

# The Circle

January 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania



## *Pastor Wayne ... For Your Consideration*

Christmas Day was just the beginning of a remarkable story of life and love. Christmas isn't over. This new life invades, affects, and inconveniences every single moment of every day for the foreseeable future. For new parents it is a time of wonder and joy, of exhaustion and weariness, of hope and worry.

It doesn't take very long for parents and family to begin to project what this newborn's life might hold. Will s/he be a world leader, parent, sports star, look like me, scientist, happy, heartbroken, filled with wonder, amazing, caring? We parents wonder, speculate and project.

So let's do that—let's wonder, speculate and project—about St. John's Lutheran Church. This congregation is experiencing a new birth. In this time of transition we are becoming something new. Oh we are certainly shaped by the history from which we come, and at the same time we are the promise of something new. What might this "new" life hold? What do you "see" in your mind's eye? What do you think God is reshaping us to do?

Seriously, I want to hear from you. Drop me a note, text, email, phone call—whatever, and share with me what YOU see. God speaks in mysterious ways, and you might just be God's voice in this place.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** At the recommendation of our Bishop, the Governor, and our parishioner who is an epidemiologist, St. John's building is closed. All services are online only and available on our YouTube page. You can find each week's service by going directly to YouTube, or you can watch for the link to be posted on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter (all of those links are at the top left side of our website <http://stjohnluthphoenixville.org/>).

No one should be in the building except staff, our recording team, and those 12-step members who feel they must meet in person. Thank you for helping to keep us all healthy!

We ask that you continue to pray for and keep in touch with your friends at St. John's, especially those without access to YouTube. Also continue to pray for all healthcare workers and government agencies that are helping the world navigate this crisis. If you have any needs, please don't hesitate to contact us.

An oasis in a troubled world  
Where one can rest contemplate  
Peace flows here no worldly clamor intrudes  
Here on a hill flows a peace  
Shared by all come stay a while  
Sit or walk in quietness  
Here beside each God walks  
Listen listen as a song  
Drifts o'er  
Listen listen to God's song sung to all what'er  
Their faith may be

Margaret Walker



## A Hymn for the New Year

Little did Martin Luther know in 1534 when he wrote the words for his beloved Christmas Carol *Vom Himmel Hoch* (From Heaven Above) how poignant they would be today. Most likely it was written for his family's Christmas Eve devotions. Luther intended stanzas 1-7 be sung by a man dressed as an angel and stanzas 8-15 by children. Luther later composed the melody we associate with the text in 1539.

The angel portrayal is very evident in 1-3:

From heav'n above to earth I come, to bear good news to ev'ry home!

Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world and gladly sing:

To you this night is born a child of Mary, chosen virgin mild;

This newborn child of lowly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.

This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your sad and bitter cry,

Who will himself your Savior be and from all sin will set you free.

The two closing stanzas proclaim the joy of His birth and turn us to a new year:

My heart for very joy now leaps; my voice no longer silence keeps;

I too must sing with joyful tongue the sweetest ancient cradle song.

"Glory to God in highest heav'n, who unto us the Son has Giv'n."

With angels sing in pious mirth a glad new year to all the earth.

Right now we can't be together to sing with the angels. The joy of a glad new year to all the earth is needed more than ever.

Tom Snyder

Director of Music

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Dear Friends at St. John's:

Your kindness is changing lives! Thank you for your generous donation of \$25. Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue to provide free childcare and support so that our young mothers can achieve their educational goals and make a better life for their family. As Mom's House does not receive any government funding, we could not continue our mission without the support and generosity of people like you. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude.

Sincerely,

Wendy J. McKeon, Executive  
Director on behalf of the moms,  
staff, volunteers and children of  
Mom's House

## Reports for Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, 2021. Please send all committee reports to our Parish Administrator, Sonya Sowards, by Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> so they can be included in our Annual Report and plan to attend the meeting (probably virtually). Thank you!

## Poinsettia Pick-Up

If you sponsored a poinsettia or two and would like to pick it/ them up to enjoy throughout the winter, plan to come to the circle drive on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. We will be busy undecorating the sanctuary, but will be avail-



able to distribute the plants—just honk your horn or step inside for a minute. If that date is not good for you, contact Jean Herbranson at [deherb@juno.com](mailto:deherb@juno.com) to make other arrangements.

## Nativity Set Refreshed

Thank you to Barb Rambo and Bobbi Riley for touching up the paint and doing minor repairs on our Nativity set in the weeks before Christmas. Barb's artistic talent and Bobbi's eagle eye for details have restored the animals and figurines to near perfect condition. Thank you so much!

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

Happy New Year! Happy 2021!

I think most of us are wise enough to realize that the flip of the calendar year doesn't miraculously make the old year's problems disappear. So how can we deal with the stuff of 2020 in 2021?

The traditional way is by setting New Year's resolutions and making goals for the year. Figure out what you want to do and make a list of steps to see it accomplished. Most people think about ideas related to their health, jobs, finances, and lifestyle. But how about goals for your spiritual and church life this year? Or your kids' lives? In Baptism our parents and later we ourselves at Confirmation make a promise to: care for others and the world, work for justice and peace, share the good news of Jesus by our words and actions, know the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed, have a Bible and read it, and learn to trust God. How are you doing with these promises? How did you do with trusting God to see you through the pandemic? There are so many things you can do for your spiritual life this year regarding these promises. You could resolve to attend virtual or in-person worship weekly as a family, read the Bible or a children's Bible once a week and talk about what was read, or work on memorizing the Lord's Prayer together. If you aren't sure where to begin, just ask.

The non-traditional way of dealing with the old year's problems is by changing your mindset—meaning change how you look at the world around you. But just like New Year's resolutions, it's easier said than done. You have to train your brain to look for the positives of life instead of jumping to find the negatives. The place to start is with God by asking him to help you think differently. After that you could start a gratitude journal, read a book on the topic of mindset, or using a devotional that focuses on trusting God, faith, gratitude, or attitude. Worshipping each week is a great way to get that reminder each week of God's presence in your life. If you are musically inclined like me, consider memorizing the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul."

Whichever route you choose to deal with 2020's leftovers, just remember what Mary said in the Children's Christmas Eve service "God will be with us each step of the way."

*Jennifer Wentworth*

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

A big shout of THANK YOU to those who made the children's Christmas Eve Service possible. Thank you to Dale Herbranson for putting the audio recording and visuals together, to John Quinn for the music, to Pastor Shelor and Tom Snyder for their voices, and to Sonya Sowards for putting the final bulletin together. A big thank you to the children who read: Kaitlyn and Mark Blattner, Avery and Emerson Carr, and Brett and Claire Gallagher.

### Save the date

**January 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 p.m.**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cook-Off is on hold till 2022, but in its place is a chance to whip up a tasty dish. Join us for a live cooking class on Zoom. You can cook along with a member of St. John's as they share their family favorite recipe with you. Stay tune for more details as we are in the hunt for our resident chef/baker.



### Who's Ready for ASP?

We are gathering volunteers for the Appalachian Service Project in the summer. We are planning as if ASP will be running for summer 2021. All high schoolers and adults are welcome to participate in this life-changing time of service in the Appalachian Mountains. Please email Jen Wentworth ([wentworthj@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:wentworthj@stjohnphoenixville.org)) if you are interested.



### Save Your Cans

The St. John's youth are collecting aluminum beverage cans as a fundraiser to help with the costs of our mission trips. Please bag your cans and drop them off in Kley Hall. Thank you!!

We are reorganizing the St. John's prayer chain. If you are willing to participate please contact Sonya Sowards or Linda Landis. Let us know if you prefer a phone call or email as both will be available.

# People of God Involved in God's Work

## January Sunday Staffing

### Altar Guild

- 3 Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
- 10 Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
- 17 Jean Herbranson
- 24 Betty Hans & Jean Herbranson
- 31 Jean Herbranson

### Communion Assistant/Lector

- 3 Erica Lucas
- 10 Teresa Olsen
- 17 Nancy Cressman
- 24 Walt Deichmann
- 31 Bill/Sue Starling

### Counters

- 3 Stephen & Jen Drewes
- 10 Jack & Janet Ertell
- 17 Jack & Janet Ertell
- 24 Jack & Janet Ertell (lock-up)
- 31 Jack & Janet Ertell, Mary Heister, Shirley Platzer

### Summary Financial Report as of November 30, 2020

|                         | Monthly           |                   | Year-to-Date       |                    |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                         | Budget            | Actual            | Budget             | Actual             |
| <b>Income:</b>          |                   |                   |                    |                    |
| Envelope Giving         | \$ 32,223         | \$ 27,048         | \$ 354,461         | \$ 292,048         |
| Other Income            | 3,987             | 1,394             | 43,854             | 43,217             |
| <b>Total Income</b>     | <b>\$ 36,210</b>  | <b>\$ 28,442</b>  | <b>\$ 398,315</b>  | <b>\$ 335,265</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>         | <b>\$ 37,235</b>  | <b>\$ 34,046</b>  | <b>\$ 409,586</b>  | <b>\$ 369,102</b>  |
| <b>Income (Deficit)</b> | <b>\$ (1,025)</b> | <b>\$ (5,604)</b> | <b>\$ (11,271)</b> | <b>\$ (33,838)</b> |

Note: This report does not include the funds from the Paycheck Protection Loan received in May.

If a tiny virus can  
do this much damage,  
imagine what mustard  
seed size faith can do.



Keep faith  
in God,  
through  
all times. He  
will pull us  
through.

*Amen*

**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.

### Communion Records

We need your help. At St. John's, having communed is usually recorded on our Yellow Communion Card; however, due to the pandemic, we are currently not providing the YCC. Our constitution states a member must have communed and contributed in this or the previous year to be a voting member. Please contact Sonya Sowards at [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org) or (610) 933-3947 ext. 2 to share with her the date on which you communed. Thank you!

### Live Generously

If you are a member of Thrivent, you are eligible to apply for two Action Team Grants each year to benefit your church. 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](http://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!

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2020**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mitch Reading.

Pastor Shelor offered his thoughts on his first two months with St. John's. He has spoken with many and still needs to connect with lots others. First impressions:

- Many expressions of nostalgia – why can't things be as they were?
- Our "Hey Day" has pasted – lack of vision as to what might be next.
- Frustration on lack of commitment and follow through.
- Broad ambivalence.

Question for thought: Are we stuck between being a Program Lead Congregation verses a Pastoral Lead Congregation?

- A Program Lead Congregation shifts the focus on how people connect to the church from just the Pastor to the activities.
- Are our members capable of being a Program Lead Congregation?
- Can we do the work needed to be a Program Lead Congregation?
- Are we too focused Internally verses Externally?
- St. John's has gone back and forth between these models several times over the years. Do we have leadership / membership burn out?

Our "Interim Lead Period" should be used to help us resolve our identity to prepare us to know who we are and what we will want from our next pastor.

Remember – "Church" is the big picture going beyond the walls. Worship is just a part of that entity.

**Business Meeting:**

Meeting minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

**Motion by Dick Kunsch, Second by Donna Searchfield to accept the minutes; Motion Passed.**

**Staff Reports**

- T. Snyder's Report - accepted as written.
- J. Quinn's Report - accepted as written.
- J. Wentworth's Report- accepted as written.
- Pastor's Report- accepted as written.

**Motion by Kelly Gallagher, Second by Donna Searchfield to accept the staff reports; Motion Passed**

Finance Committee and Income & Expense Report from October 26, 2020.

- The Finance Committee reaffirms their September 28, 2020 motion to waive the requirement that the Columbarium Fund pay interest on its loan from other St. John's Funds.
  - Discussion – this does not violate the terms of the loan as approved by the St. John's Membership.

- Mitch Reading called for a council vote on the Finance Committee Motion. Council voted to approve the motion.
- The Finance Committee made a motion requesting that Council approve applying for forgiveness on the Federal Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan.
  - Mitch Reading called for a council vote on the Finance Committee Motion. Council voted to approve the motion.

**Motion by Don Titus, Second by Dale Herbranson to accept the Finance Committee and Income & Expense Report; Motion Passed.**

Council received and "accepted as written", the following Committee Reports:

- Faith Formation Committee from November 4, 2020.
- Property Committee from November 2, 2020
  - Council actions on the new flooring:
    - Council voted on the 1<sup>st</sup> Property Flooring Motion from October 5, 2020 to select J+J Flooring Company Kinetex – Outer Limits – Meteor for Kley Hall. Motion Defeated.
    - Council Motion by Bobbi Riley, Second by Stephen Drewes to use J+J Flooring Company Kinetex – Network Modular – Modem in Kley Hall. Motion Passed.
    - Council voted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Property Flooring Motion from October 5, 2020 to select J+J Flooring Company LVT Legend – 5mm – Color Fiction. Motion Passed.
    - Council tabled the 3<sup>rd</sup> Property Flooring Motion from October 5, 2020 and referred back to committee for further discussion.
    - Council Motion by Bobbi Riley, Second by Stephen Drewes to authorize the Property Committee to select a flooring vendor and begin work ASAP. Property is to follow constitutional guidelines to receive three bids and select the vendor best suited to our needs. Motion Passed.
- Worship and Music Committee from November 3, 2020.
- Social Ministry Committee from November 4, 2020.

**Motion by Dale Herbranson, Second by Dick Kunsch to accept committee reports; Motion Passed.**

#### Old Business

- Live Streaming Worship – St. John's went "Live" on YouTube November 8, 2020. Electronics is working on the A/V Booth and should have the platform done this week. They may need another camera in the future.
- Constitution update – we need to change committee names as appropriate.

#### New Business

- Pam Naylor and Brian Greenwald council terms are expiring, and they will not re-run. Mitch has asked the remaining council members to submit names of possible candidates for these positions.
- Staff reviews will be conducted in the next month. All job descriptions have been reformatted so that they "look" similar.

**Motion by Dale Herbranson, Second by Donna Searchfield to adjourn; Motion Passed.**

The meeting ended at 8:10pm with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be December 14, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Riley

# January 2021

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|----------|
| 27<br>10:15am Lessons & Carols (virtual)   | 28<br>11am Alanon Family Group  | 29<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group  | 30<br>7pm Alanon<br>7pm Bible Study<br>7pm Sunday Morning Book Club  | 31<br>6pm Girl Scouts #4514<br>7pm Naranon                           | 1<br>8pm Narcotics Anonymous                       | 2        |
| 3<br>10:15am Holy Communion<br>11:30am Poinsettia pick-up  | 4<br>11am Alanon Family Group<br>7pm Finance Committee<br>7pm Property<br>7pm Stephen Ministry  | 5<br>11:46am Staff<br>4:30pm Girl Scouts #41766<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group<br>7:30pm Worship & Music | 6<br>3pm Social Ministry<br>7pm Alanon<br>7pm Bible Study<br>7pm Faith Formation Committee<br>7pm Sunday Morning Book Club | 7<br>6pm Girl Scouts #4514<br>7pm Naranon                            | 8<br>8pm Narcotics Anonymous                       | 9        |
| 10<br>9am Christian Education (Zoom)<br>10:15am Holy Communion<br>11:30am 9th grade Confirmation (Zoom)                              | 11<br>11am Alanon Family Group<br>7pm Church Council  | 12<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group  | 13<br>6pm Girl Scouts #42024<br>7pm Alanon<br>7pm Bible Study<br>7pm Sunday Morning Book Club<br>8pm Adult Choir Meeting   | 14<br>7pm Naranon  | 15<br>St. Peter's lunch<br>8pm Narcotics Anonymous | 16       |
| 17<br>9am Christian Education (Zoom)<br>10:15am Holy Communion<br>11:30am 9th grade Confirmation (Zoom)                              | 18<br>Circle deadline<br>11am Alanon Family Group<br>7pm Stephen Ministry<br>7pm Welcoming Team | 19<br>4:30pm Girl Scouts #41766<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group   | 20<br>7pm Alanon<br>7pm Bible Study<br>7pm Sunday Morning Book Club  | 21<br>6pm Girl Scouts #4514<br>7pm Naranon<br>8:15pm Naranon Support | 22<br>8pm Narcotics Anonymous                      | 23       |
| 24<br>9am Christian Education (Zoom)<br>10:15am Holy Communion<br>11:30am 9th grade Confirmation (Zoom)                              | 25<br>11am Alanon Family Group<br>7pm Finance Committee   | 26<br>5:30pm Stewardship<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group  | 27<br>6pm Girl Scouts #42024<br>7pm Alanon<br>7pm Bible Study<br>7pm Sunday Morning Book Club<br>8pm Adult Choir Meeting   | 28<br>7pm Naranon  | 29<br>8pm Narcotics Anonymous                      | 30       |
| 31<br>9am Christian Education (Zoom)<br>10:15am Holy Communion<br>11:30am 9th grade Confirmation (Zoom)<br>3:30pm Zoom cooking class | 1<br>11am Alanon Family Group<br>7pm Property<br>7pm Stephen Ministry                           | 2<br>11:46am Staff<br>4:30pm Girl Scouts #41766<br>7pm Parent Grief Support Group<br>7:30pm Worship & Music | 3<br>3pm Social Ministry<br>7pm Alanon<br>7pm Bible Study<br>7pm Faith Formation Committee<br>7pm Sunday Morning Book Club | 4<br>6pm Girl Scouts #4514<br>7pm Naranon                            | 5<br>8pm Narcotics Anonymous                       | 6        |

# January 2021 Birthdays and Anniversaries

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| 27<br>Jim Niness's birthday<br>Layla Lozada's birthday | 28<br>Jen Drewes's birthday<br>Madelynn Doepping's birthday                          | 29<br>Justin O'Neill's birthday<br>Mark and Deborah Wallace's anniversary  | 30<br>Seth Clark's birthday   | 31<br>Jodi O'Neill's birthday   | 1<br>Robert Dyer's birthday                                  | 2<br>Bruce and Elena Wallace's anniversary<br>Craig Emery's birthday<br>Ella Drewes's birthday |
| 3<br>Jayden Carey's birthday                           | 4<br>Ashley Westeman's birthday<br>Debbe Welsh's birthday                            | 5<br>Alison Thomas's birthday<br>Janet Ertell's birthday   | 6<br>Elisa Khan's birthday  | 7<br>Jake New's birthday  | 8<br>Angela Bearoff's birthday<br>Quinn Oszeyczik's birthday | 9  |
| 10<br>David and Susan Schumacher's anniversary         | 11   | 12<br>Leah Carey's birthday<br>Robert Goman's birthday   | 13  | 14<br>Brynn Klotzbach's birthday<br>Jack Kramer's birthday<br>Katie Kramer's birthday     | 15   | 16   |
| 17<br>Rachel Bearoff's birthday                        | 18<br>Annalynne Grace Thompson's birthday  | 19<br>Margaret Lane's birthday   | 20<br>Julius Sherrick's birthday<br>Katie Miller's birthday<br>Rose Gatlos's birthday | 21<br>Kaleb McGregor's birthday<br>Maggie McGregor's birthday<br>Peyton Barker's birthday | 22   | 23   |
| 24   | 25<br>Byron Seyler's birthday<br>Ed Naylor's birthday<br>Susan Schumacher's birthday | 26<br>Anna Schaible's birthday<br>Ellie Schaible's birthday<br>Hannah Kramer's birthday<br>Kimberly Breidenbach's birthday<br>Mary Scavello's birthday | 27<br>William Stotler's birthday  | 28<br>Daisy Custer's birthday<br>Lily Stewart's birthday<br>Thomas Zollers's birthday     | 29   | 30<br>Charles Soult's birthday<br>Cindy Gadzicki's birthday<br>Pam Naylor's birthday           |
| 31<br>Stephanie Riley's birthday                       | 1<br>Evan DesMarais's birthday<br>Madison Muller's birthday                          | 2<br>Chris Thompson's birthday<br>Jane Hadfield's birthday<br>Lhotse Durfinger's birthday  | 3<br>David Wilkinson's birthday   | 4   | 5<br>Derek Carr's birthday<br>Sean Clark's birthday          | 6<br>David Reading's birthday<br>Martin Emery's birthday                                       |



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#### **CHURCH STAFF**

**Interim Lead Pastor:**

The Rev. Wayne R. Shelor

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F. Thomas Snyder III

**Organist & Pianist:**

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Mark Yanchek, Jr.

**Nursery Coordinator:**

Arlene Hudak

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Mitch Reading

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Dale Herbranson

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Bobbi Riley

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Shirley Platzer

**Assistant Treasurer:**

Rose Gatlos

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Mary Heiser

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Dick Kunsch

Stephen Drewes

Bobbi Riley

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#### **COMMITTEES**

**Columbarium:**

Bill Starling, Chair

Sandra Zimmermann, Council Rep.

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**Executive:**

Dale Herbranson, Chair

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Kelly Gallagher & Sandra Zimmermann

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Pam Naylor, Council Rep.

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Don Titus & Stephen Drewes

Council Reps.

**Property:**

Rick Kramer, Chair

Bobbi Riley, Council Rep.

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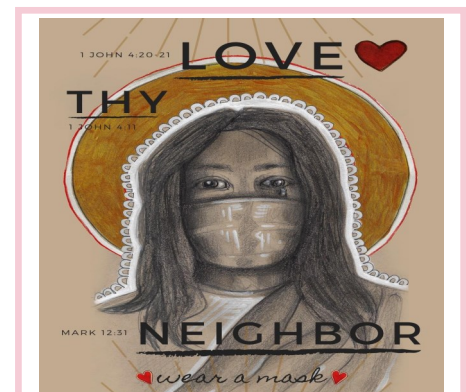
#### **Pastoral Acts**

**Funeral**

Thomas F. Rogers, Jr.

December 10, 2020

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We continue to follow the guidelines issued by the Governor of Pennsylvania to combat COVID-19. Please wear a mask when interacting with others in the building. Thank you for keeping us all healthy!

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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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