



St. John Journey

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Message from our pastor:

Hello dear church! Time has certainly flown by since I started here as your new pastor three months ago. It feels as if I got here yesterday and as if I've always been here, I'd like to believe that is a sign of a good and fruitful partnership in ministry! In our short, but meaningful, three months together we have experienced three

liturgical seasons and many feast days and holidays. As we enter the summer and many people are traveling for vacations and family visits we are entering our Church's longest liturgical season, the season of Pentecost.

The season after Pentecost is known widely as the "ordinary time" of the church. It is our longest church season and covers an incredible amount of ground in scripture and in thought. I've always wondered why we call it ordinary because it isn't ordinary at all! In Pentecost we will hear biblical stories about the earliest Christians as well as familiar and new characters in the Old Testament. While Advent through the Easter season covers the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus the season after Pentecost is a story about us, the people of God! But it is not just a story of our past, it is a guide to write our own ongoing stories as followers of Jesus.

We are all a part of writing a new chapter in our church's history. It is my hope to learn more about each of you and the congregation of St. John as a whole but I am also excited to dream and brainstorm with you all on how we can write a new chapter of our story and our work as God's people!

**Blessings,
Pr. Elise**

Save the dates!

June 8th: Church workday! 8:30am-? Please help keep our church in great shape! *Lunch will be served.*

June 9th: If you are interested in getting more involved with worship, please join in a training session after church at noon! Those who have been serving as assistants, acolytes, ushers, on altar guild, or as readers are also asked to join to hear about some of the changes we will be trying out in the coming weeks. It will be a fun and informative time for all!

June 23rd: Interested in joining St. John but would like more information? Come to our new member interested meeting after church at noon!

June 30th: New member Sunday! We will welcome in new members during our service and will have a reception following!

Volunteers for June

If you are unable to serve, please let Jill in the office know as soon as possible.

Sunday June 2

Lay Asst.: Ken Croghan
Lector :Dianne Suhrbier
Ushers: Sue Croghan, Don Williams
Counters: Doris Vaught, Roger Nipper

Sunday June 9

Lay Asst : Joan Shaver
Lector: Dave Morris
Ushers: The Giffords
Counters: Chris Meacham, Helen French

Sunday June 16

Lay Asst.: Ed Davis
Lector: Helen French
Ushers: The Krolls
Counters: The Krolls

Sunday June 23

Lay Asst.: Linda Garnett

Lector: Charlie Garnett

Ushers: Jim and Sharon Meacham

Counters: Jim Suhrbier, Doris Vaught

Sunday, June 30

Lay Asst.: Ken Croghan

Lector: Amanda Meacham

Ushers: Helen French, Don Williams

Counters: Chris Meacham, Roger Nipper



June birthdays

6/01-Sharon Meacham

6/10-Richard Brumleve

6/12-Tammie Kroll

6/16-Steve Klutz

Please email Jill in the office know if we missed your June birthday so it can be added to our database.

JUNE NEWS

Women's Group

The World Religions class has begun. We had a nice turn out on May 28th for the first session. Watch your email for further dates and times.

Save the date! The VSWO (Virginia Synodical Women's Organization) has a convention in Williamsburg, VA, July 26-27, 2024. Click [here](#) for more information.

Quilters

The quilters have finished for the season and will resume Sept.3. Eighteen quilts have been shipped to Charlotte, NC and will travel with a group to the Philippines in June. The rest of the quilts will be taken to Greeneville, TN in August for transport to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland. The group would like to thank all those who have purchased quilts or made donations to the cause.

Book Group

The book group is reading Search by Michelle Huneven, per Pastor Elise's recommendation. It's described as a "sharp and funny novel of a congregational search committee, told as a memoir with recipes." A date has not been set but we will give plenty of notice. Snacks will be pot-luck.

Food Pantry

Our next turn is not until July 8-12th. Please continue to bring in donations of food, especially tuna, and place on the shelf in the Narthex. We take food to the pantry every Monday.

NexTrex Plastic Recycling Update

Another 47 pounds of soft plastics were collected this month, bringing our total

to 362! Keep up the great work--bring your plastic and fill our bins!

