

ST JOHN LIFE Together

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 11-12, 2018

ADORING

The Prayer of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

India
Iran
Saudi Arabia
Yemen

Partner Church:

**Consistory of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Lithuania**

Anniversary of marriage:

Beverly and Thomas Hecht (56 years)

Baptism:

Micala Diane DiVenere
(daughter of Rebekah and Ralph DiVenere)

Comfort, health, recovery:

Dale (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)
Olivia Capasso (friend of the Bruzek family)
Patricia Dixon (sister-in-law of Val Gaede)
Ray Di Matteo (friend of Diane Kissane)
Candice Garcia (niece of Kathy and Rick Deist)
Sharon Grant (friend of Ruth Harrison)
Paul Haskin (friend of Anna Piro)
Carol Hemwell (daughter of Mildred Constien)
Lauren Hoffman
Joan Holub (sister of Donna Mischnick)
Bruce Klein
Kelly Kramer
Ryan Markel (son-in-law of Karen Crawford)

Dorothy Mueller

Amy Piunti (niece of Jim Williams)
Bonnie Roberts (mother of Gretchen Musa)
Ruby Scheidt
(granddaughter of Laura and Mark Scheidt)
Dolores Schlesselman (mother of Dave Schlesselman)
Elvira Schroeder
Diana Shaw
Janyce Thomas (sister of Denyce Wendte)
Timothy Thomas (friend of Pastor Bruzek)
Rhonda Zacharias

Those who need our ongoing prayers:

Marina Avdalas and family (friends of Patty Almond)
Elizabeth Beutjer-Feldman
Marion Buchholz (mother of Beth Kautz)
Kathleen Deist
Frederick Fellendorf (father of Ann Williams)
Eldon Geyer (cousin of Joan Kaliher)
Byron Heidorn
Glen Hencyk (brother-in-law of Dave Richardt)
Carol Jablonsky (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)
Riley Johnson (niece of Cody Gregory)
Richard Mayer (uncle of Julie VanderZanden)
Andrew McPeters (friend of Dave Richardt)
Richard Rezny (son of Arlene Rezny)
Jonathan Richard
Edith Rosenwinkel
(granddaughter of Kathy and Jim Rosenwinkel)
Lucy Shannon (great-niece of Debbie Wren)
Rebecca Walker (friend of Jann Barnes)
Pat Wilcox (sister of Mary Ellen Orton)

Please submit your prayer requests to the website
or call the church office at 630-668-0701 x400.

ADORING

Baptism

We rejoice in the new birth given in Baptism today to:

- **Micala Diane**, daughter of **Rebekah and Ralph DiVenere**. Sponsors are Joseph DiVenere and Jenell Schroeder. Micala was born April 26, 2018.

MATURING

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study resumes in September.

Sunday School resumes in September.

WEDNESDAYS

J.O.Y. Group (Jesus. Others. You.)

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes
- **Contact:** Vicar Miguel Barcelos 630-668-0701 x412
mbarcelos@stjohnwheaton.org

All are welcome to attend. We will begin a new series of study together. As we turn to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians, we will discuss the background of this letter and how it captures the entirety of Christian life in a very short manner.

THURSDAYS

Men's Bible Study

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 6:30–7:15 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Vicar Miguel Barcelos 630-668-0701 x412
mbarcelos@stjohnwheaton.org

All men are welcome to attend as we begin the study of the Book of Isaiah. In this first session, we will see the historical context in which Isaiah was writing and explore some of the main themes in the first chapters of the book.

EMBODYING

**Prayers for Healing, Consolation and Hope
Sunday, August 12**

- **Place:** The Chapel
- **Time:** 12:15 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 30 minutes
- **Contact:** Ted Kahn 630-338-2390 or
Sandi Kahn 630-310-6388;
Pastor Bruzek bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org

Come join us in the Chapel immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Eucharist for prayers to heal our broken hearts, bodies and minds. Though we suffer, we know that we cannot be crushed because Jesus loves us and stands by us. If you need prayers, please come. If you know anyone who needs a healing touch—family, neighbors, friends, and especially those without Christ and Church—bring them. If you want to support those in need, come pray. Our time together will be hope in the midst of our struggles. We gather for this encouragement and blessing on the second Sunday of each month.

**ESSE Center: Update on Dementia
Tuesday, August 14**

- **Place:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, 515 S. Wheaton Ave.
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 2 hours
- **Contact:** ESSE Adult Day Services 630-260-3773

Come to this informative update about dementia and Alzheimer's type presented by Clinical Neuropsychologist Michael G. Mercury Ph.D. The event is hosted by Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly (ESSE). A Q&A session will follow the presentation. Seating is limited; call for reservations.

Women's Book Club • Tuesday, August 14

- **Place:** The Commons
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 1–2 hours, plus reading time
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

Ladies, join us the second *Tuesday*** of each month for an evening of fellowship and book discussion. The August selection is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. In this novel of soviet supremacy,

Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin.

Coming up:

- **September 11:** *All Things New* by Lynn Austin
- **October 9:** *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

**** Would it be more convenient to attend Book Club if the monthly meetings were held on a Thursday? Please contact Gretchen with your input about rescheduling future meetings.**

20- and 30-Somethings Summer Party Friday, August 24

- **Place:** N230 Woodvale St., Winfield
Childcare provided at the church
- **Time:** 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 3 hours
- **Contact:** Pastor Buchs 630-668-0701 x408
or dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

Join us for a summer party! Bring a friend—it's a great way to introduce folks to the St. John community! Dinner, conversation, and good company—the perfect way to spend a Friday evening! *RSVP online at: www.stjohnwheaton.org/20s30s*. See you then!

St. John Ringers • Tuesdays, starting September 4

- **Place:** Balcony
- **Time:** 6:45–8:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 75 minutes
- **Contact:** Cheryl Ondratschek, director, 630-668-1886
or condratschek@gmail.com

If you are high school age or older, can read music or follow a musical line, and want to have fun with a group of folks who praise the Lord through the gift of music ... come and join the St. John Ringers. Interested? We love new faces and need more hands! For more information on how to get started please contact Cheryl!

Fiesta! with Afternoon Circle and LWML Wednesday, September 5

- **Place:** Room 203
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 2 hours
- **Contact:** Marilyn Hess 630-510-3055
or text 630-414-0845 Marilynhess@Yahoo.com

NEW! All the women of the congregation are invited to join Afternoon Circle and LWML at "La Fiesta" to

celebrate the arrival of Vicar Miguel Barcelos. The program will feature Vicar Barcelos sharing the story of the journey which brought him to St. John. The Circle will hold a brief business meeting after the joint activities. Come join us for fellowship and fun. *RSVP to Marge Flashing at 630-653-7556 or mrflashing@att.net*.

Kantorei • Wednesdays, starting September 5

- **Place:** Balcony
- **Time:** 7:00–8:00 p.m.
(7:30–8:30 p.m. during Advent and Lent)
- **Commitment:** 1 hour per week
- **Contact:** Nathan LeMahieu
nlemahieu@stjohnwheaton.org
or Peter Sovitzky psovitzky@stjohnwheaton.org

NEW! The summer is coming to a close and that means the Kantorei is back! This choir sings about two services per month. Just bring a willing heart to sing in response to God for the gifts He has given us through Christ. That is WHY we do what we do. Childcare is available if needed.

Invite a Friend to BBQ Weekend!

Men—Friday, September 7

Women—Saturday, September 8

- **Place:** Chester Residence
23W616 St. Charles Road, Carol Stream (parking is west of the Chester's at the old Mushroom Farm)
- **Time:** 6:00–10:00 p.m. each night
- **Commitment:** up to 4 hours
- **Contact:** Laura Scheidt 630-853-2064
laurascheidt@sbcglobal.net

Friends and Food, Bonfire and Beverages! These annual gatherings are a relaxing way to reconnect as summer comes to an end, and an ideal opportunity to introduce a friend to St. John. The main course and side dishes are provided. This year's menu is pork roast on Friday for the men, and steak and chicken on Saturday for the ladies. Please bring your own drinks. In addition, ladies are asked to bring a salad or a dessert to share on Saturday.

L.E.R.T. Training: Help in Times of Disaster Saturday, September 29

- Place: Cross Lutheran Church
8609 Route 47, Yorkville IL
- Time: 8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 5 hours, \$35 registration fee
- Contact: Jan Gerzevske 630-294-5014
jgerz30017@comcast.net
Marty Johnson, Byron Heidorn or Steve Chester

NEW! Would you like to join the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) volunteers when asked to help after a disaster? Chainsaw work, flood clean up and rebuilding are some of the ways we can respond. Requests for assistance come from here in the community and elsewhere. Help to rebuild is still needed in Texas. Lutheran Church Charities provides the training that is required by FEMA and other local agencies before entering a disaster area. Anyone teenaged and older may participate, so make it a family event! *Register at lutheranchurchcharities.org > disaster response.* The cost includes a training manual and LERT vest.

LifeTogether Submissions

To announce a St. John event in *LifeTogether*, submit details to Sandy Crowe, scrowe@stjohnwheaton.org. Please provide the place, time, commitment and contact information along with a brief description (100 words or fewer). Events outside of St. John are included at the discretion of the pastors. *The deadline for each week's issue is Wednesday noon.*

High School Theater Trip • Sunday, October 7

- Place: Steppenwolf Theatre
1650 N. Halsted St., Chicago
- Time: 1:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. (approx.)
- Commitment: 6.5 hours/\$20
- Contact: Pastor Buchs 630-668-0701 x408
dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org

Join us for a trip to the Steppenwolf theatre to see *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* in a special production for Young Adults. The show is 2 ½ hours, starting at 3:00 p.m., and we'll stop somewhere fun for dinner on the way home. *Sign up by Sunday, September 9 online: stjohnwheaton.org/theater*

ME and MY Shadow • Every other Tuesday

- Place: Hosted in homes or local parks
- Time: 9:30–11:00 a.m.
- Commitment: 90 minutes or as long as you can stay or play
- Contact: Anne Jackson 312-340-8898 or
ms.anne.jackson@gmail.com

Me and My Shadow gives little ones a chance to play and interact socially while moms and dads do the same! Here is the park location schedule for the summer months, weather permitting:

- **August 21**—Briar Patch Park, 1700 Briarcliffe Blvd., Wheaton
- **September 4**—Rathje Park, 616 Delles Rd., Wheaton
- **September 18**—Herrick Park, Armbrust Ave. and Herrick Dr., Wheaton

Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center Workshops

Pre-Marriage: Choose one Saturday: September 15, 2018, February 9, 2019 or April 13, 2019

- Place: St. Michael Catholic Church
310 South Wheaton Avenue
- Time: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 6 hours, \$120 per couple
- Contact: CDPCC 630-752-9750 x10
or register online www.cdppcc.org

NEW! Newlyweds and engaged couples are invited to a one-day seminar designed to deepen understanding of each other in the context of topics such as family ties and influences, conflict resolution, balancing work and family, the many seasons of marriage, and personality. *Registration closes 14 days in advance.*

Couple Communication:

Tuesdays, October 23, 30, November 6 and 13

- Place: CDPCC, 507 Thornhill Drive, Carol Stream
- Time: 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Commitment: 2 hours per week
Per-session fee applies
- Contact: CDPCC 630-752-9750 x10
or register online www.cdppcc.org

NEW! Learn how to talk about sensitive issues, how to say what you think, feel or want without blaming or attacking and how to get beyond ordinary chitchat and share the deeper meaning of life. Each of the four sessions will deal with a different topic and participants are asked to work at home on the skills between sessions. *Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 16.*

Christmas Sharing

- **Place:** Lower Level
- **Time:** Before/after weekend worship
- **Commitment:** a few minutes
- **Contact:** Carol Hoelter 630-682-5663

Yes, it's that time again. As you shop back-to-school sales this August, please purchase socks in any size for the families who will join us in December for the Christmas Sharing event.

Little by little we collect the items to share with neighbors who are in need of assistance at Christmas. We appreciate your generous support of Christmas Sharing in the past and look forward to your participation this year. Simply place your donations in the Christmas Sharing shopping cart at the bottom of The Commons stairwell.

Interested in serving on the Christmas Sharing Committee? Contact Carol Hoelter.

Christmas Sharing Collection Schedule

AugustNEW socks

SeptemberLaundry detergent, toilet paper
and paper towels

OctoberNew toys and teen gifts

NovemberFood and *gently* used clothes

Food Pantry Donations

- **Place:** Lower Level
- **Time:** Before/after weekend worship
- **Commitment:** 5 minutes
- **Contact:** Ann Williams 630-665-3315
or annwms22@sbcglobal.net

Please help provide for our hungry neighbors in need by filling one or more grocery bags with non-perishable food and household items. Place donations in the grocery cart at the bottom of The Commons stairwell and we'll get them to our local food pantries. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Critical needs over the summer include canned fruit and canned mixed vegetables, high nutrition cereals, condiments, cooking oil, tea, diapers (sizes 4 and up) and baby formula.

Other suggestions are canned soup and soup mixes, canned tuna or chicken, dried or canned beans, rice, dry pasta, baking and pancake mixes, peanut butter and jelly, and macaroni and cheese.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday • August 12

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
NO Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 p.m. Elders Meeting (Library)
- 12:15 p.m. Prayer Service (Chapel)

Monday • August 13

CLOSED

Tuesday • August 14

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club (The Commons)

Wednesday • August 15

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. JOY Group (The Study)

Thursday • August 16

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (The Study)
- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. Garden Club

Friday • August 17

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Saturday • August 18

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday • August 19

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
NO Education Hour
- 10:30 a.m. Ark Worker Training (The Ark)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 12:15 p.m. Governing Board (203)

You can prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

Proverbs 9:1-10; Ephesians 5:6-21; John 6:51-69

St. John Organ Debut Series

Join us as we celebrate the completion of the **M. P. Rathke Opus 5** organ at St. John:

- **Friday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.:** Dedication concert gala; Stephen Tharp, organist
- **Sunday, November 11, 3:00 p.m.:** St. John musicians concert featuring organ in combination with trumpet, voice, cello, flute, saxophone, and others