

JULY 20, 2025

The Crossbeam

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S PARISH MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS



*Sunday, July 20, 2025
6th Sunday after Pentecost,
Year C*

PERHAPS THE CHURCH, AT ITS BEST, IS "ALL EARS." GOD URGES THE FAITHFUL, AGAIN AND AGAIN, TO "LISTEN UP!"—TO HEED THE WORD THAT GIVES LIFE. SO IT WAS WITH ABRAHAM AND SARAH, MARY AND MARTHA, AND THE EARLY CHURCH AT COLOSSAE. SO IT IS TODAY AS WE JOIN THE ASSEMBLY TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, THE WORD OF LIFE.



From the Pastor's Desk

PSALM 15

1 LORD, WHO MAY DWELL IN YOUR | TABERNACLE?

WHO MAY ABIDE UPON YOUR | HOLY HILL?

2 THOSE WHO LEAD A BLAMELESS LIFE AND DO | WHAT IS RIGHT,
WHO SPEAK THE TRUTH | FROM THEIR HEART; R\

3 THEY DO NOT SLANDER WITH THE TONGUE, THEY DO NO EVIL | TO
THEIR FRIENDS;

THEY DO NOT CAST DISCREDIT UP- | ON A NEIGHBOR.

4 IN THEIR SIGHT THE WICKED ARE REJECTED, BUT THEY HONOR THOSE
WHO | FEAR THE LORD.

THEY HAVE SWORN UPON THEIR HEALTH AND DO NOT TAKE | BACK
THEIR WORD.

5 THEY DO NOT GIVE THEIR MONEY IN HOPE OF GAIN, NOR DO THEY
TAKE BRIBES A- | GAINST THE INNOCENT.

THOSE WHO DO THESE THINGS SHALL NEVER BE | OVERTHROWN.

“AN OXFORD STUDENT WAS SITTING FOR A DIFFICULT PHILOSOPHY
EXAM. NORMALLY, AN EIGHT-PAGE ESSAY WAS EXPECTED. THE EXAM
THAT DAY HAD A SINGLE QUESTION: ‘WHAT IS COURAGE?’

ONE MINUTE INTO THE EXAM, THE STUDENT WROTE THREE WORDS IN
HIS EXAMINATION BOOK, PRESENTED IT TO THE PROFESSOR AND LEFT
THE ROOM. HIS ANSWER EARNED A PERFECT SCORE.

HE HAD WRITTEN: ‘THIS IS COURAGE.’

PHILOSOPHY CLASSES MAY DISCUSS COURAGE AT GREAT LENGTH, BUT
AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT COMES DOWN TO CHARACTER. THE AUTHOR
OF PSALM 15 IS SAYING THAT PEOPLE WHO CULTIVATE A DEEP AND
ABIDING PERSONAL FAITH IN GOOD TIMES WILL DISCOVER THAT THEY
DO INDEED HAVE THE COURAGE THEY NEED WHEN BAD TIMES COME.
THEY SHALL NEVER BE MOVED.”

HOMILETICS, JUNE 20, 2011

SOMETHING TO PONDER TODAY.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS THIS DAY.

PASTOR V.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND THE MEANS OF GRACE—
THE SAVING WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS.

FEATURED THIS WEEK:
SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD
5 P.M. - IN-PERSON

THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY
10A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



[This Weeks Bulletin \(click here\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 3RD @ 9:45AM
AGAPE MEAL

SEPTEMBER 13TH
BURCHFEST



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!

TOM AND DEB FOX

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY NORM

FROM MERCKEL FAMILY

YOU CAN REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION BY ORDERING A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT USING THE ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.



SATURDAY JULY 19 @ 5P.M.
VICKY WIENKE- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY JULY 20 @ 10 A.M.
TOM AND DEB FOX- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY JULY 20 @ 10 A.M.
SANDY STANGO- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR JULY
NADINE BROWN

THIS WEEK 7/20 - 7/26

TODAY:

10 A.M. WORSHIP
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP
6 P.M. KNITTING GROUP
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

TUESDAY:

12 P.M. TAI-CHI
6 P.M. ROCK VOICES
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

WEDNESDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP

THURSDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
12 P.M. NA
5 P.M. ZUMBA
6 P.M. BARRE CLASS
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

SATURDAY:

9 A.M. ZUMBA
5 P.M. WORSHIP

WEST SENECA COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES CROP WALK AND CHICKEN DINNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH AT QUEEN OF HEAVEN RC 4220 SENECA ST, WS

WEIDNER'S CHICKEN DINNER \$15.00 - 12:30PM-3:30PM

WALK - 1:00PM-3:00PM

CHILDREN SUMMER GAMES WILL BE AVAILABLE!

PROCEEDS FOR CROP,
COMMUNITIES RESPOND TO OVERCOME POVERTY.

FLOOD RESPONSE AND RECOVERY IN TEXAS

MAY WE BE BEARERS OF THE HOPE FOUND IN CHRIST ALONE AND HELP SHOULD THE BURDEN FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE UNIMAGINABLE LOSS. YOUR GIFTS TO LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE ENSURE THAT OUR NEIGHBORS ARE NOT ALONE ON THE LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY AFTER DISASTERS LIKE THE FLOODS IN TEXAS.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE IS COORDINATING WITH THE SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD AND WILL WORK WITH OTHER PARTNERS AS WELL TO RESPOND TO URGENT NEEDS, PROVIDE EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE, AND SUPPORT CLEANUP AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY.

THROUGH THESE DISASTERS AND OTHERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD, LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE ACCOMPANIES COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE RECOVERY PROCESS, WALKING WITH THEM FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES. TOGETHER, AS A CHURCH, WE FOLLOW CHRIST'S CALL TO SHARE HOPE AND HEALING WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED..

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO THIS CAUSE

BURRITTO PROJECT

OUR NEXT JOURNEY TO FEED AND CARE FOR THE HOMELESS IN DOWNTOWN WILL BE ON TUESDAY, JULY 29TH. TO PREPARE FOR THAT DAY, WE NEED TO REPLENISH OUR PERSONAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE DO. WHATEVER YOU CAN PROVIDE IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE HOMELESS PEOPLE WE SERVE. THE GREATEST NEEDS ARE FOR THESE ITEMS:

BAR SOAP
HAND WIPES
PONCHOS
HAND / BODY LOTIONS

DEODORANT
SHAMPOO
STRING BACK PACKS
SHAVING CREAM

THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION BOX IN THE FOYER TO RECEIVE YOUR HELPFUL DONATIONS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.