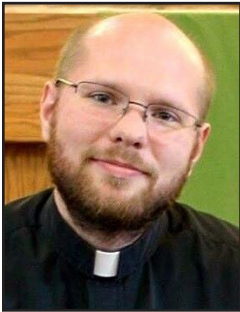


# THE MESSENGER

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## PASTOR'S POINTS

### Enjoy the unexpected



June is here! For many, Memorial Day weekend has marked the unofficial start to summer for years. It's common for

individuals and families alike to be preparing for vacations, trips, and outdoor activities.

As a child, I was always very fond of camping trips. From Starved Rock and Chain O'Lakes to Illinois Beach to Mississippi Palisades, my family regularly incorporated camping trips into our summertime plans. However, it wasn't just camping trips with the family—I was also a reoccurring camper at our very own Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon as well as Walcamp in Kingston. And even yet, those trips don't take into account the countless visits up to Adams County, Wisconsin where my grandparents once had forty acres

of forest and prairie.

Looking back on all of those experiences it's easy to romanticize how those trips were. Truth is, they were also a lot of work. Setting up tents or pop-up campers in the rain is not an easy task. The excitement of a two-week getaway with the grandparents quickly fades when one realizes most of that time will be spent digging the new latrine for the only outhouse for miles. Moreover, the anticipation of going horseback riding can quickly turn to dread when one's horse decides to try to throw their rider.

Despite the mishaps, rainouts, and difficulties that come with camping I still very much enjoy going on those trips. I think that when things end up going the most unexpectedly that's when really amazing opportunities for growing and learning occur.

I think the same is true for the life of the faithful. God provides us with all the tools we need for a meaningful outing. There will absolutely be rocks and hills,



downpours and raccoons that get into the ice chest. That's all part of the adventure and God is with each of us every step of the way as a travel companion who never grows weary of what may come next.

As you and your loved ones prepare for whatever adventures await you this summer, please know deep in your hearts that God will be journeying beside you every minute both in the ups and downs.

God's peace to you,

*Rev. Jacob M. Gaudin*

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# Youth & Family Ministries news

## THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR GRADUATES

This month we honor and celebrate 8th grade students, high school senior graduates and post-high school graduates. May God continue to bless you for who you are and in all that you do. On Sunday, June 5, we'll be having a special graduate blessing during OUTDOOR worship at St. John's, and on June 12 we'll be celebrating all graduates during the online Tri Church worship service. If we missed you or your loved one, please contact the church office. We want to include you in our blessing Sunday on June 5 and June 12 with Tri Church online.

### CELEBRATING 8TH GRADE STUDENTS:

Noah Rucker, Rock Falls Middle School  
Olivia Barton, Challand Middle School (Sterling)

### CELEBRATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Maddie Pink, Sterling High School  
Andrew Doughty, Sterling High School  
Cara Goff, Rock Falls High School  
Reese Kramer, Sterling High School  
Lauren Tupper, Rock Falls High School

### CELEBRATING POST-HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Madeline LeFevre, Illinois State University

## SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This summer CommUNITY VBS will be a one-day, outdoor event at Bethel Reformed Church (230 E. 23rd St., Sterling). SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 10. Dinner included. All PreK – 3-year-olds through 5th grade students are encouraged to attend. And, 6th grade and older can volunteer to be leaders. More details will be coming soon! Follow our CommUNITY VBS Facebook page for updates and the latest news: [facebook.com/SterlingRFCommunityVBS](https://facebook.com/SterlingRFCommunityVBS).



*Dan & Pete, 2022 UNITE speakers and musicians*

## SAUK VALLEY UNITE CAMP 2022

UNITE is June 22-25! Housing and camp location is at Bethel Reformed Church in Sterling. We will be painting 5 homes in Sterling and Rock Falls. Over 40 students have registered! We kickoff on Wednesday, June 22 at 5:00 PM with registration and pizza at Bethel Reformed Church in Sterling, then worship led by Dan Scharnhorst and Pete Smith. Dan and Pete will be with us throughout the week leading worship, sharing stories and hanging out with us. Painting days will be June 23-25. Please stay tuned to announcements, emails and



Facebook posts for further details including the official schedule. We will be in need of snacks at the worksites again this year, and we need adult volunteers in a variety of ways (painters, snack providers, evening chaperones...). Adults, please speak with Gerad or Pastor Jacob if you can help and how. And, if you'd like to support UNITE, but you're not sure how, please email [saukvalleyunite@gmail.com](mailto:saukvalleyunite@gmail.com).

The theme for 2022 UNITE is **reNEW** - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* (2 Cor 5:17, NIV)



## TRI-CHURCH CONFIRMATION CLASS

The class concluded for the school year last month with a pizza party and final review trivia night. Stay tuned for plans for confirmation classes in the fall.

## HONORING MOTHERS & ALL WOMEN

The children and youth at St John's made special gifts for moms and mom-figures on Mother's Day while ladies enjoyed some yummy treats and time for relaxation! Thanks kids! Thanks be to God for all who participated! Thanks be to God for our moms and all women!

## TRI-CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP

7th-12th Graders—make plans to join us for COURAGEOUS! We go courageously for God is with us! (Joshua 1:9). We will be stepping out of our comfort zones and adventuring with God and each other on this 53 hour extravaganza! We will leave at noon on July 24 and head to Des Moines to worship at Lutheran Church of Hope. After supper we'll head to Altoona and stay at an area hotel. Following first Word, we will head to Adventureland. On Tuesday we will spend some time in Iowa City as we make our way back home. Group building games and Bible study will be woven throughout our time together. Those who sign up for the trip will help finalize the itinerary. Cost: \$50, plus 5 meals. To sign up, submit your \$25 deposit to St. John's ASAP!!!

## THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

Thank you to Michelle Gawlik, Chrissy Murphy, Denise Carl and Jan Klocke for teaching Sunday school this school year. And, thank you to Kerensa Pink and Julie McCord for helping with children's music. Thank you for sharing your faith and for sharing the story of God's love with the young people of St. John's!

## JOIN US IN CELEBRATING GERAD'S MINISTRY!

Gerad Von Holten has faithfully served as St. Paul and St. John's Youth Director for years. He has coordinated Tri-Church confirmation and been an integral part of our Tri-Church worship. As Gerad's role in these positions finishes June 30, we would like to take the opportunity to thank him for his ministry.

### JUNE 19

Please join us following worship for a Cake & Coffee farewell reception for Gerad in the East Room.

### JUNE 26

Please join us for a farewell celebration reception at 11 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

## TRI CHURCH TEEN FUN DAY IS JUNE 5!

All 7th through 12th graders (and parents/guardians) join us for some fun to kick off the summer. Lunch is included.

**Where:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1701 16th Ave.

**When:** NOON to 1:30 pm

**WHAT:** Wiffle ball, kick ball, volleyball, bags, basketball, a group activity and some planning for our summer Courageous trip to Iowa. Please let Gerad know if you can make it so we have a head count for lunch. We hope to see you there!

## CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY PICNIC TABLE

The St John's Sunday school table has been built and is in the process of being painted white. Students will have an opportunity to paint their name and add painted artwork to the table early this summer. If you would like to stop by to paint in the middle of the week, contact the church office.





# Goodbye to St. Paul & St. John's



We have been partners in children, youth and family ministries for 9 years together. And I've been with St Paul since the Spring of 2011. I am humbled and honored to have served alongside the young people and adults of both congregations and with Tri Church confirmation and worship.

In January of this year, I was notified that St John's would no longer be able to financially support the position of Joint Children, Youth and Family Ministries Director. St. Paul is unable to support this position fulltime and is visioning a new direction for children, youth and family ministries. Therefore, my last day with St Paul and St John's will be June 30th.

It is with both sadness and hope that we part ways. I am sad that I'll no longer be able to continue worshipping with, learning with, serving with, praying with and celebrating with the youth and families of St Paul, St John's and Tri Church. I appreciate the memories we've built together, especially growing in faith and God's love together through event ministries like the Detroit and Houston youth gatherings, Chicago and Wisconsin Dells Youth Quakes, confirmation

camp and youth retreats at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, UNITE Service Camp and CommUNITY Vacation Bible School. I particularly treasure the opportunities we've had to be the hands and feet of Christ through serving in our communities by Christmas shopping for LSSI Nachusa home kids, having fellowship with folks from Self Help, painting homes in Sterling and Rock Falls, participating in multiple service projects through God's Work, Our Hands days; outreach events like movie nights, water play days and building a neighborhood picnic table.

It's hard to say goodbye when some of us have shared tears and difficult conversations and challenging life moments. And we've shared God's kingdom moments; little glimpses of God's glory in unique places and times together -- Most memorably when the Tri Church confirmation class walked the labyrinth in the fellowship hall at St John's. What a privilege it was to witness the deep connectedness our students had with the Holy Spirit through that experience.

To the children and youth, I am hopeful that God does and will provide for, guide and direct you and your families. God loves you in all places and at all times. Nothing ever changes that. During the past 11 years I have had a blast spending

time with you and watching you grow in your faith. You have taught me what it means to truly BE the church. Please know that pastors and youth leaders come and go -- and sometimes that is hard. Also, know that God is always with you and loves you, and pastors and other adult leaders are here to support you and your parents or guardians to continue to grow in God's love by being present with you, listening to you, through worship, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, youth events and activities, praying for you, and so much more.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to express my faith through music leadership in children and youth ministry, through worship in both congregations, and through our Tri Church online worship services. It is a joy for me to lead worship. I agree wholeheartedly with the words of Martin Luther, "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise." I have enjoyed working with so much talent in our congregations.

So, goodbye and God bless all. Please know it is my hope and prayer that God will continue to sustain, guide, and direct you on the journey. And, as people of the resurrection, we know this is really only goodbye, for now.

God's blessings,  
Gerad

.....  
: Therefore, my [siblings in Christ], whom I love and long for, my joy :  
: and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. :  
: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. :  
: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. :  
: Philippians 4:1, 4-5 :  
:.....

# For the sake of the world

**2022 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly**



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## SAVE THE DATES!

SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH & 12TH-ON ZOOM

FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH-6:00-9:00 PM &

SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH-7:30 AM-2:00 PM

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**2**

- Tori Leesman
- Andrew Marsh
- Vicki Merlak

**3**

- Alissa Marsh

**4**

- Dwight & Nancy Oltmanns
- Foster Peterson

**6**

- Darci Schmitt

**7**

- Jody Dirks

**8**

- Mont Cessna
- Vivian Johnson\*

**9**

- Grant Peterson
- Kaydence Weeks

**10**

- Ruth Martin\*
- Sharyl Rogers

I will be collecting items for Another Child Foundation during the months of June and July. The items are tennis shoes for children, socks and blankets. There will be a container next to the stairs leading up to the East Room for the donations.

Thank you for your support of this ministry.  
*Denise Carl*

**11**

- Martin Fisher
- Raymond Jamieson
- Bob & Jeanne Kuba\*
- William & Jill McFalls

**13**

- Marcie & Patrick Davis
- Alice Diehl\*
- Victoria Duffin
- Spencer Goss
- Dennis Winebrenner
- Jerry & Brinda Winger
- Karen Wolfe

**14**

- Martha & John Benson
- MacKenzie Forristall

**15**

- Sally & Gail Schreiner\*

**16**

- Kerensa Pink

**17**

- Vicki Cooper
- Katie Keaschall-Driessen
- Oliver Murphy

**18**

- Nickolas Barthel
- Martin & Patricia Breed
- Corissa Grim
- William Grim
- Jill Lehman

**19**

- Dana & Chad Goff
- Kennard & Marlene Green\*
- Brenda & Lance Greer
- Addison Perales

**20**

- Druann Bushman

**21**

- Andra Bielema
- Gary Dettman
- Rob Henson

**22**

- Bryce Johnson
- Jaycie Schmidt

**23**

- Ryan Reaver

**24**

- Kaylee Johnson
- Marilyn Prew\*
- Mark & Brenda Sisson
- Jenna Wolber
- Keith Wolfe

**26**

- David & Linda Geil\*
- Emily Grim
- Rhonda Miller
- Aaron & Dawn White

**27**

- Dalton Goss
- Timothy & Ronda Granzow
- Martin & Olivia Wade

**28**

- Mason Smith

**30**

- Russell Francis
- John Hay\*
- Wayne & Betty Schmitt\*
- Kristi Wolfe

*\*Indicates 80-plus-year birthdays and 50-plus-year anniversaries.*

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### PASTOR'S REPORT

- On 5/1/22 Central Conference held the Spring Assembly with speaker Beth Nelson Chase, Refugee Services. This service is working on Emergency Response Team with Luther Federation Partners to help refugees with meals, shelter & clothing.
- Mother's Day coffee time, planting flowers and making cards went very well. Pastor appreciated Christine Murphy & Mont Cessna for all the help setting it up.
- Looking ahead: UNITE camp is June 22-25. Meal & clean-up helpers are needed.
- On 6/5 Worship Art committee is planning an outdoor service along with the Graduate blessing service.
- 6/19 Father's Day outdoor service is being planned. This will also be the last service with Gerad at St. John's.
- 6/26 will be the last Sunday for Gerad at St. Paul's. Luncheon is being planned.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**TREASURER:** Account balances as of 5/17/2022:

• Checking .....	\$4,792.14
• Undesignated .....	\$8,240.38
• Building .....	\$1,372.62
• Parish Nurse .....	\$2,303.45
• Music .....	\$1,046.89
• Contingency checking .....	\$5,292.73
• Bld reserve ELCA .....	\$8,788.66
• Christian ED ELCA .....	\$3,192.24
• Parish Nurse/Music ELCA .....	\$45,000.00
• Grewe/Steinke seminary ELCA .....	\$31,371.48
• Charles D. Morris ELCA .....	\$82,379.62

Finance committee met 5/9/22. April \$5500.00 moved from undesignated account to checking. May \$6000.00 moved from undesignated account to checking.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** A meeting was held on 4/28/22 to brainstorm and plan for worship music for the summer and into the fall.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** A meeting held on 4/30/22 both reviewed items that had been worked on in the last year or so and listed items that would be worked on soon. A bid on sealing and restriping the parking lot will be given to council for approval.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:** A motion was made to use Memorial Funds to replace two windows in the educational building, seal coat the parking lots and restripe. Motion was carried. Funds to be used are: Hartshorn, Bollman, Grabeklis, Williamson, Latchford, and undesignated Interest. Total amount is \$5146.96.

#### CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE:

- A meeting was held on 5/15/22 to come up with a plan for the K-12 2022-23 Sunday School year.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Website update: the new site is hoped to be up and running by 6/30/22.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A motion made to accept the proposed bid from the Property Committee to reseal and restripe the parking lots and to replace 2 windows in the educational building was approved.
- A motion made to use memorial funds to pay for the resealing, restriping, and window replacements as proposed by the Memorial Committee was carried.
- Revising of Background checks policy/forms have been tabled until June meeting.

LOOK FORWARD TO OUR UPCOMING  
OUTDOOR SERVICES!

JUNE 5TH-PENTECOST SUNDAY &  
HONORING OUR GRADUATES

JUNE 19TH-FATHER'S DAY





# Blister care

When a water blister develops, the first step is to avoid what caused it. Then, it's a matter of protecting the blister until your skin heals. However, if you have a condition that makes wound healing difficult, see your doctor.

If the blister isn't too painful, leave the fluid-filled bubble intact. Unbroken skin over a blister is a natural barrier to infection. Protect an intact blister by covering it with a bandage. If more protection is needed, cut a piece of thicker, cushioned padding (such as moleskin) into a doughnut shape

and place the pad so it encircles the blister. The pad can then be covered by a breathable bandage.

For a painful blister, you can drain the blister with these steps:

- Clean—Wash your hands and the blister site with soap and warm water. Swab the blister area with rubbing alcohol or iodine, and sterilize a clean needle the same way.
- Puncture the blister—Using the sterilized needle, poke a few holes near the blister edge. Let the fluid drain, but keep the skin covering otherwise intact as a protective

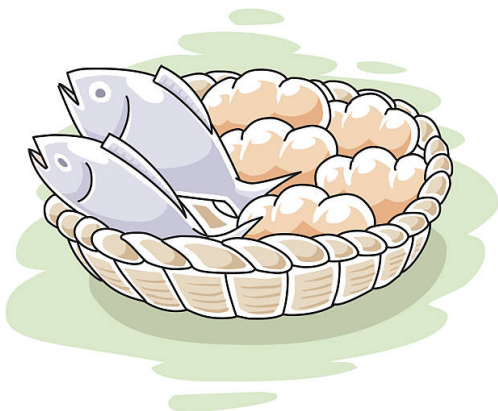
barrier.

- Protect the blister—Apply an ointment such as petroleum jelly or zinc oxide and cover the blister with a bandage.
- Keep an eye on things—Check the blister each day for signs of infection and seek medical care if an infection appears to be developing. You can usually cut away the dead skin after a few days using a pair of sterilized tweezers and scissors.

*From the Mayo Clinic Health Letter. Submitted by Nancy Rasmussen, Parish Nurse.*

## VOLUNTEER & DONATE

- **The Loaves & Fishes Breakfast Program** at First United Methodist Church, Sterling, is in need of donations and volunteers. Checks can be made out to Loaves & Fishes and mailed to First United Methodist Church, 501 Broadway Ave., Sterling, IL 61081. Sign up to serve meals by calling Lois Heerdt at (815) 626-4773 or Paul Gould at (815) 499-2041.
- **The PADS shelter** has transitioned to year-round access and volunteers are needed. Contact Administrative Director Myles Newberry at (815) 626-2210 or mylesnewberry.PADS@gmail.com.



## HOSTING STUDENT MUSICIANS

This summer, some of the UNITE churches (including St. John's!) are hosting student musicians from the Sterling/Rock Falls area. This includes any student completing 8th grade through a just graduated college student. Students are asked to share a piece with their home congregation and then arrange to play that piece at other UNITE congregations where they will be paid \$25/service as a guest musician. This is a chance to keep music skills tip-top over the summer, share an IMEA or audition piece they may be working on, or another special piece. Please contact Dawn Zeigler @ 815.275.3775 or dawn@stjohnsonthird.org for all of the details! We can't wait to hear the music!







# Leaving home with faith

By Adrainne Gray

When the pandemic hit in 2020, I was in Europe, separated for months from my family back in the United States. Even after I reunited with my husband and teenage and young-adult children in January 2021, we faced another separation that fall when my eldest child went away to college.

Though still in-state, she chose to live on campus, juggling classes and social life and facing opportunities to make both good choices and mistakes.

She calls and texts often. During one call in which she complained about a not-so-compatible roommate, I asked if she found her faith useful in resolving conflicts and living on her own. I hoped her answer would be a resounding “yes.”

“No,” she replied, “I don’t think to myself, ‘Let me use faith to solve my problems or find answers.’ But some of what I do has traits of faith, what I learned in the church. I don’t do anything because I think God will love me more or will be angry.”

To be clear, she doesn’t always make the best choices or treat her not-so-compatible roommate with the absolute love of Christ, but I think her faith helps her reset and try grace.

From her response I learned that, though church traditions may have impacted her life, her faith

community has made the larger impact. Over the years she has seen us give our “best reverent try” without fearing that God will turn away from us.

## PRACTICES

- Let your college student know that you’re always available. Remind them often that you can connect on matters great and small or even pray together. We are just a phone call away.
- Take care of mental and spiritual health. Many college campuses have resources to help students adjust to and cope with challenges away from home. Ask your student to familiarize themselves with the campus ministry, even if they aren’t ready to participate. Share their college address with your congregation; it may have a ministry of sending care packages to students. Most campuses have mental health clinics that offer a certain number of free sessions; urge your student to take advantage of these benefits if needed. If they are under a physician’s care for mental health, ask if they need help keeping up with medication or appointments to stay on track.
- Engage in daily prayer. I say a daily prayer for my children, not for anything in particular but to give me peace of mind.

*From [livinglutheran.org](http://livinglutheran.org)*

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to continue discovering God's will for us in His kingdom through prayer, Bible study and building relationships.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Jesus is our Lord and Savior.
2. We make prayer, Bible study and dialog the center of our decision making.
3. We are willing to change as we discover God's mission for us.
4. We invite everyone. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." ~ Matthew 28: 19a
5. We recognize and give thanks for our blessings.
6. We act for the discovery and fulfillment of God's mission.

## COUNCIL AFFIRMATION STATEMENT

The Council affirms that ministry is a core tenant of our Mission and that established ministries will continue and the opportunity for expanding into additional ministries will be evaluated when presented. The Council fully understands the complex nature of ministry, but as long as God's people are willing to engage in good works, we will do everything in our power to support those ministries.

## PARISH REGISTER

### DEATHS

- None

### WEDDINGS

- None

### BAPTISMS

- None

### MEMBERS RECEIVED

- None

### MEMBERS REMOVED/TRANSFERRED

- None

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- None

### STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- Mont Cessna 6/8
- Gerad VonHolten 6/19

## WHO'S WHO AT ST. JOHN'S

### PERSONNEL

Rev. Jacob Gawlik, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Leo Patterson, On Call/Visitation Pastor  
Gerad Von Holten, Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Daudi & Kellen Msseemmaa, Missionaries to East Africa  
Dawn Zeigler, Minister of Music & Bell Choir Director  
Julie McCord, Praise Sunday Director  
Nina Peters, Office Manager  
Andrew Stutzke, Systems Administrator  
Kyle Morgan, Technical Director  
Mont Cessna, Facility Maintenance  
Stahr Media, Newsletter & Website  
Nancy Rasmussen, Parish Nurse  
Jan Klocke, council rep to Tri-Church

### CONG. COUNCIL

- Dave Geil, president\*
- Denise Norman, vice president\*
- Kandra Cook, secretary\*
- Teri Holldorf, treasurer\*
- Jan Klocke
- John Lichner
- Chrissy Murphy
- Lois Anderson-Rowzee
- Shawn Wolfe

*\*Exec Committee member*

### CHRISTIAN ED

- Tammy Doughty
- Brian Luebke
- Chrissy Murphy

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- Michelle Gawlik
- Nancy Rasmussen
- Pat Redfield

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- Art Frey
- John Lichner
- Rhonda Stutzke
- Shawn Wolfe

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- Nancy Breed
- Druann Bushman
- Mike Doughty
- John Lichner

### FUNERAL

- Dave Geil, chair
- Linda Geil, chair
- Druann Bushman, chair

### MEMORIAL

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- Rev. Jacob Gawlik
- Brian Luebke
- Nancy Rasmussen
- Jannet Taylor

### PERSONNEL

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- Lois Anderson-Rowzee
- Rev. Jacob Gawlik
- Dave Geil

### PROPERTY

- Dave Geil, chair
- Art Frey
- Tom Leesman
- Ken Smith

### SOCIAL MINISTRY

- Vacant

### STEWARDSHIP

- Jan Klocke, chair
- Nancy Rasmussen

### WORSHIP ARTS

- Dawn Zeigler, chair
- Denise Carl
- Shawn Wolfe

### WORSHIP TECH

- Anita Carl
- Dan Eads
- Charlene O'Connell

# SJLC Activities ~ June '22

June Open/Close:  
Denise Norman

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:00-Worship	2 7:00-Al-Anon	3	4
5 <i>FISH collection</i> <i>Pentecost Sunday- wear your red!</i> <i>Graduate Blessing Service</i> 9:30-Outdoor Worship Service <i>Acolyte: Sarah D.</i> <i>Assistant: Teri Holldorf</i>	6 6:00-Men's Group	7	8 6:00-Worship	9 7:00-Al-Anon	10	11 9:30-Prayer Shawl Coffee Hour
12 9:30-Worship <i>Acolyte: Jersey S.</i> <i>Assistant: Doty Frey</i>	13 6:00-Finance Committee mtg	14	15 1:30-Parkway communion 2:30-Heritage Woods communion 3:30-Morningside communion 6:00-Worship	16 9:00-St. John's audit 2:30-Allure of Sterling communion 3:30-Citadel communion 4:15-Exec mtg 7:00-Al-Anon	17 Synod Assembly	18 Synod Assembly
19 9:30-Outdoor Worship <i>Acolyte: Brynna C.</i> <i>Assistant: Denise Norman</i> Farewell Cake & Coffee for Gerad following worship	20 <i>Newsletter due</i>	21 6:00-Council mtg	22 UNITE Service Camp 6:00-Worship	23 UNITE Service Camp 7:00-Al-Anon	24 UNITE Service Camp	25 UNITE Service Camp
26 9:30-Worship <i>Acolyte: Martin F.</i> <i>Assistant: Denise Carl</i>	27	28 9:00-Newsletter assembly 4:30-Worship Arts Meeting 6:30-NAMI group	29 6:00-Worship	30 7:00-Al-Anon	<b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS:</b> July 17th at 9:00 am is VBS/ UNITE Outdoor Worship!	

## SAYING THANKS

Happy Mother's Day, Ladies of Adam's Rib! Thank you for the candle in memory of Annie and Lillian. We are so, so grateful for you gals always doing things for us. May God bless you always.

*Doris Clark, Virginia Wood, Mary Kay Devine, Linda Bom, Cammie Welch, Betty Terry, Lupe and gang*

Thank you for your recent donation to the Loaves and Fishes breakfast program! It is greatly appreciated! We are now serving indoors again, and will soon be serving four days a week. We are averaging over 200 meals a week. We couldn't do this without community support.

Thank you again,  
*Sue Abate, Corresponding Secretary, Loaves and Fishes*

To my St. John's Family,  
Just a note to say a great big "Thank You" to the kind gift of flowers on Easter. I'm sorry that I missed seeing you. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Fondly,  
*Ruth Dietz*

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