

The Circle



Summer Worship at St. John's

Fifth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 4th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 5th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus promises to give “rest” to those who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. He’s promising what everyone hopes for, but seldom experiences, when they are on vacation. Come to worship and find “rest for your soul.” This will be our first weekend worshipping in St. John’s sanctuary since March 7th and 8th. Our leaders have established important guidelines for us to follow out of love for one another. Please review the guidelines on pages 3-4.

Sixth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 11th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 12th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

God’s Word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest.

Seventh Weekend after Pentecost Saturday

Saturday, July 18th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 19th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

On this weekend we hear a parable about a field in which both wheat and weeds are growing—which is a way to describe the Church, the world, and even ourselves. No matter how hard to try to get rid of the “weeds,” they remain both in our gardens and in ourselves. Listen for the mercy in this weekend’s Gospel.

Eighth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, July 25th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 26th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

One of our favorite questions at St. John’s is “Where have you seen God this week?” It helps us all to keep our eyes, ears and hearts open to the presence of God in our lives and world. In today’s Gospel, Jesus shares five difference places to see God—some of them quite unexpected.

Ninth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, August 1st—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 2nd—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

God always gives us what we need for mission and ministry. In our Gospel for this weekend, with five loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds five thousand men, plus women and children with plenty left over. Jesus continues to offer a great feast to which you are invited!

Tenth Weekend after Pentecost

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Saturday, August 8th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

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

Confirmation—10:00 a.m.

On this Confirmation Sunday—postponed from Pentecost on May 31st because of COVID-19—how appropriate it is that our Gospel reminds us that Jesus is with us through the storms of life, even when we are full of fear. Let us rejoice as Luke, Evan, Nathan, Andrew and Jason affirm their baptisms and are confirmed in faith! Note: there are three services this weekend—Saturday, Evening Light at 5 p.m., Sunday Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and Sunday Communion and Confirmation at 10 a.m.

Eleventh Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, August 15th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 16th

Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

On this retirement weekend for Pastor Cynthia Krommes we will give thanks to God for our 24 years of life together as pastor and people of St. John’s. Note: there are three services this weekend—Saturday, Evening Light at 5 p.m., Sunday Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and Sunday Holy Communion at 10 a.m. If you have not already made reservations for Pastor Krommes’ Retirement Celebration, please do so by July 27th.

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From the Pastor:

So much . . .

On my first “official day” of work at St. John’s in June of 1996, Bob Donohue picked me up from church and took me on his “Official Tour of Phoenixville,” which included City Hall and the Police Station, the crumbling Foundry Building, other churches and many of the homes of St. John’s people. Along the way he told stories with such love and affection that I knew I had arrived at a blessed place. Everywhere Bob looked, he saw hope and possibility, love and dedication, faith, he saw God, even when, especially when, it was not at all obvious.

Soon, on August 16th, it will be my last “official day” of work at St. John. In our 24 years of ministry together so much has happened at St. John’s and in our town. We’ve had times of great joy when the baptismal waters flowed and VBS songs echoed through the neighborhood; when refugees found a safe home and new members, a community of faith; when teenagers were confirmed and mission trips embarked upon. Together we’ve experienced the wonderful revitalization of Phoenixville. People of St. John’s have been at the heart of that holy work providing leadership, support, encouragement, hard work, imagination, humor and love. I love witnessing your ministry and doing my part as well.

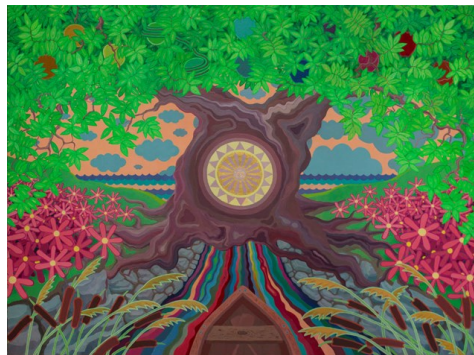
But there also have been challenging times, some of which were made more difficult because of my fear and failures. Too often I got caught in stubbornness and was not open to criticism and change. I believe that this is one of the most challenging temptations for a leader and I regret when I got stuck in it. I humbly ask for forgiveness, especially if I caused you hurt.

Over the years, two phrases shaped us. The first was given to us on Christmas Eve in 1996 when Pastor Kenneth Ensminger was serving as the Presider at our late service. After praying a glorious Eucharistic prayer and blessing the bread and wine, he looked out over the full church and declared, “Wherever you are in your journey of faith you are welcome to the table!” That evening all sorts of people who had never felt welcomed received the Christ child with thanksgiving and in the years since so many other have too. Perhaps you. The second phrase is more recent, “Where did you see God today? Confirmations students, Bible Study participants, committee members, our staff and Church Council have shared their answers. Sometimes those answers were full of joy and others of sorrow. Some honestly shared that they hadn’t seen God even as they leaned into the hope given by the responses of others. Sharing helped us to always be a community of faith.

There is so much to be thankful for as we have lived, grown and shared God’s love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor Cynthia Krommes

Illustration: *The Yes Tree*, by Todd Stong



Summer Worship continued:

Twelfth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, August 22nd—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 23rd—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

In the Gospel reading this weekend, we hear that Peter received the “keys of the kingdom.” In our baptism it is as if we too have received keys that open God to us and open ourselves to others. Come to worship; be opened to the Word and at the Table.

Thirteenth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, August 29th—Evening Light at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 20th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

Jesus turns our expectations upside-down by telling those who follow him that they will find their lives in losing them. And amazingly they do—as so do you!

Fourteenth Weekend after Pentecost—Labor Day Weekend

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

Sunday, September 6th—Holy Communion at 9:00 a.m.

On September 13th, 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?

Returning to In-Person Worship at St. John's

As we return to worship together at St. John's please know that the health, safety, and well-being of our members is our first and foremost concern. We will comply with all state and local laws and ordinances related to COVID-19 and take necessary safety precautions to avoid the spread of COVID-19 and follow the CDC guidelines. We will be guided by recommendations by our Bishop and the ELCA. Know guidelines for dealing with COVID-19 change frequently and our worship guidelines will reflect those changes.



Masks must be worn by all in attendance except for those under the age of two and those who cannot wear them for medical reasons. Please bring your own mask and have it on as you approach the sanctuary.

Maintaining social distancing is a primary concern.

If you are sick (symptomatic), stay home for your own sake and for the sake of others. Even though the sanctuary will be sanitized thoroughly prior to worship (both Evening Light and Sunday morning), please err on the side of caution.

If you are in an "at-risk" category, the decision to attend is yours. We will continue to provide YouTube worship. You are at risk if you are an older adult (age 65 and older) or if you are a person of any age who has a serious underlying medical condition.

Limited Seating Capacity

After implementing the protocols for social distancing, we will have an estimated 40-80 seats available. This will depend on the number of individuals, couples, and family units. Overflow seating will be available in the narthex and adjoining hallway.

Entering St. John's

Everyone will enter through the side door next to the Jane Kunsch Memorial Garden which (weather permitting) will be propped open. Please do not wait until the last minute to arrive since we will need some time to introduce new procedures during this restricted phase. Please maintain proper social distancing while waiting to enter the sanctuary. No other doors will be open for entrance to the church.

As you enter, ushers will welcome you and direct you to a seat. No one may seat himself or herself. Seating will begin from the front of the church and continue to the back. This will help us safely seat those attending. Families who live in the same dwelling may sit more closely together.

Restrooms

The two restrooms by the sanctuary will be the only ones available for use.

Worship Bulletins

Worship bulletins will be provided. Evening Light worshippers are requested to leave their bulletins at their seats while Sunday morning worshippers are requested to take them along and dispose of them at home. Children's coloring sheets will be provided but you are asked to bring your own crayons. No children's worship bags will be available so parents may consider bringing your own worship bags from home.

Singing and Corporate Responses

All singing and corporate responses will happen with masks in place.

Children's Sermon

The children's sermon will take place on the steps in front of the altar. A parent is requested to come up with children to help maintain social distancing.

Passing of Peace

No physical contact should be made except with family members; rather, connect with those around you with direct eye contact, waving, etc. Maintain social distancing which may mean not leaving your pew.

Offering

No offering will be received during the service. Instead there will be a secure cabinet in the narthex into which you may drop your offering envelope or loose cash.

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From the Director of Music:

Finally, Singing Together!

As we return to worship together in our building, I look forward to the opportunity to again be singing together. Know that it won't be the same as we'll be singing with masks, not singing heartily but certainly with heart, but no matter singing together. What a joy. We'll be reunited with our church family, although maybe not in "our pew" but in body. We'll gather around the Table, not kneeling at the altar rail but at a social distance. Our new norm will be temporary but will provide a welcome return. **And oh, the singing!**



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in *Life Together*, puts it so well:

It is the voice of the Church that is heard in singing together.
It is not you that sings, it is the Church that is singing,
and you, as a member of the Church, may share in its song.
Thus all singing together . . . serves to widen our spiritual horizon,
make us see our little company as a member
of the great Christian Church on earth,
and help us willingly and gladly to join our singing,
be it feeble or good, to the song of the Church.

Returning to In-Person Worship continued:

Holy Communion

Empty communion glasses will be provided and glasses with grape juice will be available as well. Gluten-free wafers will be available in the silver containers.

All those administering Holy Communion will wear masks, sanitize their hands, put on gloves, and sanitize their hands again.

Communicants should not be wearing gloves when they receive Communion.

Without removing their mask, communicants will receive the wafer (either wheat or gluten-free) in their open hand, followed by a blessing; wine will be poured into the empty glass, followed by a blessing for the wine or grape juice. Communicants will then step forward and to the side, remove their mask to eat and drink, replace their mask, and deposit their empty cup in the provided container. Children may be blessed but no physical contact will be made.

Dismissal & Departure

The Pastor and assisting ministers will leave first. No greeting will happen in the narthex following worship.

The ushers will direct exiting from the pews, beginning in the rear of the sanctuary. Congregants will exit through the main doors at the rear of the church. Weather permitting, the doors will be propped open as the service ends.

Please leave the sanctuary immediately when you are dismissed while continuing to observe social distancing. You are welcome to greet others in the garden or the parking lot while again maintaining social distancing.

We continue to follow the guidelines issued by the Governor of Pennsylvania. Worship will be available on our YouTube channel for those who do not feel comfortable returning to in-person worship. The simplest way to find our current YouTube channel is to go to our website at <http://stjohnluthphoenixville.org/> and click on the YouTube icon at the top left side of the page. Please like and subscribe to the channel so you'll be able to find it easily in the future. Feel free to share this link with your friends and family via email and social media. Materials for at-home worship are being sent to parishioners without computer access on request.

From the Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries:

I try hard each day to set aside some time to read or do a devotion, but I often lose interest after a few weeks of the same format. So each month, I pick a different devotional to use. I have always found that God draws my attention to a book that is what my soul needs at that moment. This month was no exception. He drew me to *God's Little Devotional Book* by Honor Books which I was about three-quarters of the way through. On June 2nd, amidst the news reports of protests and racial injustice God had me opening to page 214. The devotion for that day centered on the thought "Our children are like mirrors—they reflect our attitudes in life."

Just three days before, I said something similar in the Zoom prayer group I'm part of as we discussed the injustices in our world and what to do about it. For me, part of the solution is the children. How can we foster that acceptance of others that is present at a young age and keep it? Too often as children age, they too begin to note the differences in others as a negative instead of embracing the differences. What happens to cause this? The answer their teacher. Meaning tv, movies, YouTube, music, video games, social media, books, advertisements, adults, and other children. Every interaction we have shapes who we are for the good and for the bad. So this shouldn't just be a parental concern, but one for each of us.

Are we acting and speaking in a way that little eyes should see, and little ears should hear? Do our words and actions express Jesus' commandment to love one another? Part of the solution is each of us, remembering that we are a teacher to those around us. Our actions and words need to express love for one another.

But what about the media and outside influences? There is no way to completely isolate the children or ourselves from these things, so what can we do? For parents, when watching tv or a movie, talk about scenes that are not showing love for one another. Reinforce that what was just viewed is not appropriate.

Talk about ways that situation might have been handled better. For all of us, educate ourselves about how to spot fake news stories and those with bias. Teach those skills to the children so they can better judge the source of information. Most importantly balance these influences with ones that show how Jesus wants us to live. Try watching a Christian film or listening to Christian music. Look for a devotional to do as a family or individually either in print or as an app. Add the Faith 5 to your evening routine. If nothing else, simply attend worship each week to be reminded that God loves you and that you should love one another. Worship each week reminds us how we should be living and renews our commitment to do so.

As we head into summer and begin interacting with more people, let us remember that we are mirrors and we want to reflect God's love for the world to see.

God Bless and have a wonderful summer.

Jen Wentworth



Join the Stream Team!

Are you interested in becoming part of a team to livestream St. John's worship services? The first task is to develop a proposal for the video capture and streaming equipment. Initial proposals are being gathered now. Audio capture will build upon what is already in the sanctuary, but may need to be modified to support the livestream. Once a solution is defined, purchased, and installed, a 'Streaming Team' will be needed to set up the livestream and manage the "production booth." We would need a few volunteers to ensure coverage every week. We all would require training to both run and potentially troubleshoot as needed. Please contact Dale Herbranson at dale.herbranson@outlook.com as soon as possible if you are interested.



Congratulations to Our St. John's Scholarship Students

This year the Earl and Grace Dahms Scholarship was awarded to Travis Brown, Mikayla Niness, Tyler Pekosky, and Olesya Sitkowski. Each student received \$2,000 to further their education. Members of St. John's who are pursuing a post-secondary degree are eligible to receive this award once during their college career. The application process is held each spring.

Stir Up the Gift of the Holy Spirit

On Sunday, August 9th at our 10 a.m. worship (there will also be a 8 a.m. service that morning), five of our young men will be confirmed. They were originally to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st, but because of COVID-19, that was not to be. The five, along with their Confirmation Guide, Rick Kramer, have spent three years studying scripture, learning the catechism and in their last year, especially serving in mission. They also served as preachers on Youth Sunday last January. Their sermons were deeply appreciated and, along with their Confirmation Verse, spiritual gifts and Ministry Covenants are included here.

Andrew Blackledge

Confirmation Verse: May we shout for joy! Psalm 20:5

Spiritual Gifts: Wisdom, Leadership, Helps

Ministry Covenant: Help with Property projects and assist with snow removal

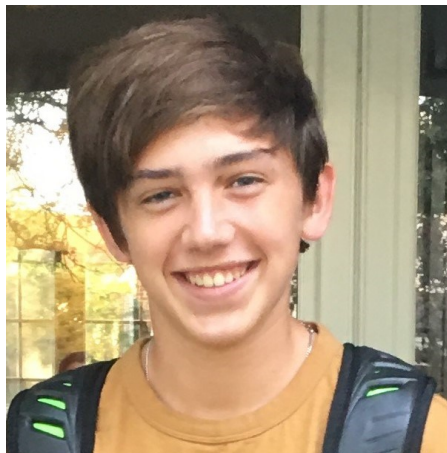
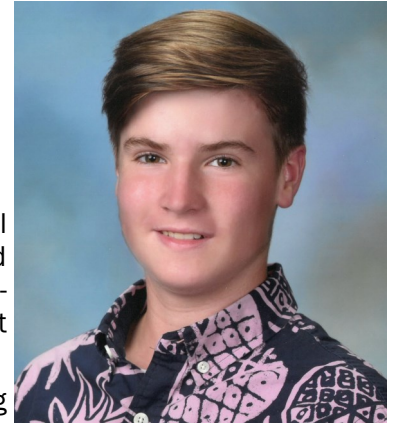
Good morning, my name is Andrew Blackledge.

In 7th grade, my first year in middle school, baseball was my only interest. School was never hard at this stage, so for me baseball was even above school. I worked and worked just to make the 7th grade baseball team and I knew I was at a disadvantage because of my height but that didn't keep me from trying. Finally, tryout day came and I played the best ball I had ever played.

This process took two days and I felt very confident about my chances, even going up against these bigger players. When it came time to announce the results, I became anxious, which was natural, but I just didn't know what to expect. When my name was called, I slowly walked to the desk where the coach was sitting. Then the unexpected news came: I didn't get a spot on the team. There can only be 18 players and I was their 19th choice. But I wasn't about to give up! I worked all spring, played summer ball, work during the winter, and finally, when 8th grade tryouts came around I was back with a "New Mindset".

I went into the hitting position feeling relaxed. I think it was probably the best hitting practice I ever took. Then came the infield portion. Out of the 20 ground balls, I had bobbled, I still managed to throw the ball to 1st before the timer expired. I learned I made the 8th grade team as the 11th overall player, I realized that I wasn't just myself who made the team but it was also God. He had a plan for me, and it was just up to me to carry it out!

God helped me see that there will be rejection in life, but with his help, we can rise from our failures into the future.



Evan DesMaris

Confirmation Verse: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23

Spiritual Gifts: Discernment/Prophecy, Helps, Leadership and Giving

Ministry Covenant: Be a Communion Assistant, go on the 2021 mission trip, work on the Angel Tree, tell others about God and St. John's, help cut grass using the tractor

Good morning, my name is Evan DesMarais.

I didn't truly start believing in Jesus and God until I got to summer camp five years ago. I didn't find it enjoyable to learn about Jesus enriching me with knowledge. It felt like it was forced upon me to go and learn about this man every Sunday. Then I was introduced to this Christian camp by a close friend.

When I first arrived at this sleepover camp it felt like any other. Even after the first day it had not made an impact on me. Then it changed when we were all

introduced to a missionary that would stay with us for the rest of the week.

The camp was filled with great things to do and good food. But every night before bed all 100 of the boys listened to this man's story and how the man's life was at the lowest point it could be. But then he gave up everything just to follow Jesus. And over the next few years of his life he was introduced to opportunities he would have never had without Jesus at his side. That is when I decided to give into Jesus and let him have me as one of his followers.

Luke Olsen

Confirmation Verse: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God, I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Spiritual Gifts: Helps, Faith, Evangelism, Discernment and Prophecy

Ministry Covenant: Be a Reader/Lector, be a procession volunteer, raise funds for mission trips, participate in Sunday school, serve at Feast Incarnate, do an Eagle Scout project and serve as the St. John's Head Acolyte

Good Morning, my name is Luke Olsen.

Last year I volunteered to be Jesus for the reading of the Gospel on Palm Sunday. I wanted a big part and that was Jesus. Then I found out how BIG that part was. I was nervous so I asked for help from my speech therapist. She worked with me so I would be clear and loud. Mr. Kramer helped me too. Being Jesus was a responsibility. I learned a lot about Jesus and how he helped others, how he loved his disciples even when things were bad, and how he died on the cross for US. I follow Jesus by caring for animals, especially my cats, helping to pick up trash, being a Boy Scout, "Healthy Kids Running", and being an acolyte here at St. John's. Lighting the candles reminds me that Jesus is the light of the world and gives me joy.



Jason O'Neill

Confirmation Verse: If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault and it will be given to you. James 1:5

Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Giving Faith

Ministry Covenant: Be an Assisting Minister, Usher and Lector; help create videos, go on the 2021 mission trip and other mission trips, help pack Phantom Food Packs, tell others about God and St. John's, assist with electronic equipment and office work, share talents joyfully, help with Property projects and cut grass

Good Morning, my name is Jason O'Neill

We go to church, We read the Bible, We repent, and ask God to forgive our sins. We put our trust into this larger than life being or Spirit. A question I have had and maybe some of you had is, how do I know he is real or when will he finally answer our countless prayers.

Not long ago my life-long friend had a sister who got sick. She was diagnosed with leukemia at seven years old. Once I heard that, I instantly started to pray. Every chance I had, every sleepless night, I was thinking about her. Not even a year later, she passed away. This was life-altering to everyone that knew her.

The day she passed away, I immediately, started to question my faith in any "higher" being. For a long time I questioned this, but never showed it. But like any other hero story, Jesus came around. In 8th grade, I fell into a mindset of defiance and bad decision making. I vaped and I drank. I got in tremendous amounts of trouble, lost countless people's trust, but no one left me. The one's I loved, my extended family, and all of my friends still had my back and helped to direct me back in the right direction. Ever since, I have never and will not question my faith or Jesus ever again.

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Attention all 8th through 12th graders and parents:

On July 19th at 7 p.m. an informational meeting on the ELCA Youth Gathering will be held outside on the patio behind the Fireside Room. Please bring a chair. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held in Kley Hall.

Please come out and learn about this fun-filled and spiritually fulfilling gathering of Lutheran high-school youth from across the country. The Youth Gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29-Saturday, July 3, 2021 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Please know that the Gathering organizers are working on ways to still hold the event with COVID-19 precautions. Final decisions on who wants to attend will not be made until the fall. If you think the Youth Gathering might be something you want to take part in, please attend. Email Jen Wentworth (wentworthj@stjohnphoenixville.org) with any questions.

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July 2020

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Nathan Stewart

Confirmation Verse: “Jesus answered Peter: You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” John 13:7

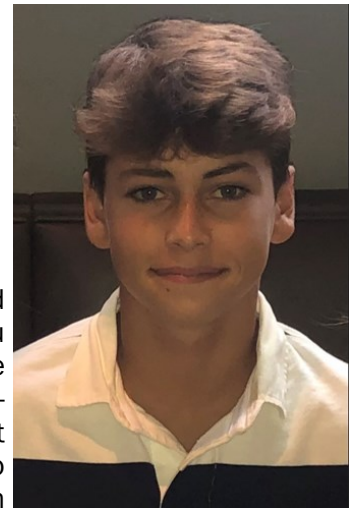
Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Teaching, Prophecy

Ministry Covenant: Be an Usher, serve in Vacation Bible School, tell others about God and St. John’s

Good morning, my name is Nate Stewart.

Over my time here through confirmation class and experience at St John’s I’ve learned to love and respect Jesus. It sounds simple to start believing in something that you have never seen. But it is very difficult. There have been many times where I have questioned Jesus and if he is really here to help me. During my time with my old soccer team, I worked my tail off and did everything I could to get on the field. But I felt my work going unnoticed as players who didn’t care as much as I did continued to “win” the job. This went on for three long years until I came to the realization that I am a good player and just because a few coaches don’t think so doesn’t mean I am something less. I was unsure as to why I felt this new wave of self-confidence. I realized it was Jesus. He was allowing me to complete my dreams even when I was being doubted by many. Jesus gave me faith in myself to keep pushing and I was rewarded.

This is why I’m going to continue to follow Jesus and tell others to follow Jesus. Often, I and many people question Jesus’ existence because they begin to have “bad luck” but I will always follow Jesus through thick and thin because of the opportunities he has given me.



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School Supplies Needed!

Consider shopping for your children AND children around the world when you hit the stores for the great back-to-school supplies deals now in progress. Lutheran World Relief accepts donations of "school kit" backpacks which they distribute around the globe to school-aged children (<https://lwr.org/instructions>).

The St. John's children's Sunday school plans to assemble LWR backpacks on Sunday, September 27, 2020. We hope to make another 100 bags this year.

We need:

- 70-sheet notebooks (wide or college rule)
- 30-cm rulers (inches on one side and centimeters on the other)
- pencil sharpeners
- scissors (blunt or safety tips)
- 2.5-inch erasers
- #2 pencils with erasers (unsharpened)
- 16 or 24 count box of crayons
- ball point pens (black or blue, no gel-pens)

Please consider donating to this special cause. New items only are needed with no patriotic or religious symbols on them. You can buy a lot or just a few items or make a monetary donation that will allow us to purchase anything necessary to complete our kits. Donations can be left in the designated bin in the narthex. Items will be collected from July 1st until Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

July 2020 – Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Marion Rice's birthday	29 Florence Bickhart's birthday John Unruh and Devon Mensch-Unruh's anniversary Rachael Aaronson's birthday Sue Lisiewski's birthday	30 Garrett Paul Grejdlus'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	4 Amanda Westerman's birthday Kurt Seidel's birthday Travis Brown's birthday
5 Dennis Duerr'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	9 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 Pat Renninger's birthday Trevor O'Neill's birthday	13 Leslie Aharonian's birthday	14 Ethan Walls's birthday	15 Dolly Bucher's birthday Margaret Walker's birthday	16	17 Paul Deichmann's birthday	18
19 Atea McArel's birthday Jess Blain's birthday Pamela Freehafer's birthday	20 Mea Borzumati's birthday	21 Dawn Platchek's birthday	22 Chloe Kunsch's birthday 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
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	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	1 Andrew Starling's birthday Jim and Marti Steiner's anniversary

GREEN PHASE

- ALL BUSINESSES OPERATING IN THE YELLOW PHASE UNDER THE 50% LIMITATION MAY INCREASE TO 75% OCCUPANCY
- ALL BUSINESSES NOT PERMITTED TO OPERATE PHYSICAL LOCATIONS IN THE YELLOW PHASE MAY MOVE TO 50% OCCUPANCY, SUBJECT TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES
- ALL BUSINESSES MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES
- TELEWORK WHERE FEASIBLE
- CONSIDER ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VULNERABLE PERSONNEL
- CONSTRUCTION BACK TO FULL CAPACITY WITH SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE

- NOT A RETURN TO THE WAY THINGS WERE, BUT CHANGING BEHAVIOR FOR A NEW NORMAL
- PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY: USE GOOD JUDGMENT, WEAR MASKS AROUND OTHERS, CONTINUE SOCIAL DISTANCING + USE GOOD HEALTH HABITS
- LARGE RECREATIONAL GATHERINGS REMAIN RESTRICTED
- VISITS TO PRISONS + HOSPITALS MAY RESUME
- NURSING HOME VISITATION RESTRICTIONS REMAIN FOR NOW
- INDIVIDUALS MUST FOLLOW CDC AND PA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES

August 2020 – Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	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	1 Andrew Starling's birthday Jim and Marti Steiner's anniversary
2 Anneleise Sifford's birthday Julia Gombarick's birthday Kurt Kunsch's birthday Laura Gombarick'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 Carey's birthday Joan Tulish's birthday Lynn Titus's birthday Paul and Cindy Gadzicki's anniversary	14 Grace Supplee's birthday	15 Kelly Gallagher's birthday
16 Kevin Wimble's birthday	17	18 David Schumacher's birthday Samuel Bonavita's birthday	19 Dick and Judy Wolstenholme's anniversary	20 Caitlin Krueger's birthday Ray and Sue Lisiewski's anniversary	21	22 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 Hamiet 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 Eileen F. Subacus's birthday Nicholas Hollander's birthday Sandra Sheplock's birthday
30 Cindy Schubert's birthday	31 Aditya Verma and Elizabeth Granacher's anniversary 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 Hamiet Carr's anniversary Elizabeth Sitkowski's birthday Leslie Kem's birthday	5 Cole O'Neill's birthday Jay Ritchie and Heather Bourdeau's anniversary



Happy anniversary!

People of God Involved in God's Work

Summer Schedule

(subject to safety restrictions)

July

Altar Guild

- 5 Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
- 12 Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
- 19 Barbara Eng & Jean Herbranson
- 26 Betty Hans & Jean Herbranson

Assisting Ministers

- 5 Teresa Olsen
- 12 Ron Stevens
- 19 Jack New
- 26 Donna Thompson

Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 5 Erica Lucas (L) & Debbe Welsh
- 12 Bill & Sue Starling
- 19 Aimee Hillegas (L) & Erica Lucas
- 26 Dale Herbranson (L) & Brian Becker

Counters

- 5 Stephen & Jennifer Drewes, Donna Anderson & Peg Yanoviak
- 12 Heather Yonosh, Donna Searchfield & Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 19 Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 26 Jack Ertell, Lilly Khan & Imtiaz Khan Lawrence

Greeters

- 5 Joan Wilson, Dale Herbranson & Donna Searchfield
- 12 Mike & Cathy Kahl, Faye Donovan
- 19 Beverly Rote, Debbe Welsh & Lynn Titus
- 26 Kelly LeMarbe & Denise Longbine

Ushers

- 5 Don Titus, Donna Anderson, Brian Becker & Mark Wallace
- 12 Tom Snyder, Nancy Cressman, Luanne Bindschusz & Cathy Garrett
- 19 Dale Herbranson, Deb Ahola, John Rawlins & Bev Rote
- 26 Glen Murphy, Barry Church, John Westerman & Paul Miller

Summary Financial Report as of May 31, 2020

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 32,223	\$ 27,855	\$ 161,118	\$ 147,289
Other Income	3,987	50,491	19,934	76,607
Total Income	\$ 36,210	\$ 78,346	\$ 181,052	\$ 223,896
Expenses	\$ 37,235	\$ 28,576	\$ 186,177	\$ 160,979
Income (Deficit)	\$ (1,025)	\$ 49,770	\$ (5,125)	\$ 62,917

Don't Forget to RSVP!

The retirement of Pastor Cynthia Krommes has been postponed from June until August due to the COVID-19 quarantine. It is hoped that an interim pastor will be in place shortly after August 16th. The Retirement Party that was scheduled for May 17th at Rivercrest will now take place on August 16th, again at Rivercrest. Please RSVP to Sonya Sowards no later than Monday, July 27th if you are planning to attend. We need to know the number of children 0-3, 4-10 and the number of adults. Thank you!

August

Altar Guild

- 2 Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
- 9 Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
- 16 Barbara Eng & Jean Herbranson
- 23 Betty Hans & Jean Herbranson
- 30 Jean Herbranson

Assisting Ministers

- 2 Donna Thompson
- 9 8 a.m. Ron Stevens
- 10 a.m. Evan Aho
- 16 8 a.m. Brittney Walters
- 10 a.m. Tyler Pekofsky
- 23 Ron Stevens
- 30 Teresa Olsen

Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 2 Nancy Cressman
- 9 TBD
- 16 8 a.m. Pat Lucas
- 10 a.m. Mitch Reading
- 23 Erica Lucas (L) & Teresa Olsen
- 30 Don & Lynn Titus

Counters

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

- 2 Joan Wilson, Dale Herbranson & Donna Searchfield
- 9 Mike & Cathy Kahl, Faye Donovan
- 16 Beverly Rote, Debbe Welsh & Lynn Titus
- 23 Kelly LeMarbe & Denise Longbine
- 30 Mike & Cathy Kahl, Jennifer Drewes

Ushers

- 2 Donna Anderson, Beth Williams, Cathy Garrett, Debbe Welsh
- 9 8 a.m. Erica Lucas, Don Titus, Mark Wallace, Bev Rote
- 10 a.m. Nancy Cressman, Tom Snyder, Deb Ahola, Luanne Bindschusz
- 16 8 a.m. Brian Becker, John Rawlins, Paul Miller, Dale Herbranson
- 10 a.m. John Westerman, Beth Williams, Glen Murphy, Donna Anderson
- 23 Debbe Welsh, Donna Anderson, Erica Lucas, Cathy Garrett
- 30 Mark Wallace, Tom Snyder, Barry Church, Luanne Bindschusz

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Please wear a mask when interacting with others in the building during the week and wipe any surfaces you touch. Thank you for keeping us all healthy!

Please continue to collect your aluminum cans to bring to Kley Hall when we get back together. They are used to support our youth mission trips.

It is with great pride and humility, that I accept the 2020 St John's Lutheran Church Scholarship. What an honor to be recognized by the stewardship and congregation at St John's.

It is with great appreciation that I accept this generous award, and I promise you it will go to good use, offsetting what will surely be the biggest investment of my life so far. I believe West Chester will prepare me, ultimately, for the road ahead, and that their School of Nursing will allow me to pursue my life goals.

As I reflect on my short tenure here at St. John's, I recall fondly all the fun times I had, from running around the nursery as a young child, participating in multiple Vacation Bible School weeks growing up, as well as the number of retreats I was able to attend with my confirmation class. But besides the fun, I also had the opportunity to learn, and explore my own personal faith and relationship with God. For all this I truly appreciate my experience here.

Despite all that, I am now faced with thanking you once again for this prestigious award, and I will forever be grateful to all of you.

Yours truly

Mikayla Ninness



Hello all,

I want to thank each of you for making the Phantom Food Pack Program a success this year. I appreciate your dedication, flexibility and hard work. I wish that things would not have ended so abruptly and I know that all of you sincerely care about the students in the program. While things have changed and the students are now taking classes from home, PCEF and the Chester County Food Bank remain dedicated to providing nutritious food to these children now and through the summer. Weekend bags of food are currently available for students to pick-up from Barkley Elementary School, where they can also pick-up breakfast and lunch.

No one knows what the fall holds or what school will look like at that time, but I will reach out to everyone about restarting the program once we know when the children will be returning to school.

Have a wonderful summer.

Regards,

Beth Leong

Dear Rev. Krommes:

Everyone who works at PACS, whether staff, board members, or volunteers, sincerely thanks you for your recent contribution of \$200. Most importantly, we thank you on behalf of our neighbors whom we were able to help through your generosity.

Over the past few weeks, life has dramatically changed. Unemployment is rising and more people continue to need our services. While it is discouraging to know so many people in the Phoenixville area are struggling to meet life's basic needs and worry how they are going to put food on their tables, your charitableness helps ensure that PACS will be here for them. Our dedication to not only help them through their crisis but assist them in getting back on their feet is stronger than ever!

Your neighbors in need—and all of us at PACS—deeply appreciate your support which enables us to continue our mission of helping those facing food insecurity within our community. By reaching out to help, you are truly making a real difference in their lives.

With gratitude,

Mary Fuller

Executive Director

Phoenixville Area Community Services

I stood upon the mountaintop
And saw fear topple mighty oaks
Despair crept upon the mountainside
I cried O Lord my God where is Thy
Hand in deep dismay I saw no hope
Twas then I heard the voice of song
Softly softly
Did not My son know darkness that he
To the light shall bring you
I lifted up my eyes beheld the
Hand of God I heard a voice say
Come for none may wrest your hand
From mine trust in me I will lead
You in pastures sweet by gentle
Waters you shall rest

Margaret Walker

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020**

Attendees:							
Pastor Krommes	P	Sandra Zimmermann	P	Mitch Reading	P	Dale Herbranson	P
Stephen Drewes	P	Kelly Gallagher	P	Janet Gerner	P	Brian Greenwald	P
Dick Kunsch	P	Pam Naylor	P	Bobbi Riley	P	Donna Searchfield	P
Don Titus	P		P				
Guests:							
Tom Snyder	P	Jen Wentworth	P	Sonya Sowards			

The Zoom Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mitch Reading. Council members did some sharing and Pastor prayed.

Meeting minutes from the April 13, 2020 council meeting were reviewed.

Motion by Dick Kunsch , Second by Dale Herbranson to accept the minutes; Motion passed.

Staff Reports

- T. Snyder's Report – accepted as written
- J. Quinn's Report – no report
- J. Wentworth's Report – accepted as written
- Pastor's Report
 - We are monitoring the number of YouTube views of the services. Hope to average 100 views. We recognize this does not reflect the number of people viewing the service.
 - Pastor to take an on-line Continuing Ed. course.
 - Jacobson's would like to visit before pastor retires. Will invite them to visit August 9, 2020. That is also the 9th grade confirmation Sunday but both should work.

Motion by Dale Herbranson , Second by Don Titus to accept the staff reports; Motion passed.

Finance Committee meeting minutes from February 25, 2020 and April 27, 2020 reviewed. Income & Expense Report from April 2020.

- The April financial report shows us in the black, but the amount is mostly due to the surplus carry over from 2019. We are basically running at a breakeven rate through April which is good.
- The Finance Cmt will continue to monitor our investment portfolio given the volatile market. Two CD's coming due in June will be converted to cash to have in reserve for this year.
- Additional Fund balances not provided in the packet are available upon request.
- St. John's received their federal Paycheck Protection Plan funds from the CARES Act on Monday May 4, 2020. The rules for use and repayment are fluid and the Finance Cmt will oversee the application of this money.
- Stephen Drewes is the new council rep to Finance and should be included in their meeting invites.

Motion by Dick Kunsch, Second by Dale Herbranson to accept the Finance Committee and Income & Expense Reports; Motion passed.

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Stewardship Committee – did not meet. Note Dick Kunsch is the new council rep.
- Electronics Committee – did not meet.
- Christian Education and Youth and Family Committee from – May 6, 2020.
 - In-Person VBS cancelled this year. A VBS "Your Way" will be planned using the Spark Summer Series

- Cmt raised issue of addressing re-opening procedures. See notes under new business.
- Property Committee - did not meet.
- Worship and Music Committee from May 5, 2020. Accepted as written.
 - Big Thank You to Dale Herbranson and Bill Schoelkopf for their continued efforts to produce the on-line services.
- Welcome Team Committee – did not meet.
- Social Ministry Committee from May 6, 2020.
 - Phoenixville Non-Profits have good working relationship and are able to distribute funds and resources to maximize effectiveness.
 - The Phoenixville community has many needs created by the pandemic.
 - Feedback from Pastor Krommes’ call to Phoenixville Mayor, Peter Urscheler.
 - Thankful that St. John’s has reached out to offer community support.
 - Suggested donations can be made to the Jaycee Foundation, Covid 19 Response. They can then be distributed to the most urgent causes.
 - **Council Motion by Pastor Krommes with a second by Dick Kunsch to donate \$10,000.00 to the Phoenixville Jaycee Foundation, Covid 19 Response. The Finance Cmt will select the outreach fund to use. Motion passed.**
- Fellowship Committee – did not meet.
- Columbarium Committee – did not meet.
- Executive Committee – did not meet.

Motion by Bobbi Riley , Second by Sandra Zimmermann to accept committee reports; Motion passed.

Old Business

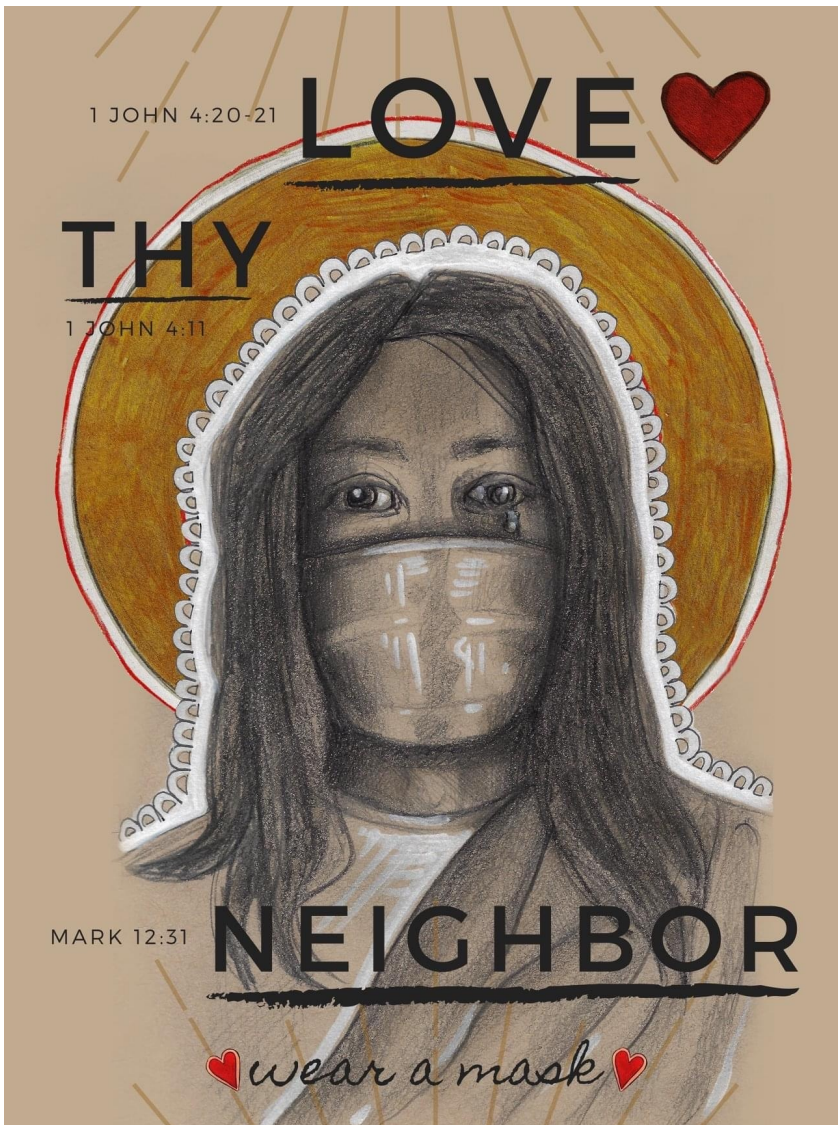
- The Coronavirus Covid 19 pandemic continues to dominate the world, our community and our lives.

New Business

- Pastor Krommes and Sonya Sowards will review the invitation list for Pastor’s August retirement party to be sure appropriate non-members have been invited.
- Mitch Reading to invite Synod rep Ron Wesemann to participate in the June Council meeting.
- 32 St. John’s members have no computer access. Suggestions made: put the video services on USB Flash Drives; burn to DVD; and possible loaner computers with service loaded. Pastor to reflect on this.
- Christian Ed / Youth Committee issue of what will happen on the other side of the stay-at-home orders. Chester County remains in the “Red Phase” at this time.
 - Sonya gave CDC update: “Yellow Phase” will allow groups of 25 people, 6 feet apart, wearing masks. Physical spaces used must be cleaned between group meetings. Issue raised as to how one rule will apply to variable size meeting spaces especially as applicable to churches.
 - For Phoenixville religious organizations, it would be desirable to re-open as a “group” when the time comes. The ability to do this is dependent on the various religion’s organizational structures. The more unified we are the better for the community.
 - Mitch Reading proposed to have a small group of people begin to review and consider options for St. John’s procedures once we move to the “Yellow Phase”.
 - Stephen Drewes, Tom Snyder and Sonya Sowards offered to meet and consider best practice options and polices to prepare for what’s next.

The meeting ended at 8:40 pm with the Lord’s Prayer. The next council meeting will be a Zoom Meeting June 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bobbi Riley
 Council Secretary



Give with your whole heart.

Did you know? Many employers offer the ability to have your donations deducted from your paycheck and then forward those donations on to us. Some, such as Vanguard, offer a generous match so that your donation has the potential of a nice increase. Contact your Human Resources Department to see if this is a possibility for you.

Donating Stock to St. John's

One of the many ways to financially support St. John's is through the donation of stock. Donating appreciated stock will benefit the church and provide a potential tax benefit to the donor. For stock that has been held for more than a year and has appreciated in value, one can take a charitable deduction based on the stock's fair market value on the day of donation. Additionally, making such a donation will avoid capital gains taxes on the increased value of the stock.

If interested in donating stock to St. John's, contact our Church Treasurer, Shirley Platzer, at (484) 938-7763.

Live Generously

The mission and ministry of St. John's was greatly enhanced through Thrivent Action Teams Grants in 2019. Thrivent members who are also members of St. John's applied for and received 20 grants for a total of \$5,000! If you are a member of Thrivent, you are eligible to apply for two Action Team Grants each year. Please contact your Thrivent representative if you would like to apply for an Action Team Grant in the coming year. You can learn more about Thrivent at www.thrivent.com.

Amazon Smile

Did you know that Amazon will donate to St. John's on your behalf? Simply log-in to Amazon using <https://smile.amazon.com> and choose St. John's from the list of charities you support (make sure you choose St. Johns (no apostrophe) Lutheran Church in Phoenixville). Amazon will send 0.5% of your purchase to St. John's every time you shop eligible items!

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Funerals
 Joseph Gaffnew
 June 6, 2020

Kenneth Tulish
 June 9, 2020

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Worship Schedule

Saturdays

5 p.m. Evening Light with Holy Communion

Sundays

10:15 a.m. Holy Communion
(fall, winter and spring)

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
(Memorial Day through Labor Day)

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