

The Circle



Summer Worship at St. John's

Sixth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, June 30th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 1st—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. Jesus breaks down barriers calling us to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Seventh Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 7th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 8th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

In the Gospel for this weekend when Jesus sends the disciples out they do not go alone, they go two by two. This life can be hard. It is harder still to go it alone. We need support. We need one another. This is not a sign of weakness. It's simply reality. Humans were made for connections and relationships. The more challenging the work, the more important it is to have a friend and a community of believers with you. See you in community on Saturday or Sunday!

Eighth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 14th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 15th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.



Ninth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 21st—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 22nd—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Mark's gospel makes clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

Tenth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 28th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 29th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

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Eleventh Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday, August 4th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 5th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

This weekend the gospel reading likens Christ to the manna that God miraculously sent to the nomadic Israelites. Come to worship to eat this bread; welcome Christ into your heart. Jesus promises that filled with him, we will never again hunger.

Twelfth Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday, August 11th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 12th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

Thirteenth Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday, August 18th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 19th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Jesus invites us to a meal. It is an extraordinary invitation to do an ordinary thing: form bonds of love and community through shared food and drink. Like Wisdom inviting us to the feast of insight (Prov. 9:1-6), Jesus' invitation to share in the meal of his body and blood teaches us about the breadth and depth of God's love and about God's desire for us to abide in that love (John 6:56).

Fourteenth Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday, August 25th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 26th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

In this weekend's Gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life.

NOTE: Summer Sunday worship times will now begin on Memorial Day Weekend and extend through Labor Day Weekend.

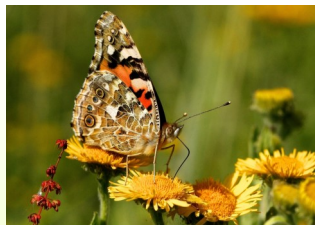
Fifteenth Weekend after Pentecost
Saturday, September 1st—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 2nd—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart.



future health. While our great instrument will be silent for a time, we will get to raise our voices in song and enjoy music from the grand piano.

John Quinn



A Summer Poem

Gentle rain gentle green of
spring
turns to summer's hues
summer yields a golden sun
warmth to all impart
brilliant hues fill the earth

in joyous song whispering
butterflies hover near
beauty was not given that
cares not it was given that
life shall live in humble
awe of our creator God.

Margaret Walker

The Pastor's message:

Of Wagon Wheels and Vacation Bible School

So much learning and growing takes place during Vacation Bible School and Adventure Adventures—for the children, but also for our youth leaders and adult volunteers. The staff gathers at 8:30 a.m. for donuts and discussion. In a quick 15-minute meeting they get organized and address any concerns.

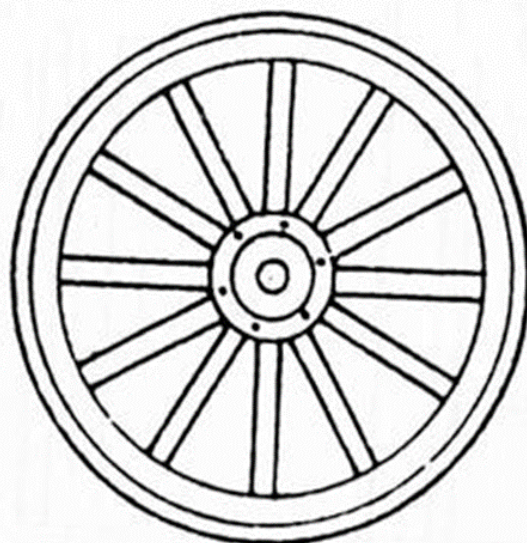
This year on Monday the teams were put in place and a lesson in leadership from our Missionary Dr. Mark Jacobson was shared. In a recent video produced by the ELCA, Mark shared that the best leadership advice he has ever been given was “from Christ who said that we are to love God and love our neighbor. Love builds up the people one is working with. It gives excitement and enjoyment into the transcending of work into mission and being a worker into being a disciple.” Then, blessed with a prayer, the disciples were sent into the church to begin VBS. On subsequent days, we talked about the previous day: what went well, what didn't go so well and how to make it better. Then we formed a circle and prayed for God to be with us. Indeed, the work became mission, the workers, disciples and the children, blessings from God.

On Friday, after some announcements, we didn't have any concerns to address. The whole week had gone remarkably well. (*I did not have to ask a single teenager to put away their cell phone and to concentrate on the children the entire week!*) That gave us time to learn about a sixth-century monk named Dorotheos of Gaza who taught that “the goal of the Christian life is to live within the love of God.” He said “creation is like the spokes of a wheel, with God as the center. The closer we come to the center of that wheel and to God, the closer we come to each other. And alternatively, the closer we draw to each other, the closer we come to God, for we are all children of God and we have been created in God's image and likeness.”¹ A drawing of a wagon wheel was on the whiteboard and everyone was invited to pick up a green marker and draw a dot as to where they thought they belonged on the wagon wheel. Later in the morning when I looked at the wheel a sea of green dots were clustered about half way down the spokes.

Where would you put your green dot? We always live within the love of God, but realizing it changes everything!

Pastor Cynthia Krommes

¹Michael B. Curry, *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*, New York: Morehouse Publishing, 2013, 42.



St. John's Strategic Planning Process Phase Two

On Sunday, September 9th we will have ONE Sunday worship service beginning at 9 a.m., which will “kick-off” a new year of Sunday School with the blessings of our students and teachers. The service will specifically be planned to be child-friendly.

Following worship, at 10 a.m., we will hear the Listening Report from the first phrase of our Strategic Planning Process. The Rev. Dr. Elise Brown will guide us through the report and share a series of recommendations for us to consider.

Older children and youth are encouraged to attend the meeting while child care will be provided for younger children.

During the fall, we will have five Cottage Meetings—small group gatherings of 10-12 people—in homes and at the church to discuss the recommendations. During these meetings, we will discuss what we believe to be the most pressing needs of the congregation and what we, as a congregation, wish to be addressed as part of our strategic plan for the future. We are anticipating this phase of the process to be completed by Thanksgiving with the hopes of presenting the plan in early December.

Thank you to everyone who met with Dr. Elise Brown during her two recent visits to St. John's and for everyone who filled out a survey a year or so ago. Your input is important and deeply appreciated. As we continue in the process please hold St. John's in your prayers that we may continue to joyously live, grow and share in God's love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our 2018 Confirmands Verses, Gifts and Promises

On Sunday, May 20th, 10 of our ninth graders were confirmed. As they affirmed their baptisms they were asked if they intended to continue in the covenant God made with them in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear God's Word and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Anna Gerner

Confirmation Verse: Jesus says, "I leave you peace; my peace I give you. I do not give it to you as the world does. So don't let your hearts be troubled or afraid." John 14: 27

Spiritual Gifts: Mercy and Encouragement, Hospitality, Giving

Ministry Interests: doing crafts and handwork, being a bulletin board designer and help with VBS set production, serving on the Vacation Bible School staff, helping with Youth and Family ministry specifically Trunk or Treat, Cake Wars, the Easter Egg Hunt/Pancake Breakfast and Box City, being an adopt-a-highway volunteer and serving on the Gun Violence Prevention Team.

Rosa Gerner

Confirmation Verse: "An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge." Proverbs 18:15

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Wisdom, Giving

Ministry Interests: being a Youth Member of Council, serving on a team/committee, specifically Christian Education and/or Worship and Music, going on mission trips such as ASP, being on the Electronics Committee, volunteering in local agency specifically as a tutor, being on the Gun Violence Prevention team, playing the violin.

Jack Kramer

Confirmation Verse: Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 13: 34

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Hospitality, Wisdom

Ministry Interests: Serving as a guide for Vacation Bible School and on the staff of Afternoon Adventures, participating in Youth and Family Ministry, specifically Trunk or Treat, Cake Wars and the Easter Egg hunt/Pancake Breakfast, being a Movie Night tech, serving on Coffee Hour and being on the Gun Violence Prevention Team.

Katie Kramer

Confirmation Verse: "Hate stirs up trouble, but loves forgives all offenses." Proverbs 10:12

Spiritual Gifts: Mercy and Encouragement, Hospitality, Giving and Wisdom

Ministry Interest: Doing crafts and handwork, being a bulletin board designer, help with VBS set production, serving on the Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Adventures staff, participating in Youth and Family Ministry especially Trunk or Treat, Cake Wars, the Easter Egg Hunt/Pancake Breakfast and Box City, being a Movie Night Tech and baking bread for Communion.

Savanna Muller

Confirmation Verse: My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has not one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:12-13

Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Hospitality, Wisdom, Mercy and Encouragement

Ministry Interests: being an usher and communion assistant, helping with child care, helping decorate the church for holidays, serving in Vacation Bible School, working on the Afternoon Adventures staff, going on mission trips and retreats, Inviting friends to worship, being a Youth New Member Sponsor, telling others about God and St. John's, sharing talents joyfully and being a voting member at Synod Assembly.



Dylan New

Confirmation Verse: “Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:28-31

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Mercy and Encouragement, Hospitality, Discernment/Prophecy

Ministry Interests: Serving on the Sunday School staff as an assistant or substitute, heling in the Creation Room, serving on the Vacation Bible School staff, helping with Youth and Family Ministry especially the Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast, being a Youth Group Member, a Youth Leader and participating in retreats.

Madison O’Neill

Confirmation Verse: “Above all else, guard you heart, for everything you do flows from it.” Proverbs 4:23

Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Mercy and Encouragement, Faith, Discernment

Ministry Interests: being a Communion Assistant and Procession Volunteer, serving in Vacation Bible School, working on Afternoon Adventures staff, going on mission trips and retreats, inviting friends to worship/youth group, being a Youth New Member Sponsor, telling others about God and St. John’s and sharing talents joyfully.

Alexandra Perrotto

Confirmation Verse: “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Spiritual Gifts: Wisdom, Leadership, Mercy and Encouragement

Ministry Interests: doing crafts and handwork, participating in Youth and Family Ministry going on mission trips such as Appalachian Service Project, going on Feast Incarnate and Mission Days

Nathan Romano

Confirmation Verse: “Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for GOD ’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he’s the one who will keep you on track.” Proverbs 3: 5 from *The Message*

Spiritual Gifts: Giving, Hospitality, Mercy and Encouragement

Ministry Interests: being on the Vacation Bible School staff, working with Youth and Family on the Easter Egg Hunt, being a Social Media Connector, helping with Coffee Hour, giving offering, learning, serving and worship, being a drummer for worship or on other occasions.

Max Strunk

Confirmation Verse: “Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.” Proverbs 10:12

Spiritual Gifts: Hospitality, Wisdom, Giving, Mercy and Encouragement

Ministry Interests: Serving on the Vacation Bible School Staff, going on Mission trips such as ASP, participating in Youth and Family Ministry specifically the Cake Wars, helping with mission days



Worship & Music News

At the June Worship & Music meeting, the Committee proposed that the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends be included in the summer worship schedule, *i.e.* one Sunday service at 9:00 a.m. The Church Council approved that motion and the schedule will be in effect beginning September 2nd. The Council also approved a 9:00 a.m. worship service on September 9th to allow for an all-congregation Listening Report from Rev. Elise Brown, who collected feedback from recent individual and group meetings. Regular Sunday services at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. resume on September 16th. Saturday Evening Light at 5:00 p.m. takes place each week throughout the year.



*Day of Fun
honoring Bishop
Claire Burkat all
are invited*

*Join us for an all you
can eat free bbq. Ac-
tivities for children
and young at heart!*

July 7th - 11am

ULS, 7301 Germantown Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19119

RSVP to : 267-323-3737



50th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration of Pastor Thomas Kochenderfer

On Sunday, September 23rd at our 10:45 a.m. worship, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Thomas Kochenderfer. A reception and luncheon in Kley Hall will follow the worship.

After graduating from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1968, Pastor Kochenderfer was called to Mediator Lutheran Church in North Philadelphia where he served for 5 ½ years. His second call was to Tabernacle Lutheran Church in West Philadelphia where he served 11½ years. His third and last call was to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Audubon where he stayed for 23 years. Upon his retirement he joined the staff at St. John's as our Visitation Pastor. He also serves as the Visitation Pastor of Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe. In the past few years he's enjoyed doing re-enactments of stories from the life of Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg (he lives in Muhlenberg's son's house across the street from Augustus).

Pastor Kochenderfer loves singing in the choir at St. John's, serving as a supply preacher and working with our Young at Heart Group. His faith and joy are contagious!

So save September 23rd to join in the celebration. If you would like to help in any way, please let Sonya Sowards know at (610) 933-3947 or office@stjohnphoenixville.org.

On the weekend of June 16th and 17th in the Gospel from Mark 4:26-32, Jesus asked the question: "With what can we compare the kingdom of God?" His answer was two parables, one about seed being scattered on the ground and the other about the mustard seed. The question was also asked to the congregation. Here's the parables that were shared:

The Kingdom of God is like a beautiful song...still unfinished, yet complete!

The Kingdom of God is like being in your happy place and feeling and sharing all God's love and grace.

The Kingdom of God is like our kitten Archie who delights in life itself and in balls of yarn.

The Kingdom of God is like a ray of sunshine sending its healing warmth to those on earth.

The Kingdom of God is like tomorrows. You never know what will happen, but you trust and look forward no matter what!

The Kingdom of God is like a cold, crisp waterfall that constantly refreshes you.

The Kingdom of God is like glorious music filling the air.

The Kingdom of God is like the gurgle and coo of a newborn baby.

The Kingdom of God is like a sunny warm day in a field of grass where all the animals and children I have loved are playing together.

The Kingdom of God is like infinity, it encompasses all and goes on in every direction.

The Kingdom of God is like my dog who always has me in his sight, even when I depart from his view - he is there waiting for me to return.

With what will you compare the kingdom of God?



WELCA finished a very full meeting year on Tuesday, May 22nd, when we gathered to assist Bobbie Riley and Barbara Rambo prepare for Vacation Bible School. It's always fun, and a bit chaotic, when we take on the project of assembling craft kits for VBS. But, as the saying goes, "Many hands make light work!"



On June 2, 2018, three of our WELCA members attended the 2018 Biennial Convention of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Women of the ELCA. The convention theme was "Marys and Marthas: Celebrating the diversity of Spiritual Gifts," hosted by Messiah Lutheran Church in Downingtown. Following registration Linda Landis, Sandra Zimmerman, and Suzanne Manney enjoyed a full and informative day.

Attendees were welcomed by outgoing Board President, Joy Grace, after which there was a short worship service before beginning the business sessions. Messiah WELCA provided lunch during which representatives from Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and inFaith Community Foundation presented the keynote address.

After lunch, business resumed with adoption of the 2018-19/2019-2020 budgets and election of officers and board members. Our own Sandra Zimmerman was elected to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Women of the ELCA (SWO) board.

In addition to the business meeting, there were three workshops offered during both the morning and afternoon sessions, allowing attendees to participate in at least two.

Thank you to all St. John members who contributed to our collection of "in-kind" gifts in May. These items were taken to the convention where they were used to assemble personal care kits for LWR. During the day, the kits were assembled and packed for transport.

Ladies, please make a note on your calendar that we will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 25, at 10:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you then!



Attention Married Couples

We would never expect a car to run smoothly forever without a tune-up, so why do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? Treat yourselves to a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! The fall northeast U.S. Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are:

* September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, Pennsylvania. A great hotel-style facility located in 800 acres of woodlands in the heart of the Pocono Mountains an hour north of Allentown.

* October 19-21, 2018 at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat next to Olmsted Mansion in

Allegheny National Forest two hours north of Pittsburgh.

* November 9-11, 2018 at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts. A lovely hotel beautifully situated on the edge of a 100-acre nature preserve in the heart of the Berkshires an hour northwest of Springfield, Massachusetts.

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

Summer Choir



Our multi-generational choir will sing once this summer on July 15th. 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 8th and Sunday, July 15th at 8:30 a.m. SHARP to learn the music. Looking forward to lots of voices joined in song! It would be helpful to have an email letting me know you'll be there. ftsiii@gmail.com.

Tom Snyder

Youth Summer Mission Trip

We are excited to partner with St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon for our very first Appalachia Service Project trip. We will be traveling to Kentucky by vans to help repair homes and buildings. Our trip is now full, and we are grateful for those who will represent St. John's: adult leaders: Jodi O'Neill, Justin O'Neill, Mark Gerner, Rick Kramer, Shelley Saeger, and Jeff Vanderveer and youth: Evan Aho, Morgan Beatty, Anna Gerner, Rosa Gerner, Jack Kramer, Jessica Kramer, Katie Kramer, Madison Muller, Savanna Muller, Cole O'Neill, Mo O'Neill, Dylan New, Karisa Saeger, Max Strunk, and Gabrielle Vanderveer .

Please pray for our youth and adult leaders as they go forth in mission. You are also welcome to make a donation to help defer costs of the trip. Our youth are a blessing and a fabulous investment!



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!

As in the past several years we would like to include your favorite hymns in our planning for worship during June, July, and August services. Please note your selections on the Yellow Communication Card or email them to Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org. If the hymn is in the ELW we only need the number, if it is not there, please list the title.



Summer Music

Vocal soloists and instrumentalists 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.

People of God Involved in God's Work

July Schedule

Acolytes

- 1 Braeden Hawkins
- 8 Kevin Yonosh
- 15 TBD
- 22 Luke Olsen
- 29 Braeden Hawkins

Altar Guild

- 1 Janet Ertell
- 8 Barbara Eng & Jean Herbranson
- 15 Sandra Zimmermann
- 22 Betty Hans & Elena Wallace
- 29 Jean Herbranson

Assisting Ministers

- 1 Jay Stearly
- 8 Donna Thompson
- 15 Dale Herbranson
- 22 Lynn Titus
- 29 Evan Aho

Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 1 Jay Stearly (L)
Pat Lucas
- 8 Deb Ahola (L)
Pam Freehafer
- 15 Erica Lucas (L)
Heather Yonosh
- 22 Teresa Olsen (L)
Aimee Hillegas
- 29 Shelley Saeger (L)
Brittney Walters

Counters

- 1 Jeanne & Jeff Schanzenbach, Stephen Drewes, Dick Kunsch
- 8 Heather Yonosh, Eileen Subacus, Peg Yanoviak, Donna Searchfield
- 15 Mary Heiser, Ed Naylor, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 22 Kevin Gallagher, Lilly & Elisa Kahn, Donna Anderson
- 29 Jack Ertell, Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl

Lock-up

- 1 Brian Becker
- 8 Laura Caughlan
- 15 Sandra Zimmermann
- 22 Dick Wolstenholme
- 29 Dick Kunsch

Ushers

- 1 Carol Cully, Erica Lucas, Chuck Liedike, Nancy Cressman
- 8 Donna Anderson, Sandi Stotler, Barb Rambo, Deb Welsh
- 15 Cindy & Madison Gadzicki, Jim & Carter Ninness
- 22 Barry Church, John Rawlins, Bob Gorman, Luanne Bindschusz
- 29 Greg Krueger, Brian Becker, Donna Anderson, Dale Herbranson

Summary Report as of May 31, 2018

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 35,347	\$ 26,437	\$ 176,733	\$ 158,520
Other Income	1,658	1,128	8,292	9,478
Total Income	\$ 37,005	\$ 27,565	\$ 185,025	\$ 167,998
Expenses	\$ 38,786	\$ 36,918	\$ 193,929	\$ 194,032
Income (Deficit)	\$ (1,781)	\$ (9,353)	\$ (8,904)	\$ (26,034)

August Schedule

Acolytes

- 5 Evan DesMaris
- 12 Trevor O'Neill
- 19 Wyatt Barker
- 26 Lizzy Strunk

Altar Guild

- 5 Janet Ertell
- 12 Donna Anderson & Jean Herbranson
- 19 Jean Herbranson & TBD
- 26 Betty Hans & Elena Wallace

Assisting Ministers

- 5 Jake New
- 12 Sandra Zimmermann
- 19 Brittney Walters
- 26 Cole O'Neill

Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 5 Erica Lucas (L)
Chuck Liedike
- 12 Greg Krueger (L)
Mark Gerner
- 19 Brian Greenwald (L)
Pat Lucas
- 26 Brian Becker (L)
Walt Deichmann

Counters

- 5 Jeanne & Jeff Schanzenbach, Stephen Drewes, Dick Kunsch
- 12 Heather Yonosh, Eileen Subacus, Peg Yanoviak, Donna Searchfield
- 19 Mary Heiser, Ed Naylor, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 26

Lock-up

- 5 Brian Greenwald
- 12 Bobbi Riley
- 19 Sandra Zimmermann
- 26 Rick Kramer

Ushers

- 5 Donna Anderson, Travis Brown, Deb Ahola, Carol Cully
- 12 Cathy Garrett, Glenn Murphy, John Westerman, Don Titus
- 19 Erica Lucas, Paul Miller, Beth Williams, Deb Welsh
- 26 Donna Anderson, Bev Rote, Barb Rambo, Dale Herbranson

Help at St. Peter's!

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



Dear members of St. John's staff and congregation:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all of your help during this difficult time in my life. Your prayers, kind words, meals and cards have meant more to me than you will ever know! We are still searching for a diagnosis and subsequent treatment. I am praying that it will come sooner rather than later so that I am able to once again share the gift of music at Evening Light. I greatly miss playing the piano! Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and concern—I so appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Sondra Andrews

Dear St. John's:

The church has been part of my life since I was born. I was baptized here, have been involved in multiple journeys with Vacation Bible School, gone on confirmation trips and mission trips, and made a second family here. The congregation has helped my family and I through some hard times, happy times, and everything in between. You have given me so much, from guiding me with my faith to teaching me life skills, and now you are giving me something that I could've never imagined receiving: a scholarship to further my education. This prestigious award will be very helpful as I start my freshman year at Temple University this fall, where I will be studying Architecture. I cannot express how thankful I am to the family I have at the church and how grateful I am to be receiving this generous award as I start the next step in my life. I look forward to coming back and sharing with all of you how I am doing, and I promise, this award will not go to waste

With love,
Madelynn Doepping

Dear Friends:

We are always touched by our friends' great generosity and faithfulness to us. Your recent gift of \$500 was received by St. Mary's on May 7, 2018. Your gift means a great deal to our families and staff. This will allow us to care for the families in our home with the staffing and programs that make a difference in their lives. Thank you so very much. We are so grateful to you for your friendship all these years. We would like to convey our special gratitude to Deb Welsh for her wonderful coordinating effort that provided meals to the shelter for a week. We are also thankful to the members of your congregation for the collection of household items for the shelter. It means so much to all of us!

Gratefully,
Sr. Bernadette Dougherty, staff
and residents of St. Mary's Shelter

Dear St. John's:

Thank you so much for donating an auction item to Bear Creek Camp's Campfire and Cocktails Gala. We appreciate your support in providing kids with the ability to attend camp. Your support helped us raise over \$22,000 for our Campership Fund! We had an amazing evening sharing food, having fun, and dancing the night away. Thank you for being a part of the event! Mark your calendars for March 30, 2019 as our gala will be held at Homewood Suites in Center Valley once again. Please check out all the pictures from our gala on Facebook. We thank God for you!

Sincerely,
Dan Scharnhorst
Bear Creek Camp
Executive Director

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Holy Communion	2 7pm Property Committee 7pm Stephen Ministry	3 7:30pm Worship & Music	4 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous	5 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	6 10am Trinity Lutheran planning retreat	7 5pm Evening Light
8 8:30am summer choir practice 9am Holy Communion	9	10 3:30pm Staff 7pm Christian Education 7pm Parent Grief Support Group	11 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous	12 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	13 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	14 5pm Evening Light
15 8:30am summer choir practice 9am Holy Communion 10am Electronics	16 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:30pm Church Council	17 4:30pm PACS Board 7pm Youth & Family Meeting	18 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous	19 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon 8:15pm Naranon Support	20 St. Peter's lunch	21 5pm Evening Light
Summer Youth Servant Trip						
22 Summer Youth Servant Trip 9am Holy Communion 10:15am Worship & Music	23 6:30pm Kiwanis Board 7pm Finance Committee	24	25 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous	26 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	27 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	28 5pm Evening Light
29 9am Holy Communion	30	31	1 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous	2 10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	3	4 5pm Evening Light

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9am Holy Communion	30	31	1 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous	2 10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	3	4 5pm Evening Light
5 9am Holy Communion	6 6:45pm Property 7pm Stephen Ministry	7 12:30pm PACA 7:30pm Worship & Music	8 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous	9 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	10 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	11 5pm Evening Light
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19 9am Holy Communion 10am Electronics 10:30am Hearing on Women & Justice	20 7pm Stephen Ministry 7pm Welcoming Team	21 Circle deadline 4:30pm PACS Board 7pm Youth & Family Meeting	22 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7:30pm Nicotine Anonymous	23 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	24 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections	25 5pm Evening Light
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July 2018 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Debi Wolf's birthday Frank and Carol Petief's anniversary Nancy Wilkinson's birthday Rick Kramer's birthday	2 Dylan Oszeyczik's birthday Robb Frees's birthday	3 Cindy Riley's birthday Gianna Bliss's birthday Lynn Aven's birthday Michael and Lisa McIntyre's anniversary	4 Amanda Westeman's birthday Kurt Seidel's birthday Travis Brown's birthday	5 Dennis Duern's birthday Erin Greco's birthday Heather Thompson's birthday	6 Aaron Sifford's birthday Michael Merroth's birthday	7 Allan Moreland's birthday Meri Bonavita's birthday
8 Layla Murphy's birthday Richard Kunsch's birthday Samuel Feinberg's birthday	9 Ainsley Tobin's birthday Benjamin Dziunycz's birthday Bill Starling's birthday David and Danielle Reading's anniversary Stephen Rakoczy's birthday	10 Greg and Annie Krueger's anniversary Ian and Val Kramer's anniversary John Soley's birthday Ralph and Denise Moore's anniversary Shirley Platzer's birthday	11 Ashley Onder's birthday	12 Holger Renner's birthday Patricia Renninger's birthday Trevor O'Neill's birthday	13 Cassandra Borelly's birthday Leslie Aharonian's birthday	14
15 Dolly Bucher's birthday Margaret Walker's birthday Samuel Greninger's birthday	16 Eddie Feinberg's birthday Matthew Dziunycz and Emily Kuhns's anniversary	17 Paul Deichmann's birthday	18 Donna Bergey's birthday Robert Johnson's birthday	19 Atea McArel's birthday Jess Blain's birthday Pamela Freehafer's birthday	20 Brayden Borzumati's birthday Lauren Breitinge's birthday Mea Borzumati's birthday Nichole Wilkinson's birthday	21 Dawn Platchek's birthday Luca Sofia's birthday Tom Obert-Thom Jr.'s birthday
22 Chloe Kunsch's birthday Edward and Amy Borowy's anniversary Sue Starling's birthday	23 Bryan Walters's birthday David and Linda Granacher's anniversary Tristan Bradley's birthday	24 Jeff and Jodi VanDerveer's anniversary Olesya Sitkowski's birthday	25 Charlotte Reading's birthday Emma Sofia's birthday Joseph Brown's birthday Kimmi Fulmer's birthday William Thomas's birthday	26 Hal Atkinson's birthday Jacqueline Fulmer's birthday	27 Luke Olsen's birthday Nathan Romano's birthday	28 Carol Kumar's birthday Donna Soult's birthday Gary and Lillian Barker's anniversary William and Amanda Shirk's anniversary
29 Nicholas Dastolfo's birthday	30 Beth Leong's birthday Dale and Jean Herbranson's anniversary Joe and Kim Themens's anniversary	31 Bryce Aaronson's birthday John and Heather Yonosh's anniversary Tori Platchek's birthday	1 Andrew Starling's birthday Andrew Wolf's birthday Jim and Marti Steiner's anniversary	2 Anneleise Sifford's birthday Jim and Linda Ulinski's anniversary Julia Gombarick's birthday Kurt Kunsch's birthday Laura Gombarick's birthday Serena Greninger's birthday	3 Brittney Walters's birthday Leilani Ash's birthday Tracy Stewart's birthday	4 Kimberly DiGioia's birthday Mitchell Reading's birthday

August 2018 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Nicholas Dastalfo's birthday	30 Beth Leong's birthday Dale and Jean Herbranson's anniversary Joe and Kim Themens's anniversary	31 Bryce Aaronson's birthday John and Heather Yonosh's anniversary Tori Platchek's birthday	1 Andrew Starling's birthday Andrew Wolf's birthday Jim and Marti Steiner's anniversary	2 Anneleise Sifford's birthday Jim and Linda Ulinski's anniversary Julia Gombarick's birthday Kurt Kunsch's birthday Laura Gombarick's birthday Serena Greninger's birthday	3 Brittney Walters's birthday Leilani Ash's birthday Tracy Stewart's birthday	4 Kimberly DiGioia's birthday Mitchell Reading's birthday
5 Bruce Wallace's birthday Janet Onder's birthday Mo O'Neill's birthday	6 Allie Platchek's birthday Detlev and Kathy Tauber's anniversary Rachael Aaronson and Jared Summers's anniversary Shane Godman's birthday	7 Betty Hans's birthday Chuck Liedike's birthday	8 Ava DeMutis's birthday David Granacher's birthday Landon Themens's birthday Shawn Bell's birthday	9 Shelley Saeger's birthday Sydney Scavello's birthday	10 Stacey-Kyle Rea's birthday	11 Cheryl Kenyon's birthday Jimmy Tegler's birthday Scott and Mary Lonsdale's anniversary
12	13 Erica Lucas's birthday Jesse Barker's birthday Joan Tulish's birthday Lynn Titus's birthday Paul and Cindy Gadzicki's anniversary Tracee Myers's birthday	14 Grace Supplee's birthday Sylvia Lally's birthday	15 Cailin Robinson,B's birthday Kelly Gallagher's birthday	16 Kevin Wimble's birthday	17	18 David Schumacher's birthday Eddie Bethune's birthday Samuel Bonavita's birthday Tara Koup's birthday
19 Dick and Judy Wolstenholme's anniversary Raad Franso's birthday	20 Caitlin Krueger's birthday Ray and Sue Lisiewski's anniversary	21 Linda Ulinski's birthday Rick Weber's birthday	22 Caroline Cadigan's birthday Jantzen Hawkins's birthday Ryleigh Free's birthday	23 Gary and Donna Dries's anniversary George and Ellie Kurtz's anniversary Jenn Lowe's birthday John and Helen Manney's anniversary	24 Jason and Kim Birdsell's anniversary Jonathan Stong's birthday Lisa Gardner's birthday	25 Anna Wilkinson's birthday Emma Garrett's birthday Jim and Sherry Thomas's anniversary
26 Devon Macknet's birthday Mark and Carolyn Rutherford's anniversary	27 Amy Becker's birthday James and Janet Reading's anniversary Jeff and Jeanne Schanzenbach's anniversary Joe and Sherri Muller's anniversary Matthew Wolf's birthday	28 Chuck Blackledge's birthday George Mansur's birthday Harriet Carr's birthday Jessica Cratty's birthday Mark and Nancy Wilkinson's anniversary William and Faye Donovan's anniversary	29 Anderson McMahon's birthday Ashleigh Melton's birthday Codi Wilkinson,J's birthday Eileen F. Subacus's birthday John Wilkinson's birthday Nicholas Hollander's birthday Robert and Sandra Momyer's anniversary Sandra Sheplock's birthday Taylor Kraft's birthday	30 Cindy Schubert's birthday Emily Seraphin's birthday I. Mae Moore's birthday Nicole Seraphin's birthday	31 Hayley Riley's birthday Kent Brown's birthday Laura Caughlan's birthday Shannon and Holger Renner's anniversary Tim and Beth Leong's anniversary	1 John and Pam Westerman's anniversary

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Holy Communion

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