

The Circle

October Worship at St. John's

17th Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, September 30 – Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 1

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Christian Education, 9:25 a.m.

Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals, 12:30 p.m.

The gospel reading for this week includes a short parable for all of us who have sometimes said “no” to God, and then later regretted it. Come to worship, to hear about God’s welcome to us and to receive that welcome at the table of Holy Communion. Following worship in honor of St. Francis we will hold our annual blessing of the animals in the Circle.

18th Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, October 7 – Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 8

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Christian Education, 9:25 a.m.

Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

One definition of a parable is “an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.” This weekend’s gospel is a parable about a vineyard, but we understand that the story is really about the call to accept and honor Christ as our master. Come to worship Christ, the Son of God, the cornerstone who secures our lives.

19th Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, October 14 – Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 15

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Christian Education, 9:25 a.m.

Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

We don’t invite strangers to our wedding banquets, but God does. Come to worship with us this weekend. Join with millions of strangers, all around the world, who come to be filled with God’s mercy. It’s a great day to invite a friend or new neighbor to join you.

**Don’t forget to wear RED on
Reformation weekend!
(October 28-29)**



20th Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, October 21 – Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 22

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Christian Education, 9:25 a.m.

Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

**Luther: The Idea that Changed the World
3:30 p.m. at the Colonial Theater, Phoenixville**

Come to worship this weekend, to hear Matthew’s words about allegiance to country and to God, and join with the community to pray for wisdom to be God’s people in our time and place.

REFORMATION 500 WEEKEND

Saturday, October 28 – Evening Light, 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 29

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Christian Education, 9:25 a.m.

Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.

Trunk or Treat, 2-3:30 p.m.

Soli Deo Gloria: 500 Years of Lutheran Music, 4 p.m.

This weekend—the 500th Anniversary of the REFORMATION, 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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The Pastor's Message:

This October, we will mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther spoke out against things that he believed needed to be reformed in the Church. Sometimes we are not ready as a culture for startling progressive ideas. Since the beginning of time, humans struggle with change. Martin Luther was excommunicated because of the ideas he voiced in the 95 Theses. But he wasn't looking to create a new church – a Protestant church. He simply wanted to fix the church he so loved. There are many events being planned to mark this anniversary. I hope you will consider coming to one or many of them. I am especially looking forward to the Lutheran/Catholic dialogue hosted by Bishop Claire Burkat. As we mark 500 years, do what you can to learn something about Martin Luther.

- ◆ Buy a book about the Reformation at the book sale.
- ◆ Go to the *Always Re-forming* Sunday school class each week at 9:25 a.m.
- ◆ Have fun at one of the Reformation 500 Give 20 nights at Iron Hill Brewery.
- ◆ Attend the Lutheran/Catholic Dialogue on October 21 at Trinity Lutheran, Lansdale @ 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Come see the Luther movie at the Colonial Theatre on October 22 @ 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ Come to Sunday school and church on October 29 for our big celebration.
- ◆ Check out ministrylink.org or elca.org for information about Lutherans and the Reformation

God is always reforming us. Always doing something new. I look forward to all the ways God speaks to us in the next 500 years, and all the ways God transforms our hearts to be in community together. Blessings, Pastor Skyle



AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP CLAIRE BURKAT, SEPA SYNOD: LUTHERANS, CATHOLICS TO MARK REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY

Lutherans and Catholics will mark the **500th Anniversary of the Reformation** with an ecumenical seminar and worship on **Saturday, October 21**, from **9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale.

The event – **1517-2017, From Conflict to Communion—Together in Hope** – features a seminar highlighting the common commemoration between Lutherans and Catholics for this anniversary. **The Rev. Donald McCoid**, bishop emeritus of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, and **Dr. John Borelli** of Georgetown University will lift up the significant theological progress promoting recent movement toward unity in Christ between Lutherans and Catholics.

Bishop Emeritus McCoid served as the Executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) from 2008-2016. He served as the Bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod from 1987 until 2007.

A renowned Catholic theologian, **Dr. Borelli** is Special Assistant for Catholic Identity and Dialogue to President John J. DeGioia of Georgetown University. He is also the Coordinator for Dialogue and Relations for the Jesuit Conference of the United States and Canada.

After lunch we will worship together following the Service of Repentance and Reconciliation held in October 2016 led by Pope Francis and Bishop Munib Younan President of the Lutheran World Federation in Lund Sweden.

The Rev. Dr. Peter Donahue, President of Villanova University and an Augustinian priest (like Martin Luther) will be the preacher. **Bishop Claire Burkat** will be the liturgist, along with lay and clergy participants.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW! Cost for the day is \$15 including lunch.

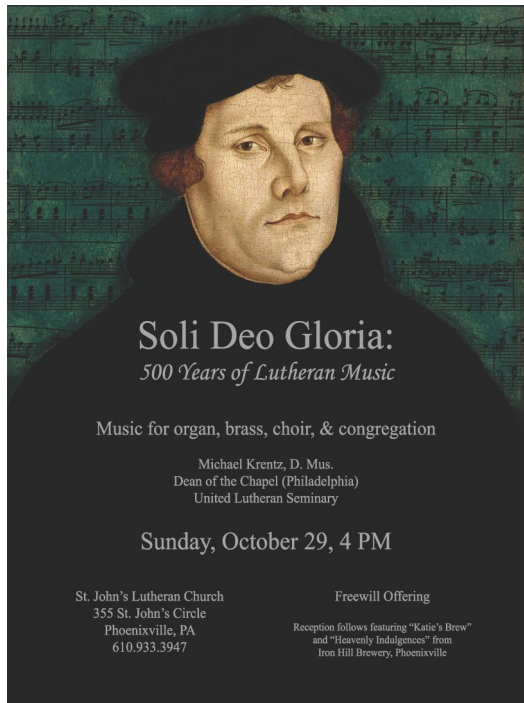
Register at this link: <https://community.ministrylink.org/togetherinhope>



Blessing of the Animals

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

Did you know? Children's Choir now rehearses Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:25 right before Sunday school. Rehearsals are in the Eisenhower Room across from the kitchen. New children are welcomed!



Soli Deo Gloria: 500 Years of Lutheran Music October 29, 4:00 p.m.

As part of our Reformation 500 celebration St. John's hosts Michael Krentz, Dean of the Chapel at United Lutheran Seminary (Philadelphia Campus) who will lead the concert of music for organ, brass, choir and congregation. The program will be in the form of a Lutheran "organ mass," exploring the great hymns of the Lutheran tradition that allowed the congregation to be full participants in the mass. The program will include works by Dietrich Buxtehude, J. S. Bach, and Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, plus contemporary composers, with commentary on the Lutheran tradition of singing and organ music.

Michael Krentz is Dean of the Chapel at United Lutheran Seminary (Philadelphia Campus), and Director of Music/Organist at Christ Lutheran Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He holds the Bachelor, Master, and Doctor of Music Degrees in Organ and Church Music from Northwestern University. Dr. Krentz is currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer of The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians; previously he has served as one of ALCM's regional presidents. He is a past-Dean of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Dr. Krentz lives in Saucon Valley Township with his wife, Linda, where he also enjoys coaching high school tennis.

Following the concert a gala reception featuring fall treats and "Katie's Brew" and "Heavenly Indulgences" from Iron Hill Brewery will be hosted by our Fellowship Committee.

Why I Am a Lutheran Christian

With the 500th anniversary of the Reformation occurring this month, it is a good time to reflect on why we are Lutherans. 140-word (or less) essays on "Why I Am a Lutheran Christian" are welcome and with your permission, some may be published in future issues of *The Circle*. To get you started writing, choose a few of these "starters" or come up with your own: "I believe..., I pray..., I get the most joy..., My favorite part of worship is..., My favorite Scripture is..., People are surprised that..., My favorite church memory is..., or I think..." Send your essay to Sonya Sowards or, alternatively, post your essay on our church's Facebook page.

Reformation 500 Book Sale

St. John's will hold a book sale of Reformation-related books as part of our Reformation 500 Celebration.

A similar book sale was held last spring to great success. The books available include those appealing to different age groups. All books will be sold at 50% off their regular price with no sales tax. They will be on display before and after services on the first three Sundays of October. A bulk order will be placed after October 16. Patrons will be notified when books are delivered.

Reformation 500

BOOKSTORE

Learn about Martin Luther's writings & the impact of the Reformation

Get up to 50% off + free shipping!

Celebrating the Reformation at St. John's

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



October Reformation Month at Iron Hill Brew Pub

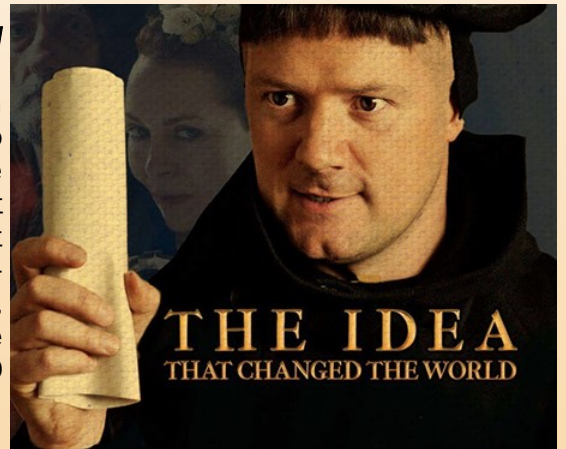
Iron Hill is brewing two special Reformation beers: Katie's Brew (Martin Luther's wife was famous for her beer), and Heavenly Indulgence (the Catholic practice that set the whole thing off to begin with.) These special Reformation brews will be released on October 11th just in time for the first of five Give 20 events at the pub. On these days 20% of Iron Hill's proceeds from the sale of food will be given to the **Code Blue Shelter** located at Ann's Heart in the former Sacred Heart Church. In order for Code Blue to receive the donation, a Give 20 coupon must be presented to your server.

The five Give 20 days are: **OCTOBER 11**, hosted by St. Peter's Episcopal Church; **OCTOBER 16**, hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church; **OCTOBER 23**, hosted by St. Ann Roman Catholic Church; **OCTOBER 25**, hosted by Parkside United Church of Christ; and **OCTOBER 30**, hosted by the Code Blue Shelter.

Coupons are available in our office, on the kiosk in the Narthex, as well as in the bulletin. All five days are listed on the coupon so if you can't make the day St. John's hosts you are welcome to participate on any or all of the other four days; however, the coupon is needed for each day.

Sunday, October 22 Movie—*Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World* at the Phoenixville Colonial Theater at 3:30 p.m.

Martin Luther triggered a seismic upheaval that rocked the western world in the 1500s—with an impact that continues to reverberate to this day. This film tells the great adventure story of his life. At the same time, it examines his quest for truth—questions we all must face—including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?" Following the movie you are invited to join in a discussion in the Colonial's new party room. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and 62+, \$6 for children under 13. Tickets will be available at St. John's beginning September 24th. There are only 170 seats, so get your tickets early.



Sunday, October 29—Reformation Sunday School 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

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



A Picture With Marty

Flat Marty has arrived at St. John's! The idea is to take "Flat Marty" with you on your daily journeys and photograph him at the playground, the library, at dinner, or anywhere you travel!

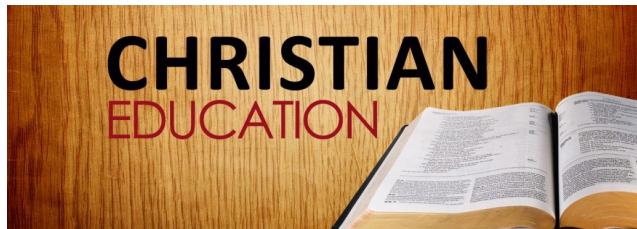
Sunday School children were given a Flat Marty to color, cut out, and affix a large popsicle stick to the back. Adults are also welcome to pick up a Flat Marty from the triangle kiosk in the Narthex. Post pictures on our St. John's Facebook page or email them to Sonya at office@stjohnphoenixville.org. Photos will be posted on a church bulletin board . . . check the hallway boards to see where "Flat Marty" has been!

If you prefer your Martin Luther life-sized, he is waiting at St. John's to take a picture with you! He will either be in the Narthex (lobby) or Kley Hall just waiting for a photo-op. Again, please share your Luther adventures on the St. John's Family and Friends Facebook page or send them to Sonya.

Reformation Day Special Sunday School Hour

Christians all over the world are recognizing the 500th anniversary of the posting of the 95 theses by Martin Luther. This act began the Reformation, which changed the Church, politics, theology, and society. As Lutherans, we are always Re-Forming. On Reformation weekend, please wear red, the color of celebration, and plan to attend worship as well as a special Sunday school hour. While we are not revealing all the surprises for that time, we will have things of interest for all ages:

- ◆ Show & Tell table—you are invited to bring in any Luther or German memorabilia, such as photos, travel books, souvenirs, etc. to share with others.
- ◆ Photos with Martin Luther—individuals, families, classes, and other groups are invited to pose with this impressive life-size figure.
- ◆ Rick Steves' Martin Luther DVD, "Luther and the Reformation"—part information, part travelogue, to be shown in the Fireside Room.



Learning Opportunities for Adults in October

Year Round Classes

A NEW GROUP for INFANTS, TODDLERS AND PARENTS

This group welcomes children ages two and under with their parents for a time of laughter, learning and love. The group meets in the Noah Room downstairs and to the left.

Happy Hour

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

Sunday Morning Book Club

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

Faith Life

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

Sunday September 17 through January 21

Always Re-forming

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

Sunday, October 29th, 2:00-3:30 p.m.—St. John's 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat

Trick or treaters are invited to come in costume to safely trick or treat on our campus inside the Circle. (Adults are also welcome to come in costume.) This is a great opportunity to invite your neighbors, co-workers and other friends to St. John's—please let them know! We will need a variety of volunteers. If you are interested in decorating your car trunk or truck bed or helping with the Trunk or Treat, please contact Pastor Skyle at pastorskrea@gmail.com or text to (484) 716-5032. Plan to stay for the Reformation Concert, which begins at 4 p.m.!



Welcome to Seminarian Debbie Gordon

On Sunday, September 17th, we welcomed a new seminarian to St. John's – Debbie Gordon. She is a first-year student at the United Lutheran Seminary on the campus in Mount Airy and will be doing her "field work" with us. Field work connects classroom learning with congregational ministry and will include worship leadership and Christian education, as well as participation in the life of St. John's.

Now, a little bit about Debbie...

She has been a Lutheran all her life, initially Missouri Synod, and a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Dowingtown for twenty years where she has been involved in WELCA, Stephen Ministry, preaching and education. For a number of years she presented the children's sermon at Messiah and last December had a collection of those sermons published. It's called *Feed My Lambs*. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina where she majored in Finance and Management. Debbie and her husband Andy are the parents of four children, two in college (Purdue and Ursinus) and two in high school. When you welcome her, please share your name and something about you so she can begin to get to know God's people at St. John's.

A Fall Adventure: Morris Arboretum

After a year of good work in the beautiful gardens of St. John's our Garden Party is going on a fall adventure to the Morris Arboretum. You are invited to join them on Tuesday, October 17 (rain date is October 24). Transportation will be by car pool, leaving St. John's at 9:30 a.m. and returning at about 3:30 p.m. Cost for Admission: **Children under 3: Free, Youth (3-17 years): \$9.00, Students, Active and Retired Military (must have ID): \$9.00; Adult: \$17.00; Seniors (65+ years): \$15.00.** Parents with young children are especially invited to come along. (There is a garden tree house and a railroad that kids just love!) Lunch can be purchased at the garden or you are welcome to pack a bag lunch. You can sign up via the Yellow Communication Card in the bulletin or by emailing office@stjohnphoenixville.org.



One of the most beautiful of the 30 gardens within 30 miles of Philadelphia, Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania is set on 166 acres at the outer edge of Philadelphia's Chestnut Hill neighborhood. It was founded in 1887 as the private estate of siblings John and Lydia T. Morris. The arboretum was established in 1932 as a university-administered arboretum and public garden for research, education and horticultural display. It became the official Arboretum of the Commonwealth in 1988. The Morris Arboretum treats visitors to an ever-changing display of rare and beautiful plants and trees all year long and is stunning in the fall. It is a place of big trees, a place of beauty, a historic landscape, a scientific institution, a teaching garden, a place of art and architecture, and a place of peace and healing.

It's time for PACS Empty Bowls Again!



**Phoenixville Area
Community Services**

Please join us for a simple meal of soup and bread and help us fight hunger in our community on

**Friday, November 3rd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
at Technical College High School (Pickering Campus)
1580 Charlestown Road, Phoenixville**

Tickets are \$25. All proceeds benefit the mission of Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS). Contact Sue Starling for tickets at (610) 454-0963 or rofostaring@gmail.com.

Electronic Giving Options Available



If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, St. John's is now providing you with options that will no longer require you to write out 52 checks a year and prepare 52 envelopes. And when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, electronic giving will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. So, how can you provide continued financial support to St. John's ministries when you are away?

The new options are in addition to the Simply Giving program which many of you may already be using. These new options will allow you to set up a recurring gift using your personal credit card or bank account. You also have the option to provide a one-time gift to the ongoing ministries, flowers, bulletins, memorial gifts, and disaster relief.

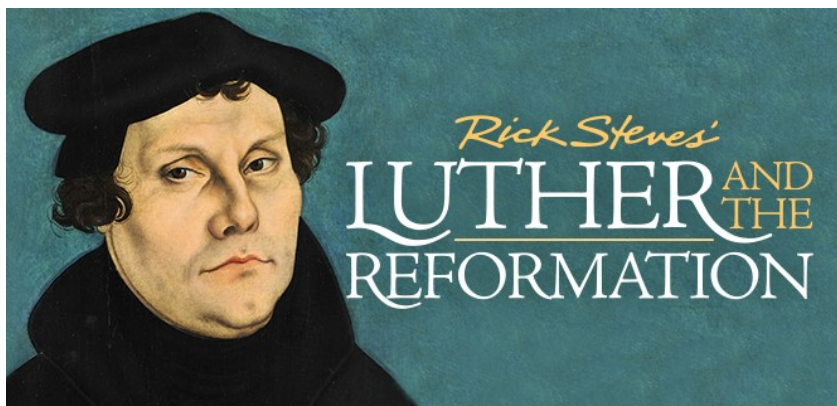
You may have noted this QR code published in the weekly bulletin. Using your smartphone to scan the code, it will take you directly to the web page for your convenience. If you wish, it will allow you to create an account for recurring or ongoing gifts that you can then access from your phone or from your home computer. Can you access this while at St John's? Yes! Just look for the StJohns Guest WIFI on your smartphone.



You can download the app to your smart phone for routine access. Search for "Give+" in the app store. Once installed, search for "St John's Lutheran Church." There are many to choose from, so make sure you find St John's in Phoenixville. This application looks and works the same as the web page that can be accessed from our normal internet web page at stjohnluthphoenixville.org. Then click on the "Donate Now" link on the top right side of the page.

One lesser-known benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills electronically always ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment. The trend toward electronic payments has already produced more than a 50% decline in check use since the year 2000. As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship.

Luther and the Reformation



Rick Steves, an active Lutheran church member, guidebook author, and host of a PBS travel series, has created a one-hour DVD entitled "Luther and the Reformation." Filmed on location in Germany and Rome, this show commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It will be shown throughout the rest of the year in small groups (adult Sunday School, Young at Heart, etc.) as well as on Sunday, October 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room as part of the special Reformation Day activities.

Counters Needed

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

People of God Involved in God's Work

October Schedule

Early Service

Late Service

Altar Guild

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| 1 | Leilani Ash & Janet Ertell |
| 8 | Donna Anderson & Jean Herbranson |
| 15 | Jean Herbranson & Donna Thompson |
| 22 | Betty Hans & Elena Wallace |
| 29 | Jean Herbranson |

Assisting Ministers

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| 1 | Lynn Titus | Nancy Cressman |
| 8 | Jay Stearly | Deb Ahola |
| 15 | Margaret Walker | Cole O'Neill |
| 22 | Lynn Titus | Sam Ahola |
| 29 | Brittney Walters | Jake New |

Baking Bread

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| 1 | TBD |
| 8 | TBD |
| 15 | TBD |
| 22 | TBD |
| 29 | Rich Latella |

Coffee Hour

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| 1 | Property & Electronics |
| 8 | Christian Education |
| 15 | Stephen Ministry |
| 22 | Book Club |
| 29 | Church Council |

Communion Assistants/Lectors

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| 1 | Don Titus (L) | Shelley Saeger (L) |
| | Brittney Walters | Margaret Walker |
| 8 | Teresa Olsen (L) | Kim Fetters |
| | LuAnne Bindschusz | Larry Fetters |
| 15 | Aimee Hillegas (L) | Deb Ahola (L) |
| | TBD | Amber Khan |
| 22 | Walt Deichmann (L) | Dale Herbranson (L) |
| | Jay Stearly | Will Blackledge |
| 29 | Erica Lucas (L) | Bill Starling (L) |
| | Debbe Welsh | Margaret Walker |

Counters

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| 1 | Jeanne & Jeff Schanzenbach, Stephen Drewes, Ellie Kurtz |
| 8 | Heather Yonosh, Shirley Platzer, Peg Yanoviak, Donna Searchfield |
| 15 | Mary Heiser, Ed Naylor, Shirley Platzer, Jack Ertell |
| 22 | Jack Ertell, Lilly & Elisa Khan, Donna Anderson |
| 29 | Kevin Gallagher, Mary Heiser, Shirley Platzer, Jack Ertell |

Lock-up

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| 1 | Shelley Saeger | Laura Caughlan |
| 8 | Sandra Zimmermann | Bill Starling |
| 15 | Shelley Saeger | Bill Starling |
| 22 | Sandra Zimmermann | Dale Herbranson |
| 29 | Brian Becker | Brian Becker |

Ushers

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| 1 | Madison Gadzicki | Barb Rambo |
| | Cindy Gadzicki | Brian Becker |
| | Dick Kunsch | Donna Anderson |
| | Bob Gorman | Laurie Griggs-Williams |
| 8 | Erica Lucas | James Ninness |
| | Chuck Liedike | Carter Ninness |
| | Debbe Welsh | Dale Herbranson |
| | John Rawlins | Margaret Walker |
| 15 | Dick Wolstenholme | Tyler Pekofsky |
| | Judy Wolstenholme | John Westerman |
| | Barry Church | Gabriel VanDerveer |
| | Cathy Garrett | Donna Anderson |

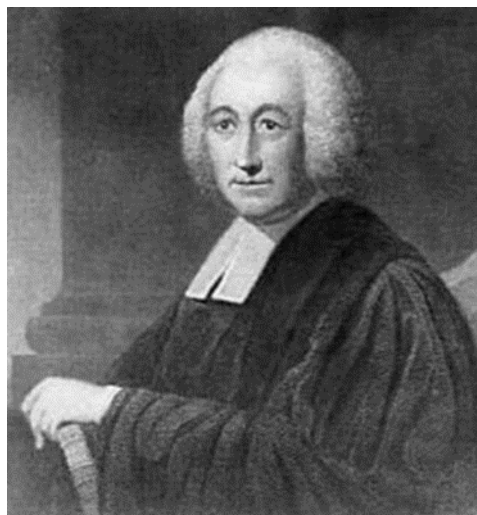
October Schedule (cont.)

Early Service

Late Service

Ushers

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| 22 | Don Titus | Glen Murphy |
| | Greg Krueger | Beth Williams |
| | Carol Cully | Ron Williams |
| | LuAnne Bindschusz | Sandra Stotler |
| 29 | Rich Skoniczin | Paul Miller |
| | Rich Latella | Cathy Garrett |
| | Sean Clark | Simon Khan |
| | Seth Clark | Donna Anderson |



Young at Heart October Gathering

As part of our celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Young at Heart will receive a visit from the "Father of American Lutheranism" – PASTOR HENRY MELCHOIR MUHLENBERG! He'll be "brought to life" by Pastor Tom Kochenderfer on Wednesday, October 18. Pastor Kochenderfer has frequently played the role of Muhlenberg in the Trappe/Collegeville community, but this will be the first time he brings him to life at St. John's. Don't miss it! Lunch begins at noon and will feature German fare with the program beginning at approximately 1 p.m. RSVPs are helpful and can be made through the Yellow Communication Card or by contacting Sonya at (610) 933-3947 or office@stjohnphoenixville.org.

Parents and Grandparents: we need you!

Our Youth and Family and Christian Ed teams need a few more voices around the table. We meet once a month for planning purposes. Please see Shelley Saeger, Mark Gerner or Pastor Skyle if you would be willing to serve on one of these teams.

Thank you for your donations of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief kits. Our children's Sunday School will help put the backpacks together this month as part of their global learning of the body of Christ.

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8am Holy Communion 9am Children's Choir Rehearsal 9:25am Christian Education Classes 10:45am Holy Communion 12pm Knitting Group 12:30pm Blessing of the Animals	2 3:45pm Daisy Troop #4041 7:30pm Property 7:30pm Stephen Ministry	3 12:30pm PACA 3:30pm Staff 7:30pm Worship & Music	4 10am Bible Study 3pm Social Ministry 5pm Girl Scouts #4308 7pm Bible Study 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous 8pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5 10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Daisy Troop #4514 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal	6 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	7 5pm Evening Light
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October 2017—birthday and anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ulrich Rimrott's birthday Duane and Valerie Landis's anniversary Scott Lonsdale's birthday	2 Jim Taylor's birthday Isaac Henderson's birthday Julie Gardner's birthday	3 Pat Tindell's birthday Nicholas Castellano's birthday	4 William Renner's birthday Garrett and Margit Grejodus's anniversary	5 Katie Borelly's birthday Patrick and Jill DesMarais's anniversary	6 Sam Fryer's birthday Matt and Sarah Bethune's anniversary Bridget Riley's birthday Karen Warren's birthday	7 Gabrielle Ferrotto'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 Scott and Jess Blain's anniversary Robbie McMahon's birthday Beth Kramer's birthday Kelly LeMarbe's birthday Courtney Wilkinson's birthday Lamy and Kim Fetters's anniversary	11 Stephen Riley, C and Cindy Riley's anniversary Wynne Salvas's birthday Nicole Brown's birthday	12 Stephen and Jennifer Drewes's anniversary William and Barbara Sell's anniversary John Stong and Cynthia Krommes's anniversary Brian Schanzenbach's birthday	13 Donald and Shirley Platzer's anniversary Joey Gombanick's birthday Allison Kramer's birthday John Freehafer's birthday Joe Muller's birthday Nadine Hilviok's birthday Ron and Rebecca Stevens's anniversary	14 Stephen Borowy's birthday Patti Bell's birthday Lyndsey Williams's birthday Glynys LaBoon's birthday James and Claudine Niness's anniversary Matthew Myers's birthday
15 Gail Doebling's birthday Simon Khan's birthday Stephen and Ashleigh Melton's anniversary	16 Bill Livelsberger's birthday 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 Matthew Cratty's birthday Isaac Leong's birthday	21 Ainsley Lucas's birthday Kyle Oszeyczik's birthday Karisa Saeger's birthday Camrin Lewis's birthday Paul Carey's birthday Frank Petiet's birthday
22 Jarrett Hunt's birthday George Wilkinson's birthday Justin Rawlins's birthday John Rawlins's birthday Edward Lavin's birthday	23 William Sell's birthday	24 A. Lee Dalasio's birthday David and Mary Jane Frees's anniversary	25 Melissa Rutherford's birthday TJ Babinchak's birthday Ron Williams and Venus Hadeed's anniversary	26 Mark Gerner's birthday Richard Ash's birthday	27 Iain Riley's birthday David and Lisa Gardner's anniversary Cecilia Greninger's birthday Paul and Mary Miller's anniversary Lizzy Strunk's birthday	28 Harper Themens's birthday Dale Herbranson's birthday Mary Wenner's birthday Brendan Stefanowski'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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