October 2025

# **St. John Lutheran Church**



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[Jesus says,] "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs... receive the kingdom of God as a little child."

Mark 10:14, 15

#### A couple of months ago, I had the joy and privilege to be interviewed by staff at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary about intergenerational ministry. They asked me about the various ministries in which I have participated. They asked about my approaches to intergenerational ministry. And they asked what gifts I thought children bring to the worship space. As I reflect on that conversation after they have released the video, I think about how humbled I am to have children in worship, and how grateful I am for the gifts they bring. They can bring a beautiful joy with them when they are singing their hearts out to a song they know, or when you hear them confidently proclaim the Lord's Prayer. And what a gift it is to see them participating in worship as they collect the offering or read scripture during worship. I remember a time when I saw a child place a dandelion in the offering plate because they thought it was beautiful, and they wanted God to have it. What a gift the children are in worship! But what about when a ball rolls to the front of the sanctuary in the middle of a sermon? Or when a young child loudly proclaims their struggles of the day through tears or shouts? What about when they get restless and fidgety? Or when they forget how to whisper as they ask a question in the middle of a scripture reading? Do I see the gifts the children bring to worship in those times too?

In short: yes. It's a different set of gifts that they offer me in those times, though. When a child is crying or trying to express their frustration, I am reminded that we are each to bring our entire messy selves to God. We can offer our cries and laments, trusting that we are heard and that we are surrounded by a community who cares for us and will support us in our own struggles. When a ball rolls to my feet in the middle of the sermon, I am reminded of the ways we are invited to bring our joys and celebrations into worship. That which has brought us joy that morning or that week, we can bring it into our worship and celebrate this gift with God. When I notice a child leaning over to ask a question or make an observation, I give thanks for the way God welcomes our curiosity and for the wonderment the mystery of faith brings us.

Years ago I learned to never decline a gift from a child. Whether a precious craft they spent hours creating or a simple dandelion that they found in the lawn. When a child offers me a gift, I welcome it in open hands and offer deep thanks in turn. How much more so do I offer thanks for the gifts children bring to worship. The gifts that teach me to respond to worship, to experience God, to welcome the kingdom of God as a child does: with all that I am, the joys, the struggles, the wonderment, and everything in between.

#### Mission Statement

St. John is a living witness to the love of God as shown in Jesus Christ.

We gather faithfully in God's name to worship and praise God; and we go forth in peace to share the Good News and to serve the world around us.

> Peace, Pastor Katie

#### Find Us on Social Media

Like us on Facebook (@stjohnchurchmars) or follow us on Instagram (@stjohnchurchmars)

#### **Online Sunday Worship**

**Join Zoom for service:** https://zoom.us/j/5663185411 Meeting ID: 566 318 5411 PW: Luther Available on our **YouTubeChannel:** https://www.youtube.com/@St.JohnLutheranChurch-2

## **Worship Notes**

#### **Young Worship Leaders**

We love having our young worshippers helping with worship leadership! If you are unable to be present for your scheduled service, please find someone to cover and tell the office of the change.

	Acolyte	Offering	Offering	Young Reader
5-Oct	Nathan K	Josie W	Carissa M	
12-Oct	Abby C	Ava N	Ella N	
19-Oct	Jules K	Anna K	Nathan K	Ava N
26-Oct	Cate S	Jules K	Eva K	
2-Nov	Anna K	Lydia M	Cate S	

**Adult Worship Leaders** 

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	Greeters	Usher	Assistant Minister	Bread Baker	Counters
5-Oct	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	Jonathan C	Kim R	Keith C David D
12-Oct	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	Jonathan C	Denise H	Keith C David D
19-Oct	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	Keith C	Denise H	Keith C David D
26-Oct	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	Keith C	Denise H	Keith C David D
2-Nov	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	Jen M	Denise H	Valerie C David D

## **Flowers in Worship**

If you would like to **provide flowers for our altar during worship**, please sign up in the Greeting Area. Flowers offer a bright connection with God's creation in our worship space. Sponsors for flowers are responsible for ordering their own flowers. If you need assistance in contacting a florist that often works with the church, contact the office.

### **Adult Choir**

For major festivals (like Reformation and Christmas Eve!), there is **a choir of dedicated singers** who prepare and offer a song for worship. If you'd like to be a part of this group, contact our Music Director, Maizy.

#### **Position Spotlight: Assistant Minister**

Did you know that worship services used to be led entirely by clergy (i.e. pastors)? There was no lay leadership in the service! However, the church has shifted its understanding of what it means when we celebrate liturgy as the work of the people. Worship is not a spectator sport, it is an experience wherein everyone participates in mind, body, and soul. It is a time when all work together to welcome the holy and experience the living Christ together. To highlight and celebrate the way that we are all share in the activity of worship, the church began inviting lay (non-ordained) people to take on more leadership roles within the worship service. One of these roles is that of Assistant Minister. In our congregation, the Assistant Minister reads aloud several of the scripture readings and several prayers. The Assistant Minister also offers the cup to people at communion.

To have a lay Assistant Minister reminds us that the liturgy is the work of the people, not the work of the pastor with the congregation looking on.

So who is called to serve in this role? Who is "qualified"? Anyone who has a heart to help lead the congregation in connecting with God's presence among us through scripture, prayer and sacrament!

For those who are more soft-spoken, the microphone can help! For those nervous about pronunciations, Pastor Katie and many others are happy to help. For those who worry about remembering every step of the service and what to do when, training is available and Pastor Katie is happy to provide in-service guidance and reminders (and you can be sure that you are reading aloud in a community of people who care for you and will offer grace in the face of mistakes!). For those uncertain about their schedule, there are always people ready to jump in in case an emergency comes up and you're unable to be present for the day you're signed up.

#### **Dinner Church - October 20**

At the beginning of the Christian movement, people gathered around a full meal. People

would come from different walks of life and gather around the table. They would eat together. They would read scripture together. They would discuss what the scripture meant to them and support one another in the efforts to live as followers of Jesus in their daily lives. And they would celebrate God's grace given in the gift of Holy Communion.

Dinner Church brings us back to this relational worship style where all are welcomed and all are fed in body and soul as we gather in community around the Word and the table – the dinner table and the Lord's table. You are invited. There is a seat for you at the table! We begin at 6:00 pm and typically end around 7:30 pm.

Children are welcome to participate at whatever level is



**comfortable for them.** If they do not wish to sit at the table during the discussion, there is onsite childcare in the playroom, where children may eat their dinner and watch a faith-related video.





October 26 is a celebration of the legendary night when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Church door to inspire debate in protest of the selling of indulgences in 1517. Because this is remembered as the tipping point for the beginning of the Protestant Reformations, we celebrate in church on the last Sunday of October by remembering reformations of the past and all the ways the church is continuing to reform. To add to the fun, we invite you to wear red to worship!

#### All Saints Worship - November 2

Commemorating the saints of the church has been a practice since the 4<sup>th</sup> century. In the 8<sup>th</sup> century, the festival commemorating all saints was set on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Protestant churches (including Lutherans) believe that all Christian dead are saints, and there is no need for release from purgatory. In our bulletin on November 5, we will be remembering all of our loved ones who have died. **As we remember them, we recall the witness they gave through their lives, what they meant to us as fellow Christians, where they have led the way, and what they have left for us yet to accomplish.** 

If you would like to remember a loved one, please submit names to the office or write them in the book of remembrances. *All information must be received by the office by Sunday, October 19th.*The red book of remembrances will be available in the Greeting Area beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Stewardship

#### **Stewardship Corner**

Did you know that St. John has an online giving platform? You can give through a card number or EFT. You can give a one-time gift or a recurring gift. You can give to the general fund or to one of the designated funds of the congregation. Giving online is a convenient alternative to cash and checks and can provide the church stability with recurring giving. Recurring gifts can help establish your charitable gifts as a part of your monthly budget and provide predictability for the donor as well as the recipient. With St. John's online giving platform, you can adjust your recurring gift at any time if your circumstances change. And you can give from anywhere you have internet access! eGiving brings flexibility to your generosity. Learn more about eGiving options or give online today at stjohnchurchmars.org/giving.

### Financial Position Update - October 12

The 2025 council has made a commitment to offer brief, regular updates regarding the financial picture of the congregation. Our next financial picture update will be on October 12 directly following worship. On that day, we will have an abbreviated Bible game as time allows so that participants may still get to their faith formation classes by 10:30a.

## Lutherlyn

### Family Halloween Fun at Lutherlyn - October 26

We are coordinating a group to attend Lutherlyn's Family Halloween Fun together! Let Pastor Katie or Denise H know if you are planning to attend so we can coordinate with everyone. Register by October 19<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon at Lutherlyn full of Halloween fun! There will be hay rides, Halloween-themed carnival games, crafts, s'mores, a nature activity, scavenger hunt, and access to the jump pillow and discovery room! The fun begins at 2:00 pm and will wrap up around 4:30 pm. Registration is \$8/person and each family is asked to bring candy/items to pass out for trick-ortreating. If either of these points is a barrier for your family to participate, assistance is available. Learn more and register at lutherlyn.com/Halloween.

## **Did You Know?**

The church website has an ongoing calendar! There is only so much room in the newsletter for upcoming events, but the website has all of them, including several months out! See the calendar at <a href="mailto:stjohnchurchmars.org/calendar">stjohnchurchmars.org/calendar</a>.

## **Around the Synod**



#### **Annual Stewardship Learning Event – October 11**

Our presenter is Dr. Mark Allan Powell, an ordained Lutheran Pastor in the ELCA and a leading New Testament scholar and author of "Giving to God" among numerous other books and articles. We are excited to welcome Dr. Powell to the SWPA Synod to share his knowledge of the Bible and Stewardship. He is presenting on the following topics:

Stewardship as Mission – A New Vision for the Church Belonging to God – The Biblical Basis for Stewardship Faithful Living – Money and Discipleship

Duty and Delight - Motivating Generosity

Please join us to welcome him and show how the people of Southwestern PA are eager to grow our understanding of who we are called to be.

\$20 per person; includes lunch; Registration ends October 5, 2025

For more information and to register for the event, visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/39pbku4f">https://tinyurl.com/39pbku4f</a>

### <u>Theological Convocation – October 13-15</u>

For three days in October, Pastor Katie will be joining other clergy from the synod at the Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA. Each fall, the ministers of the synod gather for this retreat for a time of education, spiritual renewal, and fellowship with colleagues. This year's educational component will focus on the gospel of Matthew in preparation for the coming lectionary texts. We will explore important themes and motifs in Matthew as well as delve into new insights and challenges for preaching and teaching this living word in our communities today.





The Rev. Melissa L. Stoller was elected on June 13 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA. She is the first woman to hold the position of Bishop in the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod. "In these liminal times, it is important that we strengthen our ties," Rev. Stoller said, "so that we may be Church together, communities of justice of hope, sharing the Good News with our neighbors."

Rev. Stoller served as Director for Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop for the SWPA Synod from 2017 until her call to the role of bishop. Prior to that, she was Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook, Minnesota, and Intern Pastor at the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy in Russia. Before entering ordained ministry, she worked in housing and healthcare advocacy for the Minnesota Senior Federation. Her synod leadership

has included stewardship coaching, transitional ministry training, and vocational formation initiatives.

Rev. Stoller began the work of bishop on September 1, and will be installed on Saturday, October 18.

## **Serving Others**

#### **Harvest Street Mission – November 30**



Each year, a team of volunteers pours love and energy into participating in the ministry of Harvest Street Mission. Harvest Street Mission's goal is to connect communities, grow relationships that inspire change, and love our neighbors as ourselves. They do this through providing a hot meal every Sunday to people who live on the streets, in shelters, or in low-income housing on the North Side of Pittsburgh. Additionally, they collect and distribute gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, and personal care items.

This year, St. John is preparing, providing, and hosting the meal on Sunday, November 30. This includes food preparation on Saturday, November 29. Additionally, we are collecting new or gently used sweatshirts to be distributed to people in need as the weather gets colder. Contact Kim R with any questions.

## 4th Quarter Mission Emphasis: Butler Hospital The Food Institute

Food insecurity impacts people throughout the community, and food insecurity often leads to a higher prevalence for diseases, obesity, and other measures that are tied to poor health. Food insecurity can happen due to a disruption of food intake because of lack of money or other resources. Neighborhood conditions may affect food insecurity, but food insecurity can happen anywhere. Some people experience food insecurity for just a short time; others are in a chronic state of insecurity. To support this community need, The Food Institute was created to make nutritious meals a reality for more families in the region.

#### How it works:

- Your doctor provides a referral for the Food Institute.
- Referral includes one monthly visit for four months.
- Each monthly visit lasts about 45 minutes where you will:
  - o Receive a nutrition lesson
  - Learn healthy eating on a budget
  - Leave with nutritious food and recipes for up to 10 meals

How you can help:

Make a financial contribution through the church by marking your offering "Mission Emphasis." 100% of funds collected for mission emphasis go directly to the named organization. Stay tuned for other ways that you can support The Food Institute.

## St. John Food Pantry

We are so grateful to be able to host a little food pantry for our neighbors. We would not be able to have such an offering if it were not for the generosity and care of members of this community. As Christians, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, and we do this by keeping the food pantry in good supply, even of thinking of items that might in some circles be considered "treats," and therefore not immediately necessary for survival. On behalf of everyone who visits the pantry, thank you. Please continue inviting people to make use of the pantry as needed!

Currently, Thursday morning is the most reliable time for access to the indoor food pantry (or times when there is a meeting or service at the church). If you know someone who needs access at another time, Pastor Katie is happy to coordinate a time to open the building for them.



(And if anyone wants to brighten their lawns with pink flamingos, they would love to find a new home!)

## **Around the Church**

#### St. John T-Shirts

The order form for T-Shirts has closed. If you missed this window and would still like a shirt, contact Pastor Katie regarding extra shirts that we may have in stock. Shirts are \$10/shirt, payable upon receipt. Shirt pickup is available after worship on Sundays.

#### **Applefest – October 4**

Applefest is a big deal in Mars, so this is a great opportunity to be an active presence in the community. It takes a lot of hands to get ready for the event as well as to be at the booth. Leading up to Applefest, we will need volunteers to make baked goods, make halushki, and bring other requested donated items. During Applefest, we will need people to be friendly representatives of St. John, selling food and drink, playing games with kids, and inviting people to learn more about this CAKE congregation. Mark your calendars now and talk to one of the Elders or Deacons or Pastor Katie if you'd like to help!

#### **Trunk or Treat – October 31**

There are over 100 kids that go trick or treating on Halloween in Mars. St. John uses its parking lot (a real gift in Mars!) to participate in this community event by inviting people to park their cars along the perimeter of the lot and pass out treats. Some people decorate their cars with clever designs. Others are simply a joyful, generous presence. All are welcomed and appreciated. Trick or Treating begins at 6:00pm, and so we request that people arrive and are set up before then. The last trick-or-treaters are usually through the neighborhood by around 8:00pm.

Prior to Halloween, we will compile treat bags to be handed out from the congregation at large, including a flier inviting people to participate in the ministries of the congregation. Please contact Pastor Katie if you would like to help make the treat bags.

## <u>Craft Night: Holiday Wreath - November 14</u>

Wreaths offer a cheerful way to decorate for the holidays, and how much more fun are they when you've made them yourself! You are invited to a wreath-making craft night at the church in the evening on November 14<sup>th</sup>! There will be a small fee to offset the cost of supplies. A sign-up sheet is available in the Greeting Area. We ask that people please sign up by October 12 to give ample time for supplies to be purchased and prepared.

## **Community Bulletin Board**

Is your child in an activity? Do they have a play or concert coming up? Or a game schedule that they can share? What about you? Are you in a group that performs or a community sports league? Let's support one another by inviting one another to celebrate our joys and passions with the world! There is a new section on the bulletin board near the library for you to post fliers and notices for upcoming events to which you would like to invite people to attend.

#### **Office Hours**

Diane is currently in the office one day a week, working other hours remotely or in the office on a flexible schedule. **Currently, she will be in the office on Thursday mornings**. If you need access to the building or assistance with anything, please call ahead to assure availability. Pastor Katie will also be in the office throughout the week and can provide assistance.

#### Around the Church (continued)

#### **Website Member Portal**

Have you signed up for the new members portal on the website? When you visit the website at <a href="mailto:stjohnchurchmars.org">stjohnchurchmars.org</a>, there is an option to "log in" in the upper right corner. When you log in, you will have access to a member portal. Here you can offer ways to connect with other members, access the latest directory, access the online sign-up board at <a href="https://signup.com/go/JPakfVA">https://signup.com/go/JPakfVA</a>, or view the current vestry. To help keep members safe, the office will approve membership requests.

Do you have other things you'd like to find on the members portal? Tell Pastor Katie!

### **Hospitality Hosts**

Being a faith community is so much more than just worshipping together. It's spending time in fellowship and learning together too! To help us connect with this aspect of being a faith community, we will continue having hospitality downstairs after the worship service. As we enjoy goodies offered by volunteers, we will talk and play games together before the faith formation participants shift into their groups for a more formal lesson beginning at 10:30a. If you would like to volunteer to offer hospitality (we have the games covered), contact Denise H or the office.



#### **Nextdoor Profile**

Have you heard of the Nextdoor app? As they describe themselves, "Nextdoor is where your neighborhood comes together. From real-time alerts and accurate weather updates to trusted local news, community events, and a local marketplace, it's all in one place — made for your neighborhood, by your neighbors." As a congregation committed to loving our neighbors and being connected to them, St. John now has a profile on Nextdoor. Save the profile as a favorite, recommend it to your neighbors, and connect with what's happening in and through the congregation at https://nextdoor.com/pages/st-john-lutheran-church-mars-pa/.





We are so grateful to be able to provide age-appropriate Bibles to our children and youth as they grow and learn. If you would like to explore different translations and editions of Bibles, there is a table in the basement with Pastor Katie's personal collection of Bibles. There are a variety of story Bibles, study Bibles, and reflective Bible paraphrases and editions. Feel free to look through these Bibles and ask Pastor Katie what she likes about each of them!

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Murder Mystery Dinner in September! The basement was filled with laughter as we sorted out the great whodunit of the evening in between jokes, sauce recipes, and delicious food!







## **Faith Formation**

#### **Confirmation Class**

What does it mean to be a member of a church? When you stand in front of the congregation and affirm your faith and your baptismal promises, what are you actually affirming? Confirmation class is a time for our students in 6th-8th grade to wrestle with these questions and others as we help them develop deeper scriptural understanding and more robust connection to their faith and identity as a member of the church. We began class on September 27th and will have further classes on the fourth Saturdays of each month, 9:30-11:30am.

#### Adult Bible Study - Nicene Creed

We are approximately half-way through our exploration of the Nicene Creed - the history surrounding its composition, the heresies it tackles, the holy scriptures it references, and how it still speaks to our faith today. You are still welcome to come to the remaining sessions! We meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (through October 22) and Sundays at 6:30 pm (through October 26). The Sunday topic is the same as the previous Wednesday's topic. If you would like to receive an outline of notes prior to each meeting, contact Pastor Katie. There is no pre-reading



to do, or pre-knowledge expected though! Come as you are. Check out stjohnchurchmars.org/upcomingevents for links for zoom access. Our next topic is anticipated to begin on November 5 and 9.

### <u>Kids Club/Youth Group Joint Events – October 5, 19</u>

The Mars Area Youth Group (grades 6-12) and Kids' Club (grades 2-5) are joint ministries supported by Mars United Presbyterian and St. John Lutheran Church. Each group meets approximately twice per month, sometimes meeting in the church buildings (Youth Group at Mars United Presbyterian, Kids Club at St John), sometimes meeting together for joint social and service events. In October, the two groups will have a joint outing at the Beacon Hotel Corn Maze on October 5th, meeting at the wagons at 1:00pm. They will come together on October 19th for a service event supporting the Mars United Presbyterian Church. Stay tuned for more information regarding the service event. To sign up to receive updates and the group's schedule, please fill out the form at stjohnchurchmars.org/childrenyouth.

## Messy Church –October 17<sup>th</sup>

"At the heart of every Messy Church gathering are values that shape who we are and how we live our our faith together. These values remind us that Messy Church is more than crafts, songs, and meals.

It's a way of being church that welcomes all ages, celebrates God's creativity and joy, and centers us in Christ's transforming love. Rooted in hospitality and shared life, these values guide every Messy Church community around the world." (messychurchusa.org) Messy Church at St. John is no different. We begin by eating dinner together at 6:00pm. Then after a brief, interactive story-telling, activities

are opened for families to explore together at their own pace in a flexible environment. At the end of the evening, we bring our whole selves - our hearts, voices, and bodies to celebration of God's creative goodness in praise songs and prayer, ending at 8:00pm.

In October we will hear the story of Jesus calling the disipples to leave their nets and fish for people. But what does it mean to fish for people? Have there been times when you've worked "all night" and felt like you "caught nothing"? In what ways has Jesus called you into deep waters? And in what ways have you felt Jesus' words "do not be afraid," and found comfort and strength in them?

#### Faith Formation (continued)

#### **Sunday Faith Formation Hour**

Each Sunday, we gather in the lower level of the building for Faith Formation for all ages. Hospitality is offered in the form of goodies and drinks. You are welcome to go downstairs immediately following worship and begin enjoying these goodies. At approximately 10:15am, we begin an all-ages together Bible game to help all of us develop greater familiarity with the Bible. At approximately 10:30am, people are invited to move into different age-based groups to explore different topics as outlined below.

## Pre-K through 5th Grade

The Pre-K through elementary classes will explore stories of God's people in the Hebrew Bible through interactive storytelling and crafts. Students are asked to bring their Bibles to each class as they will be encouraged to find stories in their Bible, learning to mark their Bibles as they engage with the story. Students will be given a take-home sheet each week to help families continue the conversations at home. See below for a schedule of lessons to be covered each week this month:

October 5 – Noah (Genesis 6-9)
October 12 – Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6)
October 19 – Joseph (Genesis 37:1-26)
October 26 – Reformation Celebration
November 2 – Ruth and Boaz (Ruth 2:1 – 4:12)

#### Middle and High School

A note from the teacher, Ruth Ann: "A discussion sheet with Bible references will be provided each class session. We try to bring these discussions to a purposeful conclusion, always remembering the participants are kids! We use Bibles each session, and I am hoping students will bring their own personal Bibles. They will be encouraged to mark, highlight, and put notes in their Bibles for future assistance. Thank you for sending me these inquisitive young people. I will do my best to broaden their Biblical knowledge, connecting their faith to daily life."

Over the course of the year, students will explore the following topics:

- 1.) Do you believe in miracles?
- 2.) Stepping out of the boat, using the story of when Jesus and Peter walk on the water 3.) The seven "I am" statements of Jesus
  - 4.) Mountaintop surprise exploring the story of the Transfiguration  ${\bf r}$

#### Adult Sunday Faith Formation

Adults will engage with the texts of faith through the lens of the Small Catechism using the **By Heart** curriculum. This class is revamped from its introduction in the spring. Each week we will tackle a different part of the Small Catechism with a sheet of thoughts and questions to promote conversation. To learn more about the **By Heart** curriculum, visit stjohnchurchmars.org/byheart.

After Reformation Sunday, we will begin a new curriculum titled "Rediscovering the Bible." This curriculum will explore how the Bible came to be our Book of Faith and what it means for our lives today. We will discuss what it means to explore the Bible through a Lutheran understanding. We will use the Rediscovering the Bible study through November and December with a few breaks for community events.

October 5 – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confession
October 12 – The Sacrament of the Altar
October 19 – Daily Prayer
October 26 – Reformation Celebration
November 2 – Rediscovering the Bible Session 1

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			Bible Study, 7p		Preparations	Applefest
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Faith Formation, 10:15 a Kids Club/Youth Group, Corn Maze, 1p Bible Study, 6:30p		Elder's Meeting, 7p Trustees Meeting, 7p	Bible Study, 7p			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship, 9a Faith Formation, 10:15 a Deacons Meeting, 10:15a Bible Study, 6:30p			Bible Study, 7p	Worship Planners 7p	Messy Church, 6p	Bishop Installation
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship, 9a Faith Formation, 10:15 a Kids Club/Youth Group, 4p Bible Study, 6:30p	Dinner Church 6p	Council Meeting, 7p	Bible Study, 7p			Confirmation Class 9:30 – 11:30 a
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Reformation Sunday Worship, 9a Birthday/Anniversary Celebration, 10:15a Faith Formation, 10:15 a Lutherlyn Halloween Fun, 2 p Bible Study, 6:30p	Holy Communion at Penn Mar: 1:45 p				Trunk or Treat 6:00 – 8:00 p	



10/07 Cherry Sauers

10/08 Lauren Schuster

10/19 Jennifer Miller

10/20 Melissa Kramer

10/22 Charles Davidson Jr.

10/24 Kimberly Richards

10/27 Denise Julio



10/17 Frederick & Susan Bielo - 38 yrs.

10/20 James & Denise Hager - 46 yrs.

10/22 Charles & Anne Olescyski - 59 yrs.

10/25 Reed & Kimberly Richards – 22 yrs.



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