

# The Circle

## October Worship at St. John's

17<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost  
 Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>—Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Fellowship, 8:30 a.m.  
 Christian Education, 9:00 a.m.  
 Holy Communion, 10:15 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals, 11:30 a.m.

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel for today. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential and constantly surprises us. On Sunday we will also celebrate St. Francis Day (his "saint day" falls on October 4<sup>th</sup>) with a blessing of the animals.

18<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>—Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Fellowship, 8:30 a.m.  
 Christian Education, 9 a.m.  
 with ASP Mission Report

Holy Communion, 10:15 a.m.

This weekend our Appalachian Service Project team will share their experiences on their mission trip last July with our youth and adults during the Christian Education hour. They will also serve as our "preachers" during worship on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

19<sup>th</sup> Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>—Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Fellowship, 8:30 a.m.

Christian Education, 9 a.m.

Holy Communion, 10:15 a.m.

In the gospel for this weekend, a widow so pesters an unjust judge that finally she gets the justice she seeks. Her persistence inspires us to be persistent in prayer and in seeking justice.



## REFORMATION WEEKEND

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>—Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Fellowship, 8:30 a.m.  
 Christian Education, 9 a.m.  
 Holy Communion, 10:15 a.m.  
 Trunk or Treat, 4-6 p.m.

On this Reformation Sunday we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the Church today in its proclamation and witness to the world.

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## From the Pastor:

### Welcome to the Kingdom of Heaven

Can you remember the first time you walked into St. John's? Maybe it was for a community meeting, a spaghetti dinner, Saturday Evening Light or on Sunday morning for worship. Maybe your first day at church was when you were carried in your parents' arms to the font on the day of your Baptism. Somehow in some way this place became your place, a place where you felt and experienced God's love. This fall our Welcoming Team trained and organized "greeters" to welcome guests and visitors to St. John's. You are asked to do the same and to invite people to our congregation.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, our Visitation Pastor, Thomas Kochenderfer, was a guest at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ocean City, New Jersey, where he was given a fabulous welcome. Two young men (9 and 11 years old) greeted him and asked if he was new. When he replied, "yes," they asked if he would like a tour of their church. Because worship had not yet begun, he said, "sure." They led him through the whole building—proudly showing him where they attended Sunday school, pointing out where the restrooms were located, the church office, even the custodian's closet. They did so with enthusiasm. This was their church and



they wanted him to feel right at home. Then worship began and afterwards there were the two boys again. This time they presented him with a hand-made brightly colored "church pass" so he could show others he'd been to worship that morning. They also invited him to a tailgate picnic in the parking lot. When he respectfully declined, they disappeared for a couple of minutes and returned with a piece of fresh cornbread wrapped in a napkin and asked him to "come back soon." As I listened to Pastor K's story, I thought it was like angels welcoming him into the kingdom of heaven.

Indeed it was. Indeed it is. When we gather, the Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. If someone new is among us, we can trust that the Spirit sent them to us and welcome them with joy. When we hear the scripture, the sermon, sing the songs and pray the prayers, God is speaking to us, inviting us into hear and to speak, knowing that God listens. When we are fed at the table, we are forgiven and nourished by Christ himself. Then God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world—bread and wine transformed in a piece of fresh cornbread wrapped in a napkin, a lunch at St. Peter's, a hospital in Tanzania, Phantom Food Packs, a bag of groceries at PACS and so much more. Welcome to St. John's—in Ocean City, in Phoenixville—welcome to the kingdom of heaven!



Pastor Cynthia Krommes

### The Oxford Trio in Concert at St. John's 4 p.m. Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

The Oxford Trio is a chamber ensemble comprised of Katie Slauch-Boozer, violin, Julia Farber, horn, and Nancy Pedrick, piano, who have entertained audiences with their unique instrumentation and varied repertoire at community concerts, patriotic celebrations, church services and weddings for over a decade. The main focus of their efforts has been to raise awareness of and to raise funds for community concerns. Please plan to enjoy this delightful performance at 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.



## From the Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries:

First and foremost, thank you for your warm welcome over the last few weeks as I settled into my role here at St. John's. I'm excited to join all of you in your journey of faith formation. As part of that journey on the *Life Together* sheet in the bulletin you will find a boxed Home Connection. This connection ties the week's lesson to something you can do during the week to keep that lesson alive. Sometimes it will suggest a certain prayer, topic for discussion, or a physical action like taking a hike through God's creation. The Home Connection is meant for everyone: young and old, single and married, children at home and no children at home. The Home Connection provides a suggestion that you can adapt to suit your life.



Mark Yanchek, Connor Hudak, Amy Fox, Britta Pekofsky, Manny DeMutis, Heather Yonosh, Jimmy Moreland, Danielle Blackledge, Pastor Krommes, Rick Kramer, and Kate DeMutis. We are still looking for volunteers willing to serve as substitutes to serve as needed through the year.

Rally Day kicked off the Sunday school year on September 8<sup>th</sup> with the children singing in the sanctuary and the youth and adults hearing about the South Dakota mission trip. A special thank you to all of our Sunday school teachers and guides who volunteered to lead the education classes: Elisa Kahn, Sarah Blattner, Arlene Hudak, Heather Bourdeau,



As we head deeper into the fall, there are a few important dates to keep in mind.

Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>—Celebration of St. Michael and All Angels featuring stations during Sunday school and a play put on by the children during church.

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>—The Sunday school will be putting together school kits. The ASP mission trip youth will present their trip report.

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>—4-6 p.m. Trunk or Treat

First Bible for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be November 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Have a Blessed Autumn!

Jen Wentworth

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

### Calling all St John's Women

St. John's WELCA meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Eisenhower Room. We plan for a full year of projects, fellowship, and interesting, informative programs.

During our October meeting our project is making Christmas ornaments for the angel tree. This annual project helps raise scholarship money for MaaSae girls at the Lutheran Secondary School in Tanzania.

In addition we look forward to another visit from Cathy and Mike Kahl. Last year we enjoyed learning about their glass blowing hobby, and had an opportunity to purchase a number of their beautiful pieces. On October 22<sup>nd</sup> the Kahls will bring some of their new inventory. Pieces will be available for purchase between \$5 and \$100.

Be on the lookout for the Silver Springs Martin Luther School wish list. We will also need travel-sized toiletries for Christmas goodie bags given to homebound members. Collection boxes for both donations will be placed in the narthex in late October or early November. Watch for details in *Life Together*.





### Blessing of the Animals

There will be a special blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Circle in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Pets of all shapes and sizes (or pictures of pets) are invited to be blessed. This has become a wonderful St. John's tradition for humans and animals. Please invite your friends and their pets to attend!

# WELCOME DINNER

### New Here? Welcome!

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, even if you have no clue about what a journey of faith even is, you are welcome at St. John's! You (and your family) are also invited to dinner at the home of Pastor Krommes and her husband John Stong on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5 p.m. Hosted by our Welcoming Team, the dinner is a wonderful time to meet other people, learn more about what God's up to at St. John's and enjoy some good food. To RSVP, email Sonya Sowards at [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org) and please let us know of any food allergies.



### Dinner and a Movie

You are invited to dinner and a movie on October 12<sup>th</sup>. A taco dinner begins at 6 p.m. in Kley Hall, followed by a family friendly movie in the Fireside Room. RSVPs would be very

helpful and can be made through the Yellow Communication Card, by emailing [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org), or by calling Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947.

### Welcome to the Feast!

On Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Evening Light worship begins at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary. Our St. John's Thanksgiving dinner follows at 6 p.m. The Fellowship Committee provides the feast and welcomes gifts of sides and desserts. You are invited to come either to worship at 5 p.m. or dinner at 6 or BOTH! Guests are especially welcome. Please RSVP through the Yellow Communication Card or by contacting Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947 or [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org).

Join Us  
Sunday, Oct. 27  
4:00 - 6:00

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
355 St. John's Circle Phoenixville



\* FUN \* CANDY \* MUSIC \*

Open to the  
Phoenixville Community

Luther's love of God to man for ye  
Who proclaim God's holy word forgot  
Ye the gentle Shepherd who His  
Flock did see God's love is free  
Not bought by riches man gives  
Riches of one's soul greater far  
Than ever man's riches will provide  
Not you of mighty power came  
Christ yet to those who knew  
Not gold or silver sought in love  
See a Shepherd humble for Luther  
Christ came for the sheep not the  
Mighty proud high mighty ones  
Return to the root of all  
Love, Christ's love is for all yet  
Cannot be bought, its price is  
Love as Christ showed us love  
So free not all earth can hold such  
Love of man to man so flows the  
River to God's loving arms so many years  
Yet Luther's words are as true  
Now as then—you are all loved by God  
Abide with His flock now as then Luther  
Proclaim's God's love is for all not riches  
Just love is all that is needed.

-Margaret Walker

## Confirmation News

The 2019-2020 year of Confirmation got off to a great start on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with a wonderful lock-in where we welcomed the new 7<sup>th</sup> graders and two new guides Jimmy Moreland and Heather Yonosh, learned about hunger in our community from Donna Searchfield of PACS (and St. John's) and then went shopping for PACS to help fill their shelves with good, healthy food. The next morning at worship our new 7<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands knocked on the door of the church and asked to be part of the Confirmation program. They were graciously received and blessed. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be exploring the Old Testament this year while the 9<sup>th</sup> graders will focus upon ethics with the Ten Commandments as their guide, and spirituality with the Lord's Prayer as their major focus.



The calendar for the year was shared. We will have Confirmation every Sunday morning beginning at 9 a.m. Seventh and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be downstairs in the large, light blue room and 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be in the Youth Room. Confirmation will not meet on December 29<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday. The winter Confirmation retreat on worship will be at Bear Creek Camp on January 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> and the spring retreat on Baptism will be April 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> in Cape May, New Jersey. All of Confirmation students are expected to go on the retreats. There will be lots of learning, lots of food and lots of fun. Our 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m. Please put these important dates on your family calendar now and plan around them.



**Children's Choir**

Children's Choir (grades one or two and above—basic reading ability ensures success) rehearses Sunday mornings from 8:30-8:55 right before Sunday school. Rehearsals are in the Eisenhower Room across from the kitchen. Grab some goodies from Fellowship Time and join in the singing!



**CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Adult Choir begins rehearsing music for the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Additional singers, especially older youth, are invited to join in preparation of this joyful music. Christmas selections will begin rehearsals. Come, join the angels' singing. For additional information contact Tom Snyder, Director of Music, [ftsiii@gmail.com](mailto:ftsiii@gmail.com).



## Greeter Teams

The Welcoming Team has gathered a great group of people together to help welcome newcomers to St. John's. The Greeter Team will be in the narthex looking for new faces. We have also prepared a tri-fold brochure that new attendees will find useful. These are in the narthex and in the pews for people to read and take along. There is always room for more helpers, so if you are interested in joining the Greeter Team, please let us know via the YCC. Our present rotation only requires greeters to handle one Sunday service a month. So there is not too much extra work involved . . . just arrive 15 minutes early and stay 15 minutes late to be sure newcomers can find everything they need. We'd love to have you join the team!



## 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.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED



## School Supplies Needed!

Consider shopping for your children AND children around the world when you hit the stores for the great back-to-school-supplies deals now in progress.

Lutheran World Relief accepts donations of "school kit" backpacks which they distribute around the globe to school-aged children (<https://lwr.org/instructions>). The St. John's children's Sunday school program will be participating and assembling LWR backpacks on Sunday, October 13, 2019.

One "kit" consists of:

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| 4 - 70-sheet notebooks         | 1 - 30-cm ruler (inches on one side and centimeters on the other) |
| 1 - pencil sharpener           | 1 pair - scissors (blunt or safety tips)                          |
| 1 - 2.5-inch eraser            | 5 - #2 pencils with erasers (unsharpened)                         |
| 1 box - crayons (16 04 24 ct), | 5 - ball point pens (black or blue, no gel-pens)                  |

Please consider donating to this special cause. New items only are needed. You can buy items as a "kit," buy a lot of just a few items or make a monetary donation that will allow us to purchase anything necessary to complete our kits. Donations can be left in the designated bin in the narthex.

Thank you in advance - The Christian Education Committee

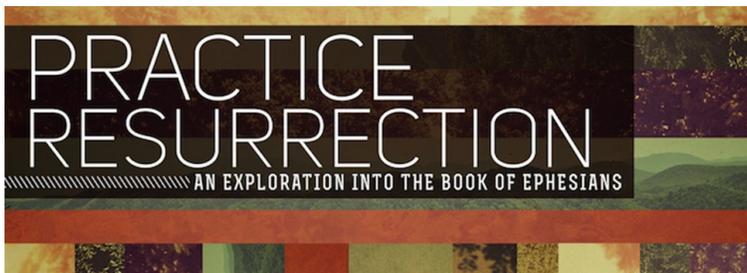
*Living, Growing, and Sharing in God's Love*



## St. John's Adult Sunday School

Adult Christian education classes will begin on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. With the addition of a group for parents with young children, there will be at least five different learning and sharing activities with an occasional combined adult activity. The adult program is divided into four eight-week cycles offering a variety of opportunities for the year. All adults are welcome and encouraged to participate. The adult programs for the fall session are:

- ◆ **THE EXPERIMENT**, this brand-new group will be shaped by 20- and 30-somethings—some single, some married, some couples with children, some without. Chris and Melissa Thompson will help to bring everyone together to garner ideas and find a name, all while sharing God's love and growing in faith. This class will meet in half of the Eisenhower Room.
- ◆ **Sunday Morning Book Club**. Books are selected from recommendations by members. Most books are read over a three- or four-week period, with some coming from the Chester County Library's "Books in a Bag" Program. This fall the Club plans to read "The Vengeance of Mothers" by Jim Fergus and "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee. Jean Herbranson serves as the coordinator. The Book Club meets in Pastor Krommes' office.
- ◆ **Bible Study: Second Timothy and Titus**. Linda Landis will lead a class based on Paul's letters to two of his young associates, Timothy and Titus. Both letters explore what it means to be leaders in the church and how that leadership is shaped, nurtured and depends upon God. The class meets in the Fireside Room.
- ◆ **Happy Hour**. This is a class that focuses on parenting issues and faith, with the class led each week by various members of the group. Discussions may touch on concerns raised at home, at school, or events in our society. Coordinated by Teresa Olsen, the group will meet in the other half of the Eisenhower Room.
- ◆ **Faith Life Class**. This class discusses topics of the day from a Christian perspective. Participants in the class share leadership and always welcome new insights into what it means to live as a faithful Christian in our very real world. Coordinated by Jack Ertell, the class meets in Kley Hall Meeting Room #1.



## Wednesday Adult Bible Studies "Practicing Resurrection"

How do we live the Christian life, how are we "church"? In other words, what does it mean to practice resurrection? During the fall, our Wednesday adult Bible studies will be exploring this through a study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. There are two opportunities to be part of a

St. John's Bible study on Wednesdays. The **Morning study** takes place in the community room at Episcopal House, an independent-living apartment building for seniors on Mason Street in Phoenixville from 10 to 11 a.m. The **Evening Study** is from 7 to 8 p.m., meeting in the Fireside Room. **YOU ARE INVITED!!!!**

## Fall 2019 Christian Education Calendar

- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>—Children's backpack stuffing and ASP mission trip report
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>—Children's Good Gifts program; adult education stewardship event with Rev. Wilk Miller
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>—Intergenerational Christmas services invite preparation; assignment of roles for children's Christmas pageant
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>—Christmas pageant rehearsal
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>—Christmas pageant dress rehearsal, followed by pageant at 10:15 a.m.

## God's Work—Our Hands

September 7, 2019 will be remembered as an AWESOME service/fellowship/fun day at St. John's. Thirty-eight people came together to clean, change light bulbs, weed, prune, paint, plant, organize, and do plumbing and electrical work. Eighty-five percent of the defined work tasks were completed! Love and care were generously given to our wonderful building and grounds.

### God's Work:

Living, Growing & Sharing in God's love through Jesus Christ



### Our Hands:

Lynn and Don Titus, Tom Snyder, Rick Kramer, Jim Taylor, Jen Wentworth, Mark & Janet Gerner, Deb Welsh, Mitch, Erica, Charlotte & MJ Reading, Peg Groening, Chris, Melissa, Annalynne & Tyler Thompson, Linda Landis, Pastor Krommes, Elisa Khan, John Stong, Walt & Scott Deichmann, Dale & Jean Herbranson, Val Kramer, Heather Bourdeau, Jack & Sam Ritchie, Don Bechtel & Loretta, June Henzie, Cindy Gadzicki, John Westerman, Donna Papsun, and John & Bobbi Riley

A huge THANK YOU to all the "Our Hands" workers on September 7, 2019 and throughout the year who perform the numerous and seemingly never-ending tasks associated with the upkeep of St. John's.

You are loved and appreciated,  
The St. John's Property Committee

You can sign up now for the November 9<sup>th</sup> SEPA Synod **Vitality Awareness Event for Congregational Leaders**. Go to <https://ministrylink.org/event/vitality-awareness-event/> for more information.

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*.



**Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Autumn is a time to enjoy  
Peace, tranquility together and  
Store beautiful memories  
To carry us through winter  
Give thanks for being alive  
To witness it all

-Margaret Walker



## All Saints' Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

It has become our tradition to begin All Saints' Sunday worship in the St. John's Columbarium Garden. Following a bagpiper we process to the garden and beside the rock foundation, remember our Baptisms. We then follow the piper into the sanctuary where we worship with all the saints of every time and place and especially remember those who have died in the past year. If you would like to add the name of a saint who died since November 4, 2018 to our prayers that day, please email [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org) or write their name on a Yellow Communication Card. We also plan to have small copper tags on which a beloved one's name may be written and hung on a tree in the garden. Let us give thanks for all the saints, for their faithfulness and love.

# People of God Involved in God's Work

## October Schedule

### Altar Guild

- 6 Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
- 13 Donna Anderson & Jean Herbranson
- 20 Sandra Zimmermann & John Westerman
- 27 Betty Hans & Elena Wallace

### Assisting Ministers

- 6 Tyler Pekofsky
- 13 Teresa Olsen
- 20 Donna Thompson
- 27 Sandra Zimmermann

### Bread Baking

- 6 Rich Latella & Rich Skoniczin
- 13 Lynn Titus
- 20 Adam & Gwen Supplee
- 27 Pastor Krommes

### Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 6 Erica Lucas (L) & LuAnne Bindschusz
- 13 Sandi Stotler (L) & Debbe Welsh
- 20 Nancy Cressman (L) & Mitch Reading
- 27 Walt Deichmann (L) & Greg Krueger

### Counters

- 6 Stephen & Jennifer Drewes, Donna Anderson, Peg Yanoviak
- 13 Heather Yonosh, Donna Searchfield, Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 20 Mary Heiser, Heather Yonosh, Shirley Platzer
- 27 Jack Ertell, Lilly Khan, Imtiaz Khan Lawrence

### Fellowship Time

- 6 Faith Life
- 13 Christian Education
- 20 Happy Hour
- 27 Welcoming Team

### Greeters

- 6 Joan Wilson, Dale Herbranson, Donna Searchfield
- 13 Mike & Cathy Kahl, Faye Donovan
- 20 Lynn Titus, Beverly Rote, Debbe Welsh
- 27 Kelly LeMarbe, Denise Longbine

### Lock-Up

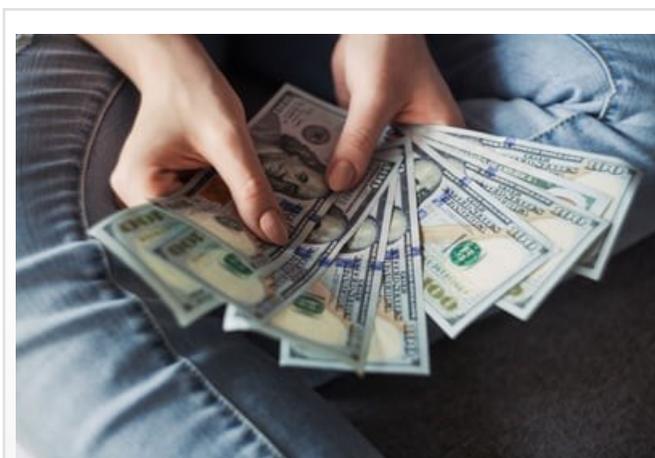
- 6 Stephen Drewes
- 13 Kelly Gallagher
- 20 Donna Searchfield
- 27 Mitch Reading

### Ushers

- 6 Glen Murphy, Deb Welsh, Bob Gorman, Sandi Stotler
- 13 Travis Brown, Deb Ahola, Dick & Judy Wolstenholme
- 20 Paul Miller, Donna Anderson, Cathy Garrett, John Westerman
- 27 John Rawlins, Barb Rambo, Zach Brown, Dale Herbranson

## Summary Report as of August 31, 2019

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income:</b>				
Envelope Giving	\$ 32,971	\$ 23,293	\$ 263,773	\$ 244,937
Other Income	2,118	1,526	16,941	17,871
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 35,089</b>	<b>\$ 24,819</b>	<b>\$ 280,714</b>	<b>\$ 262,808</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 35,089</b>	<b>\$ 35,188</b>	<b>\$ 280,714</b>	<b>\$ 255,910</b>
<b>Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(10,369)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,898</b>



Our annual Stewardship Sunday will be taking place on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Pledge cards will be mailed to the congregation at the beginning of November. We would appreciate it if you would take a few minutes to complete them and return them to the church no later than the 17<sup>th</sup>. The Finance Committee and Church Council will be preparing the budget for next year and need to have some idea of what income to expect. As always, expenses keep rising, so the church relies on its members to help it keep current. Once again, Mike Kahl is donating a piece of hand blown glass. The winner will be chosen from all pledge cards received by the 17<sup>th</sup>. The sermon on Stewardship Sunday will be delivered by guest Pastor Wilk Miller.

## **St. John's Lutheran Church special Council email motion and voting 8/6/19 through 8/8/19**

Council Members: Mitch Reading, Dick Kunsch, Donna Searchfield, Pam Naylor, Pastor Krommes, Brian Greenwald, Bobbi Riley, Kelly Gallagher, Rick Kramer, Sandra Zimmermann, Laura Caughlan

A motion was made by Dick Kunsch, seconded by Donna Searchfield that St. John's extend an offer of part time employment to Jennifer Wentworth as St. John's Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries. A start date of August 12, 2019 with an annual salary of \$36,000. Details of compensation, including paid vacation, pension/401(k), and continuing education shall be negotiated by the Hiring Committee/Council President and be in line with other St. John's employees. Motion approved with no objections or abstentions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Naylor

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 29, 2019 Revised**

Attendees: C. Krommes, S. Sowards, B. Riley, D. Kunsch, S. Zimmermann, M. Reading, D. Searchfield, K. Gallagher, S. Drewes, R. Kramer, B. Greenwald, P. Naylor  
Absent: L. Caughlan, D. Titus  
Guest: Pastor Ronald Wesemann

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with a prayer offered by Pastor Krommes.

Meeting minutes from the June 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Sonya Sowards requested a correction to the minutes. Minutes should read: Pastor's report amended to state Pastor is working on a booklet of 9<sup>th</sup> graders. **Motion was made by Dick Kunsch, seconded by Donna Searchfield to approve June 10, 2019 meeting minutes as amended. Motion approved with no objections or abstentions.**

**Staff and Committee Reports**

J. Quinn's Report from July 27, 2019

T. Snyder's no report

Pastor's Report from July 29, 2019

Closing of Strategic Plan will take place Reformation Sunday with Elise Brown preaching. Pastor Miller will be preaching Stewardship Sunday. We will need to pay both.

Roll Cleaning (note someone removed from the roll will be returned to the roll if they make a contribution of record or complete a yellow communication card.)

**Motion from Dick Kunsch seconded by Rick Kramer to remove those presented on the list from the rolls. Motion passed with no objections or abstentions.**

Christian Education Report from July 9, 2019

**Motion from Committee: Request 2 flat-screen smart TVs 40 to 50 inches purchased for the yellow and blue room for SCS. Recommend that these be paid for by Memorial Wreath fund. Motion passed.** Electronics committee and property committee will handle.

Worship and Music Report from June 2, 2019

Welcoming Team Report from July 16, 2019

Fellowship – No report. Sandra coordinates coffee hour host volunteers that are not on a committee.

Property – No report. Did not meet.

Stewardship – No report.

Social Ministry – No report.

Finance – Executive Committee will meet regarding reserve funds.

Youth and Family – Hiring team interviewed one candidate for Director of Youth Ministry that will move to final interview. If approved Council will be asked to approve a package.

**A motion was made by Donna Searchfield, seconded by Dick Kunsch to accept the Staff Reports. Motion approved with no objections or abstentions.**

**A motion was made by Donna Searchfield, seconded by Sandy Zimmermann to accept the Committee Reports. Motion approved with no objections or abstentions.**

Pastor Ron Wesemann met with Council to provide a look at how transition will work from retirement of Pastor Krommes to the calling of a new Pastor. At Pastor's retirement we will have an interim pastor which St. John's will interview prior to appointment. A call committee will be formed which will consist of a broad cross-section of members, primarily not serving on Council. Expect process from Pastor's departure to new Pastor in place a year or more. For details on the process, visit <http://ministrylink.org/resources/library/pastoral-transition-guide/>

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Bobbi Riley reported the work on the parking lot was completed. There was additional cost incurred for addition hot tar and lines contracted while work was taking place.

**Motion was made by Dick Kunsch, seconded by Donna Searchfield to approve \$500 additional (previous motion approved \$7580, current request \$8080) for the parking lot work. Motion approved with one abstention.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Naylor

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
St. Michael & All Angels 8:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9am Christian Education 10:15am Holy Communion 11:30am St. John's Crafty Folks 4pm The Oxford Trio Concert (reception following)	11am Alanon Family Group 6:30pm Kiwanis Board 7pm Finance Committee	10am Staff 7pm Parent Grief Support Group 7:30pm Worship & Music	10am Bible Study 3pm Social Ministry 6pm Girl Scouts #4308 6:30pm Concordia Choral Arts rehearsal 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7pm Christian Education 8pm Adult Choir	10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Juniors Troop #4514 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbells	10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	5pm Evening Light
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9am Christian Education 10:15am Holy Communion 11:30am Blessing of the Animals 11:30am St. John's Crafty Folks 2pm PCO Rehearsal 3pm Concordia Choral Arts concert	11am Alanon Family Group 5:45pm Girl Scouts #41768 6pm Brownies 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:30pm Property	5:30pm Daisy/Brownie Troop #42024 7pm Parent Grief Support Group	10am Bible Study 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 8pm Adult Choir	5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbells		5pm Evening Light 6pm Dinner & a Movie
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9am Christian Education - ASP report & backpack stuffing 10:15am Holy Communion 11:30am St. John's Crafty Folks	11am Alanon Family Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts #4330 7pm Church Council	7pm Parent Grief Support Group	10am Bible Study 6pm Girl Scouts #4308 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 8pm Adult Choir	10:30am Moms' Music & Crafts Club 5:30pm Juniors Troop #4514 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbells 8:15pm Naranon Support	Circle deadline St. Peter's lunch 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	5pm Evening Light
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9am Christian Education 9:30am Electronics 10:15am Holy Communion 11:30am St. John's Crafty Folks 2pm PCO Rehearsal	11am Alanon Family Group 5:45pm Girl Scouts #41768 6pm Brownies 7pm Stephen Ministry 7pm Welcoming Team	10:30am WELCA 4:15pm PACS Development/Marketing 5:30pm Daisy/Brownie Troop #42024 5:30pm Stewardship 7pm Parent Grief Support Group	10am Bible Study 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 8pm Adult Choir	5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbells		5pm Evening Light
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Reformation 8:30am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9am Christian Education 10:15am Holy Communion 11:30am St. John's Crafty Folks 4pm Trunk or Treat 5pm The WAY dinner	10:30am Covered Bridge Garden Club 11am Alanon Family Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts #4330 6:30pm Kiwanis Board 7pm Finance Committee	7pm Parent Grief Support Group	10am Bible Study 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 8pm Adult Choir	5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbells	10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	5pm Evening Light

# October 2019 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Allyssa Andrews's birthday Julie Andrews's birthday Kent and Jennifer Brown's anniversary Megan Tribuno's birthday Nicholas Bonavita's birthday	30 Brian and Amy Becker's anniversary	1 Ulrich Rimrott's birthday	2 Isaac Henderson's birthday Jim Taylor's birthday	3	4 Rhett and Margit Grejdus's anniversary William Renner's birthday	5 Patrick and Jill DesMarais's anniversary
6 Karen Warren's birthday Sam Fryer's birthday	7 Gabrielle Perotto's birthday Jennifer Rutherford's birthday	8 Ginny Pearo's birthday Jonathan and Kate Hicks's anniversary	9 Christopher and Mary Scavello's anniversary	10 Beth Kramer's birthday Courtney Wilkinson's birthday Kelly LeMarbe's birthday Larry and Kim Fetters's anniversary Robbie McMahon's birthday Scott and Jess Blain's anniversary	11 Nicole Brown's birthday Peg Groenig's birthday Stephen and Cindy Riley's anniversary Wynne Salvas's birthday	12 Brian Schanzenbach's birthday John Stong and Cynthia Krommes's anniversary Shari Bradley's birthday Stephen and Jennifer Drewes's anniversary William and Barbara Sell's anniversary
13 Allison Kramer's birthday Donald and Shirley Platzer's anniversary Joe Muller's birthday John Freehafer's birthday Nadine Hilvick's birthday Ron and Rebecca Stevens's anniversary	14 Glynys LaBoon's birthday Jim and Claudine Niness's anniversary Lyndsey Williams's birthday	15 Gail Doebing's birthday Simon Khan's birthday Stephen and Ashleigh Melton's anniversary	16 Keith Kenyon's birthday Nicholas Stotler's birthday Zach Pekofsky's birthday	17 Greg Krueger's birthday Mark Buckwalter's birthday Sam Ritchie's birthday	18	19 Sarah Smith's birthday
20 Isaac Leong's birthday	21 Ainsley Lucas's birthday Kal Saeger's birthday Kyle Oszeyczik's birthday	22 George Wilkinson's birthday	23 Nicholas DeWolf's birthday William Sell's birthday	24 A. Lee Dalasio's birthday	25 Melissa Rutherford's birthday Ron Williams and Venus Hadeed's anniversary TJ Babinchak's birthday	26 Mark Gerner's birthday Richard Ash's birthday
27 Iain Riley's birthday Lizzy Strunk's birthday Paul and Mary Miller's anniversary	28 Dale Herbranson's birthday Harper Themens's birthday Mary Wenner's birthday Mike and Maryanne Mara's anniversary	29 Elisabeth Stevens's birthday	30 Gracie Themens's birthday Miranda McMahon's birthday Noah Deichmann's birthday	31 Alexandra Perotto's birthday Edwin Walters's birthday Teri McDonnell's birthday	1 Charles and Donna Soul's anniversary James Miller's birthday Lisa Wimple's birthday Matt Endres's birthday	2 Audree Bonavita's birthday Iain and Bridget Riley's anniversary

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**Weddings**  
Lindsey Eisenhauer and Robert Corcoran  
June 20, 2019

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Helen S. Manney  
July 25, 2019



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