

The Circle



May Worship at St. John's

Sixth Weekend of Easter

Saturday, May 5th – Evening Light, 5 p.m.
 Sunday, May 6th

Holy Communion at 8 & 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:25 a.m.

St. John's Choir and Friends Concert, 7 p.m.

On this weekend, Jesus invites us into friendship—being his friend, but also being friends with one another. The love of friendship is one of the true blessings of life. How are you a friend? Whom have you befriended? Share the joy of life in community at St. John's with one of your friends and invite them to the St. John's Choir and Friends concert on Sunday beginning at 7 p.m.

Seventh Weekend of Easter

Saturday, May 12th – Evening Light, 5 p.m.
 Sunday, May 13th

Holy Communion at 8 & 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:25 a.m.

This weekend we listen in on Jesus' prayer to God from the night before his death. In it he prays for us, you and me, and all who believe in him. Jesus prays for his followers to be one as he and God are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, sharing love and joy. It transcends ethnic, gender, political and social differences. On this Mother's Day weekend, it is what any mother, indeed, any parent, desires for her children.

PENTECOST Weekend

Saturday, May 19th – Evening Light, 5 p.m.
 Sunday, May 20st

Holy Communion at 8 & 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday School Celebration at 9:25 a.m.

During Pentecost weekend, the fiftieth day of Easter, we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the Church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. So it is most appropriate that at our 10:45 a.m. service our ninth graders will affirm their baptisms and be CONFIRMED!! The Holy Spirit will be very busy indeed!

Trinity Weekend

Saturday, May 26th – Evening Light, 5 p.m.
 Sunday, May 27st

Holy Communion at 8 & 10:45 a.m.

The weekend after Pentecost is celebrated each year as Trinity weekend, a time during which the Church meditates on the mystery of our God, praising one divine unity of three distinct presences. Each way that we speak about the Trinity is inadequate. God is always bigger than our imagination, always more full of love and grace than we can know. Come join the Dance of the Trinity.

PLEASE NOTE: Our summer service schedule will begin on June 3rd, with Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Light continues at 5 p.m. on Saturday evenings throughout the summer.

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The Pastor's Message

Thank God for spring! For a solid month, everyone's low was "the weather" during highs and lows. But spring is finally here! Even in the rain, the flowers burst in blooming splendor, crying out that we are springing ahead.

Spring brings with it the hope of resurrection. New flowers and renewed green grass. Laughter of children playing in the circle at church, and those days you don't quite know what jacket to wear. We see such dramatic change from the winter earth to the spring earth.



Spring for us at St. John's will also bring new beginnings. It is hard to imagine that God would call me to a new place, but in this springtime of our lives, God is doing just that. Calling all of us into new places. For me, I will continue to love you from a new call at Trinity, Fairview Village. I will continue to delight in the bursting color of ministry that is St. John's. I will miss you beyond what words can say, but I will also know that God is calling you into a new season of long-range planning and hope.

New seasons are tricky. Often, the transition is just like winter weather one day, and summer the next. When Mother Nature can't pick a temperature range, we get cranky. Restless. We like the change in weather to be quick and consistent. But rarely do new seasons respond as we want.

What I do know is that in every season of our lives, God is with us. Walking with us through joys and sorrows. Providing and equipping us with what we need for the journey ahead.

This is especially when we need faith. The new seasons in our lives require us to ask God for a metaphoric umbrella when we need covering. To ask God for shade when the sun is beating down on us. To remember that in the starkness of winter, the daffodil is already planning its remarkable return to the earthly stage.

I love each of you so dearly, and I hope you know that. That love was shared with me, first by God, and then by you. The love we receive—and give—is evidence that in every season, God is with us. Loving us. Equipping us. And sending us.

As God sends me to a new place, know that as I remember every season I have shared with you, it is just like the spring flowers. Full of hope and new beginnings. I pray that your new beginning in this community will be one filled with adventure, fun, and most importantly—sharing the amazing gift of love that God has given us. I will always be rooting for you and the ministry of Jesus Christ that happens at St. John's.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your pastor. It is a season in my life that I will treasure.

Blessings, Pastor Skyle

Sunday School Celebration

May 20th is the final day of children's Sunday school for the year. Students of all ages will meet at 9:25 a.m. in Kley Hall with their parents and teachers. The Sunday school community will create a special rock garden, with each person painting a rock to represent how God makes each one of us special and unique. We will celebrate a great year, followed by a special treat. Please plan to attend and wear clothes that are okay to paint in (or bring a smock!).

9th graders will report to the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. for rehearsal for confirmation and pictures. 7th and 8th graders report to Kley Hall and then to help with Confirmation at the 10:45 a.m. worship.



Sunday, June 3rd is Graduate Sunday

We honor our students on Sunday, June 3rd! At our 9 a.m. worship service, we recognize our graduates of high school, college and post-college programs. The St. John's scholarships will also be officially awarded that day. If you have a graduate you would like included in the bulletin for the day, please contact Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org or (610) 933-3947.

St. John's Welcomes New Members!

We are very pleased to welcome a group of 13 new members to St. John's this year!

Heather Bourdeau-Ritchie and children Samantha and Jack come to us from Phoenixville. When Heather is not working as an optometrist, she enjoys hiking and playing games with her family. Jack was baptized at our Easter Vigil and delighted in crossing the Red Sea and playing instruments. Heather loves becoming a part of St. John's, with its great sense of community.



Eileen Subacus lives in Phoenixville and has her own bookkeeping business. Her daughters are out on their own, but she still loves spending time with them. In her spare time, she enjoys knitting, reading, hiking and baking and is looking forward to taking art lessons. She appreciates how warm and welcoming everyone at St. John's is.

The Birdsell family also lives in Phoenixville. Kim works as an IT Portfolio Manager and Jason as a Management Consultant. When time allows, they enjoy cooking, running, travel and games with the family. Emily and Owen were also baptized at the Vigil and had a great time getting wet! They feel right at home at St. John's because of its family feeling.



Beverly Rote (not pictured) is also a Phoenixville resident. She is retired and loves to read and swim, now that she has the extra time. She is an active participant in our Wednesday Evening Bible Study. She just loves the way our church looks!



Karen and John Cattafesta have been married for 17 years and live in Mont Clare. They both work in a production warehouse. They were introduced to St. John's by John Dorward and love how friendly everyone is. They both enjoy spending time with family, including their cat. Karen loves, music, watching television with John, swimming at the YMCA and giving.

Shari Weber Bradley lives in Eagleville with her husband Sheldon Bradley. She works as a paralegal. They both love spending time with their blended family. Shari also enjoys reading, swimming, yoga, hiking and working out and volunteering with various community services. She feels at home at St. John's because of its traditional Lutheran approach and is looking forward to getting to know us. She loves our beautiful organ!



Barbara Place is a life-long resident of Phoenixville where she raised her two sons. She enjoys time with her five grandchildren and her wonderful "significant other." She likes to cook and going to Ocean City, Maryland. Barbara was "church shopping" and when she came to St. John's it felt like home. She really appreciates how friendly everyone is and has become part of our Gun Violence Prevention Action Team.

If you see these folks around church, be sure to say hi!



Christmas in May

On Sunday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m., over 60 area singers join together in the twenty-eighth annual St. John's Choir & Friends concert. This year's program includes both sacred and secular selections including a set of Four Appalachian Carols set for brass quintet and choir and audience favorites *Jingle Bells*, *The Christmas Song* (chestnuts roasting on an open fire), *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, and *The Twelve Days After Christmas*. Director of Music Tom Snyder conducts and accompaniment is provided by a professional brass quintet and Organist John Quinn on piano.



Last year over 70 singers from 31 area churches joined in Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* accompanied by orchestra and harp. Past programs have included Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* and *Cantique de Jean Racine*, W. A. Mozart's *Requiem* and *Te Deum*, Franz Schubert's *Mass in G*, Howard Hanson's *Song of Democracy*, John Rutter's *Te Deum* and *Requiem*, a concert version of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*, *Glorias* by Antonio Vivaldi and Francis Poulenc, J. S. Bach's *Magnificat*, Johannes Brahms' *German Requiem*, Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*, Luigi Cherubini's *Requiem*, Maurice Durufle's *Requiem*, parts II and III of G. F. Handel's *Messiah*, patriotic selections, Broadway selections and spirituals.

Plan now to attend this inspiring concert. Come early as we anticipate a full house. A reception follows the program.



Help is Needed on May 6th

Help is needed for the May 6th St. John's Choir & Friends supper and reception following the concert. We'll be feeding supper to 60 performers and anticipate about 200 at the reception. The Fellowship Committee will be coordinating both the supper and reception. Assistance is needed for the supper: setting, serving, and cleaning up; as well as the same jobs for the reception. If you'd like to help, please contact Sonya in the church office at (610) 933-3947 or office@stjohnphoenixville.org or complete the yellow communication card.

Foreign Language Speakers

On Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, Worship & Music would like to have foreign language speakers assist with the Prayers of Intercession. In the past, we've experienced prayers in German, French, Spanish, Norwegian, Dutch, Arabic, Greek, and American Sign Language, but all languages would be welcome. The prayers will be provided in advance for translation and will include the names of our Confirmands. If you are willing to participate at either (or both) of the services, please contact Sonya in the church office or Jean Herbranson (deherb@juno.com).



Pentecost Geraniums

Red geraniums will decorate our altar on Pentecost and are available for \$7.00 each. Make checks payable to St. John's and put "Pentecost geraniums" on the subject line. Sign up on the sign-up lists in the narthex or posted in the hallway. Geraniums may be taken home following the services or left at church to be planted.

Youth and Family Car Wash Sunday, May 6th—8 a.m.-noon

Is your car dirty with pollen? Drop your car off with our youth, and while you worship, they will wash your car! Donations will be accepted for the car wash, which benefits our youth mission trip fund. Please invite your friends and family to attend.



Iron Hill Give 20 Event

Thanks to everyone who came out to make our Iron Hill event a great "fun"draiser for our youth. We enjoyed great food together, and raised over \$150 for their Appalachia Service Project trip to Kentucky. Thank you!!!!



**Congregation B'nai Jacob Scholar-in-Residence
Dr. Amy-Jill Levine
May 11th-13th**

Our brothers and sisters at Congregation B'nai Jacob have invited us to participate in the Estelle B. Solomon 2018 Scholar-in-Residence Program. (Estelle was our neighbor on the southeast corner of our campus.) Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a highly renowned scholar who serves as the University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, will serve as their first Scholar

in Residence. She is also an Affiliated Professor at the Centre for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, Cambridge, UK.

A fabulous weekend of learning and fellowship is planned. It begins on Friday, May 11th with a catered dinner at 6 p.m. (tickets are necessary and can be purchased via admin@congbj), followed by the Shabbat Service and Program at 7 p.m. Dr. Levine's presentation will be "*How Do Jews and Christian Read Scripture Differently?—It is Not a Zero-Sum Game.*"

On Saturday, May 12th, there will be a teaching program beginning at 11 a.m. Topics include *The Bible and Immigration: Jewish and Christian Perspectives*, *David and Bathsheba and the #MeToo Movement* and *Understanding Jesus Means Understanding Judaism*. An evening program begins at 8 p.m. with *What Jews Need to Know about the New Testament*, and *What Christians Need to Know about First-Century Judaism*. For more information about the time and cost of any of the Saturday programs, please contact Pastor Krommes.

On Sunday, May 13th, St. Ann's parish, 502 Main Street, will serve as the host of the final teaching program of the weekend which begins at 1 p.m. *Challenging Stories of Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*,

St. John's WELCA has had a busy month! On April 14th, we hosted a group of 23 ladies who attended our annual retreat, "Do You See What God Sees?" once again facilitated by Pastor Kristine Peterson. We enjoyed a very full day of sharing, caring, laughter, and even a few tears while we reflected on how we often view ourselves versus the woman God created: a Masterpiece! Creativity flowed while we made collages, our own "masterpieces," and took a nature walk. Many attendees are long-time friends but we were very pleased to make some new friends. Also during the month of April, we've been prayerfully stringing beads into bracelets. This project is for the upcoming Synod Assembly on May 4th and 5th during which a new bishop will be selected. To date we've completed 160 bracelets and expect to have more before the deadline.



One of our last projects for this year is collecting in-kind gifts which will be taken to the Women of the ELCA of Southeastern Pennsylvania Convention. This year the convention will be held on June 2, 2018, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downingtown.

The in-kind gifts will be used to assemble personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are asking all members to St. Johns to assist us by donating the following new items:

- bath towels, lightweight, between 20 x 40 inches and 27 x 52 inches, dark colors recommended
- bar soap, 8 – 9 oz bath size bar in original wrapping
- toothbrushes, adult size in original wrapping
- combs
- metal nail clippers

In the next few weeks a collection box will be placed in the narthex. Thank you for helping us with this important project.

Our last meeting for 2017/18 will be on May 22nd at 10:30 a.m. Please join us to participate in helping get vacation bible school projects ready for June.



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. Our trip is now full, and we are grateful for those who will represent St. John's: adult leaders: Jodi O'Neill, Justin O'Neill, Mark Gerner, Rick Kramer, Shelley Saeger, and Jeff Vanderveer and youth: Evan Aho, Morgan Beatty, Anna Gerner, Rosa Gerner, Jack Kramer, Jessica Kramer, Katie Kramer, Madison Muller, Savanna Muller, Cole O'Neill, Mo O'Neill, Dylan New, Karisa Saeger, Max Strunk, and Gabrielle Vanderveer .

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Pancake Breakfast/Easter Egg Hunt and the Iron Hill Give 20 day. Combined, you helped our youth raise over \$750.

Please support our youth by participating in their upcoming fundraiser—Sunday, May 6th—a car wash at St. John's from 8 a.m. until noon (donations accepted). Invite friends and neighbors, too. You are also welcome to make a donation to help defer costs of the trip. Our youth are a blessing and a fabulous investment!



Confirmation Bake Sale Sunday, May 20th

Our 9th grade confirmation students decided to have a bake sale on Confirmation Day to help the Welcome Church. They met Pastor

Violet and Pastor Schaunel on their Mission Day, and met the people who are homeless who are part of the Welcome Church community. Donations from their bake sale will be matched by our Social Ministry team. Our youth have generous hearts; please buy a baked good that day, knowing that you are helping someone who is in need!

As I write this, we are winding down the Sunday school year. For our ninth-grade confirmation class, they are busy writing faith statements, choosing confirmation Bible verses, and preparing for the day that they will "confirm" their faith. Please join us on Sunday, May 20th at the 10:45 a.m. worship service as we celebrate our students affirming their faith: Anna Gerner, Rosa Gerner, Jack Kramer, Katie Kramer, Savanna Muller, Dylan New, Mo O'Neill, Alex Perrotto, Nathan Romano, and Max Strunk.

We also celebrate the commitment and dedication of their confirmation guides, Rob McMahon and Shelley Saeger, who have walked with them through all the days of confirmation classes and homework assignments, dances and sports events. Finally, I hope that you will take a moment to speak with each of them. Share with them how important that time in your life was. Tell them something that you've learned in faith. Encourage them to continue to grow in faith. Invite them to participate in worship as a leader. They are wonderful young adults, and I am grateful for them in the life of this congregation.

+++Pastor Skyle



Bear Creek Camp

Parents—did you know we have an awesome Lutheran camp in Pennsylvania? Bear Creek Camp is a great place to send your kids for a camping

experience they won't forget. For our younger campers, they offer a "try me" camp, which is a little shorter and helps our young ones adjust from being away from home. Check out registration online: www.bearcreekcamp.org. The camp is also looking for a few great and enthusiastic counselors—maybe you know a college student who would be great! Contact Pastor Skyle for more details. Last year, the following youth represented St. John's as campers at Bear Creek Camp: Wyatt Barker, Mea Borzumati, Jack Kramer, Katie Kramer, Luke Olsen, Cole O'Neill, Jason O'Neill, Mo O'Neill and Trevor O'Neill. Ask them about their experience! Children who register before the last day of Sunday school—May 20th—and send their t-shirt size to Pastor Skyle are eligible for a free t-shirt, compliments of St. John's.



Palm Sunday

Many thanks to our high school students for their hard work in telling the Passion story on Palm Sunday. We've received lots of positive feedback and are grateful for your participation on such a special day! Thanks to Tom Snyder, Rob McMahon and Shelley Saeger for leading them through the process.

Philadelphia Mission Day

On Tuesday, April 3rd, our ninth graders participated in a Philadelphia mission day as part of their preparation for Confirmation on June 4th. They went to visit The Welcome Church and their pastors, Pastor Violet Little and Pastor Schaunel Steinnagel. They learned all about the challenges of being a “church without walls,” and what homelessness is really like for those who live on the streets. Our 9th graders want to help the Welcome Church even more as part of their Confirmation Day. After a fun lunch at Reading Terminal Market, we went to University Lutheran and cooked a delicious meal, with the help of our guides and amazing adult leaders, Rob McMahon and Shelley Saeger. We are grateful to all who baked desserts for the day—thank you!



Earth Day at St. John's

Many thanks to Bobbi Riley and her creative team for helping our Sunday school students learn about Earth Day, and all the ways God calls us to tend for creation. It was a beautiful day to learn about God's love for the earth.



Earth Day at Renninger's Farm

Our 9th grade confirmation class visited Farmer Jay to learn about his ministry with the earth and people at Renninger's Farm. Many thanks to the Renningers for spending their time with us and teaching us about the importance of local farmers.

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

What a great success! Over 100 people came to eat pancakes and hunt for Easter eggs. Over 1,700 eggs were hidden . . . and almost all were found. Many thanks to our Youth and Family Team for coordinating the event, for everyone who participated or donated candy, and to our amazing youth and family volunteers for giving their time to flip pancakes and hide eggs. You helped our youth raise \$600 for future mission days/trips.

Help at St. Peter's!

We are in need of volunteers to help with lunches at St. Peter's. We serve lunches on the 3rd and 5th Friday (when they occur) of each month. The meals are truly appreciated by those in need in our community and those of us cooking and serving the meal enjoy a time of wonderful fellowship. We meet at St. John's at 9:00 a.m. to prep the meal and then go over to St. Peter's. You can sign up to help as your schedule permits. Please consider participating in this important ministry. Our next lunch will be Friday, May 18th. Summer lunches are scheduled for June 15th and June 29th, July 20th and August 17th and 31st. If you can help, please contact Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947 or email Deb Welsh directly at djwelsh1453@yahoo.com.

VBS – Save the Dates and Register NOW!

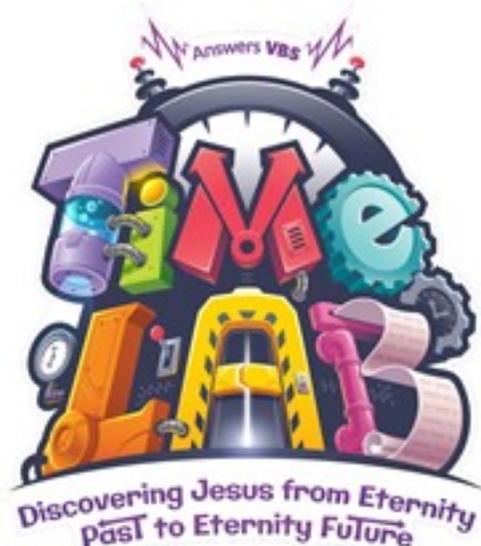
Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for June 18th-22nd. Our theme is “Time Lab: Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future.”

Registration forms are in the narthex, on our website under the “forms” tab, or just call or email Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947 or office@stjohnphoenixville and she’ll be glad to send you one.

Please register your children no later than June 1st. There are a limited number of spots available for 3 and 4 year-olds. (3 and 4 year-olds must be potty trained in order to attend.)

Children entering 6th grade or older can sign up to be helpers. **Adult volunteers are also needed.** Please sign up on the registration form if you can help.

Afternoon Adventures will take place June 18th-22nd from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. for children ages 5 and above. This day camp is designed to reach out to those youngsters who, because of their child care needs, have been unable to participate in VBS. We’ll play, swim, learn a little, make crafts, and generally have a great time. If you are interested in this program for your child, please complete that portion of the registration form. There is a \$100.00 registration fee for this program, and your child must also be enrolled in our VBS program. Also, if your child is not a member of the Phoenixville YMCA, there will be an additional fee which pays for a week swim pass at the YMCA. Registration for Afternoon Adventures closes on June 1st. We are also looking for qualified teenagers to staff our day camp. If you are in 8th grade or older and would like to apply to be on staff at Afternoon Adventures, a paid position, please let Sonya Sowards know.



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.

* 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, www.GodLovesMarriage.org, 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 U.S. Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at (724) 325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.



Dear St. John's:

Thank you for organizing a drive to collect new and gently-used children's items on behalf of Cradles to Crayons! We really appreciate your contributions as we continue to serve homeless and low-income children in the Southeastern Pennsylvania counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia, and Camden, New Jersey. Because of YOU, we will be able to provide clothes, baby equipment and other items for children who are in dire need. These children will now have the items needed to feel safe, warm, ready to learn and valued.

This year, Cradles to Crayons will provide these essentials to over 70,000 children. On behalf of these children and their families, everyone at Cradles to Crayons thanks you for taking action and providing these essentials that children need most. Thank you again for your heartfelt support.

Gratefully yours,

Cradles to Crayons

www.cradlestocrayons.org/philadelphia



Dear Pastor Krommes:

On behalf of Ann's Heart, I would like to thank you and your parish for your generous donation in the amount of \$1,644 towards the Code Blue Overnight Emergency Warming Center. The Code Blue Center provides a safe and warm overnight shelter for men, women and children from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily from mid-November to mid-April. Your gift will assist Ann's Heart in our mission to provide a place of welcome and human services for the Phoenixville area community. Again, thank you for your continued commitment to make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Kristen McGee

Executive Director, Ann's Heart

Dear Pastor Krommes:

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of your check in the amount of \$1,644 to support the work of Heath Care Access.

We believe that every individual should be afforded access to quality health care. Our goal continues to be reaching out to our community to help its residents overcome the financial and cultural barriers that often prevent them from receiving healthcare services. This goal would be impossible to accomplish alone—it requires the donations of so many people like you. Your support is making a positive and immediate impact on the health of our community. Together we are delivering simplistic results and creating a healthier community one person at a time. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Terri McKendry

Director of Development

Heath Care Access

Dear Pastor Krommes and members of St. John's congregation:

On behalf of everyone at Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS), thank you for your extremely generous contribution of \$1,644 which was raised through your special Advent collection. We also thank you on behalf of the families we have helped through our emergency assistance program with direct aid for essential needs like heat, housing and electricity. St. John's has been such a special friend to PACS and we sincerely appreciate everything you do that helps us to be here when people need us most.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Berger

Executive Director, PACS

People of God Involved in God's Work

May Schedule

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Guild

6 Leilani Ash & Janet Ertell
13 Barbara Eng & Jean Herbranson
20 Sandra Zimmermann
27 Betty Hans & Elena Wallace

Assisting Ministers

6 Lynn Titus	Dale Herbranson
13 Debbie Gordon	Sandra Zimmermann
20 Donna Thompson	Cole O'Neill
27 Brittney Walters	Evan Aho

Coffee Hour

6 Church Council
13 Youth & Family
20 Worship & Music

Communion Assistants/Lectors

6 Don Titus (L)	Nancy Cressman (L)
Walt Deichmann	Tyler Pekofsky
13 Teresa Olsen (L)	Mitch Reading (L)
Pat Lucas	Brian Becker
20 Greg Krueger (L)	Confirmation Students
Chuck Liedike	Confirmation Students
27 Erica Lucas (L)	Dale Herbranson (L)
Pam Freehafer	Shelley Saeger

Counters

6 Jeanne & Jeff Schanzenbach, Stephen Drewes, Dick Kunsch
13 Heather Yonosh, Peg Yanoviak, Donna Searchfield, Eileen Subacus
20 Mary Heiser, Ed Naylor, Mike & Cathy Kahl
27 Jack Ertell, Lilly & Elisa Khan, Donna Anderson

Lock-up

6 Dick Kunsch	Brian Becker
13 Dick Wolstenholme	Rick Kramer
20 Bobbi Riley	Laura Caughlan
27 Dale Herbranson	Brian Greenwald

Ushers

6 Cathy Garrett	Paul Miller
Bev Rote	Beth Williams
Erica Lucas	Sandi Stotler
John Rawlins	Gabrielle VanDerveer
13 Don Titus	James Ninness
Rich Latella	Carter Ninness
Rich Skoniczin	Deb Ahola
Carol Cully	Dale Herbranson
20 Debbe Welsh	Donna Anderson
Dick Kunsch	Travis Brown
Cindy Gadzicki	Barb Rambo
Madison Gadzicki	Tyler Pekofsky
27 Greg Krueger	John Westerman
Barry Church	Glenn Murphy
Bob Gorman	Cathy Garrett
Luanne Bindschusz	Brian Becker



Donating Stock to St. John's

One of the many ways to financially support St. Johns is through the donation of stock. Donating appreciated stock will benefit the church and provide a potential tax benefit to the donor. For stock that has been held for more than a year and has appreciated in value, one can take a charitable deduction based on the stock's fair market value on the day of donation. Additionally, making such a donation will avoid capital gains taxes on the increased value of the stock.

If interested in donating stock to the St. Johns, contact our Church Treasurer, Shirley Platzer, at (484) 938-7763. The donated stock would be sold and the funds placed in St. John's investment accounts. Shirley can arrange the stock transaction through our church's brokerage account with Vanguard.

Summary Report as of March 31, 2018

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 35,347	\$ 29,106	\$ 106,040	\$ 95,028
Other Income	1,658	2,107	4,975	4,763
Total Income	\$ 37,005	\$ 31,213	\$ 111,015	\$ 99,791
Expenses	\$ 38,786	\$ 35,391	\$ 116,358	\$ 116,519
Income (Deficit)	\$ (1,781)	\$ (4,178)	\$ (5,343)	\$ (16,728)

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Confirmation Retreat 8am Holy Communion 9am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:25am Christian Education Classes 10:45am Holy Communion 12pm St. John's Crafty Folks 7pm St. John's Choir & Friends Rehearsal	30 6:30pm Gun Violence Prevention Action Team 6:30pm Kiwanis Board 7pm Finance Committee	1 12:30pm PACA 3:30pm Staff 7pm Parent Grief Support Group 7:30pm Worship & Music	2 10am Bible Study 3pm Social Ministry 5pm Girl Scouts #4308 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous 8pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	3 10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Brownie Troop #4514 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 6:30pm Backpacks 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal	4 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections Synod Assembly <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Synod Assembly</div>	5 Synod Assembly 5pm Evening Light
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29 Bob Karcher's birthday Jason and Tracy Stewart's anniversary Jason Mara's birthday Ramona Moreland's birthday	30 Jason Birdsell's birthday Joe Themens's birthday Scott Blain's birthday Stephen Drewes's birthday	1 Erin Schaible's birthday Michael Wolf's birthday	2 Linda Landis's birthday	3 Donald Carr's birthday	4 Allan Moreland's birthday	5 Carlos Barroso's birthday Donna Thompson's birthday Madelyn Hicks's birthday Mike Mara's birthday Timothy Boyle's birthday
6 Allen and Beth Kramer's anniversary Jeanne Schanzenbach's birthday Marcus Beltran's birthday Mary Lonsdale's birthday Nolan Blain's birthday Ryan Younker's birthday Scott Levan and Tammy Klotzbach-Levan's anniversary	7 Anna Gerner's birthday Charles and Paula Weiss's anniversary Joan Benne's birthday Rosa Gerner's birthday	8 Bob and Joanne Karcher's anniversary Edward and Wendy Lavin's anniversary Jeff Schanzenbach's birthday	9 Kamryn Wark's birthday Sean Soley's birthday	10 Anthony Shirk's birthday Eric Friday's birthday Jen Kramer's birthday Matthew and Jessica Cratty's anniversary	11 Donna Searchfield's birthday Emily Birdsell's birthday Max Strunk's birthday Mike and Nicole Glinski's anniversary Sandra Zimmermann's birthday Todd Donovan's birthday Todd Stong's birthday	12
13 Christopher Durante's birthday Laura Geiger's birthday Mark and Jackie Feinberg's anniversary Rachel Carr's birthday	14 John O'Connell and Andrea Hart's anniversary	15 Claudine Niness's birthday Fady Fransoo's birthday John and Jennifer Soley's anniversary Mary Faddis's birthday Nancy Cressman's birthday Nancy Perchalski's birthday Ruth Callaghan's birthday Stephanie Bearoff's birthday	16 Greyson Tobin's birthday Mark Blatner's birthday Rebecca Williams's birthday	17	18 Alex Brown's birthday Christopher Bliss's birthday Nicole Dalasio's birthday Robert and Barbara Rambo's anniversary	19 April Liedike's birthday David Frees's birthday Kiersten Kraft's birthday Melissa Thompson's birthday Ron Williams's birthday Rosalie LaRocca's birthday William Davis's birthday
20	21 Britta Pekofsky's birthday Domnick Leeper's birthday Jenna Hunt's birthday Jonathan Stefanowski's birthday Olivia Holmes's birthday	22 Kevin Dastalfo's birthday Kinsley Wark's birthday Michael Bethune's birthday Nolan Atkinson's birthday	23 Chris Soley's birthday Daniel Lonsdale's birthday Devon Mensch-Unruh's birthday Grayson Thomas's birthday Pat Lucas's birthday Randall and Karen Carr's anniversary Teddy Wimble's birthday Walter and Dana Deichmann's anniversary	24 Fred and RuthAnn Schell's anniversary Marc and Amber Herbranson's anniversary	25 Bonnie Henderson's birthday	26 Alexander Feinberg's birthday Emerson Carr's birthday Mark Woelflin's birthday Marti Steiner's birthday Nick Mara's birthday
27 James and Teresa Olsen's anniversary Melissa Blacker's birthday	28 Alex Carey's birthday	29 Ben and Tara Ash's anniversary Eli Smith-Kiser's birthday Jacob Weber's birthday Stacey Tobin's birthday	30 Justin and Jodi O'Neil's anniversary Paige Unruh's birthday Zoe Gentner's birthday	31 Donald Platzer's birthday Rich Latella and Richard Skoniczin's anniversary Susan Shirk's birthday	1 Dax Kunsch's birthday Dodi Strunk's birthday Greg and Barbara Powers's anniversary	2 Dirk Rimrott's birthday Elsa Lucoas's birthday Jacob Ehrhart's birthday Paul Miller's birthday

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Evening Light with Holy Communion

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

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