
St. John's Way, Truth and Life

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St. John's Will Remain Steadfast

Did last week's headline that it is impossible for us to re-open take your breath away? Did it put you in shock? One of the cold hard realities of life that I learned in seminary is that the Church is one generation away from extinction. If we don't pass on the faith, it will cease to exist. Financially, we are always struggling. We always need your generous giving to remain open.

One of my favorite malapropisms is, "Worry killing you? Let the Church help!"

Last week I said that Church kills. Church kills, but Christ makes alive! Just as Lutherans talk about the Word of God being both Law and Gospel. The proper function of the Law is to convict us, to "kill" us so that we understand our need for Jesus. The function of the Gospel is to bring Life—Eternal Life through Jesus Christ. The Good News is that our hope is in Jesus.

Worship and Music Establishes Temporary Communion Practices

Until the virus is gone Worship and Music has set out the following guidelines for communion:

Wear a mask until you are in your pew, social distance as much as possible.

Pastor will wash hands (as always) while putting on his chausable. He will wear a mask and gloves while behind altar with elements exposed and while distributing elements.

The elements to be covered with cling wrap during distribution.

Communion assistants will wear masks and gloves.

Only one side of sanctuary will commune at a time. Please wear a mask and be prepared for communing around the mask to be awkward.

Usher will offer hand gel sanitizer.

Come forward using social distancing, (no, we will not put lines on the carpet, just use common sense).

Pastor will distribute wafers in center.

Six feet away, cups will be handed out. There will be Cling wrap over tray of cups.

Pouring chalice will be six feet away.

Then, after the wine is consumed, there will be a basin of bleachy water to receive your cup. (Altar guild always uses bleach on the cups).

See you in worship,

Pastor Johnson



Sunday, June 7, 2020 is the date St. John's will recognize their 2020 graduates. Graduates will be recognized on Sunday with a Fellowship hour in the Social Hall following worship and will also participate in the service. **If you are a high school, college or tech school graduate or know of someone who is, please contact the church office at (724) 548-2051. Email office at stjohnskittanning@gmail.com for forms. Pictures are also needed to complete our graduate brochure. Please turn in all information by May 18th.**

*St. John's Lutheran Church
is honoring our
members over 80 years young!
Our over 80 members are
invited to enjoy a luncheon
after worship
Sunday, June 14th
In the Social Hall!*

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**Electronic Giving is Good for
You and the Church**

You can now make a contribution to St. John’s through a mobile app!

To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for “GivePlus Church” to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

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To give through the app, search your phone’s app store for “GivePlus Mobile” or contact the church office.



- The May Council meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

A complete copy of the approved minutes from each month is posted on bulletin boards in the Narthex and Education Building.

Your Church Council members are always available for your questions and concerns:

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| Bill Bouch | 724-859-0359 |
| Jack Griffin | 814-275-2735 |
| Mark Hankey | 724-783-6004 |
| Brock Hodak | 724-664-3652 |
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| Lori Young | 724-954-2013 |



Beginning June 21st we will hold two Sunday morning worship services; one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m. There is no reason to miss praising our Lord!

Mark Your Calendars

June 7	Grad Sunday
June 14	Over 80 Dinner
July 30-Aug 2	Folk Festival Tentative
August 3-7	NALC Convocation
August 10-14	VBS Tentative
August 16	Church Picnic Tentative
September 13	Rally Day
September 27	Progressive Workshop Luncheon
October 25	Reformation
December 6	Christmas Concert

Heading into the hospital?

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please let the office know. Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were.

Thank You's for Children and Youth are in the Thank You part of Newsletter.

All Ages Stuff



Early Service
Rock of our Salvation
Worship
July 12th
at 8:30am

Here are a couple uplifting songs to listen to this week...

Oh, The Deep Love of Jesus, By: Simon Khorolskiy, This is an absolutely beautiful version of this hymn.

Greater, by Mercy Me, another NEW "Quarantine" song by Mercy Me is called *Hurry Up and Wait*.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death, By: The Gettys and Matt Papa! This one is so uplifting!

Listen online to more Christian music, on Klove, Pandora, Amazon, Youtube, and more!

Hey There!

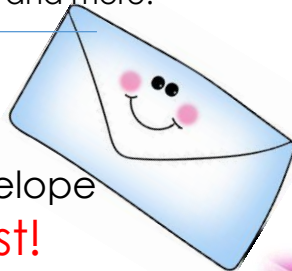
KIDS and Families!

Look out for your next envelope of activities for **Pentecost!**

It will be coming soon!

Inside, will be prayers, activities, Bible stories, games and more! For you and your family!

Hope to see you soon!



NEWS UPDATE:

NALC Summer Camps have officially been cancelled.

But... We will be planning some other awesome outdoor fun for this Summer, for KIDS and YOUTH!

VBS Will tentatively be planned for August 10-14. We have been given many ideas to work around our situation of social distancing.



YOUTH GROUP

DUNKIN WALK!
YOUTH GROUP IS "KINDA"
back, WOOHOO!
We Are going to
Meet in the parking lot, at
church, and walk to Dunkin.
Weather permitting, Tuesday
at 11am, May 26th
Rain Date will be Wednesday
at 11am, May 27th
Bring your own \$ for drink.
We got the donuts.

Children's Hour is on Facebook Live, on our class page. We will meet live at 9:30am, every Thursday. I will text families a list of things they need to get ready, or snail mail items that you can use for the lesson.

Our last class will be May 28th

Memory Verse of the week

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28



- 1 Pat Bowser, Bill McMaster, Jr., Elizabeth Dixon
- 2 Naomi Smith, Michael Ulisky, Isaiah Zacherl
- 3 Kristie Cooper, Emily Peck Ghering, Keith Livengood, Leota Minnich
- 4 Betsy Schall, Andrew Bowser

- 6 Martin Erdley
- 8 Christopher Moorhead
- 9 Betsy Furlong, Frances Kirby, Jordain Bowser, Tyler Bowser
- 12 Tonya Zimmerman Kilgore, Ryan Shafer
- 13 Michael Livingston
- 14 Karen Waugaman, Kathy Peck, Jarrod Olinger, Olivia Erdley, Hilma Wingard
- 15 Robert Bleakney, Mike Crissman
- 16 Jessica Smith, Camryn Bowser
- 17 Eric Starr
- 21 Karen Ansell, Jackson Lager
- 24 Pat Bush-Burkett, Michael McDermott, Chase Ansell, Tyler Choncek, Jacob Rupp
- 25 Jessica Held, Lance Whiteman
- 26 Wendy Hilliard, William Olinger, Angelo Law
- 27 Richard Round, Evan Cravener
- 28 Cheryl Gariglio, Liam Alese
- 29 Jerry Houser, Derek Kirby, Jr.
- 30 Emil Debnar, Toni Smail, Jason Slee

If your birthday does not appear and you would like it to, please contact the church office.



Our April Church Offerings

Offerings	April Receipts	April Budget	Year To-Date	Budget To-Date
Current Operating	24,959	23,884	78,787	95,537
Benevolence	1,396	3,333	6,758	13,333
Capital Campaign	2,493	1,375	12,499	5,500
Current Account	Income	Expenses	Gain/(Loss)	
Current Month	24,959	23,853	1,106	
Year to Date	78,787	91,211	-12,424	

Current Account Update

The above chart shows that as of the end of April we have spent \$12,424.00 more than we have received in offerings. Please give prayerful thought to increasing your giving to keep up the Great Work of making Christ's work happen!



St. John's Live Broadcast

The St. John's worship service is being broadcast live on the Internet via YouTube each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Go to YouTube, and search for St. John's Kittanning. Past worship services are also available.

Blessing of the Animals



Pastor Johnson will once again bless the animals on June 6th from 10 am to noon in the parking lot. Donations will be accepted for Orphans of the Storm.

ATTENDANCE

Our April Worship Attendance

	2019	2020
1st Sunday in Apr.	118	12
2nd Sunday in Apr.	53 (e) 102 (L)	16
3rd Sunday in Apr.	199	15
4th Sunday in Apr.	147	18
Average for Apr.	155	15



Life Changing Adventures in Faith

Lutherlyn Summer Camp is cancelled due to the virus.

"I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever"

(Psalm 89:1, ESV).

