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Daylight Savings Time comes to an end on Sunday, November 3rd.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November

2nd or you'll be really early for church on Sunday!

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November Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Days, and Upcoming Events

God's blessings to...

75th+ Birthday

Nov. 4 June Pollex  
Nov. 6 Charles Betz  
Nov. 8 Phyllis Hitchins  
Nov. 9 Joyce Hoelzer  
Nov. 12 Marilyn Schaller  
Nov. 14 Robert Meinhardt  
Nov. 15 Ruth Wedemeyer  
Nov. 22 Dorothy Ladenburger  
Nov. 27 Donna Hasse  
Barbara Zinke  
Nov. 29 Betty Dufour



Congratulations!

Bradley & Kora Jones  
November 27th — 15 years

Upcoming Events

November

3 HS Mission Trip planning meeting  
7 All Teams meeting at 7pm  
9 NO Chapel worship  
9 Intergenerational Trivia Night  
10 Commitment Sunday  
21 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm  
26 Mission Quilt Day at 9am  
26 Newsletter Assembly at 10:30am  
28 Office Closed — Thanksgiving Day  
30 NO Chapel worship

December

5 All Teams meeting at 7pm  
8 Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser 4:30pm - 7pm  
15 Sunday School Christmas Program at 9am  
19 Church Council meeting at 6:30pm  
24 Office Closed — Christmas Eve  
24 Christmas Eve worship at 5pm and 10pm  
25 Office Closed — Christmas Day  
26 Office Closing at 12:30pm  
30 Office Closing at 12:30pm  
31 Office Closed — New Year's Eve

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THANKFUL

We are very thankful to have our Interim Pastor, Rev. Steven Mindrup and his wife Kelley, serving with us at St. John's.

As a reminder, Pastor Steve is in the office on Tuesday afternoons, and all day on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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Special items of interest:

• We hope you will join us for worship!  
Saturday worship - 5pm  
Sunday worship - 9am  
Sunday School - 10:10am  
Fellowship - 10am

• The hospital does not contact the church when you are hospitalized. Please have a family member contact us.

• St. John's offers Electronic Giving. If you are interested please contact Susan in the office.

• Volunteers are needed in November & December to host Fellowship Time and/or provide the snack. Please sign up in the Kitchen.

• It's that time of year to order Poinsettias to decorate the church during the Christmas Season. The cost is \$10.00 and orders must be received in the church office by December 2nd. Order forms will be available in worship bulletins soon.

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The final event for St. John's Task Force 2019 will be an Intergenerational Trivia Night on Saturday, November 9th in the Fellowship Hall. There will be pizza provided and entertainment by local magician Rob Thompson from 5pm to 6pm. The trivia competition, with teams of 6 to 8 members, will begin at 6pm. By

choosing from a list of charities, the top 3 teams will determine where the final \$6000 of Task Force money will be distributed (1st Place - \$3000, 2nd Place - \$2000, 3rd Place - \$1000).

Sign up for this event will begin on Sunday, October 27th after worship. You can sign up as a team or as individuals and the Task Force will organize teams. If you don't want to participate in the trivia competition, you can simply sign up as a spectator and still enjoy the evening. We will need to know how many plan to attend so we can set up enough tables and be sure to have enough pizza. The trivia competition will be most enjoyable for those in junior high and older, but there will also be some activities planned for any younger children who attend. The Task Force wants this to be a "church family" event for all of St. John's. Please come and join us for a fun night out! You can also call the church office at (815) 539-5626 to sign up.

If you have any questions, please contact a Task Force member — Ken Ladenburger, Dave Brandner, Beth Miller, Kora Jones, and Rick & Becky Lowers.

All Saints Sunday — November 2nd & 3rd



Scripture speaks of grief and its heavy toll on those who have suffered loss. More frequently, however, in the New Testament we read about the "joy that comes in the morning". That Joy comes when we lift our faith to remember the Resurrection and the Victory won by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During worship on November 2nd & 3rd, we will remember in thanksgiving the saints who have gone before us, those who this past year have joined the Church Triumphant. We remember: Bernice Alexeyuk, Delphine Dalton, Albert Elsesser, Dale Fischer, Virginia Gansemer, Marlin Hoelzer, Wilbert Kerchner, Jennifer McCully, Verdell Miller, Marion Rausch, Charles Roloff, Shirley Roloff, Inger Schaller, Robert Shaddick, Mildred Stamberger, and Delbert Truckenbrod.



Church Council Highlights

The following are some highlights from the October 17, 2019 Church Council meeting.

- First Communion instruction will be held in November for students in 2nd grade (and any older students who have not already received instruction). Details will be sent to those families soon.
- Stewardship Commitment Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 10th. There will be no Chapel worship on Saturday evening.
- Christmas Eve worship services will be held at 5pm and 10pm.

Finance Report Year To Date thru September 2019:

Budgeted Regular Offerings \$240,374	Actual Regular Offerings \$230,250
Budgeted Income \$256,355	Actual Income \$264,117
Budgeted Expense \$281,633	Actual Expense \$224,545

November 2019: Scriptures for Worship

November 3: All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 *Human kings and kingdoms rise and fall, but God's kingdom remains.*

Ephesians 1:11-23 *The faithful live in hope of living in Christ forever.*

Luke 6:20-31 *Luke's Beatitudes promise victory for the faithful and woe for the powerful.*

November 10: Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost

Job 19:23-27 *Despite terrible losses, Job clings to the hope of divine redemption.*

1 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17 *Paul reassures the church during a time of confusion and conflict.*

Luke 20:27-38 *Jesus teaches that all are alive in God.*

November 17: Twenty-Third Sunday of Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2 *The "day of the Lord" means destruction of evil and vindication of God's people.*

2 Thess. 3:6-13 *Faithful disciples must share the burdens of life.*

Luke 21:5-19 *The end of all things holds no terror for God's faithful.*

November 24: Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *The true shepherd/king of God's people will comfort and vindicate them.*

Colossians 1:11-20 *This hymn of praise celebrates the eternal reign of God's Son.*

Luke 23:33-43 *Even at the point of his own death, Jesus welcomes a sinner to Paradise.*

**On Saturday, October 19th, a terrific group of volunteers of all ages met for two hours in our Fellowship Hall to pack 28,000 meals for Kids Against Hunger.** This brings our three-year total to 104,000 meals!

Thank you to everyone who helped with set up, packing, and clean up. All of your hard work is very much appreciated!



Join us on  
Sunday, November 10th  
for "Commitment Sunday"

At this service we will celebrate God's generosity and indicate how we will generously share our gifts in response to God's grace. Time, Talent & Giving forms have been mailed to homes. Everyone Confirmation age and older are invited to fill out a Time & Talent form. Please bring your completed forms with you to worship on November 10th. Additional forms are available in the church office.

The office uses these forms to schedule all of our worship volunteers. Even if you are a regular volunteer, please fill out the form so we don't overlook anyone.

Please note – there will be no Chapel worship on Saturday, November 9th.



St. John's Youth News

*"Growing Together in our Faith as we Serve Others"*



Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders, High School

Students & families —

Please plan

to join us for a brief meeting in the

Confirmation room on Sunday, No-

vember 3rd immediately following Sunday School. We will

discuss and vote upon our 2020 mission trip destination

options. This meeting is only to determine the destina-

tion as well as receive suggestions from you regarding

who you might like us to prayerfully ask about serving as

chaperones. Participation in the meeting does not commit

you to going on the trip. We'd love your input as we begin

working toward assembling our 2020 Mission Trip Team.

St. John's Youth to Participate in a Volunteer  
Opportunity/Fundraiser at Nightengale's Thrift Shop  
on Saturday, November 9th



St. John's youth and adults will be staffing

Nightengale's Thrift Shop for the day on

November 9th from 10am to 4pm. Jobs may

include hauling, organizing, decorating, stag-

ing, assisting guests, and running the cash

register. Information will be mailed to all 6th through

12th grade youth and families. Those youth and adults

interested in participating are invited to sign up for 1 to

3 hour shifts depending on their availability. Once Karen

hears from everyone, she will let them know their assign-

ments. Youth (with a completed permission form) may be

dropped off and picked up at Nightengale's. All proceeds

from the day will be doubled and donated back to our

youth program. \*\*Ways for you to support the event in-

clude: shopping there on Saturday; sharing our Facebook

post about the day with your friends to promote others

shopping that day; or donating items earlier in the week

and telling the people when you drop off that it is for the

St. John's day on November 9th. They will track these

items, and if they sell that week, the amount will be add-

ed to our total. Feel free to contact Karen at (815) 228-

2391 if you have any questions.

Confirmation Class News



Our confirmands are currently studying

Luther's Small Catechism. We say "Thank

You" to the parents who are joining us

weekly and providing our snacks.

Please keep our Confirmation Class in your prayers as

they continue their studies this school year —

*Jace Baird, Ava Beetz, Cindy Bumgarner, Ella Coss, Na-*

*talie Hanaman, Macy Hartt, Lauren Holland, Quin*

*Holland, Kennedy Knaff, Dessa Komitas, Ella Martin,*

*Haden Shakespeare, and Jillian Younger.*

Spaghetti  
Dinner

Our annual **Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Sunday,

December 8th from 4:30pm to 7pm. We will be

serving you a delicious dinner of spaghetti with meat

sauce, breadsticks, salad, and homemade dessert.

Our junior high and high school students are looking

forward to serving you at your table again this year.

Please invite your family and friends to join you for

this freewill offering meal. All proceeds will go to

support the 2020 Mission Trips and other youth ac-

tivities.

During the dinner, our talented group of St. John's

Quilting Ladies will be holding a Silent Auction of a

variety of handmade quilts. We hope you will take

some time to enjoy the beauty of these quilts, and

place bids on your favorites. Proceeds from the

Silent Auction will be donated to the Youth.

**Students** — Information will be shared with you

very soon regarding how you and your family can help

with this terrific and tasty event. (Food donations,

kitchen prep, serving, clean-up, etc.)



Peterstown TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) has set their weekend retreat schedule for the year.

Youth ages 16 to 23 are invited to attend. This program is run by the Catholic church, but re-

treates are open to young adults of other denominations. The first boys' weekend is Nov. 2-4 and

the first girls' weekend is Dec. 7-9. Information will be posted on the information booth and ap-

plications may be secured online. Contact Karen Goy (815-228-2391) if you have questions about attending.