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We are called together by the Holy Spirit around Word and sacraments to glorify God the Father, creator of all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust God to nurture lives of faith and hope, as we serve and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

Congratulations, Graduates!



Lord God of our ancestors, we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do with our daughters and sons. Walk with them in life, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. You see all; you know where the water is deep. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith. Amen.

Alexandra Lee Bakalich graduated on May 10th from Loyola University of Chicago with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree with a minor in Language, *magna cum laude*. Alexandra is returning to Loyola to study for her Master of Arts degree in Language. She is the daughter of Brian and Sandra Bakalich and the granddaughter of Lawrence and Ruth Bakalich.

On May 12th, **Carrie Boike** graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) with a Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a major in English and a minor in Art History. During her years at UIC, Carrie was on the Dean's List, wrote blogs for UIC Radio, completed a study abroad program for journalism in Morocco, wrote for a student-run magazine called *One World*, and completed a writing internship at the Institute for Therapy through the Arts. Carrie plans to stay in the Chicago area while pursuing a career in writing and/or journalism. She is the daughter of Kristine and the late Christopher Boike, and sister to Hannah and Isabelle.

Isabelle Boike, also a daughter of Kristine and the late Christopher Boike, and sister to Carrie and Hannah, was home schooled and received her high school diploma on June 8th. Isabelle will be attending Illinois State University in the fall majoring in Music Business.

Jessica Lynn Byrne graduated on May 17th from Joliet Junior College with an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinarian Technology degree. This past March, Jessica studied abroad in Guatemala. Her future plans are “to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.” Jessica is the daughter of Leslie and Matthew Byrne, sister to Nathan and Donovan, granddaughter of Lester and Anita Henley, great-granddaughter to the late Anna Kapusta, fiancé of David Barajas, and soon-to-be step mom to “Santy.”

On May 30th, **Angeline Gomez** graduated 8th grade from Coal City Middle School. In the fall she will attend Coal City High School. Angeline is the daughter of Krystine Czerak, granddaughter of Donald and Elaine Haase and Roberto and Carmen Gomez, and niece to Johnathan Haase.

Cristina Jakubec graduated from Chamberlain University on April 24th with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, *magna cum laude*. She is also a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honors Society Phi Pi Chapter. Cristina plans to work in a hospital as a nurse in “labor and delivery” or “postpartum” while continuing to study for her Master of Science in Nursing degree. She is the daughter of Jake and Juanita Jakubec.

After attending the American International School of Budapest (AISB) for three years, **Benjamin Kostelancik** received his high school diploma on May 27th. While attending AISB, Ben enjoyed participating in varsity basketball, soccer and softball. He is the son of David and Patricia Kostelancik and the grandson of John and the late Emily Kostelancik. This fall Ben will attend Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia, majoring in Computer Science.

On June 22nd, **Daniel Patrick Kostelancik** graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Materials Science and Engineering. Daniel will remain at Northwestern for an additional year to complete his Master of Science degree. While at Northwestern, Daniel sang with the *a cappella* group *ShireiNU*, played clarinet in the marching band, and was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity. He is the son of David and Patricia Kostelancik and the grandson of John and late Emily Kostelancik.

Rachel Ann Michaels graduated on May 12th from Purdue University where she received the Bachelor of Science degree in Actuarial Science and Applied Statistics with a minor in management. While at Purdue, Rachel was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, the Actuarial Science Club, and Big Brother Big Sisters. She also participated in intramural sports. She is the daughter of Tom and Vicki Michaels, sister to Brandon and Sarah, and the granddaughter of Lois and the late Edward Michaels and Kenneth and Marjorie Hudnall. Rachel will soon be taking a position at HubGroup in Oakbrook.

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Lana Maria Papadatos graduated from 8th grade at S. E. Gross Middle School in Brookfield on May 21st. In the fall Lana will attend Riverside-Brookfield High School and plans to participate in marching band. She is the daughter of Cynthia, granddaughter of Elaine and Donald Haase, and niece of Johnathan.

Hudson B. Warnes also graduated from 8th grade at Lincoln Junior High School on May 30th where he received the Harold Moser Community Service Award. Hudson will attend Naperville Central High School in the fall. Over the summer, he and his twin brother Jack will be participating in a Side by Side Mission Trip to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, helping to provide adequate housing for the Lakota Tribe. Hudson is the son of Christopher and Kristine Warnes and the grandson of John and Shirley Kostelny.

Also graduating from 8th grade at Lincoln High School on May 30th was **Jack C. Warnes**, son of Christopher and Kristine Warnes and grandson of John and Shirley Kostelny. Jack also received the Harold Moser Community Service Award and the VFW Citizenship Award. Before attending Naperville Central High School in the fall, he will be participating with his twin brother Hudson on the Side by Side Mission Trip to Sioux Falls.

Sara Jayne Watkiss graduated in May from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce Business Administration. Sara is the daughter of Paul and Carrie Watkiss and sister to Claire. Sara is the granddaughter of the late Ramona and late Bill Suffern of our congregation and also the granddaughter of Joan Watkiss of Plainfield.

Also graduating this year was **Ashley Mazur**, daughter of the late Victoria and late Stephen Mazur, from the College of DuPage.



**Open Air Worship Service
in the Church Gardens
Sunday, July 14th, 9:15 a.m.**

**Featuring Marty Haugen's
"Now the Feast and Celebration"
Setting of the Liturgy**

**An ice cream social follows the service.
*Bring your lawn chairs and "sweet tooth."***

Images of the Season for Summer

Summertime. Perhaps you can hardly say the word without hearing, somewhere in the back of your mind, an earthy soprano voice singing the words from George Gershwin's opera, *Porgy and Bess*, "Summertime, and the livin' is easy." That's what summer is about—taking it easy. Schools close down, factories slow production, offices work with skeleton staffs. It's time for vacation, time to relax, ease up, sleep in, chill out. It is vacation time, whatever that may mean. For some it's travel—mountains or shore, down the road or over the sea. For some it's a hammock in the backyard. It may be catching up with the weeds in the garden or the novels you've been meaning to read. It may be swimming lessons or soccer camp or hot dogs on the grill or just sitting in the sun.

Most of all, summertime is about living. It's about having time, time for yourself, time to do what's important. Vacation doesn't require travel or equipment or expense. It only requires a sense of priorities. What's important to you? What makes you who you are? The answers to those questions will tell you how to make yourself new, how to renew yourself. And another word for that is recreation—recreation. Vacation is about renewal, whatever that means for you.

For the church summer often means vacation, too, in the traditional sense. It can be a time of low attendance, low activity, low energy. Often it means that summer is when nothing much happens. It is simply a holding pattern, waiting until September when the real business of living will resume. But if vacation is indeed about living, then the same should be true for the church. Summer is for re-creation here, too.

Summer worship should provide an opportunity for renewal, but that does not necessarily mean that it should be easy-going or unchallenging. Our theological understanding of Sunday is that it is not only a day of rest but also, and indeed primarily, a day of worship. During the summer as throughout the year we come to church not to escape from the world but to enter into relationship with it more fully. Our worship should be asking the same questions about priorities that shape what we do with our vacation time. What matters most to us as Christians? What makes us who we are? How do we live in a way that gives us joy and fulfillment?

All of us need re-creation. Summer worship is a chance to discover what that means. Traditionally the readings for the Sundays after Pentecost have focused on the nature of faith and the Christian life. While that might seem demanding for a summer Sunday, it is in fact exactly what summer is about: living.

Social scientists and economists tell us that the pattern of vacationing for U.S. workers has changed in recent years. The customary two weeks away in mid-summer is less and less common, replaced by more frequent but briefer breaks spread throughout the year. But whether we are on vacation or not, the longer days and warmer weather continue to make summer a season that is slower and more relaxed. The images of renewal and recreation remain appropriate for worship in these summer months, but those images also point to the need to carry them into the other seasons as well. One of the tasks of the church, carried out in worship and in learning, is to equip the saints for ministry. Just as vacation sends us back to our daily tasks re-energized, so worship sends us out to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the prisoner, and speak God's word of love.

Summertime. It's about relaxing, growing, believing, serving. Mostly, it's about living.

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“Thank You” from the Ladies Altar Guild

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Ladies Altar Guild Birthday Luncheon on June 6th. The food was delicious and the fellowship uplifting. Special thanks to all who helped in the kitchen and with set-up and clean-up. The Thrivent debit card and several very generous donations have allowed us to raise over \$900 for the church. Thanks be to God!

—Vera Borysek, President



From the Worship and Music Committee

We have begun our summer worship schedule, celebrating the Liturgy of Holy Communion beginning at 9:15 a.m. This schedule will continue through Sunday, September 1st.

Assuming weather permits, we plan to worship in the beauty of God’s creation at our first outdoor worship service on Sunday, July 14th, also at 9:15 a.m. The service will be followed by an ice cream social, so bring your lawn chairs and your “sweet tooth.”

We look forward to hosting a second outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 8th in conjunction with the annual congregational picnic. This service will begin at 10:15 a.m. Please see the September newsletter for more information.

—Charles Matthies, Worship and Music Committee
Worship and Music Committee Chairperson

Memories of Memorial Day 2019 in Riverside

Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have shown the greatest love by laying down their lives for others. We especially thank you for those in our military throughout history who have sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens and for us who came after. As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden, and send your spirit of comfort to them. Be present with all the women and men who are serving in the military today. Let them live for the peace known only from you. Help us to be worthy of their legacy, and keep us mindful of their service, that in all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



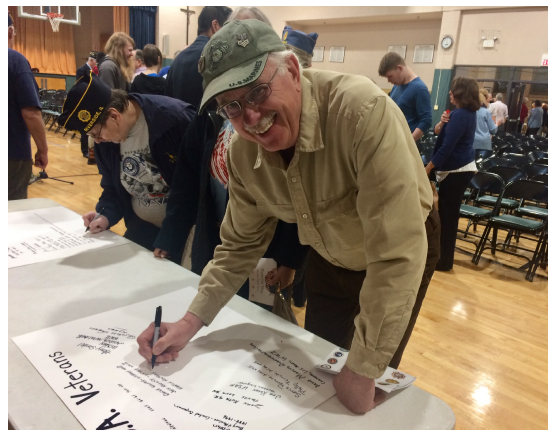
Vietnam War Memorial



Fred Kuzel and Rafael Martinez serve refreshments following the program.



Pastor Dennis of Sts. Peter and Paul offers a closing prayer.



John Kostelny, Vietnam War veteran, attended the program from Sts. Peter and Paul.

“Praise the Lord.” What does praising God mean? It means being grateful for all the wonderful things in the universe and for all the blessings in your life. So praise God by being grateful and humble. Praise of this kind has more power to vanquish evil than has mere resignation. The truly grateful and humble person, who is always praising God, is not tempted to do wrong. You will have a feeling of security because you know that fundamentally all is well. So look up to God and praise Him.

Quoted from Twenty-Four Hours a Day, the first meditation book for people recovering from alcoholism. Find recovery resources at Hazelden.

New Members Welcomed on the Day of Pentecost, June 9th

Joseph and Carole Ruiz
Rafael Martinez

We give you thanks, O Lord, for our new members in the faith: Rafael, Carol and Joe, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Amen.

The following prayer was given to
Carol Kubala Ruiz by her mother Vera Kubala.

*God created people
and taught us how to love.
He sent his only son, Jesus
as teacher from above.
Thank you God for families
to help and love each day.
And thanks for friends and neighbors
with whom we work and pray.
Help us God, our Father,
to show that we love you.
Teach us to love one another
and always be true to You.*

Greetings from Tokyo

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ at Sts. Peter and Paul,

Warm greetings from a warm and beautiful springtime in Tokyo! The cherry blossoms are already long gone, but there are azaleas and honeysuckle in bloom everywhere—it's spectacular.

Thank you so much for your support of our mission! Japan is such an interesting and challenging place to share the gospel. We feel truly honored to be called to this work.

We're already looking forward to our next chance to visit with you!

Grace and peace,
Sarah and Andrew Wilson

Greetings from Bratislava

Dear Pastor Lauritsen,

Thank you very much for the surprising gift you [and your congregation] sent to our organization, Evanjelická diakonia. Thank you so much for your open hearts for our work in Slovakia. We are very moved by your kindness and generosity to support us again this year. We are most grateful.

Please give our greetings to your family and to all the members of the congregation from our Director Jan Gasper and from all the colleagues in Evanjelická diakonia in Slovakia.

Many greetings and God's blessing.
Mgr. Katarína Šoltésová, Ph.D.



July and August Happenings

Riverside Independence Day Parade
9 a.m., Tuesday, July 4th

Outdoor Worship Service
Sunday, July 14th, 9:15 a.m.

Congregation Council Meeting
Thursday, July 18th, 7:30 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous meets weekly on
Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.
Co-Dependents Anonymous meets weekly on
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
AA Big Book Study Group meets weekly on
Saturday mornings at 11 a.m.
AA Group meets weekly on
Saturday evenings at 7 p.m.

*All groups meet in the large classroom on the lower level
(first classroom on the right off the dining hall).*

Changes and Additions to the Directory

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Birthdays and Anniversaries



July 1: Anne Gavac	July 14: Janet Broussard
July 4: Carl Busch III	July 15: Richard Hurbanis
July 5: Joanne Sefara	July 17: John Kostelny
July 6: Karyn Bute	July 18: Timothy Dlhý
July 8: Paul Gavac	Megan Drahos
July 9: Lee Drahos	July 22: Elizabeth Cudecki
Robert Kubik	July 26: Bode Smith
July 11: Hannah Decosola	July 30: Keith Altavilla
July 13: Amanda Meyers	Jacqueline Boyancheck

Anniversaries

July 7, 1979: John and Linda McShane
July 11, 2015: Thomas and Kathryn Murray
July 19, 1986: Dennis and Jane Lauritsen
July 20, 1996: Daniel and Tracy Babiar
July 25, 1997: Timothy and Pamela Dlhý



Aug. 1: James D'Alexander	Aug. 17: Annette Kozik
Milton Podzamsky	Aug. 18: Nicole Smith
Aug. 2: Darina Durkovic	Aug. 22: George Valek
Aug. 3: Milan Oklepek	Aug. 23: Garry Horak, Jr.
Aug. 5: Sofia Cobrda	Aug. 24: Adrienne Mikulka
Aug. 10: Kristine Boike	Aug. 25: Daniel Mikulka
George Hodul	Aug. 26: Carole Pollitz
Bradley Ruska	Aug. 28: Matthew Decosola
Joseph Ruiz	Steven Deshazer
Aug. 12: Larry Crachy	Brandon Michaels
Donna Tuidar	Aug. 29: Matthew Decosola
Aug. 13: Vlado Vercimak	
Aug. 16: Adrienne Gana	
Paul Kubecka	
Daniel Tornil	

Anniversaries

August 2, 1975: Robert and Donna Tuidar
August 15, 1997: Donald and Elaine Haase
August 15, 1970: Milan Viskup and Olga Viskupova
August 22, 1987: Dominick and Diane Ritacco
August 27, 1994: Daniel and Adrienne Mikulka

Memorial Flowers

May 26th: In memory of father +Carl J. Busch, Jr.+ on the 11th anniversary of his passing on May 29th by remembering son Carl.

In loving memory of husband +Edward Meksto+ on the anniversary of his birth on May 28th by remembering wife Esther.

June 2nd: In loving memory of dear father +Clarence Triska+ on the 16th anniversary of his passing by remembering children Jim Triska, Carol Triska, and Jeff and Lisa Triska.

June 23rd: In loving memory of beloved mother +Arlene Gana+ on the anniversary of her death by remembering daughter Adrienne Gana.

July 7th: In memory of dear husband, father and grandfather +John Kozik+ on the 6th anniversary of his death on July 11th by remembering wife Annette, children and grandchildren.

In memory of +Guadalupe Martinez+ on the 3rd anniversary of her passing on July 3rd by remembering husband Rafael.

In loving memory of +John Oklepek+ who passed away on Sunday, July 7th, 1946 by remembering son Milan Oklepek.

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received—only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

—St. Francis of Assisi

When Enough is Enough

By Rev. David Loleng

“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

“.... and be content with what you have...” (Hebrews 13:5).

Our culture has convinced us that abundant life is about getting *more*—more of anything that can be better, newer, faster, and in our hands sooner. The anxious urge to “consume now and pay later” is fed by a sense of scarcity. Advertising preys on these fears; the average person in the USA is bombarded by over 4,000 advertisements each day. Ads often work by implying our lives are inadequate and unfulfilled, illustrating that we somehow *need* every excess we *want*. This ubiquitous consumerism is diametrically opposed to the *abundant life* Jesus reveals (John 10:10).

Forces of our culture’s consumerism have even weaseled their way into our stewardship language and ideas. In a theology of scarcity, we believe there will not be enough for everyone, and doubt that God will provide for us. The scarcity mentality can plunge us into toxic suspicion and bitter competition.

To heal from this scarcity mentality, many people focus on shifting to an *abundance mentality*. But current forms of this model do not resonate with everyone. There is true scarcity in contemporary



society—a scarcity of resources, opportunities, and security—a reality that hits hardest for people in historically exploited communities of color, cities in decline, and emerging adults facing a changed economy. Recognizing that God provides for us out of God’s abundance does not dissolve our struggles. We must also be wary of how abundance mentality can lead to a nuanced form of prosperity gospel, which misleadingly attributes material scarcity to a lack of faith.

As I have talked with a Wwide range of church leaders about stewardship and generosity, sufficiency has surfaced as a concept distinct from both scarcity and abundance. Lynn Twist, author of *The Soul of Money*, explains that:

“Sufficiency ...is not the same as abundance (abundance is more than we need—it is excess). Sufficiency is precise. It means that things are sufficient, exactly enough.”

Shifting from mindsets of scarcity or out-of-touch abundance, we should explore a mindset and theology of *sufficiency*. This approach can move us from fear and denial to creative possibilities in relation to our resources.

We find a biblical example of God’s sufficiency in Exodus. God provided daily for the people wandering in the desert, sending manna to eat. The catch was that the manna would spoil after a day, so they could not store it and thus relied on God every day. In Exodus 16:16-18, God instructs the people to measure the manna with a device called an Omer (with a volume of about two quarts) for each person, so that there would be enough for each person.

“...When they measured it with an Omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed” (16:18).

What if we applied this sufficiency mentality to our lives? What if we strived for *enough* rather than the excess of capturing abundance? And what if the abundance that we might be blessed with could be used for the common good?

Having a sufficiency mindset can lead us to live more simply, to experience more contentment, to live with greater gratitude and generosity, to re-calibrate our lives to what God desires, and to use our resources for God’s purposes, and by extension, the common good. As Lynne Twist goes on to write:

“There is a principle of sufficiency, and it is as follows: When you let go of trying to get more of what you don’t really need, which is what we are all trying to get more of, it frees up immense energy to make a difference with what you have... to be known for what we *allocate* rather than what we *accumulate*.”

Maybe such an approach to allocation, to stewardship of the resources available, is what Jesus meant when helping us transform our ideas of abundant life.

Rev. David Loleng is the Director of Church Financial Literacy and Leadership at the Presbyterian Foundation (PCUSA). He is the co-author of the three-part Engage (Gospel, Discipleship, Mission) Curriculum and Online training modules. David speaks nationally and has written published essays and articles about evangelism, stewardship, leadership, formation, missional life and culture.

—submitted by Charles Matthies

Memorials and Honorariums

♣ For the Church ♣

Mildred Londak, in memory of husband +William+.
 Steve and Beverly Podzamsky, in memory of +Patrick Sharmon+.
 John Kozik and Annette Kozik, in memory of +John Kozik+ on the 6th anniversary of his passing.
 Kurt and Sharon and Jen Werner, in memory of father, father-in-law and grandfather, +Oscar Werner+.
 Ann and Kevin Rosenberg and Audrey Ducay, in memory of +Oscar Werner+.
 Adrienne Gana, in memory of mother +Arlene Gana+.
 Betty Kany, in celebration of Steve and Beverly Podzamsky’s 70th wedding anniversary.
 Liz and Mark Rouck, in honor of the 70th wedding anniversary of Steve and Beverly Podzamsky.
 Sue and Larry Kusch, in memory of mom and grandmother +Shirley Wood+ and +Anne Small+ on Mother’s Day.
 Adolf and Ellen Heimann, in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.
 Keith Lencho, in honor of Sts. Cyril and Methodius and Mistr Ján Hus.
 Kevin McOlgan, with students and parents, for facility usage.
 Ken and Carol Morydz, in memory of parents +Steve+ and +Irene H. Boor+
 Paul Kubecka, in loving memory of beloved mother and father, +Zuzanna+ and +John Kubecka+.

Our gratitude to Mildred Mendel and family for the digital wireless sound system given in memory of dear husband, father and grandfather +Emil Mendel+.

JULY WORSHIP SERVERS

July 7th:

Greeters:	Fred Kuzel and Charles Matthies
Acolyte:	Aidan Altavilla
Assisting Minister:	Brandon Michaels
Comm. Minister:	Charles Matthies
Lectors:	John and Shirley Kostelny
Ushers:	Gregg Valek and Walter Cudecki

July 14th (Outdoor Worship):

Greeters:	Karyn Bute and Sandy Garvey
Acolyte:	Sebastian Myers
Assisting Minister:	Tom Myers
Comm. Ministers:	Tom and Vicki Michaels
Lectors:	Gary and Jocelyn Drahos
Ushers:	Donald Haase and Johnathan Haase

July 21st:

Greeters:	John and Juanita and Cristina Jakubec
Acolyte:	Abby Tarbox
Assisting Minister:	John Broussard
Comm. Minister:	Carrie Watkiss
Lectors:	Kristine Boike and Charles Matthies
Ushers:	Janet Broussard and Paul Watkiss

July 28th:

Acolyte:	Bryan Galdun
Assisting Minister:	Carrie Watkiss
Comm. Minister:	Martin Pennino
Lectors:	Tom and Vicki Michaels
Ushers:	Gregg Valek and Dale Hawes

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVERS

August 4th:

Greeters: Karen Kubik and Larry Crachy
 Acolyte: Sebastian Myers
 Assisting Minister: Tom Michaels
 Comm. Minister: John Broussard
 Lectors: Joanne Sefara and Jane Lauritsen
 Ushers: Janet Broussard and Edward Sefara

August 11th:

Greeters: Walter and Judith Cudecki
 Acolyte: Ben Myers
 Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies
 Comm. Minister: Vicki Michaels
 Lectors: Robert Melnyk and Katie Melnyk
 Ushers: Gregg Valek and Walter Cudecki

August 18th:

Greeters: John and Shirley Kostelny
 Acolyte: Aidan Altavilla
 Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
 Comm. Minister: Brandon Michaels
 Lectors: George Valek and John Broussard
 Ushers: Donald Haase and Johnathan Haase

August 25th:

Greeters: Philip and Linda Painter
 Acolyte: Abby Tarbox
 Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
 Comm. Minister: Beverly Tarbox
 Lectors: Claire Watkiss and Isabella Myers
 Ushers: Gregg Valek and John Kostelny

Sacristan and Altar Care

Ruth Bakalich

Worship Servers Please Note...

...that if you are unable to keep your scheduled date, please arrange for a replacement and call the church office with the change. Thank you!

May 2019

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering

Budgeted Offering: \$2,597.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering</u>
5/5	\$1,237.00
5/12	\$2,689.00
5/19	\$2,363.00
5/26	\$1,419.00



A sign-up page is now available at the west entrance to the dining hall for hosting Sunday morning coffee hours. Hands-on orientation for hosting these events will be provided by Janet Broussard, Ann Head or Sue Skudrna. Please speak with any of the three for further information

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVERS

September 1st:

Greeters: Fred Kuzel and Charles Matthies
 Acolyte: Aidan Altavilla
 Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
 Comm. Minister: Martin Pennino
 Lectors: Keith Altavilla and Dale Hawes
 Ushers: Gregg Valek and Paul Watkiss

September 8th (Outdoor Worship):

Acolyte: Sebastian Myers
 Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
 Comm. Minister: Charles Matthies
 Lectors: J. T. and Beverly Tarbox
 Ushers: Dale Hawes and John Kostelny

September 15th:

Greeters: Karyn Bute and Sandy Garvey
 Acolyte: Bryan Galdun
 Assisting Minister: John Broussard
 Comm. Minister: Vicki Michaels
 Lectors: Paul and Carrie Watkiss
 Ushers: Janet Broussard and Gregg Valek

September 22nd:

Greeters: Carole Pollitz and Carl Busch
 Acolyte: Abby Tarbox
 Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies
 Comm. Minister: Beverly Tarbox
 Lectors: John and Shirley Kostelny
 Ushers: Gregg Valek and Walter Cudecki

September 29th:

Greeters: Donald and Elaine Haase
 Acolyte: Ben Myers
 Assisting Minister: Tom Michaels
 Comm. Minister: John Broussard
 Lectors: Gary and Jocelyn Drahos
 Ushers: Donald Haase and Johnathan Haase

Sacristan and Altar Care

Edward and Joanne Sefara

A Prayer for Families

GOD, OUR FATHER, LOVING AND MERCIFUL, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. Infuse in each member the spirit of understanding, forbearance, and affection for each other. Keep quarrels, bitterness and pettiness far from them and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace. May the mutual love and affection of parents be a source of loving obedience and discipline. May their chastity and fidelity be an inspiration to their children. Instill in children such self-respect that they may respect others, obey their parents and those in authority and grow in mature independence and the tender joys of friendship. Make the mutual affection and respect of families a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

—submitted by Carol Kubala Ruiz

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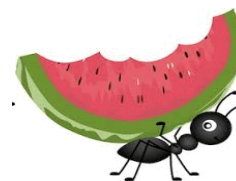
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Mark your Calendars!



Sunday, September 8th, 10:15 a.m.

**Open Air Worship
followed by the Annual Picnic**



Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

Also, please bring a side dish to share.

Salads - Fruit - Desserts

Watch for a sign-up sheet in August
on the west parking bulletin board in the dining room.

Sausage and hot dogs will be provided.

Beer and wine will be available for purchase.