

The Circle

Summer Worship at St. John's

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

Fourth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 6th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 7th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

In the gospel reading for this weekend, Jesus sends out seventy disciples to spread the word of salvation. Come to worship to hear the story, gather at the feet of Jesus, and then be sent out as an emissary for Christ in your daily life! Whom do you know that is hungry for good news?

Fifth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 13th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 14th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

This weekend's gospel reading is the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. Come to worship to consider this story again and to pray that we ourselves will embody such mercy. The bread and wine of the table will strengthen you for such a life.

Sixth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 20th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 21st—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

In our first reading for this weekend the Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age. Come and hear this wonderful text from Genesis in story form.

Seventh Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 27th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 28th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. So how do you pray? What do you say? Can you hear God's response?

Eighth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, August 3rd—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 4th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

So what is the cost of being rich? In our Gospel this week a rich man has such successful harvests that he must build bigger and bigger barns to store all his stuff. Come to worship to receive a very different kind of treasure in community, word, and sacrament and be rich in everything that really matters.



Ninth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, August 10th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 11th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m. Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Tenth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, August 17th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 18th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m. The gospel for this weekend is surprisingly harsh: being a believer brings not peace, but dissension. Come to worship to hear about this; come to pray. The bread and wine will strengthen us for our future, no matter what comes.

Eleventh Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, August 24th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 25th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m. Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Twelfth Weekend after Pentecost

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, August 31th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

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

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the Church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the Church can be more inviting still.

On September 8th we begin a new season of faith formation along with a new Sunday morning schedule. Fellowship begins at 8:30 a.m. with Sunday school, confirmation and adult education starting at 9 a.m. Sunday worship begins at 10:15 a.m. Saturday Evening Light worship starts at 5 p.m. Whom are you going to invite to St. John's?

The Pastor's message:

Visions and Dreams Becoming Reality

I love teaching confirmation. I love the earnest questions of teenagers. I love watching them grow in depth and understanding. This year on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th, when our ninth graders were confirmed, I loved hearing their statements of faith. As I listened I wondered, how many others in our congregation could be so open and vulnerable. We were witnessing the glorious work of the Holy Spirit and it was spectacular—no less than on the day of Pentecost as described in Acts 2.

For the past year we have been listening to the visions and dreams of one another. New ideas and new energy were and are being born. New hopes shared. New voices heard. No less than on Pentecost Day. Both the young and the old are dreaming dreams. New plans are being put into place including a new Sunday morning schedule, a new staff person, new approaches to Christian education, worship and welcoming new people. We are experiencing the glorious work of the Holy Spirit which can be both very exciting and quite terrifying at the same time. Such was the experience of the followers of Jesus on the first Pentecost Sunday of the Church and of our seven confirmation students as they shared their faith statements. Nonetheless, they could embrace the new Spirit because God was the One pouring it upon them. And is the One pouring it upon us too.



So how do we respond? BE HERE. BE part of the experience, of the blessing, of newness and of the rediscovering of old precious treasures. BE HERE with your whole self, not with your mind on the next thing on the schedule, but on what God is doing HERE and NOW. BE HERE even if you don't feel like it because once HERE, that changes. God always shows up to surprise us. Second, SHARE the wonder of this place. SHARE the joy by inviting friends and neighbors—maybe to a concert, a gathering and especially to worship. SHARE your faith with sincerity and courage just as those seven young people did on Pentecost Sunday. God is ready to transform visions and dreams into reality, and needs every single one of us!

One of my favorite quotes is by St. Teresa of Avila: **Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.**"

Pastor Cynthia Krommes

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Come Holy Spirit!

On Sunday, June 9th, seven of our ninth graders were confirmed as they affirmed their baptisms and promised to live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God, share in the Lord's supper, proclaim the good news of Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace. As part of their preparation for confirmation they explored their spiritual gifts, made a ministry covenant, picked a confirmation Bible verse and wrote a personal faith statement. We rejoice in the confirmation of:

Stephen Hollander



Bible Verse: Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Colossians 4:5

Faith Statement: I believe God simply works and gives us opportunities to succeed and fulfill our goals. If every time you asked God to help you out in prayer for something, whether it be on a math test, a sports game or talking to girls and God answered your prayer and made you do as you wished, then there is no point to life. If every time you ask for something God gives it to you gives your life no meaning and no sense of hardship or sadness. Now most people would say to themselves, "A perfect life, that would be great!" In reality though, all of the failures and upsets that go on in your life make the good times even better.

I believe that when you ask God to fulfill a prayer, He creates the opportunities in your life to make your prayers happen. Sometimes you will need to look deep into the situation in order to find the small opportunity that God has given you. We aren't going to catch every opportunity that God gives us, which is fine. Not catching the opportunity we have at a certain time should fuel yourself into striving harder and looking deeper to find that chance you will get. I like to live my life taking every chance I can get, making sure I take every opportunity and maximize their potential, because I believe that God creates and shapes our lives in a way to make us work for the good part of life.

Andy McMahon



Bible Verse: "For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

Faith Statement: Hi, my name is Andy. God has had a big impact on my life through my time going to confirmation, but mostly my sleep. Getting confirmed means that I am moving on in my journey of faith and also I don't have to wake up at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings anymore.

Faith is important to me because it can get you through difficult things. I have been transformed in a way I think, which is weird because my teachers always tell me to act my age. I will live to change the world by helping people in need, like the homeless.

Zach Pekofsky



Bible Verse: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Faith Statement: Hi, my name is Zach Pekofsky, and I believe in the Bible verse, Joshua 1:9. This verse states "Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" To me this means whatever happens no matter how good or bad it is, everything will end up okay because God has a plan for everyone.

William Stotler



Bible Verse: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5:6-8

Faith Statement: One of the greatest things about the Lutheran Faith is the individual allowance to question. The spark that led all of us to be here today was presented as a question. Ninety-five questions to be exact. Those ninety-five questions split the religious and socioeconomic values that held up the world five hundred years ago and now allow us to add questions of our own. For me those questions are "How can a merciful God strike so harshly?", "Why, when a disaster rocks our world and we send up hopes and prayers, do they go largely unanswered?", and "How, in all my doubt can my soul through God be saved?"

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Confirmation strives to lead and educate, to show the way through teaching, and for some of my fellow confirmands, the teaching and the leading built them in faith. For me, confirmation has shown me that it is ok to question, that it is ok to falter, that it is ok because God in heaven and people on Earth will help to show me how to lead a fulfilling, religious life. With all that I have learned, I see the best way forward is to step back and ponder how I move forward.

Longing alone, longing for this community, longing for this place, longing for this faith, will bring me back in time. As Pastor says, "We are saved by grace and grace alone" and the grace of the people, the grace of this place, and the grace of God adding to the education that I have received, with time and questioning, will save me.

Margaux VanDerveer



Bible Verse: Jesus says, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. Matthew 6:34

Faith Statement: When I started confirmation as a seventh grader, I knew very little about God. Three short years and many early Sundays later, not only was I able to get a better understanding of who God is, but I was able to develop a relationship with Him.

My relationship with God has helped me grow as a Christian, has guided me through making decisions, and most importantly has helped me see the good through the bad. Being confirmed at St. John's lets me know I will forever have a community of people that will support me and my faith.

Katie Yonosh



Bible Verse: "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." John 3:18

Faith Statement: Hi, I'm Katie. I believe that God is always present in our lives, even when it doesn't feel like it. It's reassurance that you're never alone.

I used to think my faith was basically nonexistent. I had an impossible number of doubts. Then I realized that faith is unique to everyone. It's the questions and doubts that you have that make your faith stronger. I think that there is a misconception about the meaning of faith. Faith isn't about being 100% certain that you believe in something. It's about being open to something bigger than you. It helps me remember that there's something greater in this world—larger than the pressures, stresses and struggles of everyday life. A large part of my living my faith is serving others and, in the future I want to look for more opportunities to serve. I'd like to thank the congregation and my family for supporting me through confirmation. Thank you.

Sarah Yonosh



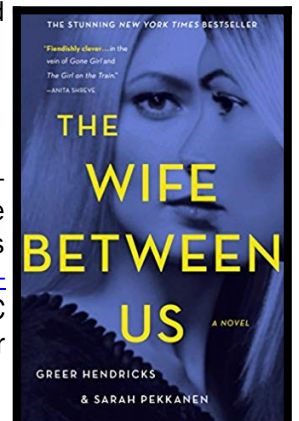
Bible Verse: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

Faith Statement: My name is Sarah and I believe that God is always present in my life. The past three years of confirmation have helped me to learn that God's love is unconditional. I think that faith is the reassurance that there is always a positive side, even in the darkest of times, when all you feel is doubt.

Many people at this church have shared their stories and have helped me realize how faith means different things for everyone. Through service projects, I have learned that part of having faith is being there for people. I hope I can continue to learn and serve God and my community for the rest of my life. Thank you!

Summer Book Club Invitation

Read "The Wife Between Us" by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen and join us on Tuesday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at church for a summer meeting of the Sunday Morning Book Club. Described as a psychological thriller, "The Wife Between Us" is a fast-paced read with twists and turns throughout. Please RSVP to Jean at de-herb@juno.com or (610) 831-5803 and come for discussion & refreshments. The SMBC plans another summer meeting in August and will resume weekly meetings in September during the education hour at 9:00 a.m.



Congratulations Graduates!

High School Graduates

Paige DeMutis graduated from Villa Maria and will attend East Carolina University to major Business Marketing and to play for the Pirates Women's Lacrosse Team.

Azariah T. Ford graduated from Old Fields School and will attend Shenandoah University to pursue a degree in nursing.

Madison Muller graduated from Phoenixville High School and will attend Temple University to major in Human Health.

Carmen Murphy graduated from Spring-Ford High School and will attend Montgomery County Community College to major in Business Administration.

Cole O'Neill graduated from Phoenixville High School and will attend Florida State University to major in Management Information Systems.

Gabrielle Perrotto graduated from Phoenixville High School and will attend Drexel University to major in Health Sciences and to play for the Drexel Dragons Women's Soccer Team.

Gabrielle VanDerveer graduated from Phoenixville High School and plans to attend Penn State University to major in Bio-behavioral Health.

College Graduates

Sam Ahola graduated from Rosemont College with a degree in Sociology and works in Human Services and as a firefighter in Collegeville.

Alyssa Andrews graduated from University of South Carolina with a degree in Advertising and is working as a Digital Media Coordination at 2U in Washington D.C.

Julie Andrews graduated from Philadelphia University with a degree in Fashion Merchandising and is working at QVC in West Chester.

Amber Khan graduated from Montgomery County Community College and plans to enter the work force.

Robbie McMahon graduated from Virginia Tech University with a degree in Business Information Technology and is seeking employment in his field.

Katie Miller graduated from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY with a degree in Industrial Design and is seeking a position in her field.

James Moreland graduated Penn State University with a degree in Elementary Education and is seeking a teaching position.

Devon Niness graduated from Susquehanna University with a degree in Elementary Education and is seeking a teaching position.

Kimberly Rutherford graduated from Lycoming College with a degree in History and Secondary Education, and was a four-year starter for lacrosse while attending college.

Masters and Doctoral Graduates

Aimee Hillegas graduated from the University of the Sciences in September, 2018 with a Doctorate in Cell and Molecular Biology.

Zacchariah J. Wooten graduated from Radford University with a Master's in Clinical Psychology, with honors.

Rachel Zimmermann graduated from Full Sail University with a Master of Arts in Film Production.



Welcome New Members



Kevin Beck is a good friend of Mark Yanchek who invited him to St. John's and then served as his guide. Originally from Drexel Hill, Kevin first moved to Phoenixville and then to Mont Clare. He enjoys riding his bicycle along to the trails around town. He likes everything about St. John's, especially the people.

Lauren, Steven, Colten, C.J. and Mia Bomberger first came to St. John's last November upon the recommendation of Brian Becker. The children started Sunday school in January which they loved. They felt very welcome and are happy to call St. John's their church home. Mia loved the Vacation Bible School and now the whole family is listening to the CD over and over again. As a family they enjoy being outdoors doing hiking and sports.

Peg Groening joined a group of St. John's folks on a mission trip to Tanzania in 2010 and it changed her life! During the mission trip report she met George Mansur and they became dear friends. He went to events at First Presbyterian with her, she came to events at St. John's with him. Originally from the Rochester area in upstate New York, she moved to Phoenixville in 1978. Her daughter Lindy lives in the Bay Area in California where she works as a graphic designer. Peg has been a leader in our town and now is serving on the Social Concerns Committee and has joined our Social Ministry Committee.

Sean Kahl began worshipping at St. John's with his dad, Mike, and step-mom, Cathy three years ago. This spring he took the leap into membership on his own. He works as a cook at the Gridiron where he's famous for creating "specials." Outside of work he enjoys singing, fantasies, history and writing.

Denise Longbine and her friend Kelly LeMarbe were checking out churches and came to Evening Light and that was that. Denise and her husband Bill enjoy hanging out and watching baseball—they are long suffering Phillies fans. She loves yoga and working for a realtor.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you was expressed over and over again on the last day of Vacation Bible School and Afternoon Adventures from children and parents. Some wanted to come back the next Monday. So did a lot of parents. It was great week! We had over 100 children and a staff of about 60 which included approximately 50 youth from 5th grade through college. A special thank you to our VBS key leaders: Jodi O'Neill, Director; Bobbi Riley, Science Station; Tom Snyder, Music Station; Cole O'Neill and Tyler Pekofsky, Game Station; Barb Rambo, Craft Station; Pastor Krommes, Story Station; Debbe Welsh, Newspaper; Katie and Jack Kramer; Snack Station; William Stotler and Jack Kramer; Actors; Laura Cauglan, Nurse; Sonya Sowards, Registrar; Jim Taylor, Quartermaster; Dana and Walt Deichmann, Playwriters. Also thanks to our Team Leaders: Valerie Kramer, Danielle Blackledge, Joann Oszeyczik, Mark Yanchek, Joan Wilson, Madison O'Neill, and our Afternoon Adventures Team: Matt Cummins, Alison Thomas, William Stotler, Katie Yonosh, Sarah Yonosh, Margaux VanDerveer and Katie Kramer.





Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries Search

At our February 2019 congregational meeting the people of St. John's approved a budget line for the calling of a new staff person, specifically a Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries. A job description has been formed and

we are now seeking qualified applicants for the position. If you know of anyone who has the gifts and skills for this ministry, please share the opportunity with them. For a copy of the job description and more information contact our Parish Administrator, Sonya Sowards at office@stjohnphoenixville.org

New Communion Procedures

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



Summer Fellowship

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

Welcoming Visitors

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



Membership Directory

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

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



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

Stewardship, our duty and delight, is an important part of our Beloved Community. Save the dates January 10th and 11th 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*.



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

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



Youth Summer Mission Trips

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

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

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



Please pray for our mission teams this summer!.

Summer's song, summer days
Languid days, days of laziness
Sunny days, days to savor, idle time
No need to hurry, summer's here
Snow is past and coldness turned to warmth
For what is life
Hustle bustle
Hurry here, fly there
Slow down
Summer's here
Sunny days bid one linger
Laziness of summer breathes
An air unknown in winter's air
Spring opens winter's door
Summer enters, bids us her
Warm laziness to savor
Lazy days, summer days

Summer Choir

Our multi-generational choir will sing once this summer on July 14th. 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 7th and Sunday, July 14th at 8:30 a.m. SHARP to learn the music. Looking forward to lots of voices joined in song!

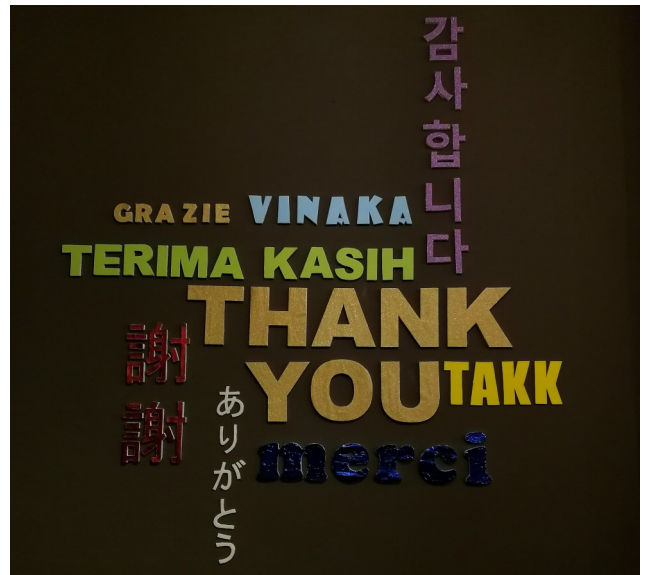


Dear St. John's congregation,

I am very thankful to you for awarding me this scholarship. It truly means a lot and brings out the true love our congregation community holds.

It's an honor to be not only nominated for the scholarship but to be awarded it shows faith you all have in me for the future. No other church community will compare to St. John's, and I am going to miss all of the fundraising events such as the car wash, spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast, etc. as well as everyone who is a part of St. John's. I appreciate this award and all I want to say is just thank you because I could write for hours explaining how much this church has done for me. This scholarship will definitely help me for college and I hope that more kids that enter through the church community at St. John's earn this award just as I did. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Cole O'Neill



Dear St. John's Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your recent gift to the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Your gift matters. As a church, we share the vision of a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and all creation. With your gifts to ELCA ministries, you are putting God's love into action—living faithfully, witnessing boldly, serving joyfully and giving humbly. Your generosity embodies God's grace by equipping leaders, positioning communities to grow, serving those affected by disasters and spreading the good news of Christ's love far and wide. Your support empowers good works in Jesus' name.

With gratitude,
Christina Jackson-Skelton
Executive Director, Mission Advancement



Stephen Ministers: The After People

Frequently friends will ask, "I know you're involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a "Stephen Minister is?" I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are "after people."

Stephen Ministers are there:

- After you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.
- After the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- After the last child honks the horn, waves and drives away—and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty.
- After you arrive home following the funeral service and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- After the relationship has ended but the wounds are still bleeding and painful.
- After the doctors have said, "There's nothing more we can do."
- After the door has slammed shut—for the very last time.
- After the phone call you'd always hoped you'd never get.
- After you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you ever imagined.
- After the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."
- After the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- After the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible.
- After you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck.
- After your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "after people." We are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long "after" as we are needed.

Adapted during a presentation made by Enie Bourland, a lay Stephen Minister.

People of God Involved in God's Work

Summer Schedule

July

Altar Guild

- 7 Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
- 14 Barbara Eng & Jean Herbranson
- 21 Betty Hans & Elena Wallace
- 28 Jean Herbranson & John Westerman

Assisting Ministers

- 7 Tyler Pekofsky
- 14 Cole O'Neill
- 21 Nancy Cressman
- 28 Jake New

Bread Baking

- 7 Pr. Krommes
- 14 Pam Freehafer
- 21 Lynn Titus
- 28 Adam & Gwen Supplee

Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 7 Mark Gerner (L)
Nancy Cressman
- 14 Bill & Sue Starling
- 21 Don & Lynn Titus
- 28 Jay Stearly (L)
Pat Lucas

Counters

- 7 Stephen & Jennifer Drewes, Donna Anderson, Peg Yanoviak
- 14 Donna Searchfield, Jack & Janet Ertell
- 21 Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 28 Heather Yonosh, Lilly Khan & Imtiaz Khan Lawrence

Lock-Up

- 7 Sandra Zimmermann
- 14 Donna Searchfield
- 21 Laura Caughlan
- 28 Mitch Reading

Ushers

- 7 Dale Herbranson, Barb Rambo, Dick & Judy Wolstenholme
- 14 John Rawlins, Carol Cully, Sandi Stotler, John Westerman
- 21 Barry Church, Brian Becker, Erica Lucas, LuAnne Bindschusz
- 28 Greg Krueger, Paul Miller, Beth Williams, Cindy Gadzicki

August

Altar Guild

- 4 Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
- 11 Donna Anderson & Jean Herbranson
- 18 Jean Herbranson & John Westerman
- 25 Betty Hans & Elena Wallace

Assisting Ministers

- 4 Evan Aho
- 11 Jay Stearly
- 18 Donna Thompson
- 25 Brittney Walters

Bread Baking

- 4 Pam Freehafer
- 11 TBD
- 18 Pam Freehafer
- 25 Adam & Gwen Supplee

Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 4 Erica Lucas (L)
Pam Freehafer
- 11 Aimee Hillegas (L)
Pat Lucas
- 18 Erica Lucas (L)
LuAnne Bindschusz
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Lock-Up

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- 11 Bobbi Riley
- 18 Don Titus
- 25 Kelly Gallagher

Ushers

- 4 Bev Rote, Nancy Cressman, Cathy Garrett, Chuck Liedike
- 11 Barb Rambo, Glen Murphy, Donna Anderson, Deb Welsh
- 18 Don Titus, John Rawlins, Donna Anderson, Deb Ahola
- 25 Erica Lucas, Sandi Stotler, Dick & Judy Wolstenholme

Summary Report as of May 31, 2019

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 32,971	\$ 27,416	\$ 164,858	\$ 168,194
Other Income	2,118	1,857	10,588	12,496
Total Income	\$ 35,089	\$ 29,273	\$ 175,446	\$ 180,690
Expenses	\$ 35,089	\$ 30,001	\$ 175,446	\$ 161,979
Income (Deficit)	0	(728)	0	18,711

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Strategic Planning – June 2019 Update

This update focuses on three of the Strategic Planning Teams:

1. Strengthening Worship
2. Youth
3. Christian Education–Children, Youth and Families

Strengthening Worship Team:

Below is a synopsis of concerns presented and actions already taken by the Strengthening Worship Team.

Congregational Feedback/Concerns

- How do we strengthen worship attendance?
- Time constraints of increasingly busy family schedules
- Service length
- Diversity and variety of music
- Number of lessons
- Possible new ways to distribute communion
- Increase energy/vibrancy in worship
- Integrating children, youth and families more fully into worship

Actions taken

- As the result of a combined meeting of Christian Education and Worship & Music Committees and an action taken by Council, a new worship schedule will be adopted in fall 2019 moving to 8:30-9:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, 9-10 Christian Education, and a single service at 10:15 a.m.
- Service length has been addressed by reading fewer lessons, alternating gathering hymn with hymn of praise (either/or, not both), a new means for continuous distribution of communion
- Increased use of more contemporary hymnody from sources other than the ELW
- Attention to liveliness and vibrancy of hymnody
- Inclusion of instrumental accompaniments for service music and opportunity offered for additional participation
- Addition of new voices to Worship & Music Committee
- Story sermons to help engage the children in worship
- Inter-generational elements of the service as was done on Palm Sunday with the journey to the cross.
- Offering aspects of the service that tap the five senses: hearing, seeing, touching, smelling, tasting. An example of this was the anointing at the service in April led by the youth.
- Use of drama and other creative ways to present the scripture for the day.

Youth Team

A search has been launched for a new Director of Children, Youth and Families Ministry. Our hope is to have a person identified, trained and in place for the fall start-up on September 8th.

The Search Committee for this role includes: Rich Latella, Mitch Reading, Dick Kunsch, Nancy Cressman, Elisa Khan, Teresa Olsen, Mo O'Neill and Sonya Sowards.

Children, Youth and Families Team

Team Members: Invitations were extended to several past and current CE leaders, Sunday School teachers and parents of school-aged children to attend Christian Education (CE) team planning sessions to work on this area of ministry so important to many at St. John's.

Two sessions one week apart were offered to better accommodate busy work and home schedules. The intent of the sessions was to get an expanded CE group onboard with St. John's new fall schedule, to review findings from the Strategic Planning Workshop and identify actions needed to take the first steps towards improving the CE program.

Topics of discussion and brainstorming included: the new schedule, the expectations for the Christian Education program, preparation of the 2019-2020 program calendar, ideas for teacher development and curriculum, posting of the new Christian Education and Youth staff position, and the importance of tying together the Sunday school and worship experience.

Expectations: Expectation for Children's Sunday school is that it be Bible-based and provide children a familiarity with Bible stories and how those stories apply to their lives today.



Fall Schedule: We discussed the impact of the new schedule on our Sunday school and the decision to keep Sunday school at the same length (60 minutes). We also discussed why keeping the upstairs and downstairs large group gatherings separate makes sense.

Program Calendar: The calendar for the entire 2019-2020 year will be put together by the end of August. In addition to paper and email copies of the calendar, the up-to-date calendar information will be easily accessible from our website and Facebook page. We will also make sure parents know where the calendar is found.

As part of the calendar discussion we talked about having more Special Sundays (*i.e.* “built-in breaks” from the lesson plan). Ideally a Special Sunday would occur once every four weeks. Special Sundays would provide opportunity to host service projects, intergenerational learning activities, and rotational events, such as we did on Palm Sunday when the children rotated from classroom to classroom to learn about Holy Week. In addition to giving children and teachers a break from the usual classes, Special Sundays provide an attraction to encourage more families to come to Sunday school.

The CE team will work over the summer to identify dates and themes for these Special Sundays. Help will be needed to plan and hold each event. School-aged parents, older adults and youth will be asked to lead or provide other support for each event. This is a way for us to expand our involvement of people beyond Sunday school teachers, an element in the feedback from the March leadership session.

Curriculum & Teacher Development: Due to time constraints, we touched briefly on curriculum and teacher development. Except for our 5th and 6th grade teacher who moved to Florida, our other children’s Sunday school teachers are expected to return in the fall. It was noted that in the past whenever teacher development sessions were offered, the teachers didn’t come. Providing a web seminar or a TED Talk might be more effective given teachers busy schedules. Sparkhouse offers educational resources that might be of help.

Plans will go ahead to hold a teacher workshop one Sunday in August. The timing will allow the new staff position person to come onboard and for planning and coordination of Special Sundays with traditional lesson plan schedule. One idea to reconsider are Prize Wheels. In the past, the kids loved these. Flexibility and the openness to try new ideas and retry old ones that worked before are key.

Adult Sunday School: Several of our attendees were not aware of the Sunday school classes besides Happy Hour that St John’s offers adults. They would be interested in attending adult classes provided the classes meet their interests. Consideration should be given to new classes such as an introduction to the Bible (e.g. Old and New Testaments for “Dummies”) and educating adults on community needs. The importance of having the new staff person oversee adult Sunday school was noted.

The importance of **connecting Sunday school and worship** is seen as key to increasing worship attendance by getting families to regularly worship together. Various means beyond Happy Hour should be explored to encourage parents to stay in the building during Sunday school. An expanded offering of adult classes, better communication of adult learning opportunities, requiring parents to sign-in/sign-out with their location should be considered.

Top three actions:

- Develop full 2019-2020 program calendar to include all Christian Education and Youth & Family Events by early August.
- Integrate technology and more interactive learning mechanisms into the classrooms (perhaps start with short Sparkhouse videos, and move on from there)
- Explore use of web seminar, TED Talk, or Sparkhouse educational resources for teacher development



The position description has been posted at idealist.org. Stay tuned for more information from our team and the progress of the search!

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2019**

Attendees: Pr. Krommes, Mitch Reading, Don Titus, Kelly Gallagher, Stephen Drewes, Donna Searchfield, Dick Kunsch, Bobbi Riley, Sonya Sowards, Sandra Zimmermann, Laura Caughlan, Rick Kramer, Brian Greenwald

Absent: Pam Naylor

We began by sharing where we saw God in the past few weeks.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. with a prayer offered by Pastor Krommes.

Meeting minutes from the April 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed. **A motion was made by Dick Kunsch and seconded by Kelly Gallagher to approve the minutes. The motion was approved with no objections or abstentions.**

Staff Reports:

Pastor's Report from May 13th

Debbie Gordon will graduate on May 14th.

Pastor requests an increase in her housing allowance to \$40,000.

Motion made by Mitch Reading and seconded by Sandy Zimmermann to increase the 2019 housing allowance of Pastor Cynthia Krommes from \$25,000 to \$40,000 with the additional \$15,000 being deducted from her salary. Motion was approved with no objections or abstentions.

Confirmation is scheduled for June 9th.

Motion made by Sandy Zimmermann and seconded by Donna Searchfield to confirm the following young people on Sunday, June 9th – Stephen Hollander, Anderson McMahon, Zachary Pekofsky, William Stotler, Margaux VanDerveer, Sarah Yonosh, and Katherine Yonosh. Motion was approved with no objections or abstentions.

VBS and Afternoon adventures is coming together and we have 78 registrations.

Pastor requested ushers for George Mansur's funeral.

Pastor and Sandy Zimmermann also shared information from Synod Assembly about The Vitality Team. We plan to send a group to Vitality Team training on Saturday, November 9th.

T. Snyder's Report from May 6th

J. Quinn's Report from May 6th

A motion was made by Don Titus and seconded by Sandy Zimmermann to approve the Pastor and Staff Reports. Motion was approved with no objections or abstentions.

Finance Committee minutes from April 29th and April financial report – Don Titus noted that the financial picture is better than last year and there was discussion of the causal factors. The Committee would like Council to reconsider their decision to rescind the two Outreach Funds from the Reserve Fund. Mitch Reading suggested and Dick Kunsch moved that the Committee's request should go to the Executive Committee for clarification and a more informed discussion will follow at the next Council meeting. Kelly Gallagher seconded and the motion passed.

Stewardship minutes from April 30th – Pastor Wilk Miller will be the speaker on Stewardship Sunday (November 17th) and the Committee is deciding on a theme.

Welcoming Team minutes from May 9th – Donna Searchfield explained our current newcomers' process, called "The Way." We conduct two sessions per year, led by lay leaders, and team up newcomers with mentors. Each session lasts approximately six Sundays and we invite committee chairs to make presentations to our newcomers and explain how they can get involved based on their spiritual gifts inventories. We do need more participation from the committee chairs and the congregation and Donna welcomed suggestions on how to get more folks to connect with our newcomers. Sandy proposed providing the newcomers' bios to the congregation earlier in the process to encourage more congregants to become mentors.

Social Ministry minutes from May 1st

The Committee requested that Council exempt the MaaSae Girls and Angel Tree funds from being transferred into the new Reserved Fund. Discussion on this potential motion was tabled until Council's next meeting, pending review of the issue by the Executive Committee.

Debbe Welsh attended a security training meeting at St. Peter's. St. Peter's has requested that a trained participant be present at St. Peter's every time we serve and Council discussed approaches to respond to their request.

Christian Education minutes from April 9th

The Committee participated in joint strategic planning with Worship & Music.

The Scholarship Committee would like to award three scholarships.

Sandy Zimmermann moved to grant Cole O'Neill, Carmen Murphy, and Gabrielle VanDerveer the St. John's scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 each. Rick Kramer seconded and the motion was approved with no objections or abstentions

Council reviewed the draft job description for a Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries and made suggestions. We will also ask our Personnel Committee to review it. When the final job description is approved, we will put together a search and hiring committee. Mitch asked for concrete comments from Council by May 20th and he will call for a vote over email so that we can move forward quickly.

Worship and Music from May 7th

Brian Greenwald summarized Holy Week and noted that worship bags are much appreciated by children.

The Council discussed in detail a motion proposed by the Worship & Music and Christian Education Committees. At the close of the discussion, **Dick Kunsch made the following motion and Sandy Zimmermann seconded: "Based on congregational response through the Strategic Planning Process, we will begin a new Sunday schedule on September 8, 2019 as follows:**

8:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

9:00-10:00 a.m. Education

10:15 a.m. Worship"

The motion was approved with no objections or abstentions.

Communication of this change will include rationale and progress reports and be given through all of our communication methods, including a letter via U.S. Mail. The congregation will be assured that there will be an evaluation process. Dr. Elise Brown will continue to help and oversee all of the changes implemented by the strategic planning process.

Property minutes from May 6th

Rick and Bobbi gave an update on the work on the Sunday school entrance work.

We need a revised proposal for the Eagle Scout project.

We had two quotes for resealing and striping the Circle and south parking lot. Hopson Seal-a-Lot was chosen but the expense is outside of the property budget so the Finance Committee will look at ways in which we would cover that expense. **Council approved the following motion from the Property Committee: We will contract with Hopson Seal-a-Lot to provide resealing and striping the Circle and the south parking lot for \$7,580. The motion was approved pending funding.**

The Committee is considering the value of a property condition assessment that would allow us to better plan for upcoming property expenses. The Committee reviewed proposals for this work and would like to engage Seiler + Drury, an architectural and engineering firm, which can provide the most broad and personalized services. A discussion and motion was tabled until next month so that the Finance Committee can explore options to finance this project.

Old Business:

Lock up sheet was circulated.

New Business:

Pastor announced her retirement date as June 7, 2020 and commended St. John's for being an asset to the community. She will write a letter to the congregation announcing her retirement and will also include information about the change in worship schedule. Pastor will call the bishop tomorrow so that Council members can begin meetings with the synod regarding the transition.

A motion was made by Mitch Reading and seconded by Stephen Drewes at 9:55 p.m. and the motion was approved.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonya Sowards

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9am Holy Communion 10am St. John's Crafty Folks	1 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Finance Committee 7pm Stephen Ministry 7:30pm Property	2	3 7pm Alanon	4 10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	5	6 5pm Evening Light
7 9am Holy Communion 10am St. John's Crafty Folks	8 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Hiring Team	9 7pm Christian Education 7pm Parent Grief Support Group	10 7pm Alanon	11 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	12 10am Mother-Baby Breastfeeding Connections 11am PACS	13 5pm Evening Light
Synod mission trip to South Dakota						
14 9am Holy Communion--Summer Choir 10am St. John's Crafty Folks	15 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Stephen Ministry 7pm Welcoming Team	16 7pm Book Club	17 7pm Alanon	18 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon 8:15pm Naranon Support	19 St. Peter's lunch	20 5pm Evening Light
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ASP Mission Trip to West Virginia						
28 9am Holy Communion 10am St. John's Crafty Folks 10:15am Worship & Music	29 11am Alanon Family Group 6:30pm Kiwanis Board 7pm Church Council 7pm Finance Committee	30 2pm Staff	31 3pm Social Ministry 7pm Alanon	1 10am Mom's Monthly Mingle 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	2	3 5pm Evening Light

August 2019

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25 9am Holy Communion 10am St. John's Crafty Folks	26 11am Alanon Family Group 6:30pm Kiwanis Board 7pm Finance Committee	27 4:15pm PACS Development/Marketing 5:30pm Stewardship 7pm Parent Grief Support Group	28 7pm Alanon	29 5:30pm Women's AA/Alanon 7pm Naranon	30	31 5pm Evening Light
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July 2019 – Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Garrett Paul Grejdus's birthday	1 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 Michael and Lisa McIntyre's anniversary	4 Amanda Westerman's birthday Kurt Seidel's birthday Travis Brown's birthday	5 Dennis Duert's birthday Erin Greco's birthday Heather Thompson's birthday	6 Aaron Sifford's birthday
7 Allan Moreland's birthday Meri Bonavita's birthday	8 Dick Kunsch Sr's birthday Layla Murphy's birthday Samuel Feinberg's birthday	9 Ainsley Tobin's birthday Bill Starling's birthday David and Danielle Reading's anniversary	10 Greg and Annie Krueger's anniversary Ian and Val Kramer'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 Leslie Aharonian's birthday
14	15 Dolly Bucher's birthday Margaret Walker's birthday	16 Eddie Feinberg's birthday	17 Paul Deichmann's birthday	18	19 Atea McArel's birthday Jess Blain's birthday Pamela Freehafer's birthday	20 Mea Borzumati's birthday Nichole Wilkinson's birthday
21 Dawn Platchek'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	24 Jeff and Jodi VanDerveer's anniversary Olesya Sitkowski's birthday	25 Charlotte Reading's birthday Joseph Brown's birthday Kimmi Fulmer's birthday	26 Elisa Snyder'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	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 Jim and Marti Steiner's anniversary	2 Anneise Sifford's birthday Kurt Kunsch's birthday	3 Brittney Walters's birthday Leilani Ash's birthday Tracy Stewart's birthday

August 2019 – Birthdays and Anniversaries

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28 Carol Kumar's birthday Donna Soult's birthday Gary and Lillian Barker's anniversary	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 Jim and Marti Steiner's anniversary	2 Anneleise Sifford's birthday Kurt Kunsch'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 C.J. Bomberger'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	7 Betty Hans's birthday Chuck Liedike's birthday	8 Ava DeMutis's birthday David Granacher's birthday Landon Themens's birthday	9 Shelley Saeger's birthday Sydney Scavello's birthday	10
11 Cheryl Kenyon's birthday	12	13 Erica Lucas's birthday Jesse Barker's birthday Joan Tulish's birthday Lynn Titus's birthday Paul and Cindy Gadzicki's anniversary	14 Grace Supplee's birthday	15 Cailin Robinson's birthday Kelly Gallagher's birthday	16 Kevin Wimble's birthday	17
18 David Schumacher's birthday Samuel Bonavita's birthday Tara Koup's birthday	19 Dick and Judy Wolstenholme's anniversary	20 Caitlin Krueger's birthday Ray and Sue Lisiewski's anniversary	21	22 Caroline Cadigan's birthday Jantzen Hawkins's birthday Ryleigh Free's birthday	23 Jenn Lowe's birthday	24 Jason and Kim Birdsell's anniversary Jonathan Stong's birthday
25 Anna Wilkinson's birthday	26 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 Sheri Muller's anniversary	28 Chuck Blackledge'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 Sandra Sheplock's birthday Taylor Kraft's birthday	30 Cindy Schubert's birthday	31 Hayley Riley's birthday Kent Brown's birthday Laura Caughlan's birthday Matthew and Courtney Quaglia's anniversary Shannon and Holger Renner's anniversary Tim and Beth Leong's anniversary
1 John and Pam Westerman's anniversary	2 Jack Ertell's birthday	3 Justin Caple's birthday	4 Barry Church's birthday Donald and Harriet Carr's anniversary Elizabeth Sitkowski's birthday Leslie Kem's birthday	5 Cole O'Neill's birthday Jay Ritchie and Heather Bourdeau's anniversary Mark Feinberg's birthday	6 Annabelle Greco's birthday Barbara Place's birthday Marqaux VanDerveer's birthday Ryan Hadfield's birthday	7 Chuck and April Liedike's anniversary

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June 9, 2019

Affirmation of Baptism
Peg Groening
Laura Bomberger
April 28, 2019

Marriage
Robert Corcoran
Lindey M. Eisenhauer
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Renewal of Wedding Vows
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