



The Lutheran

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Combined Summer Worship Begins This Sunday 10:00 a.m. at St. John

(Wednesdays at 12:05 pm and Saturday 5:15 pm worship remains the same at the Church of the Redeemer)

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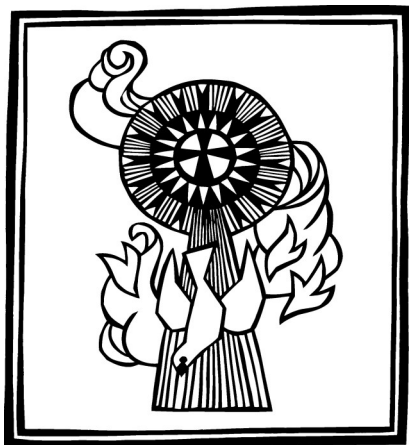
You will notice when you come to church that each entryway has been covered in plywood. This step was necessary to get an accurate measurement of the replacement glass. Please pardon our appearance for the next 10 days or so.



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

Happy Father's Day to all fathers , Grandfathers, Step-fathers and those filling the roles of fathers.

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." – Psalm 103:13 (NIV)



Reflection for June 15

Trinity Sunday is not so much a day for explanations as it is a day for reflection on the majesty and mystery of God: God as Creator, Lawgiver, the One who performs mighty acts; God as Messiah and Lord, Savior, Liberator, known to us as Jesus Christ; God as Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, Advocate, Comforter. How does thinking of God in the Trinitarian way inform, even increase your understanding of God? Do you experience God, or relate more easily to God, in one of the three "Persons" of God more than the other two? What causes you to relate to God more closely in this way?

June 15 Lessons

First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm: 8

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

Serving in Worship @ St. John

Reading the lessons & Prayers

June 15: Skip Roupp

June 22: Margaret Cole

Usher

Gil Herbert

Bob Cornell

Greeter

Jeri Mullen

Bev Cornell



Living into Our Mission @ St. John

For the month of June as part of living into our mission we will be collecting hygiene items for the Athens School District. As in the past, items such as tooth paste, body wash, deodorant etc. are much appreciated.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY— a day to commemorate that **all** who were born in the USA were free and citizens of our great country. As a federal holiday, Pastor Melinda will be enjoying a day off.



CONGRATULATIONS ANDREW MIZENER!

On Pentecost (Last Sunday) Andrew was confirmed at SJLC.

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY ANDREW, AXEL & VIOLET LEWIS!



Also on Pentecost at the Church of the Redeemer, we welcomed into the Household of God Andrew, Axel and Violet Lewis through the sacrament of Baptism. (Sorry—no photo available.)

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS (or those who can use scissors, glue, glitter, paper stock, and similar items). On Monday, June 23rd from 6:30 until 8:30 PM in the South Wing of SJLC we need your help creating decorations for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Please let Louise

Waves of Wonder

Sackett or Pastor Melinda know if you are willing to help provide the enchantment of a water themed event.



Birthdays @ St. John

Matthew McCabe	6/12
Ian Repko	6/13
Nicholas Mizner	6/15
Dorothy Geiger	6/18
Dakota Smith	6/20
Dawn Farrell	6/21
Dominic Musick	6/27
Kyler Roberts	6/28
Emalie Shaffer	6/29

Anniversaries @ St. John

Tom & Deb Brandt	6/23
Gil & Helen Herbert	6/26

Birthdays @ Redeemer

Betsy Schumacher	6/12
Linda Murrelle	6/17
Eric Davenport	6/13
Jack Wheeler	6/18
Ellen Croft	6/14
Erin Wayman	6/21
Nathan Prickitt	6/15
Abigail Prickitt	6/15



This Banner that hangs near the altar in the church is given to the Glory of God by Gene & Mary Cerutti. Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for Dorothy Geiger.

COFFEE TIME will take a break for the summer months. We hope that fellowship continues. Nina and Pastor Melinda welcome company at brunch.



St. John Corner



Pastor's Report on Synod Assembly 2025

This year's Synod Assembly's theme was Connecting the Dots and featured dynamic speakers, including our own Bishop. Bishop deForest conveyed 10 [audacious] Strategic Goals to support mission and ministry. These are:

Ensure and encourage that every congregation can be in partnership with other congregations of their choice, centered around mission and ministry in their communities for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ and grounded in our Lutheran tradition, commonly expressed in our three Values and

Lanes. [Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life.]

Empower and encourage the roles of all believers in the NEPA Synod, especially lay persons and with particular focus on younger people, to live out their baptism callings and to love and serve God together in this church and their communities.

Make it possible for every congregation in this synod to have a pastor, a deacon, and a licensed lay minister.

Strengthen and secure the opportunities for rostered ministers and licensed lay ministers to serve congregations in this synod – faithfully, healthfully, and safely.

Reduce the need for congregations to close.

Engage and encourage all people – especially those who have been marginalized, harmed, or under-represented – to live and serve and lead well in this synod.

Train, inform, onboard, communicate, track and evaluate better, to better achieve these goals.

Evaluate and revise our governing documents, structures, and policies to better achieve these goals.

Align the roles, responsibilities, goals and evaluation of the bishop and bishop's staff to better achieve these goals and create a more efficient and satisfactory working environment.

Engage and encourage individuals, congregations, and partners to deepen their support of these goals ~ through the sharing of their time, talents, and treasure.

The full report can be found here beginning on page 8:

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From my perspective, our congregation is an example of living into the most of these goals.

In addition to our Bishop, the Assembly had three other keynote like speakers: Jen Bradbury from the Fuller Life Institute ([Growing Young](#)), Doug Hill, Senior Pastor at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church in Littleton CO (the largest ELCA congregation in American) and Pastor Tom Scornavacchi. Pastor Scornavacchi shared with the Assembly that the ELCA will share resources for every step of the 12 steps, monthly over the course of the year. He challenged us to talk openly about porn addiction, in part to help remove the stigma and shame around porn and in part to assist in resisting the temptations of porn.

It could be worthwhile to focus on a step each month and focus on it within our eBlast. Pastor Hill is coaching selected individuals within the Synod, to include me, in forming 6-2-6-1 partnerships. He spoke about Contemplative Action – being grounded in prayer so that we can take action on sharing the hope of the Gospel. Jen Bradbury focused on two of the four insights discussed in [Growing Young](#). She debunked common myths about youth ministry (e.g. we have to have a big budget for youth, we have to have a hip youth pastor, we have to have contemporary worship, etc), provided pragmatic examples of how we can more fully integrate youth, young adults and younger adults into the life and ministry of our congregation.

Fun facts about Synod Assembly – The Assembly offer raised \$4,595 for ELCA World Hunger. 249 people gathered in person and 100 people gathered on line for the Assembly. A budget was passed, a recommended salary schedule for clergy was passed, and members to Synod Council was elected.

Those interested in what happened at Synod Assembly on May 30 & 31 can read and watch all about it here:

[2025 Synod Assembly – NEPA Synod](#)

Redeemer Corner



Weekly Video Spotlight

As a part of our Year of Transition to become the Diocese of the Susquehanna, we are sharing weekly videos from Bishop Nichols, Bishop Scanlan, and ministry leaders from the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania. Our first video of the month is a report from Bishop Scanlan and Bishop Nichols about the work of our reunification working groups. Today we hear a report on plans for our bishops' leadership, the progress of our Constitution and Canons drafts, and a brief update on the work of the legal working group. [Weekly Video Spotlight: Bishop Scanlan and Bishop Nichols](#)


Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe is currently in Geneva Austria meeting with fellow bishops from across the Anglican Communion. His letter to the church can be found here:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/acting-faithfully-in-troubling-times-a-letter-from-presiding-bishop-rowe/>

Outreach at Redeemer

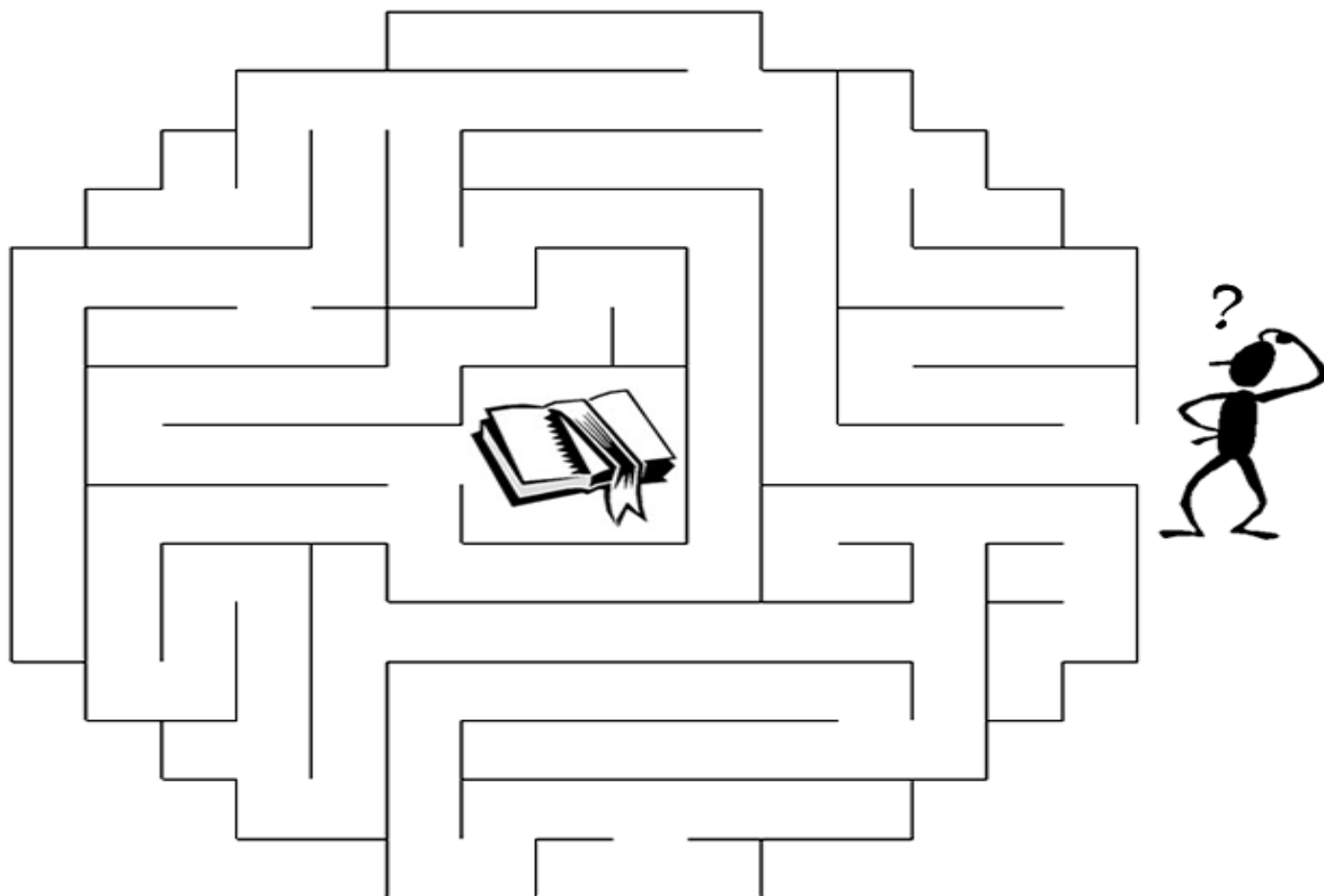
For the month of June we are collecting canned chicken and tuna for our local food pantries. You may drop off your items here at St. John while in church on Sunday if you like, and we will make sure it gets to the pantries.





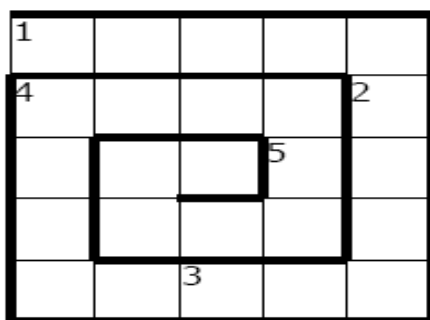
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John 16:13



The Work of the Holy Spirit

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." John 16:13 (NIV)



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| 1. To show the way by leading, directing, or advising | 4. To receive a sound using your ears |
| 2. To express your thoughts, opinions, or emotions orally | 5. God coming to us without human body; The Holy _____. |
| 3. A statement proven to be or accepted as being true | |

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Trinity Sunday

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The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15

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