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2024

We are a family of Christians raising children in Christian faith.

#### From Our Interim Pastor



🐺 Wang's Words

In December of 1965, "The Dating Game" made its television debut. In case you are not old enough to remember it, on this show a "bachelorette" would question three "bachelors" who were hidden from view. When the questioning was over, the woman would choose one of the men and the show would pay for them to go on a date. For better or worse, it was not the last television "dating game" – the list is long!

These days, a lot of couples meet via a dating app. They put their info into the app and let the algorithms match them with others who are compatible. The next step – communication back and forth and perhaps an actual "in-person" date!

But why all this talk of dating?

Well, this congregation is currently looking for a relationship; you are seeking a new pastor. The Search Committee has been hard at work since October. They successfully completed a profile that describes this congregation. You all had opportunity for input through our Table Talks last spring and summer.

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The profile is now out there. The committee is in the process of receiving ministerial profiles from candidates, hoping for a good match!

Someone once commented to me that they see the relationship between pastor and congregation like a marriage – you want to make sure you find the right partner before you commit. It's not a bad comparison. As I told the Search Committee, you don't want to "settle"; you want to be excited about the person you ultimately call as pastor. You don't want to jump into something because you are impatient.

And so, "the game is on", so to speak! The committee will review profiles, decide on preliminary interviews, decide whether to continue the conversation with a candidate until they feel confident in presenting a candidate to the congregation. Hopefully, that candidate will also feel that it is a great match.

What can you do?

Be patient. Pray for the committee as they do this work. Respect the fact that confidentiality is a BIG part of this task. The committee will share information as it is appropriate. In the meantime, wait prayerfully and trust the process.

Peace,

**Pastor Judy** 

# INTERIM PASTOR

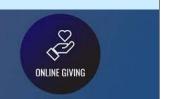
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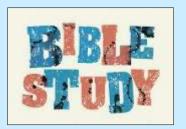
#### Planned Giving to St. John

Have you ever thought about leaving something for St. John in your will or trust as part of your estate planning? Many of us give regularly to St. John, but we forget that we have the opportunity to continue to support St. John into the future. Faith communities rely on gifts that are given through estate planning, so if you've never considered this for you and your family, please consider remembering St. John. Contact the office if you have any questions.



#### **Bible Study**

Bible Study
Tuesday's at 10:00 A.M.



#### **Church Member Letter**

GREATINGS TO ALL,

Special Thanks to those who sont me Birthday
Wishes. There was a get together with family,
but we all missed my brother Ken who passed
away suddenly on January 21. I know we
will miss him et our Enotes get together
too. Have to remember to set my
Clocks wheat on Saturday so I won't
miss aburch.

Wishing Everyone A Very Happy
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With Love in Christ,

Edia Helfers



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# Sudoku

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#### Church Calendar

Did you know that all of St.
John's events are on a
calendar that you can find on
our website, www.stjah.org?
Once you're on the website,
click "About St. John" and you
will see Upcoming Events/
Calendar. Click on that and
you'll see the calendar.







See You at Coffee Hour After Worship on Sunday!

#### From Our Moderator

St. John Members,

As we moved forward through this year's Lenten services, I wanted to personally thank all the committee's that provided the delicious soups during our Sunday services. Also, a special thank you to Patty Larson for organizing the "Don Larson Mac & Cheese Cook off". It was a huge success and the competition was fierce! Congratulations to Paul Thoms who took home the grand prize.

Easter services at St. John were well attended and the music again was exceptional. Thank you to all who participated. St. John has an excellent music program; we should all invite our friends and neighbors to join us on Sundays to listen to our wonderful music.

We at St. John have so many things to be thankful for. I am most thankful for the people who contribute their time and talents. We all have so many gifts to offer St. John. I encourage everyone to see what they can do to help. Some jobs to consider are ushers, coffee hour hosts, greeters, scripture readers, helping with facilities, Sunday school teachers, pads, etc. You don't need to be on a committee to do any of these jobs and you would be a big help to those committees that are responsible for completing those tasks. Ask anyone how you can contribute, your help is always wanted and needed, it feels good too!

Respectfully,

Your Moderator, Paul Giambarberee



### The Pollinator Garden and More....



The pollinator garden has been tidied up in anticipation of the growing season upon us. For many, the garden still looks messy with many dried stalks and dead plant matter remaining. The dried plants have been trimmed but at least twelve to eighteen inches of stalk remains. The dried stalks have a very important role in supporting our native insects. Illinois has 400 to 500 species of native bees. Most native bees are solitary and do not live in hives like the non-native honey bee. Some of the bees are ground

nesting and others lay their eggs and overwinter in the stems of dried plants from the prior growing season. If we remove the dried stems, and sterilize the landscape at the end of a growing season or the beginning of the next growing season, it impacts the survival of those bees that rely on dried vegetation to complete their life cycle. With longer days and warmer weather, new plants are already emerging from the soil and the first blooms of golden alexander and wild columbine will be here before the end of April and other blooms will soon follow. You won't notice the dried plant matter in another month.



And onto another project...Last summer we started clearing the garden strip along the south parking lot facing Eastman Avenue. The garden patch was filled with bindweed which is a very invasive and persistent vine with a very long taproot. Bindweed will eventually strangle out all the other vegetation if it is not removed. We smothered the area with cardboard and wood chips in 2023 and also used herbicide during the growing season to eliminate the bindweed. Unfortunately, our effort last summer was not successful and the bindweed still persists. We have now laid clear plastic over the soil in an attempt to solarize the area. Hopefully any weed seeds that sprout, and any bindweed that emerges will be killed off from the solarization. We will continue to use herbicide as necessary to assist in the process. If the bindweed is eliminated by the end of summer, we will start planting this garden

area with pollinator plants this fall. If you are interested in participating in the project or if you have any questions please contact **Judy Grimes**.

# FamilyFOREward Golf Outing



## Giving to St. John

#### Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John.

In addition to giving at Sunday worship, there are 2 ways to give to St. John:

- 1. Go to <a href="www.stjah.org">www.stjah.org</a> and click the "DONATE" button at the top of the page. Once on the Give page, click "DONATE." Consider signing up for recurring giving. It's easy and helps the church plan.
- 2. Mail your gift to St. John UCC, 308 N. Evergreen Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." Maya Angelou

# Message from Karl

#### **Dog Wisdom:**



Take a nap whenever you want.



Never stop playing.



Wag more, bark less.





#### **Music Committee**

The **St. John Music Ministry** was inspirational during our 1st Quarter ending with outstanding Lent/Easter services.

- Our Easter service featured a wonderful brass ensemble, with additional special music from the Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Worship Band and Paul & Linda at the piano.
- We look forward to our Music Appreciation Sunday on May 19th.

Special thanks to our wonderful volunteers, musicians and directors!



#### GETTING TO KNOW THE U.C.C.



#### BECOMING A CREATION JUSTICE CHURCH

The UCC's Creation Justice Church program assists congregations in making the ministry of environmental justice an integral strand in the DNA of their faith community. A congregation can be designated as a Creation Justice Church by taking these five steps:

Step One: Create or Designate a Leadership Group or Green Team

Step Two: Reflect on Where You've Been and Discern Where You Can Go

Step Three: Draft a Creation Justice Covenant

Step Four: Vote to Adopt the Creation Justice Covenant and Become a

Creation Justice Church

Step Five: Submit an Application

Learn more about this process at ucc.org

## **Food Pantry Donations**

We're collecting food pantry donations every Sunday during worship. The kids will pick up food from you as you pass it to the center aisle. Thank you for supporting the food pantry.

# **Sunday Worship Livestream**



Worship Livestream every Sunday at 10:00 A.M. / WORSHIP IS RECORDED!

#### Cards

We play cards at St. John at 1:00 P.M. on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month. All are welcome!

#### St. John Social

The second Saturday of each month finds Fellowship Hall filled with good food, good friends and good conversation. Join us on May 11 as we celebrate the coming of spring and mom's favorites. We meet at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome to join us for an evening of fun and community.

### St. John Book Club

Come join us as we gather to discuss the books we are reading. **Book Club** meets at 2:00 P.M. on the second Monday of the month. On May 13, "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Patacki will be our focus. **Book Club** is open to all. Join us whenever one of our selections tickles your fancy. If you have a book that you think we should read, just let us know. Hope to see you soon.



# **Learning Together**



During the spring and summer, our Sunday School will be exploring the topic of Creation Care. We are hoping to have a vegetable garden for the youth to tend as part of this learning. Stay tuned to the Friday blast and the church bulletin and announcements for more information!

## **Building Updates**

The **Facilities Committee** continues with routine maintenance and improvements. Fellowship Hall air conditioning was reworked to better distribute cool air. This year has seen more plumbing issues than a typical year. In March, the ejector pit pumps failed, and temporary repairs were made to get the bathrooms working. Additional work for the extractor pit is scheduled for June which will shutdown all bathrooms. Because of this work, the building will be closed to the public the week of June 3-7. In mid -February, the Fellowship Hall roof was patched and repairs to the kitchen skylight were made. In 2024, we are planning for exterior painting, sanctuary lighting improvements, and parking lot sealing. The costs for these repairs are:

-Roof patching are repairs: \$2,425

-Plumbing: \$7,004 (including scheduled June work)

-Air conditioning revisions: \$5,286

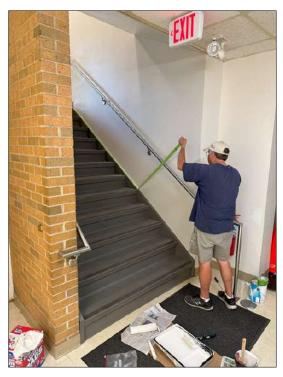
-Exterior Painting: Out for bid

-Parking lot resealing: \$3,600 (estimated)

-Sanctuary lighting: \$2,400 - on hold

These costs have been covered mostly from the Building Fund and some money from the annual budget.

The following photographs illustrate much of this work and it's fun to see parts of church you normally don't see. Here's some typical maintenance work of the Facilities committee:



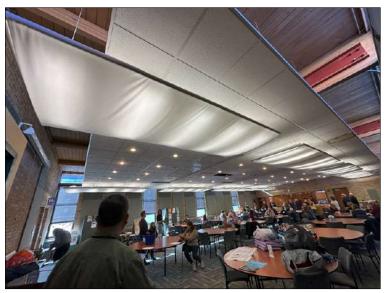


For the two pictures below, the first is the current lighting. On the second, you can notice the altar area is more evenly lit. Look at the roof areas on the right hand side. For the second picture, we experimented with adding some temporary lights. Based on the results, we developed a plan to light the altar area more evenly with help from our vendor Northwest Electrical. We have postponed this work due to the unexpected ejector pit expenses.





You may have not noticed Fellowship Hall's dropped ceiling does not cover the whole room. The sides are open to let light in from the clerestory windows **and** for the A/C air to circulate. In practice, we found that much of the cold A/C air is trapped above the dropped ceiling. I will try to explain and show the A/C change in the next few pictures.



The following picture is outside of Fellowship Hall and the A/C unit on the roof. Much of the roof patching was re-sealing the areas around the A/C unit. Notice also the clerestory windows along the bottom of the picture, these are at the top of Fellowship Hall when you are inside.



This next picture will take some explanation and you'll have to look carefully. The picture is looking into the clerestory windows trying to photograph the area above the dropped ceiling to show the A/C ducts. Before the revised work, the A/C supply simply vented into the space above the dropped ceiling. The design was for the cold air to drop down through the open areas in the ceiling. The revised work extended the supply vents down to grills in the ceiling.

The picture shows the inside area and ducts and towards the right side of the pictures are reflections from outside. With the reflections, the picture is fun to look at because it looks like a car is driving across the dropped ceiling! And in the bottom right corner, you can see past the edge of the dropped ceiling and a person standing in Fellowship Hall.



Finally, here's where the cold air now comes out into Fellowship Hall:



The building does have some wood trim around the various roofs. We will be contracting out for this painting project.



Next up is the ejector pit. All the drains and toilets in the building go into this pit in the basement and then the wastewater is pumped out to the sewer. One of the pumps jammed, tripped the breaker, and caused a backup earlier this spring. Temporary repairs were made to get one ejector pump working reliably.

The scheduled June work will have a vacuum truck parked out front and hoses into the basement to clean out the pit. The plumber will try to repair the damaged pump, but we may have to replace the pumps at an additional cost.

That's all for now. I hope you appreciated getting more details about the work of our **Facilities Committee** and the behind-thescenes photos. If you have any questions about facilities or want to help out, please contact me.

**Ed Heiberger** 



# **Don Larson Mac & Cheese COOK-OFF**



Thank you to everyone who attended!





# **Don Larson Mac & Cheese COOK-OFF (Continued)**









## **Capital Campaign Message**



308 North Evergreen Avenue Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004 847.255.6687 Fax 847.255.6388 www.stjah.org Email: office@stjah.org

March 22, 2024

We want to provide you with an update regarding the St. John Capital Campaign. All contractors and suppliers have been paid in full and all of our original goals have been achieved and even exceeded. No additional expenses are anticipated. The final cost of the entire campaign is \$640,000 which is about \$90,000 over our initial estimate.

To date we have received \$526,384 in donations. We began this campaign with the expectation that it would be a three-year project from a financial standpoint. We completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> year at the end of 2023. Of those who originally pledged toward the campaign, most have already fulfilled their pledge amounts. Many have even contributed beyond their pledge amounts for which we are so grateful. Others, who did not originally pledge, have consistently donated to the campaign every month. We continue to receive contributions as we enter 2024.

We have made a second payment of \$15,000 to the Endowment Fund with the funds that were available in the Capital Campaign account. The balance still due to the Fund is \$115,000.

With the shortage of funds to fully repay the Endowment Fund, we will continue to accept donations through 2024. As a result, we ask each of you to prayerfully consider additional financial gifts to the capital campaign so that we can fully pay back the Endowment Fund in a timely manner. Any donations to the Campaign are greatly appreciated.

Again, thank you for your patience and your generous financial support in helping us to complete repayment of the Endowment Fund loan.

Sincerely,

David Landeweer

### **Pastoral Search Update**

The Pastoral Search Committee is excited to share that St. John's church profile has been posted. As pastor applications are submitted, we'll be screening potential candidates and prayerfully considering whom to interview. We're looking forward to the next steps. Thank you for your patience and continued support as we work through the search process. We'll be sure to update along the way.

**The Pastoral Search Committee** 



## **Stewardship Corner**

**About Minimum IRA Distribution Gifts:** St. John members and friends give generously in many ways. Those with a regular IRA (not Roth), who are over 70 1/2 years old, may qualify to make a QCD (Qualified Charitable Contribution). This is a withdrawal from your IRA and paid directly to a non-profit. Because assets go directly to a non-profit, the donor doesn't report the amount as taxable income and **doesn't owe taxes on the withdrawa**l. Contact your Tax Advisor/IRA Administrator if you are interested in gifting St. John UCC in this way.



ARE YOU GRADUATING?
The Christian Ed Committee

would like the names of all St. John members who are graduating this spring so they can list them in the bulletin on Graduation Sunday, June 16.

<u>Please contact the office with names, school</u> <u>from which you are graduating, and any</u> <u>future plans!</u> THANK YOU!

# **Easter Egg Hunt**

The **St. John Annual Easter Egg Hunt** was held in North School Park on Easter Sunday. Thank you to everyone for participating!











## **Spiritual Life**

The **Spiritual Life Committee** has continued helping with worship on Sunday mornings. Committee members have been serving as greeters, ushers, communion servers, providing the announcements and performing other duties as needed to try and help **Pastor Judy** provide for a smooth and meaningful service. We were also busy with the numerous activities during the Lenten season and Holy Week services. We welcomed our newest member, **Chris Hill** to our committee.

We've also been encouraging members to sign up to serve **Coffee Hour** along with the other volunteer opportunities, such as sponsoring the weekly flowers. The congregation has responded by signing up for the many slots. For those who have never volunteered, we would be glad to explain what is needed. In fact, for **Coffee Hour**, we would be glad to sign up with you to help. Just contact anyone on the committee and let us know what day you would be interested in.

**Called to Care** has kept busy reaching out to our homebound church members and those feeling under the weather. A number of people in our congregation serve on the committee and we are extremely grateful for the service they provide to those in need.

We just finished up a busy and meaningful **Lenten and Holy Week** season. Our committee started the **Sunday Lenten Soup Sundays** the first week by providing soup after the Sunday service. Members also coordinate the purchase and displaying of the flowers on Easter Sunday. Wednesday **PADS** has continued at church and the Friday night **PADS** returned to St. John after a stint at Congregational Church. A big thanks to the many people from St. John and other churches who have volunteered over the past several months. In addition, the **Little Free Pantry** continues to provide needed items for those less fortunate.

The committee has been meeting monthly on the first Tuesday at 7:00 pm at St. John. If you are interested in learning more about our committee and our work, feel free to reach out to anyone on the committee. The members on the com-

mittee include Barbara Blye, Judy Grimes, Dennis Roesslein, Holly Petersen, Cindy Giambarberee, Chris Hill & Dave Landeweer.

St. John Spiritual Life Committee

# Youth Group Fun!

On February 23, the **Youth Group** met for pizza and fellowship to make tie blankets that will be distributed to the refugees who are making their way to Chicago from Texas. The youth made the blankets from fleece that was donated by church members. Fifteen people attended and made 10 blankets.











# **Youth Group Fun! (Continued)**











### **Valentines**

**Lisa, Patty, Hanna & Bella** did an absolutely amazing job making these beautiful cards for our homebound church members. Aren't the cards cute?



### **Message from Treasurer**

The first quarter of 2024 has been financially strong. We are 109% of giving and 113% for a total income against the budget for the first quarter. Expenses are 92% of the budget for the first quarter of 2024.

We do have some fairly expensive plumbing and heating/ac projects in the works that may affect the expense budget.

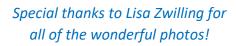
Continued thanks to our congregation for their generous giving and support of the mission of St. John.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Wilson, Treasurer

# St. Patrick's Potluck











## **PADS Update**





Thank you for your continued support of the PADS program! Our PADS season ended on April 27. Please join us on Wednesday, May 1, for dinner at St. John to celebrate the end of a wonderful PADS season. We are inviting all volunteers and members of the St. John congregation to join us to show our appreciation for all of your prayers, donations, meals and time to support the PADS guests at St. John!

PADS End of Season Thank you Celebration at St. John UCC Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00pm

#### **RSVP:**

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45ADAA28A7F4CE9-48811420-stjohn

We have an Amazon Wish List if you would like to donate to our program: <a href="https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2A3ZJQSQFNZVJ?ref">https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2A3ZJQSQFNZVJ?ref</a> =wl dp view your list

Please reach out to any team member with questions! Thanks so much for all of your support! The St. John PADS Team



### IT'S TIME FOR SUMMER CAMP!

In a time when many conferences are seeing their camps close, The Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ is blessed to have two beautiful outdoor ministry sites: Pilgrim Park Camp, in Princeton IL and Tower Hill Camp, in Sawyer MI.



Check out the opportunities for children and youth camps, family camps, and adult retreats! There's something for everyone.

Learn more at: https://ilucc.org/what-does-outdoor-ministries-do/



LET CAMP CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

### Thank You from the Girl Scouts



Thank you for letting us use this space!
From Girl Scout Troop #47845
Kelly Braun & Leah McDonnell





#### Mission

In keeping with St. John's commitment to social justice, volunteerism and inclusion, the **Mission Committee** allocates funds to support the great commandment ("Love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:30-31) and the call of the Gospel to help those in need. Acknowledging our membership in the global community, allocations will be made to local, national and international organizations.

While monetary donations are important to the success of many mission projects, the need for volunteers to commit their time and energy is just as critical. Centralizing mission activities through a single governing committee will allow St. John to better prioritize, oversee and communicate about the various initiatives that are active or planned in the future.

The **Mission Committee** will be sharing information periodically about the mission initiatives and opportunities St. John undertakes throughout the year. Some of these include:

#### **Local Organizations**

Arlington Heights Emergency Fund – in-need individuals and families

FamilyForward - housing insecurity

Free Pantry – unhoused population

Lutheran Church of the Cross Food Pantry – food insecurity

Meals on Wheels - food insecurity

PADS – unhoused population

WINGS – domest7ic violence service provider

#### National & International Organizations

Heifer International – ending hunger and poverty

Love of Jesus Mission Church – Mission trip delivering scholarships in Oaxaca,

Mexico

Quarter Tube – sponsoring impoverished children around the world

RefugeeOne – serving refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants to become self-sufficient

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We are always seeking hands-on projects that involve the entire congregation. If you have an idea for a project, please contact anyone on the Mission Committee. Members include: Pam Ahrendt, Martha Ross-Mockaitis, Tom Mockaitis, Jay Virchow, Betsy Wilson & Connie Wayman.

### **Mission (Continued)**

#### **Lutheran Church of the Cross Food Pantry**

The food pantry at Lutheran Church of the Cross has seen a steady increase in the number of families they serve, jumping from an average of 100/week last year to 150/week this year. The donations from St. John are a welcome blessing!

Their greatest need is boxed cereal, and items they cannot purchase with a SNAP card (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Diapers (size 2, 4 or 5), baby wipes, feminine hygiene items, soap, shampoo, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, toilet paper, and napkins.

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and distributed. Please contact **Connie Wayman** with any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

#### **Heifer Project**

The Mission Team

The kids have collected \$400 for the **Heifer** project over the past 5 weeks. They will buy 12 flocks of chicks and 5 beehives. The kids learned math as they counted the donations and allocated the money received to the number of animals that they wanted to buy. They learned about people across the world and what their needs are and that we can make an impact and do great things by bringing awareness to issues. They learned that they are part of a bigger world. They worked together to create the poster and donation box. We could not be more grateful for the generous donations from our church members as well as super proud of the kids in their efforts and focus every week to count the donations, decide what to buy and mark



the items on the ledger. A special thank you to **Patty Larson** who donated the cook off money to this important cause.



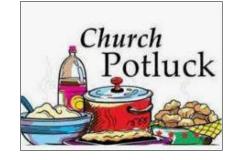
## **Little Free Pantry Update**

With warmer weather, the Little Free Pantry will supply socks, sunscreen, wipes and soap. Donations are welcome. To sign up to help, go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2uzc4tdf">https://tinyurl.com/2uzc4tdf</a> or speak with Jay Virchow or Jenn Borrell.

# **May 2024**

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12 Seventh Sunday after Easter Teacher Appreciation Sunday Mother's Day 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	2pm Book Club BOOK CLUB	14 6pm Bell Rehearsal 7pm Council Meeting	15 6:45pm Choir Rehearsal	16 1pm Cards 4pm Brownies Meeting 6:30pm Women's Spirituality	17	18
19 Pentecost Sunday / Music Appreciation Sunday 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	20	21 7pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 Trinity Sunday 10am Worship & Sunday School Memorial Day Planting 11am Coffee Hour 6:30pm PADS Summer Supper	27 Memorial Day— Office Closed	28	29	30 6:30pm Women's Spirituality	31	









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1st	Tim Wayman	16th	Natalie Burkhardt
7th	Gary Slonke	17th	Barbara Ahrenholz, Peter Johns
10th	Owen Zielinski	18th	Patty Larson
12th	Patty Callahan	22nd	Katelyn Hahn
		25th	Paul Cochran

	June		
2nd	Janet Kaiser, Jenna Winters	21st	Aiden Temple, Annabelle Temple
4th	Grace Hogaboom, Glenda Kosulic		Laurie Travis, Brooklyn Dorszewski
9th	Jackie Nilson	27th	Brayden Riley
16th	Deanne Koontz	29th	Paul Frost
17th	Sydney Larson	30th	Alison Burdick, Betsy Wilson

	July		
1st	Steve Blye	13th	Molly Tashima
2nd	Mark Swenson	15th	Glenn Ahrenholz
3rd	Linda Styzek	18th	Danielle Hong
4th	Gail Cunningham	20th	Ryan O'Connor
5th	Gary Cunningham	28th	Debra Vogel, Carin Zachar
6th	Emma Mae Riley	29th	Alex Burkhardt, Pam O'Connor
7th	Lori Martin	30th	Helen Burris
10th	Cindy Giambarberee	31st	David Lewis



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# **June 2024**

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2 Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:15am Mission Committee 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour 11am Buffalo Grove Pride Parade	3 Plumbing work at church this week	4 4:15pm Girl Scouts Meeting 7pm Spiritual Life Committee Meeting	5	6 1pm Cards •••••	7	8 6pm St. John Social
9 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	2pm Book Club BOOK CLUB	11 7pm Council Meeting	12 4pm Girl Scouts Meeting	13	14	15
16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Graduation Sunday Father's Day 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	17	18 7pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	19	20 1pm Cards	21	22
23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour 6:30pm PADS Summer Supper	24 6pm Fami- lyForward Meeting	25	26	27	28	29
30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7pm Spiritual Life Committee Meeting	3	4 Independence ence Day— Office Closed	5	6
7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	8 2pm Book Club BOOK CLUB	9 7pm Council Meeting	10	11	12	13 6pm St. John Social
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