



Dear Friends,

By design, it seems, imperfection is a reality of our human condition. Yet still, love requires imperfection to be an option. All our work is flawed. How marvelous it is that when we make the effort to connect with Jesus, Jesus makes us see things in ourselves and around us that we had not seen before; that is to say, Jesus enlarges our world and helps us see with new eyes. Jesus casts a new light on everything. We can't look at anything the same way after we meet Jesus. We not only know we are forgiven; we act as ones who have been forgiven. We not only know we are a new creation; we act as a new creation.

If we aren't motivated to engage the world around us, then surely, we haven't had our vision corrected yet. The apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17 that if we are in Christ, we are a new creation. When we experience Jesus in this way, we find the layers of illusion and defensiveness are peeled away so we can see things as they really are.

Thank you for joining others on this journey committed to deepening faith and increasing our world, rather than shrinking it, by seeing with new eyes.

I offer this prayer for all of you who minister.

"I imagine it was because of your heart that you went into this work in the first place.

So, I imagine you have a heart that wanted to extend beyond itself, to stretch to love God's people.

*So may God bless the parts of your heart that receive their stories so openly,
and comfort their sufferings so compassionately, and share their joys so thoroughly.*

*And may God also heal the parts of your heart that have been wounded by the very people whose stories you
receive and whose sufferings you comfort and whose joys you share.*

And may God revive the parts of your heart that have grown protectively cold.

And may God protect the parts of your heart that are well-loved by those who know you best.

*And may God gently place God's own heart right behind yours so that the sorrow of those in your care can
move your heart but find a landing place in God's.*

*And may God gently place God's own heart right behind yours so that the love you give in this work can come
through you but doesn't have to come from you.*

*And as the love of God moves from God's heart through your own to those in your care,
may your heart soak up all it needs in the process.*

Because your heart is a human one too, and it deserves to be well tended to."

Amen.

Be blessed!
Pastor Bob

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNE 2022 CONFIRMANDS



Camryn Friz
Alex Vogt
Nathaniel Vogt

Join us June 5 at 9:30 worship for this special milestone celebration.

God bless you and guide you on this important occasion as you continue your faith journey.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION JUNE 12

We are excited to honor this accomplishment by recognizing our graduates during 9:30 worship on June 12 followed by cookies outside on the side lawn. Join us in celebrating this milestone!

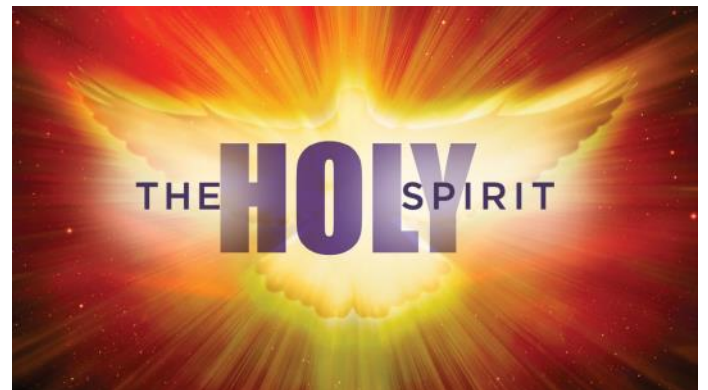


THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

Fifty days after Passover, Jews kept the Pentecost festival, which originally celebrated the wheat harvest but had become the commemoration of the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. As the fiftieth day of Easter, Christians maintained the festival, altering its focus to a celebration of the Spirit of the risen Christ in the church. In an oblique reference to Sinai, the fire of God's word is now on the foreheads of the faithful. In John, all believers receive the peace of the Lord. In Luke, especially the leaders are lauded. Pentecost concludes the Easter season.

This year, the season of Pentecost begins **Sunday, June 5**. On this day we celebrate our being clothed with the power from on high. Now comes the promised Holy Spirit poured out on all, and it is not exclusively, or even primarily, about speaking in tongues. The speech required of us is simple: our response to the Spirit's anointing is to proclaim God's love through Jesus Christ. And this is duty and joy not just for the pastor or church professionals but for every believer.

The church has historically stressed that on Pentecost the Spirit of God came to dwell within the community of believers. Yet since creation, the Spirit of God hovered over the entire earth, giving it life. We pray that we might recognize the Spirit of God hovering over field and forest, mountains and deserts, rivers and seas. (*Sundays and Seasons.com*)



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CELEBRATE OUR FATHER

By: Mel Roth

Each spring, we honor our parents. In May, we honor mothers and this month on the third Sunday (June 19), we will honor and celebrate fathers.

Did you know Father's Day was founded and started at the Spokane (WA) YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. While listening to a Mother's Day sermon at her church, Sonora Smart Dodd was troubled that there wasn't a way for fathers to be honored. Her father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran, raised her and her five brothers after their mother died during childbirth. While the first Father's Day was June 19, 1910, it slowly gained momentum across the country with support of several Presidents, but wars and the Great Depression stalled the official recognition until President Nixon made Father's Day a national day in 1972.

What will you do this Father's Day? How will you recognize and honor your father, a father-like person in your life, the father of your grandchildren, or your neighbor or friend who is a father?

Billions of dollars are spent every year buying gifts for this holiday. Some gifts are lovingly created and handcrafted. While Hallmark makes buying a card easy, the most treasured cards often come from little hands whose words may not be printed straight but are each filled with love. Special meals are prepared. Beautifully decorated cookies or cakes add a special sweetness to the day. Unfortunately, for some, the celebrations are only dreams.

For me, as I'm sure is true with many of you, spending time with my dad is precious. Taking time to stop the busyness of daily routines to share memories, laugh, look at old pictures, gather with family and create new memories not only for my dad and me, but my sons and grandchildren too, is the best! That is joy!

But what will we do to honor and celebrate our heavenly Father? We can't video chat, bake a cake, or mail a gift and card.

Here is what we can do! Let's make this Father's Day, June 19, 2022, one that is not focused only on our earthly Fathers. Celebrate and honor the Creator of all things – our heavenly Father. In Mark 12:30-31, Jesus says, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." Then he added, "The second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these."

Show your love for God, our Father, and take time during this day to do three things: 1) pray; 2) read your Bible; and 3) step up and help someone. The words of these commandments are simple, but to do it is hard. But faith without action is dead (James 2:17).

Put your faith into action this Father's Day – it will be a wonderful gift to God and your faith with works (actions) can change a small piece of the world for the better. This is how we can all be **People Caring for People**.



We're praying for member, George Hill as he bikes cross-country!

As he travels, he'll be raising funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Donate and follow along with his adventures at readysetbike2022.com

SEED POTATO CUTTING SUCCESS!

By: Karen Pollock

I am so grateful for your work in cutting seed potatoes this year.
THANK YOU!

Alone we are nothing, but together we can do great things! The St. John's families keep proving that point. Our Lord asked us to love one another. Our service to this project does just that by providing food to neighbors in need. Together we cut **82 bags** for a total of **4,100 pounds**. The seed potatoes that were cut will be planted at Becker's St. Peters Lutheran Church in Maidencreek Township.

A special thank you to Scott and Becky Scheiry for providing the trailer for transporting the bags. Also, thank you to Charlie Grofe, Jason Friz, Sarah and Jason Eidle, Scott Scheiry, Bill Smith, and Craig and Dave Pollock for doing the heavy lifting. Thank you to Pastor Bob, Becky Scheiry, Shannon Omlor, and Congregation Council for your work and support of this ministry inside and outside of St. John's.



All things work together
for good to those who love God,
who have been called according
to his purpose.
Romans 8:28 (NIV)

Eagle Messenger Article Deadlines

Monday, June 13 for July issue

Monday, July 11 for August issue

Monday, August 8 for September issue

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



RJ Rick is at present living in Gilbertsville, and has always lived in this area. His grandparents were the owners of Rick's Auction. Many of us are familiar with this iconic business when it was located at Zern's.

RJ's professional experience is with heavy truck mechanics. He is also coaching his 9 year-old son Bentley's baseball team.

RJ and Bentley have been attending St. John's for about a month. They decided to become members because each Sunday they came away from the service and Sunday School having learned something new and useful for their spiritual life. Also, RJ believes that his great-grandparents were long standing members of St. John's.

Jesse and Alexis Cook also grew up in the Boyertown area. Jesse is employed by Beyond the Leaf Tree and Shrub Experts. Before becoming a full-time mom to 6 year-old Deaglan and 5 month-old Oliver, Alexis studied at DelVal University in the pre-veterinarian program. Jesse and Alexis also started their own landscaping business, Cook's Material Management. The Cook family now live in the Bechtelsville area on a farm, raising goats and chickens and their family horse.

Pastor Bob baptized Jesse and Deaglan a few years ago, and Alexis's mom has worked with Pastor Bob on several occasions through Building a Better Boyertown. The Cook family felt they had ties to St. John's, which made us their choice for a church home. They hope to become involved in our community outreach projects.



Brandon and Lauryn Levan and their 10 month-old son Declan live in Boyertown as well. Lauren grew up here. Her dad is the owner of Luicana Unique Designs on Philadelphia Avenue in Boyertown. Also, Lauren attended St. John's preschool. We are wondering if Vicky Henry or Missy Endy can share stories of Lauryn's childhood adventures!

Lauren and Brandon met at Bloomsburg University. Brandon studied supply chain management and is currently working for Boston Beer Company, while Lauryn holds a psychology degree. She serves at Creative Health Services in children's blended case management.

Brandon and Lauryn love camping trips. They have enjoyed trips to the Adirondacks and the Finger Lakes of New York. They are football fans; Lauryn cheers for the Dallas Cowboys and because Brandon's early childhood was spent in Minnesota, he supports the Vikings. They both enjoy an early morning coffee on their deck when it is warm enough.



We are so pleased to welcome these new members, and we are thrilled to serve with them as a church family!



CONGRATULATIONS PRESCHOOL GRADUATES!

DID YOU KNOW?

UPON GRADUATION, OUR PRESCHOOLERS
RECEIVED A CHILDREN'S BIBLE
THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF ST. JOHN'S!

*Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray.
Proverbs 22:6*

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

By: Michele Eidle

For many backyard gardeners it's an exciting time of year; planning, planting and watching things grow. This year as you are planning your garden or if you're not a planner but buy your plants as you see them, think of others too. I hope that you've all been hearing the common message at St. John's – Love God and Love One Another. We have a deep desire to help our community and community comes in all forms – neighbors, friends, family, church sisters and brothers, Come to the Table guests, etc. As gardeners, we can help each other by sharing. Food prices are high right now and probably going to go higher. If you are growing a garden and you have extra to share, knock on your neighbor's door and ask if they'd like some vegetables.

I was lucky enough to grow up in the country and I spent a lot of time in my grandmother's garden pulling weeds with her and my Aunt Mildred. She used to tell me stories, explain how things grew. She taught me about life even if I didn't know it at the time. She's been gone for 31 years and I wouldn't trade that time with her and my aunt for anything. If you are lucky enough to enjoy time outside in your "happy place" gardening, remember to thank God while you're there; it's a great place to have a conversation with him. I get nostalgic at wonderful memories of my past but I'm also thankful for everything God blesses my life with - beautiful flowers, vegetables, family, friends, fresh air - way too many things to name. Thank him in your special place even if it's while mowing your yard.

Sharing is an easy way to reach out to someone you may not know. Showing you care even when it may be with someone completely new is a great way to help your community. What do you think about a "Sharing Table" set up with food from your gardens that you'd like to share? These are just thoughts that I have during an exciting time of year for me – GARDENING time! If you are a gardener and you would like to share your garden bounty with our church family, reach out and let me know how you feel and I will see that there is a place set up for us to do that. You can reach me at m.l.eidle@gmail.com or 610-367-9370.

Isaiah 61:11

For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.



STEWARDSHIP RETREAT

On April 29-30, key leaders and staff were invited to a retreat centered on Stewardship. Sharing ideas, growing together in faith, and focusing on who we do the work for - God! Time well-spent in prayer, bible study and having holy conversation.



COUNCIL CONNECTION

By: Jen Friz, Congregation Council President

We begin all Congregation Council meetings with a devotion. At a recent meeting, all attendees were asked to bring a scripture reference that they were connecting to at that time to share with the group. It was one of the most engaging small group moments in which I have participated. Everyone was involved, everyone read their passage, and some shared a little bit about why they found their particular passage helpful or meaningful. Holy conversation!

Here are the passages that the Congregation Council shared (from NIV):

Galatians 6:10 *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

Isaiah 40:28-31 *The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

Romans 7:19 *For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.*

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

Romans 5:1-5 *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

John 16: 33 *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Ephesians 4:29-32 *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

James 1:2-4 *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

Philippians 4:4-7 *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*



SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Join with us this summer as we offer four new learning opportunities!
Descriptions of each study are included below.
Please register on our website from the homepage or through the calendar.
You can also call the church office at 610-369-1024 to sign up.

Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster **(4 sessions) Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 6:30 pm**

Leader: Ros Moatz | Location: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

In the twenty years since its publication, *Celebration of Discipline* has helped over a million seekers discover a richer spiritual life infused with joy, peace, and a deeper understanding of God. Hailed by many as the best modern book on Christian spirituality, *Celebration of Discipline* explores the "classic disciplines," or central spiritual practices, of the Christian faith. Along the way, Richard Foster shows that it is only by and through these practices that the true path to spiritual growth can be found.

Seeing Through New Eyes by Daubert, Fryer and Fryer **(4 sessions) Thursday, July 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 6:30 pm**

Leader: Pastor Bob | Location: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

God is providing everything that we need to do what matters to God. You don't need what someone else has to succeed, or to sit on the sidelines wishing you could be significant. You are significant. You can be the difference. *Seeing Through New Eyes* introduces the theory and theology behind the PAWN process – a simple yet radical way to help you tap into the unlimited potential God has placed inside you.

Simple Church by Thom S. Rainer & Eric Geiger **(4 sessions) Sunday, July 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 10:45 am**

Leader: Jen Friz | Location: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Returning to God's process for making disciples, has been, and remains at the heart of every pastor committed to growing learning communities committed to developing totally devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. From the clean design of Apple products to Google's uncluttered homepage, simple ideas are changing the world. They can change the church as well.

Spiritual Gifts **(3 sessions) Sunday, August 14, 21 and 28 at 10:45 am**

Leader: St. John's Staff | Location: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

After studying leaders of the Bible, we can easily transition into how God might be calling the people in our congregation to use their spiritual gifts. We will study 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 8, to help us flesh out the difference between spiritual and natural gifts. God promises to reveal what God has already given us.



JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00a Middle School West Visit 2:00p Homelessness Task Force	2 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	3 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 8:30a One Boyertown 11:00a William Moeller Calling Hour 11:30a William Moeller Memorial Service	4 4:30p Come to the Table
5 Pentecost 9:30a Worship Celebration Affirmation of Baptism	6 9:00a Leidy-Rhoads/Hartman Meeting 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Joint Parking Lot Committee	7 6:30p Finance Team	8	9 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	10 Synod Assembly 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 8:30a One Boyertown	11 Synod Assembly 4:30p Come to the Table
12 The Holy Trinity 9:30a Worship Celebration Graduate Recognition	13 9:00a Vacation Bible School 5:00p Newsletter Submission 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	14 9:00a Vacation Bible School	15 9:00a Vacation Bible School 9:30a Pottstown Soup Kitchen 7:00p Congregation Council	16 9:00a Vacation Bible School 9:00a Community Leaders 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	17 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 8:30a One Boyertown 9:00a Vacation Bible School	18 4:30p Come to the Table
19 Father's Day 9:30a Worship Celebration	20	21	22	23 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	24 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 8:30a One Boyertown	25 11:00a Maryanne Davidheiser Graveside Service 4:30p Come to the Table
26 9:30a Worship Celebration	27 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	28 6:30p Building a Better Boyertown	29	30 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast		

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Day	Special Service	Lector	Media	Prayers	Sound	Ushers	Video
6/5/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	Pentecost	Affirmation of Baptism	Jay Herbert	Shannon Omlor	Martha Bentley	Myles Omlor	Ros & Brian Moatz, Sandy & Terry Wade	Sarah Eidle
6/12/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	The Holy Trinity	Graduate Recognition	Bev Blake	Sarah Eidle	Andy & Susan Varzally	Myles Omlor	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach, Mike Huber, Thomas Huber	Abbe Grofe
6/19/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	Father's Day	Andy Varzally	Shannon Omlor	Bonnie Moatz	Brianna Rohrbach	Martha Bentley, Mike Gilbert, Jay Herbert, Ed Schaeffer	Nyla Omlor
6/26/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	3rd Sunday after Pentecost		Becky Scheiry	Shannon Omlor	Tom Engle	Chase Sennott	Barbara Houp, Gerry Krause, Carol Sematis, Terry Wadsworth	Jason Eidle
7/3/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	4th Sunday after Pentecost		Jen Schlegel	Jason Eidle	Jean Machamer	Ashley Gheer	Charles Haddad, Phil Haddad, Darin Moyer, Kevin Moyer	Aiden Martin
7/10/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	5th Sunday after Pentecost		Brian Moatz	Shannon Omlor	Mel Roth	Myles Omlor	Becky & Barry Erb, Bunny & Ron Riffle	Scott Scheiry
7/17/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	6th Sunday after Pentecost		Krista Fretz	Shannon Omlor	Sarah Eidle	Brianna Rohrbach	Martha Bentley, Joanne Dykie, Ben Rohrbach, Bill Rohrbach	Sarah Eidle
7/24/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	7th Sunday after Pentecost		Susan Hill	Sarah Eidle	Sue Grofe	Chase Sennott	Bev & Joe Blake, Ros & Brian Moatz	Abbe Grofe
7/31/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	8th Sunday after Pentecost		Missy Endy	Jason Eidle	Nancy Graver	Ashley Gheer	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach, Mike Huber, Thomas Huber	Nyla Omlor

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Mary Dierolf	2	3 Ron Riffle	4 Patricia Burkepile Ethel Sterling
5 Jill Houck	6	7 Michele Frey	8 Jesse Cook Bernice Rader	9 Nancy Edwards Susan Hill RJ Rick	10 Michele Eidle Melanie Whitesell	11 June Kuser
12	13 Charles Alexander	14	15 Jennifer Benfield Robert Leister Jr	16	17 Amy Daub David Miller Samuel Ritter	18
19 Abby Cadwallader Anne Dean Rick Eidle Sr Lily Ritter Brynn Sanders	20 Hailey Kuhamer	21 Sarah Byers	22	23 Alex White	24 Daniel Huber	25 Alaina Derecola Jesse Houser Camryn Young
26 Jean Machamer Marjorie Schaeffer Sandra Schatz	27 Tammy Lloyd	28	29	30		

EAGLE MESSENGER

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to develop
joy-filled children of God who love the Lord
and share God's Word.

We do this by:

- Maintaining a trusting and welcoming environment.
- Praying daily.
- Reading scripture regularly.
- Sharing our faith through action-based service.
- Encouraging holy conversations.
- Feeding our faith with music.

With a focus on:

- Activities that build relationships.
- Worship that is relevant.
- Meeting the needs of the vulnerable in our community.

Return Service Request - Dated Material
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WORSHIP

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

Office Hours (open by appointment)
Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

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