

The Circle

November 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

We'll be taking some time off from our look at the practices of discipleship over the next few months, because there's a lot of other things going on at St. John's this time of year, from the annual Trunk-or-Treat to Thanksgiving services to our celebrations of Reformation and All Saints' Sundays, from concerts to the Christmas pageant to all sorts of other things that I hope you'll be able to be a part of with us!



We'll rejoin the discipleship series in January as we start looking at daily Bible reading. I'm hoping that we'll be able to intentionally read the Bible together, as families and as a congregation, through the course of 2025. It's a big undertaking, but I'm confident that we'll be able to do it together. Like any other big, daunting project, reading through the Bible gets much easier if you break it into smaller chunks. Depending on reading speed, it only takes between twelve and fifteen minutes each day to read 1/365 of the Bible.

Occasionally, someone will ask me what I think the best version of the Bible is. I certainly have preferences, but honestly, the best Bible is whatever version, whatever translation you're most comfortable reading, whether that's a big Lutheran Study Bible or a copy of the New Living Translation, or even an old handed-down King James Bible. I often end up flip-flopping between a couple of different translations and a couple of different editions, but I've definitely bought more than a couple of Bibles thinking that they'd be the most wonderful Bible ever, only to have them sit on my bookshelf and gather dust.

I'll have more information and more resources available as we get closer to January 1st, but I wanted to start getting information out ahead of time to make sure that anyone who's interested in participating in reading through the Bible with me will be able to make sure that they have a Bible in good condition and ready to read. The Bible is a fascinating book, and reading through it is a powerful experience. Every time I go back to the Bible, I find something new and powerful to either remind me of my failings, or to comfort me with the promise of God's forgiveness, or often both at the same time. I hope you'll join me as we read through the Bible together, and I hope you'll join everyone at St. John's in all of the exciting ministries and activities that we'll do together in the coming months!

In Christ,

Pastor Russ



ALL SAINTS'

November 2nd and 3rd

(names due to Sonya by October 28th)

On November 2nd & 3rd, we will remember the saints that have gone before us by gathering in the columbarium on Sunday morning to begin the service with a bagpiper, who will then lead the congregation to the sanctuary for the rest of the service. There are two ways to remember saints—for those who have died since last November 5th, contact Sonya So-wards in the church office by October 28th with the name of the person to be listed in the church bulletin. For those saints who have died in previous years, you are invited to write their name(s) on a copper tag which will then be hung in the columbarium trees. Copper tags for personal remembrances will be available on a table in the narthex before and after the worship services on both Saturday and Sunday.



Jocelyn Crosby

Flute Duo and Piano

4 p.m. Sunday, November 10th

We welcome flutist Jocelyn Crosby as well as her flute partner Faith Wasson and pianist Doug Wimer in an afternoon of delightful music for flutes and piano. Tickets are not required, but a freewill offering with a suggested donation of \$10 will be collected. A recent concert review provides a taste of the concert. "Jocelyn presented a wonderfully varied program that captivated the audience with tender moments and flights of fancy that demonstrated her mastery of the instrument."

-Adam Lefever-Hughes, Director of Music, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lititz, PA.

Jocelyn Crosby is a flute soloist and freelance artist in the Lancaster region, and has performed for over 20 years. Most notably, Ms. Crosby took home 3rd prize at the National Flute Association's Alto Flute Artist Competition in 2022 in Chicago. She has also been selected as a performer for the International Low Flutes Festival in 2024. Ms. Crosby is a 2021 scholarship recipient and performer for the international Galway Flute Festival. She was featured on the Philadelphia radio station WHYY's House Concert Series, and has subbed for regional orchestras and pit orchestras. Ms. Crosby additionally serves as a board member for the Flute Society of Greater Philadelphia and a reviewer for The Flutist Quarterly. Her newest venture is as a founding member of the Pennsylvania Chamber Artists, a musician collective that promotes chamber music.

Ms. Crosby teaches the flute out of her home in Lancaster and at the Community Music School in Collegeville, She previously taught music classes at the Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School in West Chester. Ms. Crosby holds a Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance and Music Education degree from Temple University, where she later earned a Master of Music degree in Music History. She additionally holds a Master of Science degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin. Ms. Crosby enjoys living in Lancaster with her husband and two cats and is a member of St. Stephen Reformed Church in New Holland.

RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER

WELCA is once again raising funds via Rada Cutlery, which sells kitchen knives and tools, cookbooks, various soups and dips. Joan Wilson is the WELCA member handling the fundraising effort. Rada catalogs and order forms will be available in the narthex. Completed order forms and checks payable to "WELCA" can be given to Joan Wilson put in the WELCA mailbox in Kley Hall. Joan can be reached at ramgrammy6@gmail.com or (484) 437-4550 should you have any questions. Christmas orders must be submitted by December 1st.



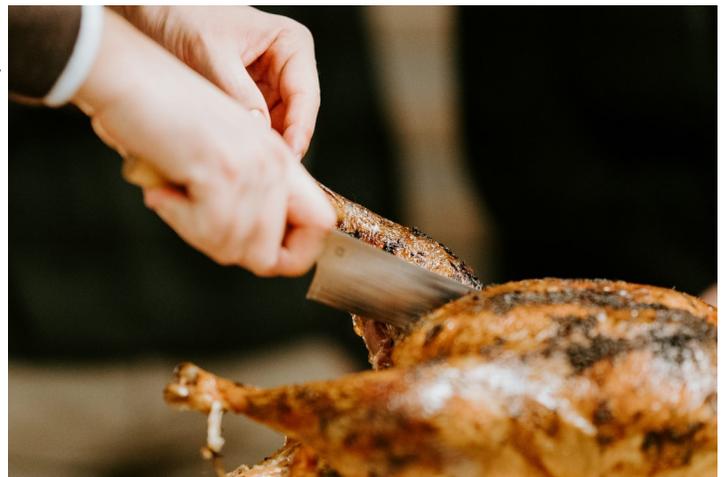
Join us for a **spaghetti dinner fundraiser** benefitting our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) team! Enjoy a delicious meal of spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and dessert while supporting our mission trip efforts. The dinner will take place on **Saturday, November 16th at 6 p.m.** in Kley Hall. Tickets are **\$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under, and \$35 for a family package.** All proceeds will help fund our 2025 ASP trip, where we'll serve families in need by making homes warmer, safer, and drier in Appalachia. There will also be a "donation" option for those who wish to contribute more. Bring your family and friends for a night of good food and community! Registration desired, pay at the door. Link: <https://forms.gle/KEc31ddYCKejMUXb6>

Families, mark your calendars! This year's **Christmas pageant** will take place on **Sunday, December 22nd during the 10:15 a.m. worship service.** Speaking parts will be offered **first to the 4th–6th grade class on Sunday, November 17th during the Sunday school hour.** If your child is interested in a speaking role, please make sure they attend on the 17th or let us know in advance if they'd like a part. We're excited to see the children bring the Christmas story to life!



All are invited to join the Sunday school at **9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 24th** for a special all-ages activity! We will be coming together to write **Christmas cards for Global Refugee's "Hope for the Holidays" initiative,** which provides messages of support and hope to asylum seekers who are temporarily awaiting resolution of their cases. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Sunday school families to share the joy and hope of the Christmas season with those in need. Don't miss this meaningful morning of service and community!

Calling all middle and high schoolers! Join us for a **Youth Friendgiving Lunch** on **Sunday, November 24th,** right after church. We'll head out together to enjoy a meal and celebrate Thanksgiving with friends. We hope to see you there for this festive gathering!



Kitchen takes flight event!

Lhötse and Maddie are kicking off the celebration of our new certified kitchen with an evening of delicious food and fun games!

Mark your calendars and plan to join us:

Saturday November 9th, 6-8 p.m. in Kley Hall.
Please RSVP to Sonya by November 1st.

WELCA held its monthly meeting on October 22nd.

Final plans were set for remembering our shut-ins and staff in December. We will continue collecting toiletries (soap, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, dental floss, etc).

A container has been placed in the narthex for collection of items on the Silver Springs 2024 gift wish list. Items requested include: playing cards, card games (Uno, Phase 10, Dos, Skip Bo), Rubik's Cubes, Matchbox or Hot Wheels cars, board games (Battleship, Candyland, Checkers, Chess, Scrabble, Jr, Chutes and Ladders), socks, teen and adult, pajama sets for girls and boys (youth sizes M,L,XL, adult sizes S,M,L), adjustable baseball hats, hooded sweatshirts (youth 12 to 18, adult S,M,L), Lego sets, puzzles, new books for children and teens, small and medium stuffed animals, hairbrushes, combs, lip gloss, lip balm, coloring books, Crayons, gel pens, colored pencils and gift cards for Giant, Acme, Target and Kohl's.

We will not meet in November but move that meeting to Tuesday, December 3rd at 10:30 a.m. to pack boxes for Silver Springs and assemble gift bags for shut ins and staff.

The support of our congregation family is greatly appreciated.



Phoenixville Area Time Bank Annual Pasta Party!

October 26, 2024, 5-7 p.m.

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 or 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!!

BBQ & BREWS FOR ST. MARY'S

November 9th, 6:30 p.m. @Kimberton Fire Hall

Support St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter for Homeless Families with BBQ & Brews at Kimberton Fire Hall. There will be raffles and a silent auction, live music, BBQ and sides (with veggie options available), and local craft beers. Tickets are \$50 each and attendees must be 21. To purchase tickets, go to: [https://one.bidpal.net/smfsbbq/ticketing\(details:ticketing-summary\)](https://one.bidpal.net/smfsbbq/ticketing(details:ticketing-summary)).



St. Mary's
Franciscan Shelter
For Homeless Families

Reformation Celebration

October 26th & 27th

Reformation Day will be observed at St. John's on October 26th and 27th. Please wear red to celebrate. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This action, a protest against the sale of church indulgences and other church practices, began the Reformation movement and the Church continues to reform even after 507 years.

Join our Welcoming Team

The Welcoming Team is responsible for helping potential new members be introduced to St John's Church and congregation as well as supporting them as sponsors. The team should be available for questions, and try to promote activities and opportunities at St John's.

Goals for welcoming team:

1. Greet new members.
2. Support newcomers in Lutheran education classes as sponsors. Act as a source for St John's background info and solicit involvement in church activities. If new members decide to join the congregation, ensure the new member information form is completed and send it to Sonya.
3. Plan and execute a new members reception after the welcoming service.
4. Plan and organize external opportunities for community recruitment to St John's.

If you're interested in joining please contact Kate Hicks at katehicks1921@gmail.com.



Lutheran World Relief Backpacks

Thank you to the St. John's congregation for all of your support. Given your generous donations of school supplies and money we were able to successfully pack 150 backpacks on October 13th. Our event was also well attended, which allowed us to pack all of the backpacks in 20 minutes! An additional thank you to the Faith Formation Committee and Bobbi Riley for helping us make this such a success!"



Streaming and Audio Volunteers Needed

As you are aware, St. John's has been streaming worship services (and occasionally other types of services/events) since November of 2020. The system has been well received by those who cannot attend our live services. We currently have four total volunteers to run the video and audio systems (they are controlled separately so we need two people every Sunday). Both systems could use another person (or more) to rotate with the current team. Ask anyone in the AV booth for a quick demo after service if you are interested in learning more. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dale Herbranson at:

dale.herbranson@outlook.com

Hearing Assistance During Worship

St. John's has several hearing assistance packs available for use during our worship services. These packs include a volume adjustable receiver and a headset. If you would like to use one, stop by the AV booth in the sanctuary. Also available are single ear earbuds for those not wishing to wear the headphones.

Containers Needed

Our supply of take-home flower containers is running low. Please save two-liter soda bottles (straight sided as pictured) and place in the marked box in glass entryway. Altar Guild will cut them to size and add tape to cover the cut edge.



Great News!

On Friday, October 11th, the St. John's renovated kitchen received its inspection from the Chester County Health Department and we PASSED! We now hold a license to operate a retail food facility.

This has been an effort four years in the planning ever since the Borough disallowed food ministries coming from our facility, and four months in execution to get us certified. The St. John's congregation stepped up to this task and through time, talent, and treasure got us to our goal.

This achievement deserves an enormous thank you to the entire congregation. We are blessed and ready to move forward with a start of a new world of possibilities for our food ministries: Feeding Fellowship. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL



Caring for Creation: What We Can Do at St. John's

Caring for God's creation is an ever-evolving topic in this world, especially with each new natural or human-made disaster. As stewards of this world, we are called to care for the earth and examine our behaviors toward creation. While we need to take from the land for food and sustainability, we also need to be careful that we maintain good stewardship and do not exploit the wonderful things the earth provides.

Used Shoe Collection

Our Green Team is partnering with Keystone Green to collect used sneakers and shoes which will be picked up at St. John's and sent to developing countries. In turn, Keystone Green will compensate St. John's for the shoes and the monies will be used for additional "Green Projects."



By recycling textiles and shoes, Keystone Green helps reduce the amount of clothing and shoes that end up in landfills, which is significant since Americans throw away nearly 85% of their clothes and shoes. The collected items are either donated to local non-profits or sent to developing countries where there is a high demand for used clothing and shoes

Shortly, you'll find this container ← in the glass entrance way by Kley Hall. Bring your clean, dry sneakers and shoes (no high heels) and support the Green Team's mission of "Caring for Creation." Thank you!

People of God Involved in God's Work

November Worship Staff

Acolytes

- 3 Emerson Carr, Lhotse Durflinger, Evan
Becker and Adeline McCabe
10 Charlotte Reading
17 Madelyn Hicks
24 Lhotse Durflinger & TBD x 2

Altar Guild

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

Assisting Minister

- 3 Bill Starling
10 Tom Snyder
17 Ron Stevens
24 Walt Deichmann

Communion Assistant/Lector

- 3 Mimi Woods
10 Lynn Titus
17 Mitch Reading
24 Deb Ahola

Counters

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

Evening Light Assistant

- 2 Sandy Momyer
9 Rich Latella
16 Sandy Momyer
23 Shirley Platzer
30 Toni Hadfield

Fellowship Time

- 10 Book Club

Lock-Up

- 3 Sue Starling
10 Mitch Reading
17 Kate Hicks
24 Stephen Drewes

Stream Team

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

Ushers

- 3 Sue Starling & Cathy Garrett
10 Don Titus & Giovanna Brown
17 Diane & Katelyn Blattner
24 Donna Anderson & Jen Drewes

For All Saints Day

I walk a garden path today sweetest scent
Lay upon the air hues of the rainbow
Met my eye 'neath the copper tree
I paused and knelt a prayer I said
Grant thy peace to all who lie in
This place of peace thy hand of peace
Touch those who sorrow grant that
They thy holy peace shall know

Margaret Walker

I know why the bird sings, sings of
A love free given to all
Sings of a child born to free
Us from troubled troubles
To peaceful pastures where
Hunter and hunted sleep together
In peace at a manger where
Ox and lamb and beasts eat
Together in peace

Margaret Walker

I walk along a garden path
I cried where are you God
A butterfly touched my cheek
I brushed it aside I cried
Again where are you a
Rainbow arched in the sky
Scent of flowers filled
The air with sweet perfume
Yet I knew it not God
Walked a path beside me yet
I knew Him not in sorrow
God accompanied me along
My path guiding me in
Love that harm should not
Befall me yet as I walked
God's love I could not see
In beauty of skies so blue
Birds that sang so sweet
A melody beasts that frolic
In meadows sweet O man
Has thou eyes and ears to
Hear the beauty of God's earth
Then cry again God where
Are you and listen to
His answer I am beside you
For I am the sky so blue
Gentle grasses in trees sheltering
You from the sun I hold the
Evening sky do not say
Where am I
I am here, beside you

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.

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

I/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.

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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.

Summary Financial Report as of September 30, 2024

	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income:				
Envelope Giving	\$ 27,995	\$ 26,814	\$ 251,950	\$ 247,001
Other Income	3,791	4,459	34,126	31,618
	\$ 31,786	\$ 31,273	\$ 286,076	\$ 278,619
Expenses	\$ 39,745	\$ 33,162	\$ 357,706	\$ 331,848
Income (Deficit)	\$ (7,959)	\$ (1,889)	\$ (71,630)	\$ (53,229)

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2024**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Aimee; Pastor led with an opening devotion. Sue will lead the devotion next month.

Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mitch, second by Dale to accept the minutes; motion passed.

Staff Reports

Motion by Sue, second by Kelly to accept Staff reports; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee report from 8/26/24.

- Finance Committee would like to meet with Council on the budget situation, as the deficit is likely an ongoing situation. It was proposed that we do that during a Council meeting – October was agreed. Meeting may run longer with an hour dedicated to this topic.
- May be a series of sessions to discuss various topics, including succession planning for various positions. Stephen Drewes offered to help with the overall process improvement/software investigation.

Motion by Mike to approve the Finance report; Dale seconded; motion carried.

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Electronics Committee – did not meet
- Faith Formation from 09/03/24 – accepted as written.
- Property Committee from 09/05/24 - accepted as written.
- Kitchen Task Force
 - Cost summary was provided as requested
 - Phase 1 complete, moving on to Phase 2
- Worship and Music Committee from 09/03/24 – accepted as written.
- Social Ministry Committee – no minutes received.
- Fellowship Committee – did not meet.
- Columbarium Committee – did not meet.
- Executive Committee – met 9/9/24.
- Stewardship Committee – no minutes received.
- Welcome Team Committee from 08/13/24 – accepted as written.
- Green Team from 8/14/24 - accepted as written.

Motion by Jeanne, Second by Kelly to accept committee reports; motion carried.

Old Business

- Muhlenberg Parish – Rise Against Hunger on 9/29.

- Vacant Council seat – names were discussed
- Kitchen Renovation
 - Mike made a motion to disband the Kitchen Task Force as the money has been raised and major decisions made; the remaining work management falls under the Property Committee. Stephen seconded; motion carried.
- Coffee Hour on 10/13 – Church Council hosting; will make it the kitchen grand opening and blessing.

New Business

- None

Mitch made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Kelly seconded; motion carried.

Next regular meeting is October 14, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Starling

Church Council Secretary

Birthdays and Anniversaries - November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Iain Riley's birthday Lizzy Strunk's birthday Paul and Mary Miller's anniversary	28 Dale Herbranson's birthday Harper Themens's birthday Mike and Maryanne Mara's anniversary	29 Beth Snyder's birthday	30 Gracie Themens's birthday Miranda McMahon's birthday Noah Deichmann's birthday	31 Alexandra Perrotto's birthday Edwin Walters's birthday Terri McDonnell's birthday	1 Kim-Eric Williams's birthday Lisa Wimple's birthday	2 Iain and Bridget Riley's anniversary
3	4 Frank and Lindsey Snyder's anniversary Jim Steiner's birthday	5 Rachel Possinger's birthday	6 Katherine Yonosh's birthday Mildred Wilson's birthday Nicholas Castellano and Kelly LeMarbe's anniversary Patrick DesMarais's birthday Richard and Leilani Ash's anniversary Sarah Yonosh's birthday	7 Ford Quaglia's birthday Lincoln Spurlock's birthday	8	9 Will Stotter's birthday
10	11 Katie Henderson's birthday Nils Aho's birthday	12 Andy and Katie Henderson's anniversary Jay Renninger's birthday	13 Rachel Zimmermann's birthday	14	15	16
17 Karen Romano's birthday	18 Tammy Plumley's birthday	19 Danielle Reading's birthday Jill Stevenson's birthday	20 Margit Grejdus's birthday	21 Bradley LaBoon's birthday Brett Gallagher's birthday John Marchegiano's birthday	22 Brandon Jones's birthday Emilio Lozada's birthday	23
24 Maddie Gadzicki's birthday Rick and Leslie Kem's anniversary Tom Johnson's birthday	25 Diane Sitkowski's birthday John and Nancy Perchalski's anniversary Mark Yancheck's birthday	26 Olivia Schumacher's birthday	27	28	29	30 Gabriella Geiger's birthday Gary Carl's birthday Mary Miller's birthday Nancy Renninger's birthday
1 Bill Ahola's birthday	2 Jacob Durlflinger's birthday Pat Clark's birthday	3 Lu Anne Bindschusz's birthday	4 Don Titus's birthday	5 Owen Birdsell's birthday	6	7 Jonathan Onder-Testa and Ashley Onder's anniversary

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion-Reformation 2:30pm Girl Scouts 40441 and 4041 3pm Girl Scouts 3pm Trunk or Treat	28 10:15am Staff 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Finance Committee	29 6:45pm Parent Grief Support Group	30 6pm Girl Scouts #473 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	31 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal	1	2 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
3 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion 2pm PCO Rehearsal 2:30pm Girl Scouts 40441 and 4041 6:30pm Youth Group/Confirmation	4 11am Alanon Family Group 6pm Cadette Troop #42024 7pm Property 7pm Stephen Ministry	5 6pm Cadette Girl Scouts 6:30pm Faith Formation Committee 7:30pm Worship & Music	6 4pm Social Ministry 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	7 6pm Brownie Troop #4094 6pm Girl Scouts #4432 6:30pm Kiwanis 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal	8	9 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 6pm Kitchen Takes Flight Event
10 9am Faith Formation 9:45am Fellowship Time 10:15am Holy Communion 3pm Girl Scouts 4pm Jocelyn Crosby Concert 6:30pm Youth Group/Confirmation	11 10am MAEVE Moms Mingle 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Church Council	12 6:30pm Welcoming Team 6:45pm Parent Grief Support Group	13 6pm Girl Scouts #473 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	14 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal	15 St. Peter's lunch	16 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 6pm Spaghetti dinner
17 9am Faith Formation-pageant roles assigned 10:15am Holy Communion 2pm PCO Rehearsal	18 Circle deadline 10:30am Covered Bridge Garden Club 11am Alanon Family Group 5pm Stewardship Committee 6pm Cadette Troop #42024 7pm Green Team 7pm Stephen Ministry	19	20 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	21 6pm Brownie Troop #4094 6pm Girl Scouts #4432 6:30pm Kiwanis 6:45pm Children's Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Naranon 7:30pm Adult Handbells Rehearsal 8:15pm Naranon Support	22	23 5pm Evening Light (w/communion)
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Baptism

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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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