counters Needed**

Because of retirements, two of our counting groups are in need of a new team member. We need a counter for the first and second Sundays of the month. Counting generally takes about an hour and is easy to learn. Please contact Finance Chairman Jack Ertell at (610) 948-1278 or jertell@comcast.net.



Dear St. John's:

Christ has called us to serve one another in love and faithfulness. Thank you for your generous \$3,807.04 to the Evangelical Lutheran

Church in America (ELCA) for the ministries of the ELCA Global Church. Your generosity shows a faithful commitment to building God's global church by walking alongside our neighbors in Christ. It is through support from people like you that ELCA Global Church sponsorship is able to:

- Send more than 225 missionaries including over 90 Young Adults in Global Mission to serve in more than 49 countries around the world;
- Provide scholarships to 17 international women leaders responding to God's call to ministry; and
- Accompany our companions around the world by investing in evangelism, education and church expansion, including 11 new global ministry programs.

Thank you for your incredible generosity!

Peace,

Andrew G. Steele

Director, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship

Dear Knitters of St. John's,

Thank you for your kind gift of hand-knitted hats for our seafarers. Thanks for supporting our mission in New York City and Philadelphia and by living out "God's Work, Our Hands" through your labor of yarninfused love.

May the Christ child be born in our seafarers, our world, and ourselves.

Peace.

Pastor Marsh Drege Seafarers International House

# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10am Holy Communion w/Christmas Lessons & Carols	1	3:30pm Staff 7pm Finance Committee 7:30pm Worship & Music	3 10am Bible Study 3pm Social Ministry 5pm Girl Scouts #4308 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous 8pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm Daisy Troop #4514 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 6:30pm Backpacks 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal	Confirmati	7am GSEP Gateway Travels 11am Sorrell Birthday Party 5pm Evening Light
7 8am Holy Communion 9am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:25am Christian Education Classes— First Bible begins 10:45am Holy Communion 12pm GSEP Gateway Travels 12pm St. John's Crafty Folks	5:45pm Daisy Troop #4041 7:30pm Church Council	9 12:30pm PACA 7pm Christian Education	10 10am Bible Study 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous 8pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 6:30pm Backpacks 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal	10am Mom's Music Club 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	5pm Evening Light
8am Holy Communion 9am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:25am Christian Education Classes 10:45am Holy Communion 12pm St. John's Crafty Folks 2pm PCO Rehearsal	15 7pm Stephen Ministry 7pm Welcoming Team	4pm PACS Governance Committee 7pm Fellowship 7pm Youth & Family Meeting	17 10am Bible Study 5pm Girl Scouts #4308 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous 8pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Circle deadline 10am Mom's Music & Crafts Club 5:30pm Daisy Troop #4514 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 8:30pm Backpacks 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal 8:15pm Naranon Support	19	5pm Evening Light
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# January 2018 - Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Jodi O'Neill's birthday	Emily Walters's birthday Gina Vitale's birthday Robert Dyer's birthday Sarah Vitale's birthday Shawna Moore's birthday	Bruce and Elena Wallace's anniversary Craig Emery's birthday Ella Drewes's birthday	3 Ev and Melody Thomas's anniversary Jayden Carey's birthday	Ashley Westerman's birthday Brittany Krueger's birthday Debbe Welsh's birthday Sam Knaub's birthday	Alison Thomas's birthday Barbara Robinson's birthday Devonne Moore's birthday Janet Ertell's birthday	6 Elisa Khan's birthday Michael McIntyre's birthday William Donovan's birthday
7 Jake New's birthday	8 Angela Bearoff's birthday Quinn Oszeyczik's birthday	9	David and Susan Schumacher's anniversary	Cynthia Krommes's birthday Elizabeth Wallace's birthday	Leah Barker's birthday Robert Gorman's birthday Tara Borelly's birthday	Ryan Lonsdale's birthday
Brynn Klotzbach's birthday Jack Kramer's birthday Katie Kramer's birthday	15	16	Edward Borowy's birthday Rachel Bearoff's birthday	Alec Peronteau's birthday Annalynn Grace Thompson's birthday Lily Koup's birthday	Margaret Lane's birthday	Julius Sherrick's birthday Katie Miller's birthday Rose Gatlos's birthday
Peyton Barker's birthday	22	23	24 Kathleen Keim's birthday Larry Ney's birthday	Byron Seyler's birthday Ed Naylor's birthday Susan Schumacher's birthday	Anna Schaible's birthday Ellie Schaible's birthday Hannah Kramer's birthday Kimberly Dastalfo's birthday Mary Scavello's birthday Zacchariah Wooten's birthday	Kathy Atkinson's birthday William Stotler's birthday
John Manney's birthday Lily Stewart's birthday Ruth Custer's birthday Thomas Zollers's birthday	Alexander Kraft's birthday Whitney Wilkinson's birthday	Charles Soult's birthday Cindy Gadzicki's birthday Pam Naylor's birthday Ryan Stefanowski's birthday William and Kathryn Kunsch's anniversary	31 Connor Hudak's birthday Robin Ferko's birthday Stephanie Riley's birthday	Evan DesMarais's birthday Madison Muller's birthday	Chris Thompson's birthday Jane Hadfield's birthday Jeffrey Hadfield's birthday Lhotse Durflinger's birthday	3 David Wilkinson's birthday

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#### **PASTORAL ACTS**

#### **Baptisms**

Nolan Andrew Blain November 19, 2017

Garrett Paul Grejdus November 26, 2017



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## **Worship Schedule**

Saturdays 5 p.m. Evening Light with Holy Communion

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion

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