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PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

What's an interim pastor? After a pastor leaves, the synod bishop often appoints an interim pastor, particularly if it has been a relatively long pastorate, as was the case at Saint John. Interim pastors serve as a bridge between your former pastor and your new pastor.

What does an interim pastor do? We will be with you for Sunday worship, be present for council meetings and any other committees as needed. We will visit the sick and those who are homebound. We will work to maintain the ministries and programs you have in place.

As appointed by the synod, interim pastors have particular duties also to help you prepare for your new pastor. These include: looking at the history of Saint John, working with the transition team, updating the constitution if needed, working with the finance committee on a financial review, updating the membership/voting records if needed, working with the property committee to secure an engineering report on church properties.

We will be in the office or doing visitations Tuesday and Wednesday each week and we will be with you on Sundays. As there are two of us we will accomplish a lot together but will also be mindful of our part-time position.

We look forward to getting to know the members of St. John and invite you to come and meet with us. If you have any questions about the transition or call process, please let us know.

Pastor Meier & Pastor Barker

Staff at Saint John:

- *Pastor: Rev. Laurie Cline*
- *Deacon: Ms. Charlene Drewes*
- *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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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.

WORSHIP HELP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

11/4 (All Saints)
Acolyte: Melanie Bogen
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bergman & Deacon Charlene Drewes
Lector: Gail Tomasulo
Ushers: Ira Bergman & Bill Schurade
Assisting Minister: Dcn. Charlene Drewes
Communion Assts: Tom Sargent & Danielle Branciforti
Coffee Hour: Carol-Ann Kehrbaum & Renate Petschauer

11/11
Acolyte: Hudson DiTuri
Altar Guild: Nancy Dineen
Lector: Jennifer Jessica Pagano
Ushers: Ed Finn & Gail Tomasulo
Assisting Minister: Christa Tuccillo
Communion Asst: Danielle Branciforti
Coffee Hour: Sue Bogen & Tracey Schaeffer

11/18 (prayer & anointing)
Acolyte: Erin Dwyer
Altar Guild: Kathy Strouse & Lori Vanderwaren
Lector: Corey Bogen
Ushers: Sophie Orlich & Tom Sargent
Assisting Minister: Gail Tomasulo
Communion Asst: Lise-Anne Orlich
Coffee Hour: Marion & Bill Schurade

11/25 (Christ the King)
Acolyte: Elizabeth Kamelhar
Altar Guild: Nina Thilesen & Makayla & Nolan Mooney
Lector: Deacon Mary Barberio
Ushers: Tom Selvaggio & Andrew Vogel
Assisting Minister: Marion Schurade
Communion Asst: Margaret Neverka
Coffee Hour: Tom Selvaggio & Amy Wee

November Counting Schedule:
11/4 Deacon Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren
11/11 Bob Altman & Nancy Kamps-Cook
11/18 Jeana Dwyer & Suzanne Ryan
11/25 Jennifer Pagano & Jack Waldron

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Jonathan Boutet
8 Margaret Janovitch
12 Christina Brucia
15 Joyce Block & Arline Levering
16 Fiona Puccio
18 Allison Ziminski
22 Gianna Messina
23 Michael Cline & Jeana Dwyer
24 Eric Thilesen & Michael Klatman
25 Thomas Simone
28 Edward Finn
29 Joe Schurade

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

THANK YOU *Merci*

- To Marion Schurade and Renate Petschauer for cleaning out the gardens and planting for fall.
- To Doreen Etienne for repairing the white parament for the altar.
- To the youth and their families for shopping, preparing, serving, setting up and cleaning up the great Reformation breakfast.
- To Frank Branciforti for working the grill for the Reformation breakfast.
- To AJ and Guy Anthony's for cooking and delivering the bacon and ham for the Reformation breakfast.
- To Renate Petschauer, Carol-Ann Kehrbaum and Kathy Strouse for preparing special desserts and everyone who helped with the Harvest dinner. $100 was raised for deficit reduction.
- To Angel Zamora Garcia for putting the bookshelves together for the Pastors' office.
- To Bob Altman & Nancy Kamps-Cook for setting the heat in the Sanctuary.
- To Frank Branciforti and Angel Zamora Garcia for fixing the microphone on the lectern.
- To Marion & Tony Elicati for donating a mini fridge to be used in the sacristy.
- To Angel Zamora Garcia for fixing the fan in the kitchen.

THEATRE BOX proudly presents

Created and Written by GERARD ALESSANDRINI

Fridays Nov. 9th & 16th at 8 PM
Saturdays Nov. 10th & 17th 8 PM
Sundays Nov. 11th & 18th at 2 PM
United Methodist Church | 35 Verbena Ave, Floral Park

RESERVATIONS
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Seniors (65+) - $13
18 & Under - $8

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We will be starting Christmas pageant rehearsals this month, including music. Ms. Quinn would like to encourage any of our Sunday School students who play an instrument to consider playing special music during a prelude for worship. If your child is interested, please see Ms. Quinn.

All Sunday School families are encouraged to participate in our Advent workshop featuring crafts, lunch and fellowship. There is truly something for everyone at this intergenerational event on Sunday, December 2.

Be on the lookout for our Giving Tree! This year we will be giving our gifts to the New Life School in the Bronx where Danielle Branciforti works. Please purchase regulation size Basketballs, Makeup/nail polish kits, & Hoodies especially those that have the major Basketball teams on them. Bring items UNWRAPPED back by December 2.....THANK YOU for making CHRISTMAS possible!!!!

Advent Workshop

Please join us on Sunday, December 2 for our annual Intergenerational Advent Workshop & lunch following worship. Enjoy a sandwich lunch, crafts, fun & fellowship as we prepare ourselves for Christmas.

To volunteer to make soup, sandwiches or dessert or to help with a craft, please see Margaret Neverka.

WELCOME TO OUR INTERIM PASTORS

Carla J. Meier

Pastor Meier was born in Davenport, Iowa, and moved to New York City in 1987. An ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, she holds degrees from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa and Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque Iowa. Previously Rev. Meier was a Mission Developer for the Metropolitan New York Synod and served as member of the Bishop's staff for Area Mission Strategies. Prior calls include Campus Ministry and parish ministry in Wisconsin, Valley Stream, Scarsdale, and Ridgefield, Ct. Rev. Meier is married to Rev. Gaylon Barker and most recently they served as interim pastors in Brooklyn, NY. Rev. Meier has authored a number of resources for children's chapel time and co-authored "Re-rooting in our Communities: The Area Mission Strategy Process." Pastor Meier and Pastor Barker live in Sunset Park with their son and daughter-in-law and two grandsons, ages 9 and 12. They also have a son who lives in Portland, OR.

Rev. H. Gaylon Barker, PhD

A native of the Midwest, Rev. H. Gaylon Barker, PhD, most recently served as co-interim pastor with his wife, Rev. Carla J. Meier, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, NY. Prior to that, he was a resident of Connecticut, where he was co-pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Ridgefield, CT. An ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, he holds degrees from North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND; Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN; and Drew University, Madison, NJ. Previously, Dr. Barker was the director of the Center for Public Theology, New York, and served as assistant to the bishop, Metropolitan New York Synod, ELCA. He has also served parishes in Stamford, CT, Flushing, NY, Wisconsin and North Dakota. In addition to his parish responsibilities, he is adjunct associate professor of theology and religious studies at Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY. He is the former president (and current treasurer) of the International Bonhoeffer Society–English Language Section, member of the editorial board of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, and editor of *Theological Education at Finkenwalde, 1935-37*, volume 14 of Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, the 17 volume new critical edition of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's works. He has contributed to and/or edited a number of publications for congregational life and on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's theology. His most recent work on Bonhoeffer, *The Cross of Reality: Luther's* theologia crucis *and Bonhoeffer's Christology*, was published by Fortress Press in 2015. Dr. Barker is married to the Rev. Carla J. Meier and lives in the Sunset Park neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. He is also the father of two sons, one of whom lives in Brooklyn and the other in Portland, OR, and grandfather of two grandsons, ages 12 and 9.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8, 2018

CHURCH DECORATING

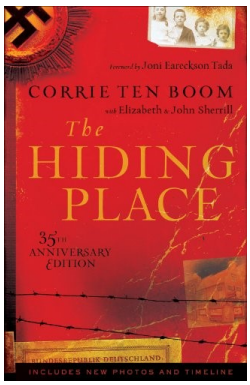
Please join us while we decorate the church at 3:30PM. Then attend a special Advent service at 5:30 followed by a shared meal.

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, January 10
7:00 p.m.

The Hiding Place
By Corrie ten Boom

Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century. In World War II she and her family risked their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape from the Nazis, and for their work they were tested in the infamous Nazi death camps. Only Corrie among her family survived to tell the story of how faith ultimately triumphs over evil.



Here is the riveting account of how Corrie and her family were able to save many of God's chosen people. For 35 years millions have seen that there is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still. Now *The Hiding Place*, repackaged for a new generation of readers, continues to declare that God's love will overcome, heal, and restore.

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Let Our Hearts Be Full of Both
THANKS and GIVING

Please Join Us for Our
Ladies Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 15th ~ 6:00 PM Howe Room
$25 per person
RSVP By Sunday, November 11th
Please see Jeanne Lippolis or Amy Wee

For every ticket purchased, we will be donating
$5 towards Inn Cooking.
Let's Give Thanks and Give Back

"Let's Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is Good
and His Love Endures Forever" Psalm 107:1

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Thank You, LORD!

At Thanksgiving we are reminded of God's generosity to us. The next few months will bring a lot of activity and fellowship to Saint John. As disciples we are called to extend this activity and fellowhsip outside our church so please remember those who are in need as you prepare for your own Thanksgiving festivities. Non-perishable holiday food items and supermarket gift cards and coupons for free turkeys are needed for the Thanksgiving baskets. Gift cards should not be left on the food table. They can be given to Jeana to be locked in the office. The food pantry continues to be low on all food items so please remember the staples as well.

We are sad to bid farewell to Deacon Mary who has been our social ministry coordinator for the last several years. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement. If social ministry is something close to your heart please consider becoming the new coordinator.

Blessings from the Social Ministry Team!

WELCA

Cooking for the I.N.N. is on Tuesday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.. Helping hands are always welcome.

Don't forget to join us for LWR quilting on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. There is plenty to do even if you don't sew. So far this year 15 quilts have been completed and sent off to LWR.

The next WELCA Bible study will be held on Friday, November 30 at St. Luke's in Farmingdale at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Weber will lead us in discussing Repentance - Turning Points: Turning as the Church to the World.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Daylight Savings ends Sunday, November 4 set your clock back 1 hour before bed Saturday night.			1 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.** Island Quilters 12:00 p.m.	2 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	3 **Daylight Savings Time**
4 **All Saints Sunday** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** **10:45 a.m. Sunday School**	5	6 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m.** Election Day	7	8 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.** Island Quilters 12:00 p.m.	9 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	10
11 **25th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** **10:45 a.m. Sunday School** **Council following worship**	12 ***December Eagle Deadline***	13 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** **INN Cooking 5:30p.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m.**	14	15 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m:00 p.m.** Island Quilters 12:00 p.m.	16 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	17
18 **26th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** **10:45 a.m. Sunday School**	19 Garden Club 12:00 p.m.	20 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m.**	21	22 **Thanksgiving— Office Closed**	23 **Office Closed** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	26
25 **Christ the King Sunday** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** **10:45 a.m. Sunday School**	26	27 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m.**	28	29 **LWR Quilting 10:00** Island Quilters 12:00	30	

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, November 3 – Set your clock back one hour before bed—
Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday, November 4 – Intergenerational Bible study 10:45 a.m.
Christian Education Staff Installation during worship
Sunday, November 11 – Council meeting following worship
Thursday, November 15 – Ladies' Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00 p.m.

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