



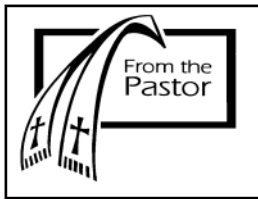
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From Our Pastor

Connect
Care
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Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Each summer pastors around the country write words encouraging their parishioners to remember that while summer vacations begin, we cannot take a vacation from God. We write to remind you that we need to worship and pray all year long. We often wrestle with how to encourage you to see this relationship with God as something that is important enough to keep first in your plans, even as the shore or the mountains beckon to us with all the force of the summer sun. We try to encourage you to remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. We struggle to find ways to balance a Scriptural mandate with the reality of how most of us live.

It is true that summer draws us away from our regular routine, and that vacations and shore houses call to us. It is also true that in this day and age there are many different work schedules and constraints on our time quite apart from our wanderlust.

Because of these realities, we are going to try a “new” idea that we had as part of our congregational life in years past. During July and August we will be offering an informal service on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor. We will follow a simple outline of a hymn or two, the lessons and prayers for the upcoming Sunday, and a

sermon or reflection on those lessons. We will have communion on some of the weeks, but not all. This is in part because I will not be present every week, and Vicar Daniel is not yet authorized to preside at the Eucharist.

We are hoping that this will give those of you who are away on summer weekends the chance to worship the Lord with gladness in your home congregation, and not feel as though you are missing your community of faith. We are hoping that having the service at 6:30 will allow even those with smaller children to worship before bedtime rolls around.

And so, allow me to encourage you to not take a vacation from God. Please take time to Connect with God and with your brothers and sisters in Christ, either Sunday morning at 8:00 or 10:15 a.m., or for July and August, on Thursdays at 6:30. “Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever!”

I hope to see you in church!

Pastor Karl M. Richard

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The Vicar’s View: Summer Heat Waves and Guilt

I’ve never been a big fan of summer. While so many people I know wait for its arrival with bated breath, daydreaming about sun tanning, beach vacations, barbecues, and afternoons in the pool, I usually find myself counting the days until the fall. I don’t like having to squint everywhere if I don’t have a pair of sunglasses with me. I don’t like feeling burnt when I touch a dark surface outside, or needing to wait while the air conditioner struggles to make my car less like a furnace, or having my clothes cling to me because of the humidity. Worst of all is the way the heat makes me feel. I get sluggish and find it hard to move much. My mind gets foggy, and concentrating is tough. During the summer, I often thank God that I was born in the era of air conditioning. I end up wondering how humanity has survived without that kind of technology for almost all of human history, particularly in areas of the world close to the equator.

Imagine what summers must have felt like in the Middle East thousands of years ago. Imagine not having any machinery to cool you down in ancient Israel. That kind of heat, without relief, must have felt like it would never end. I take comfort that I'm not alone in disliking heat, that even the author of Psalm 32 had similar thoughts to my own. In fact, the Psalmist compared the way heat made him feel physically to how he felt spiritually. "When I declared not my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer" (32:3-4).

I am always struck by how apt and how visual the Psalmist's analogy is, how similar the oppressive heat of the summer is to the heavy weight our guilt and regrets can sometimes put on us. It becomes harder to breathe, to clear our minds and regain a sense of peace. The pressure of our mistakes and problems can make us feel like a shadow of our normal selves. Like a long heat wave, it's not easy to see an end to our guilt and unease when we're in the middle of those situations. We wonder how our relationship with God and others can be fixed. We want to believe that things will be as good as they were before, but this can seem impossible to us.

But the Psalmist witnesses to what ended his spiritual heat wave, and he holds out a hope for us while we are in the midst of our own: peace and forgiveness from God. He brings his guilt and distress to God, knowing that God is always reaching out and encouraging each of us to renew our relationship with the One who created us. As readers, we don't know how long it took for the Psalmist's heat wave to break. But we know that it did, since he responds to God's forgiveness with praise and utter confidence in God's protection and presence: "Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you. At a time of distress, the rush of great waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble. You surround me with glad cries of deliverance" (vv. 6-7).

All things are temporary. This includes heat waves of both the natural and spiritual varieties, in spite of how permanent they may seem at the time. Strong summer heat/guilt can bear down on us for weeks or months, sapping our energy and willpower. But that pressure will always be lifted. We can emerge from our heat waves feeling reinvigorated and full of purpose and conviction, knowing that God's presence and forgiveness will always be with us to cool us down.

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Don't take a Vacation from God!

During the summer months we have a slower schedule, and many of the meetings and obligations we have diminish as school ends, and people begin to travel. In the church we slow things down as well. Sunday School disbands for the summer; the choir is off until the fall; many of our committees will not meet, or will not meet as often during June, July, and August.

But with all this slowing down, please remember the need for us to meet together; the need for us to gather in the house of the Lord is one thing that does not go away. While the choir may not be up front, they will be present in worship, leading the songs from the pews. And Jesus will still be present whenever we gather in his name to call on him in prayer, and lift his name in praise.

We will continue our regular schedule all summer long, with worship at 8:00 and 10:15 each Sunday morning. Come and join as family. Come and spend time with Jesus. As we take a vacation from our normal routines, don't take a vacation from God!

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Fun Run

Thank you for participating in Saint Matthew Lutheran Church's first annual fun run to benefit the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. We collected over 250 items, \$315 via raffle, 50-50, and race day donations. A total donation of \$700 will be given to Loaves and Fishes. All in all, this was a successful first year. However, we were not perfect. The committee would like to learn from our mistakes, so that next year will be an even bigger success. Your participation in the survey would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RK6329H>

Evangelism Committee

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Children's Corner

Dear Children,

"But Jesus said, Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 19:14

I remember with great pleasure my early years in our Baptist Church. My mind can still drift back to that little room with the white rickety chairs full of eager little boys and girls. Mrs. Hahn would lead us in the singing as she played (rather furiously) on an old tinny piano and all of us would join her in making a "joyful noise" to the Lord. The lesson would open and close with a fast-paced hymn and then she would tell a story. One of her favorites would be a version of the above verse--telling us how Jesus loved all children. Do you remember the song "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world; red and yellow, black or white, they are precious in His sight--Jesus loves the little children of the world"?

Well, the other Sunday when I was in church, I glanced at our bulletin before the service began and I noticed that the cover was beautifully illustrated by one of our own little artists here at Saint Matthew. I not only enjoyed the picture and what it meant, but the fact that Saint Matthew has youngsters, teachers, and parents who all want to play an important role in church. When you children take the offering, you are sharing the congregation's love for what God has

given us. The beautiful colored murals depicting the passion of Christ which are hanging on our entrance wall to the sanctuary, remind me of your love for God's grace. Your participation in projects involving Harvey Cedars highlights the fact that your faith is growing. Working with the adults at Saint Matthew in cleaning up the community shows me your respect for the world He created. The knowledge that you share in our Vacation Bible School tells me that you want others to know **The Good News**. Your presence in our church is such an integral part of our "journey of faith" to all our members and I want to say a great big **Thank you** to all!

Dear Parents:

I also owe you a debt of gratitude for the time you spend on transporting your youngsters back and forth to the church; chaperoning and directing their many activities, providing refreshments, teaching that Sunday School lesson --and many more. Most of all, I thank you for sharing God's love with your child and leading by example. Thanks and God Bless!

Sylvia Yost

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Highlighting our Social Ministry Partners: The Welcome Church

In June, Vicar Dan spoke with Pastor Violet Little, pastor and developer of the Welcome Church, the ELCA's "Church without walls" in Philadelphia. The Welcome Church is one of the social ministry partners that we at Saint Matthew are most involved with. The following is a paraphrase of the conversation Vicar Dan and Pastor Violet had about the church, its joys and challenges, and Saint Matthew's involvement with it.

Vicar Dan: So, tell me a bit about the Welcome Church. How and when did it start? Were you involved from the very beginning?

Pastor Violet: Yes, I was. In the mid-2000s, I was doing psycho-analytic work for my job, mostly in the city of Philadelphia. I was using a lot of public transportation and was in bus terminals and train stations all the time. One day, I was in a train station bathroom when a few women came in and begin changing their clothes and washing themselves as much as they could. They were homeless, carrying all of their stuff around and having nowhere to really rest their heads. That was an important, eye-opening day for me. As time passed, I developed relationships with several Philadelphians experiencing homelessness, and I realized I needed to do something to help them and minister to them.

In 2007, I started offering Bible studies at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, which agreed to let us use some of their space. We then started worshiping at an outdoor spot, usually in a park. Almost all of the people who came to these studies and services were without a

home. The "Welcome Center," as we called it then, grew and grew. In 2010, our synod authorized us to be one of its congregations, now called the "Welcome Church."

Vicar Dan: What are some of the differences between your church and one with walls?

Pastor Violet: First and foremost, like Saint Matthew and any other church, we are a congregation. Unlike most churches, though, a large majority of the people who come to the Welcome Church programs and worship services are living on the streets and are in poverty. Many of them have issues with addiction and mental illness. Our income is different than in many churches, since we don't get much money from our homeless members. But on the flip side, we also don't have a piece of property and a building to pay for. The spaces we use are either outside in nature or in churches that let us use their buildings. We depend on people outside of the congregation to contribute and donate many of the material things we need. Another difference is that we have folks who come to the Welcome Church who aren't Christian, including a bunch of Jews and Muslims. You don't have to believe in God to be welcome here.

Vicar Dan: What are some of the joys and challenges you've had as pastor of the Welcome Church?

Pastor Violet: Ahhhh, there are so many joys! Because our congregants depend on other people for so much, they are incredibly aware of their need for God. Nothing is taken for granted; there is so much gratitude. Our people are always looking out for each other. They are an extremely caring, generous, sharing community, and we've started all kinds of ministries where Welcome Church members have been able to reach out into the local community and help other people who are in need. Our members just want to offer what they have to others. They want purpose in their lives. I've also had the joy of encountering how forgiving they are. If I or anyone in the church messes up, there's so little judgment on us.

And there's joy in knowing that I have a message of hope and good news that can mean so much to the people we minister to. "You are not garbage," I tell them and **God** tells them, "no matter what you've done." It's beautiful watching them experience their human dignity when they hear the message that they're a loved and valued child of God. And I find that they bring the gospel, the good news, to me just as much as I bring it to them.

There have been two main challenges in being the pastor of the Welcome Church. One is how many people we have lost to addiction and illness. I hate seeing people I care for suffer so much. And the saddest part of the day for me is when I get on the train and go home, knowing that I'm leaving people I love to fend for themselves on the streets.

Vicar Dan: Have the contributions from Saint Matthew had any impact on your ministry and the people you minister to? How?

Pastor Violet: A few years ago, I came to speak at a Women of the ELCA dinner at Saint Matthew. Ever since then, you have really responded as a congregation. We often use your church as an example of how much one congregation can do for keeping our ministries going and caring for the needy. And you have been so consistent in your contributions! You don't just go through a wave of donating to us and then forget about us. Another big thing about Saint Matthew is that you haven't just assumed what we needed. You have **asked**. That has meant a lot to us. And we use everything you send over to us, trust me! You should be proud of your congregation.

Vicar Dan: What would you say to someone from Saint Matthew who wants to get more involved with the Welcome Church?

Pastor Violet: Come on down. Come and experience what it's like with us. We love meeting new people and forming relationships with them, even if it's for a single visit.

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Not Normal

Your son is down at the air base, directing traffic! It was a neighbor who called my Mom. "He's standing in the middle of the intersection wearing a Fiji Policeman's uniform!" "Oh brother, what is he up to next?" My Mom thought, "can't he be a normal child?"

Imagination is a wonderful thing. It allows one to become creative. It moves whimsy into reality. It connects us with the unknown and reveals to us talents which are unexpected. We are brought by our imaginations into an alignment with our future character and the choices we make for our life's destiny.

I was never "normal." My spirit was too active. I had to try so many things to see what it was like to understand the viewpoints of different individuals. I was quite observant of the people and what they did as role models for me.

I remember listening carefully to the way people spoke and the things that were important to them. The air base, where we lived in Fiji, was a very busy place. The people there had so many different daily tasks and I wanted to learn how they interacted. I was impressed by the man who maintained the aircraft because I knew those planes had to be serviced well for their air-worthiness. These men spent hours of their time checking, adjusting, lubricating and running up the engines to obtain the proper readings in the cockpit panels.

I loved the sound of the radial engines as the propellers whipped the air into hurricane-force winds behind them. My friends and I would tumble in this invisible force and feel the sting of sand particles and hot cinders against our skin.

These aircraft were twin engine PBY Catalina seaplanes. Take-offs and landings on the water were so impressive to me because of the spray and foam they stirred up. The high-speed control launches or "crash-boats" fascinated us kids as well. Each time an aircraft made its transition in take-off or landing, the control launch, in radio contact, would

be there flashing along at full throttle beside it. Night operations were even more dramatic because a string of little dinghies with lights attached were set in a long line to show the pilots in the operating aircraft a safe landing location on the water.

At the time we lived there, the air base was also used for commercial flights to and from New Zealand. Four engine "Solent" flying-boats came winging in from Auckland several times a week bringing visitors and sometimes a basket of tomatoes, a treat we enjoyed for breakfast. We met and entertained many of the air crews who came in their travels. Even an old flame of my mom's was a welcome visitor. He was an airline captain and always remembered to bring with him the tomatoes from New Zealand. I find it touching that, upon my visit with his family years later, his son said to me, "You know, Tony, we could have been brothers." Yes, and in spirit we are indeed brothers.

There were islands with coconut palms out near the coral reef. They were favorites for picnics and swimming off the coral sand beaches. I remember the trip out to these islands was by launch with a dinghy towed behind. Young Tony would ride in the dinghy and tow his own little boat in its wake.

Swimming at those islands was always under watchful eyes looking for sharks or barracudas which were common in these waters. I remember such an encounter as I swam along the beach. Everybody was leaving the water in panic and I saw the long, slim shape approaching. As it swam past, I could tell it was the dreaded barracuda! I left the water as soon as I could, thinking it might return for a tasty morsel.

On another trip, we celebrated my friend's birthday with an island party gathering. I discovered ripe papayas (pawpaws) nearby and decided to bring some home with us upon our return to the mainland. I had no bag to carry them, so I stuffed four of them down my T-shirt. We loved this fruit for breakfast every day and I thought these too would be enjoyed. As I arrived back at the base, I began to get an itch. I could ease it some by adjusting the fruit under my shirt but, before I got home, my skin began to burn. The papaya, I learned the hard way, has a milky sap which is a major irritant. Dropping them on the kitchen counter, I quickly tore off my shirt and rushed to take a shower. My skin was all red and very sensitive. I couldn't touch it with soap or anything. I had to stand under the pouring shower water for a long time before the itching was relieved.

"You know, Tony, Santa has a nose just like your Dad's!" My friend was describing to me the Christmas party he had attended. I couldn't go, I had a malady that day. Apparently one of my dad's pleasurable duties that year was to dress up with whiskers as old Saint Nick and hand out gifts with my Mom to all the kids of the officers and men at the air base. We all thought that Santa had a sleigh with reindeer, but in Fiji, December is summertime and Santa comes in an Air Force jeep! The Officers' Mess was decorated with streamers and colored lights and the kids had a ball. My Dad had such a twinkle in his eye when it was all over!

Such memories these are. I wouldn't change anything. They are so comforting as I look back with gratitude to the

places I have seen and the wonderful people I have met. All of our early encounters shape the life we lead today. Memories are precious. It is a joy to reminisce and feel them again in our present.

May Peace be with us as His creation.

Tony Webb

First Thursday Friends

First Thursday Friends will gather on Thursday, July 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Bertucci's, 965 Baltimore Pike, Springfield. For more information, contact John Stefl.

Our August gathering will be on Thursday, August 3, at 11:30 a.m. at Riddle Ale House, 1073 W. Baltimore Pike, Media. For more information, contact John Stefl.

September Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the September newsletter are due in the church office by **12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15.**

Financial Update

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

Luke 18:16-17

	<u>May 2017</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Giving/Income	\$27,891	\$204,795
Expenses	<u>45,706</u>	<u>216,024</u>
Plus/Minus	(\$17,815)	(\$ 11,229)

Summary: The month of May showed a drop in total giving compared to budget, probably due to the holiday. Expenses were on target for the month and slightly under for the January to May time period. Saint Matthew will need our continued support for the balance of the year as giving trends lower during the summer months. Blessings to each of you as you enjoy your summer activities.

Giving Opportunities: This summer Saint Matthew will have two events for our younger members. At the end of June some of our teens went on a Youth Works trip and in July we have a fun-filled program of Vacation Bible School. For the Youth Works trip, the church picks up the cost of the van. The registration fees for VBS are kept low to ensure that families can afford to send their children. The registration fees typically only cover about half of the cost to host VBS. The total cost to the church for the Youth Works trip and VBS is approximately \$2,500. If you want to give something for the van, please label

your gift "Van." If you want to give to help offset the costs of VBS, please mark your gift for "VBS." Thank you for any help you can give!

Social Ministry

Many thanks to all of you who so generously donated items for the breakfast bags that were assembled for the elderly clients of the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Your gifts made it possible for us to put together 50 breakfast bags!

Once again, we will be collecting school supplies for the children who attend Faith Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Lansdowne. We accept all items for children from first grade through high school. Beginning in early July, there will be a bin in the hallway for your gifts. We will deliver everything in late August before the start of school.

We wish all of you safe, enjoyable times with family and friends this summer!

Women of the ELCA

As we take time to rest and re-energize for our activities that will begin again in September, please keep all those we strive to help in your prayers.

During the summer The Welcome Church continues to have need for coffee, sugar, Sweet-n-low, Cremora, stirrers and cups. Cookies are always welcome.

Ladies, won't you join a circle—4th Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

Joan Krauter

Geraniums

The geraniums which decorated the sanctuary on Pentecost have been planted outside. We thank the scouts and leaders from Brownie Troop 5057 for planting them.



Monthly Mailbag

Dear Pastor Karl, Vicar Daniel and Saint Matthew family,

I want to thank you for your visits, telephone calls, flowers, cards and especially all your prayers. Love you!

God Bless,
Portia Bahl

Dear Saint Matthew Friends:

You are terrific friends to the children of Silver Springs—Martin Luther School! Thank you so much for the small treat bags filled with candy for the boys and girls. They arrived just in time for the end of the school year and will

make the perfect surprise during one of the fun end-of-year events over the next two weeks. The children are sure to be thrilled!

We are very grateful for your caring friendship and ongoing support of our ministry. With the support of friends like all of you, we are able to help the boys and girls we serve learn, heal, and reach for bright futures. On behalf of the children, thank you again!

Sincerely,
Amanda Bryant
Development Associate
Silver Springs-Martin Luther School

Dear Saint Matthew Friends,

Thank you for my lily and cards. A gentleman came and delivered the plant. Sorry Bob missed getting his name. Thanks for all the prayers. Thanks to the people who work upstairs filming our church service every Sunday for me and other shut-ins.

Also, Tony Webb, I so enjoy your stories in the newsletter, and also Sylvia Yost for all your stories for the kids.

Sincerely,
Jackie Calhoun

Dear Saint Matthew Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. We rely on in-kind gifts such as yours to create a community of comfort and hope for the thousands of families with seriously ill children that we serve each year through our two Ronald McDonald Houses, two Ronald McDonald Family Rooms, Hospitality Kiosk, and Ronald McDonald Camp. To learn more about the impact of your contribution, please visit www.philarmh.org/familystories. We received 5 jugs of soda tabs, 14 quilts, 12 crocheted blankets, 7 knitted blankets, and 15 pillows.

Sincerely,
Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House

Dear Women of the ELCA Group,

Another wonderful donation from your group. The years are creeping by so quickly; I've lost count of the many years that you have been collecting things for us. We thank you for always being there in our corner year after year.

The items that you bring are utilized by our residents on a daily basis. Hope you will all have a great upcoming summer season. Good to see you Joan; hope you are well.

Sincerely,
Cheryl J. Evernham,
Director of Volunteers
Fair Acres Geriatric Center

Dear Linda and all the Women of Saint Matthew,

Thank you for providing the 18 new health kits for our immigrant families here in Chester County. They will be very much appreciated. It is a tangible way of letting them know that they are not alone—that there is someone who cares about their needs as they begin to settle in. Thank you for your dedicated time and effort in supporting us. Please extend my sincere gratitude to all the women involved in this project; their time is very much appreciated by CCMM.

Respectfully,
Lorraine Armstrong Martinez, Director
Chester County Migrant Ministry

Dear Joan,

Thank you for the very kind invitation to speak at your church. Please convey my thanks to your wonderful pastor and to all of the parishioners for their very warm welcome for me and for the women of Dawn's Place.

It was a wonderful experience being able to speak out against, and inform your parishioners of, the evils of human sex trafficking.

I would also like to thank the parishioners for their generous donations to Dawn's Place. That money will help to improve the lives of our women in numerous ways.

Please remember us in your prayers and please consider making Dawn's Place a regular recipient of your charitable donations: www.ahomefordawn.org.

It was a great pleasure to have met all of you. I will remember you all in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Mary DeFusco, Esq.

Dear Lutheran Church Women of Saint Matthew,

On behalf of the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$50.00. We rely primarily on monetary as well as in-kind donations to enable us to provide a substantial amount of food to those families who come to us for help. The government gives us a very limited quantity of food, therefore we must purchase any additional items that we need to pack nutritional boxes of food. Saint Matthew has been a loyal and caring supporter of the pantry for many years and we are very grateful. Thank you for caring.

Yours in Christ,
Lana A. Lindenmuth, Financial Director
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

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Vital Statistics

Death: **Robert Gordon**
Died June 11, 2017
Funeral June 17, 2017

Worship Responsibilities - July

Altar Guild		Coordinator: Jeff Wesley
July 2		Chris DiSanto, Patti Stefl
July 9		Maureen McCleary
July 16		Dawn Liscom, Beth Camagna
July 23		Barbara Kinsey, Diane Frattini
July 30		Jeff Wesley, Beth Camagna
Worship Assistants		Coordinator: John Kampmeyer
July 2	8:00 a.m.	Kathie Morgan
	10:15 a.m.	Maureen McCleary
July 9	8:00 a.m.	Vicar Daniel Smith
	10:15 a.m.	Vicar Daniel Smith
July 16	8:00 a.m.	Abby Richard
	10:15 a.m.	(No assistant needed)
July 23	8:00 a.m.	Vicar Daniel Smith
	10:15 a.m.	Maureen McCleary
July 30	8:00 a.m.	Kathie Morgan
	10:15 a.m.	(No assistant needed)
Acolytes		Coordinator: Dawn von Berg
July 2	8:00 a.m.	Jordan Hale
	10:15 a.m.	Jack Psenicska, Michael Psenicska
July 9	8:00 a.m.	Abby Kiely
	10:15 a.m.	Quinn Martin, Madison Wesley
July 16	8:00 a.m.	Jacob Scott
	10:15 a.m.	Andrea Brassell, Rebecca Engberg
July 23	8:00 a.m.	Matthew Johnston
	10:15 a.m.	Nora Larkin, Abby Richard
July 30	8:00 a.m.	Stephen Scott
	10:15 a.m.	Ethan Kraft, Matt DiSanto
Communion Servers		Coordinator: Joan Krauter
July 2	8:00 a.m.	Bill and Marge Kobasa
	10:15 a.m.	John and Doty Engelbrecht
July 9	8:00 a.m.	Tyler Bennett, Jenna Cirillo
	10:15 a.m.	Dan Lazaro, Meredith Harris
July 16	8:00 a.m.	Steve and Jean McGarvey
	10:15 a.m.	Chris and Karen DiSanto Jeff Wesley
July 23	8:00 a.m.	Vicar Daniel Smith, Doug Bratz
	10:15 a.m.	Vicar Daniel Smith, Gail Conrad
July 30	8:00 a.m.	Steve and Cheryl Morrell
	10:15 a.m.	Gail Hendrickson Judy Hendrickson, Abby Richard
Lectors		Coordinator: Jeff Wesley
July 2	10:15 a.m.	Steve Bashore
July 9	10:15 a.m.	Gail Conrad
July 16	10:15 a.m.	Vicar Daniel Smith
July 23	10:15 a.m.	Judy Hendrickson
July 30	10:15 a.m.	Beth Camagna

Sunday Nursery		Coordinator: Janice Gardner
July 2	10:15 a.m.	Sue and Brian Barber
July 9	10:15 a.m.	Diana and Pat Dolan
July 16	10:15 a.m.	Kristen and Ivan Plachuta
July 23	10:15 a.m.	Gary Pflieger, Kathy Kinder
July 30	10:15 a.m.	Sue and Brian Barber

Greeters		Coordinator: Nicole Smith
July 2	8:00 a.m.	Dee and Doug Bratz
	10:15 a.m.	Gus and Karen Franchi
July 9	8:00 a.m.	John and Patti Stefl
	10:15 a.m.	Gail Hendrickson Marion Hessenauer
July 16	8:00 a.m.	Diane Frattini, Barbara Kinsey
	10:15 a.m.	Phil and Sue Kline
July 23	8:00 a.m.	Nancy Regan
	10:15 a.m.	Kathy and Anna Kinder Steve and Cheryl Morrell
July 30	8:00 a.m.	Chris and Kristen Rohrer
	10:15 a.m.	Maureen McCleary Dotty D'Arcy

Worship Responsibilities - August

Altar Guild		Coordinator: Jeff Wesley
August 6		Diane Frattini, Barbara Kinsey
August 13		Marie Miller, Maureen McCleary
August 20		Barbara Kinsey, Diane Frattini
August 27		Chris DiSanto, Margie Larkin

Worship Assistants		Coordinator: John Kampmeyer
August 6	8:00 a.m.	Vicar Daniel Smith
	10:15 a.m.	Vicar Daniel Smith
August 13	8:00 a.m.	Abby Richard
	10:15 a.m.	Maureen McCleary
August 20	8:00 a.m.	Kathie Morgan
	10:15 a.m.	(No assistant needed)
August 27	8:00 a.m.	Joanne Castagna
	10:15 a.m.	Fran Gordon

Acolytes		Coordinator: Dawn von Berg
August 6	8:00 a.m.	Gavin von Berg
	10:15 a.m.	Madison Wesley, Patti Wesley
August 13	8:00 a.m.	Jackson Bennett
	10:15 a.m.	Ethan Kraft, Rebecca Engberg
August 20	8:00 a.m.	Jake O'Brien
	10:15 a.m.	Gavin and Alexa von Berg
August 27	8:00 a.m.	Ethan Scott
	10:15 a.m.	Madison Wesley, Patti Wesley

Communion Servers **Coordinator: Joan Krauter**

August 6	8:00 a.m.	Michael and Lisa Umbenhauer
	10:15 a.m.	Janice Sadowski, Abigail Richard
August 13	8:00 a.m.	Don and Sylvia Yost
	10:15 a.m.	Tony Webb, Carol Jo Eick
August 20	8:00 a.m.	Kim Cobb, Barbara Hewitt
	10:15 a.m.	Joe Link, Meredith Harris, Dan Lazaro
August 27	8:00 a.m.	Dee and Doug Bratz
	10:15 a.m.	Vicar Daniel Smith, Gail Conrad

Lectors **Coordinator: Jeff Wesley**

August 6	10:15 a.m.	Barbara Kinsey
August 13	10:15 a.m.	Kevin Cunningham
August 20	10:15 a.m.	Phil Kline
August 27	10:15 a.m.	Vicar Daniel Smith

Sunday Nursery **Coordinator: Janice Gardner**

August 6	10:15 a.m.	Mike and Melissa Lavery
August 13	10:15 a.m.	Nicole and Greg Smith
August 20	10:15 a.m.	Diana and Pat Dolan
August 27	10:15 a.m.	Gary Pflieger, Kathy Kinder

Greeters **Coordinator: Nicole Smith**

August 6	8:00 a.m.	Matthew and Christine Scott
	10:15 a.m.	Paula Toland, Carol Mueller
August 13	8:00 a.m.	Dee and Doug Bratz
	10:15 a.m.	Carole Centrella, Bea Toomey
August 20	8:00 a.m.	John and Patti Stefl
	10:15 a.m.	Rick and Joelle Link
August 27	8:00 a.m.	Diane Frattini, Barbara Kinsey
	10:15 a.m.	Josh and Lori Martin

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as we study and sing...
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