St. John's Way, Truth and Life

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Jesus Christ is a dirty rotten thief and it's about time someone called Him out on it!

He robs me of my pretentious nature—I can't pretend to be something I'm not. I can't pretend to be better than I am because He knows me better than I know myself. All I am left with is the freedom to be me.

He robs me of my fear. When I find myself (often) in the valley of the shadow of death (real and imagined) He is with me and has promised to lead me through no matter how dark and fearful the valley I happen to be treading through. I am never abandoned or alone.

He robs me of my enemies. Sin, Death, and the Devil have already been defeated by Him. He wins in the end and He has promised us eternal life with Him.

He robs me of my hate. He has taught me to destroy my enemies by loving them.

He robs me of my anger. He has taught me to forgive.

He robs me of my problems, for all the big problems in life are solved in Him.

He robs me of misinformation, for He is the Truest Truth.

He robs me of misdirection, for He has shown me a still more excellent way.

He has robbed me. He has cleaned me out. He has stolen all and all am left with is joy.

See you in Worship,

Pastor Johnson



Sunday, June 2, 2024 is the date St. John's will recognize their 2024 graduates. Graduates will be recognized on Sunday with a Fellowship hour in the social hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship and will also participate in the 11:00 a.m. 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 if you need a form emailed. You may email forms and pictures to stjohnskittanning@gmail.com. Pictures are also needed to complete our graduate brochure. Thank you!

St. John's Congregation is honoring their over 80 members! You are invited to enjoy a luncheon after 11:00 a.m. worship Sunday, June 23, 2023 in the Social Hall Please respond to the church office by June 11, 2023. 724-297-5319

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Electronic Giving is Good for You and the Church

You can now make a contribution to our church 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.

You can also choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry, and thank you for your support.

- 1. Download the free app on your Apple or Android phone.
- 2. Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.
- 3. Log in or donate as a guest.
- 4. Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password.

To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Mobile" or contact the church office.

"Give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving "

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June 1	8am Worker Bee Work day Landscaping				
June 2	Graduate Sunday				
June 10	Vacation Bible School - Carnival				
June 23	Over 80 Banquet				
July 8-12	NALC Youth Camp				
July 15-17	NALC- Elementary Camp				
July 22-26	Nexus				
August 18 -	 Church Picnic @ Fleeger Pavillion 				



- Approved Lucas Allen Bowser and Emma Rose Graff for confirmation contingent on their successful completion of their work.
- Received Thank You from the Library for their book sale. Decided to tithe the \$150 check to the North American Lutheran Seminary (\$15) and designating the remaining \$135 to Current Account for expenses incurred.
- Heard that we received thank you from Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Water Missions, Lutheran Bible Translators (for the Ethiopian Seminary), Kittanning Library, and North American Lutheran Seminary for donations.
- 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:

Kyle Kirkpatrick - Vice President	724-954-7366
Dean Crooks	724-664-2015
Wendy Hodak	724-664-4345
Gene Hughes	724-543-3011
Patricia Kirkpatrick	724-525-0962
Susan Neal	724-763-8331
Megan Rupp	724-859-1317
Brendan Swanson	724-525-7255
John Swanson	724-525-1381
Richard Thorell	724-349-5287
Kraig Walker	724-664-3085
Jill Wranich	724-902-9389



The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him. PROVERBS 20:7



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Registration for camp at <u>https://www.mnemdnalc.org/youth/in-tents</u>



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

1 Bill McMaster, Jr., Elizabeth Dixon

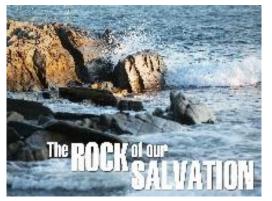
2 Michael Ulisky, Isaiah Zacherl

3 Kristie Cooper, Emily Peck

- Ghering, Keith Livengood, Leota Minnich, Savannah Purvis
- 4 Betsy Schall, Andrew Bowser
- 6 Martin Erdley7 Ryker John
- 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 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



Beginning **June 16th** we will hold two Sunday morning worship services; 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There is no reason to miss praising our Lord!



Rock of our Salvation Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday - June 2 & June 9, 2024 See YOU THERE!



Our April Church Offerings Apr Apr Year Budget					
<u>Offerings</u>	Apr <u>Receipts</u>	Apr <u>Budget</u>	<u>To-Date</u>	Budget <u>To-Date</u>	
Current.					
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Operating	22,559	26,887	104,799	107,548	
Benevolence	1425	3333	6287	13,333	
Capital					
Campaign	1847	1762	8074	7048	

Current Account	Income	Expenses	Gain/ -Loss
Current Month	22,559	22,231	327
Year to Date	104,799	94,294	10,505

Empower the Mission and Ministry of St. John's!

Let's be faithful in our Summer generosity. This year presents a very great challenge for each and every one of us! Please give prayerful consideration to increasing your giving to St. John's that we might continue the year in plenty, rather than in want. Thank you for your continued support!

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>

Our April Worship Attendance

April	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
1 st Sunday in Apr	155	E(45) L (75)
2 nd Sunday in Apr	188	100
3 rd Sunday in Apr	(E)46 (L) 81	91
4 th Sunday in Apr	105	142
5 th Sunday in Apr	97	
Average for April	134	114
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Thank You's for June 2024:

- Thank you to Blair and Mary Jane Dawson, Linda Charley, Betty Mitchell and Ruth Ann Hankey for assembling and mailing the May newsletter.
- Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Katie's Cupboard Ministry @ St. John's with donations.
- Thank you to Rose Debnar for the candy for the gathering room and for cleaning and organizing the gathering room and narthex.
- Thank you Patty Kirkpatrick, Linda Charley, Connie McMaster, Ruth Ann Hankey, Karen Waugaman, Tammy Fleeger, Cheryl Mechling, Kay Thorell for your help in the office.
- Thank you to all who made delicious cookies !
 Set up and serving serving refreshments for the Spring concert was: Connie McMaster, Tammy Fleeger, Robert John, Lynda Howlett, Deb Griffin, Deb & Bill Bouch, Molly & Emily Bouch, Stella Venesky
- Thank you to Amber & Kylie Zurn, sorting and creating weekly kits for Katie's cupboard
- Thanks to Connie McMaster and Debbie Griffin for hosting the Baptism reception
- Thanks to Tammy Fleeger and Connie McMaster for hosting the Confirmation Reception
- Thank you to Sharon Febinger for planting the beautiful flowers in the courtyard.
- Thank: Tammy Fleeger, Sue Bain, Marve Gaiser, Mollie Bouch, Emily Bouch, Cassidy Smith and Robert John, Megan Rupp, Wendy and Gracie Hodak for help with APRIL SPARK!
- And Gene Hughes for help with training them for their positions, and the Choirs and praise band for sharing your talents on Youth Sunday!
- Thank you to Tammy Fleeger for helping to tidy up the kitchen, prepare for events, dinners
- Thank you to the Duncans, Baileys, John Family, Andrea Erhman, Smoyers, Veneskys, Nancy Johnson, Fennells, Adkins, Bouch, Smith and Wranich Famlies for donating food for the Lasagna Luncheon!
- Our Crew for helping set up, serve and clean up; Colvin Adkins, Kendall and Jessica Bailey, Mitchell Wranich, Cassidy Smith, Robert & Rick John, Christy, Logan and Lakyn Duncan, Anna and Stella Venesky, Emily, Mollie

and William Bouch, Rick John, Matt Duncan, Jill & Nick Wranich.

- Thank you to the Praise band for giving your time and talents to help lead worship May 12th.
- Thank you to Melanie McNatt, one of our Children's Hr Parents, for substituting for Julie on May 2, as she had a family funeral to attend.
- Thank you to Megan and Donna for teaching Sunday School! You are both AWESOME teachers!
- Thank you to our MAY SPARK crew, Tammy Fleeger, Sue Bain, Megan and Ava Rupp, Julie and Cassidy Smith!
- Thank you to everyone who supports our Children's & Youth ministries at St. John's!
- Thank you to all who helped with Fellowship Hours following worship:
- Thanks to MaryJane & Blair Dawson, Connie McMaster Tammy Fleeger and Colin Toy for placing items commemorating the 200th Anniversary display in the Gathering Space for Pentecost/Confirmation season.
- SO MANY THANKS for the help with the post concert reception: Cindy Law, Kay Thorell, Debbie Griffin, Lynda Howlett, Sandy Duncan, Michelle Kozlowski, MaryAnn Zahradnik, Mary Jane Dawson, Julie Smith, Linda Johnston, Connie McMaster, Diana Wolfe, Ruth Ann Hankey, Donna Livengood, Mona Bouch, Andrea Ehrman, Mollie Bouch, Emily Bouch, Stella Visnesky, Marve Gaiser, Becky Swanson, Abby Klaar, Wendy Hodak, Debie Bouch, Megan Rupp, Sandy Duncan, Tammy Fleeger, Crystal Olinger
- Mr Jeff Choncek and the Armstrong Jr/Sr High students for providing such an <u>amazing</u> amount of food to Katie's Cupboard this year !
- To Juanita Sams for baking the amazing coffee cake for our weekly coffee hours after worship.
- To Kay Thorell for baking communion bread.
- To Gene Hughes for training our acolytes every Sunday.
- To Karen Waugaman for changing our Hymn Board every Sunday.



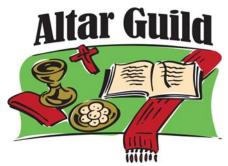
Congratulations to our confirmands:

Lucas Allen Bowser Emma Rose Graf



We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

Elijah Daniel Holt



Needed for Altar Care:

We are still looking for volunteers to help with every Sunday, can you serve?



To the Family of Patricia Nowser

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.



Internet Streaming St. John's Live Broadcast

The St. John's worship service is broadcast live on You Tube each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. as well as for 8:30am Service Sundays.

We have a New Texting App!

Mojo texting was created FOR churches! It is safe and doesn't sell your number to anyone else! If you would like to receive schedule changes, updates, reminders and announcements from St. John's. Please text the word GRACE to 7242765321. It will send you a welcome message. You will now receive important messages via text about what's going on at St. John's! Messages will only be sent out on occasion and when important changes need to be communicated. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Smith.



Heading into the hospital?

If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please contact the office @ 724-548-2051. Because of confidentiality issues, the hospitals are not as helpful in notifying us as they once were

"Patience is the companion of wisdom." -St. Augustine



"The Bucket List"

The Social Ministry project is collecting items to be inserted and stored in 5 gallon "flood buckets" for disasters. These buckets can then be sent where

emergency relief efforts are needed following floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

- ✓ Bleach (two 1 quart or one 82 oz. bottle)
- ✓ 1 Air freshener, 8 oz. or 9 oz. can
- \checkmark 5 scouring pads
- ✓ 1 insect repellant spray, 6-14 oz. can
- \checkmark 7 sponges
- ✓ 1 pair work gloves
- ✓ Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
- ✓ 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- ✓ 24 bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon
- ✓ 2-25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle of liquid laundry detergent
- 1 household cleaner 12 to 16 oz. bottle
- \checkmark 50 clothes pins
- ✓ 2-50 ft. or one 100 ft. clothes line
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair of latex gloves



In addition to the items listed here, we will need to obtain clean 5 gallon buckets with lids. Please fill free to donate this item as well. If you don't wish to shop for any of these items, we welcome cash

donations so that the Social Ministry Committee can do the shopping for you. Thank you for your

support! obtain clean 5 gallon buckets with lids. Please fill free to donate this item as well. If you don't wish to shop for any of these items, we welcome cash





200th Anniversary Plans

Rally Day: September 8th, 2024! Congregational Photo to be taken after church **You** are a piece of the puzzle

Cottage Meetings: Planning for the Next 200 years

October 6, Pastor Bish comes to lead worship and celebrate with us.

October 27, Reformation Sunday, Bishop Selbo comes to lead worship and celebrate with us. Celebration dinner to follow.

November 10, 4:00 Hymn Sing Music Festival.

Watch for the display items changing in the Gathering Space !

HELP! We need photos of confirmations, Weddings, Baptisms, Concerts, Youth Group Trips and Activities that help tell the story of our Church life.

For 200 years St. John's has been a bright beacon of Christ's light and life for the world.

200 years and the work continues: That all might know Christ's Love.



Cereal, instant oatmeal single pack breakfast bars LUNCH /DINNER

*Shelf stable microwaveable dinners, tuna/hamburger helper, soups, beanie weenies, Spaghettio's, canned ravioli, peanut butter, nut butters, jelly, vienna sausages, ramen noodle cups, pizza sauce, shelf stable parmesan & easy mac cups.

HEALTHY

Fresh fruit: apples, clementines, bananas, peaches, plums, fresh veggies, fruit cups, raisins, craisins, banana chips, nuts, sunflower & pumpkin seeds, fiber one bars, veggie straws, trail mix no M&Ms, applesauce, dehydrated veggie chips, bottled water, Gatorade & whole grain fig newtons.

<u>SNACKS</u>

Capri sun/ juice boxes, popcorn, pop, otter pops that can befrozen, pretzels, granola bars, vanilla wafers, pudding cups, goldfish, Cheezits, peanut butter crackers, beef jerky, chips & salsa, fruit snacks, & poptarts.

SUMMER SUPPLIES

Sunscreen, first aid ointment, bandaids, bug spray toothpaste/toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products

FUN

Bubbles, squirt guns, sidewalk chalk, paint, Old maid & Uno games, frisbee, candy necklaces, jump ropes, outdoor toys, paper & crayons.

Thank you for your support!



Thanks to all the Youth who lead our worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 28th

Assisting Ministers	Molly Bouch
	Haylee Young
Sermon Ro	bert John and Abbigail Nemchek
Children's Sermon	Cassidy Smith
Lectors	Calise Czekanski, Ashlynn Zurn
LCCIOIS	Anthony Reitano, Nesta Adkins
Communian Assist	
Communion Assist	,
	k, Gage Duncan, Noelle Smoyer
Junior Choir	Mollie & Emily & William Bouch,
	Anna Venesky
Ensemble C	assidy, Delaney & Marlee Smith,
	Stella Venesky
Acolytes	Logan Duncan, Gracie Hodak,
· · · · ·	Callie Adkins
Ushers	Brody Hodak, Kendall Bailey,
Conoro	Caitlin Young, Elizabeth Smoyer
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•	tar: Stella Venesky, Piano:
Marlee Smi	
Drum: Cassidy Sm	
Vocals: Emily Boud	ch, Delaney Smith, Cassidy
Smith, Marl	ee Smith, Stella Venesky
Special Music: Reb	ecca Veith accompanying with

Special Music: Rebecca Veith accompanying with Mollie, Emily and William Bouch, and Anna Venesky.

A special thank you to Gene Hughes for training our youth for Youth Sunday and always instructing our acolytes each week!



CHURCH MUSIC NOTES

Thanks to the Choir and all the musicians and others who helped to make both of the spring concerts a great evening for all! We appreciate your talents and continued support of the music ministry at St. John's church.

Also looking for singers and musicians to provide special music during the summer months; can you help?

Rebecca Veith Organist/Director of Music



Attention

Gardeners



and Worker Bees

Saturday, June 1, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please bring work gloves and a wheelbarrow, etc. We could use volunteers to divide & conquer chores...weeding, trimming shrubs & mulching. Please contact Sharon Febinger @ 724-543-2413 or text 724-859-5649. Thank you

June 2 Graduate Recognition

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Assisting Minister	John Swanson (E)			
-	Gene Hughes (L)			
Lector	Brendan (E)			
Lector				
	Rose Montgomery (L)			
Comm Assistants	Becky and John Swanson (E)			
	Charlie Bleakney, Nancy Pierce			
	Mollie & Deb Bouch(L)			
Acolytes	Anna Venesky(E)			
	Colvin Adkins, Callie Adkins,			
	Quinn Kellner, William Bouch,(L)			
Camera Operator	Robert John (E)			
	Keith Livengood (L)			
	<u>June 09</u>			
Assisting Ministers	Julie Smith (E)			
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Lectors	Patty Kirkpatrick (E)			
	Richard Thorell (L)			
Comm Assistants	Patty and Kyle Kirkpatrick (E)			
Acolytes	Mitchel Wranich(E)			
-	Mollie Bouch(L)			
Camera Operators	Robert John(E)			
Camera Operatore	Bill Bouch(L)			
	<u>June 16</u>			
Assisting Ministers	Karen Waugaman(E)			
-	Sara Shafer(L)			
Lectors	Nancy Pierce(E)			
2001010	Gene Hughes(L)			
Comm Assistants	TBA (E)			
Comm Assistants				
	Charlie Bleakney, Sue Neal(L)			
Acolytes	Elizabeth Smoyer(E)			
	Ella Fennell(L)			
Camera Operators	Nick Wranich(E)			
	Keith Livengood(L)			
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Assisting Misisters	June 23			
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Pierce(E)			
	Deb Bouch(L)			
Lectors	Karen Waugaman(E)			
	Emily Bouch(L)			
Comm Assistants	Nick and Jerah Wranich(E)			
Acolytes	Cassidy Smith (E)			
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Camera Operators	Robert John(E)			
	Keith Livengood(L)			
	June 30			
Assisting Ministers	Becky Swanson(E)			
	Charlie Bleakney (L)			
Lectors	John Swanson(E)			
	Lance Whiteman(L)			
Comm Assistants	Becky and John Swanson(E)			
	Gracie HodakE)			
Acolytes				
	Emma Graf(L)			
Camera Operators	Robert John(E)			
	Dill Dough(L)			

Bill Bouch(L)

JUNE

Altar Guild:

Early: Connie Mc Master, Karen Waugaman Late: TBD

<u>Money Counters:</u> Megan Rupp, Gene Hughes, Jill Wranich

<u>Ushers</u>: Bill Olinger, Jarrod Olinger, Ryan Shafer, Roger Mechling



Children's Hour:

See you in the Fall!

St. John's Lutheran Church Staff:

Director of Children's & Youth Ministry	Julie Smith
Secretary	TBD
Sexton	Colin Toy
Director of Music/Organist	Rebecca Veith
Sr. Choir Accompanist	Elizabeth Cramer

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



St. John's Lutheran Church

June	St.	. John's	Lutheran	n Church	2	024
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Grounds Workday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
2 2 ^{rrd} Sunday after Pentecost -Green Graduate Sunday 8:30 Worship – Communion Rock of our Salvation 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship: Communion 6:30 Youth Group	3 7:00 Council	4 7:00 200th Anniversary Committee	5	6	7	8
9 3rd Sunday after Pentecost -Green 8:30 Worship: Rock of our Salvation 10:00 Senior Choir 11:00 Worship	10 Vacation Bible School 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Toddlers – 5th grade	11 Vacation Bible School 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Toddlers – 5th grade	12 Vacation Bible School 6:00 – 8:00 pm Toddlers – 5th grade	13 12p Women's Bible Study King's Restaurant	14	15
16 4th Sunday after Pentecost Green 8:30 Worship: Communion 11:00 Worship: Communion		18	19	20	21	22
 23 5th Sunday after Pentecost- 8:30 Worship - Communion 11:00 Worship 12:00 Over 80 Luncheon 	24	25	26	27 1:00 Newsletter mailing	28	29
30 6 th Sunday After Pentecost - Green 8:30 Worship Communion 11:00 Worship						

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