

JUNE 14, 2026

The Crossbeam

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



Sunday, June 14, 2026
3rd Sunday after Pentecost,
Year A

MOSES TELLS THE ISRAELITES THAT THEY ARE CALLED TO BE A PRIESTLY KINGDOM AND A HOLY PEOPLE. JESUS SENDS OUT THE DISCIPLES AS LABORERS INTO THE HARVEST. IN BAPTISM WE TOO ARE ANOINTED FOR MINISTRY, SHARING GOD'S COMPASSION WITH OUR NEEDY WORLD. FROM THE LORD'S TABLE WE GO FORTH TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS, TO HEAL THE SICK, AND TO SHARE OUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY.



From the Pastor's Desk

PSALM 100

1 MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, | ALL YOU LANDS!

2 SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS; COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE | WITH A SONG.

3 KNOW THAT THE LORD IS GOD, OUR MAKER TO WHOM | WE BELONG;
WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE SHEEP | OF GOD'S PASTURE.

4 ENTER THE GATES OF THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING AND THE | COURTS WITH PRAISE;

GIVE THANKS AND BLESS GOD'S | HOLY NAME.

5 GOOD INDEED IS THE LORD, WHOSE STEADFAST LOVE IS | EVERLASTING,
WHOSE FAITHFULNESS ENDURES FROM | AGE TO AGE.

"THE FIRST SETTLERS IN AMERICA LANDED IN DECEMBER OF 1620 IN MASSACHUSETTS, AND WITHIN ONE MONTH 10 OUT OF THE 17 FATHERS AND HUSBANDS WHO WERE ON THAT SHIP, THE MAYFLOWER, DIED. WITHIN A COUPLE MONTHS ONLY FOUR OF THE MOTHERS AND WIVES WERE ALIVE OUT OF THE FIRST 17 COUPLES. AND BY EASTER ALMOST HALF OF THE PILGRIMS HAD DIED. THEY LANDED IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER WITHOUT PROVISIONS, WITHOUT SHELTER AND THAT TOOK A TOLL. IT TOOK A HUGE TOLL AND YET IN 1621 THEY CELEBRATED AND THEY GAVE THANKS TO GOD. IT WAS AMAZINGLY DIFFICULT, AMAZINGLY DIFFICULT THOSE FIRST YEARS.

ON ANOTHER CONTINENT ABOUT 25 YEARS LATER THERE WAS A LUTHERAN PASTOR NAMED MARTIN RINKART. HE LIVED IN EILENBERG IN SAXONY AND IT WAS DURING THE SIEGE OF THE THIRTY YEARS WAR. EILENBERG WAS A WALLED CITY THAT WAS SURROUNDED BY SWEDES AND THERE WERE 800 HOMES WERE BURNED, AND THE PEOPLE WITHIN SUFFERED FROM THE PLAGUE, FROM STARVATION, AND IT GOT TO THE POINT WHERE THE PASTORS WITHIN THAT TOWN, WITHIN THAT VILLAGE WERE BURYING 12 PEOPLE A DAY. PRETTY SOON THE PASTORS THEMSELVES STARTED TO DIE AND MARTIN RINCKART WAS THE ONLY PASTOR LEFT. HE WAS CONDUCTING 50 FUNERALS A DAY, CAN YOU IMAGINE? FIFTY FUNERALS A DAY. HE BURIED OVER 5,000 PEOPLE THAT YEAR, INCLUDING HIS OWN WIFE. WHEN THE WAR ENDED A YEAR LATER IN 1648 HE SAT DOWN, AND LISTEN TO THE WORDS THAT HE PENNED:

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD, WITH HEART AND HANDS AND VOICES,
WHO WONDROUS THINGS HAS DONE, IN WHOM THIS WORLD REJOICES;
WHO FROM OUR MOTHERS' ARMS HAS BLESSED US ON OUR WAY
WITH COUNTLESS GIFTS OF LOVE, AND STILL IS OURS TODAY.

THIS WAS A MAN WHO KNEW HORRORS BEYOND ALL WE CAN THINK AND IMAGINE, GETTING ON HIS KNEES AND LEADING PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND THANKS TO OUR GOD."

—DEB KIELSMEIER, "THANKSGIVING," NOVEMBER 25, 2004, CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WEB SITE.

HOMILETICS, NOVEMBER 5, 2005

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

10:00A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



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SATURDAY JUNE 13 @ 5PM
VICKY WIENKE - ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY JUNE 14 @ 10:00AM
ADAM WOLFF- ASSISTING MINISTER
LEE DELANEY- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR JUNE:
LINDA BARROWS
MARY BLAUFUSS

ANNOUNCEMENTS &
UPCOMING EVENTS

**NEXT AGAPE MEAL
JULY 5TH
@ 9:45 AM**

**ONE SERVICE AT 10AM WILL
CONTINUE THROUGH SUMMER**

BURCHFEST
FALL ARTISAN CRAFT SHOW
FALL INTO THE ARTS
CALLING
ARTISANS & VENDORS!
Join us for Burchfest
at St. John's Lutheran Church!
OCTOBER 3RD, 2026

SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT | CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY! | BE PART OF A WONDERFUL FALL TRADITION!

VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE!
Interested?
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THIS WEEK 6/14- 6/20

TODAY:

10 A.M. AGAPE MEAL
11 A.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

MONDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP
6 P.M. KNITTING GROUP
6:45 P.M. ZUMBA
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

TUESDAY:

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

WEDNESDAY:

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP
6 P.M. PARKINSON'S GROUP

THURSDAY:

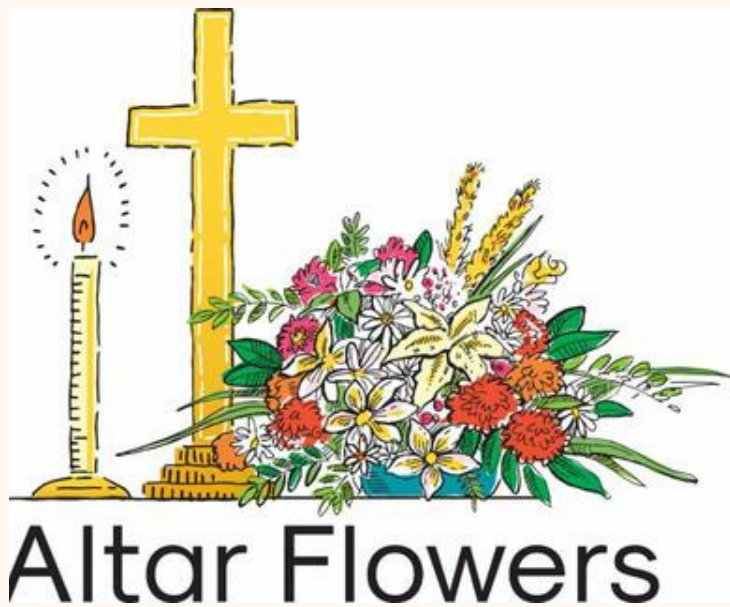
9 A.M. ZUMBA
12 P.M. NA
5 P.M. ZUMBA
7 P.M. NA

FRIDAY:

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

SATURDAY:

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



Altar Flowers

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

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.

MEMBERS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP THE CHURCH OFFICE APPRAISED OF ANY CHANGE IN PHONE, EMAIL OR ADDRESS SO WE CAN KEEP THE CHURCH DIRECTORY UP TO DATE.

HELP NEEDED

THE CHURCH IS IN NEED OF SOME HELP WITH MAINTENANCE AROUND CHURCH. IF YOU HAVE ANY TIME TO SPARE WE CAN USE YOUR HELP. ANYDAY ANYTIME THAT WORKS FOR YOU. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE 716-668-2152

BURRITO PROJECT

THE NEXT BURRITO PROJECT VENTURE WILL BE ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF JUNE. THAT IS THE 30TH. WE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE GOING INTO DOWNTOWN BUFFALO TO PROVIDE FOOD AND HYGIENE ITEMS TO HELP THE HOMELESS. THEY ARE UNBELIEVABLY GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE PROVIDE TO THEM, AND THE NEED IS GREAT.

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED BY THE GENEROSITY OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, AND OTHER KIND PEOPLE, WHO HAVE HELPED US BY PROVIDING THE MATERIALS THAT WE TAKE DOWNTOWN TO DISTRIBUTE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR IN NEED, THESE ARE THE ITEMS THAT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL AT THIS TIME.

MEN'S UNDERWEAR
SHAVING CREAM

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR
POCKET SIZE KLEENEX

WE WILL ONCE AGAIN HAVE A COLLECTION BOX AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH HALL.

THANK YOU!.