



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 11, 2023 † 9:30 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

# *Welcome to worship at St. John's!*

*We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!*

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back  
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

*Ushers will gather these following worship.*

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal  
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,  
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

*An asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as you are able.*

**P** Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

**Children are welcome** to participate throughout our  
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion  
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

## **Children's Bibles and activity bags**

*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary  
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.*

*For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

*Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.*



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace  
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as  
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,  
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or  
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,  
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,  
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

*We warmly welcome you here.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — ON ELLACOMBE

Albert Travis

## Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 722

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.  
We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.  
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Righteous God,

**C** **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest.  
We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely.  
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

## \*Greeting

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being.  
By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world,  
and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Hosea 5:15—6:6

Pew Bible, page 733

*After the reading:*

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody** — Psalm 50:7-15

Antiphon: Mark Shepperd

*Antiphon: Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God.*



<sup>7</sup>“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear wit- | ness against you;  
for I am | God, your God.

<sup>8</sup>**I do not accuse you because | of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are al- | ways before me.**

<sup>9</sup>I will not accept a calf | from your stalls,  
nor goats | from your pens;

<sup>10</sup>**for all the wild animals of the for- | est are mine,  
the cattle on a | thousand hills. Antiphon**

<sup>11</sup>I know every bird | of the mountains,  
 and the creatures of the | fields are mine.  
<sup>12</sup>**If I were hungry, I | would not tell you,  
 for the whole world and all that is in | it is mine.**  
<sup>14</sup>Offer to God a sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
 and make good your vows to | the Most High.  
<sup>15</sup>**Call upon me in the | day of trouble;  
 I will deliver you, and you shall | honor me. *Antiphon***

**Second Reading** — Romans 4:13-25

Pew Bible, page 916

*After the reading:*

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

from ACS, Holy Communion, Setting 12

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Gospel** — Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Je-

sus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 587

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

### \*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:*

☐ Lord, in your mercy,

☑ hear our prayer.

**\*Peace**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

**Offering of Our Gifts**

*Music at the Offering:*

“God It Was”

Gaelic Air, arr. Iona Community

*God it was who said to Abraham, “Pack your bags and travel on!” God it was who said to Sarah, “Smile and soon you’ll bear a son!” Traveling folk and aged mothers wandering when they thought they’d done—this is how God calls God’s people, losing all because of one. God it was who said to Joseph, “Down your tools and take your wife!” God it was who said to Mary, “In your womb I’ll start my life!” Carpenter and country maiden leaving town and trade and skills—this is how God calls God’s people, moving them through what God wills. Christ it was who said to Matthew, “Leave your books and follow me!” Christ it was who said to Martha, “Listen first, then make the tea.” Civil servants and housekeepers, changing places at a cost—this is how Christ calls disciples, finding those he knew were lost. In this crowd of common people, once unknown, whom we revere, God calls us to share God’s purpose starting now and starting here. So we celebrate God’s calling, so we prize and praise God’s choice, as we pray that through this company God will act and raise God’s voice.*

– The Iona Community

**\*Offering Hymn — “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a simple bass line accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The score concludes with a double bar line.

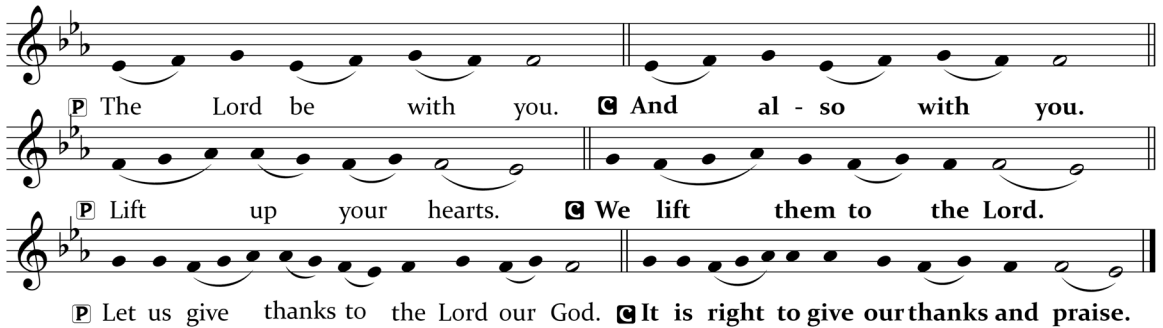
## \*Offering Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

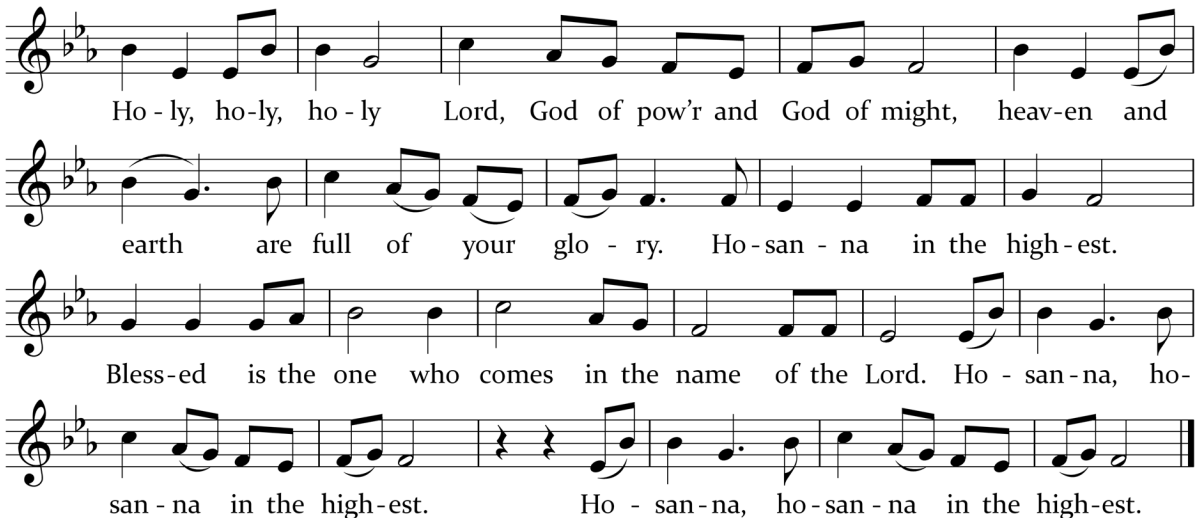
# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might, heav-en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho-  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na, ho-san - na in the high-est.



## \*Words of Institution

## \*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice. The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray. **If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.***

## Music during Communion

### "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Solo — "The Mind of God"

John Bell

*The mind of God is forever changing, forever pondering what shall yet come true, forever noting every child's potential, forever restless to make all things new. The heart of God is forever changing, forever moved by each cry of pain, forever touched when we say we're sorry, forever yearning that we start again. The world God made is*

*forever changing, forever moving between death and birth, forever turning through the season's cycle, forever clothing the productive earth. The love of God: this is never changing, but brings to light all that God intends; transforming those who are met by Jesus, the love of God, never, ever ends.*

**Hymn** — ELW No. 595

“Jesus Loves Me!”

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.
- ☩ **Amen.**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**Blessing and Sabbatical Sending for Nathan Proctor**

**\*Blessing**

*Response:* ☩ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 836

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**\*Dismissal**

- ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** — “The Heavens Declare”

Robert Wetzler



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Ellen Ellickson, Ruthie Neuger
Organists	Nathan Proctor, David Sims
Cantor	Karen Wilkerson
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Greeters	Sandra Nyvall
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Ann Albert, Pamela Groves-Gaggioli
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson, Pippa Younger
Ushers	Bob Nyvall, Mark Rydberg, Dean Schoeb, Jim Sharrow

## **Children and Youth**

**Family Vacation Bible School Registration is Open**

**Wednesdays, June 14 and 21, 6:00–7:30 p.m.**

St. John's, along with Bethel, Emmaus, and St. Peter's, brings two fun family nights of VBS. Children preschool through elementary will love this hero-inspired VBS filled with heroic stories of the bible, activities, games, and songs! Please let Julie Brehmer know if you have questions. You can register online via the St. John's website.

**Contact information for Children and Youth**

*Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at [childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

*Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org)*

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# **Announcements**

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.*

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Steve Swanson by Judy Swanson. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: September 17 & 24 and October 8, 15 & 29.

## **Church Softball League Games**

**Today, 5:00 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 2**

***St. John's vs. UCC***

**Today, 6:05 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 1**

***St. John's vs. Methodist***

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, check the bulletin board in the Commons.

## **Pub Theology: Deconstructed, Reimagined Faith**

**Monday, June 12, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Contented Cow**

“We are at a moment of cultural and spiritual deconstruction.” There is something shifting right now among people and their spiritual lives. People are deconstructing the faith they were given (or have assumed was all there was) and are starting to reimagine and reconnect with ways of being Christian that have always been. In an article called “Deconstructed, Reimagined Faith,” the author suggests five ways a new generation is reorienting its Christianity. Whether we know it or not, many of us are on this same journey—there is a thirst growing for more connection to the divine in our life. Join us for Pub Theology, where we will discuss how our spiritual lives have been or are just beginning to shift. You can find the article to read [here](#) or at the Welcome Desk.

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Thursday, June 15, from 1:00–6:00 p.m.**

Please consider helping by donating blood at our upcoming blood drive. Sign up at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

## **Joint ELCA Study on Civic Life and Faith**

The ELCA is developing a new social statement on Civic Life and Faith, and the ELCA congregations of Northfield are gathering to learn and discuss together this summer. On Mondays, June 26, July 10, and July 17, we will gather in the back room of El Tequila from 6:00–7:30 p.m. to review the curriculum and provide feedback to the task force. Task Force member Prof. Anthony Bateza will guide us through the materials. A few copies are available at the Welcome Desk, but video materials available at [elca.org](http://elca.org) are central to the study. You may also review the study on your own and provide feedback by October 15.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Bundles of Joy**

Here we go! WELCA invites you to help build desperately-needed baby kits one item at a time and give a baby a better start in life. **Week of June 18**—Bring in **bars of soap** (3-4 oz bars - Ivory, Dove Sensitive or Baby Dove, only). Place them in the labeled boxes by the Sanctuary doors or in the labeled box under the WELCA bulletin board. Thank you!

## **Celebrate Mid-Summer at Vang Lutheran Church**

**Wednesday, June 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

The Adult Ministry & Education Board invites you to celebrate midsummer at Vang Lutheran Church (2060 County 49 Blvd, Dennison). Enjoy some fellowship over a root beer float and learn about the history of the congregation, the church building, and connections with St. John's. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the summer solstice outdoors, but the event will take place rain or shine!

## **Oral History Update**

Available now on the website is a 2019 oral history interview with Leif Knecht. Leif recounts his family history and relates the many ways that St. John's pastors and members made an enduring difference in his life. You can hear the interviews by clicking on the "About" tab on the main page of the website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."

## **Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention**

**September 21–24, 2023**

Join other St. John's women who are traveling to Phoenix this September for the life-changing three-day convention. Reduced registration deadline has been extended to June 15. If you can't join us in Phoenix, you can still explore the Just Love theme by participating online in worship and plenary sessions. Registration for that option is also discounted through June 15. For information and registration: [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org) or [women.stjohns500@gmail.com](mailto:women.stjohns500@gmail.com).

## **Rice County Habitat for Humanity from Jodi Wagner, Community Engagement Coordinator**

Volunteer Builders and Lunch Providers Needed this Summer! We are moving along with our builds and will have our first house dedications for two of our families this month. We are still working on the last three houses and really need your help! We are planning to work on these three homes all summer, and looking for volunteers for Saturdays. We can easily take 12 volunteers in a group, ages 18 and older. The following Saturdays below are open:

- **Lunch is Needed:** June - 22, 27, 29; July - 6, 8, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 29; August - Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- **Construction Helpers Needed:** June - 3, 10, 24; July - 1, 8, 15, 29; August - 5, 12, 19, 26

All volunteers can sign up to help on our website: [habitatricecounty.org](http://habitatricecounty.org). Volunteers will receive an email with further information. Thank you!

## Prayer Requests

*We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.*

### **Healing and Support**

*Those in the hospital or in need of healing*

Aiden Mandsager, Greta Matzner-Gore, Carol Schoen, Wendy Scholz,  
Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette), Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse),  
George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James,  
Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson,  
John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom,  
Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

*All who are homebound, including*

David and Pat Halsor, Rose Youngquist

*Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's*

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;  
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

### **Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests**

*Stephen Ministry Requests*

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 18):

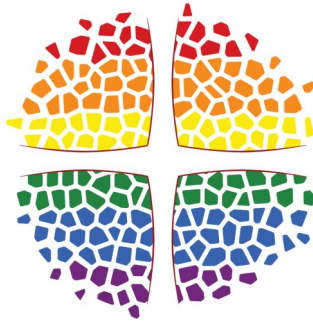
*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Exodus 19:2-8a † Psalm 100 † Romans 5:1-8 † Matthew 9:35—10:8

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, June 12</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, Contented Cow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 13</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
<b>Wednesday, June 14</b>	6:00 p.m.	Family Vacation Bible School, Bethel Lutheran Church
<b>Thursday, June 15</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library
<b>Friday, June 16</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, June 17</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, June 18</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.