

The Circle

October 2021



Pastor Wayne ... For Your Consideration

As we are now well into the fall schedule, which for many means school, classes, homework, and a fuller schedule, I share this reflection by Henri Nouwen (January 24, 1932 - September 21, 1996) a Dutch Catholic priest, professor, writer and theologian.

The Pressure of Competition

"One of the saddest aspects of the lives of many students is that they always feel pressured The word "school," which comes from *schola* (meaning "free time"), reminds us that schools were originally meant to interrupt a busy existence and create some space to contemplate the mysteries of life. Today they have become the arena for a hectic race to accomplish as much as possible, and to acquire in a short period the necessary things to survive the great battle of human life. Books written to be savored slowly are read hastily to fulfill a requirement, paintings made to be seen with a contemplative eye are taken in as part of a necessary art appreciation course, and music composed to be enjoyed at leisure is listened to in order to identify a period or style. Thus, colleges and universities meant to be places for quiet learning have become places of fierce competition, in which the rewards go to those who produce the most and the best."

I hope you can find some time, and help your family and friends to do also, to slow down, pause, leave some space, ample space, and listen and be amazed at what God drops into it.

Reflectively,
Pastor Wayne



WELCA has resumed in-person meetings. Our organizational meeting was held on Tuesday, September 28th at 10:30 a.m. We enjoyed a visit from the Hadfields and Charlie and Sadie the therapy dogs.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 26th at 10:30 am. ALL women of St. John's are welcome for fun and fellowship. Mark your calendars now and come and sit a spell. Don't forget your mask

We are continuing to collect treats for our shut-ins: small/travel size toiletries (there is a small collection box in the narthex), note pads (all sizes), assorted cards (get well, thinking of you, thank you, holiday, blank, etc.), 2022 calendars (all sizes), and assorted bookmarks. Thank you for donating!

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Grant calmness and control
Of thoughts to those who are
Facing uncertainty
See anxiety let their
Hearts stand fast
Believing in the Lord.

An ancient prayer,
courtesy of Margaret Walker

From the Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Happy Fall!

The crisp air and crunchy leaves are back. So are the sounds of youth in the halls of St. John's. Rally Day kicked off the start of in-person Sunday school. We had about 50 adults and youth attend classes that day. And it's not too late to join in on the faith forming fun in one of the adult classes or in children's Sunday school. Confirmation kicked off the following weekend with 7th, 8th, and 9th graders joining in on the faith forming fun.

7th and 8th grade started their first class with a discussion on why people don't read the Bible and came up with solutions to combat those excuses. Did you know that if you read the Bible every day for just 15 minutes, you could read the whole Bible in one year? Part of forming our own faith is by reading God's Word so that we can see for ourselves that we are saved through God's grace and mercy. We don't have to take anybody's word for it when we read God's Word ourselves. Consider how you can bring God's Word into your home. For families with young children, consider getting a story Bible that you could read after dinner or before bed. There are also lots of great Bible children's books. I am happy to give you recommendations or let you borrow from my collection. There are story Bibles for older children including those in graphic novel style. In third grade, children receive their adult Bible which you can also read with them. For families with teens or just adults, you can set aside a time to read together from your Bibles. You can all read aloud or silently the same passage and talk about it. Or sit together silently reading at different spots in the Bible. For game loving families, challenge each other to memorize Bible verses. However you choose, make reading your Bible an important part of your faith and your family's faith formation.

God Bless,
Jen Wentworth



Congratulations to our third and fourth graders who received their First Bibles on Rally Day: Nicholas DeWolf, Anna and Ellie Schaible, Harper Themens, C.J. Bomberger, Benton Drewes, Annaliese Duerr, Dax Kunsch, CeCe Leong, Jack Ritchie, and Addi Smith.

Congratulations to our new group of confirmands who knocked on the door at Evening Light to start their confirmation journey. They are Owen Birdsell, Benjamin Blackledge, Avary Carr, Nolan Leong, Lucas Pekofsky, and Cole Cummins. Their guides are Jimmy Moreland and Anne Cummins. Please keep these and all our confirmands and their guides in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE: On Reformation Sunday, October 31st our 9th grade confirmands will be confirmed during worship. You'll want to tune in on the livestream or come in person to witness these young people affirm their faith and join the church.

Dear St. John's Congregation,

I am so honored and thankful that you awarded me the St. John's Scholarship. For as long as I can remember, St. John's has always been teaching me things, from the stories of the Bible in Sunday school to the importance of helping others by going on service trips to Appalachia and the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Now, I am so grateful that St. Johns will be helping me learn new things at Northwestern University where I will be studying Applied Mathematics.

Again, I want to say that I am so thankful, not only for this scholarship, but also for the support that St. John's has given me over the years.

Thank you,
Rosa Gerner





Join us for
Trunk or Treat

St. John's Church
355 St. John's Circle
Phoenixville, PA
Sunday Oct. 24
From 4-6

Organ Concert

Organist John A. Quinn III will present a program of organ works based on Gregorian Chant melodies sung during the course of the liturgical year entitled **Cantibus Anni Liturgici**. This program will feature works by 20th century composers Kenneth Leighton, Jeanne Demessieux, Maurice Duruflé, Jean Langlais, Denis Bédard, and Benjamin Britten. The concert will take place 4 p.m. October 17, at St. John's. Save the date and invite your friends to this program of glorious music.



Christmas Choir

At 8 p.m., Wednesday, October 6th, Adult Choir begins rehearsing music for the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Additional singers, especially older youth, are invited to join in preparation of this joyful music. Rehearsals are socially distanced in Kley Hall. Singers are required to be masked and vaccinated. Christmas selections will begin rehearsals. Come, join the angels' singing. For additional information contact Tom Snyder, Director of Music, ftsiii@gmail.com, (610) 287-8004.



"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

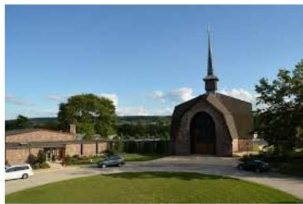
-Martin Luther

New Adult Faith Forming Opportunity

SECOND SUNDAY SESSIONS

A New Topic Every Month!

Come For the Sessions That Interest You & Skip the Ones That Don't!



Join Us the Second Sunday in October
October 10th— 9 AM
Kley Hall

Presenter Jack Ertell
On
The History Of St. John's

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for 12 cars and 2 entrance greeters for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 24th.
Set up is 3:30 PM with treating between 4-6

Sign up at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CA8AE2DA1FA7-trunk1>

Or





35 Hall Street, Suite 301
Phoenixville, PA 19460
Ph. 484.393.2407
www.AnnsHeart.org

The Code Blue Overnight Emergency Warming Center is in dire need of funds to make repairs to our floors so that we can continue to serve our most vulnerable community members.

Dear Supporter,

Severe water damage from heavy rains earlier this year have *forced us to close the Code Blue Center* until we can make the repairs necessary to safely serve our community. Based on the damage assessments, it will cost about \$100,000 to make the repairs and roughly 3-4 weeks to complete the project. St. Ann Parish (our landlords) and insurance will only cover a portion of the repairs.

With the cold winter months quickly approaching and a rise in the number of evictions, *the timing of this project is urgent*. We *need* financial assistance from supporters like you to ensure that our Code Blue Center continues to provide *life-saving services* to our community.

What do these repairs entail?

- Removal of rotted, buckling hardwood floors, deteriorated concrete below, and sections of wall
- Pouring of new finished concrete floors (for easier cleaning and sanitation, as well as safety)
- Replacement of deteriorated drywall and supports
- Expansion of our sleeping area to increase our capacity

Last season we were the *ONLY Code Blue Center* to open across Chester County during the pandemic. Help us continue to fulfil our mission to serve those most in need.

Warm and healthy regards,

Kristen McGee
Executive Director



**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 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	P		

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Stephen Drewes. Pastor Wayne led an opening prayer.

Comments from Pastor Wayne

- The anxiety in the church will likely be high in the Fall. The role of the Church Council and Leadership is to really listen to everyone's concerns.
- Transition Team goal is to review the MSP at the October Church Council Meeting. Church Council will provide feedback and the Transition Team will revise it.
- The expectation for a congregation is not for everyone to know everyone, but for everyone to feel "known" by the church.
- Our parishioner and epidemiologist, Dr. Tim Babinchak was asked for updated guidance regarding COVID and gave the following response: "We are fortunate in our area that we have a much higher percentage of vaccinated individuals, so we are not experiencing the increases seen even in the surrounding counties. The efforts you outline to continue vaccinations are the key and represent the reason why we can continue allowing the vaccinated to participate and sing without masks. I wouldn't modify the position at this time."

Meeting minutes from the June 14, 2021 meetings were reviewed.

Motion by Dale, second by Sue to accept the minutes for June 14, 2021; Motion passed.

Staff Reports

- Pastor Wayne reviewed his consulting arrangement with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Exton to help them with finding a new pastor. St. John's is first priority if there is a conflict.

Motion by Dale, Second by Don to accept the June and July staff reports; Motion passed.

Finance Committee

- Finance Committee Reports for July 2021 were submitted.
- Received a check for \$196K from the Louise Rogers Trust to be invested. Finance Committee will meet in August to determine what to do with the money.

Motion by Mitch, Second by Kelly to accept the Finance Reports; Motion passed.

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Electronics Committee – did not meet
- Faith Formation from August 5, 2021 – accepted as written
 - See attached Faith Formation Program Outline
- Property Committee from August 2, 2021 - accepted as written
- Worship and Music Committee from August 3, 2021 – accepted as written
- Social Ministry Committee from August 4, 2021 – accepted as written
- Fellowship Committee from June 22, 2021 – accepted as written

- Columbarium Committee – did not meet
- Executive Committee – did not meet
- Stewardship Committee – not functioning
- Welcome Team Committee – not functioning

Motion by Donna, Second by Dale to accept committee reports; Motion passed.

Old Business

- Discussion of Feeding Fellowship
 - Donna gave an example of activities of another church offering meals and support to the community that energized the members of the church. Suggestion to reach out to leadership in this church.
 - Goal – for every Church event/service/meeting to think about if it is “Feeding Fellowship”
- Assessment of Current Committees
 - Church Council will determine a process to review

New Business

- Rally Day (September 12) plans were reviewed
 - Lunch to be planned by Fellowship with assistance from others
 - Survey Monkey to be sent out for attendance and help by Sonya with questions from Sandy and Sue
- Coffee Hour
 - Discuss at the September Church Council Meeting
- COVID -19 Concerns
 - Maintain current approach and reevaluate as needed.
- Donna Searchfield – This is her last meeting because she is moving out of the area.
- Add to September Council Meeting – “Reconciling in Christ”.

Stephen closed the meeting at 8:15 pm. Next regular meeting September 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Gerner
Church Council Secretary

Backpacks for Lutheran World Relief

On October 17th, the St. John’s children’s Sunday school will assemble at least 105 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. LWR accepts donations of “school kit” backpacks which they distribute around the globe to school-aged children (<https://lwr.org/instructions>). We’re still accepting donations of new school supplies with no patriotic or religious symbols on them which can be left in the designated bin in the narthex before October 10, 2021. Thank you for your generosity!!



Choirs Have Returned

All groups have resumed rehearsals and new members are welcomed. **Children's Choir**, grades two-five or six, rehearses Sunday mornings from 8:30-8:55 a.m. in the back half of the Eisenhower room; **Adult Choir**, teens through adults rehearses Wednesday evenings from 8:00-9:30 p.m., in Kley Hall; **Children's Handbells**, grades 3 and above, rehearses Thursday evenings from 6:45-7:30 p.m., in Kley Hall; and **Adult Handbells**, older teens through adults, rehearses Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Kley Hall. Members of all groups will be masked, socially distanced, and vaccinated as available.

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Jacobson Mission Update

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings dear friends and supporters of our healing ministries in Africa,

It's been a tumultuous year for many and particularly for the Jacobsons. And as we continue in our times of transition and exploring our future, we want to share with you all and catch you up on where we have traveled on this recent journey and where we are hopefully headed.

In 2020, we planned to semi-retire and to continue to serve the ELCA and the hospitals in Arusha as part time consultants and advisors. We returned to the US to explore sharing time between Arusha and Minnesota as we transitioned our lives.

As brought our transitioning directly in line with the Covid pandemic with its sheltering and bubbles and basically made it difficult to discover what our new lives might look like.

Covid, together with the murder of George Floyd touched us deeply as we adjusted to Covid-19 while also learning to explore and hopefully begin to confront racism in new ways and to explore within ourselves the personal ghosts and challenges of white privilege. Other letters have explored some of this further but for this update, it simply meant that the combination of challenges around covid and racism really made it much more difficult to transition and to find a new norm for our lives going forward. Oh yes, we were definitely safe and comfortable and yet very challenged to find our new niche as servants and as folks moving into a new community.

Then, equally unexpectedly we were faced with both a huge personal health challenge and a very professional challenge arising at the hospital, ALMC.

On the professional side, three months ago the diocese decided to not continue the contract of Dr. Paul Kisanga as the director of ALMC. I had worked with Dr. Kisanga for many years with the plan for him to be my successor. He did take over that position and was doing an excellent job.

Suddenly, with limited consultation, the Diocese leadership replaced Dr. Kisanga with a non-medical accountant to be the director of ALMC. It is a perplexing decision and to my eye, was not a wise one for the long term success of the hospital. I have yet to understand what is behind such a decision and unfortunately see difficult times ahead for ALMC before things improve. I feel that I have done all that I can to give the diocese leadership greater perspective on the risks of such a decision but with little listening taking place. I'm very much sorry to say that I see very hard times ahead, and that ALMC will need to find its way through these self-inflicted challenges to the very long term survival of these medical ministries.

There seems to be no rational explanation for these changes and it is so worrisome to envision how they may be leading ALMC into a time of low morale, deterioration, and potential loss of many programs designed to offer new or expanded medical services for the people of Tanzania. So yes indeed, this is a time of heartbreak and concern. All of this as Linda and I have stepped back from active roles in guiding the hospital's future.

And yet, we ultimately do believe that ALMC is not ours but God's and God has a plan for ALMC and it is a plan for good and not for harm. Ultimately, we trust that God will continue to guide it and yet, these changes are unfathomable and appear to be very risky for the future of this jewel of a hospital which has been developed in the heart of Arusha. There is very much a sense of the loss of a guiding vision and charismatic leadership for the dynamic team we have developed at ALMC. So it is difficult to envision a good way forward. We hope the leadership of the ELCA and the ELCT will help to find a way forward. Donors and partners and even the Tanzanian Ministry of Health are all trying to find a way to restore the hospital situation.

Into the midst of Covid-19, our transitioning, racism, and the changes at ALMC, we were also suddenly confronted with my current health issues. In May, Mark developed a chronic headache which we all thought was due to the stress but then he had some visual changes and we returned to Minnesota in June and subsequently were diagnosed with a brain tumor.

Certainly, a dire challenge, and yet we have been so blessed. The whole legacy of doctors who have been through ALMC and Selian rallied behind us and helped us obtain the very best of care. Six weeks ago, Mark had laser surgery on the tumor and is now undergoing chemo and radiation which are the mainstays of treatment.

The great hope is to get this into remission and that Mark will move into the longer term survivor category! God is the great Healer, and we are thankful for the many miracles we see happening each day.

We plan to be able to continue to serve and minister with our programs which ultimately survive at ALMC as well as at other Lutheran programs in Juba and Bangladesh.

As far as being your Lutheran missionaries, please know that the bonds we share with you as a congregation are holy and sacred to us. We are ever so grateful for your faithfulness and support. Your prayers and love have carried us through many challenges and we feel them with us even now in the midst of these latest challenges.

We continue being hopeful and eager to serve. So please know we remain a part of these ministries which we do indeed undertake and have undertaken over the years, in a real partnership of ministry with you. Our journey together in mission with you has been full of blessings, excitement, challenges, and joys. We trust God that this sharing of ministry will continue moving forward as together we share the love and compassion of Christ with the people of Tanzania.

Blessings,

Mark and Linda



There are so many ways to use the gifts God has given you at St. John's! Especially now that we're getting back together, we need:

- ushers
- communion assistants/lectors
- assisting ministers
- live stream staff (“Stream Team”)
- Faith Formation Committee members
- choir members
- drivers to bring shut-ins to worship
- Stephen Ministers

Please let Sonya Sowards know how you would like to use your time and talent at St. John’s, and she will put you in touch with the appropriate leader. Ministry group leader names can also be found on the last page of this newsletter.



Summary Financial Report as of August 31, 2021

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 28,099	\$ 23,875	\$ 224,790	\$ 209,695
Other Income	4,661	3,783	37,289	35,084
Total Income	\$ 32,760	\$ 27,658	\$ 262,079	\$ 244,779
Expenses	\$ 35,524	\$ 30,643	\$ 284,192	\$ 268,921
Income (Deficit)	\$ (2,764)	\$ (2,985)	\$ (22,113)	\$ (24,142)

Use this QR code to donate to the many ministries of St. John’s.



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.

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!

People of God Involved in God's Work October 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

Assisting Ministers

- 3 Ron Stevens
- 10 Tom Snyder
- 17 Erin Fazzari
- 24 Nancy Cressman
- 31 TBD

Communion Assistants/Lectors

- 3 Nancy Cressman
- 10 Mitch Reading
- 17 Walt Deichmann
- 24 Sue/Bill Starling
- 31 Lynn Titus

Counters

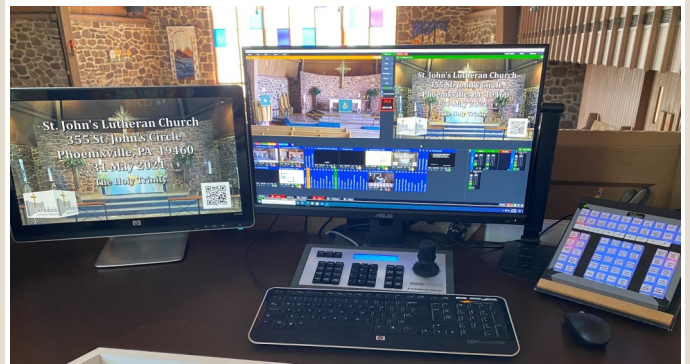
- 3 Jack & Janet Ertell, Donna Anderson
- 10 Heather Yonosh, Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 17 Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 24 Stephen & Jen Drewes
- 31 Mary Heiser, Mike & Cathy Kahl

Stream Team

- 3 Aimee Hillegas, Paul Miller
- 10 Josh Romano, Paul Miller
- 17 Dale Herbranson, Paul Miller
- 24 Aimee Hillegas, Dale Herbranson
- 31 Dale Herbranson, Paul Miller

Ushers

- 3 Donna Anderson, Cathy Garrett
- 10 Mike Kahl, Donna Anderson
- 17 Nancy Cressman, Deb Welsh
- 24 Barry Church, Luanne Bindschusz
- 31 Don Titus, Donna Anderson



Be Part of the Stream Team

Streaming continues to spread the Word of Christ to our YouTube followers every Sunday morning. The team continues to need additional volunteers. Please contact Dale Herbranson by email at dale.herbranson@outlook.com. Other opportunities to record and upload videos are available for St. John's groups. Just contact Dale to discuss.



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!!

Transition Team

Our Transition Team has completed the Mission Site Profile (MSP) and it was presented to Council and approved (with some minor edits). The Pastor job description was also updated and approved by Council. Both items are now ready to send along with several other documents to Synod to initiate the formal call process.



Stephen Ministries is offering the Bridge Leaders Training Course (BLTC). This online training experience

fully equips laypeople to serve as Stephen Leaders. The BLTC provides Stephen Leaders with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to successfully implement the Stephen Ministry System. BLTC is a live, interactive training experience that fully equips and inspires participants to serve as Stephen Leaders. The BLTC is now delivered over Zoom to cohorts of 20 people from across the United States, Canada and around the world. It consists of 10 sessions of 2 1/2 hours each, held twice weekly over five weeks or once weekly over ten weeks. Options include morning, afternoon, or evening cohorts. In order to grow our leadership team, we are hoping to train several additional people. Please prayerfully consider participating in a Bridge Leaders Training Course. For further information contact Linda Landis.

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30am Children's choir 9am Christian Education 10:15am Holy Communion 2pm PCO Rehearsal	27 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Finance Committee 7pm Girl Scouts #4330	28 10:30am WELCA 5:30pm Brownie/Junior Troop #42024 7pm Parent Grief Support Group 7:30pm Fellowship Committee	29 6:30pm Girl Scouts-Juniors 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 8pm Adult Choir	30 6:45pm Children's Handbells 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells 7:30pm Electronics Committee	1 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	2 5pm Evening Prayer (w/communion)
3 8:30am Children's choir 9am Christian Education 10:15am Holy Communion	4 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Property 7pm Stephen Ministry	5 10:15am Staff 12:30pm PACA 5pm Girl Scouts #41766 7pm Parent Grief Support Group 7:30pm Worship & Music	6 3pm Social Ministry 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7pm Faith Formation Committee 8pm Adult Choir	7 5:30pm Cadette Girl Scouts #4514 6:30pm Kiwanis 6:45pm Children's Handbells 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells	8 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	9 5pm Evening Prayer (w/communion)
10 8:30am Children's choir 9am Christian Education-Second Sunday: The History of St. John's w/Jack Ertell 10:15am Holy Communion 2pm PCO Rehearsal	11 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Church Council 7pm Girl Scouts #4330	12 5:30pm Brownie/Junior Troop #42024 7pm Parent Grief Support Group	13 6:30pm Girl Scouts-Juniors 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 8pm Adult Choir	14 6:45pm Children's Handbells 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells	15 St. Peter's lunch 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	16 5pm Evening Prayer (w/communion)
17 8:30am Children's choir 9am Christian Education - with LWR backpacking 10:15am Holy Communion 4pm John Quinn concert	18 Circle deadline 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Stephen Ministry	19 4:30pm PACS Board 5pm Girl Scouts #41766 7pm Parent Grief Support Group	20 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 8pm Adult Choir	21 5:30pm Cadette Girl Scouts #4514 6:30pm Kiwanis 6:45pm Children's Handbells 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells 8:15pm Naranon Support	22 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	23 5pm Evening Prayer (w/communion)
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31 Reformation Sunday 8:30am Children's choir 9am Christian Education--Sunday school in Kley Hall for Reformation lesson 10:15am Holy Communion and confirmation	1 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Property 7pm Stephen Ministry	2 10:15am Staff 12:30pm PACA 5pm Girl Scouts #41766 7pm Parent Grief Support Group 7:30pm Worship & Music	3 3pm Social Ministry 7pm Alanon 7pm Bible Study 7pm Faith Formation Committee 8pm Adult Choir	4 5:30pm Cadette Girl Scouts #4514 6:30pm Kiwanis 6:45pm Children's Handbells 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells	5 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	6 1pm Phoenixville Time Bank Spaghetti Dinner 5pm Evening Prayer (w/communion)

October 2021 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Charles and Heather Thompson's anniversary Chloe Fox's birthday Donald Bechtel's birthday Jennifer Brown's birthday Mitch Reading's birthday	27 Brett Emery's birthday Sophia Seidel's birthday	28 Heather Yonosh's birthday James and Jill Keddie's anniversary Nicholas VanDerveer's birthday Peter and Diane Sitkowski's anniversary	29 Allyssa Andrews's birthday Courtney Morqan's birthday Julie Andrews's birthday Kent and Jennifer Brown's anniversary Megan Tribuno's birthday	30 Brian and Amy Becker's anniversary	1 Duane and Valerie Landis's anniversary	2 Isaac Henderson's birthday Jim Taylor's birthday Tom and Cassandra Obert-Thorn's anniversary
3	4 Garrett and Margit Grejdus's anniversary	5 Patrick DesMarais and Jill Wolstenholme's anniversary	6 Karen Warren's birthday Matt and Sarah Bethune's anniversary Sam Fryer's birthday	7 Gabrielle Perotto's birthday Jennifer Rutherford's birthday	8 Jonathan and Kate Hicks's anniversary	9 Christopher and Mary Scavello's anniversary Simon DiGioia's birthday
10 Beth Kramer's birthday Courtney Wilkinson's birthday Kelly LeMarbe's birthday Larry and Kim Fetters's anniversary Robbie McMahon's birthday Scott and Jess Blain's anniversary	11 Nicole Brown's birthday Peg Groenig's birthday Stephen and Cindy Riley's anniversary Wynne Salvas's birthday	12 Brian Schanzenbach's birthday John Stong and Cynthia Krommes's anniversary Shari Bradley's birthday Stephen and Jen Drewes's anniversary William and Barbara Sell's anniversary	13 Allison Kramer's birthday Donald and Shirley Platzer's anniversary Joe Muller's birthday Joey Gombarick's birthday John Freehafer's birthday Nadine Hilvick's birthday Ron and Rebecca Stevens's anniversary	14 Glynys LaBoon's birthday Jim and Claudine Niness's anniversary Kristin and Lisa McGregor's anniversary Lyndsey Williams's birthday	15 Gail Doebbling's birthday Simon Khan's birthday Stephen and Ashleigh Melton's anniversary	16 Greg Sandherr's birthday Keith Kenyon's birthday Nicholas Stotler's birthday Zach Pekofsky's birthday
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How soon we forget
Now we are forgotten
Once more unwanted
Who are we
We are dogs, cats, rabbits,
Birds, many more
That comforted you
When you were afraid
Who thought we had
A home, where love dwelt
We are the creatures
Who gave comfort
Why did you abandon us
Why why why

Margaret Walker

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Sundays

10:15 a.m. Holy Communion

(fall, winter and spring)

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

(Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day)

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