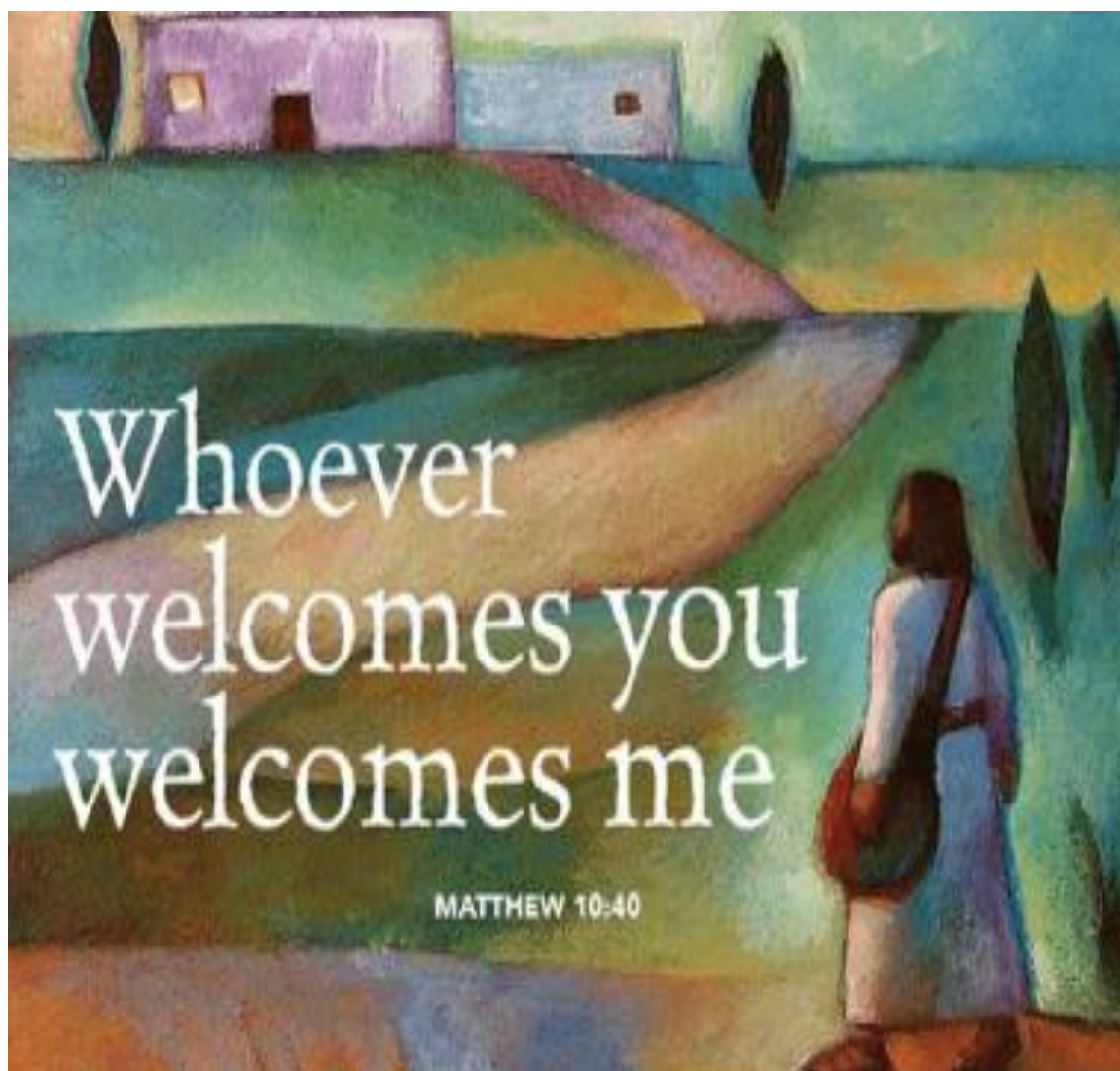


**St. John's Lutheran Church
Belleville, PA**



**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 2023**

**PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

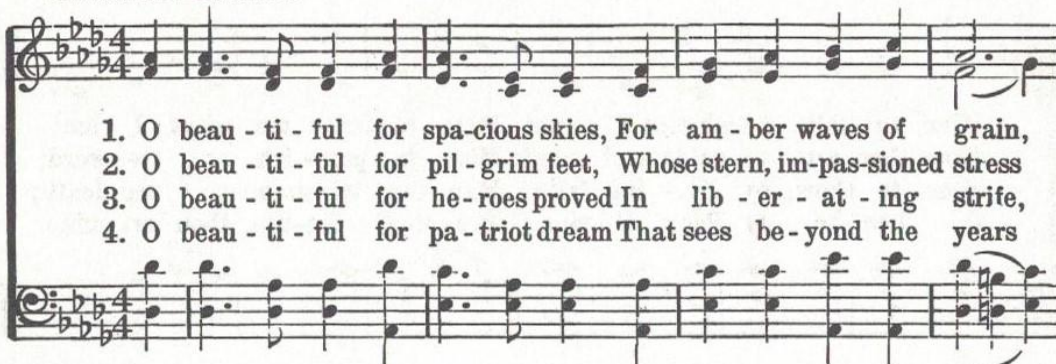
*GATHERING SONG ~ *America, the Beautiful*

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America, the Beautiful

KATHERINE LEE BATES

SAMUEL A. WARD



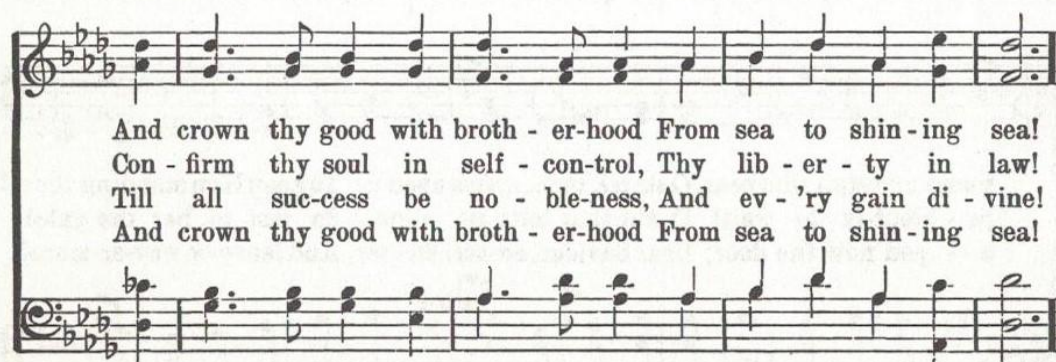
1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - ci - ous skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years



For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
 Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Undimmed by hu - man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,



And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!
 Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law!
 Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine!
 And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C a people holy to the LORD our God.

P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

***SCRIPTURE SONG**



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re- vealed.



☐ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...

C O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Jeremiah 28:5-9

after the reading

R The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 6:12-23

after the reading

R The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



G Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

***GOSPEL READING**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE ~ Al Imler, Guest Speaker from the Gideon's

HYMN ~ My Country, 'Tis of Thee

566 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
 4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
 Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
 Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that
 To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free-dom's

pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side Let free-dom ring.
 tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
 breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
 ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

***RESPONSE to the WORD**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***THE PEACE**

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C And also with you.**

OFFERING ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**



G Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
 ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
 Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
 yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.

With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care.

**Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *Found in Celebrate

P Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.
A brief silence.

***LORD's PRAYER**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

***THE BLESSING**

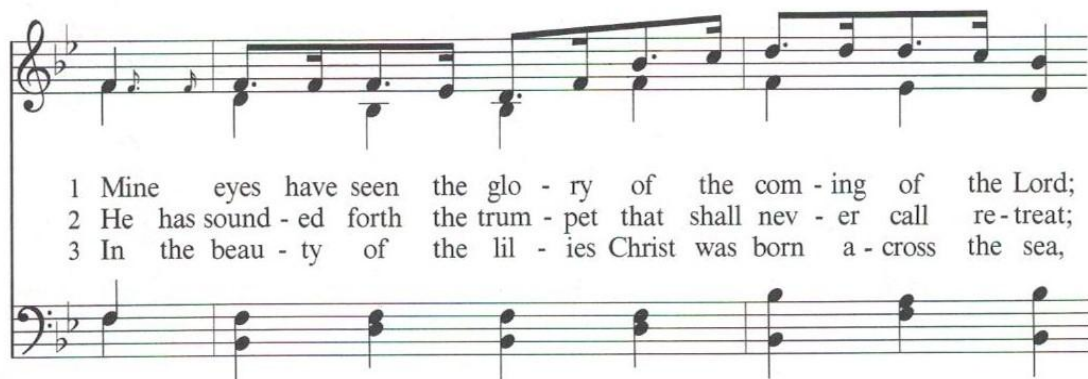
P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

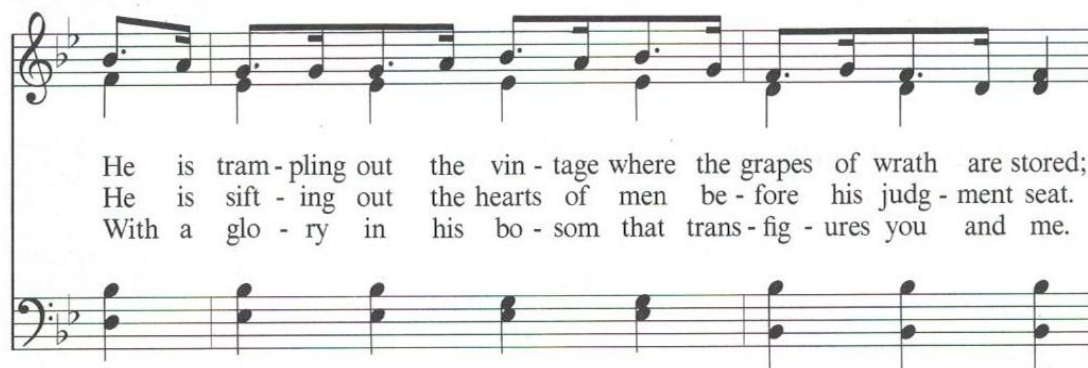
*SENDING SONG ~ *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

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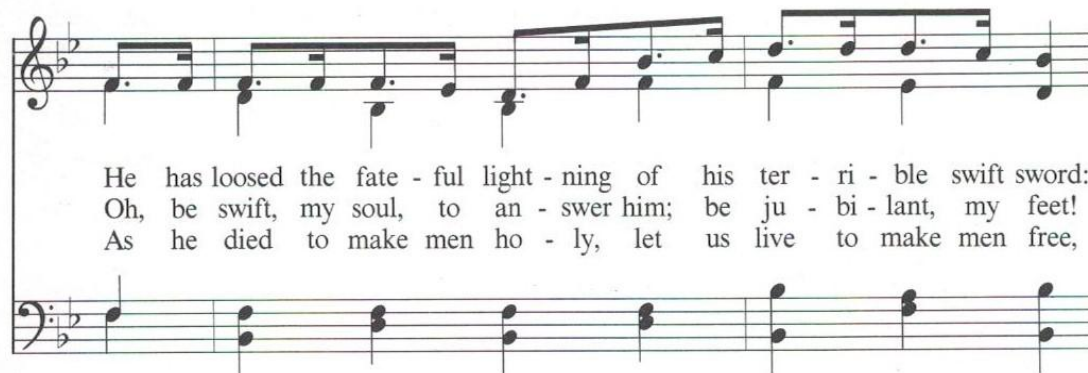
Battle Hymn of the Republic



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 With a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.

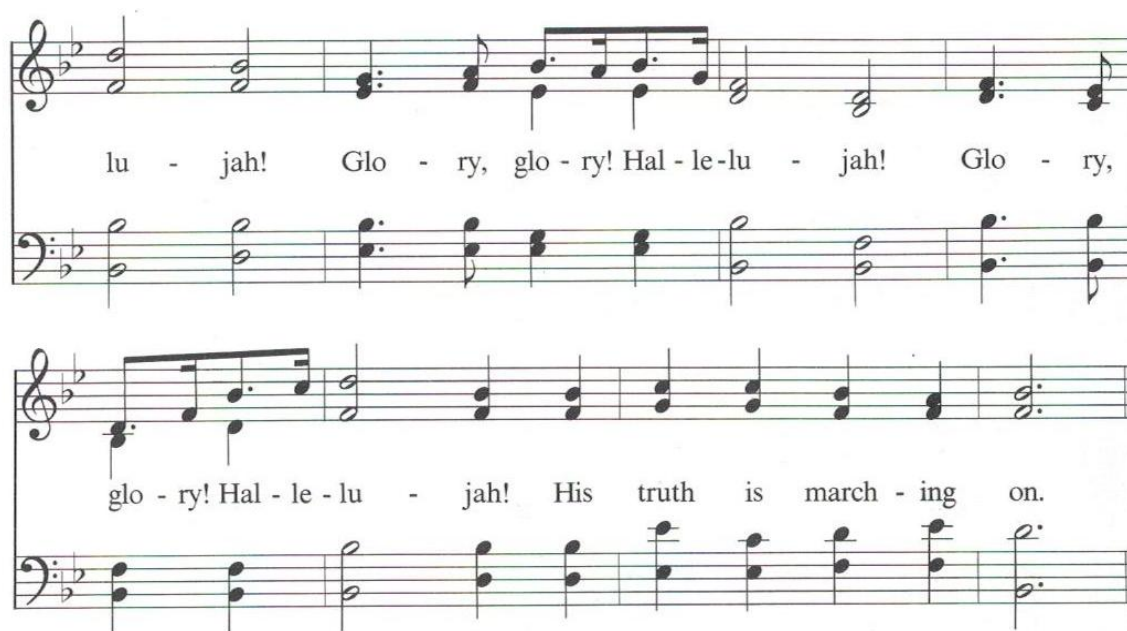


He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



His truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le -
 While God is march - ing on.

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***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

***POSTLUDE**

Pastor: Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

Music Ministry: Seulki Susie Yoo

Today

Greeters: Bob and Susan Keller; **Lay Reader:** John Chester

Altar Care: Carol Fultz; **Sound:** Jay Byler

Next Sunday, July 9

Greeters: Erica Hargenrader and Nancy Penepacker

Lay Reader: Erica Hargenrader

Altar Care: Carol Fultz; **Sound:** Joe Kanagy

Church Office: 935-2032; **Email us at** secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org

St. John's Christian Day Care: 935-2959

Our Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

Our Vision Statement

To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Jay and Joy Byler in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Please remember in prayer ~ Miriam Williamson, Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Samantha Smith, members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Don Wolfe (VVH).

FROM the PASTOR

Pastor Robertson will be away through July 3. Pastor Rich Adams is providing emergency pastoral care. His cell is 717-253-0235.

As July is a 5-Sunday month and the pastor will be away on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, Communion will be held on the 2nd and 4th July Sundays at St. Johns, that is July 9 and July 23.

UPCOMING

Tuesday July 4: Church office and Day Care closed
Sunday July 9: Communion , Call Committee installation
Sunday July 16: Speaker - Richard Nyakaana from Uganda. No Communion
Ed Bilich along with assigned lay reader for scripture readings will be leading liturgy.
Sunday July 25: Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we are pleased to welcome Gideon member, Al Imler to St. John's. He will be sharing on their mission and ministry during the service. We also thank Ed Bilich for leading our worship, so Pastor Ela can enjoy time away.

Included in the July/Aug newsletter was a sheet to list your favorite hymns, which will be used in our worship services throughout the summer. It can be placed in one of the offering plates or dropped off at the church office. Extras are also available in the narthex.

It is hard to believe, but Reba Harmon will be turning 90 on Monday, July 17. Brings to mind the phrase, "time stands still for no man", or woman in this case.

Let's help her celebrate this milestone with cards and well-wishes. They can be mailed to 12 Poe Street, Belleville.

The Thrift and Gift is in need of volunteers. You may serve as little as one a month or as often as you like. If you have any questions about what is required, contact the store at 717-935-5233 or stop in.

The Daycare yard sale is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1 and Wednesday, August 2. The stage is full and we now have quite a few boxes stacked in front. If you have ANYTHING in clean, useable condition to donate, place it in front of the stage or outside the double doors. No clothing or televisions...PLEASE. Thank you!

The Daycare board is asking anyone interested, to help provide healthy snacks for the children. With the cost of food continuing to increase, donations of the following items are always needed and welcomed ~

Bananas, grapes, apples, oranges (clementines), strawberries, blueberries, individual serving cups of peaches or pears whole milk, fruit juice, peanut butter, Nutella, Cheez-its, Ritz, Graham and other types of crackers, Go-gurt or other yogurt cups/tubes, pretzels, cheese balls/puffs, veggie straws, rice krispie treats and cereal bars. If you are really inspired, cookies, bar cookies or other homemade treats are always enjoyed.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office, taken to the basement kitchen or placed under the coat rack by the restrooms.

January 1 thru June 28, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 28 Offering ~ \$1,870.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 145,439.23 Expense \$ 154,965.95

Net Income \$ -9,526.72

Daycare ~ Income \$ 168,537.69 Expense \$ 176,507.27

Net Income \$ -7,969.58