

We are excited to announce that **Vacation Bible** School will be June 12-16, 2017 from 9 AM-Noon. Due to the construction here at First Lutheran, we have decided to

partner with St. John Lutheran and host VBS at their location.

St. John's is located at 1701 Tiffin Ave, Findlay. As much as we are excited about having a place to host VBS this year, they are equally excited to have lots of children and adults using their worship space.

This year we are doing Maker Fund Factory, where kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too! Each day is filled with Bible-learning experiences, team building games, cool Bible Songs and of course, tasty treats. Plus, we will help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life ---- "God Sightings"!

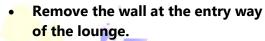
So mark your calendars, June 12 – 16 is just around the corner. And don't forget, we moved VBS just around the corner to St. Johns so the kids have a safe environment, free of construction, to experience this life changing adventure. Sign up on line at 1stlutheranchurch.org or drop off registration forms to the office by Sunday, June 11.



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Parent/Guardian			
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone	Cell Phone		
Email Address			
Emergency Contact Name and Number			
Special Needs/Allergies			

What Is Going to Happen?

Remove the two walls which now frame in the coat room in the main hall.



- Replace the wall at the entry way of the lounge with movable wood panels. These panels will include a door and a repurposed stained glass window from the original church which has been in hiding in the attic.
- **Upgrade the air conditioners in the** lounge and church office.
- Install a new display case in the lounge (Made special for us by Cloyce Baker).
- Relocate the coat racks to the elevator foyer. (Yes, there is enough room!)
- Replace all the flooring in the main hall, including restrooms, library, east stairway and elevator room.
- Replace the ceiling tile in the main hall and upgrade the lighting.
- Paint the hall.

UNDER WAY

How Does it Effect Our Routine!

- The church office will be closed on June 12, 13, & 14 for the remediation of the asbestos in the hall floor. NO ONE is to be in the building.
- Beginning June 15th the offices will be located in the downstairs Sunday School
- All entrance to the building on Sundays and during the week will be through **Lincoln Street or the elevator.**
- Worship will continue in the nave during construction. (This may change if there are any safety concerns)
- Only one restroom (by the nursery) will be available during construction. The main restrooms near the stairs will be closed. Additional restrooms are located in the Sunday School wing. You may use the elevator to the basement and the 5 steps up can be managed with the use of the chair lift.
- Fellowship Hall and the downstairs will be available after June 14th for events and meetings.

The renovation is being financed by the use of Endowment "Legacy Gifts" as well three vear's worth of interest income from Church Works. (Interest money our Endowment Committee has rolled over in anticipation of this renovation.) All was approved at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January.

We appreciate your patience as we complete this long-awaited project. The plan is to compete the renovation by the end of July. If you have any question please feel free to contact Wayne Dukes at waynedukes@hotmail.com.

2017 Church Council

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The Red Cross
Blood Mobile will



be at St. John's Lutheran, 1701 Tiffin Ave., Findlay from 1pm-6pm on Monday, June 5th. Share the gift of life with others that day and also support the mission of the Lutheran churches to sponsor these blood drives as we work together.



Riehm Farms will be using the parking lot again this summer on Thursday evenings for

delivery of their Community Supported Agriculture beginning June 8. For the use of the parking lot they share the remaining vegetables with our congregation to use or give to others. Please be a part of this ministry by signing up on the bulletin board. The produce can be used by your family, shared with a neighbor or taken to City Mission. Any questions call Carolyn Bryant, 419-422-0015.

Food Cart Requests

No collections will be made for the months of June and July due to the construction.

Please feel free to deliver any donations directly to St. John's Lutheran Church on Tiffin Ave. (near the mall)

All donations will benefit

Lutheran Social Services



May 20th...

...Robert and Marisa

(Rose) Sanders were united in marriage on May 20th. Marisa is the daughter of Mark and Karen Rose. Congratulations and God's blessings!



Baptized on May 7th

Daphne Teresa Maag, born to Nicholas and Margaret (Maggie) Maag.

Schell, son and wife of Ryan Schell. (Daughter-in-law and grandson of Tad and Maria Schell.)



The June Noisy Offering will benefit:

Lincoln Elementary School Lunch Program

Where each child is inspired to learn, to dream, and to discover in pursuit of his or her highest potential.

Abundantly Blessed, Abundantly Thankful

Our Duty and Delight

"Giving is both a duty and a delight, something we ought to do and something we are pleased to do."

"Giving from the heart and to the budget are not mutually exclusive concepts, and I am proposing that we do both. Here is my advice: first, estimate your proportionate share of the church's budget costs and contribute accordingly, even if there is a sense in which it seems like just paying the bills or fulfilling an obligation. And then, once you have done this, you will be in a position to move on to the second type of giving and to discover what "giving from the heart" really means."—Mark Allen Powell Giving to God

To Church Council members: What do you as a Church Council member think about this? What is our duty (financial) as congregational members? How can financial giving to God through the church be a delight?



Giving to the Church is a delight because it allows for more of the things/ activities the Church can do for the parishioners to get know each other and for the community as well. - *Eric Timbrook*



I remember years ago a minister saying, "The Lord Jesus loves a cheerful giver." Being good stewards means giving back to the Lord first and with a smile. It gives you a warm feeling when you see your gift helping the church.

—John Adler



As a council member I am so grateful for our congregation and their obvious desire to support God's children. I have experienced monetary issues at council meetings and the sadness I felt that our church may not be able to support all the ministries that we do. It is a big, sinking pit in my stomach when those times have come. By the guiding hands of God we are very blessed with a congregation that realizes the more you give, the more blessings there are. I do not write my check with dread, as another bill to pay, but as a privilege to do God's work.—Renee Smith



As a member of church council, it is my privilege to give my talents, time, and financial support to our mission in the church. Attending church, welcoming visitors, and being involved in committee work are also part of my privilege.

St. Paul said to the Roman Christians: "At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem in a ministry to the saints; for Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to share their resources with the poor among the saints at Jerusalem." - Romans 15: 25-26

Women of the **ELCA**

A gigantic Thank You to all the volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energy for setting up the spring Rummage sale, worked during the sale and the final clean up. Another thank you to all those who contributed so generously with their donations.

We cleared \$1,002, which is divided between The Hancock County "Boot" Project, St. Jude Children's Hospital and the ELCA General Fund. Items were also donated to Chopin Hall, Re-Store and the Salvation Army.

A Thrivent Action Team provided the seed money for advertising, supplies and food for the workers on Saturday. ~ Mary Lou McCann

Program book information is due into the office ASAP.

June 13—Martha Circle Breakfast, 9:00 @ Café Marie's Sept. 13— Salad Smorgasbord, 6:30

The Endowment Committee would like to recognize our recipients from the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Tori Cox received the distribution from the General Scholarship Fund to continue her education

at Capital University in Public Relations and Communication and Lori Cox received the distribution from the DeMoss Scholarship Fund as she begins her education at Tiffin University in Forensic Psychology.

We wish them both our best in pursuit of higher education and are pleased to be able to help with the financial needs of our students.







This comes from one of my best friends in seminary, who was on the trip to the Holy Lands that Pam and I took in January. ~ Pastor Bob

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el through Galilee.

Join me, Pastor Paul Walters and the folks of Good Shepherd Travel for the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Lands on January 19-28, 2018. We will travel through Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem exploring ancient Biblical sites and meeting the people who live there now. Having spent a week there this year, I can tell you this is a life-changing trip. Follow the link below for details or contact me at paulewalters@gmail.com.

https://www.tourtheholylands.com/book-holy-land-tours/10-day-tour-to-the-holy-land-from-detroit-michigan-january-19-to-january-28-2018



We give because God gave First

In a Blink of an eye, summer has arrived. Often our schedules change, but our responsibilities don't. Chances are church members will be traveling and hopefully taking the opportunity to worship in the communities they are visiting. Take this opportunity over the summer to set-up online giving to First Lutheran. This can be done with the Simply-Giving program utilized by the church or using the auto-pay feature within your own bank. Maintain your weekly or monthly stewardship to the church since its financial responsibilities aren't able to take a vacation!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The City Mission is in great need of kitchen volunteers.

Responsibilities include:

Food Prep Food Service (Cafeteria style) Kitchen Cleanup Dining Room Cleanup

Lunch Volunteers Needed: Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 11a.m.-1p.m. Dinner Volunteers Needed Sunday-Saturday 4:00-6:30 p.m.

To volunteer please call Wendy Tong at 419-423-9151 or visit www.FindlayMission.org and complete the volunteer application.

WILL YOU HE THIE MISSING PIECE TODAY?

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Good day, everyone. The rains are over again, the temps might just be warming up. And now we think of picnics, reunions, swimming. Summertime. Yippee!

To begin, I am learning, even as old as I am, that life still turns on a dime. Stronger bifocals, wooden stairs, low light...DANGER, DANGER, DANGER. May 3, I missed the last step, fell, dislocated my shoulder. I was a terrible patient in the ER but all were very kind and understanding. They all knew it hurt.

Now I am learning to be a leftie in a right-handed world. My pantry, linen closet, utensils...are all set up for a right-handed person. Chopping and dicing are difficult as is the whole process of dressing. Try signing a check. Frustration is my constant companion.

Not much else I can do, so I picked a book off my shelf to read the other day – Along the Way, by Emilio Estevez and Martin (Ramon Estevez) Sheen. Prior to this book, Emilio directed "The Way," the movie that follows Martin, portraying a father who finishes his dead son's walk on the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain.

As some background information, several years ago, the church book club read Walk In a Relaxed Manner by Joyce Rupp; this reading was the first I had ever heard of this trail in Spain. I, of course, was more familiar with our Appalachian Trail. So the research began for the book club. I mentioned at the time to my now-deceased sister Mary Beth about our reading and she said, "Oh my, you should watch "The Way" with Martin Sheen. Real-life father and son portray a father and son living this same pilgrimage in Spain."

So we watched the movie together. It is, to say the least, very moving. And now I read a book from Mary Beth's library about the relationship between this real-life father and son before, during, and after the filming. Sheen was 69 when his son and he began this movie. Sheen actually walked the 500 miles of this trail. These two shared an intimate familial world neither had anticipated prior to the filming. Looking back on what I have just written, I sense I don't do this book justice. So, just read the book and then watch the movie.

Another book I recommend is Sensible Shoes by Sharon Garlough Brown. Four women, all in in need of spiritual rejuvenation (aren't we all at one time or another?), find themselves at the same retreat. The daily lessons center around the questions: Who are you? What do you want? Where have you come from? And where are you going? These questions are not being asked of those just starting a career. These women include everyone's ages.

The various kinds of prayer are discussed. Even the prayer when we can't find the words to pray.

New ways of reading the Bible are presented. Some I have never even thought of. One method relies on the imagination...read a story from the Bible several times. Imagine the scene. Put yourself into the scene. Tune into your senses. Now what do you need to do while you are present in this scene? Then think about what you have learned.

Many thoughts and guidelines come out of this text. One insight that speaks to me is the concept that we are all surrounded by burning bushes. We need to figure out just how God is trying to get our attention? Our spiritual life is all about paying attention.

Well, soon the library will be briefly closed. Keep in mind that the rolling cart will have the recent purchases and donations available in the basement.

God bless and keep reading. Kathy Brooks





June 4th 9:00 Liturgical

11:00 Contemporary
Featuring the band
Spirit of Lincoln and Main

The July Noisy Offering will benefit:



Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

Bringing people together to experience Christ through our natural settings and programs.



Youth Group

No meeting on Father's Day, June 18th



A note of thanks to my church family. The phone calls, food, visits, and so many friends signing the church card meant so very much to me!

It was very much appreciated!!

Thank you Marty Schmidt



Tuesday, June 6th,
11:30 at Café Marie's
All are invited to join the fun!
There will NOT be a Pastor's lunch on
July 4th. Happy Holiday!



Christian Education has decided to adopt families again this year for Christmas. During July, you will find a large stocking, where you can donate money towards purchase of new toys and clothes for the families we adopt. More information will be coming if you are interested in shopping for these families

and individuals.



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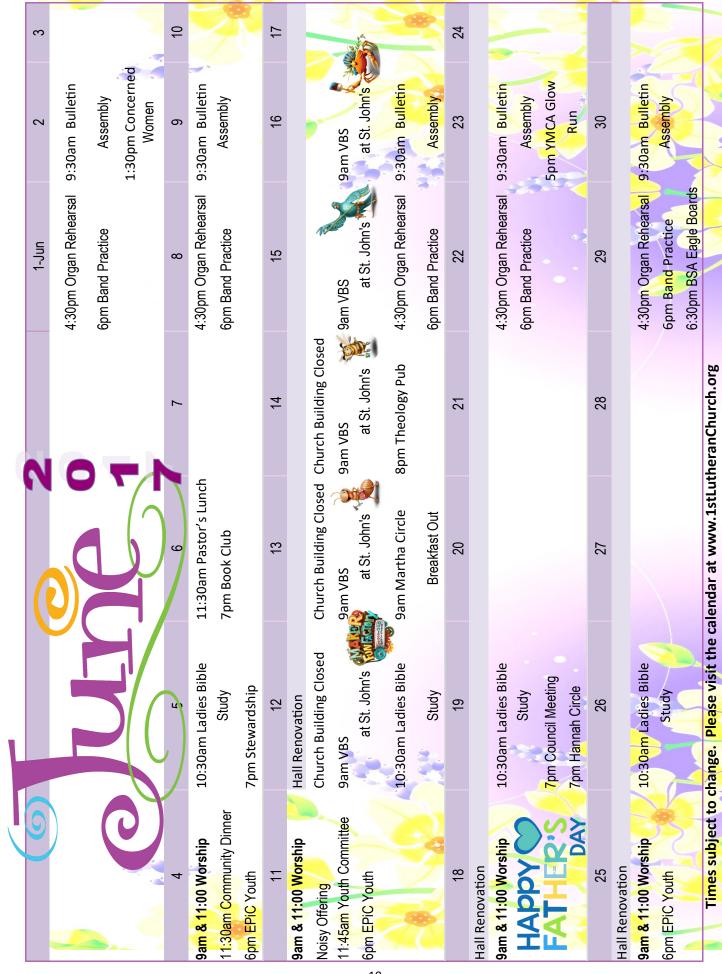
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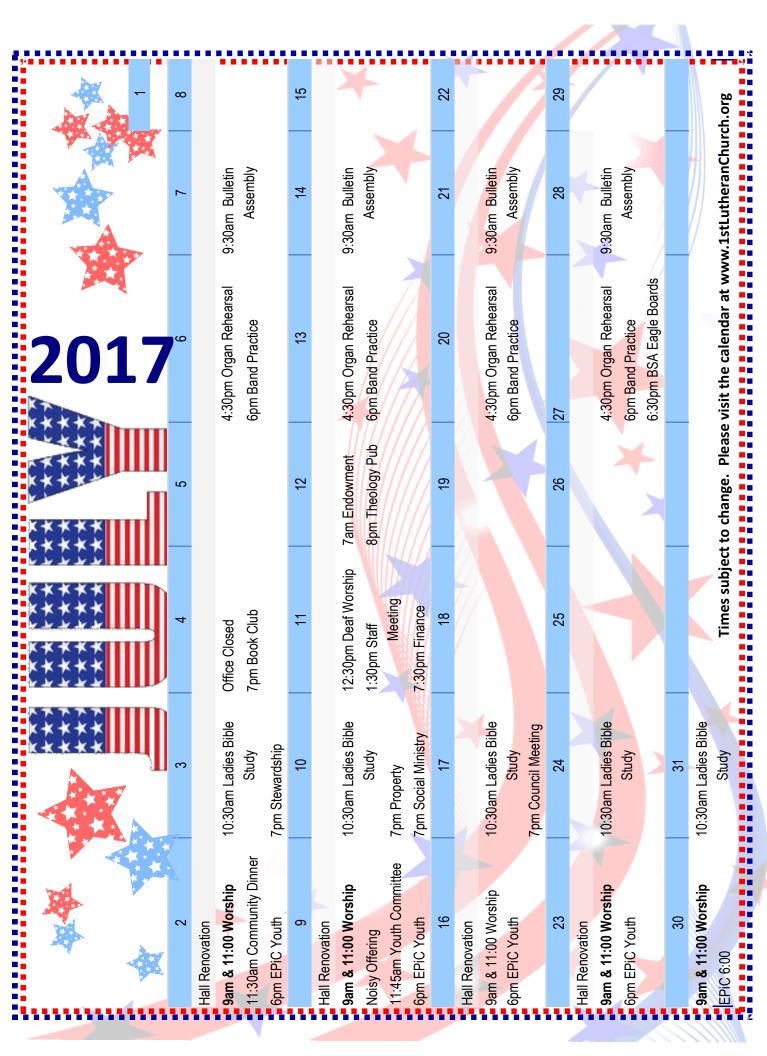


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August Newsletter Deadline

Monday, July 17th

Weekly Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday Mornings

<u>LECTORS</u>

June 4 9:00– Marilynn Dunn

<mark>June</mark> 11 9:00 – Jeff Kamm

June 18 9:00—Traci Roth

June 25 9:00 - Carrie Howe

GREETERS

June 4 9:00—Carrie Howe, Erika Cunningham 11:00—Doris Brand

June 11 9:00—Jeff & Jennifer Kamm 11:00—Jerry & Carolyn Bryant

June 18 9:00—David & Janet Wobser 11:00—Carie & Randy Eakin

June 25 9:00—Cloyce & Janet Baker 11:00– Bonnie & Jarold Bossee

ACOLYTES

June 4 9:00—Sam Ried

June 11 9:00 - Jeremiah Tatum

June 18 9:00- Lily Cox, Nathan Leipheimer

June 25 9:00 -

SOUND ROOM

June 4 9:00—Tim Roth 11:00 - Tim Cochran

June 11 9:00—Dave Gerber 11:00—Tim Cochran

June 18 9:00—Tim Roth 11:00—Tim Cochran

June 25 9:00-Sam Ried 11:00<mark>-</mark> Tim Cochran

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 4—

June 11— Jeff & Angie Nunn June 18—Daryl & Cyndy Rotman June 25—

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 4
9:00—Pastor Chris Dittmar

June 11 9:00—Tim Franks

June 18 9:00

June 25 9:00—Pastor Chris Dittmar

9:00 Ushers

Gary May

DEACONS

Steve Roth

Bob Schriner

Eric Timbrook
Tim Cochran

Aaron Ried

Dave Wobser

Nick Thomas

Richard Ruehle

ALTAR GUILD

Tom & Cindy Fitzpatrick Renee Smith

COUNTERS

Ken & Jean Wynkoop

LSS DELIVERY

No food cart collection for June

FLOWER DELIVERY Ken & Katy Otte

COMMUNION BREAD

June 4—Sharon Thompson June 11—Pat Needles June 18—Susan Polder

June 25—Carolyn Bryant

COOKIE SUNDAY

Canceled for June due to construction

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

June 4 - Alex & Jennifer Treece
June 11— Alex & Jennifer Treece
June 18—Marti Schmidt

June 25—Ma<mark>rti Sch</mark>midt

	Kristi Gerdeman	6/1
l I	Crystal Clark	6/2
l I	Chery Francis	6/2
	Mildred Thomas	6/4
	Dalton Blunk	6/5
	Beverly Pardee	6/5
	Megan Peplinski	6/6
8	Gwen Wynkoop	6/6
	Jim Buckingham	6/8
	Mike Tabler	6/8
	Randall Eakin	6/9
U	Matt Shanahan	6/9
-0-	Phil Burson	6/11
97	Noah Routson	6/11
	Amy Bowser	6/12
	Zarina Dillon	6/12
	Marilyn Jones	6/13
U	Nora Cochran	6/14
	Kyle Nunn	6/15
	John Dale	6/16
	Greg Johnson	6/16
	Jennifer Treece	6/16
	Beverly Yammine	6/16
	Morgan Kirk	6/17
0	Carie Eakin	6/18
	Kim Blunk	6/19
	Virginia Borger	6/20
	Elaine Leonard	6/20
5	Sue Stevens	6/22
	Joanne Connor	6/23
	Kris Thomas	6/23
	John Ried	6/25
	MaryAnn Chubb	6/27
	Kelsey Dudics	6/27
	Zachary Short	6/30

Baptisms

June

Cynthia Fitzpatrick 6/1 **Nick Muntzing** 6/1 Marilyn Wilson 6/1 **Cole Westrick** 6/2 6/3 Paige Peplinski Richard Larick 6/4 **Audrey Leopold** 6/4 **Caleb Short** 6/4 **Marilyn Howard** 6/8 **Steve Roth** 6/11 Mildred Thomas 6/12 Elaine Ashley 6/13 Mark Rossman 6/13 Carol Bridinger 6/14 **Avery Johnson** 6/14 Timothy Roth 6/14 Zarina Dillon 6/15 **David Gerber** 6/15 Joshua Short 6/18 **Avarie Needles** 6/19 **Julie Dittmar** 6/20 6/20 **Beth Meier** Kristi Gerdeman 6/22 **Thomas Flick** 6/23 Jane Ebersole 6/24 **John Thomas** 6/27 6/28 **Heather Betts** Chance Rossman 6/28

Anniversaries

David & Mary Fleming	6/3/1989	28	
Jack & Nancy Meek	6/3/1955	62	
Richard & Susie Polder	6/3/1989	28	
Randy & Chery Francis	6/5/1998	19/	
Jon & Marilyn Jones	6/5/1982	35	
Eric & Elaine Timbrook	6/8/2002	15	
Jason & Crystal Clark	6/10/2000	17	
Gary & Kathy K <mark>aposta</mark> sy	6/11/1983	34	
John & Mildred <mark>Thoma</mark> s	6/12/1948	69	
Thomas & Pamela Bas <mark>inger</mark>	6/14 <mark>/</mark> 1980	37	
David & Shirley Gerber	6/14/1958	59	

Steven & Sally Rice	6/15/1969	48
Jon & Sandra Burnside	6/19/1981	36
Kurt & Jane Ebersole	6/19/1976	41
Robert & Sara Cleary	6/20/2009	8
Clyde & Linda Mitchell	6/21/1974	43
Cloyce & Janet Baker	6/22/1958	59
Mark & Karen Rose	6/22/1985	32
William & MaryAnn Chubb	6/23/1951	66
James & Judy Routson	<mark>6/27</mark> /1992	25
Mike & Amy Tabler	<mark>6/28</mark> /1997	20
John & Diane Adler	6/29/1974	43

July

Baptisms **Robin Bowman** 7/1 **Amy Bowser** 7/1 7/1 MaryAnn Chubb **Bartley Pardee** 7/1 **Beverly Pardee** 7/1 **Audrey Hicks** 7/4 **Chloe Nielsen** 7/10 7/11 **Sue Stevens Abigail Zawisza** 7/11 **Christian Nielsen** 7/17 7/18 Raeleigh Bower **Kelsey Dudics** 7/21 **Marsha Granath** 7/21 7/22 **Gwen Wynkoop Cameron Roth** 7/23 7/24 **Elliot Holbach** Madison` VanAtta 7/24 **Tamara Maas** 7/26 7/26 **Kyle Nunn** Virginia Borger 7/27

Birthdays

Paul DeMoss	7/3
Anthony Masterlasco	7/3
Shawn Benedetti	7/4
Britt Gibson	7/6
Carol Ruehle	7/6
Micah Stevens	7/6
Evan Clark	7/8
Mary Kondik	7/8
Jerold Bosse	7/9
Richard Schweitzer	7/9
Michael August	7/10
Jennifer Kamm	7/10
Brandi Routson	7/11
Ella Zawisza	7/12
Kristan Napier	7/14
Toni Poling	7/14
James Staschiak	7/14
Samuel Ried	7/15
Kirsten Stevens	7/16
Kenneth Otte	7/17
Tom Dillon	7/18
Adam August	7/19
Andy Hartzell	7/19
Falkyn Roth	7/19
Diane Adler	7/20
James Denney	7/20
Jessica Spoon	7/20
Eric Timbrook	7/21
Kathryn Otte	7/22
Milton Peters	7/22
Thomas Leonard	7/24
Grant Welte	7/24
Steven Treece	7/27
Sue DeMoss	7/28
Nina Dukes	7/28
Marisa Rose	7/28
Leo Benedetti	7/29
Rick Howard	7/29
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Anniversaries

Jim & Kimberly Fultz	7/1/2000	17
Fredric & Voleta Willford	7/1/1956	61
Glen & Mary Lou McCann	7/3/1965	52
Arthur & Carolyn Wilde	7/5/1969	48
Fred & Karon Makrancy	7/7/1974	43
James & Beth Vaughn	7/11/2009	8
Micah & Sue Stevens	7/16/2000	17
Gregory & Sandra Rakestraw	7/17/1971	46
Paul & Donna Brockman	7/23/1988	29
Thomas & Cynthia Fitzpatrick	7/24/1971	46
Nicholas & Margaret Maag	7/28/2012	5
Rick & Roberta Howard	7/30/1976	41



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11:00

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11:00

July 23

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11:00—Carrie Howe

July 30—

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9:00 WORSHIP ASSISTANT

July 23 -July 30—

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