

# The Circle

May 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania



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

I like spring. It seems - easier.

In my neighborhood the daffodils have bloomed, the tulips are up, the trees are leafing up, the hostas and the clematis are beginning to poke up from their winters rest. All clear signs we have made it through another bundled up winter and are moving into the expanding green of spring; a time of great expectation.

As the temperatures warm and the yards, parks, and patios become more easily enjoyed my world seems to have more space, both in my house and in my spirit. It is easier to see God's presence all around. This feeds my hopefulness.

Even in the darkness of winter how could I have doubted? God has been here all the time, through the deep green of summer, the harvest of fall, the death and contraction of winter, and now the breaking forth of spring doing what God does to give life. God has been here all the time. God *will be here all the time*. This nourishes my hopefulness and my faith as I experience and enjoy this colorful growing season one more time.



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## **Pentecost Geraniums**

Red geraniums will decorate our chancel for Pentecost on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Help celebrate our confirmands and the birthday of the Church by sponsoring one or more plants at a cost of \$7.00 each. Contact Sonya with your name(s) and your dedication in honor of . . . , in memory of . . . or to the Glory of God. Deadline to order is May 17<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to take home your geraniums following the service on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Touch That Soothes and Heals

Below is another hymn from the new Hymnal Supplement *All Creation Sings*. We used it as our Hymn of the Day on Easter 2 when in the Gospel Thomas questioned Jesus and He responded "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side . . . Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." The hymn, especially its refrain, provides a charge for our service and ministry to the world as we "Go in peace, serve the Lord!"

Mary Louise Bringle, the hymn writer, is a Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Brevard College, North Carolina. Her Ph.D. in practical and pastoral theology is from Emory University. An award-winning hymn writer whose original texts and translations appear in the hymnals of numerous denominations in North America and Scotland, she has served as President of The Hymn Society in the U.S. and Canada. Three of her hymns are included in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, one of which—726—*Light Dawns on a Weary World* is familiar to many of us.

- 1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,  
hands that break a loaf of bread;  
steps that walk beside the weary,  
bearing burdens in their stead:

### Refrain

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."

- 2 Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,  
visit ones in need of care,  
give the homeless warmth and shelter:  
Christ will find a welcome there. *Refrain*
- 3 Love and serve without distinction  
all earth's people, first and least.  
Know within each act of kindness  
hope and wholeness are increased. *Refrain*
- 4 Hands that beckon little children,  
bind a wound, prepare a meal,  
feet that rush to share good tidings,  
Christ arisen, still reveal. *Refrain*



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
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Image from *Sundays and Seasons*

Tom Snyder, Director of Music



### Foreign Language Speakers Wanted

Do you speak a foreign language? Plans for Pentecost, May 22-23, include a "Tower of Babel" reading and we need volunteers! Please let Sonya know which language you can speak and if you will be attending Evening Light, Sunday morning, or both! The reading will be provided to you in advance so you can brush up on your skills.

## From the Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Happy Easter!

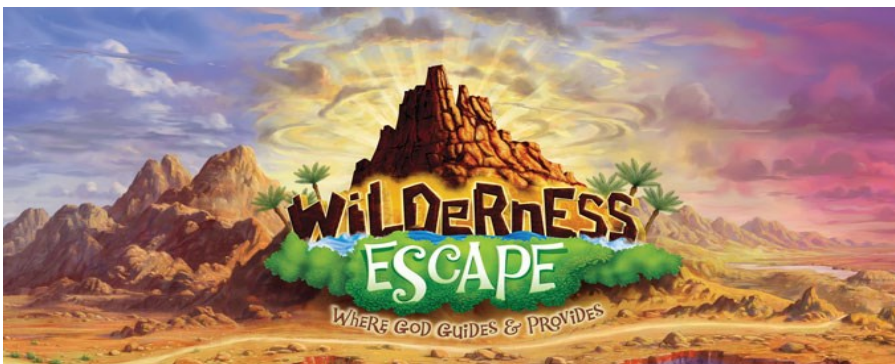
The joy of Easter sprung up April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Easter egg hunt. It was so wonderful to see everyone gathered (socially distanced and masked of course) having a great time. There was much laughter and catching up with one another. The 0- to 2-year-olds had fun toddling around the circle to find eggs. The 5- and 6-year-olds went next. They were the largest group and collected eggs on the front lawn. The 3s and 4s hunted for eggs in the playground area with parent coaching from outside the fence. The 7- to 10-year-olds had a great time running down the hill and hunting for eggs across the whole back lawn. A big thank you goes out to the egg hiders: The Gallagher clan, Beth and Nolan Leong, Val Kramer, and the Blackledge bunch. They hid about 700 eggs among all four age groups. Also thank you to Thrivent who provided an action grant to fund this year's event.

Easter joy is continuing to spring up at Sunday school. The first Sunday after Easter they learned about the Easter story and decorated Alleluia banners. We have been using the banners each week as we dance and sing on Zoom to "This is the Day That the Lord Has Made." Sunday school will finish out the year on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Arlene Hudak and Elisa Khan for co-teaching the Littles class and to all the parents who picked up the lesson kits through the year. We had 10 families participate on Zoom and at home this year.

Easter joy will turn into the birth of the Church on Pentecost. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the rite of confirmation will occur during Sunday morning worship for three 9<sup>th</sup> graders: Bryce Absner, Zachary Brown, and Nicholas VanDerVeer. Their guide was Danielle Blackledge. We hope you will join us for worship that day in person or virtually to see these young men join St. John's and reaffirm the vows their parents made at Baptism.

God Bless and See You at Worship,

Jen Wentworth



### Vacation Bible School

This year Vacation Bible School will have us journeying with Moses! VBS begins Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. This is an all-outdoor event limited to 50 participants. Sign up by going to [stjohnluthphoenixville.org/forms/or](http://stjohnluthphoenixville.org/forms/or) email [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org) for the link. We will be following recommended COVID-19 prevention protocols including masks and daily temperature checks. Please bring a towel or blanket.

#### **VBS Staff Helpers Needed!**

If you have completed 5th grade, we need your help at VBS! If you are an adult who has mornings free, we need your help! If you are in junior/senior high school or home from college, we need your help! Please consider giving your time to this important ministry for children as a VBS staff member. If you are under 18, please apply using the regular VBS registration form above. If you are over 18, please indicate your interest on the Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CA8AE2DA1FA7-volunteers> or contact Jen Wentworth at (610) 933-3947 ext. 4 or [wentworthj@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:wentworthj@stjohnphoenixville.org). Note: volunteers over 18 will need state clearances.



#### **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 contact Jen Wentworth at [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!!

**Live Organ Concert at St. John's  
Sunday, May 2nd, 4:00 p.m.  
In person, socially distanced with masks  
or on our YouTube channel**

Invite your friends and neighbors to this live performance! Selections include *Clavierübung, Part III*—Johann Sebastian, *Three Chorale Preludes from Opus 122*—Johannes Brahms and *Introduction and Variations on Engelberg*—Moonyeen Albrecht.

**MARK MUMMERT** is Cantor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, Massachusetts, Artistic Director of the Music at Trinity fine arts series, and Assistant Director/Accompanist of The Worcester Chorus, the symphonic chorus of Music Worcester. He was the Distinguished Visiting Cantor at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 2015 and Director of Worship at Houston's Christ the King Lutheran Church (2008-2015). Mark is a composer of the first musical setting of Holy Communion in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the commended worship book of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Augsburg Fortress publishes his numerous psalm settings and other musical compositions for the liturgy. Mark is also a professional singer with CONCORA (Connecticut Choral Artists) and studies voice with Jane Shivick.



### Transition Team Update

Your Transition Team wishes to thank all the members who participated in the recent survey. Although it may have seemed like a repeat of the Kairos survey, the Team felt it best to garner additional, more specific information regarding the characteristics you would like in a new pastor. Some of the questions were to determine if there were any changes from the Kairos survey process. We are now taking both survey findings and working on the Mission Site Profile for the Synod. The MSP includes 40 ministry tasks and 25 gifts for ministry, so the Team's task is to prayerfully consider the input from the Kairos and recent survey comments as we determine the critical five and five most desired tasks, and then the top five of the gifts. The overall MSP profile, when fully completed, will be reviewed and approved by the Council before being submitted to the Synod.

The Transition Team will continue to be available via email at [Transition.Team@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:Transition.Team@stjohnphoenixville.org). You may also talk directly to the members or Pastor Wayne. As a reminder, the members are Janet Gerner, Linda Landis, Brian Becker, and Dale Herbranson.

### Stephen Ministry

Our Stephen Ministry team continues to meet for supervision via Zoom. Caring relationships continue. Since we cannot meet in person we have continued ongoing phone contact.

We are actively seeking persons interested in training to be Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders. For more information contact Linda Landis.



## People of God Involved in God's Work May Sunday Staffing

### Altar Guild

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

### Assisting Ministers

- 2 Ron Stevens
- 9 Tom Snyder
- 16 Brittney Walters
- 23 Nancy Cressman
- 30 Ron Stevens

### Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 2 Walt Deichmann
- 9 Nancy Cressman
- 16 Mitch Reading
- 23 Confirmands
- 30 Erica Lucas

### Counters

- 2 Stephen & Jen Drewes, Donna Anderson
- 9 Heather Yonosh, Donna Searchfield, Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 16 Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 23 Jack & Janet Ertell
- 30 Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl

### Ushers

- 2 Barry Church, Dick Kunsch
- 9 Mark Wallace, Don Titus
- 16 Erica Lucas, Luanne Bindschusz
- 23 Cathy Garrett, Tom Snyder
- 30 Donna Anderson, Nancy Cressman



### Summary Financial Report as of March 31, 2021

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Income:</b>				
Envelope Giving	\$ 28,099	\$ 29,657	\$ 84,296	\$ 90,389
Other Income	4,661	4,326	13,984	14,209
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 32,760</b>	<b>\$ 33,983</b>	<b>\$ 98,280</b>	<b>\$ 104,598</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 35,524</b>	<b>\$ 36,441</b>	<b>\$ 106,572</b>	<b>\$ 106,282</b>
<b>Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (2,764)</b>	<b>\$ (2,458)</b>	<b>\$ (8,293)</b>	<b>\$ (1,684)</b>

### Join Our Ministry Team!

As we return to in-person worship, additional participants are needed to serve as ushers, lectors/communion assistants and assisting ministers. Please respond to Sonya Sowards. You will be provided with guidance and instructions to serve. We look forward to serving with you!

**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.

### Sponsor Flowers, Bulletins & Vigil Candle

Members and friends are invited to sponsor the **vigil candle** in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The cost is \$12 per month. You are also invited to offset the cost of the **weekly bulletins**. That cost is \$20 per week. Our florist supplies **flowers** (visible on our live-stream as well as in-person services) at \$25 per vase for a total of \$50 for two. Contact Sonya Sowards for available months and dates and to specify the occasion, or you can use the sign-up sheets on the hallway bulletin board. 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!



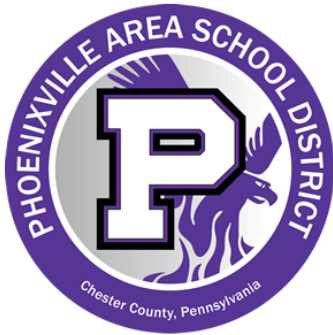
## Birthday Cakes

The Fellowship Committee is reviving the birthday cake deliveries for our fellow members aged 65 and older. We will try to deliver your cake and card during your birthday week. Because of COVID-19, you will be receiving a small bundt cake from Nothing Bundt Cakes in Collegeville. If you have any allergies or preferences as to flavor, check out their website. They offer many selections every day and one gluten-free cake. Please contact Sonya Sowards or Sandra Zimmermann.



## Church Building Now Open for St. John's Groups

Our Council voted at their March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting that the building can now be open for committee meetings, adult Christian education and other St. John's groups following our stated protocols. Leaders of each group will need to sign a statement agreeing to follow the protocols. If you would like to schedule space for your group to meet in person at St. John's, please contact our Parish Administrator, Sonya Sowards, at (610) 933-3947 ext. 2 or [office@stjohnphoenixville.org](mailto:office@stjohnphoenixville.org).



## Help Feed the Hungry with PASD

The Phoenixville Area School District has been continuing to feed families in our community in 2021. You now have TWO weekly options to help: Tuesday and Wednesday. Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eaba628a4f49-2021> to help on Wednesday, and/or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eaba628a4f49-tuesday> to help on Tuesday. Thank you for loving your neighbors!

## Easter Dinners

For the second year, Easter dinners were provided through Meals on Wheels and St. John's.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 26 meals were provided to Meals on Wheels participants and 29 meals were delivered to St. John's seniors and home bound. Each meal contained a ham/mac&cheese/green bean box prepared by Foresta's, along with a dinner roll with butter, cookies, fresh fruit and a chocolate bunny, a palm cross and an Easter card.

Many thanks to:

- Foresta's for help in presenting a tasty dinner.
- Sandy Zimmerman for making at least 55 calls to home bound or alone seniors in the St. John's family
- Delivery pairs Debbe Welsh and husband for downtown Phoenixville, the Kahls for Spring City, Royersford and Trappe, Peg Groening and Janet Nelson for outer fringes of Phoenixville.

Overall assessment: a wonderful gift in support of Meals on Wheels and a wonderful gift of love to St. John's seniors!



**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 8, 2021**

Attendees:							
Pastor Shelor	P	Mitch Reading	P	Dale Herbranson	P	Stephen Drewes	P
Kelly Gallagher	P	Janet Gerner	P	Sue Starling	P	Sandra Zimmermann	P
Aimee Hillegas	P	Bobbi Riley	P	Don Titus	P	Donna Searchfield	P
Dick Kunsch	P						
Guests:							
Sonya Sowards	P	Tom Snyder	P	Jen Wentworth	A		

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Stephen Drewes. Stephen led an opening prayer.

Discussion on St. John's Future – Pastor Wayne

- Be calm during this anxious time and bring people to Pastor Wayne who need help

Meeting minutes from the February 8 and 28, 2021 meetings were reviewed.

**Motion by Don, Second by Sandra to accept the minutes for February 8, 2021; Motion passed.**

**Motion by Sandra, Second by Dale to accept the minutes for February 28, 2021; 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 Don, Second by Sandra to accept the staff reports; Motion passed.**

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee and Income & Expense Report from February 28, 2021. Committee did not meet
- Stewardship Committee from – did not meet
- Electronics Committee from – did not meet
- Faith Formation from February 3, 2021 – accepted as written
  - Encourage attendance at Easter Egg Hunt by children
- Property Committee from January 31, 2021
  - Discussion on Budget – high cost of snow removal and heating oil in 2021
- Worship and Music Committee from March 2, 2021 – accepted as written
- Welcome Team Committee from – did not meet
- Social Ministry Committee from – February 10, 2021 – accepted as written

- Fellowship Committee from – January 26, 2021 – accepted as written
- Columbarium Committee from – did not meet
- Executive Committee – did not meet

**Motion by Mitch, Second by Bobbi to accept committee reports; Motion passed.**

**Old Business**

- Follow up to Annual Meeting
  - Thank you to Electronics Committee and Sonya
- Re-opening the Church for groups (inside and outside)
  - Currently 12-step groups and Confirmation are the only groups meeting in person
  - **Motion by Janet, seconded by Mitch; Motion passed.**
    - **to allow inside groups to meet in person at church once cleared by Sonya and by following and signing the protocol as described in the rules.**

**New Business**

- Youth members as part of Council and Committees
  - Prior approach: 2 Youth (Confirmed High School) Representatives to Church Council
  - Faith Formation to come up with recommendations for Church Council and other Committees

**Motion by Janet, Second by Mitch to adjourn; Motion passed.**

The meeting ended at 8:05 pm. Next regular meeting April 12, 2021 by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gerner  
Church Council Secretary

It only takes a drop of water  
To bring the mountain down  
It only takes a humble wasp  
To bring the mighty elephant  
To its knees  
It only takes a mustard seed of faith  
To conquer evil's hate  
Peace is just a feather  
Blowing in the wind  
Blowing in the wind  
A feather greater mightier  
Then mightiest  
For a feather touches  
All with love  
Smile May's here  
Can summer be far  
Sun's warmth blossoms gay  
Soft green grass  
All say we are here  
Lo winter's past  
Enjoy wonderous summer  
Of hope linger a while  
Listen while children  
Play carefree

Margaret Walker

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous support over the past challenging year. 2020 was a year of scaling up to meet the demands of the community in response to the pandemic. We hosted an unprecedented 35,000 household visits since the pandemic began and have been able to distribute nearly 1.5 million pounds of food and supplies during this time. It is only because of partnerships like yours that this is possible. With you, we can accomplish our vision of a world in which food security, life skills, and a supportive community abounds for all.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Patricia Neale  
Executive Director  
Feast of Justice

Dear Friends:

We recently received your gift of \$1,000 to Lutheran World Relief. On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm regards,  
Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)  
President and CEO



# May 2021

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25 flower bed mulching 9am Christian Education (Zoom) 10:15am Holy Communion 11:30am 9th grade Confirmation (Zoom)	26 11am Alanon Family Group 6:30pm Kiwanis Board 7pm Finance Committee	27 10:30am WELCA 5:30pm Stewardship 6pm Parent Grief Support Group 7:30pm Fellowship Committee	28 Phantom Backpacks 8pm Girl Scouts #42024 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7pm Sunday Morning Book Club 8pm Adult Choir Meeting	29 6pm Girl Scouts #4514 6:45pm Children's Handbells 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells	30 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	1 5pm Evening Light
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## May 2021-Birthdays and Anniversaries

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25 Keith and Cheryl Kenyon's anniversary	26 Beth Williams's birthday Carter Niness's birthday Randall Carr's birthday Richard and Michelle Bader's anniversary Samantha Schumacher's birthday	27 Brian Becker's birthday	28 Kay Mann's birthday Morgan Klotzbach's birthday	29 Jason and Tracy Stewart's anniversary Jason Mara's birthday Ramona Moreland's birthday	30 Jason Birdsell's birthday Joe Themens's birthday Stephen Drewes's birthday	1 Erin Schaible's birthday
2 Linda Landis's birthday Mario Walls's birthday	3	4 Allan Moreland's birthday	5 Donna Thompson's birthday Madelyn Hicks's birthday	6 Allen and Beth Kramer's anniversary Jeanne Schanzenbach's birthday Scott Levan and Tammy Klotzbach- Levan's anniversary	7 Anna Gerner's birthday Charles and Paula Weiss's anniversary Joan Benne's birthday Rosa Gerner's birthday	8 Jeff Schanzenbach's birthday
9	10 Matthew and Jessica Cratty's anniversary	11 Donna Searchfield's birthday Emily Birdsell's birthday Max Strunk's birthday Sandra Zimmernann's birthday	12	13 Laura Geiger's birthday	14 John O'Connell and Andrea Hart's anniversary	15 Claudine Niness's birthday Mary Faddis's birthday Nancy Cressman's birthday Nancy Perchalski's birthday Stephanie Bearoff's birthday
16 Mark Blattner's birthday Rebecca Williams's birthday Santino Sicilia and Amber Carey's anniversary	17	18 Alex Brown's birthday Nicole Dalasio's birthday Robert and Barbara Rambo's anniversary	19 April Liedike's birthday Melissa Thompson's birthday Ron Williams's birthday Rosie LaRooca's birthday	20	21 Britta Pekofsky's birthday	22
23 Devon Mensch- Unruh's birthday Pat Lucas's birthday Randall and Karen Carr's anniversary Teddy Wimble's birthday Walt and Dana Deichmann's anniversary	24 Fred and RuthAnn Schell's anniversary Marc and Amber Herbranson's anniversary	25 Greg and Lisa Sandherr's anniversary	26 Emerson Carr's birthday Gavin Moreland's birthday Mark Woelflin's birthday Marti Steiner's birthday Nick Mara's birthday	27 Jim and Teresa Olsen's anniversary	28	29 Eli Smith-Kiser's birthday
30 Justin and Jodi O'Neil's anniversary Stephen and Kimberly DiGioia's anniversary	31 Donald Platzer's birthday Rich Latella and Richard Skoniczin's anniversary	1 Dax Kunsch's birthday Dodi Strunk's birthday	2 Dirk Rimrott's birthday Elsa Lucas's birthday Paul Miller's birthday	3 Dan Free's birthday Ian Kramer's birthday Mark Wallace's birthday Tyler Speaker's birthday	4 Bill and Sue Starling's anniversary Mitch and Erica Reading's anniversary Peg Yerger's birthday	5 Derek and Carla Carr's anniversary

### *Birthday cake thank-yous*

"I love my doggie card and Bundt cake!! First an Easter meal and now a cake?! It's good to be an old church lady!" – Joan

"What a delightful surprise it was to come home and find the beautiful bags with the adorable mini Bundt cakes! It is truly appreciated . . . what a treat!" – Janet

"Thank you so much for the delicious Bundt cake that was delivered to me on my birthday. That was so sweet and unexpected—it really made my day!" - Diane

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#### CHURCH STAFF

**Interim Lead Pastor:**  
The Rev. Wayne R. Shelor  
**Pastoral Associate:**  
The Rev. Thomas Kochenderfer, Jr.  
**Director of Music:**  
F. Thomas Snyder III  
**Organist & Pianist:**  
John A. Quinn III  
**Director of Children,  
Youth & Family Ministries:**  
Jennifer A. Wentworth  
**Parish Administrator:**  
Sonya K. Sowards  
**Sexton:**  
Mark Yanchek, Jr.  
**Nursery Coordinator:**  
Arlene Hudak

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

**President:**  
Stephen Drewes  
**Vice President:**  
Mitch Reading  
**Secretary:**  
Janet Gerner  
**Treasurer:**  
Shirley Platzer  
**Assistant Treasurer:**  
Don Titus  
**Financial Recording Secretary:**  
Mary Heiser  
**Fund 3 Secretary:**  
Kevin Gallagher  
**Executive Committee:**  
Dale Herbranson  
Sandra Zimmermann  
**Other Members of Church Council:**  
Bobbi Riley  
Dick Kunsch  
Kelly Gallagher  
Donna Searchfield  
Aimee Hillegas  
Sue Starling

**Stephen Ministry Leaders:**  
Linda Landis — (610) 933-9544  
Lee Dalasio — (610) 454-9884

#### COMMITTEES

**Columbarium:**  
Bill Starling, Chair  
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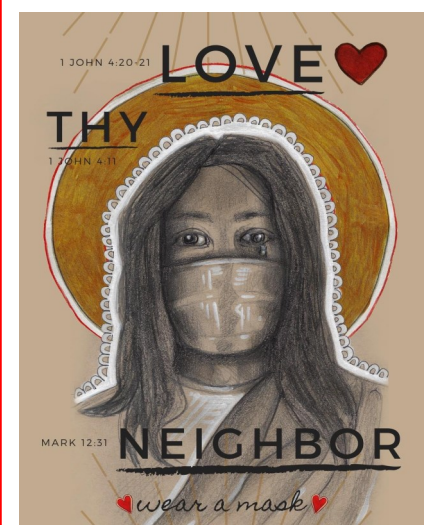
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**Interment**  
Thomas & Eileen Lock  
April 17, 2021

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#### Cloth Masks Available

Our Women of the ELCA group has graciously provided new cloth masks to St. John's. They are individually bagged and in a basket in the narthex.



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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