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JUNE 2017

PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

The month of June brings with it the promise of summer. We all begin to dream of warm days with daylight that stretches late into the evening. The children – and their teachers – are counting down the days until school will be finished for this year. Parents are trying to plan what programs will keep their children occupied and safe during the summer months, and hopefully planning some relaxing vacation time as well.

Everyone enjoys a break in the summer, however, as the rhyme goes, "the church is not a building, the church is not a resting place, the church is the people!" We offer a more relaxed worship experience for the summer but we still need volunteers for it to happen. Several people have asked to be off the schedules for the entire summer or an extended period of time. That has left us with a very small group of dedicated people to serve everyone. If you are one of those people, we are asking you to reconsider and give Jeana a few dates when you will be available so she can prepare the new schedules. We are all in this together!

I always joke that the church is like the retail business, we are always one, if not two seasons ahead. Although we also look forward to a more relaxed pace in the summer, we have to plan for the months that will follow.

Last year we had a very successful church fair which coincided with the Bellmore Street Festival. It was put together on very short notice, so the intention has been to begin planning ahead for the fair this year. If you have any ideas or are interested in volunteering, please speak to Deacon Charlene and Congregational Life members to offer your suggestions and assistance.

We are also desperately in need of volunteers for other positions. It just isn't fair that a small group of people make church possible for everyone else. The more volunteers we have, the less often each person has to serve. Please search your heart and find a place where you can pitch in to help at Saint John. We need: altar guild members, assisting ministers, ushers, and, although everyone looks forward to coffee hour, it is only made possible by a very small group of dedicated people.

Christian education has been blessed with some new volunteers for next year, but we can always use additional help. Please speak with Jennifer Cline Sargent if the Spirit has moved you to help with this essential ministry.

Last but not least, we need you to attend worship. Our representatives attended a workshop on Congregational Vitality at the synod assembly and they found that we met the ten criteria of vital congregations. However, attendance has been steadily dropping, and with that, giving. It won't matter if we meet the other criteria if we don't gather together on Sunday for worship and fellowship and if we can't afford to maintain our ministry. We need each and every person to renew their commitment so Saint John will remain vital for the future!

May we be inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit working through us! *Pastor Cline*

SAINT JOHN MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a community of faith that is: gathered for worship and fellowship, empowered by Scripture and the Sacraments, strengthened for service and sent forth as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

STAFF AT SAINT JOHN:

- *Pastor: Rev. Laurie Cline*
- *Synodical Deacons: Ms. Charlene Drewes Ms. Mary Barberio*
- *Office Manager: Ms. Jeana Dwyer*
- *Newsletter Editor: Ms. Jeana Dwyer*
- *Congregational President: Ms. Suzanne Ryan*
- *Organist & Choir Director: Ms. M. Quinn Anderson*
- *Sexton: Mr. Nikolai Dovirak*

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WORSHIP HELP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

6/3
Acolyte: Erin Dwyer
Altar Guild: Christa Tuccillo & Renate Petschauer
Lector: Aidan Sargent
Ushers: Ira Bergman & Andrew Vogel
Assisting Minister: Nicholas Waldron
Communion Assts: Jeana & Lise-Anne Orlich
Greeter: Bill Schurade
Coffee Hour: Erin & Jeana Dwyer

6/10 (Music Sunday/P & A)
Acolyte: Aidan Sargent
Altar Guild: Nancy Dineen
Lector: Marion Schurade
Ushers: Suzanne Ryan & Corey Bogen
Assisting Minister: Christa Tuccillo
Communion Asst: Tom Sargent
Greeter: Ed Cline
Coffee Hour: Sue Bogen & Tracey Schaeffer

6/17 (Youth/Confirmation)
Acolyte:
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bergman & Dcn. Charlene Drewes
Lectors: Youth
Ushers: Andrew Vogel & Nicholas Dowling
Assisting Minister: Nicholas Harper
Communion Asst: Lise-Anne Orlich
Greeter: Stephen Dowling
Coffee Hour: Marion & Bill Schurade

6/24
Acolyte: Collin Roulston
Altar Guild: Christa Tuccillo & Renate Petschauer
Lector: Barbara Altman
Ushers: Sue Bogen & Thomas Simone
Assisting Minister: Dcn Mary Barberio
Communion Asst: Marion Schurade
Greeter: Frank Branciforti
Coffee Hour: Karen & Tom Brucia

June Counting Schedule:
6/3 Jeana Dwyer & Suzanne Ryan
6/10 Jennifer Pagano & Jack Waldron
6/17 Dcn. Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren
6/24 Jeana Dwyer & Suzanne Ryan

THANK YOU

- To all of our Christian Education staff for another great year of learning and fun.
- To Barbara Waldron for coordinating the last day of Sunday School activities.
- To Marion Schurade & Renate Petschauer for tending the garden.
- Thank you to Kathy Strouse for coordinating the Pentecost breakfast; to set-up team Tony & Marion Elicati, Nancy Kamps-cook & Angel Zamora, Lori Vanderwaren & Kathy & Jim Stouse; clean –up team Tony & Marion Elicati, Lori Vanderwaren, Nancy Kamps-Cook, Frank Branciforti & Kathy & Jim Strouse; chefs Ed Cline, Frank Branciforti, Jim Strouse & Dcn, Charlene Drewes.
- Thank you to Dcn. Charlene & Frank Brnciforti for the delicious new breakfast items of frittatas and home fries at the Pentecost breakfast.

DONATIONS

Designated to the youth fund:

In honor of:
Lillian Guise on her 99th birthday
&
Rev. Laurie B. Cline on her upcoming retirement
By Susan & Stanley Casto

Congratulations

To Ashlyn Schurade who graduated from Adelphi University with her Bachelor of Science in Social Work. She is now working as a drug and alcohol counselor at Adelphi.

To Thomas Waldron who graduated from Columbia Law School.

Thank you

to everyone who called, sent a card, stopped by or just offered a positive thought for my recovery. I am so grateful!

Brad

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5 Melanie Bogen
10 Glenna Creighton
10 Richard Green
13 Lillian Guise
16 Nicholas Palmese
17 Logan Kugler
18 Lise-Anne Orlich
22 Tom Brucia
22 Ethan Kugler
23 Carol Glen
23 Vivian Devens
24 Stefanie Simone
27 Jesse Robinson
28 Makenzie Medico

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday in June Please notify the office if your birthday was inadvertently left off the list.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:
Blake William Anton
Paisley Rae Anton
Sunday May 6, 2018

First Holy Communion:
Khloe Klatman
Makayla Mooney
Sunday May 20 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Help us to provide good pastoral care by keeping the church up-to-date with what's going on in your lives as part of God's family. Please call or email the church office and let Pastor Cline know if…

* You are in need of prayer
* You are ill or hospitalized
* A family member dies
* You wish to be married
* You wish to be baptized or have a child baptized
* You wish to receive communion
* You are moving, or have changed your contact information
* You would like to join Saint John

Contact the office for emergencies at (516) 785-4331 or stjbellmore@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School children did a great job singing *Gracious Spirit Heed Our Pleading* on Pentecost Sunday. Thank you to Jennifer Cline Sargent and Quinn Anderson for their hard work with our students for these special performances.

It is hard to believe that the year is coming to an end already. Our last day of Sunday school will be on Sunday June 3. We hope that everyone will attend since Mrs. Waldron always plans something special for the children every year to celebrate.

We thank all of our hard-working staff and teachers for their commitment to our children and wish them a well deserved summer of rest! Please watch for the date of our annual planning meeting for Christian Education.

If there is anyone who wishes to volunteer their time to Christian Education as a teacher or substitute teacher please see Jennifer Cline Sargent.

WOMEN OF SAINT JOHN

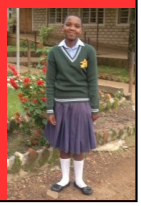
Please join us for our year end Ladies Night Out which will be held at Piccolo on Thursday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.. If you wish to attend please see Deacon Charlene Drewes or email her.

The next Ladies Night Out will be in September. If you have an idea for a future event that you think everyone will enjoy please contact Deacon Charlene at.

snoflake41@aol.com

Thank you!

The Pentecost breakfast was a huge success.
$455 was raised for Renatha's tuition.
What a wonderful way to celebrate
the Holy Spirit!



Financial Update

As of April 2018 our giving is down $1,677 from what we received in 2017 and our total receipts are down $1,091. Our expenses for this period are $2,168 higher than in 2017.

The Finance Team

Save The Date

Agape Supper
Thursday, July 19

This year our supper will be a potluck.

Bingo Night
Saturday, July 21

This year we will be starting earlier & serving pizza. Everyone should bring a dessert to share.

Pastor's Retirement Luncheon
Saturday, July 28

We will be celebrating at the Plattduetsche from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Be on the lookout for more details about all of our upcoming events.

Special Services

Contemporary Worship with St. Francis
Saturday, June 9

3:00 p.m. work in garden
5:30 p.m. worship service
6:15 p.m. potluck meal
1692 Bellmore Avenue
N. Bellmore, NY 11710

Music Sunday
Sunday, June 10

Youth Sunday & Confirmation
Sunday, June 17

NEWS AND NOTES

Dear members of Saint John Lutheran Church:

We, at the Freeport INN greatly appreciate the very generous gift of $304.38 we received from you this month. Your annual donations from the offerings you receive during Maundy Thursday and Good Friday go "above and beyond" the year-round lunchtime entrée you provide on the second Wednesday of each month for a community of people who seem to be invisible… As you very well know, every act of random kindness has the power to make a difference in someone's life…Thank you so much for your generosity to the soup kitchen.

Most Sincerely,
Marian Hart

Dear Reverend Cline,

On behalf of the Long Island Council of Churches' Board of Directors, staff, and the hungry Long Islanders we serve, I thank you for your contribution of $304.37. This gift will significantly support our Emergency Food and Family Support Program helping our Neighbors in need. The LICC shall use your gift to support our ministry in serving our regions' most vulnerable individuals and families…the LICC offers educational workshops to give our Neighbors the knowledge and skills to improve their financial well-being, avoid homelessness, get out of predatory loans, and cut energy costs through financial planning…I thank you again, for blessing the Long Island Council of Churches.

Grace & Peace,
Thomas E. Wallace

FOOD FOR THE MONTH

June is our month to support the Lutheran Social Services of New York – Hunger Prevention Program at the New LIFE Center-Long Island. Food is needed for the elderly, the unemployed and for families with children. You can help by contributing items from the list below.

Non-Perishable Items
Rice (1 pound bag/box)
Pasta (1 pound bag/box)/macaroni & cheese, spaghetti
Pancake mix/syrup
Sugar/coffee/tea/hot chocolate/ powdered milk/flour
Cookies/cake mix
Cereal (cold & hot)

Canned Goods
Juices/fruits and fruit cocktail
Meats/tuna fish
Pasta sauce/Tomato sauce
Beans/vegetables/soup
Peanut butter/jelly/jam

Condiments
Grated Cheese/ketchup/mayonnaise/ mustard/salad dressing/oil

Baby Items
Formula/baby food/diapers/shampoo/ wipes/lotion
Baby clothing (new or used size 0 to 24 months)

Personal Items
Paper products/paper towels/napkins/ Shampoo/soap/toothpaste
Toothbrushes/shaving cream
Plastic grocery bags (new or used)

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Blessings to all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and men who nurture our children and serve as role models for them!

What a beautiful way May began! After a harsh winter and strange spring, May finally brought the sunshine! But, along with the sunshine comes the rain. We have all been made aware of Pastor Cline's retirement and Ed's departure from Saint John in July. We will miss their dedication and devotion to the members of Saint John, the Bellmore community and yes, beyond. I am confident that even in the midst of our sadness we will continue the good work that has always been done here at Saint John. May God's grace shine upon the faithful disciples here at Saint John during this transitional period.

Let us begin by lifting up Susan Bogen who graciously stepped up to deliver grocery donations to the New Life Center as we continue our prayers for Ed Finn during his recovery. This past delivery was 87 lbs. of food.

Books, old sheets & material scraps, gently used/cleaned clothing and new infant wear continue to be in need. We are grateful for your concern and devotion to those in need - and may you be blessed for your helping hands and/or financial donations.

There are many ways to assist the Social Ministry committee with their work. Anyone interested in volunteering should see Deacon Mary.

Thanks and Blessings from the Social Ministry/ Outreach Committee Team

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

We give thanks to our meal preparers as they to continue to provide three hot trays of nutritious food to those in our surrounding communities whose funds may be compromised. Cooking for the I.N.N. is on Tuesday, June 12, starting at 5:30 pm. ***Helping hands are always welcome.***

We lift up our LWR quilters who have created over 45 beautiful blankets that have been blessed and sent for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. They will be breaking for the summer at the end of June but will begin meeting again in September. If you are interested in joining them in September please see Barbara Altman for details. More volunteers are needed to keep this very important ministry going. There are many ways to help so sewing skills are not a must.

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				.	1 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	2
3 **2nd Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** **Last day of Sunday School** **Pinecrest Presentation**	4	5 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:oo p.m.**	6	7 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.** Island Quilters 12:00 p.m./Adult Bible study 12:00 p.m.	8 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	9 **Shared service with St. Francis—3:00 p.m. garden/5:30 p.m. worship/6:15 p.m. pot-luck supper**
10 **3rd Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** **Music Sunday/Celebratory coffee hour for Pastor's ordination anniversary** **Council meeting**	11	12 **INN Cooking 5:30 p.m.** **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	13	14 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m./**Island Quilters 12:00/Adult Bible study 12:00 p.m./**Ladies Night Out 6:30 p.m.**	15 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	16
17 **4th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** **Youth Sunday** **Confirmation**	18	19 *Eagle Deadline* **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	20	21**LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m./**Island Quilters 12:00 p.m./Adult Bible study 12:00 p.m./**Belair 2:00 p.m.**	22 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	23
24 **5th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**	25	26 **Tai chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	27 **10:00 a.m. Bible study**	28 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m./**Island Quilters 12:00 p.m./Adult Bible study 12:00 p.m.	29 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	30

National Youth Gathering

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, June 3 – Last day of Sunday School, Pinecrest presentation
Saturday, June 9 – Shared worship with St. Francis—Garden 3:00 p.m./worship
service 5:30 p.m./potluck meal 6:15 p.m. ***(location St. Francis)***
Sunday, June 10 – Music Sunday, Council meeting following worship
Thursday, June 14 – Ladies Night Out 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 17 – Youth Sunday, Confirmation
Tuesday, June 19 – Eagle Deadline
Thursday, June 28—Sunday, July 1 – National Youth Gathering in Texas

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