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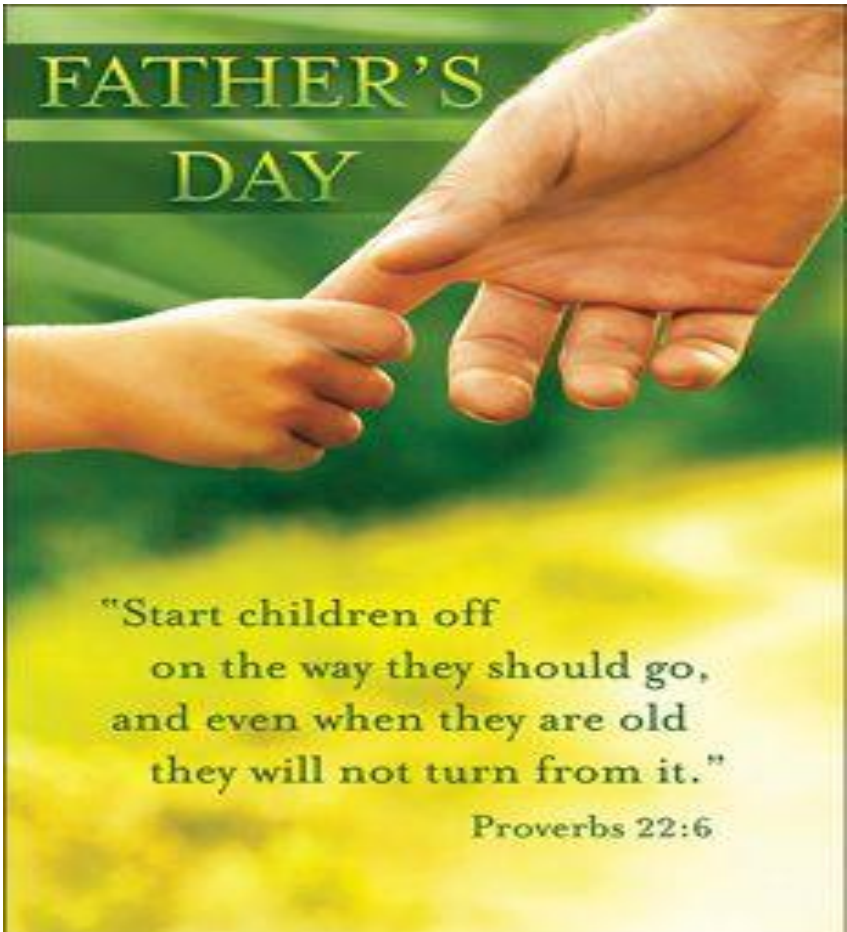
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## June 2026 Newsletter



# Serving in Worship during June

## **Acolytes:**

7: Addy Hendricks  
14: Charlotte Johnston  
21: Harry Rose  
28: Grace Saneholtz

## **Lesson Readers:**

7: Michael Kidston  
14: Jess Hendricks  
21: Mike Shilling  
28: Lonnie Gillen

## **Greeters:**

7: Sue Dewire, Deacons  
14: open, Deacons  
21: open, Deacons  
28: open, Deacons





## June Birthdays

4 – Becky Jaessing  
4 – Kimme Engels  
4 – Brady Steinke  
6 – Emil Whitis  
6 – Stephanie (Baker)  
Johnson  
8 – Lyndsi Engels  
9 – Megan Whitis  
11 – Susan Rockey  
13 – Denice Brown

15 – Josh Fiser  
18 – Mary Lapointe  
19 – Dick Todd  
19 – Cadin Jaessing  
20 – Dale Rockey  
24 – Bill Tarr  
24 – Josh Luke  
27 – Addy Hendricks  
29 – Parker Smith

## June Anniversaries



4 – Dennis & Val Steinke  
6 – Howard & Marilyn Parrish  
10 – Dan & Deb Clum  
18 – Jon & Holly Willson  
20 – Jim & Joni Engels  
24 – Mike & Melinda Shilling  
26 – David & Jennifer Clark  
28 – Ryan & Kati Burt

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

## **“Wonderful Peace”**

Several hymns and songs come to mind when I think about peace. A modern song titled “Peace be Still” reflects on the turbulence the disciples experienced in the storm when Jesus stood up and conquered the storm. “When Peace like a River” considers the peace in our soul when we know that God has conquered our sin. Cornell wrote the words to a wonderful hymn titled, “Wonderful Peace” which says “Peace, peace, wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above! Sweep over my spirit forever I pray, in fathomless billows of love.”

There has been a lot of “peace-robbing activities” in our nation and the world which has many shaking their heads, wondering what’s going on? You get to a point when you are afraid to turn on the news to see what might be happening in your own backyard. The war between Ukraine/Russia is being veiled by the growing aggression in the Strait of Hormuz.

Many wonder about corruption and the abuse of power by Law enforcement. Teenage violence and the accessibility to guns challenge our safety. Home-grown terrorism, radicalization, hate crimes, and the use of common objects (like a truck) to harm is becoming the new battlefield being fought locally and internationally. Distrust is rampant. Relationships are being torn apart. One in four people are becoming estranged from their families. Families are in upheaval and innocent children are often used as pawns in marital battles. Overdose and suicide are on the rise while medical assisted suicide is growing exponentially.

Without a doubt, we need peace “in fathomless billows of love.” We need a peace that is not offered in this world. Not an erasure of violence but a peace that is outside of ourselves; a peace that is beyond understanding, a peace is found only in Jesus who offers us a peace that passes understanding. When Jesus speaks with His disciples, He devotes the entire chapter of John 14 to speak about peace. “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27).

Jesus is telling His disciples that He is going away, but when He does, He will send God the Holy Spirit – the Comforter. This is going to be a difficult thing for the disciples to understand. For you see, they have only

known Jesus. Jesus has told them about the Kingdom of God. Now, Jesus is telling them that He is going to leave them. This must have been very upsetting for them. But, He promises, the Father will send the Holy Spirit and He will help them and guide them. He will remind the disciples about everything Jesus had said to them, taught them and modeled before them, so they could continue to live lives that reflect Jesus to the world. The Holy Spirit would also give the disciples a special gift – the gift of peace.

The word used in the Bible which we translate as “peace” is “shalom.” Shalom does not mean the absence of trouble or difficulty. Jesus even warns them that in following him they will have more problems. Shalom instead encompasses everything which makes for the wholesome and greatest good of the individual. Shalom includes the peace of conquest.

This may sound strange at first. People are at war today. War is about conquering our enemies. Many friendships and relationships are strained by combat, and conflict, caused by the hurtful things done or cruel words spoken. Relationships are being torn apart, instead of coming together. But the Christian needs to look for ways, using the gift of Shalom to help us to look for ways to conquer these divisive battlegrounds and win back a troubled friendship and relationship. When their boat was tossed in the storm, Jesus awoke and said “Peace! Be still! And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm” (Mark 4:39). It is with the Shalom of Jesus that we find the calm in the storms of life and in the broken relationships of this world.

#### TAKE NOTE

Pastor will be away on vacation June 10 to June 20 inclusive and June 27 to July 2 inclusive.

Please contact Jeanne at the church office for pastoral emergencies.

*Rejoice and Prayers for Our New Confirmed Members  
Gia LeAnn Fiser, Addalyn Mae Hendricks, Charlotte  
Grace Johnston, Grace Katharina Saneholtz, and  
LoDena Sue Woods who were confirmed during the 10  
a.m. service on Sunday, May 3. We welcome our fellow  
sisters in Christ as we all carry out the life of this  
Christian community and its mission in the world.*



*Igniting Hope in the Land*

# Worship in the Park

**June 13, 2026**  
**2:00pm-4:00pm**

@ Founder's Park  
400 W. Main St.  
Montpelier, OH 43543

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## Invitation

You are invited to attend an “Evening of Impact” on June 13th at the First Presbyterian Church. Doors will open at 6:30 so guests can enjoy a dessert and then our program will start at 7 pm. We hope to get the message out to those who might be new to LifeWise as well as update those who are already supporting our local Academy. An RSVP would only be needed if invitees are planning to attend as we want to be sure to have enough sweet treats on hand. Please text or leave a voice mail for Sue Kannel at 419-551-4033.

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## ST. JOHN'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Welcome to Rainforest Falls VBS! Kids will step through the mist into Rainforest falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures to lunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

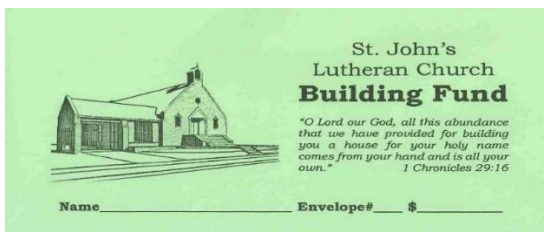
Join us at St. John's Lutheran Church, June 22-26 from 9-11:30am! We will also hold a special Sunday program at St. John's on Sunday, June 28th at 10am to share with the community what we learned during our week at Rainforest Falls VBS. VBS is open to all children preschool to those entering 6th grade. We hope to see you all there!

Please register using the link below!!

<https://forms.gle/Q8rAtj1A6TPucBVGA>

## Building Project Restarted

The Trustees want you to know that Building Project Fund donations are still being accepted now. The new Building Committee members are Ryan Burt, Andy Carlson, Dale Gearhart, and Matt Sloan. More information will be shared with the congregation soon. You can use the green envelopes located in the pews for any donations you wish to give as it has been decided to increase the size of the elevator.



WOTC is Collecting Cleaning Buckets for the Month of June  
1 5-gallon bucket with a lid    1 roll paper towels    2 rags  
2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil)    1 scrub brush  
1 jug bleach (1/2 gal or smaller) Comet or scouring cleanser  
1 Pine Sol or liquid floor cleaner    Gloves - 1 pair each,  
size L preferred: cotton, leather, and rubber (reusable,  
i.e. Playtex or dishwashing type)



**NO** WOTC (Women Of The Church) Board Meeting minutes from May. They have decided to meet quarterly. Next meeting is June 14 at 9 a.m.



**NO** St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting minutes from May. They have decided to meet quarterly. Next meeting, July 12 at 11:30 a.m.