

# St. John Journal

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MAY/JUNE 2019

## EASTER GREETINGS FROM PASTOR TAMMY



*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24)*

A blessed Easter to each and every one of you! I pray that you are experiencing the love of God in each new and glorious spring day.

St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans (15:7): *"Welcome one another... just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God"*. Thank you for welcoming me with such warm hospitality into your blessed community.

My installation and luncheon were wonderful, touching my spirit ever so deeply. I extend my sincerest gratitude to all of you who worked so hard in making my installation day so special.

What a joy to serve as your Pastor in this wonderful place where God's salvation work shines in strong commitment and dedication to discipleship, with the sharing of so many extraordinary gifts and talents, and in the incredible generosity displayed through the social ministry and outreach programs.

The Holy Spirit is at work at St. John!

Let us invite all near and dear to worship with us, welcoming them for the glory of God as we share a vision in radiating love and kindness to all people in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior.

Blessings,

Pastor Tammy

## WORSHIP IN MAY • JUNE



**Two Services at 9:00 am and 11:15 am (unless otherwise noted)**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>**      *Third Sunday of Easter*

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**      *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*One Service at 11:00 am*  
*Strawberry Festival*

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**      *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**      *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**One Service at 10:00 am**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**      *Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*One Service at 10:00 am*

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**      *Day of Pentecost*  
Confirmation

**He is RISEN**  
Christ sacrifice  
life  
rejoice  
Jesus  
Crucifixion  
SAVIOR

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**      *The Holy Trinity*

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>**      *Time after Pentecost*  
**June 30<sup>th</sup>**      *Time after Pentecost*

## PASTORAL ACTS & EVENTS



- April 5<sup>th</sup>      **Christian Memorial Service for Anna Berardi**
- April 12<sup>th</sup>      **Service of Christian Burial for Joseph Zwaan**
- April 17<sup>th</sup>      **Christian Memorial Service for Michael D. Piotti, Sr.**
- April 18<sup>th</sup>      **First Holy Communion given to**  
                        **Cameron Alward, Marco Ingemi, Logan Rappleye,**  
                        **Jacob Weist, Lucas Weist, Nathan Weist**

### Confirmation

Our next class will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup> in the Parish House from 12:15-3:00 pm.

The 2019 Confirmation class will make their confirmation on Pentecost Sunday (June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am).

Confirmation practice will be on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary followed by a dinner with family in the Ed. Building.

### Synodical Events

The NJ Synod 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Assembly will take place from June 6-8. This year's theme is "Be Bold". Pastor Tammy, Betsey Eley, Patricia Reed, and Ken Weaver will be attending as representatives of St. John.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY



### Lenten Outreach

Our Outreach this year is for the Global Barnyard.

**10 Chicks \$10.00      1 Rooster \$15.00**

Our Children's "Noisy Collection" will go towards the Global Barnyard.

### Milk, Milk, Milk

Don't forget we are always collecting shelf-stable milk for the Food Pantry. A milk pitcher is located in the Narthex for donations. St. John Church is the only church that provides the Food Pantry with milk.

## HELP WANTED!



### Spring Cleanup

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Please mark your calendars for Grounds Cleanup Day. We will begin at 9:00 am, but come any time you can with your rakes, trimmers, blowers, etc. Don't forget gloves. In the meantime, if anyone can contribute an hour or two to pick up sticks and place them in a pile behind the Boy Scout trailer, this would be extremely helpful. Thank you!

## AFTERNOON TEA



Afternoon Tea will be held on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Please join us for an afternoon of Tea and Fellowship. Everyone is welcome.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE



### Happy Spring!

The worship and music committee will have our next meeting, Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the work we need to complete over the Summer. At this time we have the following plans:

Janice, Ken, Betsey, and Pastor Tammy will be looking over other settings to see which changes we may want to try or to stay with **Setting 10** or go back to **Setting 2**.

We will begin our Summer schedule on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The times we have discussed, along with the Council, will be at 10:00 am throughout the summer months with the exception of June 2<sup>nd</sup> when we have the Strawberry Festival.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**      **10:00 am**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **11:00 am** *Strawberry Festival*

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**      **10:00 am**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**      **10:00 am**

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>**      **10:00 am**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**      **10:00 am**

The band will be playing occasionally at some services throughout the Summer.

When we make changes we really would like to have your feedback. This committee is about serving the congregation.

Blessings for a safe and happy Summer!

The Worship and Music Committee

## FELLOWSHIP



### St. John Annual Yard Sale

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Time to clean out your garage and attic. \$10.00 will provide you with a space to sell your treasures. Don't want to bother with a space, you can donate your treasures to our Church Table. Items can be dropped at the office on Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. See Gail Oberle to secure you space.

### Community Luncheon

Our Community Luncheon is held the second Saturday of each month at 11:30 in the Ed. Building. Help and desserts are always needed. Next Luncheon is May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Longwood Gardens Trip

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Anyone interested in going to tour Longwood Gardens and then enjoying some refreshments, see Pat Reed. We will be carpooling from the Parish House about 11:00 am.

### Solo Supper Club

No one likes to dine alone. Anyone who is interested in joining us for dinner, see Pat Reed. The plan is to enjoy dinner together once or twice a month at local restaurants.

## EVANGELISM



Spring brings excellent opportunities for **Evangelism!** Nice weather, and all that comes with it, tends to make people start moving around earlier, and getting out of the winter hibernation!

So, I invite you all to **INVITE A FRIEND** to attend **Worship, any social event, or any study or fellowship event.**

That's all I have for you today in the way of "messages"; but I think it's profound in its simplicity. Please give it a try! Don't forget - you are **ALL** on the **Evangelism Committee** (in one way or another!)

Other Evangelism projects are:

- 1) Finding ways to learn of new move-ins in the area, and ways to get them to know we are here.  
Help is always needed in this area, as are ideas and willing participants!
- 2) **Custom mailable cards for Visitors**, to follow up with them for visiting us, in a non-intrusive way — and inviting them back for worship Service(s) and special events.
- 3) We are **updating our printed materials**, especially those that are inserted into our Welcome packets. I admit to being somewhat "behind" in this effort, but these are in the works.
- 4) The proposed new **sign on the Pike**, to replace the one that was demolished by accident several years ago, is green-lighted to proceed with final technical drawings and planning.
- 5) **Website maintenance and updating.** I hope to have some new things added shortly, including a recap of our Dietrich Bonhoeffer studies from the Lenten Soup Suppers!
- 6) **Your ideas are always welcome**, as is any help in our efforts! If you wish to volunteer and ideas or assistance, or have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or text me: 609-313-0500, or email me: roberle4@comcast.net

## FAMILY FUN NIGHTS



### SUMMER EVENTS

**June, July and August**  
**3rd Thursday of the month**



**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Pickup sticks** . (not what you think) and smores

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**      **Old Fashioned Family Games**, ping pong practice

**Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**      **Water Spectacular**, ping pong practice

**Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Doggie Roast and smores**, ping pong practice

**Ping Pong Tournament for all ages.** Come practice and meet your competition

## MUSIC MINISTRY



### Summer Bell/Chime Workshops

Learn to ring Workshops – Sunday mornings following church service (10:30-11:00)

*Can you count to 6?*

*Are you between the age of 6 and 99?*

*Do you know your left hand from the right? (most of the time anyway)*

*Can you identify green and orange? (Special options for those who are color challenged.)*

***Then you can ring. No music knowledge necessary.***

Join us in the lower level of the church.

You do not need to commit to every Sunday, just let Janice know when you would like to attend  
Janice — 856-981-0729

## WELCA NEWS



# YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, MAY 4th, 8am - 2 pm**

For Use of Space, or to Donate items for sale at the church table,  
Call or Text Gail: 609-313-0800

**Space: \$10.00 Donation • Borrow a table, \$5.00 Donation**  
Questionable weather? - Check St. John's Facebook Page: [facebook.com/stjohnselcwnj1002](https://facebook.com/stjohnselcwnj1002)



# Strawberry Festival

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Noon - 2 p.m.**

VOLLEYBALL  
TOURNAMENT

After the 11am Worship Service

\* \* \* \* (One Service ONLY) \* \* \*

**Adults: \$8 • Kids: Ages 4-12: \$4 • Children (Under Age 4): FREE**

CHILDREN'S  
GAMES

**All Are Welcome!**



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH PHOTO GALLERY



## 2019 Pastor Tammy's Installation



## 2019 March Family Fun Night



## 2019 April Family Fun Night



## ST. JOHN CHURCH PHOTO GALLERY



### 2019 St. John's Musicians



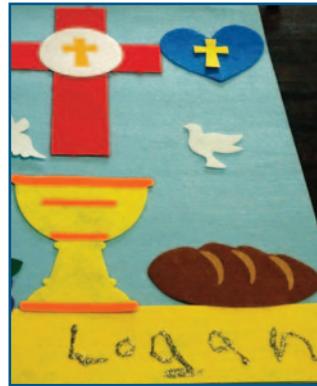
### 2019 First Communion on Maundy Thursday



### 2019 Good Friday Community Service



# ST. JOHN CHURCH PHOTO GALLERY



## 2019 First Communion Banners

Cameron Award

Marco Ingemi

Logan Rappleye

Jacob Weist

Lucas Weist

Nathan Weist



## ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF



### Pastor:

The Rev. Tammy Harmer

### Administrative Coordinator:

Pat Reed

### Organist/Music Director

### Director of Bell Choirs:

Janice Smith

### Band Director:

Ken Weaver

### Sexton:

Betsey Eley

### Webmaster:

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