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JULY/AUGUST 2018

PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

Thank you for the special coffee hour to celebrate my 20th anniversary of ordination. The cakes were delicious – I enjoyed a small piece of each and there wasn't a crumb left over! I began at Saint John as a "Residency Pastor," a special program that was by invitation only and was extended to people over 40 years of age who had considerable experience as lay members of congregations. We were called by and served our congregations for a year and were then ordained. At the conclusion of that first year I was called by Saint John in the normal process and was ordained. That is why I have served 21 years but have been ordained for 20 years.

We have been blessed with beautiful weather as the summer season begins. We have also been blessed with many joyful events that wrapped up the academic year – the children had fun on the last day of **Sunday School**, the choir sang beautifully on **Music Sunday**, the youth very capably led us in worship on **Youth Sunday** and as a special blessing we confirmed four of our young people. Eight of our youth and two chaperones are attending the **ELCA National Youth Gathering** June 27-July 1!

Long Range Planning had a successful meeting to begin plans for the **church fair** in September which coincides with the Bellmore Street Fair. Please participate as you are able.

Deacon Charlene has a sign-up sheet for our **Agape meal** on July 19. Please tell us what you will bring to share so we can plan the worship around the meal.

Deacon Mary is planning a baby shower for New Life on **"God's Work, Our Hands Sunday"** on September 9. That is also **Rally Day** for Sunday school and our students age 10 and up along with any confirmed youth and adults who are interested will be working at the **Garden at St. Francis Episcopal Church** on that day. There will be a sign-up so Susan at the garden knows how many to expect.

We are happy to have so many things going on and so much to look forward to!

Please remember, even though it is summer, God does not go on vacation and neither does Saint John. We need your presence at worship and your offering. As I mentioned last month, 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 less than the past, and with that, giving. It won't matter if we meet the other criteria if we don't demonstrate good attendance 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!

I will miss you and keep you in my prayers, waiting to hear good news as you journey together through the transition period and ultimately call a new pastor. You will be in good hands with Deacon Margy from the synod office, President Suzanne Ryan, the transition team and the council. It is your passion for the Good News of Jesus Christ, your trust in God and your faithful participation that makes the church thrive!

You have been a blessing to Ed and I and will always be in our hearts and prayers! *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: Mrs. Charlene Drewes Ms. Mary Barberio*
- *Office Manager: Mrs. Jeana Dwyer*
- *Newsletter Editor: Mrs. 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 JULY/AUGUST

7/1
Acolyte: Nolan Mooney
Altar Guild: Nancy Dineen
Lector: Phyllis Oehler
Ushers: Ed Cline & Ed Finn
Assisting Minister: Christa Tuccillo
Communion Asst: Tom Sargent
Coffee Hour: Carol-Ann Kehrbaum & Renate Petschauer

7/8
Acolyte: Elizabeth Kamelhar
Altar Guild: Kathy Strouse & Lori Vanderwaren
Lector: Aidan Sargent
Ushers: Suzanne Ryan & Sara Forchelli
Assisting Minister: Ira Bergman
Communion Asst: MarionSchurade
Coffee Hour: Erin & Faith Dwyer

7/15 (prayer & anointing)
Acolyte: Eric Sargent
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bergman & Dcn. Charlene Drewes
Lector: Jennifer Cline Sargent
Ushers: Tom Sargent & Andrew Vogel
Assisting Minister: Dcn. Charlene Drewes
Communion Asst: Margaret Neverka
Coffee Hour: John & Margaret Neverka

7/22 (prayer & anointing)
Acolyte: Melanie Bogen
Altar Guild: Christa Tuccillo & Renate Petschauer
Lector: Corey Bogen
Ushers: Sue Bogen & Gail Tomasulo
Assisting Minister: Nicholas Waldron
Communion Asst: Lise-Anne Orlich
Coffee Hour: Sue Bogen & Tracey Schaeffer

7/29
Acolyte: Collin Roulston
Altar Guild: Nancy Dineen
Lector: Nancy Kamps-Cook
Ushers: Ed Cline & Steve Dowling
Assisting Minister: Dcn. Mary Barberio
Communion Asst: Dcn. Charlene Drewes
Coffee Hour: Sue Bogen & Tracey Schaeffer

8/5
Acolyte: Erin Dwyer
Altar Guild: Kathy Strouse & Lori Vanderwaren
Lector: Carol-Ann Kehrbaum
Ushers: Sara Frochelli & Suzanne Ryan
Assisting Minister: Gail Tomasulo
Communion Asst: Marion Schurade
Coffee Hour: Marion & Bill Schurade

8/12 (service of the Word)
Acolyte: Elizabeth Kanelhar
Altar Guild: Christa Tuccillo & Renate Petschauer
Lector: Phyllis Oehler
Ushers: Ira Bergman & Thomas Ziminski
Assisting Minister: Christa Tuccillo
Communion Asst: N/A
Coffee Hour: Carol-Ann Kehrbaum & Renate Petschauer

8/19
Acolyte: Nolan Mooney
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bergman & Dcn. Charlene Drewes
Lector: Marion Schurade
Ushers: Bill Schurade & Andrew Vogel
Assisting Minister: Ira Bergman
Communion Asst: Dcn. Charlene Drewes
Coffee Hour: Marion & Bill Schurade

8/26 (service of the word)
Acolyte: Melanie Bogen
Altar Guild: Nancy Dineen
Lector: Barbara Altman
Ushers: Corey Bogen & Bob Altman
Assisting Minister: Gail Tomasulo
Communion Asst: N/A
Coffee Hour: Sue Bogen & Tracey Schaeffer

July & August Counting Schedule:
7/1 Jennifer Pagano & Jack Waldron
7/8 Jeana Dwyer & Suzanne Ryan
7/15 Deacon Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren
7/22 Marion & Tony Elicati
7/29 Bob Altman & Nancy Kamps-Cook
8/5 Jeana Dwyer & Suzanne Ryan
8/12 Jennifer Pagano & Jack Waldron
8/19 Dcn. Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren
8/26 Marion & Tony Elicati

THANK YOU

- To Quinn Anderson & our senior choir - Tom Brucia, Jennifer Cline Sargent, Nancy Kamps-Cook, Phyllis Oehler, Marion Schurade, Russell Tomasulo & Caroline Vogel - for all the nice selections on Music Sunday.
- To our youth - Corey Bogen, Nicholas Dowling, Faith Dwyer, Sara Forchelli Nicholas Harper, Lise-Anne Olrlich, Olivia Orlich, Sophie Orlich, Jessica Pagano, Nicole Pagano, Aidan Sargent, Caroline & Andrew Vogel for leading worship on Youth Sunday. Thank you also to our youth choir and Sunday School children for singing during the service.
- To all who participated in the 50/50 raffle for the youth fund
- To Ed Cline & Bill Schurade for starting up the sprinkler system.
- To Nancy Kamps-Cook and Angel Zamora for their hard work in the garden at St. Francis
- To Barbara Waldron for once again planning a fun last day of Sunday School for our children
- To Marion Schurade for tending the gardens
- To Deacon Charlene for purchasing a delicious chocolate cake and Linda Smith for baking her famous crumb cake to celebrate Pastor's ordination

JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 Thomas Ziminski
6 Cole Drewes
9 Margaret Neverka
13 Collin Roulston
22 Kelcie Roulston
23 Mary Brick
25 Christa Tuccillo
25 Eva Leis
25 Elizabeth Kamelhar
26 Nancy Dineen
27 Erin Dwyer
29 Gavin Mooney

PASTORAL ACTS

Confirmation:

Sara Forchelli
Olivia Orlich
Sophie Orlich
Aidan Sargent

Sunday June 17, 2018

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone for remembering that it is important to keep up your giving over the summer even when you may be on vacation. Most banks offer the ability to set up a payment in advance or you can even just mail it in the old fashioned way. Otherwise, you can make it up when you return.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

7 Sue Bogen
10 Jaclyn Messina
19 Hope Leys
22 Kylie Goodlin
31 Charlotte Mooney

Congratulations to everyone celebrating in July & August. Please notify the office if your birthday was inadvertently left off the list.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 9, which is also God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. The older children (ages 10 and up) can go to St. Francis and help in the garden, along with any older teens and adults who would like to help out. There will be a sign-up sheet at church so we can give Susan an idea of how many people she will have to help her. Everyone is also urged to bring an unwrapped item for the baby shower we are having for New Life Center that day. Items can be brought in ahead of time, please see Deacon Mary with any questions.

We are still in need of a couple people to help out with Christian Ed in the fall, please see Jennifer Cline Sargent if you are interested. It doesn't have to be an every week commitment, we have team teachers and some people who just substitute when necessary. If you are on staff (or would like to be!), please watch for our annual planning meeting this summer and bring your ideas! Enjoy the summer.

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, June 17, 2018 four of our youth affirmed their baptism at their confirmation. Below are the essays they wrote about what confirming their faith means to them.

Sara Forchelli

Confirmation means being admitted as an adult member of the church. Confirmation means to me a fresh start on being a Christian. God has always loved us and accepted us. Whenever we make mistakes God never gets mad. He knows we are all human and make mistakes that some we regret. Confirmation is a special time for everyone at this age. Confirmation means renewing my baptismal promises my parents and godparents made for me. The saddest part of getting confirmed is no more confirmation class with Nick and Tom, which is always interesting.

Some of my favorite memories at Saint John Lutheran Church were during Christmas we would have the pageants. When I first came to this church I was in second grade and I was a shy little girl who came into Sunday School one day with no one I knew. Over the years I learned a lot about God and how fun Sunday School cane be. We would practice during the winter our special parts for the pageant. My first character I had I think was an angel, I was super nervous but my friends Sophie and Olivia helped me out and we had a fun time. My First Holy Communion was also a great memory at St. John. I finally felt part of the church and the first time I tasted the wine I didn't like it but then it grew on me. Bill Schurade would always tease me and joke around about "trouble I was always in" and say he would always be watching me, kind of scary when you were an 8-year-old. Easter was also a very special time for me and I had a lot of fun. We would make resurrection cookies and learn how Jesus was raised from the dead and then eat the delicious cookies. After church on Palm Sunday we would have our Easter egg hunt and run around and try to find as much eggs as we could. When I was getting older during the years at St. John I understood more of the church and found it more interesting. Mrs. Guise would always surprise me with special little gifts I would love. She always had that sweet smile and kind personality. I enjoyed telling her about my week during coffee hour.

Olivia Orlich

Going to church for me means opening up to God and trusting him with my life to choose what is right for me. It is about Christ, who died on the cross for our sins and I come to worship in thanks for that. Church is also a time to repent, and God to forgive all of my sins. Church is also about healing. I can go to church broken down and not feeling myself, and leave healed. The past years in church have been the most memorable for me, because I've really started to understand the true meaning of church and what actually happened back then.

My favorite part about church is being able to go to confirmation class after Mass because it is the most fun with Tom. (I really don't get what everyone said was so bad about it anyway.) I've learned so much at my time at Saint John Lutheran Church and I am truly happy to say thank you for everything. I really look forward to going to church every Sunday, because I can really let go there. The past year has been very difficult for me and I don't think I could have done it without all of your support and prayers.

CONFIRMATION ESSAYS (CONT.)

I really look forward to see what the future brings me and I know that God will be by my side through it all. I thank the congregation and you, the most, Pastor for everything and all you have ever done.

Sophie Orlich

I, Sophie Orlich, believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Confirmation to me means that I am now more mature and have a better understanding about God and my beliefs. One of my special moments with the church is when we all come together as a family and help others who are in need. I love when we help with the Garden at St. Francis and share services. I believe that God is always with me and is watching over me and my family. I believe that God will always forgive me of my sins and will always love me. Throughout my years of going to church, I feel that I am closer to God and I understand who God is and what he does for our lives.

I am excited to see what my future at Saint John brings.

Aidan Sargent

For me, confirming my faith means that I've established the fact that I believe in the Lutheran religion. Baptism seems similar, but baptism is for Christians as a whole, and usually, your parents do it for you, unless you convert to Christianity as an adult. Confirmation is confirming that the faith that started at your baptism (that you've learned more about as you've grown older) is the faith that you want to continue to believe in. I've been a member of Saint John since birth, and I think some of my fondest memories at Saint John were the last days of Sunday school. When I was younger, I used to have so much fun running around and playing the games that Mrs. Waldron set up. Another memory that stands out for me is Summer Fun Day. It's a day full of food and fun, and I just remember everyone, adults and children alike, having so much fun on those days. Confirming my faith is a big deal, and that is what it means to me, as well as my fondest memories at Saint John. I know that God is always there for me when I need him, and I know that he will continue to help and guide me as I start my journey as an adult member of St. John.

Lutheran Social Services of New York

You can help a child in need this school year through the New LIFE Center – Long Island by donating any of the school supplies listed below. Many children do not have the basic supplies necessary for beginning their school year and your donation will help a child start their year off right! Please have items delivered to:

New LIFE Center – Long Island no later than Sunday August 5

3-ring binders
Assignment books
Book bags
Colored pencils
Composition notebooks
Construction paper
Crayons
Erasers
Folders
Glue/Glue sticks
Loose-leaf paper
Lunch boxes
Pencil boxes
Pencils
Pens
Rulers
Scissors
Spiral notebook

You're invited to a Baby Shower!

In Honor of: New Life Center
When: Sunday, September 9, 2018 During Coffee Hour
Where: Howe Room — Saint John Lutheran Church
Details: Please bring new unwrapped baby items for donation to New Life Center. A list of suggested items is below:

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Wipes
- Balmex/A&D ointment/etc.
- Powder
- Formula
- Bottles
- Baby Food
- Baby cereal (dry)
- Baby shampoo/soap
- Clothing
- Onesies
- Receiving Blankets
- Burp Cloths
- Lap pads

Items for shower can be dropped off in the box in the Howe Room or brought directly to the shower on Sunday, September 9.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Blessings of summer fun with family and friends during these sunny days of summer.

June is our pledge month of stocking the pantry at New Life. Blessings to ALL who faithfully donate food, clothing, books (etc.) and/or funds to outreach on a regular basis.

As we get closer to July 31 we are thinking more and more about the retirement of God's dear and faithful servants Pastor and Ed Cline and that we will also be bidding farewell to Lillian Guise at this time. Each has been so important to sustaining Saint John and helping to bring our ministry to the local community and beyond. Let us honor them and our Triune God by continuing to support the ministries of Saint John. We send them off with blessings of love, peace and Joy!

Be on the lookout for information regarding upcoming social ministry events that you can take part in.

Blessings from the Social Outreach Committee

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Our LWR quilters will be breaking for the summer and start up again in September the Thursday after Labor Day.

INN cooking continues through the summer and will be on Tuesday, July 10 and Tuesday August 7 at 5:30 p.m.

The annual WELCA picnic will be on Wednesday, July 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church located at 2692 Bellmore Avenue. Everyone is asked to bring their own lawn chair and beverage as well as a pot-luck item to share (salad/entree/dessert, etc.) for lunch. Joyce Anderson will lead the study. Our host church is very environmentally friendly and has asked that everyone bring their own plate/cup/utensils for use during lunch. Everyone will bring their own dishes home to wash. ***Please no paper or throw away utensils!***

All women are invited to join our annual picnic study.

Metropolitan New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

June 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

There has been a lot of discussion about migrant minors being separated from family. Going beyond political positions, there has also been some disturbing theology and use of scripture that has been used to justify this separation. It is the same disturbing sharing that was often used to justify slavery, the Holocaust, and other human abuses.

The United States government has begun the practice of separating children from parents when the parents and children come to our borders for international protection. You can imagine being separated from your children or loved ones. This practice has been described as morally and emotionally harmful to Border Patrol agents and Immigration and Customs Enforcement employees who are required to enforce the forced removal of children from parents, siblings, and other family.

The members of the Metropolitan New York Synod need to express care for migrant minors, their parents, and those required to separate children from parents. I would hope that every congregation in our synod include prayers for those who are caught in this situation. Advocacy is essential. We need to appeal to our Senators and U.S. Representatives concerning this injustice, that separation is traumatic and will leave scars on families, especially children.

Your action and advocacy can make a difference. The families are seeking asylum and immigration proceedings are underway. Can we not consider a more humane way?

Our Presiding Bishop, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, has joined ELCA ecumenical and inter-religious partners in a statement addressing concerns over the recent U.S. government policy. Please read and share this statement. It follows.

"Recently, the Administration announced that it will begin separating families and criminally prosecuting all people who enter the U.S. without previous authorization. As religious leaders representing diverse faith perspectives, united in our concern for the well-being of vulnerable migrants who cross our borders fleeing from danger and threats to their lives, we are deeply disappointed and pained to hear this news.

We affirm the family as a foundational, societal structure to support human community and understand the household as an estate blessed by God. The security of the family provides critical mental, physical, and emotional support for the development and well-being of children. Our congregations and agencies serve many migrant families that have recently arrived in the United States. Leaving their communities is often the only option they have to provide safety for their children and protect them from harm. Tearing children away from parents, who have made a dangerous journey to provide a safe and sufficient life for them, is unnecessarily cruel and detrimental to the well-being of parents and children.

As we continue to serve and love our neighbor, we pray for the children and families who will suffer due to this policy and urge the Administration to stop their policy of separating families."

God's concern for the orphan, the widow, and the stranger, to "welcome them as one of your own" is documented in the Old Testament (Leviticus 19:33-34, Psalm 146, Jeremiah 7:5-7). Jesus taught us to welcome the stranger (Matthew 25:31-46).

May we follow our God of love and justice who does indeed welcome the stranger and has compassion on those in need.

Sincerely in Christ,

Donald J McCoid

The Island Hills Chorus

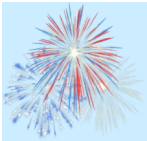
under the direction of Tom Brucia

Presents

HEARTLAND

The story of a town named Hart Acres and its brush with Hollywood royalty

"Have a Heart"
Join us at
The Noel S. Ruiz Theatre at
CM Performing Arts Center
931 Montauk Highway, Oakdale, NY
on Sunday, August 26, 2018
Doors open at 2:00 pm for raffles and refreshments
Show starts at 3:00 pm
Tickets can be purchased by calling 631-218-2810 or
online at www.cmpac.com
$20.00 for adults and $10.00 for children 12 and under



"Melting" Pot Luck
Agape Supper
Jesus in America

Thursday July 19
6:30 p.m.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Howe Room
or
contact Deacon Charlene
snoflake41@aol.com

Our musical theme will be
"Community in Christ"

BINGO NIGHT

Is postponed until August.
Details to follow soon!

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **6th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**	2	3 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	4 **Office Closed Independence Day** 	5	6 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	7
8 **7th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**	9	**10 Tai Chi 10:15 a.m** **INN Cooking 5:30 p.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	11	12	13 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	14
15 **8th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**	16	17 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** **Adult Bible study 11:00 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. 	18 **WELCA Gathering at ST. Francis 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**	19 **Agape Dinner 6:30 p.m.**	20 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	21
22 **9th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**	23	24 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** **Adult Bible study 11:ooo am.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	25	26	27 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	28 **Retirement luncheon 12:00 p.m.at Platt-deutsche**
29 **10th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**	30	31	 **Summer office hours have begun.** **Closed Monday** **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**			

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rally Day Sunday, September 9			1	2 Molenko Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.	3 Molenko Wedding 1:30 p.m. A.A. 7:30 p.m.	4
5 **11th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30a.m. Holy Communion**	7 *Eagle Deadline* 	7 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** **INN Cooking 5:30 p.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	8	9 	10 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	11
12 **12th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Service of the Word**	14	15 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	13 **Pinecrest**	16	17 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	18
19 **13th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** **Council meeting after worship**	21	22 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	23	23	24 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	25
26 **14th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Service of the Word**	27	28 **Tai chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	29	30	31 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	LWR Quilting Resumes Thursday, September 6

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, July 11 – WELCA gathering 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, July 19 – Agape Supper 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 28 – Pastor's Retirement luncheon 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant
Monday, August 7 – Eagle Deadline
Sunday, September 9 – Rally Day, God's Work Our Hands Sunday

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