

A Message from our Pastor



Gathering Again Part II

²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:29-31 NRSV)

At the writing of this article, Northampton County is currently in the Yellow Phase of Governor Wolf’s plan to combat COVID-19 and is scheduled to enter the Green Phase on June 26th. Once we are in the Green Phase, we will gather again for in-person worship. Our church is going to follow the advice of the CDC, PA Department of Health, the ELCA and other ecumenical partners as we gather again. Following these guidelines ensures that we love our neighbors as ourselves, and we care for the least of these among us. They are meant for the sake of everyone’s health and safety. We, as a church, can set a positive example for the larger community.

Here is our plan:

Beginning on **Sunday, July 12, at 9:00 a.m.** we will worship in person outdoors in the back parking lot. If you wish to attend in-person worship, we ask that you follow these guidelines:

- **Bring your own chair** (as you are physically able) and sit as a household maintaining a **physical distance of 6-feet from other households**. Ushers will be on hand to guide and assist you. A limited number of chairs will be provided by the church.
- **Wear a mask** unless you are under the age of 2 or have trouble breathing (CDC guidelines). If you do not have a mask or forget to bring yours, we will have masks on hand that you will take home with you.
- We also ask you to practice **good hand hygiene**. There will be hand sanitizer in the gathering space. We encourage you to wash your hands before you leave home and then again when you return home, for at least 20 seconds.
- **Parking** will be available in the Miller Lot, Prospect Street, Main Street Service Station (corner of Prospect and Main), and on other streets. We are working to get permission to park in other nearby lots. Please reserve the spaces nearest our back parking lot for those with mobility challenges. Able-bodied persons should park further away.
- The church building will be open for **restroom usage** only. You must wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entering the building. Only two people should be in the restroom at a time.
- The **weekly bulletin** will be posted on our Facebook page and website. You are welcome to print it at home and bring it with you or look at it on your device during worship. We will have limited copies of the bulletin for you to use if needed.
- Please **limit your conversations** with those outside of your household before and after the service.
- We value the health and safety of all our members. Therefore, **we ask that you stay home** from in-person worship, especially if you are feeling ill or have preexisting conditions that make you a high-risk congregant. We invite you to watch the service on-line via Facebook or the website. CD’s will continue to be mailed to those who have requested them. Please see the [CDC guidelines for the list of Covid-19 symptoms](#).

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In the case of inclement weather:

- If church leadership sees that the forecast is for rain, in-person worship will be cancelled. We will post this on our Facebook page, website, and on WFMZ.
- If we arrive at church and the weather changes, you will be asked to return home.
- You can watch or listen to the prerecorded worship service in your home.

What to expect during in-person worship:

- There will be no group singing, following National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) and the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) guidelines. Soloists, duets, or trios will sing the hymns as the congregation meditates on the words which will be printed in the bulletin.
- Congregants will be asked to mouth, not speak aloud, the words of unison prayers and responses.
- There will be offering plates placed around the worship area for you to place your offering as you enter or leave worship. You can also continue to give to the ministries of St. John's through on-line giving (<https://www.stjohnsnaz.org/online-giving/>), the mail, or your bank.
- We will be using Hand Speak, sign gestures, waving, and other creative ways to pass the peace while remaining physically distanced from other congregants.
- We are still planning how safely to resume the Lord's Supper.
- We will be outdoors. Be mindful of how you tolerate heat and humidity. Please make the best decision for yourself regarding attendance.

While this does not cover everything, it gives you an idea of what to expect when we worship outdoors. Because the guidelines for dealing with this virus change so quickly, we will continue to update this plan as needed. **Please watch** our social media avenues, your email inbox and WFMZ for announcements regarding in-person worship. We also want to make you aware that there are many more restrictions placed on our worship experience together upon entering the sanctuary. We are working through those procedures and will inform you of those plans as they become clear.

Even once we begin to gather in-person, **we will continue to pre-record a worship service in the nave** to be posted on Facebook, YouTube, and our website at 9 am on Sundays. CD's of this worship service will continue to be mailed to those requesting them.

I am eagerly looking forward to the day when we will once again worship in person. May God bless our church as we adapt to all the changes required of us to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Christ's Peace,
Pastor Scott





Christ's light shines in our darkness. God's love conquers hate. Spirit-given faith is stronger than fear. We come seeking you, Lord, please guide our paths. "And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). May it be so. Amen.

- July 5th** 5th Sunday after Pentecost
- July 12th 9:00 AM** 6th Sunday after Pentecost / Worship in the Parking Lot (weather permitting)
- July 19th 9:00 AM** 7th Sunday after Pentecost / Worship in the Parking Lot (weather permitting)
- July 26th 9:00 AM** 8th Sunday after Pentecost / Worship in the Parking Lot (weather permitting)



Healing Service via Zoom

It's almost time for our next Healing Service via Zoom! On **Wednesday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m.**, Pastor Jennifer and Pastor Scott will be leading this service for both Trinity Lutheran and St. John's. We will open the Zoom link at 6:45 p.m. for anyone that would like to connect early and catch up with others. We will ask for your prayer requests beginning at 7:00 as we open our worship time together. If you are sharing a person's name during worship, please have their permission. Please contact Linda in the office at **office@stjohnsnaz.org** or **610-759-3090 ext. 100** to receive the link to access this service.

We hope you will join us on Wednesday, July 1 for a time of prayer and healing.





Summer is beginning – a time when many are on vacation...spending time with friends and loved ones, experiencing physical and mental refreshment, enjoying changes in scenery and routine, and preparing for another year of productivity. Enjoy your vacation and remember...God's work goes on all summer long. Your presence, talents and gifts are needed to enable the church to remain strong and vigorous throughout the entire year. Have a wonderful summer! And **THANK YOU** for your year-round faithfulness.



SUMMER "TIME TO SING" Has Begun



Although we are currently worshipping on-line, St. John's will continue to give the congregation an opportunity to sing their favorite hymns during our summer worship. Simply send a message to the church office (either by e-mail at **office@stjohnsnaz.org** or by postal mail at **200 S. Broad St., Nazareth, PA 18064**) and list your favorite hymns. Up to seven hymns may be submitted; if you know the hymn number in our ELW hymnal, that would be helpful, but not necessary. Random hymn choices will be incorporated into our on-line worship service. We look forward to your participation!

PASTORAL ACTS



We rejoice that those listed below have been liberated from sin and death by being joined in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism in the month of June 2020:

ANDREAS PATRICIO HOFFER
Son of Jared & Alyssa (Polise) Hoffer
Born: June 16, 2018
Baptized: June 21, 2020



Our heartfelt Christian sympathy goes out to the families and friends of the following members and friends of St. John's who passed into eternal life in the month of June 2020:

ZACHARY A. ZERFASS
June 14th

NEW MEMBER & BAPTISM CLASSES are offered frequently

For information about becoming a member of St. John's or to schedule a baptism, please call the Church Office at **610-759-3090 ext. 100** or contact Pastor Scott at **ext. 103** or **prhall@stjohnsnaz.org**.



We celebrate with those listed below who entered into the holy estate of matrimony according to God's ordinance in May 2020:

**JENNIFER LYNN PAULAS &
ADAM LEE SHIMER**
May 30th



Does someone you know have a need for prayer? Would you like to join the Prayer Chain? Please call Betty Laubach at 610-759-0225 or the Church Office at 610-759-3090 ext. 100.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Received in the month of May 2020:

FRED WALLISER
East Lawn Supply Co., Inc.; Mary Peters



Let's Get Those Cards Out to Wish a Blessed and Happy Birthday to Our Shut-In Friend Celebrating This Month!

AL KIMPLE
July 22nd
Gracedale NE 1, Rm. 3 Bd. 2
2 Gracedale Ave.
Nazareth, PA 18064





Grace Notes

During these summer months, I thought I would share a bit of background information about some of the hymns that have been selected from our “Time to Sing” submissions. The first hymn that was drawn and sung for the service on June 14 was the gospel song “Shall We Gather at the River?” Doing some research about this hymn, I found that the circumstances of when and why this hymn was composed are strikingly similar to our current conditions.

It was the summer of 1864. The Civil War was still raging and tearing the nation apart. There was concern that the Confederate sympathizers in New York City would again ransack the homes of the abolitionists and burn down Protestant churches as they had done just a year earlier in July of 1863. Tensions of the war were still high, and families waited anxiously for news from the battlefield.

Additionally, the heat and humid days of summer were stifling. The combination of Victorian era heavy fabrics and crowded city apartments created suffocating and unbearable conditions. When the people thought it couldn’t get any worse, a terrible fever swept the city, confining hundreds to sickbeds and forcing others to stay home. It was a summer of high anxiety and relentless misery.

On an extremely hot summer day in July of that year, Rev. Robert Lowry, pastor of the Hanson Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn, rested on a lounge chair in his study. He was physically exhausted from the oppressive heat and was overwhelmed and distressed by what was taking place in the country. In the midst of his worry over the horrible conditions facing his fellow New Yorkers, and especially his parishioners, Rev. Lowry began to see visions of the afterlife when all of these terrible conditions would be wiped away. In his mind, he began to recall Revelation 22:1 and imagined “the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God.” As he pondered, a question entered his mind—“Shall we gather at the river?” Immediately he answered, “Yes, we’ll gather.” Using this question and answer format, the text of a hymn began to develop. When the words were completed, Lowry rushed to his parlor organ and played out a tune. The words and music came together almost simultaneously. The tune was later named “Hanson Place,” in honor of Lowry’s Brooklyn congregation.

One year later the hymn was published in a Sunday School songbook, *Happy Voices*. Over the years, it became so popular that in 1952 the composer Aaron Copland arranged the song for inclusion in his collection *Old American Songs*. It remains a beloved hymn to this day, and I can’t help but think that the story behind this hymn is a story that rings so true for our current times. Just like 1864 when the hymn was written, our daily lives are filled with stress and worry over a pandemic as well as racial tensions. During a tumultuous era, Rev. Lowry had intended “*Shall We Gather at the River?*” to be a hymn of comfort and peace for his congregation. May it be a hymn of hope and serenity to us as well.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Janice Butz, Minister of Music





M.A.D. CAMP 2020

A summer program of Music, Art, & Drama
for children

Monday-Friday, August 10-14

This year's M.A.D. Camp will have a slightly different format than in past years. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we won't be able to produce a full-blown musical, but we will prepare a skit, props, and a song or two that will be incorporated into our worship service on Sunday, November 8 (the same weekend that the M.A.D. Camp musical would normally be presented). Our theme will be "The Wise and The Foolish," focusing on a dramatic interpretation of the Gospel lesson for that Sunday. Our current plan is that each day the children will participate in a short Zoom meeting at 10:00 a.m. and then will work on art projects at home. Weather-permitting, at the end of the week the children will come to St. John's, gather outside in the grassy, fenced-in area, and share together what we have learned and created. Children entering 1st through 8th grade are invited to participate.

When is it? August 10-14, Monday through Friday, starting each day with a Zoom gathering at 10:00 a.m.

Questions? Contact Janice Butz at the church office, 610-759-3090, x-105, or by e-mail at jbutz@stjohnsnaz.org.

Please return the registration form to Rev. Janice Butz at the church office by TUESDAY, AUGUST 4.

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REGISTRATION FORM M.A.D. CAMP—AUGUST 10-14, 2020

CHILD'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

GRADE NEXT FALL: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

If you are not currently receiving the weekly *This Week At St. John's* e-news and would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact the church office at **610-759-3090 ext. 100** or **office@stjohnsnaz.org**.

Noontime Bible Study will start up again after Labor Day. Stay tuned for more information.



NAZARETH AREA FOOD BANK



At this time, the Nazareth Area Food Bank is only taking monetary donations. They are assessing the distribution in order to keep their volunteers and clients safe. **Checks can be sent to P.O. Box 178, Nazareth, PA 18064.**



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



Each month in your offering envelopes, you will find a "Special Projects" envelope. These particular gifts are designated each month to benefit those in need or to support a need within our church.

**JULY SPECIAL OFFERING:
SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

*Have a Safe & Happy
4th of July!*



**From the Staff at St. John's:
Pastor Hall
Pastor Butz
Jaime, Deacon Patrice
Linda, Bonnie, Dean, Ray, Tony**

SAVE THESE DATES

**HELPING HANDS MISSION TRIP
Sunday, July 19 to Saturday, July 25**

Our helping Hands volunteer group is planning to go to North Carolina in the area of Wilmington July 19 thru July 25 to help with disaster recovery. If you have ever thought about volunteering, learning new carpentry skills, making new friends, and having a great time while helping others, this is your opportunity. No experience needed and there is no cost to you. Please contact: **Gail Price at 610-704-8736 or Keith Shook at 610-759-0594.**



RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 13, 2020 ~ 9:15 AM

Please join St. John's Sunday School Rally Day 2020 in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 AM. All ages are welcome. We will have a puppet show and songs to sing! The Sunday school has ages 2-3 (Nursery), ages 4-5 (Pre-K/K), grades 1-4 (Primary), grades 5-6 (Intermediate), grades 7-12 (Jr/Sr. High), and two Adult classes (Grace and Search). Bibles will be distributed on Rally Day for 3rd grade students in their classroom. Invite your friends to come out and experience God's all-encompassing love through the stories in the Bible.



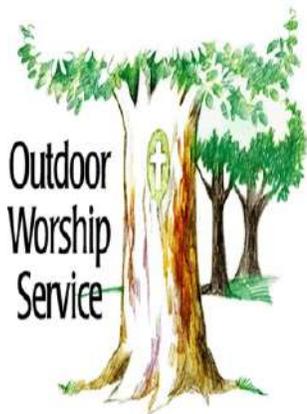
NEWS FROM THE DAYCARE ~ JULY 2020

Summer is in full swing here at St. Johns Daycare. The children have been enjoying water play, tye dye, getting messy and having fun! We are so happy to welcome back our friends and to even welcome new faces. Spots are filling up fast so if anyone is in need of care please reach out to us to enroll your child. If your child is at home with nothing to do, you can even bring them for a few hours to get them out of the house to have some fun. Safe, fun and full of love is what we like to say. Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get updates of all the activities. Contact us at **610.759.4999** or email at **Nazareth.stjohns@gmail.com**. Happy summer!



Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m.
Nazareth Borough Park Pavilion



*Bring Your Lawn Chair
and Coffee for the Church Service.*

**Special Needs Provided for:
Parking & Walkers**



*God, thank you that by your power,
small things like seeds and faith can grow big and strong.
Nurture my growth in you always. Amen.*



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS ~ May 27, 2020 ~ Zoom Mtg.

PRESENT: Chris Andrews, Stephen Bajan II, Rita Bergstrom, Christina Brodt, Rev. Janice Butz, Craig Dally, Christine Garrison, Rev. Scott Hall, Patrice Kidd, Joyce Knecht, Crystal Koch, Gail Price, Michele Seaton, Jaime Taylor, Joyce Wallace, Jackie Wolf

PASTOR SCOTT HALL'S REPORT: Complete as written, including:

1. A staff meeting was held with some attending in person and some via Zoom. Our staff continues to be dedicated to the ministry of the church during the pandemic. We are working to provide ministry opportunities and to think creatively in this new normal.
2. The Daycare has hired Kendra Schessler to be the new Director. This is an answer to prayer. God has called her to this position. I am looking forward to working with her as we build a strong relationship with this important ministry of our congregation.
3. The Confirmation classes have resumed through Zoom on Sunday mornings. Pete & Lizzie Zimmer, Sarah Fox, Candy Bowers, and I have taken turns teaching. Jaime Taylor also attends. I do not know when Confirmation will take place for the second-year class, but we have decided to wait until we are able to have larger gatherings in worship.

REV. JANICE BUTZ REPORT: Complete as written, including:

1. Pastor Hall & I continue to meet each week to plan and discuss our on-line worship service. I prepare the bulletin, do my organ practicing, and then on Thursday morning we meet to record the service. Thank you to Scott Brodt who records the video and Gary Wolf who records the audio for those receiving CD's. I was pleased that Roosevelt Credit was happy to record a song for us that was used in our service on Good Shepherd Sunday.
2. May 12 - Would have been the closing party for our children's Creation & Celebration Choirs. I prepared certificates and mailed them to the children.
3. Feb. 28 – March 28, 2021 = *Faith Through the Arts* – Theme will be "Signs and Wonders".

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES REPORT: Jaime Taylor reported:

1. I participated in two Vacation Bible School Zoom webinars this month. One through Virginia Theological Seminary and one through Group VBS.
2. June 15 - 19 - VBS is ON! Our theme *Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through* - how fitting is that?!
3. I attended an online gathering of ELCA Leaders titled: *Here To Serve: Being Church in the Time of COVID-19*.
4. June 29 – July 3, 2021 – ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - No Meetings - No Reports for the month of May, 2020 due to COVID-19 except for the following:

FINANCE: Stephen Bajan II and Craig Dally reported:

1. St. John's was approved for the Payment Protection Plan (PPP) loan which requires that we spend 75% on Payroll. The loan also covers health care, pensions, and retirement benefits.
2. Pastor Hall commented that the offerings continue to be faithfully given.

DAY CARE: Rita Bergstrom reported on the May 18, 2020 meeting:

1. Kendra Schessler has accepted the position of Director of the Day Care starting May 11, 2020.
2. Day Care officially reopened May 18, 2020.
3. Waiver to continue operation was requested on March 23, 2020 and granted by the state on May 1, 2020 to provide services for children of the employees of life sustaining businesses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Plan for when we begin to gather again - Pastor Hall discussed the ELCA Guidelines to return to worship. Motion by: Stephen Bajan, II to accept the ELCA Guidelines. 2nd - Chris Andrews. Motion Passed.
2. Payroll Protection Plan - Discussed by Stephen Bajan, II and Council Members.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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Building Use Requests: -

June 20, 2020 - 11:00 - Love-A Lot Drive Thru Graduation.

Motion by: Christina Brodt to accept the above Building Use Request. 2nd - Stephen Bajan, II

Council President Jackie Wolf declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The Zoom meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting = Wed. June 24, @ 7:30 p.m.

Next Devotions = Chris Andrews

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wallace, Recording Secretary



Correspondence...



Thank You!

June 9th was our annual blood bank drive. This year we had 27 generous donors signed up, 5 more than last year. Every pint counts! Donating blood is truly the gift of life, thank you to all who considered donating and those who were able to donate. *Jackie Wolf*

Thank You For Your Continued Generosity!

We may not be worshiping in person, but we still must pay our staff and our bills. You can mail your offering to the church at 200 S. Broad St., Nazareth, PA 18064, set up automatic payments through your on-line banking or set up automatic giving through the church at <https://www.stjohnsnaz.org/online-giving/>

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to all who donated to Support Our Troops. Your generosity has made it possible for us to ship 11 boxes to those who serve our country. *Evangelism/Social Ministry*

THE COLUMBARIUM AT ST. JOHNS

As the years have passed, more people are choosing to be cremated rather than buried. A primary reason may be the expense of a burial funeral known to cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000 or more.

In 2005, a columbarium was installed at St. Johns outside the Shepherd's Room. It contains 54 niches into which the urns of two individuals can be placed. The cost for a niche is \$999.00 which includes interment fees, the cost of the urn(s) and engraving. There are still 12 niches available. The columbarium is for the use of congregation members and their immediate families.

A second columbarium unit has recently been installed at the same location. It, too, has 54 niches which also can hold two urns. However, the purchase price per niche has been scaled to current market pricing. The top two rows are priced at \$1,600 per niche; the middle two rows at \$1,400 per niche; the bottom two rows at \$1,200 per niche. The cost includes the interment fee, the cost of the urn(s) and engraving.

Cremation is being selected more frequently as a means to preserve one's remains. The location of the columbarium here at St. Johns provides a quiet, respectful location for one's cremains. If you are interested in more information or to select a niche, contact the church office at 610-759-3090 ext. 100.

SAINT JOHN'S 2020 STAFF, COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEER LIST

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Columbarium	Jackie Wolf
Day Care	Rita Bergstrom
YEO Endowment	Stephen Bajan II, Craig Dally
Evangelism/Social Ministry	Jackie Wolf
Finance	Steven Bajan II, Craig Dally
Helping Hands	Gail Price, Jackie Wolf
Love-A-Lot Nursery School	Christina Brodt
Personnel	Jackie Wolf, Gail Price
Property	Greg Leh, Jackie Wolf
Stewardship	Christine Garrison, Jerry Lewis
Sunday School	Michelle Seaton
Worship & Music	Chris Andrews, Christina Brodt
Youth Representative	Crystal Koch

VOLUNTEER CHURCH STAFF	CONTACT PERSON AND TELEPHONE	
Altar Flower Sponsors	Church Office	610-759-3090
Altar Guild	Jocelyn Starner	610-759-3205
Building Trust Fund	Jeff Daniels (Special appt.)	
Bulletin Sponsors	Church Office	610-759-3090
CD Ministry Sponsors	Church Office	610-759-3090
YEO Endowment	Scott Himler (Special appt.)	
Greeters Schedule	Maryellen Werkheiser	610-759-5191
Helping Hands	Gail Price Keith Shook	610-704-8736 610-759-0594
Katherine Von Bora Society	Susan Kelly	610-746-2231
Lectors Schedule	Christina Brodt	610-653-0358
Love-A-Lot Nursery School	Andrea Miller, Director LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com	484-293-0720
Luther League (Youth Group - grades 7 & up)	Jaime Taylor	610-509-8288
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Prayer Chain	Betty Laubach	610-759-0225
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PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN...

- ◆ A member of your family is admitted to the hospital
- ◆ A member of your family is no longer physically able to attend worship
- ◆ You move so we can update your address and/or phone number
- ◆ When a member of your family leaves home for college, military service, or to establish a new residence
- ◆ When either your home or cell phone number or email is changed
- ◆ When a member of your family changes their name and/or marital status
- ◆ When a new baby arrives in your family
- ◆ When you feel the church can assist you in any way
- ◆ You would like to request a visit from the Pastor
- ◆ Someone needs to be **added or removed** from the prayer list



610-759-3090 ext. 100 or office@stjohnsnaz.org

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions for the **August** issue of THE MESSENGER is: **Friday, July 10th**. You may leave printed material in the Church Office mailbox or you may email your article or announcement as a Word attachment to **office@stjohnsnaz.org**. Thank you.

THE MESSENGER

"To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"

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Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



JULY 2020

Join us each **Sunday** for worship at 9 am. on our website (<https://www.stjohnsnaz.org/category/worship/>) or by premier on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsnaz>).

As our county enters the green phase, we will be holding outdoor worship in the church parking lot on Sunday, July 12th at 9:00 AM (weather permitting). Watch our website, Facebook page, E-news and WFMZ in the event of cancellations. See Pastor Hall's article for guidelines and important information.

STAY SAFE. BE WELL.

PLEASE FOLLOW US ON OUR WEBSITE OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

<https://www.stjohnsnaz.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsnaz>

JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Available Meeting Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fellowship Hall Area #1 Fellowship Hall Area #2 Shepherd's Room Area #3 Outside 			<p>1</p> <p>6:00 PM SHYG (Virtually) 7:00 PM Healing Service via Zoom 7:30 PM NA</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p> <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Service via St. John's Website and Facebook Page</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 PM Property</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Aid</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 PM SHYG (Virtually) 7:30 PM NA</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>ARTICLES DUE FOR AUG. MESSENGER</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Service via St. John's Website and Facebook Page 9:00 AM Worship in the Church Parking Lot (weather permitting)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM Day Care Bd.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Aid 6:30 PM Evangelism/Social Ministry (SR) 7:00 PM Helping Hands (P)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00 PM SHYG (Virtually) 7:30 PM NA</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Service via St. John's Website and Facebook Page 9:00 AM Worship in the Church Parking Lot (weather permitting) Helping Hands Trip to NC</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Helping Hands Trip to NC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Aid Helping Hands Trip to NC</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 PM SHYG (Virtually) 7:30 PM NA Helping Hands Trip to NC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Helping Hands Trip to NC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Helping Hands Trip to NC</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Helping Hands Trip to NC</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Worship Service via St. John's Website and Facebook Page 9:00 AM Worship in the Church Parking Lot (weather permitting)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Aid</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 PM SHYG (Virtually) 7:30 PM NA</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	