

A 4-part Summer Sermon Series is Coming, Beginning June 27th

On **June 27th**, we will begin a 4-part Sermon Series entitled Sabbath—The Sacred and Holy Art of Rest. How many of you are tired? How many of you are wearied from the busyness of life? Then this is for you. As a society that is entrenched in the ebbs and flows of busy lives, quick fixes, instant information and a drivenness to “succeed,” it has lost the concept of resting. There is a rhythm to work and rest that God calls us to, but we, even as Christians, have lost how to properly balance that rhythm. God gave us the directive of resting on the Sabbath for a reason. He knew how important it would be to our lives in keeping that balance intact. So, if you are one who feels their balance is out of kilter, then come and hear how you can reengage in The Sacred and Holy Art of Rest.

June 27th—Genesis 2:1-3 & Exodus 20:8-11—Defining Sabbath

July 4th—Matthew 11:28-29 & Mark 6:30-31—Developing a Rhythm

July 11th—Luke 10:38-42—Setting Priorities

July 18th—Psalm 23:1-6—Breathing With Purpose

Outside Sunday Services – Volunteers Needed:

In preparation for the upcoming Sunday services that will be held outside, we will need some volunteers to set up and tear down tents for shade. Please contact Denise (denisedsg@comcast.net) or Pastor Cosgrove (pstrcosgrove@comcast.net) if you are willing and able to help.

The following dates are currently reserved for outside services (weather permitting):

June 27 at 10am

July 18 at 10am

Thank you in advance for helping to make these services a success!

GriefShare Info:

GriefShare sessions are held on **Mondays** at 7:00pm and **Tuesdays** at 1:30pm through ZOOM only. If you would like to participate or know someone who is grieving, we encourage you to join us. Please contact Denise at Denisedsg@comcast.net or call 717-840-0382 to register or with any questions.

Gift Cards:

If you would like to participate in a Gift Card Shower for DCE Intern Lydia Woods, you are most welcome to do so. It is your choice what to get her, but she may like gift cards, in any amount, from the following stores: **Walmart, Target, Giant, Weis, or Saubles**. If you'd like, you can include the gift card in with a personal greeting of welcome and encouragement. All gift cards and/or greeting cards can be placed in the offering box in the Narthex or in the counter safe in the church office. The collection is encouraged throughout the month of **June**. Thanks in advance for being such a welcoming and generous congregation! Note: Donations will not appear on your giving statement to St. John.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to send cards and well wishes to Eleanora Miller for her 95th birthday on May 20th. It has meant so much to her. Again, thanks.

Compassion Center News:

It's been a busy six months at the Compassion Center! Thanks to everyone who continues to support this ministry with donations and prayers. And thanks to the weekly volunteers who enthusiastically do the work needed for this ministry to continue. Thank-you to: Sharon Banach, Patti Dull, Christopher Danner, Carol Fee, Wanda Markle, Joanne McCue, Cindy Ward, Doris Weber, Tom Zellers, and Tish Zellers.

Memorial Luncheon:

There will be a memorial luncheon on Saturday, July 10, from 1-3:30 pm to commemorate the life and work of Sharon Hennig, who passed away on July 23, 2020. It will be held at St John Lutheran Church, 2580 Mt Rose Ave, in the Fellowship Hall. Friends, neighbors, and former students are invited to attend.

Congregational Assembly June 27th: Following the **June 27th** Outside Service at 10:00AM, there will be a Congregational Assembly in the Sanctuary to hear reports and get ministry updates as well as updates on the DCE Intern and the Brighten The Light Campaign. We will also be voting on By-Law changes that need to be made concerning elections of Ministry Board Leader members and when newly elected officers begin their service. Below are the proposed changes. On the **27th of June** there will be a vote on the changes that have been read today. The changes that are needed to amend Bylaws section 6.4.3 and section 6.6:

6.4.3 (Current) Election of Ministry Leadership Board members shall take place during the regular December congregational assembly meeting.

(Revised) Election of Ministry Leadership Board members shall take place during the regular January congregational assembly meeting.

6.6 (Current) Terms of Office: The newly elected board members of the congregation shall assume their duties of office as of July 1 each year.

(Revised) Terms of Office: The newly elected board members of the congregation shall assume their duties of office as of February 1 each year.

Questions and concerns regarding the changes should be addressed to the Board Leaders, Rob Keough, President at rkeough@powlsinc.com, Maria Sartoris, Vice President, at magda76@sbcglobal.net or Gary McCue, Secretary, at gwmccue@gmail.com

Children/Youth Volunteers - Background Checks Needed:

We are reaching out to our members in advance to begin the necessary state mandated background checks. If you have worked with the youth of St. John in the past and feel that you may have any interest in the near future, please reach out to me and I will share the information with you on how to complete the background checks. We are also looking for new volunteers to assist Lydia in this important ministry.

In the past we have had nursery programs, Sunday School, Youth Group, and Vacation Bible School, along with other community ministry events. Although we don't know what the upcoming ministry looks like, I feel confident that God has a plan through the members of St. John and Lydia's guidance, to minister to this very important part of our church family. For volunteers who may have an interest with our youth program, I am reaching out for you to complete your background checks and clearances now. This will allow us to begin our programs with no delay. The majority of the checks can be done online and are no cost.

Please email me sfeepete@comcast.net or call 717-891-9185 for the necessary information. If you already have your clearances, please submit your current clearance to Sherry, our church secretary. Clearances for volunteers are good for 5 years.

Thanks so much,
Sarah Peters, Ministry Leadership Board

Thank you! I wanted to share with you, and thank you, for your support of our recent House of Hope Shoe Drive. Our goal was 2,500 pairs and we are blessed to say that we surpassed the goal and collected a total of 3,150 pairs!!! The shoe donations made from your church family and The Compassion Center contributed to the success of this endeavor; please pass along our gratitude to everyone who supported us! A truck is coming next Tuesday from Florida to pick them up. Hooray! God is so very good! Thank you for caring! Thank you for sharing! May you be as blessed as you have blessed us! Tammy Ort, House of Hope



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