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THE ST. JOHN NEWS



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SUNDAY WORSHIP
SERVICE | 9AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
SEPT-MAY | 10:15AM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
WED 9:30AM

KIDS CLUB
NOV-MAY | THURS 3:45-5PM

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

You may find the newsletter to be a little shorter in the coming months, as many things go on break for the summer. Kids Club and Sunday School has already gone on break and the choir will soon have a well deserved rest for the summer. Evelyn recently joined the choir and now that I have personally witnessed the busy schedule that our musicians volunteer for, things you don't think of if you're not 'behind the scenes', I want to personally thank all those involved in providing St. John all the beautiful music Sunday after Sunday. They all deserve some down time and relaxation!

However, after having said that, I see there are still lots of other things going on at St. John all summer long. Seems like nobody at St. John slows down, summertime or no!

In Christ's love and peace,


Becky Robinson

FROM THE PASTOR



*“Let your light
so shine before
others that
they may see
your good
works and
glorify your
Father in heaven.”*

These words are said to the newly baptized in our service of Holy Baptism. You were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In baptism God adopts you as God’s beloved child. Most of you are not able to remember the day of your baptism because you were baptized as infants. Your parents and sponsors gathered around the font and presented you for baptism. The pastor splashed water on your head as they spoke the words. It was a big and joyous day with family and friends gathered for the event. There may have been a special celebration at home with cake and ice cream. But after the grand event, what then? What does baptism mean for your life and the life of the people around you after the day of your baptism?

Your baptism is not a one-time event. Your baptism is not only about you. We typically baptize

during a regular worship service with the congregation present and participating in the service. The parents, sponsors, and the congregation make promises to help raise the newly baptized in the Christian faith. And then in our tradition at some point in the young person’s life they confirm their beliefs, again in public, with the service of Affirmation of Baptism. But as I said, baptism is not only about you. It is about living in community.

In your baptisms you are sent out into the world to be the presence of the love of Christ in the world. “Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” These are not just pleasant sounding words said once during the baptismal service. They are a charge for you to live your life as a light shining in the community. As a baptized child of God you are free from the threat of sin, death and the devil and set free to boldly live your life so that others will experience the love of Christ through you.

Peace,
Pastor Wayne Gallipo

GETTING TO KNOW THE CHURCH COUNCIL; FRANCIS BASSETT



Hello, my name is Frances Bassett. I came to Saint John services at the urging of my friends (Thank you friends!) and it has been my church home for

the last few years. As a member I want to serve the church and congregation in a way that honors our Lord. The warmth of the members of the church are evident in the way they greet each other and visitors attending the church services.

I first came to Fairfield in the late 1980s as a teaching substitute at Fairfield Area School District, was hired full-time as an elementary teacher in 1990 and retired in 2019. I became a resident of Fairfield in 2003 (I had lived in Rouzerville, and if you ever drove over the mountain at Blue Ridge Summit in an ice storm you will know

what a blessing that move was!) Since retirement, time with friends and volunteer opportunities offer ways to stay connected with the community at large. My hobbies include reading, crafts, and my second job as Feline Concierge. (Keeper of the cats.)

My hope for the future of our church is to encourage those who meet us to see Jesus in our interactions, and to invite them to join us in our commitment to serve the Lord both in church on Sunday and as ambassadors of the church the rest of the week. I would hope we continue to grow in faith and continue in our desire to help others. As stated in Matthew 25:35 I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you offered me drink. I was a stranger and you took me in. May God continue to bless our outreach programs and those who participate in them. I hope that each person we encounter feels as welcome as I have felt attending Saint John.

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN

June 1st is music Sunday and the Ladies group would like to thank all of our musicians that make our Sunday services so special. There will be special refreshments after the service to honor all our wonderful musicians-young and old!!!

The yard sale is June 20th and 21st. The ladies of St. John will be hosting a bake sale in conjunction with the yard sale, if you would like to donate baked goods please bring to the church on the June 19th or 20th. Thank you.

Come join the fellowship and support our ministry to church and community. We meet monthly, on the 1st Tuesday at 10:00AM. For more information, contact Nancy Miller or Linda Sanders.



RUTH'S HARVEST

By the time you read this, the 2024/2025 school year will be over, and Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield will have called it a wrap for the year. It's been a great year! While we've packed the last bags for this school year, we'll catch our breath for a few weeks, and then do a final inventory of the pantry and begin planning for the fall. We're hopeful there will be a greater availability of food items from the Pennsylvania Food Bank for the coming year, but that remains to be seen.

We packed 1360 bags this year with an average weight per bag of over 8 1/2 pounds of food. That's a minimum of 11,560 pounds of food for the year! Thank goodness that was done over 34 weeks or our backs couldn't have handled it! We packed extra food in the bags for long weekends and winter and spring breaks so many of those bags were even heavier than the 8 1/2 pounds.

This year on May 14, we had a small but very nice reception at St. John for the volunteer packers and those who deliver the bags to the school after they've been packed. Linda McMullen, our volunteer coordinator, and Barb Booz, our communications coordinator, worked together to make this event very special. We wouldn't be successful without our volunteers, and we wanted each of them to know how much we appreciate their efforts and willingness to give of their time.

Each week we have a different group of volunteers packing the bags, and each group packs two or three times during the school year. The groups this year included volunteers from St. John, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Iron Springs Church of the Brethren, Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church, Wesley Chapel, Fairfield retired school staff, Fairfield 4-H, Trinity Methodist Church (Emmitsburg), Fairfield Teachers, and Church of the Nazarene (Gettysburg). The individuals who delivered the bags to the school were Larry and Sue Hull, Janet Rapuano and Brandy Mosser.

Once again, thank you to all of those who contribute in any way to Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield. We couldn't accomplish this mission and help to satisfy the need of food insecure students without your gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

Linn Wichowski

YOUTH MINISTRIES: SUNDAY SCHOOL & KIDS CLUB

Although Children's Sunday School will not meet on a regular basis during summer, we will be having children's activities after church once a month. June 29th is our first time to meet and it happens to be our church picnic. The picnic is at the church and immediately follows the service, which will begin at 10 for that Sunday. There will be games for the kids after we eat!

FROM THE DESK OF THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



With One Voice, Hand Bell Choir & Children's Choir will be taking a break over the summer. Thank you to all of our musicians for sharing their talents on Sunday mornings, especially to our Of The Land's and Seasons instrumentalists!

If you know of anyone (including yourself) who would like to share their talents with us during worship this summer, please let me know.

Carol Garman

Upcoming dates to remember:

June 1: Music Sunday- Service of scripture & music

June 8: Pentecost

June 9-13: Vacation Bible Fun Week

June 15: Holy Trinity

June 19: Set up for yard sale 1PM, HELP NEEDED

June 20: Yard sale 8-2, HELP NEEDED

June 21: Yard sale 8-12, HELP NEEDED ESPECIALLY FOR CLEANUP

June 29: 10 am service, followed by picnic & kids activities

FAMILY MINISTRIES



In May, Family Ministries sponsored a Mother's Day dinner. Thank you to all who helped prepare, set up and clean up, and thank you to all who attended!

Family Ministries is currently in the process of setting up a Prayer Walk; it will be complete very soon. During the month of June, there will be interactive prayer stations set up



throughout the church and outside. Please take some time to walk through reflect with these engaging stations.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please take a look at some other events happening in the church and within our community.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. -Acts 2:46-47 NIV



Will host an ice cream social and bluegrass music by Bluegrass Chapel Band for local senior citizens on June 11th from 1-3 at the Carroll Valley Borough inside pavilion.
(Ice cream donated by Mr. G's)



Walk and Talk
to



will be held at

Hamiltonban Township Community Park,
4020 Bullfrog Road, Fairfield

on June 18th from 10-12.

Bring your kids and plan to meet new friends for you and your child. Pack a picnic lunch to eat in the pavilion. Popsicle treats for everyone!

Hope to see you there!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

+ For conflicts all over the world; such as South Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe.

+ For Ruthie Fitzgerald as she continues to recover at home.

THANK YOUs

There are always *many* things to be thankful for. Here are some special shoutouts from great members to other great members.

- + Thank you to Becky Robinson for donating & helping Kids Club make t-shirts in May
- + Thank you to Ruthie Fitzgerald for donating a copier/printer for our Sunday School to use.
- + Thank you from Ruthie Fitzgerald for all the wonderful thoughts and prayers from everyone.

ST. JOHN ANNUAL YARD SALE

The annual yard sale will be Friday, June 20th from 8AM-2PM and Saturday, June 21st from 8AM-12PM. Setup will be on Thursday, June 19th. No adult clothing please. Items should be gently used and in working condition. Watch bulletin for drop off details. For more information, contact Carol Garman or Barb Booz.

BAKE SALE

The ladies of St John will be hosting a bake sale in conjunction with the yard sale, If you would like to donate baked goods please bring to the church on the June 19th or 20th. Thank you!

INTERESTED IN SUMMER CAMP? THERE'S STILL TIME AND ST. JOHN MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE COST!

There is still time if you are looking to register your child in summer camp at Camp Nawakwa or Kirchenwald, the church has some funds to help aid the expense for families. Please complete their [online registration form](#) or their [pdf form](#) and make a copy to give to a council member.

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GROUP FOR MEMBERS | St. John Lutheran Church Fairfield, PA

UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUN
9**

Council Meeting
Social Hall
6:30PM

**JUN
9-13**

Vacation Bible
Fun Week
6:00-8:00PM

**JUN
15**

Donuts with Dads
Social Hall
10:15AM

**JUN
20-21**

Yard Sale
June 20: 8AM-2PM
June 21: 8AM-12PM

**JUN
29**

Annual Picnic
Directly After Service

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS *(If you see them, wish them Happy Birthday!)*

JUNE 2 NANCY MILLER

JUNE 19 EMMA & SARAH SIMMONS

JUNE 4 LISA SIMMONS

JUNE 24 ROBERT LUTY

JUNE 13 TAMMY DEARDORFF

JUNE 26 MARTHA SCOTT

JUNE 16 CHRIS COOL

JUNE 29 STEPHEN MCGLAUGHLIN

JUNE 18 BECKY ROBINSON

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