

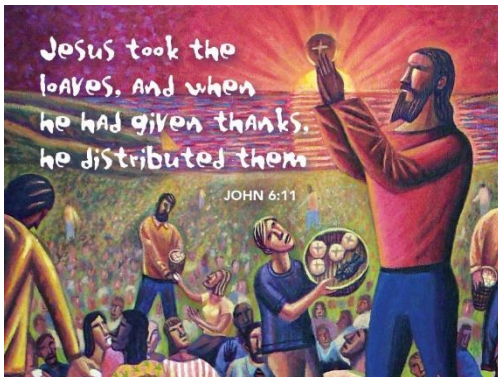


## St. John's Weekly Email

July 19, 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 25th 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.



## **Return to Indoor Worship Sunday, August 8th**

We expect the sanctuary renovations to be complete by the end of the month and look forward to returning to worship in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 8.

In anticipation of our return to in-person indoor worship, the Worship and Music Committee met to create protocols to continue to keep our community safe and healthy as we continue to live through this pandemic. While vaccination numbers are rising and transmission rates are dropping in Montgomery County, St. John's leaders will continue to monitor numbers and if, at any time, we feel the need to change protocols based on guidance from healthcare professionals and our synod, we will do so and communicate those changes to the congregation.

We are a community of faith and in response to God's deep love for all people, we will honor our brothers and sisters by doing our best to keep one another safe and healthy. Therefore, the following protocols will be in place when we return to the sanctuary for worship on August 8 and until further notice:

- We will continue to worship at one service at 9:30 AM. We will continue to livestream our service each Sunday on Zoom for anyone who does not feel comfortable returning to in-person worship. Recordings of worship will continue to be shared on our website.
- Masks are optional only for those who are fully vaccinated. We ask those who are not fully vaccinated to wear masks at all times while indoors and to refrain from singing.
- While the pews will not be taped off, we do encourage social distancing with those who are not part of your household. Please spread out throughout the sanctuary. (The balcony is not available.)
- Singing will continue but we ask that you sing quietly and consider masking. Singing continues to be one of the greatest risks for transmission of the virus.
- Communion will continue to be celebrated once a month in the pews using the pre-packaged elements that the congregation picks up on their way into worship.
- The offering will be collected in baskets available when you enter and leave worship.
- We will continue to refrain from sharing the peace and Pastor Becky will not be greeting folks at the end of worship. If you need to speak with Pastor Becky after worship, please go to the parlor to see her and, if unvaccinated, wear a mask.
- Bathrooms will be available for use. We ask that you use the disinfectant spray provided on all surfaces you touch in the bathroom.
- We ask that you respect the preferences of other worshippers. Some folks will want to greet one another, shake hands and/or hug. Others will not be comfortable with these actions. Some vaccinated folks will still prefer to wear masks while indoors out of safety for themselves and/or vulnerable individuals in their household. As a Christian community, we are called by Christ to love our neighbors and one way we do that is by respecting each person's comfort level with respect to this pandemic and how individuals live into the safety precautions in place.

The church council and the Worship and Music Committee will continue to review worship practices, attendance, guidance from healthcare professionals and our local and national church and make changes to these protocols as warranted.

The church leadership also strongly encourages worshippers who are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine for the safety of all of God's children. If you need assistance finding a vaccination site, please contact the church office for assistance.

As always, if you have any questions about any of these protocols, please reach out to Pastor Becky Schanely, Tony Aleide (council president) or Erika Haldeman (Worship and Music Committee chair).

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**National Youth Gathering Info Meeting**  
**Wed. August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any interest in this event but cannot make the August 11<sup>th</sup> info meeting, please let Pastor Becky know ([pastorbecky74@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbecky74@gmail.com)).



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**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 of our ministry a try, please contact Colleen Carlin ([colcarlin@hotmail.com](mailto:colcarlin@hotmail.com); 215-813-4776) or Brian Gegan ([briangegan@amsentrp.com](mailto:briangegan@amsentrp.com); 215-429-5768). Please consider joining the team.

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## 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.

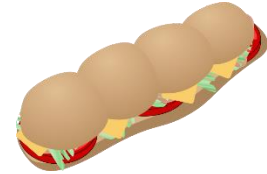
Interested or have questions? reach out to Bill Bennett at 215-669-8856 or [billbennett11@comcast.net](mailto:billbennett11@comcast.net)

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## Order your Hoagies by Thursday, 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 [elaineakeller@comcast.net](mailto:elaineakeller@comcast.net) 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!!

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## 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 [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to select "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, Green Lane" as your supporting charity. Then all purchases you make through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) (same prices as [amazon.com](https://amazon.com)) 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!

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## Food Collection

**Saturday,  
August 7th - 9-11 AM  
at the back entrance**

### **St. John's!**

**Let's focus this time on these items:**

**Pasta**

**Pasta Sauce/tomato products**

**cooking oil**

**creamy soups**

**body wash**

#### **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.

**HELP WANTED**

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 14<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:volunteers@theopenlink.org) Thank 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 through 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](https://tithely.com). [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com) provides you with the option to pay from your checking account or by debit or credit card. [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com) is now available for member sign up. If you have any questions on how to set up online giving with [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com), please call the office at 215-234-4888 for help.

Your [online gifts](#) 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 19**

Alyssa Badman  
Louis Drosey

Kevin Fretz  
Levi Koffel  
Carol Vaszily

**July 20**

Tess Mohr

**July 21**

Kathy Ferguson

Joshua Hutt

**July 22**

Randi Keller

Stephanie Umstead

**July 23**

Alex Detwiler

Donald Swavely

**July 25**

James Lysoby

Haley Snyder