The Circle

November 2026



Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you! It feels like almost as soon as the beginning of the school year is behind us, that it's already almost time for Advent and Christmas. It feels weird to be writing about Advent and Christmas in the middle of October, but it's going to be here before we know it—and in some churches and in some places, it's going to be here even sooner!

Of course, Advent isn't just about preparing for Christmas. It's a season where we prepare for Christ's coming to be among us. And while that did happen two thousand years ago, God has promised that it will happen again, when God's Kingdom comes in its fullness on the Last Day. And it also happens every time we celebrate Holy Communion, as Christ comes to us, truly present in and with and under the bread and wine of the Sacrament. And Advent is about all of those things: As we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming to us in history, we look ahead and prepare for his coming to us in majesty, and we get to celebrate his presence with us in the mystery of Holy Communion.

There's been a push in some Christian circles to mark Advent for seven weeks instead of the typical four. There's historical precedent for a longer Advent season in some places in the medieval Church, but you can find historical precedent for just about anything, somewhere in the Church's history. The arguments for a longer Advent that I find far more compelling are rooted in that idea of Christ's coming in history *and* in majesty *and* in mystery. After All Saints' Day, the lectionary readings already turn toward the coming Day of the Lord, as Jesus makes apocalyptic predictions in the Gospels, and the First and Second Lessons reflect that focus on the end-times. There's a sense in which the assigned readings for the last three Sundays after Pentecost are already Advent readings in all but name. And the thing that I most appreciate about the idea of a longer Advent is that it gives Advent more room to breathe, and for us to sit with those other parts of Advent, before the pre-Christmas celebrations happen. A longer Advent isn't a chance to push Christmas celebrations ever earlier (like it seems happens in retail and advertising every year), but it's an opportunity to push back against the ever-earlier Christmas festivities and let Advent be Advent.

Some of our neighbor churches in the Muhlenberg Parish have been marking a longer Advent for a few years. Zion and St. Peter's have both done it in the past, although I'm not sure whether they're doing it this year because of some other events in the congregation. I've experienced it before (and I usually mark it in my personal devotions), but I've not ever been in a church that has done it all together as a congregation. It's important to note that St. John's is NOT going to be marking a longer Advent this year—we'll be celebrating Advent I on November 29th, and Advent IV on December 20th. Maybe another Advent, we can try it out.

But whether your Advent season is four weeks or seven, it's an important thing to keep in mind this Advent. Lutherans often look at the world as being simultaneously ruled by two kingdoms—of God and of the world. Advent (especially the "in majesty" part) is about God's Kingdom breaking into and transforming our world.

In a little more than a week after this article is published, it will be time for one of the more hotly contested midterm elections in recent memory. There have been all kinds of campaign ads and political theater in recent weeks. In addition, there has been news of wars and school shootings and people dying of preventable diseases and rising prices and all kinds of hurt and frustration everywhere in the world.

Advent is about seeing, and recognizing, God's Kingdom coming into the world, and about that hope we hold that all the violence and hurt will be swept away by God's love. Whether the paraments are blue or green, whether the bulletins say "the First Sunday in Advent" or "The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost," we can still hear those

promises of God's coming kingdom, and we can still look with hope to that day when all creation will be renewed in Christ. And we can still let that hope of the Kingdom of God guide our lives and our words and our actions, even as we live in the kingdoms of this world.

In whatever ways you mark the coming Advent season, may that promise of the Day of the Lord, when evil and injustice are swept away by God's loving rule, guide your hearts and give you hope.

In Christ,

Pastor Russ



thrivent Action Team Grant

Through a Thrivent Action Team Grant, applied for by our Green Team, the plantings around our main entrance sign were improved. The project was spearheaded by Faye Donovan. Thanks to many who supported this effort. Our own Registered Landscape Architect Adam Supplee provided the design. Gary Campbell and Brian Greenwald helped prepare the area. Members of Brownie Troop #4863 completed the planting and will help maintain the beds in appreciation for use of St. John's as their meeting place.



ALL SAINTS DAY
October 31st & November 1st

All Saints' Day will be observed on Saturday, October 31st and Sunday, November 1st. In the bulletin, we remember the saints who have gone before us by printing names of loved ones who have died in the past year after October 27, 2025. Please send names to Sonya by October 28th. Copper tags will also be available for personal remembrances, and they will be hung in the columbarium tree after the service. A bagpiper will begin Sunday's service in the columbarium and will lead the congregational procession back into the sanctuary.



Adult Faith Formation

Learning isn't just for children! There are four different adult classes that meet every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and new people are welcome at any time. The **Happy Hour** group meets in the Eisenhower Room to share the joys and challenges of raising a family. The **Sunday Morning Book Club** meets in Pr. Russ's office and will be discussing "Ariadne" by Jennifer Saint in November. **Bible Study** meets in the Fireside Room and is studying the book of Revelation with the help of a video and study guide. **Faith Life** meets in Room 1 to the left of the Kley Hall stage and discusses faith & religion topics in media.

"AS WE WERE GAZING AT THE STARS"
4:00 p.m., November 22nd
Providence Chamber Orchestra Concert



As the featured work on the program, The Providence Chamber Orchestra is honored to present the world premiere of *As We Were Gazing at the Stars*, concerto for flute, piano, and chamber orchestra by Nina Siniakova. Soloists are Belgian flutist Berten D'Hollander and pianist and composer Nina Siniakova.

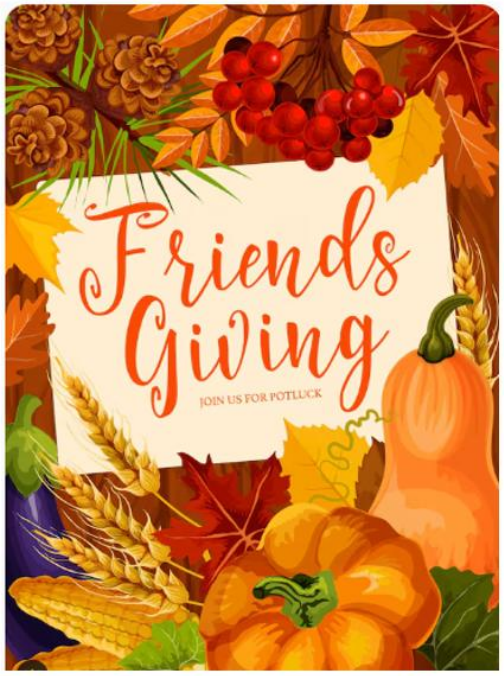
Composer, Nina Siniakova, comments *"As We Were Gazing at the Stars* is a lush and sincere reflection on hope, love, and profound human relationships. My long-standing interest in fusing folk, jazz, and classical music led to this Belarusian-inspired concerto, where these contrasting languages naturally complement one another. The work was written for our duo with Belgian flutist Berten D'Hollander, whose musical openness and versatility strongly influenced the piece." One of the most charismatic personalities on today's art scene, Nina Siniakova is a superlative composer and performer with a diverse cultural background and broad interests.

Celebrated Belgian flutist Berten D'Hollander is a concert performer and educator. His refined musicality, unique sound, and exceptional virtuosity have earned him global recognition. His career spans over 30 years of performing, both as a soloist and a member of chamber groups. As an orchestra musician, he has collaborated with the Flemish Opera, the National Orchestra of Belgium, and many others.

Also on the program are *Eight Russian Folksongs* by Russian composer Anatoly Liadov, a student of Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov and whose compositions are known for their colorful orchestrations; *Czech Suite* by Antonín Dvořák recognized for its lyricism, vitality, rich melodic invention and formal clarity and one of his most characteristic works; and *"Deep River" Negro Spirituals* for Flute and Piano by Nina Siniakova, again featuring Berten D'Hollander, flutist and Nina Siniakova, pianist.

The ensemble was founded in 1999 to meet the musical needs and aspirations of its members, a group of talented, amateur musicians from the greater Philadelphia area, all of whom share a common passion for playing music. The group of volunteers rehearses twice monthly and presents an annual winter and spring concert in addition to accompanying the "St. John's Choir & Friends" performance of major choral repertoire. Tom Snyder, Director of Music at St. John's, conducts the orchestra.

There is no admission charge; however, a freewill offering will be received to help support ongoing live orchestral performances in Phoenixville.



JOIN US FOR A FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 15th at 12:30 pm
St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Fellowship Committee will provide the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy. Guests are invited to bring a side or dessert to share.

Please RSVP to Sonya Sowards at 610.933.3947 or office@stjohnphoenixville.org with # of adults/children attending and your shareable dish.

WELCA will meet on Tuesday, October 27th from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Eisenhower Room. We need many hands for sorting, decorating, and packing in preparation for Christmas donations.

Gemma Wish List

board games
jigsaw puzzles
playing cards
card games
books for children and teens
coloring books
gel pens
stickers and sticker sheets
Hot Wheels
footballs and basketballs
pajama sets: youth M to XL & adult S to L
hoodies for girls and boys: youth 12 to 18 & adult S to L
winter hats, scarves, and gloves
adjustable baseball hats
athletic socks
hairbrushes and combs
hair accessories
nail stickers
nail polish
lip gloss
lip balm & Chapstick



WELCA enjoyed our September meeting which featured a visit from Toni Hadfield and our favorite canine, Sadie, in addition to our new Director of Children's, Youth & Family Ministries, Amy Yannelli. Amy shared some of her "story" as well as answering our "getting to know her" questions.

We went over the Gemma Services (Silver Springs) 2026 Wish List (check out the list here ←). There will be a box in which to donate items in the narthex.

In addition to items for Gemma, we continue to collect toiletries for our shut-ins (toothpaste, toothbrushes, small shampoos and conditioner, combs, dental floss, pens, tablets, greeting cards, hand sanitizer, *etc*).

Our November meeting will be moved to MONDAY, November 30th. We will not meet in December.

2027 will feature a WELCA Sunday on January 24th, including a birthday party for Katie Luther (she may even attend). Watch for further information.

Blessings,

Linda 😭

Thanks to the members of St. John's for your prayers and concern as I recovered from hip replacement. All went well and I'm well on the road to recovery. Thanks especially, to Linda Landis for conducting the Adult Choir in my absence.

Tom Snyder

SPONSOR CANDLES, BULLETINS AND FLOWERS

Members and friends are invited to sponsor the ***vigil candle, bulletins, and flowers*** in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The cost is $12 per month for the candle, $20 per week for bulletins and $50 per week for flowers. Sign up on the sheets on the hallway bulletin board or contact Sonya Sowards for available months and dates and to specify the occasion.

RADA | KITCHEN STORE

WELCA RADA SALE—Order by November 23rd

WELCA is once again raising funds by selling Rada Cutlery products such as kitchen knives and tools, cookbooks, various soup and dip mixes. Joan Wilson is the WELCA member handling the fundraising effort. Rada catalogs and order forms are in the narthex. Feel free to take one home to place an order but return it to the narthex when you are finished. Completed order forms and checks payable to "WELCA" should be 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. Orders must be submitted by November 23rd.

SHOE COLLECTION

The Green Team has partnered with Soles4Souls to collect any type of gently used shoes. The collection container is in the glass door entrance and is available to accept the donation of your shoes. Thanks for helping the planet by keeping some shoes from going to the landfill.

The Property Committee Needs Your Eyes

The Property Committee invites all members of the congregation to keep a look out for and alert the Property Committee of any building features that need repair or improvement, especially if a condition is noticed that could present a safety hazard. One can do so by dropping a note in the Property Committee mailbox in Kley Hall, or by contacting a member of the Committee (Bobbi Riley, Walt Deichmann, Rick Kramer, Paul Miller, Tom Snyder, Kyle Oszeyczik, or Sandra Zimmermann). Thank you!

Thrivent Team Action Grants

Thrivent members are eligible to apply for two Action Team Grants each year to benefit their church. Special projects pop up from time to time at St. John's for which these cards could be used. If you'd like ideas for the use of your grant or help obtaining one, please contact our Administrator, Sonya Sowards, at office@stjohnphoenixville.org or (610) 933-3947, ext. 2, or speak to a staff member, Committee chair, or Councilmember.

PIANO RECITAL—November 1st at St. Luke, Gilbertsville

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st, St. Luke Lutheran Church, 35 Wilson Avenue, Gilbertsville presents *a Duo Piano Recital - 2 Pianos, 8 Hands, Even 8 Hands at one piano*. John Bednar, Joan Johnson, Amy LaRue and Bruce Tonkin are the pianists. A free-will offering will be received.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 8:30am Children's Choir rehearsal 9am Faith Formation w/First Bible 10:15am Holy Communion 2pm PCO Rehearsal	**2** 10:15am Staff 11am Alanon Family Group 6pm Girl Scouts #42024 7pm Property 7pm Stephen Ministry 7pm Stewardship Committee	**3** 6:30pm Faith Formation Committee 6:30pm Parent Grief Group 7:30pm Worship & Music	**4** 4pm Social Ministry 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	**5** 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Bells rehearsal	**6**	**7** 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
8 8:30am Children's Choir rehearsal 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion 3pm Cadette Troop #41766	**9** 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Church Council	**10** 6pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Parent Grief Group	**11** 5:30pm Brownie Troop #4863 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	**12** 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Bells rehearsal	**13**	**14** 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
15 8:30am Children's Choir rehearsal 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion 12:30pm Friendsgiving 2pm PCO Rehearsal	**16** 11am Alanon Family Group 6pm Girl Scouts #42024 7pm Green Team 7pm Stephen Ministry	**17**	**18** Circle deadline 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	**19** 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Bells rehearsal 8:15pm Naranon Support	**20** St. Peter's lunch	**21** 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
22 8:30am Children's Choir rehearsal 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion 3pm Cadette Troop #41766 4pm PCO Concert	**23** 10:30am Covered Bridge Garden Club 11am Alanon Family Group	**24** 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Fellowship Committee 7:30pm PACA Thanksgiving service	**25** 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	**26** 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Bells rehearsal	**27**	**28** 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous
29 9am Faith Formation 10:15am Holy Communion	**30** 10:30am WELCA 11am Alanon Family Group 7pm Finance Committee	**1** 6:30pm Faith Formation Committee 7:30pm Worship & Music	**2** 4pm Social Ministry 7pm Alanon 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	**3** 7pm Naranon 7:15pm Adult Bells rehearsal	**4**	**5** 9am DAR 5pm Evening Light (w/communion) 7pm Alcoholics Anonymous

November 2026—Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Alex Frangoulis's birthday Bob and Kim Trate's anniversary Kim-Eric Williams's birthday Lisa Wimble'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** Sue Weicheld's birthday Will Stotler'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** Kevin F. Martin's birthday 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** Rick and Leslie Kern's anniversary Tom Johnson's birthday	**25** Diane Sitkowski's birthday John and Nancy Perchalski's anniversary Mark Yanchek's birthday	**26** Olivia Schumacher's birthday	**27**	**28** Kim Trate's birthday
29	**30** Gabriella Geiger's birthday Gary Carl's birthday Nancy Renninger's birthday	**1** Bill Ahola's birthday	**2** Jake Durflinger's birthday	**3** Lu Anne Bindschusz's birthday	**4**	**5** Owen Birdsell's birthday



November Worship Staff

Acolyte

1	Madelyn Hicks, Norah DiGioia
8	Leah Kramer
15	TBD
22	TBD
29	Madelyn Hicks

Altar Guild

1	Nancy Cressman & Janet Ertell
8	Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
15	Andrea Hart & Kathy Kelsh
22	Betty Hans
29	Jean Herbranson

Assisting Minister

1	Bill Starling
8	Tom Snyder
15	Ron Stevens
22	Mimi Woods
29	Walt Deichmann

Bread Bakers

31/1	TBD
7/8	TBD
14/15	TBD
21/22	TBD
28/29	TBD

Communion Assistant/Lector

1	Ryan Bridge
8	Kristin McGregor
15	Jim Kelsh
22	Nancy Cressman
29	Annaliese & Chris Duerr

Counters

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

Evening Light Assistant

31	TBD
7	Rich Latella
14	Sandra Momyer
21	Rich Latella
28	TBD

Fellowship Time

8	Stewardship Committee

Lock-up

1	Kate Hicks
8	Kyle Oszeyczik
15	Brian Greenwald
22	Jim Kelsh
29	Aimee Hillegas

Stream Team

1	Paul Miller
8	Aimee Hillegas & Dale Herbranson
15	Josh Romano & Paul Miller
22	Aimee Hillegas
29	Dale Herbranson

Ushers

1	Sue Starling & Kathy Kelsh
8	Donna Anderson & Cathy Garrett
15	Diane Blattner & Katelyn Blattner
22	Marc Staudenmaier & Barry Church
29	Dick Kunsch & Nancy Cressman

Bread Bakers

Do you like to bake bread? Would you be willing to bake communion bread?

We are looking for a couple more people to bake bread for our weekly communion. We use Sign-Up Genius to make it easy to schedule. You can use your own bread recipe, or we can supply recipes for you. Bread can be baked ahead of time and stored in the church kitchen freezer or brought to church on Saturdays.

For more information, contact Jean Herbranson (deherb@juno.com), Sonya in the church office, or Pastor Russ.

Thank You from the Safety Task Force!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Safety Feedback Questionnaire. We appreciate your thoughtful feedback, suggestions, and commitment to helping make St. John's a safe and welcoming place for all. If you have additional concerns, ideas, or recommendations, please feel free to contact us at office@stjohnphoenixville.org or speak with Kristin McGregor, Kate Hicks, Amy Peruto, or Pastor Russ in person. Please be assured that any proposed or planned changes resulting from this feedback will be communicated to the congregation through the bulletin and/or newsletter.

Thank you for your partnership as we work together to care for our church community.



Offering Counters Needed

We're looking for members willing to serve as counters or substitute counters. Counting takes place after the Sunday service and usually takes less than an hour. Counters usually serve one Sunday a month as part of a team. If interested, please contact Jack Ertell, (610) 948-1278 or jertell@comcast.net.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

Council Member Name	Pres/Exc/ or Absent	Committee Assigned	Term 1/2	Term Ends
John Dorward (President)	Present	Executive and Electronics	1	2/2028
Jeanne Schanzenbach (VP)	Present	Executive and Finance	2	2/2029
Sue Starling (Secretary)	Present	Executive and Scholarship	2	2/2027
Jim Kelsh	Excused	Endowment	1	2/2029
Brian Greenwald	Absent	Worship and Music	1	2/2029
Kate Hicks	Present	Faith Formation, Fellowship/Welcoming	1	2/2027
Aimee Hillegas	Present	Social Ministry and Green Team	2	2/2027
Mike Kahl	Excused	Executive	2	2/2028
Kyle Oszeyczik	Present	Mutual Ministry and Property	1	2/2027
Marc Staudenmaier	Present	Stewardship	2	2/2029
Becky Stevens	Present	Executive and Columbarium	1	2/2028
Rachel Zimmermann	Excused	Mutual Ministry	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 7:00 pm by John.

Council devotional was led by Marc.

Prior Meeting Minutes
08/10/26 Council Minutes: **Motion by Marc, second by Kate to accept the minutes as written; motion carried.**

Staff Reports
Motion by Sue, seconded by Becky to accept Staff reports as written; motion carried.

Committee Reports
Finance Committee minutes of 08/24/26 accepted as written – **motion by Marc, seconded by Kate, motion carried.**

- Finance Committee has somewhat urgent needs in terms of volunteers and has asked Council to make a formal ask for:
  - Recording Secretary (or a team of people), which is estimated at 1-4 hours/week.
  - Treasurer
  - Counters – each team is down to two people and should be three. Roughly an hour once/month.
- Suggested that Finance put together a quick talk for people that may be interested in the role.
- Committee Motion: The balance after the $500 contribution from Social Ministry for the Rise Against Hunger event in conjunction with the Muhlenberg parish shall

come from the Outreach Fund. **Motion carried.** Also noted that proceeds from t-shirt sales from Rise Against Hunger shall go in to the Outreach Fund.

Council reviewed the following Committee Reports:

- Electronics Committee of 8/23/26 – accepted as written.
- Faith Formation of 08/11/26 and 09/01/26 – accepted as written.
- Property Committee of 09/08/26 – accepted as written.
- Worship and Music Committee of 09/01/26 – accepted as written.
- Social Ministry Committee of 09/09/26 – accepted as written.
- Fellowship and Welcoming Committee of 09/01/26 – accepted as written.
- Columbarium Committee – did not meet.
- Executive Committee – did not meet.
- Stewardship Committee – did not meet.
- Green Team – did not meet.
- Circle of Life Endowment Committee – did not meet.
- Safety Task Force – did not meet.

Motion by Becky, second by Marc to accept committee reports; motion carried.

Old Business

- Lock-Up signup – covered
- Upcoming Congregational Meeting
- Nominations for Council
- Muhlenberg Parish update – Pig Roast at St. Peter's on 9/26, blood drive at St. John's October 12th
- RIC Update – ongoing
- Peer Ministry Update – ongoing; Kyle attended a meeting discussing a multi-congregation November retreat.
- Constitution Update – reviewed some suggested changes; John will convey those changes to Mike Kahl.

New Business

- Rental policy procedures

John adjourned the meeting by decree at 8:26.

Next regular meeting is October 12, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Starling

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Endowment:
Jim Kelsh, Council Rep.

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Worship Schedule

Saturdays
5 p.m. Evening Light with Holy Communion
Sundays
10:15 a.m. Holy Communion
(fall, winter and spring)
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(Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day)
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