

The Circle

February 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

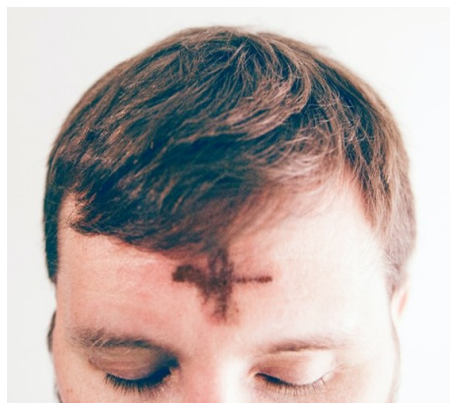
I'm writing this having just returned from the winter confirmation retreat. On the weekend of January 16th-18th, the confirmation class and the confirmation guides spent a weekend at a church camp exploring the parable of the Good Samaritan and developing skills for Christian ministry and leadership. It was exciting to be able to work with them, and I'm looking forward to seeing how they put their skills to use in the congregation and in the rest of their lives outside of the walls of St. John's! I'm glad that we got the chance to practice and develop some of those specialized skills with the confirmation class, but you don't need to have specialized training to serve the Church or the world. God has made each one of us, and that means that God has given you gifts and talents and skills. Part of that life of faith is using those skills in ways which build up the Body of Christ. No matter what your gifts and skills are, there are ways that you can use them in service to the Church and to the world.

In a few weeks, St. John's is going to be hosting a ministry fair, during the fellowship time on February 8th. All kinds of committees and groups at St. John's will be representing their organizations, explaining what the groups do and how they serve the congregation and the community. During that fellowship time, you'll have the opportunity to visit and learn about those groups, and talk to representatives from the groups. When you do, choose one or two of them which feel like they're the most appealing or that spark interest for you. Try working as a part of those groups for a few months—long enough to get a feel for what the group does and if you'll be a good fit for them after those few months. I'd bet that you'll not only find ways to help further the work of St. John's Lutheran Church and to help serve our neighbors in Phoenixville and beyond, but that you'll also find yourself growing in faith and forming new connections and friendships.

If you're not sure what spiritual gifts you have, or what might be the best way for you to use them, let me know. I'd be glad to talk with you and help with your discernment. I hope you'll be able to join us for the ministry fair, and I'm looking forward to the ways that we'll all be able to grow in faith and in service to one another, to the church, and to the world!

In Christ,

Pastor Russ



Lent Begins

February 18th

Ashes-to-Go will be offered on Ash Wednesday, February 18th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Circle. Our traditional **Ash Wednesday service** begins at 7:30 p.m. We'll enjoy **Wednesday evening Lenten services** with the Muhlenberg parish beginning on February 25th. Watch for details and join us!

WELCA will gather on January 27th and continue our tradition of celebrating the new year with laughter. We share quips, jokes, songs, and stories.

Again, many thanks to our St. John's Family for supporting our ministry to our shut-ins, staff, and Silver Springs (Gemma Services).

With the new year, we begin again. Keep collecting those Redner's register tapes (or electronic receipts).

Other ongoing collection items include: small toiletries, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, mouthwash, combs, brushes, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, tote bags, small tablets, greeting cards (including holidays), socks, gloves, etc.

Mark your calendars for our February 24th meeting, when Pastor Russ will visit to help us with funeral planning, and making certain our favorite scriptures and hymns are on file in the office.

Looking ahead, the Annual Retreat is scheduled for April 11, 2026 (see below).



Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**WELCA Retreat
April 11, 2026**

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.*

Among the many thousands of hymns, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" holds a tender place in the hearts of many believers. We live in a world of distractions, disappointments, discouragements, and anxiety about the future. It is so easy to become overwhelmed, lose our focus and take our eyes off of Jesus who promises us hope and peace amidst life's many challenges.

Turning our eyes upon Jesus is a way of life for us, as His followers. By fixing our gaze on Him, trusting in His guidance, seeking His Kingdom first and walking in love, we can navigate life's journey with purpose and resilience.

This year's retreat, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2026. It begins with coffee and fellowship at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The cost is \$20. We welcome back Rev. Kris Peterson as our retreat leader. To register please call Sonya Sowards at (610) 933-3947, ext. 2. Registration is not finalized until payment is received. If you have any questions please contact Linda Landis. This retreat is limited to 24 participants.

You are invited to bring an object that represents Jesus' love for you.



Adult Faith Formation

Sunday morning groups for adults include **Happy Hour**, meeting in the Eisenhower Room—friendly chats while children are in Sunday school; **Faith Life**, meeting in Room 1 by the stage—discussions about faith and recent media articles; **Bible Study**, meeting in the Fireside Room, has begun a study of the Book of Revelation; and **Sunday Morning Book Club**, meeting in Pastor Russ's office, which will be reading & discussing "The Wild Rose" by Jennifer Donnelly throughout the month of January. Join any of the four groups on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Classical Guitarist Stacy Arnold In concert 4 p.m., February 15th

On Sunday, February 15th, at 4:00 p.m., St. John's is honored to present classical guitarist Stacy Arnold in concert. He is recognized for his artistry as a concert soloist, recording artist, and educator whose concerts have been described as "a variety of guitar music, stylistically pleasing in every way" and applauded for his innate musicianship, virtuosity, and beautiful tone. His performances represent the entire history of the guitar, presenting composers from the 16th century Renaissance to the modern day, with an emphasis on the music of Spain and Latin America. Come, enjoy this hour of delightful and captivating guitar music.



Sunday, March 1st, 4:00 p.m.
Pine Forge Academy Choir
St. John's Lutheran Church



Ministry Fair at Fellowship Time February 8th, 9:45 a.m.

Try Two—Then Pick the One that Moves You!

Have you considered joining a committee, or becoming a Council member, or perhaps helping with VBS but you weren't sure of the time or skills needed? Then the February 8th Ministry Fair is where you want to be! On Sunday morning, February 8th, during our usual fellowship time, various committees, task forces and other groups will have tables manned with information on the different ministries/programs at St. John's. We're encouraging everyone to try two new things then choose the one that feels like the best fit for you.



For example, at the Fellowship and Welcoming Committee table you will see that our mission is to facilitate social gatherings at St. John's including those tied to a worship event (like the Easter Breakfast), and those that are just for fun. We meet at 7 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of the month via Zoom, for about an hour. We don't meet during the summer. Members can participate in whatever events they choose—there are no expectations that everyone does everything. We are excited about our list of events for 2026 and would love to have you join us!

We realize that everyone is strapped for time and has many commitments but building connections at St. John's can bring added depth and joy to faith and worship. Give something new a try!

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Sue Starling at rofostarling@gmail.com.

Annual Meeting February 22nd after worship



Voting members—be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming annual meeting! In our congregation's constitution, "Voting Members" are defined as "**confirmed** members who during the current or preceding calendar year, [...] have **communed** in this congregation and [...] have made a **contribution** of record to this congregation." While all are welcome to be a part of the congregational meeting, only members who meet those criteria are able to vote in the congregational meeting. 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.

February Worship Staff

Acolyte

- 1 Madelyn Hicks
- 8 Lhöse Durlinger
- 15 TBD
- 18 TBD
- 22 Norah DiGioia

Altar Guild

- 1 Janet Ertell & Nancy Cressman
- 8 Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
- 15 Andrea Hart & Jean Herbranson
- 18 Jean Herbranson
- 22 Betty Hans & Jean Herbranson

Assisting Minister

- 1 Mimi Woods
- 8 Tom Snyder
- 15 Ron Stevens
- 18
- 22 Deb Ahola

Bread Bakers

- 31/1 Adam & Gwen Supplee/TBD
- 7/8 Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 14/15 Rich Latella/Aimee Hillegas
- 18 TBD
- 21/22 n/a/Kate Hicks

Communion Assistant/Lector

- 1 Mitch Reading
- 8 Bill Starling/Annaliese Duerr
- 15 Walt Deichmann
- 18 Mimi Woods
- 22 Kristin McGregor

Counters

- 1 Jack & Janet Ertell
- 8 Heather Yonosh & Jeanne Schanzenbach
- 15 Mary Heiser; Mike & Cathy Kahl
- 18 Stephen & Jen Drewes
- 22 Mary Heiser, Kevin Gallagher & Don Bechtel

Evening Light Assistant

- 31 Sandra Momyer
- 7 Buzz Hadfield
- 14 Sandra Momyer
- 21 Rich Latella
- 28 Rich Latella

Council Nominations

We need to replace **2-3 council members** in February. If you would like to nominate someone (including yourself) for council, please speak to a council member.

Fellowship Time

- 8 Fellowship Committee

Lock-up

- 1 Kate Hicks
- 8 Marc Staudenmaier
- 15 Mike Kahl
- 18 TBD
- 22 John Dorward

Stream Team

- 1 Aimee Hillegas & Nils Aho
- 8 Josh Romano & Paul Miller
- 15 Dale Herbranson & Josh Romano
- 18 Dale Herbranson & Paul Miller
- 22 Nils Aho & Dale Herbranson

Ushers

- 1 Donna Anderson & Barry Church
- 8 Sue Starling & Nancy Cressman
- 18 Donna Anderson
- 15 Cathy & Mike Kahl
- 22 Dick Kusch & Cathy Garrett

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR YEAR-END 2025 have been emailed to all givers and mailed to those for whom we have no email address of record. If you haven't received your statement, please let Sonya know at (610) 933-3947 ext. 2 or office@stjohnphoenixville.org. Thank you for supporting St. John's!

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!

Vacation Bible School 2026 will be held June 22-26 from 9 a.m.-noon. Our theme this year is Rainforest Falls. Kids will have a blast plunging into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God! They'll explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God—their creator—a safe place in life's storms. You won't want to miss it!

Click here to sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewl0c5oIEBIUz8deRSnzLzUBynND6FwWr_EVJg_qpfDeUfA/viewform

Don't delay—registration closes on June 8th!

We are also in need of adult volunteers to serve as group guides. Even if you are unavailable during the week of June 22nd for VBS week, there are still opportunities to serve. Please consider joining us on **Saturday, May 30th for our Build Day** and **Saturday, June 20th for our Set-Up Day**, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Click here to volunteer: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSxOFiywbmzOMoxqxaAgY_dM-AGxKxw8q2yU2VTxPNGhfHVQ/viewform

Please email Val Kramer (valerilynkr@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you!



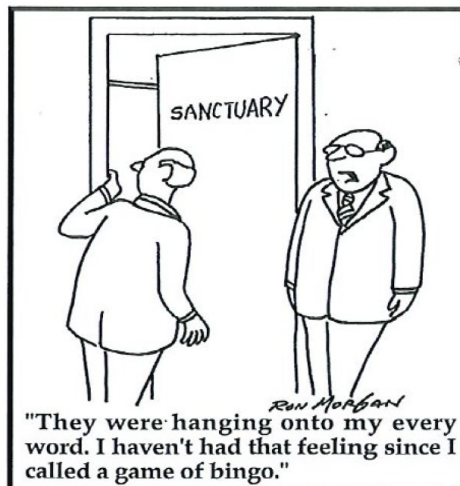
Appalachia Service Project this summer

Do you have a heart and passion for service? It's time to start planning for our 2026 ASP mission trip! Each year, volunteers from St. John's spend a week in service, faith, and fellowship helping families in need throughout Central Appalachia. The trip is open to all adults and youth who have completed 8th grade. Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned volunteer, we'd love to have you join the team! Contact Jodi O'Neill for details or to express your interest. (oneillsinvf@comcast.net or (610) 716-6644.

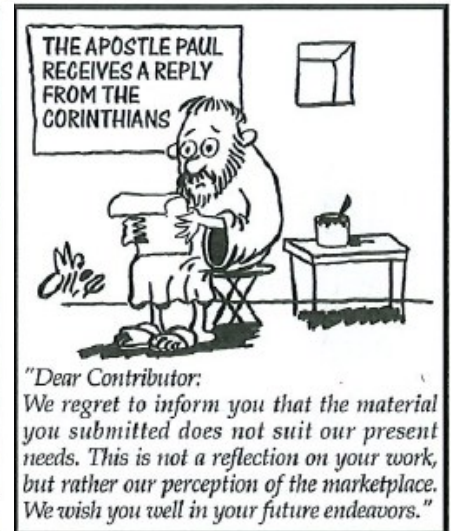
ASP (Appalachia Service Project) is a Christian, non-profit home repair organization that utilizes volunteers to perform free home repair and replacement for families living in substandard housing or families affected by a disaster in the Appalachian region. To find out more about Appalachia Service Project, please visit www.asphome.org.



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Dear St. John's,

Thanks for helping me celebrate my birthday with a delicious lemon Bundt cake. It was the perfect ending to a perfect day.

Tom Snyder

The Green Team wants to thank all who contributed to our shoe collection. We were able to make our first delivery to help those who need shoes or sneakers and also kept each and every pair out of a landfill. A WIN-WIN effort. Thank you again and please keep filling the container in the glass enclosure at church.

Dear Women of the ELCA:

Your kindness is changing lives! Thank you for your generous donation of \$50. Your contribution makes it possible for us to provide free childcare and support so that our young mothers can achieve their educational goals and make a better life for their family. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude.

Wendy J. McKeon, Executive Director
Mom's House

Dear Friends at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church:

On behalf of the Trevor Project, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for the generous donation of \$1,000. Your gift supports lifesaving work for the LGBTQ+ youth in crisis. Because of your generosity, Trevor can continue to deepen our efforts to protect, affirm and celebrate LGBTQ+ young people through our groundbreaking research, crisis intervention services, and TrevorSpace—a safe space social networking platform. Your contribution is vital to all that we do at Trevor.

With much appreciation,
Jaymes Black (they/she/he)
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends of the Women of the ELCA:

On behalf of Good Sam and the individuals and families we serve, we would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$50. Your gift was matched by generous sponsors during our November Go+Dox2 Match Campaign for double the impact! We are deeply grateful for your generosity. Thank you for making a lasting difference.

Nate Hoffer
Chief Executive Officer
Good Samaritan Services

Dearest Friends:

On behalf of every immigrant family and individual we serve, please accept our most sincere thanks for your generous gift of \$1,000. Thank you for choosing to invest in humanity and justice. I'm honored to have you as a partner for an inclusive, just, and welcoming society.

Nina M. Guzmán, Executive Director
Alianzas de Phoenixville

February 2026 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Evan DesMarais's birthday Madison Muller's birthday	2 Chris Thompson's birthday Lhotse Durlinger's birthday Marlene Holter's birthday	3 David Wilkinson's birthday	4	5 Derek Carr's birthday	6 David Reading's birthday Martin Emery's birthday	7
8	9 Erin McKenna's birthday Jason O'Neill's birthday	10 David Horvath's birthday Joel Zimmemann's birthday Kevin Beck's birthday Norah DiGioia's birthday	11 Beverly Rote's birthday Bill Schoellkopf's birthday Jake and Page Durlinger's anniversary Kim Birdsell's birthday Mark Wilkinson's birthday	12 Cole Church's birthday Mae Cratty's birthday	13	14 Benton Drewes's birthday Gary Barker's birthday Marlene Seyler's birthday
15 Kate Warren's birthday Rachel Kelly's birthday	16	17	18 Alexander Seidel's birthday	19 Aimee Hillegas's birthday Laura Staudenmaier's birthday Miles Church's birthday Sally Tomasco's birthday	20 Alicia Dewey's birthday	21 Chris Boyle's birthday John Dorward's birthday
22 Bill Wimble's birthday Cathy Kahl's birthday Shaun and Maura Lockett's anniversary	23 Addison Kunsch's birthday Carmen Murphy's birthday	24 Robin Emery's birthday	25 Chuck and Carol Cully's anniversary David Lacy's birthday	26 Lily Lane-Aharonian's birthday Scott Deichmann's birthday	27 Tyler Thompson's birthday	28 Carsen G. Veneziani's birthday Jocelyn Mowrer's birthday Sophia I. Veneziani's birthday
1 Andrea Hart's birthday Jimmy Moreland's birthday Karen Carr's birthday Sam and Beth Fryer's anniversary	2 Diane Blattner's birthday Kevin Yonosh's birthday	3 Kinley Walters's birthday Liz Cady's birthday	4	5 Joanna Oszeyczik's birthday Livi Cady Heinbaugh's birthday	6 Ada E. Martin's birthday Beth Fryer's birthday Elise Martin's birthday Lucas Becker's birthday Nathaniel Becker's birthday	7 Jeanette Dewey's birthday Robbie Crouthamel's birthday

Thank you (continued):

Dear Friends of Feast Incarnate:

As 2025 draws to a close and we reflect on another busy and successful year, we are filled with gratitude for your support. Donated meals and funds are crucial to keeping Feast Incarnate a viable meal hospitality program. The number of guests we serve continues to climb. Thank you for your devotion and generosity to our guests who struggle with unemployment, mental health and making ends meet. Feast Incarnate meals are a blessing to them from you!

With gratitude,
George Detweiler, Board President

Dear St. John's:

Thank you! We appreciate St. John's support during this time of great need and daily challenges. Together we are able to ensure access to nutritious and familiar food for our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,
The Chester County Food Bank

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am Children's Choir 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion	2 10:15am Staff 11am Alanon Family Group 5pm Stewardship Committee 6pm Cadette Troop 42024 7pm Property 7pm Stephen Ministry	3 6pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Faith Formation Committee 7:30pm Worship & Music	4 4pm Social Ministry 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	5 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbells	6	7 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
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15 8:30am Children's Choir 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion 4pm Stacy Arnold Concert	16 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Green Team 7pm Stephen Ministry	17 4pm Girl Scouts 6pm Girl Scouts	18 Circle deadline 11am Ashes to Go 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Ash Wednesday 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (after service)	19 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbells 8:15pm Naranon Support	20 St. Peter's lunch	21 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
22 8:30am Children's Choir 9am Faith Formation- 1st communion classes begin 10:15am Holy Communion, followed by annual meeting 2pm Girl Scouts #41441 2pm National Charity League 2pm PCO Rehearsal 3pm Girl Scouts 4041 3pm Girl Scouts 41766	23 10am Garden Club 11am Alanon Family Group 6pm Cadette Troop 42024 7pm Finance Committee	24 10:30am WELCA (w/funeral planning) 7pm Fellowship Committee	25 mid-week Lent services begin 5:15pm Daisy Girl Scouts 6pm Girl Scouts #4432 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	26 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Handbells	27	28 8am Marston birthday party 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
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**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025**

Council Member Name	Pres/Exc/ or Absent	Committee Assigned	Term 1/2	Term Ends
John Dorward (President)	Present	Executive	1	2/2028
Marc Staudenmaier (VP)	Present	Stewardship, Executive	1	2/2026
Sue Starling (Secretary)	Present	Executive	2	2/2027
Janet Gerner	Excused	Social Ministry	2	2/2026
Dale Herbranson	Present	Electronics, Columbarium, Exec At-Large Member	2	2/2026
Kate Hicks	Present	Faith Formation, Welcoming	1	2/2027
Aimee Hillegas	Present	Green Team	2	2/2027
Mike Kahl	Absent	Property	2	2/2028
Kyle Oszeyczik	Present	Property	1	2/2027
Jeanne Schanzenbach	Present	Finance, Exec At-Large Member	1	2/2026
Becky Stevens	Present	Worship and Music	1	2/2028
Rachel Zimmermann	Present	Fellowship	1	2/2028
Pastor Russ	Present	n/a		
Guests:				
Sonya Sowards	Present	n/a		
Tom Snyder	Present	n/a		

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by John.

Council devotional was led by Kate.

Prior Meeting Minutes

11/10/25 Council Minutes:

Motion by Dale, second by Kate to accept the minutes; motion carried with two abstentions.

Staff Reports

Motion by Sue, second by Kyle to accept Staff reports; motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee meeting minutes from 11/24/25:

Motion by Marc, second by Kate to accept Finance Committee report; motion carried.

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Electronics Committee of 11/09/25 – accepted as written.
- Faith Formation of 11/11/25 – accepted as written.
- Property Committee of 12/01/25 – accepted as written.
- Worship and Music Committee of 12/02/25 – accepted as written.
- Social Ministry Committee – no minutes provided.
- Fellowship Committee - met 11/25/25, no minutes provided.
 - Next event will be Muhlenberg Parish Potluck and Trivia night in January.
- Columbarium Committee – did not meet.
- Executive Committee – did not meet.
- Stewardship Committee of 12/01/25– accepted as written.
- Welcome Team Committee of 11/11/25 – accepted as written.
- Green Team of 11/17/25 – accepted as written.
- Endowment Committee of 11/12/25 – accepted as written.

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

Old Business

- Lock-Up signup – covered.
- Audit Committee Update – Complete.
- Muhlenberg Parish update – great feedback and attendance on joint service. Next meeting in January.
- Council nominations for February – continue to consider potential candidates.
- Stewardship Pledge Campaign
- RIC Update – Continuing to build the core team.
- Peer Ministry Update – Registration is complete, manuals are received, training is scheduled for this coming Saturday.
- DCYFM Position Update – job description has been updated and is being re-posted on recruiting sites.
- Invitation to Congregation – ‘Try Two, Pick the One that Moves You’ idea to invite members to join in a new way to be involved in St. John’s programs. Combine with Ministry Fair. Maybe during 2nd week coffee hour? Decided February coffee hour (Sunday Feb. 8th) would be best.
- Constitution Update – no update.

New Business

- 2026 Budget
 - Reviewed current working budget. Discussed future capital projects, need to add Green Team budget, etc.
 - Pastor Russ made a motion to hold the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 22nd, 2026, Marc seconded, motion carried.
 - Pastor Russ made a motion to adopt a continuing resolution, that “The Annual Congregational Meeting shall be held on the last Sunday of February, unless the Congregational Council designates another date.”; Marc seconded; motion carried.
 - Final budget to be presented in January for Council approval.

John adjourned the meeting by decree at 8:40.

Next regular meeting is January 12, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Starling

Church Council Secretary

Follow up Note of Record:

After the meeting was adjourned, Pastor Russ sent this motion to John Dorward, who then forwarded to Council members for an email vote.

Motion that Alex and Amanda Frangoulis, and their daughter Adelaide, be accepted as members of St. John’s Lutheran Church, and to request that Alex and Amanda be approved by the congregation council of St. John’s Lutheran Church as confirmed members.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Becky Stevens

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Linda Landis — (610) 933-9544

COMMITTEES

Columbarium:

Bill Starling, Chair
Dale Herbranson, Council Rep.

Electronics:

Bill Schoellkopf, Chair
Dale Herbranson, Council Rep.

Executive:

Marc Staudenmaier, Chair

Faith Formation:

Erica Reading, Chair
Kate Hicks, Council Reps.

Fellowship:

Sandra Zimmermann, Chair
Rachel Zimmermann, Council Rep.

Finance:

Kevin Gallagher, Chair
Jeanne Schanzenbach
Council Rep.

Green Team

Aimee Hillegas, Council Rep.

Mutual Ministry:

Kyle Oszeyczik, Council Rep.

Property:

Bobbi Riley, Chair
Mike Kahl, Council Rep.
Kyle Oszeyczik, Council Rep.

Social Ministry:

Janet Gerner, Chair & Council Rep.

Stewardship:

Marc Staudenmaier, Council Rep.

Welcoming Team:

Kate Hicks, Chair & Council Rep.

Worship and Music:

Jean Herbranson, Chair
Becky Stevens, Council Rep.

Office Assistants:

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Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Adelaide Marissa Meng Jie Frangoulis
January 4, 2026

Change of Contact Information

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please call for appointments with staff members
A Caring, Sharing, Growing Congregation of the ELCA

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)
Handicapped Accessible

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