



# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH THE EAGLE

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## From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

This is a personal invitation to a number of you we've not had the joy of seeing before COVID-19 began or haven't seen for a number of years for that matter, for whatever the reason. Rest assured, you will always have a place here at St. John and we'd love to see you return and join us in this worshipping and serving Christian community whose birthday of founding was sixty-nine years ago. In fact, on September 11th we will celebrate the birthday in worship and one of our longtime members will share vignettes from the history of this remarkable congregation as part of the worship service.

I realize that it's not me, the pastor, or the music or coffee hour or whatever, but an invitation from one of our currently active members that may attract persons to this place. So I encourage everyone to invite someone. We have, I believe, beautiful traditional worship, marvelous welcoming folks, and friendly, accepting, generous, and at times delicious hospitality - our fabulous Lutheran potlucks and the annual pie sampling Sunday come immediately to mind.

Furthermore, sometimes an important life change gets us thinking about God, spirituality or eternity. This life change can be a birth, death, serious health issue, divorce, separation, retirement or some other dramatic change to our normal way of living. A faith community can be an important link, a reliance on a power higher than ourselves we can connect to, namely the loving, spiritual truth and guidance from the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I, as pastor, and we as a faith community - the priesthood of all believers - are here for you. So in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, I issue you a loving, non-judgmental invitation to this place, for all are welcome as we meet face-to-face in worship and in the simple joy of being together.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Don



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am  
Worship Service

## OUR MISSION

*We are a family  
of Christ,  
committed to serving,  
teaching, welcoming  
and loving  
all God's people.*

Celebrating  
**69** Years  
of Ministry  
in Ocean View  
1953-2022



## From Our Council President

Projects did not slow down over the summer:

- New bi-fold doors installed and paid for by members of the congregation
- AC replaced in 2 classrooms
- Refurbished air handler in St. Matthias Hall
- New cross holder installed by the pulpit
- Kitchen ceiling repaired and plastered
- New stove installed and inspected and old stove sold!
- Old refrigerator replaced with smaller one (for now)
- Freezers being cleaned out in preparation for removal
- Lawn sign cleaned and updated with our website!

Council voted to host a potluck in celebration of 69 years of ministry to the Ocean View community. Emily Kircheval has agreed to offer a historical review of the church. Please plan to join us on September 11th for a birthday celebration. Invite friends, neighbors, current and former members. September Council meeting will be the following Sunday, September 18th.

Sunday morning Bible study/book club will begin in early October.

Sale of the parsonage is moving forward. The current tenants are no longer interested in buying the house. The house is on the market. Pray for a quick sale!!

I appreciate the support of the Council and congregation as we move forward!

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Davidson

## "God's work. Our hands." Sunday



**Sept. 11**  
**2022**

### Worship Attendance

Date	Congregation	Choir/Assistants	Nursery	Total
July 3, 2022	?	?	?	?
July 10, 2022	?	?	?	?
July 17, 2022	20	9	0	29
July 24, 2022	?	?	?	?
July 31, 2022	28	8	0	36

Welcome Fall! We continue our practice of two forms of Communion: Individual sealed elements or intinction with bread provided by our member, Ellen Wilson. Choir resumes practice and anthems this month. We can use additional Altar Guild teams, Communion Assistants and Ushers. Training is available.

Please join us September 11th as we celebrate our 69th birthday of ministry in OV! Special message during Worship followed by a Potluck Meal. There is a sign-up sheet on the hall-way bulletin board.

Yours in Christ,  
Gail Davidson, Worship and Music Chair



### *The Ukraine Drive*

*We are concluding our four months effort to help those displaced and limited by the Russian invasion in Ukraine. We have done this in cooperation with Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Virginia Beach. They host a Ukraine school on Saturdays. The church there has been receiving and storing at their location. Persons from the school have relatives still living in that country. More than 5 cargo shipping containers have already been sent to a lawyer in one of the smaller cities. Those in the whole surrounding area come and collect items that they need.*

*St. John members were able to draw in a number of groups from outside of the congregation: The Talbot Assisted Living Facility, a local restaurant, Women of the ELCA, and orthodontic firm and a grant from Thrivent (formerly Thrivent Financial for Lutherans).*

*Special THANKS to Marjorie Gish and Regina Starling for transportation to the collecting area and special attention to the details related to this whole effort.*

# SEN-RETS

We will meet on September 21st  
in St. Matthias Social Hall at 11:30 am  
Please bring a bag lunch for yourself.  
Drinks and dessert will be provided.  
All Retirees and Seniors are welcome.

For further information  
please contact Emily Kircheval.



### September Anniversaries

- 13 ~ St. John Lutheran Church  
69 years
- 21 ~ Stephen ♥ Elizabeth Ball  
9 years
- 22 ~ Billy ♥ Stacia Frazier  
10 years

### September Birthdays

- 8 ~ Sheila Charnock
- 9 ~ Jessie McRae
- 10 ~ Patricia Kindred
- 12 ~ Tim Garvin
- 13 ~ Anne Combes
- 14 ~ Cheryl Gebler

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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1953 & 1978  
SCHOOL

*Celebrating 68 years of Ministry!*

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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Vice President: Deborah Midgett

Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson

Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton

Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks

School Director: Sheila Sanchez

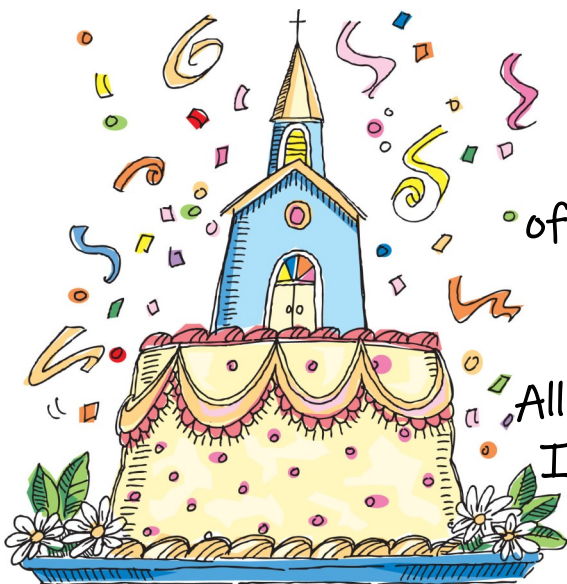
Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran

Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

If your mailing information has changed,  
please notify the Church Office.

Thank you!

# Happy Birthday St. John!



On Sunday, September 11th,  
St. John will celebrate 69 years  
of holding worship in Ocean View.

Emily Kircheval will provide a history  
of our church during the Worship Service.  
After service we will continue with a  
potluck meal in St. Matthias Hall.  
All are encouraged to bring a dish to pass.  
Invite friends and neighbors to join us!!!