

The Circle

Summer 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,” Jesus said to his followers. It sometimes feels a little weird to think of ourselves as Jesus’ disciples; it’s a title that feels like it should be reserved for Jesus’ companions in his earthly life, who knew him and worked with him and learned from him in a very particular way. But you and I are just as much Jesus’ disciples as Peter and James and John were, and over the coming year, I’m looking forward to working with St. John’s Lutheran Church to grow in discipleship together.

I’m intentionally not saying “to become disciples,” or “to become better disciples,” because that’s not really how discipleship works. It’s not an on/off kind of situation. Discipleship is something that you grow into, and something that you can grow and develop, not something that gets turned on when you need it and off when you don’t. Discipleship is a way of living in and deepening that relationship with God that we all have. Everyone’s relationship with God is different, and rooted in their own individual personality and life, but the outward markers of those relationships are things that are pretty common. The resource that I’ve been using as I’ve been talking with congregational leaders about this lists six marks of discipleship. They are: daily prayer, daily scripture reading, weekly worship, growth in giving, serving others in Jesus’ name, and sharing the Good News of Jesus with those outside the church.

We’re going to learn about each of those things over the coming months, starting in September with daily prayer. But discipleship isn’t just about learning—it’s about doing, and about practicing. And it’s about practicing those acts both in the sense of practicing law or medicine (which is to say, taking the principles and applying them in life), and also in the sense of practicing a musical instrument or a sport (where the more free-throws you shoot, the more comfortable you become doing them and the easier it is to do it). Because of that, we’re going to work on ways to give everyone at St. John’s opportunities to not just learn about those practices, and to not just talk about those practices, but to do them, together as a congregation.

I know some of those practices of discipleship are going to be more challenging than others for me, and I have a feeling that that’s going to be true for everyone here. But I know that of the ones that I do the most often, the more I do them, the easier it is for me to continue to do them; and also that the more I do them, the more closely connected to God I feel. My hope and prayer for us all in the coming year is that as we develop and grow in those practices of discipleship as individuals and as a congregation, we’ll find that our relationship with God, and with one another, has grown stronger as well.

I’m looking forward to the work that we’ll do together as we work to grow in discipleship this year!

In Christ,

Pastor Russ

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

End of
Summer
Tailgate
Party

August 23, 2024 at 5:30pm
Back parking lot of St. John's



BYOB & BYOLC (bring your own lawn chair!)
Bring a yard game and bring a friend!

Our final meeting until September was held on June 4th. This continues to be one of our favorites. In addition to helping prepare for VBS, we connect with our inner child and fellowship with one another. It's kind of like an annual play date.



Although we will not meet during July and August, WELCA collections continue throughout the summer (toiletries, cards, notepads, tote bags, etc.). Please place items in the narthex labeled "WELCA." We appreciate your continued support.



SAVE THE DATE for the Phoenixville Area Time Bank Annual Pasta Party! October 26, 2024

Enjoy authentic Italian cuisine and take a chance to win a gift basket while supporting the Phoenixville Area Time Bank by participating in annual Italian pasta party, to be held this year on October 26th!

PATB's take-out dinner features Nick Castellano's traditional Italian gravy (meatballs and sausage) and pasta. Spaghetti squash is offered as an alternative to pasta and our vegetarian sauce is offered as an alternative to the Italian gravy. Each dinner also includes parmesan cheese, breadsticks, salad, and dessert.

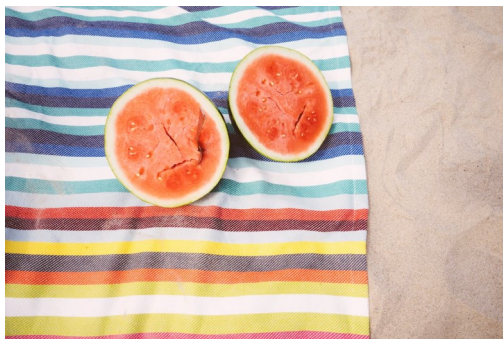
Orders can be placed online starting October 1st or, if you prefer, you may call in your order to (610) 608-9281.

We are again partnering with Good Samaritan Services in Phoenixville to include an option to purchase a meal that is donated to residents at the organization's homeless shelter for men. We encourage everyone who can to chip in and buy an extra meal for them!

Along with dinners, raffle tickets can be purchased for a number of enticing and themed gift baskets.

If you have any questions or need help with your order, please call Margo at (610) 608-9281, or email info@patimebank.org.

PATB graciously thanks St. John's Lutheran Church for its support again this year as our take-out location. MAMA MIA!!



Summary Financial Report as of May 31, 2024

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 27,995	\$ 27,544	\$ 139,973	\$ 152,839
Other Income	3,791	3,045	18,958	17,439
	\$ 31,786	\$ 30,589	\$ 158,931	\$ 170,278
Expenses	\$ 39,745	\$ 37,501	\$ 198,726	\$ 195,867
Income (Deficit)	\$ (7,959)	\$ (6,912)	\$ (39,795)	\$ (25,589)



Kitchen Renovation—we're almost there!

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.

Donations have continued to come in and as of June 19th, we have raised \$38,026 toward our goal of \$42,000—we just need to close the gap 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" on your envelope.
- 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!



People of God Involved in God's Work

Summer Worship Staff

Altar Guild

July

- 7 Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
- 14 Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
- 21 Jean Herbranson
- 28 Betty Hans & Jean Herbranson

August

- 4 Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
- 11 Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
- 18 Jean Herbranson
- 25 Betty Hans & Jean Herbranson

Assisting Minister

July

- 7 Ron Stevens
- 14 Tom Snyder
- 21 Deb Ahola
- 28 Ron Stevens

August

- 4 Bill Starling
- 11 Tom Snyder
- 18 Deb Ahola
- 25 Bill Starling

Communion Assistant/Lector

July

- 7 Mitch Reading
- 14 Bill Starling
- 21 Mimi Woods
- 28 Lynn Titus

August

- 4 Mimi Woods
- 11 Lynn Titus
- 18 Mimi Woods
- 25 Walt Deichmann

Counters

July

- 7 Jack & Janet Ertell; Donna Anderson
- 14 Heather Yonosh; Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 21 Mary Heiser; Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 28 Stephen & Jen Drewes

August

- 4 Jack & Janet Ertell; Donna Anderson
- 11 Heather Yonosh; Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 18 Mary Heiser; Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 25 Stephen & Jen Drewes

Evening Light Assistant

July

- 6 Sandy Momyer
- 13 Rich Latella
- 20 Sandy Momyer
- 27 Shirley Platzer

August

- 4 Sandy Momyer
- 11 TBD
- 18 TBD
- 25 Shirley Platzer
- 31 Sandy Momyer

Lock-Up

July

- 7 Kate Hicks
- 14 Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 21 Mike Kahl
- 28 Stephen Drewes

August

- 4 Kate Hicks
- 11 Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 18 Mike Kahl
- 25 Kelly Gallagher

Stream Team

July

- 7 Josh Romano & Dale Herbranson
- 14 Dale Herbranson & Paul Miller
- 21 Aimee Hillegas & Paul Miller
- 28 Dale Herbranson & Paul Miller

August

- 4 Aimee Hillegas & Dale Herbranson
- 11 Josh Romano & Dale Herbranson
- 18 Aimee Hillegas & Paul Miller
- 25 Dale Herbranson & Paul Miller

Ushers

July

- 7 Diane & Katelyn Blattner
- 14 Sue Starling & Nancy Cressman
- 21 Kelly & Kevin Gallagher
- 28 Don Titus & Donna Anderson

August

- 4 Sue Starling & Cathy Garrett
- 11 Don Titus & Nancy Cressman
- 18 Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 25 Donna Anderson & Barry Church



Dear friends of Mosaic:
 We thank you for being the “hands and voice” of Christ with a donation of \$50. Your service and generosity bring new life by helping Mosaic live out its mission to love and serve all of God’s children in the Mosaic family. It was very gracious of you to give tribute in memory of Pastor Arlene Greenwald.
 Grace and peace,
 Pastor Twila Schock
 Vice President of Church Relations and International Programing

Dear Deb & Friends:
 We want to express our gratitude to you and your volunteers for generously providing meals to St. Mary’s Franciscan Shelter. We truly appreciate the time, money and effort put into preparing wonderful dinners. Our families enjoy well-rounded meals, from hearty main courses to delicious desserts our children love. We appreciate your dedication and support of our families.
 In partnership,
 Kate Garges
 Director of Residence Operations
 St. Mary’s Franciscan Shelter for Homeless Families

Dear Members of St. John’s:
 Just want to thank you for the very pretty birthday card and also the delicious large cupcake you gave me—strawberries and cream. Very good! Thank you, thank you, thank you. And also thank you to Jean Herbranson for the flowers from the altar!
 Fondly,
 Joan Carl

Thank you to my church family for giving me the delicious bundt cake and the flowers from the altar for my birthday!
 June Henzie

Gracious Lord of all
 That is all that shall
 Ever be grant earth and
 All those who dwell
 There in harmony of
 Peace guide us in
 Thy ways of peace
 That in Thy peace all
 Shall find rest
 Margaret Walker

I sought my Lord in tranquil valleys
 But He was not there I sought my Lord
 Along sands of tranquil calm but found Him
 Not I sought my Lord in pastures fair
 But found Him not nor along peaceful
 Paths then a storm blew fierce and
 Strong and I was sore afraid a voice
 I heard along the paths calm peace
 My hand you did not need the paths
 You walked were calm peace flowed
 Gently now a storm arises casting
 Anger in its path my arms hold you
 Secure ‘til the storms rage
 Shall pass and tranquil
 Lies the land
 Margaret Walker

A blade of grass
 A drop of dew
 Simple not fancy
 Yet they hold
 The gift of life
 One holds Christ’s blood
 One holds Christ’s gift of love
 That man God’s holy love
 Shall know each holds
 A love given man that
 He shall ever know
 God’s mercy
 Margaret Walker

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

St. John's Lutheran Church

Name(s): _____ Env. # _____

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

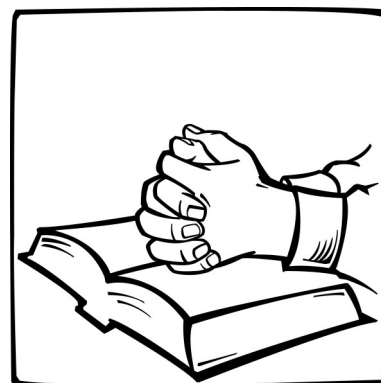
Prayer request(s): _____

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.



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9am Holy Communion	1 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Stephen Ministry	2	3 7pm Alanon	4 6:30pm Kiwanis 7pm Naranon	5 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	6 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
7 9am Holy Communion	8 10am MAEVE Moms Mingle 11am Alanon Family Group	9 6:45pm Parent Grief Support Group	10 7pm Alanon	11 7pm Naranon	12 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	13 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
14 9am Holy Communion	15 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Stephen Ministry	16	17 7pm Alanon	18 Circle deadline 6:30pm Kiwanis 7pm Naranon 8:15pm Naranon Support	19 St. Peter's lunch 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	20 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
21 9am Holy Communion ASP trip	22 ASP trip 11am Alanon Family Group	23 ASP trip 10am Mom's Mingle 6:45pm Parent Grief Support Group 7pm Fellowship Committee	24 ASP trip 7pm Alanon	25 ASP trip 7pm Naranon	26 ASP trip 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	27 ASP trip 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
28 9am Holy Communion	29 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Finance Committee	30	31 7pm Alanon	1 6:30pm Kiwanis 7pm Naranon	2 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	3 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9am Holy Communion	29 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Finance Committee	30	31 7pm Alanon	1 6:30pm Kiwanis 7pm Naranon	2 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	3 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
4 9am Holy Communion	5 10:15am Staff 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Property 7pm Stephen Ministry	6 6:30pm Faith Formation Committee 7:30pm Worship & Music	7 7pm Alanon	8 7pm Naranon	9 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	10 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
11 9am Holy Communion	12 10am MAEVE Moms Mingle 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Church Council	13 6:45pm Parent Grief Support Group	14 7pm Alanon	15 6:30pm Kiwanis 7pm Naranon 8:15pm Naranon Support	16 St. Peter's lunch 8pm Narcotics Anonymous	17 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
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July 2024 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Rhett Grejdus's birthday	1 Nancy Wilkinson's birthday Rick Kramer's birthday	2 Dylan Oszeyczik's birthday Robb Frees's birthday	3 Cindy Riley's birthday Gianna Bliss's birthday	4 Amanda Westerman's birthday Kurt Seidel's birthday Travis Brown's birthday	5 Dennis Duerr's birthday Heather Thompson's birthday	6 Aaron Sifford's birthday
7 Allan Moreland's birthday	8 Dick Kunsch Sr's birthday Genevieve Gombarick's birthday Layla Murphy's birthday	9 Bill Starling's birthday David and Danielle Reading's anniversary	10 Greg and Annie Krueger's anniversary Ian and Val Kramer's anniversary Shirley Platzer's birthday	11 Ashley Onder's birthday	12 Pat Renninger's birthday Trevor O'Neill's birthday	13 Leslie Aharonian's birthday
14 Ethan Walls's birthday	15 Margaret Walker's birthday	16	17 Dylan Grejdus's birthday Paul Delchmann's birthday	18 Donna Bergey's birthday	19 Atea McArel's birthday Pamela Freehafer's birthday	20 Mea Borzumali's birthday
21 Dawn Platchek's birthday	22 Chloe Kunsch's birthday Sue Starling's birthday	23 Bryan Walters's birthday	24 Jeff and Jodi VanDerveer's anniversary Olesya Sitkowski's birthday Oliver Skiffington's birthday	25 Charlotte Reading's birthday	26 Elisa Snyder's birthday	27 Nathan Romano's birthday
28 Carol Kumar's birthday	29	30 Beth Leong's birthday Dale and Jean Herbranson's anniversary Joe and Kim Themens's anniversary	31 Bryce Aaronson's birthday John and Heather Yonosh's anniversary	1 Andrew Starling's birthday Jim and Marti Steiner's anniversary	2 Annelese Sifford's birthday Julia Gombarick's birthday Kurt Kunsch's birthday Laura Gombarick's birthday	3 Brittney Walters's birthday Lellani Ash's birthday Tracy Stewart's birthday

August 2024 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Carol Kumar's birthday	29	30 Beth Leong's birthday Dale and Jean Herbranson's anniversary Joe and Kim Themens's anniversary	31 Bryce Aaronson's birthday John and Heather Yonosh's anniversary	1 Andrew Starling's birthday Jim and Marti Steiner's anniversary	2 Annelese Sifford's birthday Julia Gombarick's birthday Kurt Kunsch's birthday Laura Gombarick's birthday	3 Brittney Walters's birthday Lellani Ash's birthday Tracy Stewart's birthday
4 Kimberly DiGirola's birthday Mitchell Reading's birthday	5 Bruce Wallace's birthday C.J. Bomberger's birthday Janet Onder's birthday Mo O'Neill's birthday	6 Allie Platchek's birthday Detlev and Kathy Tauber's anniversary Rachael Aaronson and Jared Summers's anniversary	7 Betty Hans's birthday Chuck Liedike's birthday Donald and Loretta Bechtel's anniversary	8 Ava DeMutis's birthday Landon Themens's birthday	9 Shelley Saeger's birthday Sydney Scavello's birthday	10
11 Cheryl Kenyon's birthday	12 Evie Hicks's birthday Ryan and Liz Spunlock's anniversary	13 Alexander Walls's birthday Jesse Carey's birthday Joan Tullish's birthday Lynn Titus's birthday Paul and Cindy Gadzicki's anniversary	14 Grace Supplee's birthday	15 Kelly Gallagher's birthday	16 Kevin Wimble's birthday	17
18 David Schumacher's birthday Russ Crouthamer's birthday	19 Dick and Judy Wolstenholme's anniversary	20 Caitlin Krueger's birthday Nabil Abraham's birthday Ray and Sue Lislewski's anniversary	21	22 Jantzen Hawkins's birthday Ryleigh Free's birthday	23 Jenn Lowe's birthday	24 Jason and Kim Birdsell's anniversary

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024**

Attendees:						
Kyle Oszeyczik	P	Mitch Reading	P	Dale Herbranson	P	Stephen Drewes
Kelly Gallagher	P	Janet Gerner	P	Sue Starling	P	TBD
Aimee Hillegas	P	Kate Hicks	P	Jeanne Schanzenbach	P	Mike Kahl
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; Pastor led with an opening exercise on gifts.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mitch, Second by Janet to accept the April minutes as presented; motion carried with one abstention.

Motion by Mike, Second by Dale to accept the Kitchen Renovation Special Meeting minutes as presented; motion carried.

Staff Reports

Motion by Sue, Second by Kyle to accept the April Staff Reports; motion carried.

Committee Reports

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee met 04/22/24 – accepted as written.
 - Motion to approve the Finance Report by Jeanne; seconded by Janet; motion carried.
- Electronics Committee from 04/21/24 – accepted as written.
- Faith Formation from 05/07/24 – accepted as written.
- Property Committee from 05/06/24 – accepted as written.
 - The Sanctuary AC had an issue with bad compressor; all under warranty, replacement parts are in and should be replaced soon.
 - Kley Hall HVAC upgrade – Have negotiated the reduction in contract due to misunderstanding with original contractor. Have received three estimates for an independent system for KH. Total cost is still within the summary amount originally approved by the congregation, so no further meeting is necessary. Meeting Rooms will continue to have window ACs (new ones have been purchased). Bobbi presented the plans as a courtesy to the Council.
 - Kitchen
 - Congregational approval to renovate the kitchen was received.
 - 50% down is needed for the equipment (~\$11K). Bobbi asked Council as a courtesy to spend this money.
 - “Property Projects” will be a new line on the financial statements for kitchen funding.
 - Motion from committee: That Memorial Wreath funds in the amount of \$1000 in memory of Clarence Carl and \$1000 in memory of Douglas Carl be allocated to help pay for safety improvements identified by the chief of Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Company.

These include but may not be limited to emergency lights, smoke/CO2 detectors, exit lights, and a Knox Box. Motion carried.

- Worship and Music Committee from 05/07/24 - accepted as written.
- Social Ministry Committee from 05/01/24 – accepted as written.
- Fellowship Committee – no minutes submitted.
- Columbarium Committee – did not meet.
- Executive Committee – did not meet.
- Stewardship Committee from 04/15/24 – accepted as written.
- Welcome Team Committee from 05/01/24 – accepted as written.
- Green Team – did not meet. Synod is going to forward information to the team.
- Kitchen Task Force – no new meetings notes.
 - Congregational approval for renovation received in special meeting May 4/5. See additional notes above.

Motion by Mitch, second by Jeanne to accept committee reports; motion carried.

Old Business

- Lock-up signup sent around.
- 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

- Key lockbox – agreed that only staff members would have the locks. Intended to help with lockouts.
- Application for confirmed membership for the five confirmands – Evan Becker, Katelyn Blattner, Ryan DesMarais, Henry Duerr and Brett Gallagher. Motion by Mitch, second by Dale. Motion carried.
- Revised staff job descriptions approval– motion by Dale, second by Mitch; motion carried
- One scholarship application received from Zach Brown. Last year Council voted to make scholarships \$2000 each. Scholarship committee submitted motion to approve the scholarship. Motion carried.

Aimee adjourned the meeting at 8:14; meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 10th, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Starling
Church Council Secretary

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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 Yanchek, Jr.

Nursery Coordinator:

Arlene Hudak

CHURCH COUNCIL

President:

Aimee Hillegas

Vice President:

Kelly Gallagher

Secretary:

Sue Starling

Treasurer:

Shirley Platzer

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.

Worship and Music:

Jean Herbranson, Chair

Elisa Khan, Council Rep.

Office Assistants:

June Henzie

Joan Carl

Pat Renninger

The Circle Editor:

Sonya K. Sowards

Pastoral Acts

New Members

Jacob Durflinger

Marc, Laura, Elise & Colin Staudenmaier

Jim & Kathy Kelsh

The Rev. Ghislaine Cotnoir

June 9, 2024

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please call for appointments with staff members

***A Caring, Sharing, Growing Congregation of the ELCA
Participating in Stephen Ministry***

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 weekend through Labor Day)

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