

The Circle

June 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

For a lot of people, June marks the end of the school year, or the end of a program year; it's a time of graduations and things drawing to completion. Those things are wonderful, and worth celebrating, but June is also a time of new beginnings and of new energy. There are a lot of things that are beginning at St. John's and in the wider church, and I'm looking forward to seeing them unfold and develop!

One of the most obvious new beginnings at St. John's is the beginning of construction on our kitchen renovation. I'm thrilled by the generosity of the people of St. John's in providing financial support for the project, and I'm looking forward to having the new kitchen be certified for commercial food service, which will greatly increase our ability to do feeding and fellowship ministries in our community. Thank you to everyone on the Kitchen Task Force for organizing and spearheading the kitchen renovation project.

Vacation Bible School will also be beginning in a few weeks! (This is less of a new beginning, but it's still beginning soon, and I'm very excited for it!) Our enrollment had dropped during the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it's been steadily climbing every year, and this year is no exception. I'm excited to be able to be a part of the VBS ministry at St. John's, as we work to share God's love with students from all over Phoenixville and beyond!

There have also been new beginnings in the wider church, as well. At Synod Assembly last month, those of us in attendance got to take part in electing the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod's next bishop, the Rev. Bryan Penman. Bishop-elect Penman currently serves as the pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Conshohocken, and as one of the Synod's Directors for Evangelical Mission. I'm excited for the beginning of Bishop-elect Penman's ministry as bishop.

I'm certain that there are other new beginnings in our life together, and in the life of the congregation. I'm excited to celebrate those new beginnings together with everyone here at St. John's Lutheran Church, and I'm looking forward to seeing where the Holy Spirit will lead us, as individuals and as the church!

In Christ,
Pastor Russ

Graduation Sunday

June 2nd, 9 a.m.

If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, college, or trade school this year, please help us celebrate them by submitting their name and a sentence about their plans after graduation. We will be including this list of names in the bulletin on Sunday, June 2nd, as well as naming our annual St. John's Dahms Scholarship recipient! Please send any submissions to Sonya (office@stjohnphoenixville.org) by Monday, May 27th.





Family Movie Night
June 8th, 6:00 p.m.–9:30 p.m.
Kley Hall

Join us on Saturday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m. for a family-friendly movie night. Watch *The Prince of Egypt* with us on the big screen and enjoy a pizza feast! If you plan on attending, please sign up via the Google Form so we know how many pies to order. Don't forget to Bring Your Own Blanket! PJ attire welcomed. Simply click on this link to sign up. <https://forms.gle/dT47SYBwEetGkRPo9>

Phoenixville Pride
June 8th, 12-5 p.m.

All are welcome to join the Social Ministry Committee at Phoenixville Pride on Bridge Street on Saturday, June 8th! St. John's will be hosting a vendor table handing out free water bottles to the community. Want to help? We need volunteers to help monitor the table, hand out bottles, and to donate cases of water. Click here to see how you can contribute! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE44ACA623A1F5C52-49200968-stjohns>

THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored red geraniums for Pentecost weekend. The flowers certainly added so much beauty to the chancel area . . . and to your landscaping when you took them home!

Sunday Morning Book Club continues monthly in the summer, hosted by individuals. Our first meeting will be June 12th at 7 p.m. to discuss "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes. Contact coordinator Jean Herbranson (deherb@juno.com) for details about this and other summer meetings.



Car Wash—June 2nd 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

We hope to see you on Sunday, June 2nd for our rescheduled annual ASP Car Wash Fundraiser! Donations will be accepted. Proceeds benefit our July trip to Virginia with Appalachia Service Project, an organization that seeks to make homes warmer, safer, and drier via construction projects. Please pray for our group of 19 adults and high-schoolers as we wrap up our final preparations!

Women of the ELCA—June 4th

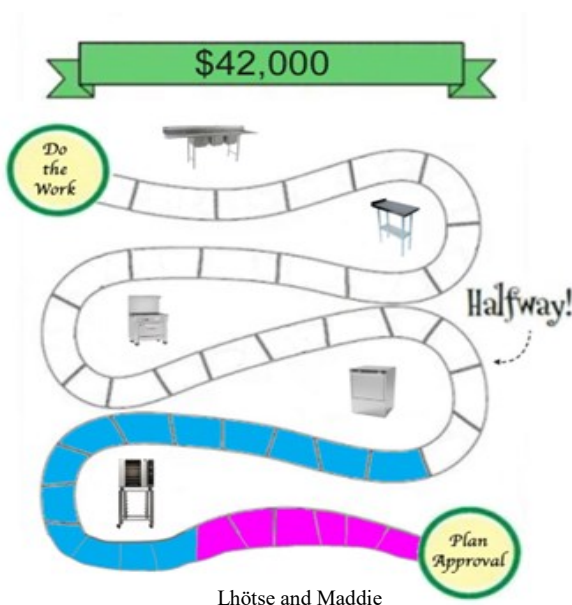
WELCA will meet at 10:30 am on Tuesday, June 4th to help put together items for VBS. All women of St. John's are invited to join us. This is the final meeting this spring. We will continue to collect toiletries, cards, tote bags, and Redner's tapes. All collected items should be left in the narthex.





It's On! The Kitchen Renovation is on!

We are on a path that will take St. John's to a renovated, *Health Department-licensed* kitchen. **We just need to raise the FUNDS to do it.**



Lhötse and Maddie and their unbelievable lemonade and muffin stands got us off to a fantastic fundraising start, netting just over \$6,000!!!

The initial congregational response to the appeal letter was equally amazing with over \$13,000 donated in the first 10 days. As of May 19th, we have raised almost half of the necessary funds.

While the above is terrific, we need to keep the momentum going to be able to renovate this summer.

If you have not already done so, PLEASE consider donating to the Kitchen Renovation Fund.

Ways to donate:

- Check payable to St. John's—put "kitchen" in the memo line
- Give online at stjohnluthphoenixville.org
- Use the QR Code to the right



Aluminum Can Collection Update

Effective immediately, aluminum animal food cans are no longer accepted mixed in with aluminum beverage cans by the metal recycle facility we use. The companies to whom they sell their materials have coded the aluminum content of animal food cans differently than that of beverage cans so they cannot be mixed.



Therefore, St. John's will now only be collecting aluminum beverage cans. All varieties of aluminum beverage cans, such as soda, sparkling water, and adult beverages, are acceptable. Since they are stored for some period as we collect enough weight for a worthwhile drop off, please rinse the cans and be sure they are empty before dropping them off at the church.



Thank you for your continued support of this financially productive ministry. Proceeds from the recycled cans result in hundreds of dollars yearly for our youth activities. Keep those beverage cans coming!



Vacation Bible School Registration Open; Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School 2024 will be held June 17-21 from 9 a.m.-noon. Our theme this year is *Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God!* Join first-time counselor Sam and his lightning bug friend Lumen as they learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Slots fill up quickly, so please don't hesitate to sign your child up. Go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLEUXiPpiR5Ua-nLksX708u4Gjo_L-JAw85KQ3UUReFPU7Lg/viewform or reach out to Molly via mollyo@stjohnphoenixville.org to register.

We are currently looking for adult and teenage group guides and station leaders. VBS is a huge undertaking, and we could use all the help we can get! For every gift in the Kingdom of God, there is a way to serve with VBS. If you can't serve the week of VBS, there are still opportunities to serve. One big way you can help is by joining us for our **VBS Set-Up Day June 15th**, both from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Please email Molly if you can help.

Summer Tailgate Party

355 St Johns Cir | 5:30 PM

Friday, Aug 23



MUSIC

CORNHOLE

BUBBLES

BYOB and BYOLC

(bring-your-own-lawn-chair)



People of God Involved in God's Work

June Worship Staff

Altar Guild

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

Assisting Minister

- 2 Deb Ahola
- 9 Tom Snyder
- 16 Nancy Cressman
- 23 TBD
- 30 Ron Stevens

Communion Assistant/Lector

- 2 Mitch Reading
- 9 Bill Starling
- 16 Lynn Titus
- 23 Nancy Cressman
- 30 Mimi Woods

Counters

- 2 Jack & Janet Ertell; Donna Anderson
- 9 Jeff & Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 16 Mary Heiser; Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 23 Stephen & Jen Drewes
- 30 Mary Heiser, Kevin Gallagher, Mike & Cathy Kahl

Evening Light Assistant

- 1 TBD
- 8 TBD
- 15 Toni Hadfield
- 22 Buzz Hadfield
- 29 Shirley Platzer

Lock-Up

- 2 Kyle Oszeyczik
- 9 Mitch Reading
- 16 Mike Kahl
- 23 Stephen Drewes
- 30 Aimee Hillegas

Stream Team

- 2 Josh Romano, Paul Miller
- 9 Aimee Hillegas, Paul Miller
- 16 Josh Romano, Paul Miller
- 23 Dale Herbranson, Paul Miller
- 30 Aimee Hillegas, Paul Miller

Ushers

- 2 Don Titus & Cathy Garrett
- 9 Sue Starling & Dick Kunsch
- 16 Cathy & Mike Kahl
- 23 Jen Drewes & Barry Church
- 30 Donna Anderson & Nancy Cressman

SUMMER MUSIC

Vocal soloists and instrumentalists young and old(er) are invited to share their talents (either up front or from the balcony) as part of our summer worship. Warm up those vocal chords, tickle the ivories or dust off your instruments to praise the Lord! For more information or to schedule a date in June, July, or August contact Tom Snyder, Director of Music, ftsiii@gmail.com.

On Devon horse show see
Riders and horses in their
Finery parading 'round the
Oval ring look closely
Standing in the shadows
Look again what do you see can
You see what is in the
Shadows children with ragged
Clothes with ponies rough coated who are
They these are the ones this show was
For those who were too poor to be rich
Who rode with no fancy tack who
Enjoyed the joy of loving their
Ponies this show was for them not
Fancy not showy where they could
Show their ponies in the best way
They could where they could be
Proud of themselves that they too
Could be proud and hold their heads
Up proudly maybe their ponies
Were rough coated and the riders
With grubby faces but they loved
Their ponies being proud to
Show what their ponies could do
Once again the shadows come and we
See them no more

Margaret Walker

June 2024 birthdays and anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>Emerson Carr's birthday Gavin Moreland's birthday Mark Woelflin's birthday Marti Steiner's birthday Nick Mara's birthday</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Eli Smith-Kiser's birthday</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Justin and Jodi O'Neill's anniversary Stephen and Kimberly DiGioia's anniversary</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Donald Platzer's birthday Rich Latella and Richard Skoniczin's anniversary</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Dax Kunsch's birthday Dodi Strunk's birthday</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Dirk Rimrott's birthday Paul Miller's birthday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Dan Free's birthday Ian Kramer's birthday Mark Wallace's birthday Tyler Speaker's birthday</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bill and Sue Starling's anniversary Mitch and Erica Reading's anniversary</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Derek and Carla Carr's anniversary</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Austin Starling's birthday</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Mikayla Niness's birthday</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Abigail Speaker's birthday</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Colten Bomberger's birthday</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Annaliese Duerr's birthday</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Blake Goodhart's birthday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Daniel Free Jr.'s birthday Mike and Cathy Kahl's anniversary</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Braeden Hawkins's birthday Carson Melton's birthday</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Jessica Kramer's birthday</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Deb Ahola's birthday Eileen Krueger's birthday Mario Walls and Courtney Morgan's anniversary Rebecca Stevens's birthday Sandy Momyer's birthday Val Kramer's birthday</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Maryanne Mara's birthday</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Donna Breitinger's birthday Kevin Gallagher's birthday</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Cece Leong's birthday John Riley's birthday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Brooke Free's birthday Rick Kramer and Mindy Goldberg's anniversary</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Joan Carl's birthday June Henzie's birthday Kevin and Kelly Gallagher's anniversary</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Dan and Brooke Free's anniversary Taylor McGoldrick's birthday</p>
<p>23</p> <p>John Westerman's birthday</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Don and Lynn Titus's anniversary Donna Papsun's birthday</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Carol Renninger's birthday Evan Aho's birthday Mark and Sarah Blattner's anniversary Tim Babinchak's birthday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>A.J. Crouthamel's birthday David and Robin Frees's anniversary Mike and Dawn Platchek's anniversary</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Dana Deichmann's birthday Elke Rimrott's birthday</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Florence Bickhart's birthday John Unruh and Devon Mensch-Unruh's anniversary Rachael Aaronson's birthday Sue Lisiewski's birthday</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Rhett Grejdus's birthday</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Nancy Wilkinson's birthday Rick Kramer's birthday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Dylan Oszyczik's birthday Robb Frees's birthday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cindy Riley's birthday Gianna Bliss's birthday</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Amanda Westerman's birthday Kurt Seidel's birthday Travis Brown's birthday</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Dennis Duerr's birthday Heather Thompson's birthday</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Aaron Sifford's birthday</p>

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26 9am Holy Communion	27 11am Alanon Family Group	28 10am Mom's Mingle 7pm Fellowship Committee 8pm Lutheran 101 (Zoom)	29 7pm Alanon	30 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:45pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon	31 Lutheran Night at the Phillies 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	1 9am Council retreat 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
2 Graduation Sunday 8:30am Rescheduled ASP Car Wash 9am Holy Communion	3 10:15am Staff 11am Alanon Family Group 5pm Stewardship Committee 7pm Property 7pm Stephen Ministry	4 10:30am WELCA 7pm Finance Committee 8pm Lutheran 101 (Zoom)	5 6pm Girl Scouts #4308 6pm Girl Scouts #473 7pm Alanon	6 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Kiwanis 7pm Naranon	7 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	8 12pm Phoenixville Pride 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 5:45pm Family Movie Night
9 9am Holy Communion	10 10am MAEVE Moms Mingle 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Church Council	11 6:30pm Faith Formation Committee 6:45pm Parent Grief Support Group	12 4pm Daisy Girl Scouts #4863 4pm Social Ministry 6pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Cadette Girl Scouts #41982 6:30pm Welcoming Team 7pm Alanon 7pm Summer Book Club	13 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Naranon	14 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	15 8:30am VBS set up day 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
16 9am Holy Communion 2pm Phoenixville Juneteenth	17 9am Vacation Bible School 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Stephen Ministry	18 Circle deadline 9am Vacation Bible School 6:45pm Parent Grief Support Group	19 9am Vacation Bible School 7pm Alanon	20 9am Vacation Bible School 6:30pm Kiwanis 7pm Naranon 8:15pm Naranon Support	21 St. Peter's lunch 9am Vacation Bible School 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	22 12pm Holschuh baby shower 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
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VBS Workday—Big Success

Thank you for supporting our Vacation Bible School program prep day to:
 ⇒ Church members Val Kramer, Jodi O'Neill, Justin O'Neill, Trevor O'Neill, Tom Snyder, Mitch Reading, Elisa Khan, John Riley, Bobbi Riley, and Barb Rambo
 ⇒ Girl Scout Troop 41441
 ⇒ Young Men and Women In Charge (YMWIC) Phoenixville Chapter

So much was accomplished. The sets and props are looking good. Be sure to sign up to attend "Camp Fire-light" June 17-21 to see how everything comes together.



**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2024**

Attendees:							
Kyle Oszeyczik	P	Mitch Reading	P	Dale Herbranson	A	Stephen Drewes	P
Kelly Gallagher	P	Janet Gerner	P	Sue Starling	P	TBD	
Aimee Hillegas	P	Kate Hicks	A	Jeanne Schanzenbach	P	Mike Kahl	P
Pastor Crouthamel	P						
Guests:							
Sonya Sowards	P	Tom Snyder	P	Molly Oladunjoye	P		

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Aimee; Aimee led with an opening prayer.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mitch, Second by Janet to accept the minutes as presented; motion passed.

Staff Reports

Motion by Sue, Second by Kelly to accept the March Staff Reports; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee met 03/25/24 – accepted as written.
 - Motion to approve the Finance Report by Kyle; seconded by Janet; motion carried.
- Electronics Committee from 03/17/24 – accepted as written.
- Faith Formation from 04/02/24– accepted as written.
- Property Committee from 4/1/24 – accepted as written.
 - Motion from committee that the Eisenhower closet and the downstairs hallway to the Records Room be decluttered/cleaned out and maintained, as related to comments by the Fire Chief during an inspection. Motion carried.
- Worship and Music Committee from 04/02/24 - accepted as written.
- Social Ministry Committee – did not meet.
- Fellowship Committee from 03/26/24 – accepted as written.
- Columbarium Committee – did not meet.
- Executive Committee – did not meet.
- Stewardship Committee – no minutes submitted, but committee did meet to continue discussions.
- Welcome Team Committee - did not meet.
- Green Team from 03/22/24 - accepted as written.
- Kitchen Task Force from 04/03/24 – accepted as written.
 - Plan has been accepted by the county for certification.
 - Initial communications will begin soon; plan is to have congregational meeting May 4/5. Sonya will begin communications to meet the required notification timeframe.

Motion by Stephen, second by Mitch to accept committee reports; motion passed.

Old Business

- Coffee Hour Host Sign-ups – KTF hosting in April, Thrivent in May.
- Inter-church Muhlenberg Committee – next meeting in May.

- New Council Member to replace Elisa – no further names suggested.
- Council Retreat – seems like June 1 is the best date thus far; 9-Noon.

New Business

No new business items.

Aimee adjourned the meeting at 7:48; meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 13, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Starling
Church Council Secretary

**St. John’s Choir & Friends
THANKS!!!!!!!!**

The 31st annual St. John’s Choir & Friends Concert, *Be Glad Then America*, was another successful outreach to the Phoenixville Community. Forty-five singers from 23 area churches joined together in glorious song. A large, appreciative audience attended the concert. My personal highlight was when the choir sang *A Tribute to the Armed Services* and members of the audience who had served stood up to be recognized—a very moving tribute!

This event would not have happened without the ministry, support, and assistance from many members of St. John’s. Thanks to Sandra Zimmermann, Fellowship Team Chair, for organizing the supper, and Joan Wilson for hosting, setting up, serving, and cleaning up, and Barb Rambo and Bobbi Riley helping wherever needed. Thanks to Dale Herbranson for providing audio and visual assistance. Thanks to Peg Groening who graciously welcomed the audience members, to Pr. Russ for his support and singing with the choir, and to our accompanist John Quinn.

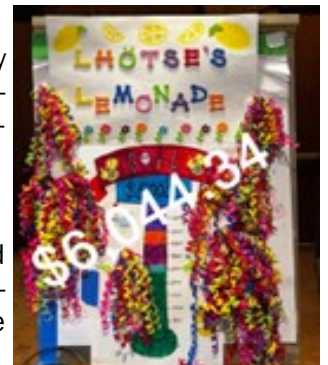
Tom Snyder

Thank you Lhötse and Maddie!

Lhötse’s Lemonade and Maddie’s Muffins wrapped up their after-worship sales on May 19th, Pentecost Sunday. Their goal was to raise \$5,000 to support the kitchen renovation and thanks to their hard work and the amazing support of our members, they exceeded their goal and raised

\$6,044.34

The Kitchen Task Force is truly grateful for the girls’ effort and enthusiasm. We would also like to acknowledge their families who helped set up the stands, supplied the wonderful products that were sold, and were themselves, wonderful stewards to the church.



Kids Say the Darnest Things

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, “Would you like to say the blessing?” “I wouldn’t know what to say,” the girl replied. “Just say what you hear Mommy say,” the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, “Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?”

June harbinger of
 Summer winter yields to
 June's song of sunny skies
 Of flowers lifting faces
 To the sun for summer's
 Coming rejoice for
 Colors of every
 Hue will bloom winter's
 Gloom has ended
 Summer is coming
 Rejoice rejoice
 Lambs gambol in
 Pastures green children
 Cast off winter's chill
 Rejoicing in the
 Pleasures of play
 Rejoice rejoice
 Margaret Walker


Scent of the hawthorne fills the
 Air foretells summer's warmth to come
 Winter sleeping yields to sun's warmth
 Lambs gambol in pastures green
 Children cast off winter chill
 Rejoicing in the pleasure of play
 Margaret Walker

Hearing and Seeing Helps
 We have hearing-assist devices for use during Sunday worship services. Inquire at the A/V booth before the service. There is also an assortment of reading glasses of various strengths for use during worship services. They are kept at the usher's stand. Ask an usher for assistance.

Who am I that for my sake
 God created earth and sea
 Caused light to shine on
 Sinful man that all on earth
 God's glorious mercy shall see
 Who am I that dwells 'neath
 Skies of God's creation thus
 Christ came to God's mercy to
 Declare alleluia alleluia
 Margaret Walker


God's mercy loves unknown
 Given all that on earth or
 Sky or sea shall dwell in
 Peace what'er their faiths
 Might be let all that dwell
 On land or sea, in sunlit skies
 Let all praise our heavenly
 Host those who kneel those
 Who praise eternal Lord of all
 Whose hand calms raging
 Mighty seas calms raging
 Mountains shall he not lift
 Man from lowly depths surely
 Surely God is in the depth
 Lord of all creation
 Margaret Walker

Copies of the St. John's members directory are available in the narthex. Please feel free to take one home or ask our Parish Administrator, Sonya Sowards, to send one to you. Please let Sonya know if any of your information needs to be updated. This directory can easily be updated and printed on demand. Haven't seen one of your church friends for a while? Give them a call or send them a note or email to let them know you're thinking of them!



**Advice from a
 SEA TURTLE™**

- Swim with the current
- Be a good navigator
- Stay calm under pressure
- Be well traveled
- Think long term
- Age gracefully
- Spend time at the beach!



Guidelines for Submission of Articles for St. John's Communications

Submissions to the Parish Administrator for insertion in St. John's communications may include worship, faith formation, social justice, music and community events, and any items directly related to St. John's mission of "*Living, growing & sharing in God's love through Jesus Christ.*" Submissions received by Monday at 11:00 a.m. will be included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Later submissions will appear in the following week's bulletin. All submissions are also included in all other applicable forms of communication (email, social media, website, slides, etc.) as soon as possible after receipt.

Submissions for *The Circle* newsletter are due on the 18th of every month (except July). Submissions received after this deadline may appear in other applicable St. John's communications and in the following month's newsletter.

When submitting articles, please include complete information such as date, time, location, and how to sign up for events (including links and QR codes to forms). Images are welcome but should be photos taken around St. John's or posters created by the submitter—not stock images or any images downloaded from the Internet which St. John's is not licensed to use.

If you have any questions about St. John's communications, please contact our administrator, Sonya Sowards, at office@stjohnphoenixville.org or (610) 933-3947 ext. 2.

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.

Kid-Friendly Worship Resources

We have children's worship bags available to use during services.

We also have children's bulletins/activity sheets available on the "triangle table."

The nursery is open on Sunday mornings during church for children who may need a break/extra care/etc.

Please ask an usher for help finding these resources! We welcome and celebrate all the ways children participate in our community.

Communion Records and Prayer Requests

RECORD OF COMMUNION AND/OR PRAYER REQUEST

We took communion (date & time):


9P

10:15a

9:00a (summer)

other date & time _____

I'm a visitor



Name(s): _____ Env. # _____

New or change in contact info? If so, print corrected information below:

Prayer request(s): _____

Please place this card in the offering plate or hand it in on the triangle kiosk in the narthex (lobby) when you leave. THANKS!

Our constitution defines members eligible to vote at regular meetings of the church as those who "shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record" in the calendar year. Your contribution is recorded when it includes your name and/or envelope number. To ensure that your communion is recorded, please fill out the "Record of Communion and/or Prayer Request" card at least once a year. Communion cards can be found in the pew racks at the end of each pew. The card may also be used for prayer requests, address changes, questions, or comments. If you are worshipping exclusively from home, please contact Sonya Sowards with prayer requests and worship dates.

Prayer Chain

Many folks have expressed interest in being more involved in our prayer ministry. In addition to weekly bulletin and email announcements, we also have two active prayer chains. First, a phone chain and second, an email chain. If you wish to be added to either of these, please let Sonya know.



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CHURCH STAFF

Lead Pastor
The Rev. K. Russell Crouthamel
Pastoral Associate:
The Rev. Thomas Kochenderfer, Jr.
Director of Music:
F. Thomas Snyder III
Organist & Pianist:
John A. Quinn III
**Director of Children's, Youth
& Family Ministries**
Molly Oladunjoye
Parish Administrator:
Sonya K. Sowards
Sexton:
Mark Yancheck, Jr.
Nursery Coordinator:
Arlene Hudak

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Assistant Treasurer:
Don Titus
Financial Recording Secretary:
Mary Heiser
Fund 3 Secretary:
Kevin Gallagher
Executive Committee:
Dale Herbranson
Jeanne Schanzenbach
Other Members of Council:
Janet Gerner
Mike Kahl
Kate Hicks
Kyle Oszeyczik
Mitch Reading
Stephen Drewes

Stephen Ministry Leader:
Linda Landis — (610) 933-9544

COMMITTEES

Columbarium:
Bill Starling, Chair
Dale Herbranson, Council Rep.

Electronics:
Bill Schoellkopf, Chair
Dale Herbranson, Council Rep.

Executive:
Mitch Reading, Chair

Faith Formation:
Erica Reading, Chair
Kelly Gallagher & Kate Hicks
Council Reps.

Fellowship:
Sandra Zimmermann, Chair
Sue Starling, Council Rep.

Finance:
Jack Ertell, Chair
Mitch Reading & Jeanne Schanzenbach
Council Reps.

Mutual Ministry:
Kyle Oszeyczik, Council Rep.

Property:
Bobbi Riley, Chair
Mike Kahl, Council Rep.

Social Ministry:
Janet Gerner, Chair & Council Rep.

Stewardship:
Stephen Drewes, Council Rep.

Welcoming Team:
Kate Hicks, Council Rep.

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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 weekend through Labor Day)

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