

# The Circle



## June Worship at St. John's

**NOTE:** Between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, Sunday worship time is at 9:00 a.m. Saturday Evening Light continues to begin at 5 p.m.

### Seventh Weekend of Easter

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Evening Light, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Holy Communion, 9 a.m.

### Graduation Sunday

This weekend we overhear Jesus' prayer for his disciples and for us. In this intimate experience we are drawn into the heart of our Lord's relationship with God and discover overwhelming love and amazing grace. Our prayers will also give thanks to God for our new high school, college and post-grad graduates. The St. John's scholarships will be awarded to three of our graduates on Sunday morning.

### Pentecost Weekend

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, Evening Light, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Holy Communion with Confirmation, 9 a.m.

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled—the promised Spirit of God is poured out; baptismal promises are renewed as seven of our youth confirm their faith; by the power of the Spirit we see the face of the Father in his only begotten Son; and are empowered with the Spirit to live in God's love and serve in God's name in our mission and ministry. Indeed, a day full of GRACE!

### Trinity Weekend

**Vacation Bible School Kick-Off Weekend**  
 Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>—Evening Light Worship, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, Holy Communion, 9 a.m.  
**Final VBS Preparations, 10 a.m.**

On this weekend before Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Adventures we celebrate the name of God—the holy and blessed Trinity. In the week to come we are sure to bear witness to God—Father and Creator; God—Son and Savior; and God—Holy Spirit and Sustainer through Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Adventures. Set-up help is needed after Sunday worship at 10 a.m. There is something for everyone to do.

### Second Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Evening Light, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Holy Communion, 9 a.m.

On this weekend, our prayer will be: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ or Savior. Amen. Lord have mercy . . .

### Third Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Evening Light, 5 p.m.  
 Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, Holy Communion, 9 a.m.

We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience and kindness, gentleness and self-control. God is always with us in our life together!

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## The Pastor's message:

### Baptismal Water . . . .

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the water of grace and salvation flowed into our baptismal font and was splashed upon Chloe Ann as she was baptized into the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Right before her baptism, Chloe smiled and afterwards did so too. The next day, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the cremains (ashes from a cremation) of George Mansur were lovingly placed upon a table in front of the font by a beloved grandson. A picture of George stood near-by. For both, the Paschal Candle was lit, reminding us how in the gift whether we live or whether we die we are the Lord's. A beginning and an ending and by God's grace the promise of a new, eternal beginning. (Know that when there is a casket, the Paschal Candle is moved from its usual place by the font and stands in front of it.)



As I reflected upon both Chloe's baptism and George's memorial service, I gave thanks to God for our congregation that spans six generations: Chloe, just a few months old, and George, who lived more than 89 years. The church goes from cradle to grave and beyond into the Kingdom of Heaven including the whole company of saints. The wonder of this amazes me. Being part of such a congregation fills me with fear and awe. The grace of it—grace being a gift from God—is astonishing.

Bishop Melito of Sardis (present day Turkey) preached about this Paschal mystery sometime between 160-170 A.D. in this way:

Understand, therefore, beloved,  
how it is new and old,  
eternal and temporary,  
perishable and imperishable,  
mortal and immortal,  
this *mystery of the Pascha*:  
old as regards the force  
but new as regards the Word;  
temporary as regards the model,  
eternal because of grace  
perishable because of the slaughter of the sheep,  
imperishable because of the life of the Lord;  
mortal because of the burial in earth,  
immortal because of the rising from the dead.



An early Christian mosaic of a pastor praying with a Paschal Candle

God was with us, is with us, and will always be with us.

Pastor Cynthia Krommes



WELCA gives a hearty "THANK YOU" to St. John's members for their generous support during this meeting year. Your participation in the collections for Silver Springs Martin Luther School and our own homebound member goodie bags was, as usual, outstanding! No doubt the Christmas season was made brighter for the children and adults receiving your gifts.

In addition, we appreciate your support of our Soup and Brownie Mix sales. Proceeds from these sales help us make contributions to several charities, as well as subsidize our projects. This year, one of our projects provided the Property Committee funds to purchase several plants to add to the various garden areas on St. John's grounds.

**IMPORTANT:** Please note there that our May meeting is moved to Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. We plan a short business meeting, including a "tour" of the church grounds to view the new plants. Following the tour, we will assemble kits for Vacation Bible School, after which we will enjoy our usual pizza lunch and dessert. Please join us at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, for the last meeting prior to our summer break. We look forward to seeing all of the regulars, and hopefully some new faces.

Save  
the  
Date

**St. John's  
Youth & Family**

# Tailgate Party



**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm**  
**St. John's back parking lot**  
**Bring food, drinks, yard games**  
**& friends!**

## CONFIRMATION



On Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, seven of our young people will affirm their Baptism through the rite of Confirmation. They will be presenting their "faith statements" as the sermon that day. Let us give thanks for parents keeping baptismal promises, for a congregation that keeps them too, for two terrific guides, Karen and Josh Romano, for Master Teachers Manny DeMutis and Pastor Krommes and ESPECIALLY for Stephen Hollander, Andy McMahon, Zack Pekofsky, William Stotler, Margaux VanDerveer, Katherine Yonosh and Sarah Yonosh.

### Summer Choir

Our multi-generational choir will sing once this summer on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Children having finished third grade and older through adults are invited to join in the easy, accessible music. Families are encouraged to sing together. The group will sit downstairs and sing around the piano. Rehearsals in the choir room will take place Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. SHARP to learn the music. Looking forward to lots of voices joined in song!



We honor our students on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>! At our 9 a.m. worship service, we will 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 (610) 933-3947 or [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org).

### A Wedding Prayer

Marriage is a glad occasion  
Overflowing with joy.  
Those who celebrate it  
Rejoice in the gift of God.  
Laughter, life, health, happiness  
It is fidelity rooted in  
The love of God  
As wheat twines unto one  
Each becomes entwined  
One to the other  
God's blessings flow over you  
Now and forever, amen.

Margaret Walker

### Summer Music

Vocal soloists and instrumentalists young and old(er) are invited to share their talents as part of our summer worship. Warm up those vocal chords and dust off your instruments to praise the Lord! For more information or to schedule a date in June, July, or August contact Tom Snyder, Director of Music, [ftsiii@gmail.com](mailto:ftsiii@gmail.com).



## Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### Synod Assembly

#### Building Beloved Community

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (SEPA) of the ELCA met in assembly May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with Pr. Krommes, Deacon Tom Snyder, Synod Council Member Sandra Zimmermann and Donna Searchfeld representing St. John's. The focus of the Assembly, presided over by The Rev. Patricia A. Davenport, the first African American Bishop in the ELCA, was lifting up the critical importance of community in our churches.

The Vitality Team, a ministry of the SEPA, lifts up vital and thriving congregations. Basic metrics of these congregations include:

- Embody God's presence
- Invite and welcome all
- Worship in Spirit and Truth
- Share Faith and Tell Stories
- Create change knowing that in all change there is loss
- Grow and Connect Leaders
- Show Mercy, Do Justice and Serve All
- Promote Healing and Reconciliation
- Are Grounded in Hope
- Are rooted in their community/neighborhood

Save the date November 9<sup>th</sup>, for a SEPA Synod Vitality Training workshop for Congregational Leaders (location to be announced at a later date).

Stewardship, our duty and delight, was also recognized as an important part of our Beloved Community. Save the dates January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lansdale, for a workshop entitled **EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY, A Stewardship Extravaganza**. Keynoters include Clif Christopher, author of *It's Not Your Father's Offering Plate, Whose Offering Plate Is It? The Church Money Manual* and Aimee Laramore speaking about *Pathways to Generosity: Year-round Giving and Gratitude*.

In addition the assembly elected members to the Synod Council, heard reports from various committees, passed a budget, and approved resolutions and memorials dealing with Immigrants and Refugees in Our Communities and endorsement of "The Earth Charter" to be acted on at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

### Meals for St. Mary's—June 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>

Our brother in Christ, Pope Francis, has said, "I call on everyone to do everything they can to assure that every family has a place to live." Through the holy work of St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter, St. John's helps to make that happen here in Phoenixville. St. Mary's provides far more than temporary shelter for approximately 25 families a year. It also helps parents get jobs—while only 18% of those who first come to the shelter are employed, by the time they leave 60% are working. Nearly 40% of those who are served find homes, while the national average for home placement is 12%. Learn more about the ministry of the Shelter through their website at [www.stmarysfs.org](http://www.stmarysfs.org).

Beyond supporting the Shelter financially through our Outreach fund, twice a year, St. John's members supply meals for one week at St. Mary's Shelter. Please help us feed families this June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up for a main course or side dish in portions of six (we prepare for 18 people). Sign up on the board in the narthex and deliver your donation to St. John's by noon the day it is needed. Drivers are also very much needed! Contact Debbe Welsh or any member of the social ministry team with questions.





## Pentecost Geraniums

We will decorate the chancel and altar area on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> with red geraniums in observance of Pentecost (red is the color of celebration—many people also wear red colors on Pentecost). Plants will cost \$7.00 each and may be ordered on the sign-up sheets in the narthex or hallway or by contacting Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947 or office@stjohnphoenixville.org. Please note "Pentecost Geraniums" on your check. You may dedicate them in someone's honor or memory and you are encouraged to take them home after Sunday's service. Plants left at church will either be planted on the church grounds or donated to a community organization.

**Vacation Bible School Registration ends on June 10<sup>th</sup> or until we have more than 100 children signed up!** VBS is June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and our theme is "To Mars and Beyond." Registration forms are in the narthex, on the website, or can be obtained by emailing office@stjohnphoenixville.org. Children aged 11 or older can sign up to be helpers. Many thanks to WELCA and our VBS Planning Team for their help in preparation for the big week!



### VBS Staff Helpers Needed!

If you have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade we need your help at VBS! If you are an adult who has mornings free, we need your help! If you are in junior/senior high school or home from college, we need your help! Every year, we need about 60 staff volunteers to make our VBS the best it can be. Please consider giving your time to this important ministry for children as a VBS staff member. Please speak with Pastor Krommes to apply. Applications are due ASAP for planning purposes.

**Afternoon Adventures is back!** Afternoon Adventures will take place June 17<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m. for children ages five and above. This day camp is designed to reach out to those children who, because of their child care needs, have been unable to participate in VBS. This program will run each day of VBS from noon to 5:30 p.m. 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, complete that portion of the registration form and include the \$100 registration fee. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Youth Summer Mission Trips

There will be two St. John's mission trips this summer!

Four of our youth, Rosa Gerner, Anna Gerner, Will Stotler and Katie Kramer, along with adult leader Shelley Saeger will join the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Youth on a servant trip to Rapid City, South Dakota and **the Rosebud Native American Reservation** from July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>. This powerful experience promises to be a wonderful week of exploring faith and service in a context very different from that with which we are familiar.

Just before the South Dakota Group arrives home on July 21<sup>st</sup> our Appalachia Service Project Team will be heading out to repair homes and buildings in West Virginia and will return on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Youth planning to attend include: Jason, Madison and Cole O'Neill, Gabrielle and Margaux VanDerveer, Katie and Sarah Yonosh, K. Saeger, Tyler and Zack Pekofsky, Dylan New and Max Strunk. Adults going on the trip are Jodi and Justin O'Neill, Tom Snyder, Jeff VanDerveer, Claudia Borst, Len Pekofsky and Bobbi Riley.

Please pray for our mission teams this summer!





## 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](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org). Camperships are available from St. John's if that would be helpful. Contact Pastor Krommes

## Planning for Adult Education

On Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Eisenhower Room there will be a meeting of all those interested in planning our 2019/2020 adult education program with a specific focus on our Sunday morning offerings. All those interested in participating in a course, as well as those who are willing to serve as a leader or coordinator, are invited to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, but want to have some input into next year's plans, please connect with our "Dean" of Adult Education, Jack Ertell.



## Summer Fellowship

During June, July and August fellowship time follows the 9 a.m. Sunday service and takes place either in the Jane Kunsch Memorial Garden or, if it is raining, in the narthex (lobby). Everyone is encouraged to enjoy time with friends and to meet new ones. Our Fellowship Committee keeps us stocked with supplies—cookies, lemonade and iced tea—but we need volunteers to be Summer Fellowship Hosts. Sign up to give the gift of friendship on the sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board. A leader from Fellowship will provide assistance as needed. Thanks!

## Welcoming Visitors

The Welcoming Team is beginning to work on our portion of the Strategic Plan results. We want to be sure everyone who enters our church feels welcomed. If you see someone you don't recognize at service, go over and pass the peace with them. Find out their name and welcome them to St. John's. Just like you, they are looking for a place to belong. They will appreciate your attention. And don't worry . . . if you're not sure if they are newcomers or not, you can say, "Hi, I'm \_\_\_\_\_. I don't believe we've met before."



## Membership Directory

The Welcoming Team is moving ahead with its plans to create a new member directory. However, with everything that is happening at St. John's right now and vacation season upon us, we decided to delay taking new pictures of everyone until September. We will keep everyone posted as to dates and times in future bulletins and issues of *The Circle*.

Once the directory is finalized, we will be able to provide each family with a digital copy. We also plan to print out black and white copies for people who don't have access to computers and printers.

Dear Pastor Cynthia:

Thank you for your partnership! We received your \$1,725 gift collected in honor of Pastor Thomas Kochenderfer and designated for Arusha Medical Centre in Tanzania. When your generosity meets the ingenuity of Christian healthcare workers around the world, lives are changed! Thank you for all you share to make this possible.

Together in ministry,  
Pastor Doug Cox  
Executive Director  
Global Health Ministries

Dear St. John's Lutheran Church:

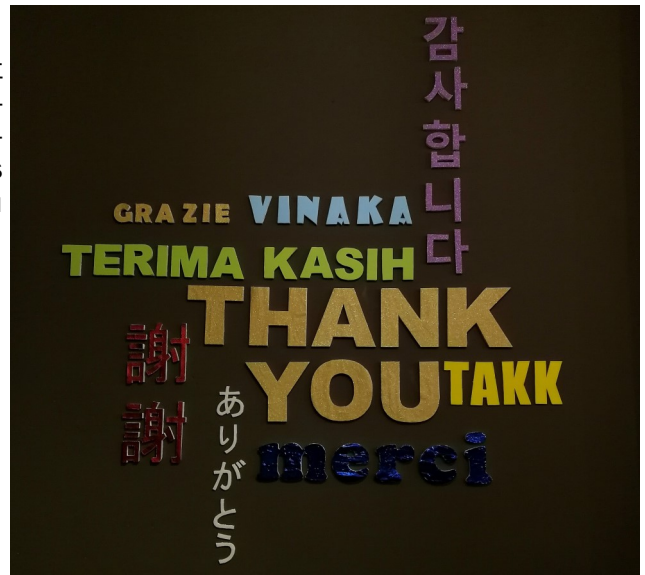
God's boundless grace propels us to share abundantly in faith and love. Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,560 to the ELCA in support of missionaries and your gift of \$1,795 for the ministries of the ELCA Global Church. The commitment of people like you enables 230 missionaries serving in more than 49 countries to proclaim the gospel and care for those in need. To learn more about the impact of your gift, alongside the gifts of others, visit [ELCA.org/globalchurch](http://ELCA.org/globalchurch).

With gratitude,  
Andrew G. Steele  
Director  
ELCA Global Mission Funding

Dear Pastor Krommes:

On behalf of Good Samaritan Services, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$1,082. Because of your contribution, we will be able to help hundreds of individuals and families to overcome or steer clear of the crisis of homelessness in Lancaster and Chester Counties. Every day, we are providing shelter and housing services to nearly 200 men, women and children. Your gift changes lives! We thank you for your support and care for those we serve.

With a grateful heart,  
Nate Hoffer  
Chief Executive Officer  
Good Samaritan Services



### St. John's Choir & Friends THANKS!!!!!!!

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual St. John's Choir & Friends Concert, *Psalms and Spirituals*, was another successful outreach to the Phoenixville Community. Fifty-five singers from 24 area churches were accompanied by John Quinn who was joined by guest accompanist Derek Maninfiore, Director of Music at St. Peter's Episcopal in Phoenixville. A large, appreciative audience attended the concert and joined in the fellowship in Kley Hall.

This event would not have happened without the ministry, support, and assistance of many people from St. John's. Thanks to Sandra Zimmermann and members of the Fellowship Team joined at the last minute by others for hosting, setting up, serving, and cleaning up the supper and reception. Over and over I heard how much both were appreciated. Thanks to Bill Schoellkopf and Mark Blattner for providing audio and visual assistance.

Tom Snyder



The St. John's youth are collecting aluminum beverage cans as a fund raiser to help with the costs of the 2019 mission trips. The aluminum beverage cans we collect can be taken to a local recycling center and we receive CASH for the aluminum based on weight. This is a very EASY way to earn money and we would really appreciate ALL your cans to help in this effort. Not only will bringing your aluminum beverage cans to St. John's help support the youth fundraising effort but recycling aluminum is wonderful for the environment.

PLEASE help us and bring us your cans. All aluminum cans are welcome. There is a special aluminum recycle bin in Kley Hall for can collection. Please bag your cans and drop them in this bin. Thank You!!

# People of God Involved in God's Work

## June Schedule

### Acolytes

- 2 Lizzie Strunk
- 9 TBD
- 16 TBD
- 23 TBD
- 30 TBD

### Altar Guild

- 2 Janet Ertell & Nancy Cressman
- 9 Donna Anderson & Jean Herbranson
- 16 Jean Herbranson & John Westerman
- 23 Betty Hans & Elena Wallace
- 30 Jean Herbranson

### Assisting Ministers

- 2 Paige DeMutis
- 9 Tyler Pekofsky
- 16 Jake New
- 23 Evan Aho
- 30 Jay Stearly

### Bread Baking

- 2 Adam & Gwen Supplee
- 9 Rich Skoniczin & Rich Latella
- 16 Lynn Titus
- 23 Pr. Krommes
- 30 Adam & Gwen Supplee

### Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 2 Walt Deichmann (L) & Debbe Welsh
- 9 Confirmation Class
- 16 Chuck Liedike (L) & Pat Lucas
- 23 Teresa Olsen & Erica Lucas
- 30 Brian Becker (L) & LuAnn Bindschusz

### Counters

- 2 Stephen & Jennifer Drewes, Donna Anderson, Peg Yanoviak
- 9 Heather Yonosh, Donna Searchfield
- 16 Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 23 Jack Ertell, Lilly Khan & Imtiaz Khan Lawrence
- 30 Mary Heiser, Kevin Gallagher, Mike & Cathy Kahl

### Lock-Up

- 2 Stephen Drewes
- 9 Donna Searchfield
- 16 Laura Caughlan
- 23 Kelly Gallagher
- 30 Brian Greenwald

### Ushers

- 2 John Westerman, Carol Cully, Barry Church, Luanne Bindschusz
- 9 Debbe Welsh, Greg Krueger, Rich Latella, Rich Skoniczin
- 16 Don Titus, Erica Lucas, Brian Becker, Nancy Cressman
- 23 Cathy Garrett, Chuck Liedike, Deb Ahola, Glen Murphy
- 30 Paul Miller, Beth Williams, Bev Rote, Cindy Gadzicki

## Summary Report as of April 30, 2019

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income:</b>				
Envelope Giving	\$ 32,971	\$ 35,689	\$ 131,886	\$ 140,778
Other Income	2,118	3,523	8,471	10,639
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 35,089</b>	<b>\$ 39,212</b>	<b>\$ 140,357</b>	<b>\$ 151,417</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 35,089</b>	<b>\$ 30,136</b>	<b>\$ 140,357</b>	<b>\$ 131,978</b>
<b>Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,076</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19,439</b>



# Holy Communion

## New Communion Procedures

Communion practices vary from church to church and as part of strengthening worship, we will be making a small adjustment to our Sunday morning communion procedure. It can best be described as "walking continuous communion." Communicants will walk to the front using the side aisles (as we have been doing), pick up a glass from the tray, and meet the pastor and communion assistant or the assisting minister and communion assistant in front of the communion rail to receive the bread and wine before putting the used glass in the tray and returning to their seat using the center aisle. You are welcome to kneel at the rail for a moment of prayer after receiving the communion elements. This new method should provide a continuous line of people receiving the Lord's Supper. The Evening Light communion procedure will not change.

## Donating Stock to St. John's

One of the many ways to financially support St. John's 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 St. John's, 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.





# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9am Holy Communion 10am St. John's Crafty Folks	27 11am Alanon Family Group	28 4:15pm PACS Development/Marketing 5:30pm Stewardship 6:30pm Kiwanis Board	29 10am Bible Study 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study	30 5:30pm Daisy Troop #42024 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	31 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	1 2:30pm Greenwald Renewal of Vows 4pm Youth & Family Tailgate Party 5pm Evening Light
2 Graduate Sunday 9am Holy Communion 10am St. John's Crafty Folks 10:15am Sunday school teachers' meeting	3 11am Alanon Family Group 2pm Staff 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:30pm Property	4 10:30am WELCA 12:30pm PACA 7:30pm Worship & Music	5 3pm Social Ministry 5pm Girl Scouts #4308 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study	6 10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Junior Troop #4514 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	7	8 5pm Evening Light
9 Pentecost 9am Holy Communion 10am St. John's Crafty Folks	10 11am Alanon Family Group 7:30pm Church Council	11 7pm Christian Education 7pm Parent Grief Support Group	12 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study	13 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	14 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections 7pm McIntyre piano recital	15 5pm Evening Light
16 9am Holy Communion 10am St. John's Crafty Folks	17 7pm Stephen Ministry 7pm Welcoming Team	18 4:30pm PACS Board	19 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study	20 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon 8:15pm Naranon Support	21 St. Peter's lunch	22 5pm Evening Light
Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Adventures						
23 9am Holy Communion 10am Electronics 10am St. John's Crafty Folks	24 11am Alanon Family Group 6:30pm Kiwanis Board	25 Circle deadline 10:30am WELCA 4:15pm PACS Development/Marketing 5:30pm Stewardship 7pm Parent Grief Support Group	26 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study	27 5:30pm Naranon Gathering 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Meadows at Valley Forge HOA	28 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	29 5pm Evening Light
30 9am Holy Communion 10am St. John's Crafty Folks	1 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Finance Committee 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:30pm Property	2 12:30pm PACA 2pm Staff 7:30pm Worship & Music	3 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study	4 10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	5	6 5pm Evening Light



## June 2019 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Alexander Feinberg's birthday Emerson Carr's birthday Gavin Moreland's birthday Mark Woelfin's birthday Marti Steiner's birthday Nick Mara's birthday	27 James and Teresa Olsen's anniversary	28	29	30 Justin and Jodi O'Neill's anniversary Stephen and Kimberly DiGioia's anniversary	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
2 Dirk Rimrott's birthday Elsa Lucas's birthday Jacob Ehrhart's birthday Paul Miller's birthday	3 Dan Free's birthday Ian Kramer's birthday Mark Wallace's birthday Ronald and Barbara Robinson's anniversary Tyler Speaker's birthday	4 Bill and Sue Starling's anniversary Margaret Yerger's birthday Mitch and Erica Reading's anniversary	5 Derek and Carla Carr's anniversary	6 Austin Starling's birthday	7 Beth Sigley's birthday Charles and Kathy Hardy's anniversary Jack Ritohie's birthday Lillian Barker's birthday Mikayla Niness's birthday	8 Abigail Speaker's birthday
9 Colten Bomberger's birthday	10 Jay and Erin Greco's anniversary	11 Annaliese Duerr's birthday Holly Younker's birthday	12 Blake Goodhart's birthday Lisa Luckenbach's birthday	13 Daniel Free Jr.'s birthday Ev Thomas's birthday Mike and Cathy Kahl's anniversary	14 Adam and Cheryl Speaker's anniversary Braeden Hawkins's birthday Carson Melton's birthday	15 Jessica Kramer's birthday
16 Deb Ahola's birthday Eileen Krueger's birthday Nicole Glinski's birthday Rebecca Stevens's birthday Sandra Momyer's birthday Val Kramer's birthday	17 John and Andrea Newman's anniversary Maryanne Mara's birthday	18 Donna Breiterger's birthday John Kornaga's birthday Kevin Gallagher's birthday	19 Cecilia Leong's birthday John and Karen Cattafesta's anniversary John Riley's birthday Stephen Kenyon's birthday	20 Brooke Free's birthday James and Mary Miller's anniversary	21 Joan Carl's birthday June Henzie's birthday Kevin and Kelly Gallagher's anniversary	22 Dan and Brooke Free's anniversary Taylor McGoldrick's birthday
23 Brian and Bonnie Henderson's anniversary John Westerman's birthday	24 Don and Lynn Titus's anniversary	25 Carol Renninger's birthday Evan Aho's birthday Mark and Sarah Blattner's anniversary Tim Babinchak's birthday	26 David and Robin Frees's anniversary Mike and Dawn Platchek's anniversary	27 Dana Deichmann's birthday Elke Rimrott's birthday Walter and Kay Mann's anniversary	28 Marion Rice's birthday	29 Florence Bickhart's birthday John Unruh and Devon Mensch-Unruh's anniversary Rachael Aaronson's birthday Sue Lisiewski's birthday
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