St. John Lutheran Church

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From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

I'll be very brief in this communication.

I wish each and every one of you good health, prosperity, a deep sense of the presence of God in your innermost being, and a happy, safe and enjoyable summer.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Don+

This food support ministry began in May. **AS OF JULY 16th**, St. John has donated over 250 items to the Food Pantry at the Episcopal Church of the Advent. We are a generous congregation committed to helping feed the needy citizens of Ocean View.

Across the globe, eating three meals a day has become a luxury. While we may not be able to help globally, we can help those here in our community. Donations may be placed in the basket in the Narthex.

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am
Adult Bible Study

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

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From Our Council President

Council did not meet in July.

Pastors Microphone: We qualified for a minimum grant of $500 from Synod. Tara Taffe is working with someone who has helped with systems in other churches.

The updated quote for the manufactured granite and countertops is $14,480. Everyone working in the kitchen must have a food handlers card. The class is online and takes about 90 minutes. Cost is $15 for 3 years.

Council voted to hold a Fathers Day Breakfast on June 18th. Our secretary will post sign-up sheets.

Karen Sutton reported via phone call, the new Bishop is Phyllis Milton, Pastor of Holy Communion Lutheran Church in Portsmouth.

Outreach: Profits from Spaghetti Dinner - $220. Yard Sale - $242.

SenRets met at Royal Garden Chinese Restaurant in Ocean View on June 21st. For July and August we will meet at the church.

St. John School Summer Enrichment begins June 19th.

The sale of geraniums for Pentecost netted $120 for the General Fund.

The revised (again) Constitution was submitted and approved by VA Synod.

70th Anniversary Committee met and is looking at having the meal catered. We discussed asking Keith Olivier to preside with Tom Bailey as back up. Karen Sutton will contact Pastor Olivier.

Pastor Wilson will be on a well deserved vacation June 17th—30th. Pastor Harry Griffith will preside on June 23rd, and the service will be Lay Lead on June 30th.

Our next Congregational Meeting is July 30th after service with a Potluck Meal. Copies of the Constitution will be distributed.

Membership: 65 confirmed members

Respectfully submitted, Gail Davidson

SEN-RETS

We will meet on August 16th
at 11:30 am in St. Matthias Hall.
Bring your own bag lunch and
enjoy the fellowship.

For further information
please contact Emily Kircheval.

We returned to Worship in the Sanctuary on July 2nd. With our return and the COVID threat lessening, we agreed to resume bringing the communion elements forward during offertory.

The committee will meet at 4:00 pm on July 19th. Summer worship begins at our usual time.

Anyone needing a ride to service or events, please call the Church Office.

In Christ's Service, Gail Davidson
Worship and Music Chair

Budget Update – June 2023	
Monthly Revenues	$9,086.00
Monthly Expenses	$9,423.73
Year to date Revenues	$48,996.29
Year to date Expenses	$184,119.88
Year to date: Actual Revenue less Actual Expenses	(135,123.59)
Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.	

August Anniversaries

1 ~ David ♥ Tara Moeller
30 years

6 ~ Ricky ♥ Sheila Sanchez
37 years

15 ~ Jeff ♥ Wendy Gulley
20 years

15 ~ Gerard ♥ Cheryl Gebler
51 years

29 ~ Kevin ♥ Anne Combes
31 years

August Birthdays

2 ~ Aubrey Baank

8 ~ Kathryn Braswell

12 ~ Paula Dembkoski

12 ~ Amanda Shaffer

14 ~ Tina Parcell

19 ~ Pat Pennington

27 ~ David Moeller

30~ Margie Gish

Worship Attendance

Date	Congregation	Choir/Assistants	Nursery	Total
June 4, 2023	26	7	0	33
June 11, 2023	23	7	0	30
June 18, 2023	25	7	0	32
June 25, 2023	16	6	0	22

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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

Did you know???

To help save paper and postage, you can view *The Eagle* newsletter online. If you would like to read the newsletter online and not receive a paper copy, please notify the Church Office.

Save the date!

On Sunday, September 17th,
St. John will celebrate
70 years
of holding worship in the
Ocean View Community.
After service we will continue
with a luncheon in
St. Matthias Hall.
Invite friends and
past members to join us!!!