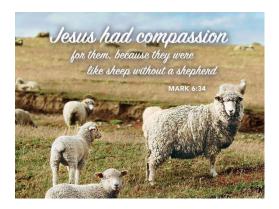


St. John's Weekly Email

July 12, 2021

Pentecost is the season of the church year that lasts the longest – it begins with the celebration of the Day of Pentecost, the third major festival of the church year with Christmas and Easter and continues for months. Since the season of Pentecost stretches over the entire summer into the fall, the church has labeled it Ordinary Time and the color for this season is green. Green because it's a season of growing – a season when the church focuses on how to be church in light of the Ascension of Jesus. It's also a season that focuses on our discipleship, as we seek to be committed followers of Jesus.

There are a few festivals that dot the ordinary season of Pentecost – some at the beginning and some near the end. Towards the beginning, we have the Day of Pentecost, with its fiery imagery of doves and wind and Holy Trinity Sunday, the only Sunday in the church year that is dedicated to a doctrine of the church. Towards the end of the season of Pentecost, there are three festivals we lift up – Reformation, All Saints' Sunday and Christ the King Sunday.



Outdoor Worship 8th Sunday after Pentecost July 18th at 9:30am

and on Zoom

CLICK HERE to connect with worship.

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers:



Alex Kunkel, Bob Moran, Betsy Rodger, Robin Seasock, Paige Seasock, Peyton Seasock, Nancy Terpoilli, Brian Allebach, Charles Krupp, RuthAnn Jadick, Jean Leister, Kenny Nace, Tom Ciesielka, Ann Brown Hager, David Mounts, Ann Lewis, Carolyn Iris, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, Theresa Hasson, Renaud Fix, Theresa Gross, Linda Lysoby, Dave and Linda Kratzer, Leah Crater, Leanne Kratzer, Steve Keyser, Terry Gable, Bev Fretz, Jim McNally, Richard

Mariner, Sydney Crossin and Florence Van Dyke.

National Youth Gathering Info Meeting Wed. August 11th 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall



Every three years, the ELCA hosts a National Youth Gathering – an event specifically geared to

engage youth in grades 8-12 in learning, fellowship and service. The ELCA event originally scheduled for summer of 2021 was postponed to 2022 due to the pandemic. Youth at St. John's have participated in the last two ELCA gatherings – 2015 in Detroit and 2018 in Houston. We look forward to continuing our participation in this event in 2022.

All youth entering grades 8-12 in the fall of 2021 are eligible to participate in the 2022 National Youth Gathering, which will take place June 24-28, 2022 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. An informational meeting will be held at St. John's on Wednesday, August 11 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall to hear about the event, ask questions and begin discussing our fundraising plan to get to Minneapolis. All students entering grades 8-12 who are remotely interested are asked to attend with at least one parent on the 11th.

If you have any interest in this event but cannot make the August 11th info meeting, please let Pastor Becky know. (pastorbecky74@gmail.com)



JOIN THE A/V TEAM

Do you or someone you know have an interest in video or audio technology? We could use more help on the A/V team on Sunday mornings. No special skills are required, we will teach you everything you need to know.

If you are interested in giving this part or our ministry a try, please contact Colleen Carlin (colcarlin@hotmail.com; 215-813-4776) or Brian Gegan (briangegan@amsentrp.com; 215-429-5768). Please consider joining the team.

The Sanctuary Improvements continue...





Notice something missing?? It's the carpet! New carpet in on it's way!!





Also, new LED lights that will provide brighter lighting using less power.

AND freshly dusted ceiling fans!!



You Are Invited

Inter-Church Bowling League is looking for additional Church Teams or Individual Bowlers to join in. We bowl each Tuesday evening at Earl Bowl Lakes, Allentown Road, Earlington - 6:30pm

> season runs Aug. 31-April 19, 2021 Cost is \$13/bowler/week

You don't need to be a great bowler as we use a 90% handicap. Great Fellowship, Year End Banquet with Awards and Prizes.

Interested or have questions? reach out to Bill Bennett at 215-669-8856 or billbennett11@comcast.net

Pick up your Hoagies Thursday, July 15th 5:30-6:30pm

Next Hoagie Sale deadline is August 12th Italian \$7 Turkey \$8



Can be ordered with or without onions and banana peppers

To order your hoagie please contact Elaine Keller by phone (215.262.5366) or email <u>elaineakeller@comcast.net</u> before August 12th for an August 19th pick up. If you have any questions about the hoagies or our trips, please contact Elaine.

Hoagie Makers Needed!

Help is needed to assemble the hoagies each month. If you are able to help on any of the third Thursdays of the month, click here to sign up!!



Give to St. John's with every Amazon purchase

You can support St. John's every time you shop at Amazon—and it costs you nothing!

Simply go to <u>smile.amazon.com</u> to select "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, Green Lane" as your supporting charity. Then all purchases you make through <u>smile.amazon.com</u> (same prices as <u>amazon.com</u>) will donate a percentage on to St. John's.

If you use **Amazon's mobile app**, you will have to go into the app to turn Amazon Smile on. Just go into the Amazon app, click on settings, then click on AmazonSmile and follow the prompts to select St. John's and turn on AmazonSmile so all your purchases count!

For more information, call the church office!



Food Collection

Saturday,
July 17th - 9-11 AM
at the back entrance

St. John's!

Let's focus this month on these items:

Canned Fruit
Condiments
Jelly (grape & strawberry)
paper towels

additional Food Pantry Needs

Tomato Paste, Canned Soups and Stews, Canned Fruit, Fruit Juice, Canned Potatoes, Canned Beans in sauce (Pork & Beans), Canned Meat products (Spam, corned beef hash, etc.)

New dates through Labor Day weekend have been added!

Meal Train for Brian & Jennifer Allebach



To access the meal train sign-up, see the new dates that have been added and find out all the pertinent information, **click here.**

Brian also loves to receive cards - so feel free to drop one in the mail to their home address, which is:

Brian Allebach 1096 Soffa Road East Greenville, PA 18041

Thank you for your tender care for this family at this challenging time - and watch for new ways to be present with and for them in the months to come.



The Open Link is seeking volunteers to assist with packing non-perishable items for its Summer Kid's Meal Program that will run from June 14th through August 20th.

Shifts are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30-3:30 each week for the duration of the program.

Contact Julie Booth, TOL Volunteer Coordinator, for more information and to sign up for a shift or two! volunteers@theopenlink.org Thank you!



Join us for Grab-and-Go Meals This Summer!



We're bringing the food to you at 5 locations:

June 14-August 20, 2021

Drive-thru or Walk-up Service

Mondays and Thursdays

- Treichler's Mill Park, Hereford 11:30-12 noon
- Bieler Park, East Greenville 12:15-12:45 pm

Tuesdays and Fridays

- Pennsburg Commons, Pennsburg 11:30-11:55 am
- Hope Valley Community Church, Red Hill 12:00-12:25 pm
 - Isaac Smith Park, Green Lane 12:30-1 pm

Each child gets 2 breakfast + 2 lunch meals. We look forward to seeing you!

Financial Update

We continue to be limited in the internal and external outreach events we had planned in our 2021 budget. However, our congregation is creatively identifying alternative opportunities to connect with each other and the broader community. Your generous contributions of time and money are helping us with our outreach.

We continue to receive most of our offering through the mail. You are certainly able to continue sending you gifts to St. John's. Our mailing address is **3104 Main Street**, **Green Lane**, **PA 18054**. Please recognize that we are currently counting offering twice a month - so please understand if there is a small delay in cashing your check.

We encourage the congregation to prayerfully consider your ability to continue supporting God's work here at St. John's as we continue to live thorough this pandemic.



You can also choose to give online and now is a great time to begin!

For those that give electronically, some important news!

We have moved our online giving from Simply Giving

to **Tithe.ly**. <u>Tithe.ly</u> provides you with the option to pay from your checking account or by debit or credit card. <u>Tithe.ly</u> is now available for member sign up. If you have any questions on how to set up online giving with <u>Tithe.ly</u>, please call the office at 215-234-4888 for help.

Your <u>online gifts</u> can be designated to general or specific places, like what is designated on the church envelope, and gifts can be made one time or set up to repeat weekly or monthly.



July 12 Ernest Carson Devon Jabs Ralph Quinn

July 13 Dennis Krauss Phyllis Zepp

July 14Crystal Raffle
Andrew Renninger
Mary West

July 15 Evelyn Koffel Richard Simon

July 16 Connor Neuber

July 17 Andrew Pignoli