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PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

The June 2017 issue of *Thrivent Magazine* has an article called "The Generosity Effect." We usually get a "feel-good" boost when we volunteer and/or give to help those in need. There are actually practical benefits as well. Researchers have associated volunteering with many positive outcomes, including: social connections, lifespan, quality of life, self-esteem, adoption of healthy lifestyles, physical activity and brain function. There is a corresponding lowering of blood pressure, loneliness, depression, stress, pain and hospitalization. The article also points out that the more people volunteer, the happier they are. The odds of being very happy increase by 7% among those who volunteer monthly, 12% among those who volunteer every 2-4 weeks, and 16% among those who volunteer weekly. Although many of these statistics come from older adults who have more time to volunteer, there is a positive impact on people of all ages. For example, youth who volunteer weekly have a lower body mass index (BMI) and lower cholesterol levels than non-volunteers. Of course, the main motivation for volunteering and giving should be to help others, not to benefit ourselves. The positive impact on our own well-being is a bonus! We also have to be careful not to be so zealous that our commitment becomes overly time-consuming or stressful. We don't want to volunteer at the expense of our family, friends or work.

There are many possibilities for volunteering, but one of the best ways is to combine faith with service to others. Remembering that we are beloved children of God helps us through life, because, as Kevin Massey, vice president for mission and spiritual care at Advocate Health Care in Chicago notes, "The active component in faith that supports coping in a difficult time is the capacity of faith to kindle hope. Hope is an anchor that you can throw into the future and faith is the chain on the anchor you can use to pull yourself toward the future." When we have faith, we know that the future can hold promise, and God is the bridge between present and future. Understanding the connection between faith, giving of our time, talent and treasure, and our well-being should encourage us to participate more fully in our faith community. It should also encourage us to view milestones such as confirmation as a commitment to continue in our worship attendance and involvement, rather than as a graduation from church. And it should help us to understand that church is not school, we don't close for the summer. Imagine if we gave up taking our vitamins or medicine for an entire season!

We want to extend a big thank you to those who have been able to make up missed offerings in response to our financial update. In order to continue our mission as a congregation, we need your support. If those who do not give regularly could begin a habit of giving even five dollars per week, it would change our financial position for the better. We remain committed to supporting you; we hope you will support our church with your presence and your offering during the summer months. *Pastor Cline*

SAINT JOHN MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a community of faith that is: gathered for worship and fellowship, empowered by Scripture and the Sacraments, strengthened for service and sent forth as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

STAFF AT SAINT JOHN:

- *Pastor: Rev. Laurie Cline*
- *Deacons:*
  Mrs. Charlene Drewes
  Ms. Mary Barberio
- *Office Manager:*
  Mrs. Jeana Dwyer
- *Newsletter Editor:*
  Mrs. Jeana Dwyer
- *Congregational President:*
  Mrs. Lori Vanderwaren
- *Organist & Choir Director:*
  Ms. M. Quinn Anderson
- *Sexton: Mr. Nikolai Dovirak*

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WORSHIP HELP SCHEDULE FOR JULY/AUGUST

7/2 (service of the word)
Acolyte: Nolan Mooney
Altar Guild: Nancy Dineen
Lector: Jessica Pagano
Ushers: Nicole Pagano & Tom Selvaggio
Assisting Minister: Gail Tomasulo
Communion Asst: N/A
Greeter: Dylan Wickline
Coffee Hour: Karen & Tom Brucia

7/9
Acolyte: Hudson DiTuri
Altar Guild: Danielle B ranciforti
Lector: Gail Tomasulo
Ushers: Ed Finn & Thomas Simone
Assisting Minister: Christa Tuccillo
Communion Asst: Margaret Neverka
Greeter: Ira Bergman
Coffee Hour: Margaret & John Neverka

7/16 (service of the word)
Acolyte: Erin Dwyer
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bergman & Deacon Charlene Drewes
Lector: Phyllis Oehler
Ushers: Ira Bergman & Nicholas Dowling
Worship Leaders: Nick & Tom Waldron
Communion Asst: N/A
Greeter: Bill Schurade
Coffee Hour: Carol-Ann Kehrbaum & Renate Petschauer

7/23 (prayer & anointing)
Acolyte: Sophie Orlich
Altar Guild: Christa Tuccillo & Renate Petschauer
Lector: Aidan Sargent
Ushers: Bob Altman & Gail Tomasulo
Assisting Minister: Ira Bergman
Communion Asst: Lise-Anne Orlich
Greeter: Frank Branciforti
Coffee Hour: Marion & Bill Schurade

7/30
Acolyte: Aidan Sargent
Altar Guild: Kathy Strouse & Lori Vanderwaren
Lector: Deacon Mary Barberio
Ushers: Corey Bogen & Tom Sargent
Assisting Minister: Nicholas Harper
Communion Asst: Ira Bergman
Greeter: Stephen Dowling
Coffee Hour: Sue Bogen & Tracey Schaeffer

8/6
Acolyte: Elizabeth Kamelhar
Altar Guild: Nancy Dineen
Lector: Marion Schurade
Ushers: Tom Selvaggio & Andrew Vogel
Assisting Minister: Gail Tomasulo
Communion Asst: Danielle Branciforti
Greeter: Dylan Wickline
Coffee Hour: Jeanne Lippolis & Christine Vogel

8/13 (prayer & anointing)
Acolyte: Nolan Mooney
Altar Guild: Danielle Branciforti
Lector: Barbara Altman
Ushers: Gail Tomasulo & Thomas Simone
Assisting Minister: Christa Tuccillo
Communion Asst: Marion Schurade
Greeter: Bill Schurade
Coffee Hour: Carol-Ann Kehrbaum & Renate Petschauer

8/20
Acolyte: Sara Forchelli
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bergman & Deacon Charlene Drewes
Lector: Nancy Kamps-Cook
Ushers: Nicholas Dowling & Suzanne Ryan
Assisting Minister: Deacon Mary Barberio
Communion Asst: Jeana Dwyer
Greeter: Frank Branciforti
Coffee Hour: Faith & Jeana Dwyer

8/27 (service of the word)
Acolyte: Jessica Pagano
Altar Guild: Christa Tuccillo & Renate Petschauer
Lector: Corey Bogen
Ushers: Sue Bogen & Bill Schurade
Assisting Minister: Gail Tomasulo
Communion Asst: N/A
Greeter: Stephen Dowling
Coffee Hour: Sue Bogen & Tracey Schaeffer

July & August Counting Schedule:
7/2 Jenifer Pagano & Jack Waldron
7/9 Bob Altman & Nancy Kamps-Cook
7/16 Deacon Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren
7/23 Marion & Tony Elicati
7/30 Bob Altman & Nancy Kamps-Cook
8/6 Jennifer Pagano & Jack Waldron
8/13 Deacon Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren
8/20 Jeana Dwyer & Suzanne Ryan
8/27 Deacon Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren

THANK YOU

- To Quinn Anderson & our senior choir - Tom Brucia, Jennifer Cline Sargent, Nancy Kamps-Cook, Phyllis Oehler, Marion Schurade, Russell Tomasulo & Caroline Vogel - for all the nice selections on Music Sunday.
- To our youth - Corey Bogen, Nicholas Dowling, Faith Dwyer, Sara Forchelli Nicholas Harper, Jessica Pagano, Nicole Pagano, Aidan Sargent, Caroline & Andrew Vogel, Dylan Wickline & Thomas Ziminski for leading worship on Youth Sunday. Thank you also to our youth choir and Sunday School children for singing during the service.
- Margaret Neverka for donating a quilt to raffle off to help offset our deficit.
- To Ed Cline & Bill Schurade for fixing the leak in the sprinkler system.

Congratulations

To Zachary Dean who graduated from Queens College. He has been approved as a candidate for ordained ministry of word and sacrament in the ELCA and is beginning his studies for a Master of Divinity from the United Lutheran Seminary.

To Samantha Block who has completed her undergraduate studies and will be attending the Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia this fall.

To Dylan Wickline on his graduation from Mepham High School. Dylan will be attending Delhi University in the fall.

To Connor Wickline on his graduation from Mephan High School. Connor will be attending Buffalo State college in the fall.

To Thomas Ziminski who has graduated from Kennedy High School and will be going on to college in the fall.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:
Henry Carlson Kruger
Sunday June 4, 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Help us to provide good pastoral care by keeping the church up-to-date with what's going on in your lives as part of God's family. Please call or email the church office and let Pastor Cline know if…

* You are in need of prayer
* You are ill or hospitalized
* A family member dies
* You wish to be married
* You wish to be baptized or have a child baptized
* You wish to receive communion
* You are moving, or have changed your contact information
* You would like to join Saint John

Contact the office for emergencies at (516) 785-4331 or stjbellmore@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A big thank you to Barbara Waldron for coordinating our last day of Sunday School celebration.

If you did not have a chance to put in your final benevolence donation please do so now. Our benevolence is going to support Renate's tuition this year. The container is on the credenza in the narthex.

We are in need of new teachers to join our staff in September. We team teach so no one teacher need teach every Sunday and there is only one planning meeting for the staff each August. If you think that you might be interested in this rewarding ministry please see Jennifer Cline Sargent.

Stay on the lookout for the date of the staff meeting/classroom clean up day.

Rally Day

Sunday, September 10 following worship at 9:30 a.m.
Register, meet your teachers, make a craft and enjoy.

Bingo Night

Calling kids of all ages to join us for BINGO and some sweet treats! Bring yourself and a dessert to share. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided.

Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2017
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Howe Room
Cost: $10 per family
RSVP: By Sunday, July 16
Jeana 516-785-4331
stjbellmore@gmail.com

We will play four rounds of BINGO
Everyone goes home with a prize!

All proceeds to benefit Renatha's tuition

JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 Thomas Ziminski
9 Margaret Neverka
13 Collin Roulston
22 Kelcie Roulston
23 Mary Brick
25 Christa Tuccillo
25 Eva Leis
25 Elizabeth Kamelhar
26 Nancy Dineen
27 Erin Dwyer

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

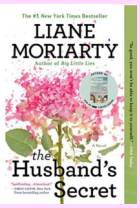
7 Sue Bogen
10 Jaclyn Messina
19 Hope Leys
22 Kylie Goodlin
31 Charlotte Mooney

Congratulations to everyone celebrating in July & August. Please notify the office if your birthday was inadvertently left off the list.

BOOK CLUB

Book: The Husband's Secret
Author: Liane Moriarty
Date: Thursday, August
Time: 7:00PM
Location: Amy's House
Cost: $2 per person, donated to INN Cooking
RSVP: By Sunday, July 30th

Sign Up Sheet in the Howe Room



At the heart of The Husband's Secret is a letter that's not meant to be read.

My darling Cecilia, if you're reading this, then I've died...

Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, dark-est secret—something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive…

Cecilia Fitzpatrick has achieved it all—she's an incredibly successful businesswoman, a pillar of her small community, and a devoted wife and mother. Her life is as orderly and spotless as her home. But that letter is about to change everything, and not just for her: Rachel and Tess barely know Cecilia—or each other—but they too are about to feel the earth-shattering repercussions of her husband's secret. Acclaimed author Liane Moriarty has written a gripping, thought-provoking novel about how well it is really possible to know our spouses—and, ultimately, ourselves."

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone for remembering that it is important to keep up your giving over the summer even when you may be on vacation. Most banks offer the ability to set up a payment in advance or you can even just mail it in the old fashioned way. Otherwise, you can make it up when you return.

Agape Supper Thursday July 27

This year we will be going to Germany

Holden Evening Prayer will be led by Zachary Dean. Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet.

Lutheran Social Services of New York

You can help a child in need this school year through the New LIFE Center – Long Island by donating any of the school supplies listed below. Many children do not have the basic supplies necessary for beginning their school year and your donation will help a child start their year off right! Please have items delivered to:

New LIFE Center – Long Island no later than Sunday August 6.

3-ring binders
Assignment books
Book bags
Colored pencils
Composition notebooks
Construction paper
Crayons
Erasers
Folders
Glue/Glue sticks
Loose-leaf paper
Lunch boxes
Pencil boxes
Pencils
Pens
Rulers
Scissors
Spiral notebook

THANK YOU

The United Church

June 5, 2017

Dear Members,

We received the stamps you sent us May 30. These stamps will be forwarded either to the Springfield Stamp Club in Springfield, Virginia, or donated to the American Philatelic Society for the following reason.

*I'm sorry to have to say that after more than 20 years of collecting stamps for **Stamps For A Living** at St. Elizabeth's Hospital here in Washington D.C., the program has now been discontinued. We thank you for your much appreciated support over the years.*

If you have stamps that you have not yet sent us, I would suggest you might find a stamp club or local youth organization in your community to give them to.

Again, thank you for all you've done. I wish you well. God bless!

Mrs. June P. Heinz
Church Member

In need of some beautiful roses? Why not help a great cause in the process?

"***Roses for Autism*** is a dynamic social enterprise that helps individuals with autism achieve their dreams of meaningful employment and personal success in their local communities." You can visit their site for information or to place an order at the following:

https://rosesforautism.com/

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Blessings of summer fun with family and friends during these sunny days of summer.

Thank you to those who donated nursery clothes for the New Life Center which Ed Finn delivered in May.

Unfortunately, there were not enough groceries to deliver food items to the New Life Center or L. I. C. C. for the month of May.

As June is our pledge month of stocking the pantry, hopefully, together, we will compensate for the "drought".

Blessings to ALL who faithfully donate food, clothing, books (etc.) and/or funds to outreach on a regular basis.

We are in need of your continued generous support, especially during the dog days of summer as our funds are diminishing this time of the year. Won't you please consider making a financial contribution so that our outreach isn't further compromised.

Blessings from the Social Outreach Committee

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The meal preparation for The INN has been going well thanks to the ladies who volunteer their time & talents to this cause. Thanks also to the ladies in the book club for their bi- monthly financial donations.

Summer dates for INN cooking are Tuesday, July 11 and Tuesday August 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Our summer gathering will be at Christ LC Wantagh on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at 10:00 am. Everyone is asked to bring a pot-luck item to share (salad/entree/dessert, etc) for lunch. Joyce will lead the study (no need for Bibles, she will distribute needed materials). We will begin gathering at 10am, with the study beginning at 10:30. Lunch will be shared at 12 noon. You may bring a lawn chair in the off-chance we find a shady spot outdoors for the Bible study portion if weather cooperates! Please come ready with suggestions of worthy organizations as we will vote on the recipient of our year's offerings.

ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP'S LETTER

CHICAGO (June 20, 2017) – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has issued the following message in observance of World Refugee Day.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is World Refugee Day. Observed every year on June 20, this is a day when we commemorate the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees worldwide.

There are more people fleeing war and persecution than ever before. We are now facing the largest global refugee crisis, with over 65 million people forcibly displaced from their countries. Twenty-one million of those who are displaced are refugees. The United States opens its doors to less than 1 percent of the world's refugees – 85,000 refugees entered our country in 2016.

In Matthew 25:35, Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." As people of faith, we are called to welcome the stranger and to walk alongside vulnerable refugees living in untenable situations. This support is critical in providing protection and hope for those who have fled persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political views and/or associations.

As we recognize the global refugee crisis, let us also celebrate the many contributions that refugees make to our communities as they seek to stabilize their lives and build on their dreams. In this regard, we appreciate all the efforts of our congregations – in collaboration with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service– that are welcoming refugees and providing many forms of hospitality.

It is also important to acknowledge the excellent work being done by The Lutheran World Federation, of which we are a member. These programs assist thousands of refugees every day who have fled their homes, such as South Sudanese now in Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia; Burundians in Tanzania; Somalis, Eritreans and Sudanese in Ethiopia; and Syrians in Jordan, just to name a few.

World Refugee Day offers an opportunity for us to stand in solidarity with people who have been forced to leave their homes. Today and every day we pray for peace for all the children of God created in God's image.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD

Look who showed up in the MNYS newsletter in June!

Our confirmation students photo from God's Work Our Hands Sunday this past September at the Garden at St. Francis was used to promote this year's initiative. If you don't already subscribe to the newsletter you can go to

www.mnys.org/for_congregations

There is a box that allows you to enter your email address so that you can start receiving the e-newsletter monthly.

THE GARDEN AT ST. FRANCIS

Summer Happenings

July 7, Ribbon Cutting: 3:30 p.m.

Join local officials, the Bellmore Chamber of Commerce and friends of the garden, for our ***Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting***. Refreshments will be served. Veggies, flowers and gourmet products will be available for sampling and sale.

Kids Yoga in The Garden:

A series with Vanessa Hill:

6/13, 7/25, 8/22, 12:30-1:30. Fee: $40. Geared towards kids 3 to 8 years old. Call Donna Stack for more info: (718) 309-7555

The Children's Garden

Nature Summer Camp
July 10 - July 21

We've created a progressive, nature based program utilizing our new outdoor classroom space with a curriculum inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach, Montessori and Waldorf. Our classroom has a combination of recycled and repurposed materials along with items found in nature. The children will have fun, learn and get dirty as they explore the classrooms various areas including mud play, water play, gross motor play, science, mindfulness, art, and the organic garden.

Nicole Roccaro, MA, of Naturally Curious Children is the creator and facilitator of the curriculum for the Children's Garden. You can follow Nicole on Facebook (Naturally Curious Children), Instagram (@naturallycuriouschildren), or her blog **(www.naturallycuriouschildren.com)**

The program will be from 9:15 to 12 noon with a slow drop off from 9:15 to 9:30. We will be providing fruit and freshly picked vegetables as a daily snack. T**his program is open to children ages 4 to 7 years old**.

Parents are welcome to stay on premises and work in the garden, chat with friends, read a book in our lovely garden or drop off their child.

Tuition

1st Session (July 10-July 14) $150
2nd Session (July 17-July 21) $150

JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 **4th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Service of the Word**	3	4 **Fourth of July** **Office Closed** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	5	6	7 **Ribbon cutting at Garden at St. Francis 3:30 p.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	1 8
9 **5th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**	10	11 **WELCA gathering 10:00 a.m.** **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** **INN Cooking 5:30 p.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	12	13	14 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	15
16 **6th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Service of the Word**	17	18 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	19 **Family Game Night** **7:00 p.m.**	20 Belair 2:00 p.m.	21 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	22
23 **7th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Service of the Word**	24	25 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	26	27 **Agape Supper** **6:30 p.m.**	28 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	29
30 **8th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**	31		**Summer office hours have begun.** **Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays** **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**			

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adult Bible study and LWR quilting resume Thursday, September 7		1 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.**	2	3	4 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	5
6 **9th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30a.m. Holy Communion**	7 *Eagle Deadline*	8 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** **INN Cooking 5:30 p.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	9	10	11 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	12
13 **10th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**	14	15 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	13 **Pinecrest**	17 **Belair 2:00 p.m.**	18 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	19
20 **11th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion**	21	22 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	23	24	25 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	26
27 **12th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Service of the Word**	28	29 **Tai chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	30	31	Office hours return to Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11	

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, July 7 – Ribbon cutting at Garden at St. Francis 3:30 p.m
Tuesday, July 11 – WELCA gathering 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 19 – Family Game Night 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 27 – Agape Supper 6:30 p.m.
Monday, August 7 – Eagle Deadline

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DEADLINE FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE EAGLE IS AUGUST 7

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