

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 5 we celebrate Pentecost, which some people call the “church’s birthday”, or the beginning of the church. I’ve been wondering, what does it take to start a church?; a clear goal is necessary, with knowledge of what a church should represent; education of how to make that goal a reality and a purpose for the church. For the people starting a church, they need courage, persistence, strength, patience, and energy. Perhaps you could think of a few more attributes. Jesus gives this task to the disciples. From what we have read in all four Gospels in the Bible, do you think the disciples are up to the challenge? I’m not so sure.

Jesus is very sure. Jesus has all the trust in the world that the disciples will accomplish building the church even if there some bumps in the road. WHY DOES JESUS HAVE SUCH CONFIDENCE IN THESE MEN? BECAUSE THEY ARE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ON PENTECOST. Everything the disciples need will be given and guided to them through the Great Counselor, the Holy Spirit.

Do you think the Holy Spirit can help us as we learn to follow the way of Jesus? Absolutely! We just need to prayerfully ask and it will be given to us.

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER! STAY SAFE.

Pastor Rosemary

AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

June Birthdays:



6/1 Hunter Brink	6/16 Juliana Drake
6/4 Vicki Hartmann	6/18 Judy Schmitt
6/6 Melanie Wilhelm	6/21 Kim Turnbull
6/9 Olivia Captain	6/23 Earlene White
6/9 Scott Ganschietz	6/29 Lily Brown

June Anniversaries:

6/14 Aaron & Christine Drake # 8
6/14 Michael & Ashley Schmitt #8
6/17 Chris & Anne Brown #16



Memorials: For *Rich Schmitt* from Dorothy Ovelgoenner, Eileen Gammon

Notes and Thank You's: Pastor Rosemary and everyone at St. John, I want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers for Jim Garrett. It was appreciated. Sherry L. Hackbarth

PRAYER LIST: Urban Baum, Donna Isselhard, David Seneczyn, Warren Neff, Carol White, Dennis Franklin, Cheri Schutzenhofer, Dorothy Wagner, Theo Mally, Leah Horner, Dan Gouge, Jane Riess, Leah Captain.



GRADUATES:

Pastor's oldest grandson, Gabriel Muir Fredrickson, graduated from Evanston Township High School, with High Distinction on May 22. He will enter Marquette University in Milwaukee in the Fall to study business and marketing.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

Your treasurer is frowning because while we are not in a critical position with our finances, they have definitely been suffering from a down trend. Judy ran a total for me on last year's General Fund giving for January through May and got a total of \$40,308. This year's total for January through May is \$35,980. That's \$4,000 less this year.

Bills are not down for the year. Inflation has us paying more for gas to mow with, more for trash service, more for building insurance and higher personnel costs. The current balance in the check book is \$2,000 less than the beginning of the year. I know everybody is taking a hit with higher costs but please keep your giving up if at all possible. Thanks.

EVENING CIRCLE: The Evening Circle Rummage Sale that was postponed because of rain, will be held indoors **Saturday June 4 from 7am – noon.**



CHOIR “NOTES”:

Many, many thanks to all who sang with us this choir season. We heard the voices of Jackie Canterbury, Vicki Hartmann, Anne Brown, Stacie Pickens, Lew Thomasino, Kim Christ, Tami Hughes, Shara Toenjes, Adam Reynolds, Barb Uhrig, Mary Waite and Sharon Banjavcic. Sharon was also our extraordinary accompanist most of the time. Lisa Cleveland also accompanied us, as well as Christina Hardin-Weiss, and Adam Reynolds.

It has been a fun, uplifting, and gratifying experience to work with talented, eager singers. What a blessing! I'm looking forward to more praises through music in the fall. Hope to see you in church, or better yet -- in choir!

CONDOLENCES for our drinking fountain. It's time has passed and will be greatly missed. But it is replaceable. Do you know where we can get a replacement?



COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP TIME RETURNING:

Beginning June 5, we will restart Fellowship Time after Communion Services after a 3 year hiatus.

USHERS:

6/5 Tom & Jan Miller
6/12 Sue Williams & Judy Schmitt
6/19 Ginny Ganschietz & Sue Ganschietz
6/26 Chuck Kistler & Christina Hardin-Weiss

LITURGISTS: Liturgists are always needed. Please let pastor know if you wish to volunteer.



SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

June 12 after worship



OUR SHUT-INS:

Darlene Bax
220 Fieldcrossing Drive Apt. 40
Highland, IL 62249

Terry Kissel
700 Weber Road Apt. 105
O'Fallon, IL 62269

Mrs. Cheri Schutzenhofer
58 Frank Scott Pkway E. Apt.
Swansea, IL 62226

Mrs. Polli Allen
19 Whiteside Drive
Belleville, IL 62221

Mrs. Elaine Whitney
120 Lynnhaven
Belleville, IL 62223

Jeanette Brown
5904 Perrin Road
Fairview Heights, IL 62208

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 AA Meeting	3	4 Evening Circle Rummage Sale 7 am to noon
5 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am Fellowship time after worship	6	7	8 Church Council Meeting 7 pm	9 AA Meeting	10	11
12 Worship at 10 am Semi-annual Congregational meeting after worship	13	14	15	16 AA Meeting	17	18
19 Worship at 10 am	20	21	22	23 AA Meeting	24	25
26 Worship at 10 am	27	28	29	30 AA Meeting		

EVENING CIRCLE

June has arrived with Father's Day and the beginning of the summer season.

The Evening Circle begins June this year with a Church Rummage Sale (our tail-gate sale was rained out).

Thank you to everyone who donated items and members helping with the sale. It will be held **Sat. June 4th from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.** We will decide which mission projects will receive the profits at our meeting next fall.

Everybody have a safe and not TOO HOT summer. Hope to see you in church during the summer and all our wonderful ladies in the fall at our Evening Circle meetings.

Eileen Gammon

Carol Bulva Co-Chairs