



St. John's Weekly Email

September 7, 2021

Pentecost is the season of the church year that lasts the longest – it begins with the celebration of the Day of Pentecost, the third major festival of the church year with Christmas and Easter and continues for months. Since the season of Pentecost stretches over the entire summer into the fall, the church has labeled it Ordinary Time and the color for this season is green. Green because it's a season of growing – a season when the church focuses on how to be church in light of the Ascension of Jesus. It's also a season that focuses on our discipleship, as we seek to be committed followers of Jesus.

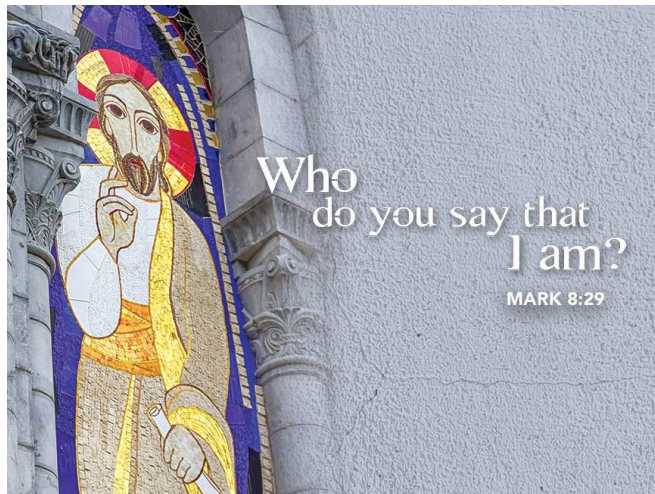


There are a few festivals that dot the ordinary season of Pentecost – some at the beginning and some near the end. Towards the beginning, we have the Day of Pentecost, with its fiery imagery of doves and wind and Holy Trinity Sunday, the only Sunday in the church year that is dedicated to a doctrine of the church. Towards the end of the season of Pentecost, there are three festivals we lift up – Reformation, All Saints' Sunday and Christ the King Sunday.

Sunday Worship

**16th Sunday after
Pentecost
Sept 12th at 9:30am
in person
&
on Zoom**

[CLICK HERE](#) to connect with
worship.



Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers:



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Alex Kunkel, Bob Moran, Betsy Rodger, Nancy Terpoilli, Brian Allebach, Charles Krupp, RuthAnn Jadick, Jean Leister, Kenny Nace, Tom Ciesielka, Ann Brown Hager, David Mounts, Ann Lewis, Carolyn Iris, Melissa Snyder, Sandy Umstead, Theresa Hasson, Renaud Fix, Theresa Gross, Dave and Linda Kratzer, Leah Crater, Leanne Kratzer, Steve Keyser, Terry Gable, Bev Fretz, Jim McNally, Richard Mariner, Sydney Crossin, Florence Van Dyke and Donna

St. John's Music Program

If you have and/or, are interested in participating in the musical life of St. John's, please contact me, preferably via e-mail to let me know what your specific interests are, e.g. choir, praise team, handbells, instrumental or vocal solos, etc.

It's important that I have plenty of information for planning purposes, especially in light of social distancing protocols. You can reach me at bmod7@comcast.net. Thank you! Ben



Meals still needed PLEASE HELP!

**Meal Train
for Brian & Jennifer Allebach**

To access the meal train sign-up, see the new dates that have been added and find out all the pertinent information, [click here](#).

Brian also loves to receive cards - so feel free to drop one in the mail to their home address, which is:

**Brian Allebach
1096 Soffa Road
East Greenville, PA 18041**

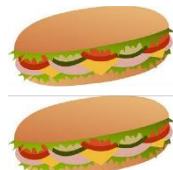
Thank you for your tender care for this family at this challenging time - and watch for new ways to be present with and for them in the months to come.

Last chance to Order your Hoagies until next May

place your order by Thursday, September 9th

Italian \$7 Turkey \$8

Can be ordered with or without onions and banana peppers



To order your hoagie please contact Elaine Keller by phone (215.262.5366) or email elaineakeller@comcast.net before September 9th for a September 16th pick up. If you have any questions about the hoagies or our trips, please contact Elaine.

Hoagie Makers Needed!

Help is needed to assemble the hoagies each month. If you are able to help on any of the third Thursdays of the month, [click here](#) to sign up!!



Bible Workshop Saturday, October 2 9:00-10:30 AM

Do you have a student in grades 2-4 who hasn't received a Bible from St. John's? Then we invite you to be part of our Bible workshop. A parent/guardian is expected to attend the workshop with each student.

Visit the link below to register your student for the workshop by September 26.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFDo-bible>



First Communion Workshop Saturday, November 13 9:30-11:30 AM

Do you have a young person in grades 2-6 who hasn't received communion yet but is interested in doing so? Then this workshop is for you! This workshop will prepare students to receive Holy Communion, which they will do within worship on Sunday, November 21.

A parent/guardian is expected to attend the workshop with each student.

Visit the link below to register for the workshop by Sunday, November 7
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AD2CAAFDo-first3>



For the remainder of the summer, St. John's will be taking up a collection of items needed by the Martin Luther School in Plymouth Meeting. Since YPO has not been able to visit with the children who reside there as result of the pandemic, we hope you'll join us in this collection. The items below will be collected thru Sunday, September 5 and will then be taken to the school for the children to enjoy.

Please drop all items in the bins in the narthex and parlor.

Items needed are art supplies, which includes crayons, markers, colored pencils and sketch pads, and journals that are NOT spiral bound.



YPO

Fall Kick-Off around the Fire Pit

Sunday, September 19

7 PM

Join Pastor Becky at the fire pit to discuss YPO activities for this year.

Bring a chair – munchies and drinks will be provided.



JOIN THE A/V TEAM

Do you or someone you know have an interest in video or audio technology? We could use more help on the A/V team on Sunday mornings. No special skills are required, we will teach you everything you need to know.

If you are interested in giving this part of our ministry a try, please contact Colleen Carlin (colcarlin@hotmail.com; 215-813-4776) or Brian Gegan (briangegan@amsentrp.com; 215-429-5768). Please consider joining the team.



Pastoral Care Volunteers Needed

Peter Becker Community, Harleysville will be holding a three hour Abiders training in September 2021.

Abiders provide a reassuring, comforting presence to persons in the last hours of their life who would otherwise die alone. Attending training does not obligate you to become a volunteer. Your time of service can be very flexible. Vaccination for COVID 19 is a requirement. Contact Director of Pastoral Care, Merlin Hedrick at 215-513-6817 or mhedrick@peterbeckercommunity.com



The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Tuesday, September 14th at 7 PM

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better? In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89426734579>



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Anyone planning to purchase items for God's Work Our Hands Cleaning Bags -

Please Do Not purchase a cloth reusable bag UNTIL you have checked out the supply on hand at church.

There is a basket in the Parlor (the room at the ramp entrance) that at the present time, contains 25 or more of those types of bags!

Please help yourself.



Give to St. John's with every Amazon purchase

You can support St. John's every time you shop at Amazon—and it costs you nothing!

Simply go to smile.amazon.com to select "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran, Green Lane" as your supporting charity. Then all purchases you make through smile.amazon.com (same prices as amazon.com) will donate a percentage on to St. John's.

If you use **Amazon's mobile app**, you will have to go into the app to turn Amazon Smile on. Just go into the Amazon app, click on settings, then click on AmazonSmile and follow the prompts to select St. John's and turn on AmazonSmile so all your purchases count!

For more information, call the church office!



NO Food Collection Labor Day Weekend (September 4th)



Financial Update

We continue to be limited in the internal and external outreach events we had planned in our 2021 budget. However, our congregation is creatively identifying alternative opportunities to connect with each other and the broader community. Your generous contributions of time and money are helping us with our outreach.

We continue to receive most of our offering through the mail. You are certainly able to continue sending you gifts to St. John's. Our mailing address is **3104 Main Street, Green Lane, PA 18054**. Please recognize that we are currently counting offering twice a month - so please understand if there is a small delay in cashing your check.

We encourage the congregation to prayerfully consider your ability to continue supporting God's work here at St. John's as we continue to live thorough this pandemic.



You can also choose to give online and now is a great time to begin!

For those that give electronically, some important news!

We have moved our online giving from Simply Giving to [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) provides you with the option to pay from your checking account or by debit or credit card. [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) is now available for member sign up. If you have any questions on how to set up online giving with [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), please call the office at 215-234-4888 for help.

Your [online gifts](#) can be designated to general or specific places, like what is designated on the church envelope, and gifts can be made one time or set up to repeat weekly or monthly.



September 5

Jay Koffel
Susan Reinert
Tasha Umstead

September 6

Melissa Dougherty
Faye Frederick
Chrislyn Gebert
Lauren Morley-Nagey
Kelly Wilson

September 7

Jacob Blanchard
John Conchado
Roxanne Freed
Abigail Gray
Carolyn Lorenz

September 8

Stephanie Dise
Vickie Dowladow

September 9

Randall Guess
John Lysoby
Jessica Raezer
Arlene Rivers

September 11

Kevin Dise
Kristie Faust
Betty Hunsberger

September 12

Kenneth Shiffert