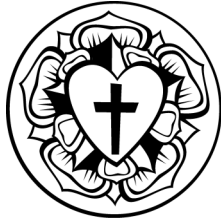


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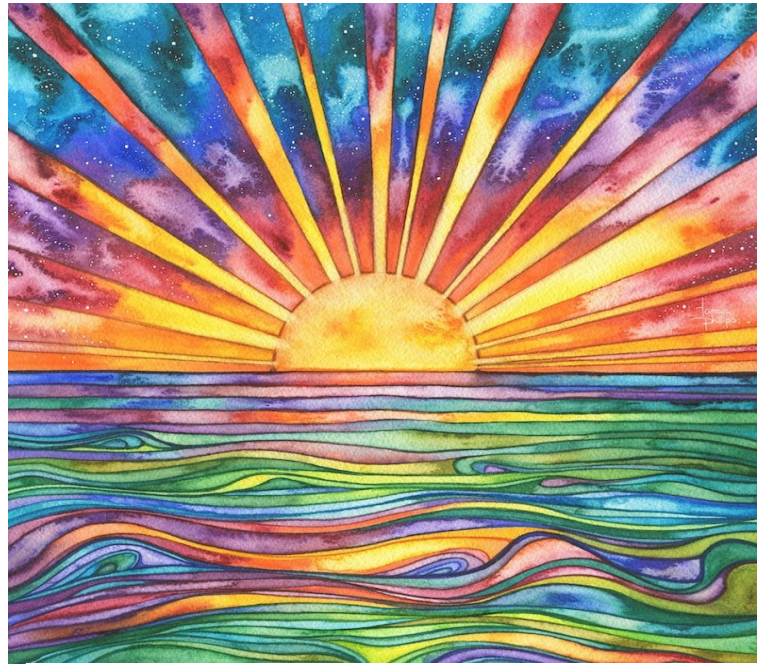
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The Parish Messenger



St. John's Lutheran Church, Belleville, Pennsylvania

JUNE 2022



*"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113:3*

Our Mission Statement

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

St. John's Lutheran Church
3597 West Main Street
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9:30am Worship
10:45am Sunday School
September through May

Church Office ~ 935-2032
St. John's Christian Day Care and Preschool ~ 935-2959
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Website ~ stjohnsbelleville.org





St. Johns this year hosts community veterans at the Memorial Day Sunday Service on Sunday, May 29. These annual Sunday services may be the spiritual accompaniment to the Monday Memorial Day parade and celebrations. We praise God for the gift of the promise of life eternal through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, while we remember veterans for their sacrifice and service to our country and the world.

When we partake of the Lord's supper or take communion the "words of institution" remind us of Jesus' last supper with his disciples and give us his words to them: "Do this in remembrance of me." As a church, joining together to 'do in remembrance of Christ,' is the soul of our worship, our liturgy, our mission, our outreach, our life. As members of a community, our country and our world joining together 'in remembrance of those who helped preserve this freedom of worship is central to our Memorial Day celebrations.

There is a link here between 'remembrance' and 'the words of institution.' In the verb form "re-mem-bering" is not just 'looking back on' but putting ourselves back together as members of one entity. The Latin verb "instituire" translates "to set up" or "set in motion." It is to 'begin' or to create a new precept or way of thinking about things. God asks us to be a part of the new work of love, justice and peace begun in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. In communion, God nurtures us in doing this together. We are asked to make this the core of who we are, committing our God given talents to this mission.

In this year's memorial services and Memorial Day celebrations we are particularly reminded that being on the front in any war or crisis involves thousands vesting their talents behind the scenes as well. Don Smith, Edna Chester's brother, is probably St. John's oldest vet. Possibly Mifflin County's last draftee into WWII, he was told based on his IQ, that his skills could best be developed in organization and administration. So as a young draftee he put his shoulder not to a rifle but to winding a mimeograph machine and moved up the ranks in the office until it was time to send him home. Back in Belleville we know him now as 'Water Don,' having administered the water department of the village for decades.

Nancy Simmons, one of our speakers this year, a member of East Kish Presbyterian, is a veteran of the Navy nursing corps, a corp which spans providing triage, skill, compassion, care, counseling and perhaps even a hand held in passing for those in the full scope of service.

Col. Dirk Remensnyder of the National Guard, our guest speaker for the Memorial Day Parade, is the son of long time St. John's member Dorie Remensnyder. Most recently he was posted in charge of tactical logistics in response to personnel and supply shortages during the Covid epidemic, providing timely, life saving assistance in the war against the virus.

This Sunday we will also honor the many in our churches who have been central to our community remembering veterans and Memorial Day. We honor Kenny Wyland for his years of attention to the VFW and its celebrations as he hands this over to Ted Carothers; Ron Carson and his son for their needle in a haystack vigilance to making sure every veteran buried in the Valley is honored with a flag or flower; we thank Bob Keller, Jim Buchanan, Ralph Murphy and all those listed in our bulletin and all those we may have inadvertently omitted for their dedication to veterans and service people.

Most of all we thank and honor our God - Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit - who gives us that core commitment to serve others with love and unity until the day Christ's Peace is fully realized on Earth. May we live in to this mission as we remember those who died for it. And may all God's people say "Amen."

Rev. Ela J. Robertson

St. John's Lutheran Church

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St. John's Congregational Council

	<u>Term Expires</u>
Ed Bilich ~ Treasurer	end of 2024
Joy Byler ~ Secretary	end of 2022
Deb French	end of 2022
Carol Fultz ~ President	end of 2023
Nancy Penepacker	end of 2024
Jami Zook ~ Vice President	end of 2022

St. John's Financial Report

Checking account balance 5/24/2022
\$ 23,815.09

January 1 through May 24, 2022

Income \$ 80,860.59 Expense \$ 71,318.69
Net Income \$ 9,541.90

Daycare Financial Report

Checking account balance 5/24/2022
\$ 73,737.39

January 1 through May 24, 2022

Income \$ 156,792.39 Expense \$ 145,030.35
Net Income \$ 11,762.04



**Be faithful
to your
church**

**Enjoy the summer,
worship where you are,
and remember to tithe.
The church does not
take a vacation.**

Council meets again on Thursday, June 9 at 6:30pm. There are no meetings scheduled for July or August, unless necessary. The will resume again on Thursday, September 9.

If you have concerns, please contact any council member, those persons currently serving are listed above.

**"I believe in Christ,
like I believe in the sun—
not because I can see it,
but by it
I can see
everything else."**

C.S. LEWIS

Committee Reports

St. Johns Property Committee Task List for 2022

Items to be addressed in 2022 and beyond

- Complete the conversion of inside lighting to LED
 - Remainder of the lights should be replaced by May 30th
- Resolve issues we are having with the heating system
 - Need to check for leaking valves – tabled until fall when the furnace will be in use again
 - One of the fellowship hall radiators is leaking around the valve to turn the radiator on and off
 - Radiator at the end of the fellowship hall needs to be anchored to the wall to prevent it from tipping over or it needs to be removed – Jim Buchanan will have the radiator removed
- Create a plan for painting the masonry on the back side of the church.
 - Rubin Reno will be giving us a price estimate
- Door Trim around the outside doors needs to be painted
 - Rubin Reno or June 11th workday
- We have experienced water coming through the block wall in the basement near the elevator. We will be working on improving distribution of the water coming out of the downspouts on the Mechanic Street side of the church and building up the ground around the elevator area.
- Installation of network cabinet, wiring and equipment
 - Cabinet is installed. It still needs power run to it and the equipment etc. ordered.
- The Daycare is asking us to approve the playground expansion in the back parking lot area.
 - Working to assure the expansion will not interfere with the telephone pole near the playground area
- We need a new breaker box downstairs and an upgrade to the breaker box in the hallway outside the secretary's office.
 - Adam Glick should be installing the breaker boxes in June
- Create a diagram of our building with the rooms identified. It would be good to have a sign on the door with the room or area name on it.
 - Include the following on the diagram – Windows and doors; Elevator; Breaker boxes, electrical outlets, light switches; emergency lighting and exits; Ethernet cabinet, wall jacks and Access Points; furnace, radiators and thermostats and other items not thought about
 - Decided to make this a fall/winter project
- There was an issue with the organ over the winter. There is a heater that is supposed to provide heat for the pumps. The switch is located in one of the hallways.
 - Having the person who does the organ preventative maintenance check the heater to assure it is working properly
- During one of the hard rains the drains outside the kitchen door and the drains at the end of the fellowship hall were not draining the water fast enough. Water was entering the kitchen from under the door. The grids were taken off the drain and it still was unable to keep up. Council is asking us to see what we can do to solve this issue.
- When we paved the back parking lot in 2021, drains for the daycare window air conditioners was discussed but never resolved. The areas where the air conditioners need to be installed also need to be cut out from the new asphalt. Air conditioners will probably be installed in June.
 - Decide what needs to be done to accommodate them and who will be assigned?

Items Completed in 2022

- Heating system issues resolved – moved the condensate tank back into the pit; created a Boiler Status Log to monitor the water level and pipe pressure at the furnace; insulated a hole around a pipe downstairs and adjust the radiator in the big room outside the downstairs kitchen that is not heating up.
- Resolved issues with the motion lights in front and back of the church. They seem to always be on
- Get a cost estimate for installing mini-splits for the Fellowship Hall.
 - Fellowship Hall Upstairs - \$11,000 (Excludes the electrical panel work)
 - Downstairs Basement Rooms - \$12,270 (Excludes the electrical panel work)
- Fixed lights under the landing at the end for the fellowship hall that were not working
- Fixed the loose hand rail at the left top of the basement steps and the loose inside rail
- Assembled a table cart for the fellowship hall.

Daycare

Another school year is nearly at an end. Our graduation was held on Wednesday, May 18th, with eleven of the preschool children heading off to kindergarten next year. Some have been with us since they were infants. How quickly the years go by!!

Valerie McTavish recently informed the board of her decision to stay on as Director. She served in this capacity before the COVID mandatory closure in 2020, and due to personal reasons, resigned shortly after the daycare re-opened that summer. Parents and staff are pleased to have her back in the center once again.



The annual yard sale is being held the end of July, and we will gladly take anything you have in clean usable condition, including furniture. Please feel free to place your items on/in front of the stage or outside the Fellowship Hall doors.

REMEMBER ~ NO CLOTHING OR TELEVISIONS PLEASE!

Social Ministry

The committee is entering a float in the annual Memorial Day parade. Carolyn Conner will follow in her car. You are invited to walk/ride along!

The committee is continuing to collect items for the Liberia cargo container. Along with First Aid supplies and personal care products, socks, underwear and flip flops for adults and children are also needed. Your donations can be placed in one of the boxes located in the coatroom area and narthex.



The Mother/Father Brunch is being held following worship on Sunday, June 5. **Please note ~ this is a 'carry-in' meal.** A sign-up has been placed in the narthex for those planning to attend and help provide or donate towards the following ~

breakfast casseroles
homemade cinnamon rolls or sticky buns
milk, chocolate milk or juice
monetary donations to purchase sausage/bacon and a fruit tray
*(please give monetary donations to Sue or the church office by **Sunday, May 29**)*

St. John's has Meals on Wheels the end of May and first week in June. **Still needed are 4 dozen sticky buns for Tuesday, June 7. They can be homemade or locally purchased (homemade).** If you can help to provide any, please sign-up in the narthex. Thank you to those persons who donated cookies, angel food cakes and money for pies. **Reminder** ~ Please be sure to have your dessert at the community hall by 9:00am the day it is needed.



There are still a few bottles available in the narthex, for anyone who would like to participate in the *Baby Bottle* fundraiser for Crossroads Pregnancy Center. Please take one, fill it with your spare change or other monetary donation and return it to the church by Father's Day, June 19th.



ADULT Sunday School

After 2 ½ years, our Adult Sunday School class will resume again in mid-September, and Michele Harshbarger has agreed to lead the sessions. More information will be available in upcoming bulletins and the September newsletter.

The annual Relay for Life event is being held at Derry Township Community Park on Saturday, June 11. All fundraising proceeds go toward finding a cure for cancer. You can make a difference by donating baked goods! If you can help in this way, please contact Carol Fultz (717-935-0140).



Belleville Mennonite School 57th Annual Auction ~ May 27 & 28, 2022

Friday's activities will include a Chicken Barbeque dinner, Silent Auction, Live music, a preview of auction items, fellowship and more! Saturday includes Breakfast from 6:30-8:30, Food & Baked Goods throughout the day, and Kid's Activities from 9:00am-2:00pm. The Merchandise & Certificate Auction begins at 8:30 and features Handmade Quilts sold at the top of each hour!



Calvin Baker died on Sunday, May 1 following a recent cancer diagnosis. Please keep the family in your prayers during this very difficult time. They have suffered the loss of several loved ones in the last three years. Their mother, Joyce died in September of 2019 and Alan, Jr., passed away last October.

Former member, Nancy Glick died on Friday, May 13. She and Tom moved to Arizona a few years ago, to be closer to their son. The family is planning a Memorial service at Maple Grove Mennonite Church sometime in August. Please keep them in your prayers.

JUNE SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 5

Elevator: Carolyn Conner

Greeters: Jim and Georgianna Buchanan

Lay Reader: Jim Buchanan

Money Counters: John and Denise Chester

Sound System: Ed Bilich

June 12

Elevator: Joe Kanagy

Greeter: Gwen Hornberger

Lay Reader: Gwen Hornberger

Money Counters: Sue Lynch and Carol Fultz

Sound System: Joe Kanagy

June 19

Elevator: Randy Harshbarger

Greeter: Deb French

Lay Reader: Deb French

Money Counters: Jay and Joy Byler

Sound System: Jay Byler

June 26

Elevator: Carolyn Conner

Greeters: Don and Rosalie Smith

Lay Reader: Ed Bilich

Money Counters: Joe Kanagy and Randy Harshbarger

Sound System: Jay Byler

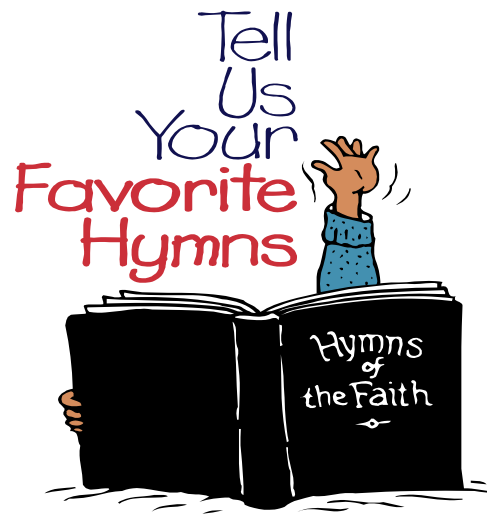
Please remember:

If you are unable to be present
on your scheduled day,
it is your responsibility,
to find a replacement.

Altar Care ~ Brenda Boring and Carolyn Conner

Altar Flower Delivery ~ Sue Lynch

Bulletin Delivery ~ John and Brenda Boring



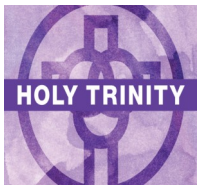



Title or first line of hymn ~

A list of hymns will be compiled and included in our worship services during the summer. Please place in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

St. John's Lutheran Church

June

2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30am Worship	May 30 Office/DC Closed Parade begins at 9:30am	May 31 St. John's has Meals on Wheels	1	2 St. John's has Meals on Wheels	3	4
5 Pentecost Holy Communion Mother/Father Brunch in FH following worship	6	7 St. John's has Meals on Wheels	8	9 St. John's has Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Council	10	11 Relay for Life Event at Derry Township. Community Park
12 	13	14 	15	16	17 Synod Assembly	18 Synod Assembly
19 Holy Communion <i>Father's Day Blessings</i>	20 6:30pm Property Committee Meeting	21 <i>Summer Begins</i> 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
						

St John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

April 6, 2022

Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

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

The monthly meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church council was held April 6, 2022 at 6:30 in the blue room.

Present: Carol Fultz, Ed Bilich, Deb French, Nancy Pennepacker, Pastor Ela Robertson, and Jami Zook. Joy Byler was excused.

The meeting was called to order by Carol Fultz.

Devotions - Devotions were led by Jami Zook.

Approval of Minutes : The minutes from the 3/10/2022 were presented. A motion was made by Jami Zook to accept the minutes from our March meeting and second by Ed Bilich. Motion carried.

Financial Reports - Treasurer Ed Bilich then presented the financial reports for St. John's Lutheran Church. Nancy Pennepacker made a motion to accept the reports, and second by Deb French. Motion carried. Financial reports were then reviewed for St. John's Day Care. A motion was made by Jami Zook to accept the reports as presented, and second by Deb French.

Pastor's Report - Ed, Joy, Nancy and Pastor Ela participated in the workshop, Facilitating a Pastor via zoom. Those in attendance at our meeting read passages from part of that workshop titled, God's Vision For The Church. There was discussion and comments on the key words that emerged to each member from these passages. The rest of the Pastor's report is attached as part of the minutes.

Committee Reports

Day Care - President Fultz announced that Lisa Lingle has left as Day Care Director. Our previous director, Valerie McTavish has agreed to step in as an interim until we find a replacement. Also, Ed Billich had spoken to Penelec about enlarging the Day Care playground area. It doesn't seem doable at the location suggested due to an existing pole. This will be further discussed with the Day Care.

Music and Worship - Details to the upcoming Holy week services were discussed. Lisa Griffith will be singing at the Maundy Thursday and Easter services at St John's. Refreshments will be available for our Easter service.

New Business

Kelly reported to council of the increase in our insurance premium with The Stewardship Group. This increase is due to rising building values and replacement costs. Discussion was heard on lowering the deductible and/or lowering the replacement cost percentage from 90% to 80% insured, to keep costs down. After discussion, a motion was made by Nancy Pennepacker and second by Deb French to keep our existing policy and to pay the increased cost. Motion carried.

Carol and Jami will provide a schedule of volunteers to Kelly, to have published in the May newsletter for greeters, lay readers, altar care, etc. The schedule will run from June till the end of 2022. This will eliminate the monthly sign up sheets in the Narthex.

A motion was made by Jami Zook and second by Nancy Pennepacker to donate \$500. from the Discretionary Fund to KEYS. This via a previous presentation at St John's by Harold Sharp.

A motion was made by Deb French and second by Nancy Pennepacker to donate loose offering and \$200. from St. John's toward the Stroup Alexander Post 5935 from our upcoming May 29th Memorial Day church service. Motion carried. The local Veterans will be in attendance and having refreshments was discussed.

OLD Business

Reminder - Listening team is scheduled at St. John's for April 23rd.

Ed Billich reported that there is still water coming into the basement kitchen during hard rains. Property committee will discuss unclogging and/or repair of the drain.

Use of St John's Fellowship Hall rules and regulations need updated. Discussion of this was tabled until new admendments are introduced.

Council's next meeting is changed to Wednesday May 11th. Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Deb French and second by Jami Zook. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respect submitted,

Jami Zook, acting secretary