### EAGLE MESSENGER



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### WE'RE EXHAUSTED, TOO! LEARN WHY AND JOIN US IN THANKING GOD.

We've had two years of pandemic-generated fear and anxiety in the world and in the institutional church. Many congregations went into hibernation, if not complete shut-down mode. For others it's been two years of opportunities for growth and realignment to do ministry in an emerging future. A few days ago, our administrative staff paused long enough to reflect on the past two years and concluded our brief session with shouts of "Thank you, Lord!"

So, let's start this letter with a big 'thank you' to those of you who joined in seeing with new eyes the future that God promised – one filled with hope. You are, as social scientists say, early adopters. You see a glimpse of something good and you jump in with excitement and enthusiasm. You drive the late adopters, doubters, and nay-sayers crazy, yet it's undeniable that you are the ones who bring about the necessary change to do more than survive as an organization. You are the ones who help us thrive!

Here is an accounting of how we have thrived. Worship services shifted from in-person to online. This required learning a whole new skill set where we recorded and edited worship services from home so we could stay connected as a worshipping community. Amazingly, not one service was missed since we began our journey through this global pandemic. Pastoral messages greeted you regularly with hope to provide comforting and calming words from scripture. We hosted online bible studies, online hymn sings, and even an online organ recital. Worship was held in the parking lot. With only a handful of worship assistants, we recorded Sunday morning and mid-week services for online and televised viewing. Monday messages from congregation council and congregational leaders helped us get a firm footing at the start of each week by providing inspiring words from scripture to meditate on in preparation for the upcoming Sunday sermon. And how many musicians and vocalists have we been blessed to hear providing us with an opportunity to sample talent in our community that we may not have otherwise heard?

Refreshing our facilities continued into its fifth and sixth and now seventh years without interrupting programming and intentional relationship building. It's always been about making St. John's a safe space for all people. This includes making sure our facility is safe. Following a building and property risk assessment with an organization called Navigate 360, and a walk-through inspection with our fire marshal, we increased security by adding dozens of cameras throughout the building and in our parking lot, installing locked security doors throughout the building, and replacing the pull stations for fire safety and smoke alarms. All the drafty and damaged windows in the preschool building were swapped out for brand new energy efficient windows. The bricks were repointed, and the parish house received a new drop ceiling, a new roof, and new light fixtures to replace the faulty ones. All of this provides increased safety for all who enter this building, especially the 118 preschool students and faculty that come here Monday through Friday. Resulting from the growth in our preschool attendance, we expanded our preschool classroom capability by two rooms, renewed and readied six years ago for just this purpose. With more students and more rooms, more faculty were hired to provide the best preschool in our area.

In our sanctuary we installed the large viewing screen and a new baptismal font created by locally and internationally known artisan, Will Dexter. We added river rock to our landscaping to provide an opening for rain to reach the roots (continued on page 2)



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of our trees so they can be healthy and continue to provide shady resting spots, complete with brand new benches beneath them, for many years to come. I'm sure our neighbors, the six homes on the north side of our facility, appreciated the removal of the overgrowth of vegetation between our properties. Sidewalks and crosswalk curbing are now ADA compliant. The Archive Room has been organized thanks to the skilled and diligent work of Annette Truman, Margaret Harner and Becky Scheiry. All of this took place in 18 months, and all during a global pandemic.

Providing the necessary and appreciated TLC for our facility, pales in comparison to the compassionate care we provided to those we serve. We were privileged to preside at forty-four services for the burial of the dead and accompany the families of these individuals through the process. Our preschool staff offered contact, conversation, and resources throughout the times we were shut down. Members participating in People Caring for People created connections to both inform and invite participation in doing what matters with God. Never forget the foundational starting point of participation is prayer.

One of the most significant ministries providing care to our congregation was the development of our Small Group Learning Opportunities. In fewer than 13 months, we offered 15 quality studies intended to deepen relationships with one another and especially God. These learning opportunities were offered and attended by 66 people (87% of our average weekly in-person worship attendees) with 62% of those participating having attended more than one small group. Best of all, while I taught and Becky offered a course in Grief Care, most of these studies were led by our members. That's called discipleship – the one priority of a congregation it MUST do.

Workshops were offered to all on Stephen Ministry led by Sarah Tees, another on Congregational Decline and How to Intervene led by Pastor Woody Jenkins and still another on Welcoming All People led by Jaime Fivecoat. We provided the worship space for a moving and heartwarming Fallen Comrade ceremony and continued community outreach with a Christmas Big Band concert. We held a fundraiser for Ukraine hosting it at the General Spatz Memorial Museum and raised nearly \$17,000!

Spectacular learning opportunities beyond Small Groups were offered through overnight retreats for men, the worship team, the stewardship team, and congregation council, as well as trips for our youth/confirmation ministry programs to both the New Jersey shore and Washington DC. These have kept us busy! Becky and I attended a yearlong Grief and End of Life coaching course sponsored by the ELCA and credentialled by the International Coaching Federation. During this time Becky's mother died and my father died. Know that we both have appreciated your kind words and your prayers.

We quickly transitioned our brand new Come to the Table ministry from the Fellowship Hall to the parking lot at the beginning of the pandemic. This program provides a free meal to anyone in our community with the intentional 'goal' of building relationships with all people. This ministry instantly engaged over 100 volunteers! We have six teams serving on average 122 meals each

week. We've joined with other congregations and volunteers through Operation 143 a mission committed to providing food to school children in multiple school districts including Boyertown.

A congregation can do many good things. A congregation should do a few important things. There is only one essential thing a congregation MUST do: "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19).

The care we put into the building and into relationships should not be seen as work for the sake of busy work. The work we are doing is scripturally sound. It advances the kingdom. It allows us to join in where God is smiling and where God is crying. Why did I include such a lengthy recap? To encourage us to thank God and to remind us that we can trust God by following wherever God leads us next. Remember God's promise? The Holy Spirit is at work in and through you, reconciling the whole of creation and setting people free.

Be blessed! Pastor Bob

#### A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

#### It's that time of year...





## LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS... IN CUERNEVACA, MEXICO!

By: Jennifer Schlegel

Following our focus on building intentional relationships, living our baptismal promise, and loving God and loving neighbor, members of St. John's will join with representatives of the Wellspring Karitas Foundation for an experiential learning opportunity in Cuernevaca, Mexico in January, 2023.

Wellspring Karitas is a non-profit based in Berwyn, PA, founded by Pastor Bob's mentor, the Rev. Dr. Howard Friend. St. John's Church Council believes Karitas is doing work that makes God smile and has supported their work with a monetary contribution. All of our gifts to organizations come with the responsibility for us to have our hearts and hands involved, too. So this January we will be sending a team from St. John's to join in, to learn, to grow, to contribute, and to serve.

During this six-day trip, participants from St. John's will learn about and contribute to four different collaborative programs: ALEM, La Jugarreta, Resiliente, and Xoxocotla. These programs are led locally and supported by Wellspring Karitas. These specific projects support and center those with physical challenges, children, teenagers, and indigenous peoples.

Intrigued? Stay tuned to learn more in the weeks and months to come!

About Wellspring Karitas (from: www.karitasfoundation.org/vision-and-mision): Karitas Foundation partners with Mexican communities on social, educational, and economic revitalization projects. In collaboration with local efforts, Karitas develops programs, provides technical assistance, and leverages financial support in a spirit of democracy and reciprocity, empowering people to improve their lives and to assist one another in their individual and collective liberation.

Learn more at: karitasfoundation.org



# 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW FROM THE ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

The denomination's first meeting since the pandemic saw the election of the first Asian American vice president, as well as support for the #Landback movement and a long-awaited apology.

August 12, 2022

By: Emily McFarlan Miller

COLUMBUS, Ohio (RNS) — Watching backstage as more than 800 Lutherans sang hymns on the floor of the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton mused, "We haven't been singing like this for a long time together. It's really powerful."

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gathered this week in Columbus for its first Churchwide Assembly since COVID-19 upended churches across the country in 2020.

The triennial gathering brings together members from all corners of the ELCA to hold elections, make declarations and consider legislation guiding the country's largest Lutheran denomination. Their work continued unabated in Eaton's absence Friday (Aug. 12) after the presiding bishop tested positive for COVID despite masking and vaccine requirements.

Here are some of the actions the ELCA Churchwide Assembly took.

#### **Apology to Santa María Peregrina**

Four representatives from Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina in Stockton, California, traveled to Columbus to receive a public apology from Eaton during the Churchwide Assembly.

The former bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod was forced to resign after their abrupt removal of the Latino congregation's pastor on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe sparked outcry across the denomination. Eaton's response afterward — appointing a listening team months later, then failing to immediately act on their recommendations — also drew criticism.

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#### Baptismal Promise - Gifts of Discipleship

LIVE among God's faithful people

HEAR the word of God and SHARE in the Lord's Supper

PROCLAIM the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed

SERVE all people, following the example of Jesus

STRIVE for justice and peace in all the earth

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Do you know why we call our newsletter the Eagle Messenger?



The Eagle is the heavenly creature associated with St. John!



#### **Substitutes Wanted!**

St. John's Preschool is now hiring substitute teachers.

If you love children, and would be interested in a part-time position working in a fun, loving, Christian atmosphere - please reach out to our Director, Amy Willson at 610-367-0197 or awillson@stjohnsboyertown.org.



REGISTER TO HELP ON OUR WEBSITE!

We will be harvesting potatoes (to be donated to local food pantries) at Becker's St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Hot dogs, fresh cut fries and drinks provided on site after harvesting. All ages welcome!

Register online at:

stjohnsboyertown.org/potato-project-reg

Questions?
Contact Karen Pollock at kpollock@ptd.net.

@1:00pm



#### YOUTH RETREAT

By: Jen Friz

For four days in August, 8 youth and young adults along with 3 chaperones participated in a retreat to Washington, D.C. focused on *Loving God and Loving Neighbor*. Over the past few years St. John's has been evolving into a learning community, most visibly through our small group learning over the past year. Our catechism and youth activities also strive to having learning as a key aspect of the programs. During our 2 days in Washington, D.C. we were immersed in an experiential learning environment where we visited: *Museum of American History, Museum of African American History & Culture, Museum of Natural History, the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.* 

All of these are truly powerful environments, rich in facts and history, but they also tell stories that vividly illustrate the struggle, pain and oppression of people due to their differences from those in power. Throughout the trip the students were asked to consider pur-

poseful questions, engage in conversation and activities, and were challenged to think and act outside their comfort zone, consistent with what has been happening within the leadership and throughout our congregation at St. John's.

They were asked to consider 3 questions throughout the trip:

- •What speaks to you?
- •Where are you reminded of something from scripture?
- •Who is your neighbor?

Group discussions and activities included conversations about differences between people's physical traits as well as their thoughts and opinions. The students completed a spiritual gift assessment and authored their own obituaries. The link between their gifts (some expected and some surprising) and what they wanted to be written about them following their death was enlightening for many. It was quite challenging, but these kids were incredible, thoughtful and for most, I think this was an introduction to discerning their purpose – God's purpose for their lives.





Some of the observations from the students:

- The helpfulness of strangers, when you ask for it.
- Differences how seemingly small differences between people can change the fate of their lives.
- The benefits of experiencing the diversity of people and experiencing an environment where we (as privileged white Americans) were the minority.
- How a common purpose or activity (like sports) can provide unity between people who are very different despite an environment of racism and prejudice.

As I have been involved in many of the youth retreats and activities over the past several years, I am grateful for the opportunities that my children have been given to pray, read scripture and engage in holy conversation in a way that most adults are unlikely to experience. And most importantly, they know that they are beloved children of God.



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Small Group Opportunities offered since summer of 2021

66

People participating

#### **PARTICIPATION**



Of our average weekly, in-person worship attendees have participated in a small group

#### MORE THAN ONE



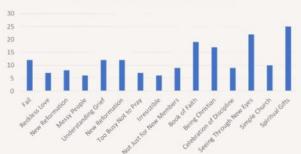
Of those participating, have attended more than 1 small group



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average class attendance

#### **SMALL GROUP BREAKDOWN**





"Celebration of Discipline was definitely not always an easy text. We used discussion among our small group and videos by the author on each chapter also in discussion format to dig deeper into each discipline. More than four sessions were needed to complete the study of this book. We decided as a group to continue study this fall and I look forward to our continuing holy conversations as we discuss and learn together." - Bev Blake

"I've participated in 3 small groups and feel glad to have this opportunity even if it has been later in life. I've been able to gain a better understanding of the Bible by cementing the pieces together that I've read about all these years. Small groups have opened my eyes to knowing people more deeply and intentionally. It's been fun as I've learned more about others as well as the Bible." - Terry Wadsworth

"Somethings I realized from <u>A Simple Church</u>: How does a disciple grow? How can we follow Matthew 22:37 - 39? Let's keep it simple, share a goal, have a plan and work together." - Virga Brown

"The topic of one of the recent small group sessions, <u>Simple Church</u>, caught my attention and interest. My first thought was there cannot be such a thing as a simple church since a church is made up of complex people. My interest moved me to join the group led by Jen Friz. The first chapter started with a quote of Albert Einstein, "Out of complexity, find simplicity". It became evident to me becoming a simple church is not a simple process but rather one of molding those complex people I first mentioned with the challenge of the simple church process repeatedly advanced by the authors and discussed by our group: Love God, Love Others, Serve the World. Is St. John's ready to become a Simple Church? Let's pray and talk about it." - Charles Haddad

MORE OPPORTUNITES COMING THIS FALL. DON'T MISS OUT!



ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL

Growing and Learning in God's Love

#### PRESCHOOL NEWS

By: Amy Willson

September is a time for endings and new beginnings. It carries with it the sadness of the end of summer but also the excitement of "new beginnings" with the start of a new school year. September marks a passage of time - back to school rituals, first day photos and holds memories of starting school not only for your children, but yourself. It is a time of transition, of rituals, reestablishing routines, and a time to focus on moving forward to embrace the coming year.

At the preschool, September marks the beginning of the new school year, and a time of excitement as we welcome back both our returning families and new families to St. John's Preschool. September is a flurry of activity as we finalize our classrooms, solidify lesson plans, prep materials for learning and crafts, and trade in our flip flops. One of my favorite parts of back to school is always the new supplies – cracking open a new set of pretty pens, the folders so perfect without any creases, new notebooks - the paper so white and blank and just waiting, and of course a fun new teacher shirt to start the year.

We can't wait for school to begin and once again have the sweet sounds of laughter and pitter patter of small feet fill our classrooms, our hallways, and our hearts.

As we embark upon this new school year, know that God has something truly special in store for us, and we look forward to sharing those blessings with you throughout the year.

We are so glad to have you as part of our St. John's Preschool family, and we wish you all a year filled with health and blessings.

> Preschool classes resume the week of September 12





PRESCHOOL FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, September 30

PRESCHOOL SCAVENGER HUNT Saturday, October 22

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Eaton said the congregation's response was "very gracious," even if it was hard to hear.

"I think it was a healthy thing to do, and I'm touched by the courage of those four to stand up in front of all these people and say, 'This is how this affected us,'" she said.

Eaton said she plans to visit Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina later this month and will work with the congregation, the synod and churchwide leadership to respond to requests the congregation has made.

#### First Asian American vice president elected

The ELCA elected Imran Siddiqui as vice president of the denomination, making him the first Asian American elected to the highest office a layperson can hold.

"This is surreal," Siddiqui said after the final tally was announced.

The incoming vice president is a senior investigator for the U.S. Department of Labor and current vice president of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, which spans Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. He grew up Muslim and became Lutheran in 2011.

Siddiqui said it was "fantastic" that the top three candidates for vice president were all people of color. They included Roberto Lara Aranda, president of Asociación Luterana de Ministerios Latinos ELCA, and Tracey Beasley, a member of Reformation Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. (Travel guru Rick Steves, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, Washington, also received one vote on an earlier ballot.)

But, Siddiqui said, "That doesn't mean we have solved racism yet. We have a lot of work to do, church."

Siddiqui will take office in November, according to Living Lutheran Magazine. He follows Carlos Peña, who stepped into the role after the unexpected passing of Bill Horne in 2021.

#### Support for #Landback movement

Voting members considered a memorial urging support for the #Landback movement.

In the end, they approved a memorial encouraging ELCA members and entities to support "creative programs of restorative justice in partnership with Indigenous peoples." That can include returning land to the appropriate Native American nations when selling or transferring property.

The memorial also encourages ELCA members and entities to explore making land acknowledgements a part of their public gatherings, to educate themselves about the Indigenous peoples whose land they inhabit and to deepen relationships with Indigenous peoples and tribal nations.

The memorial comes as the denomination announced its Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to American Indian and Alaska Native People for the first time in person at Churchwide Assembly. The assembly also hosted a worship service designed and led by Indigenous Lutherans and an address by National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharp.

#### **Revisions to Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust**

A lot has changed since 2009.

That's when the ELCA adopted its social statement "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust," which allowed Lutherans to hold differing views about same-sex relationships and opened the door for LGBTQ clergy.

Social statements are the denomination's teaching and policy documents.

A memorial authorized a narrow review of the social statement about sexuality to make sure its wording "reflects current church understanding, church policy, civil law, and public acceptance of same-gender and gender non-conforming couples."

A later motion asked that the denomination in particular consider the four positions of "bound conscience" expressed in the social statement. The statement allows that "on the basis of conscience-bound belief," Lutherans may have different views about sexuality and marriage, including the view that same-sex relationships are "sinful."

Revisions could be considered as early as the 2025 Churchwide Assembly.

#### Restructure the governance of the ELCA

Is it time for another Reformation?

Eaton said she thought the idea was "brilliant" when she first heard of plans to consider restructuring the governance of the ELCA, which was formed 35 years ago by a merger of three Lutheran denominations.

"Things are very different from 1980s America," she said.

Voting members seemed to think so, too. They approved a memorial directing the ELCA Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to reconsider the principles of the denomination's organizational structure and the statements of purpose for its churches, synods and the churchwide organization. The memorial instructs the commission to be "particularly attentive to our shared commitment to dismantle racism."

The commission will present its findings and recommendations to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a reconstituting convention.

Source: https://religionnews.com/2022/08/12/5-things-you-need-to-know-from-the-elca-churchwide-assembly/

#### Eagle Messenger Article Deadlines

Monday, September 12 for October issue Monday, October 10 for November issue Monday, November 14 for December issue

#### WORSHIP MINISTRY

Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Day	Special Service	Lector	Media	Prayers	Sound	Ushers	Video
9/4/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	13th Sunday after Pentecost		Michele Eidle	Sarah Eidle	Karen Pollock	Brianna Rohrbach	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer, Ros & Brian Moatz	Abbe Grofe
9/11/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	14th Sunday after Pentecost		Jay Herbert	Sarah Eidle	Molly Byrne	Myles Omlor	Bev & Joe Blake, Charles Haddad, Ed Schaeffer	Nyla Omlor
9/18/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	15th Sunday after Pentecost		Charles Haddad	Shannon Omlor	Friz Family	Chase Sennott	Martha Bentley, Charles Haddad, Barbara Houp, Carol Sematis	Jason Eidle
9/25/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	16th Sunday after Pentecost		Dave Babb	Shannon Omlor	Sarah Eidle	Ashley Gheer	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach, Ros & Brian Moatz	Scott Scheiry
10/2/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	17th Sunday after Pentecost		Randy Rupert	Shannon Omlor	Ros Moatz	Myles Omlor	Charles Haddad, Phil Haddad, Lauren Frey, Bill Rohrbach	Sarah Eidle
10/9/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	18th Sunday after Pentecost		Becky Scheiry	Sarah Eidle	Susan & Andy Varzally	Brianna Rohrbach	Mike Gilbert, Jay Herbert, Ed Schaeffer, Scott Scheiry	Abbe Grofe
10/16/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	19th Sunday after Pentecost		Nancy Graver	Shannon Omlor	Bonnie Moatz	Chase Sennott	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer, Susan & Andy Varzally	Nyla Omlor
10/23/2022	Sunday	9:30 AM	20th Sunday after Pentecost		Karen Pollock	Shannon Omlor	Tom Engle	Ashley Gheer	Darin Moyer, Kevin Moyer, Sandy & Terry Wade	Jason Eidle

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	3 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>4</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>5</b> Labor Day Office Closed	<b>6</b> 10:00a Fire Safety Training	7 Preschool Open House 2:00p Homelessness Task Force 6:30p Worship Team	8 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 6:30p New Member Class 8:00p Worship Broadcast	9 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	10 4:30p Come to the Table
9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship Celebration 1:00p Potato Project	Preschool First Day 5:00p Newsletter Submission 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Joint Parking Lot Committee 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	13 6:30p Finance Team	14	9:00a Community Leaders 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	16 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	17 4:30p Come to the Table
9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship Celebration	19 6:30p Girl Scouts	20	9:30a Pottstown Soup Kitchen 7:00p Congregation Council	10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	24 4:30p Come to the Table
9:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship Celebration – Receive New Members & Baptism	26 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	27 1:00p Women's Fellowship Organizational Meeting	28	29 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 6:30p Council Retreat 6:30p Preschool Family Movie Night	

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Lori Carnes Steph Krause	2 Cindy Richard	3 Margery Sell
4	5	6 Tyler Groff Lynn Lash Robert Sell Leona Stauffer	<b>7</b> Logan Heintz	8 Mike Omlor	<b>9</b> Deaglan Cook Janice Moyer	10 Amanda Martin
<b>11</b> Mary Kay Heimbach	12	13 Kolby Seavers Sharon Shollenberger Hope Strouse	14 Grace Bealer Mike Huber	15 Pele Young	16 Carol Sematis	17 Joan Millard
<b>18</b> Pearl Frederick Rob Martin	19 Virginia Bryan Rick Moatz Mike Rohrbach	20	21 Craig Eddinger Patti Linden	22 Doris Derr	23	24
<b>25</b> Roxanne Eidle Joan Miller	26	27	28 Emmy Block	29 Jennifer Leva	30	1000

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We believe God's purpose for the people of 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 Mailed August 26, 2022

#### 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

Pastor Bob Machamer
Kay Christman, Finance Team
Amanda Ehst, Worship Coordinator
Sue Grofe, Finance Team
Bonnie Moatz, Finance Team
Shannon Omlor, Communications Coordinator
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