

The Messenger

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LEANING INTO OUR WITNESS

As we near the end of our program year and begin the lengthy season of Pentecost, it can be tempting to want to take a break from the hustle of school, work, spring cleaning and even church. But in truth, we are just finishing a time of rest and celebration (Easter) and in our liturgical and church lives we're readying ourselves to get back to work.

In the Book of Acts, we read that the disciples asked Jesus "Lord, is this the the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth." In a 2013 Pentecost sermon, the Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, reminded us that the "you" Jesus spoke of also extends to us today. "YOU will receive power, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. YOU will be my witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, First Century Palestine and in 21st Century Pasadena. We need some witnesses now. And we need some Episcopalian witnesses.? Our witness is our response to the work God has done in us. We show it in the

integrity with which we work, our discipline in worship and our kindness toward others.

Be renewed and be inspired this season to lean into your witness. Be an active part of the community of St. John's so that we can encourage one another, members and friends alike.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Loon's Baseball Game

Jun. 11 @ 2:05pm

Watching a Loons baseball game at Dow Diamond could be the most perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon in June. Watching it with friends makes it even better! Sign up for your tickets (\$9.50/person) by Sunday, May 28. Bring a friend and join us for our June fellowship event!

Note: Each Sunday "Kids Eat Free" at Dow Diamond. Any child, 12 and younger, will receive a voucher for a free kid's meal at the gate! Kids will also have a chance to run the bases following the game.

Church Picnic

Jul. 15 @ Noon

Join us for a church picnic at the Harvey Randall Wicks Park (McCarty Rd)! We'll bring the hot dogs, lemonade and table service. Please bring the sides, desserts and games! We have reserved a pavilion, so this picnic will be made in the shade.

Pick-Up Choir

Jul. 7 & 23 and Aug. 27 @ 9:30am

Have you always wanted to join the choir but didn't have the time or courage to give it a try? This summer is your summer! Pick-up choirs will meet at 9:30am to rehearse and sing during the 10:30 service. It's no sweat to give it a try! We don't even vest. Come! Let's have a good sing!

Golf Scramble

April 13 @ 2:30pm

It's back, the St. John's Golf Scramble at the Sawmill Golf Course! The cost of \$20 includes 9 holes of golf, an electric cart and practice balls. Prizes will be awarded! There will be an opportunity for fellowship at the course after golfing. Deadline to sign up is July 30th.

EpiscoPower Youth Week

Aug. 27-30 @ 2:30pm

Youth 3rd through 12th grade are encouraged to join Fr. Curt, Kevin Simons & other leaders for "EpiscoPower Youth Week," a week of evenings full of music, scripture, worship and training that will launch youth into a new program year! So mark the dates and get ready to EpiscoPower up! Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals. And did we mention that youth AND volunteers get cool EpiscoPower shirts? You bet they do! Contact Amy Simons in the church office for details.

NEWS & RECOGNITION

Diocesan Confirmation

May 13 @ 3:00pm

St. John's will host a Diocesan Confirmation service on Saturday, May 13th at 3:00pm. This is a special service where someone who has been baptized, when they are ready, can make a mature affirmation of faith and receive the "laying on of hands" by the bishop. Members of St. John's participation are: **Natalie Harrell** (reaffirmation), **Valerie Harrell** (confirmation), and **Tammy Treib** (confirmation). We are also in need of *two or three volunteers* to help with the reception to follow.

Columbarium Update

Success! More than enough money has been raised to purchase a columbarium for St. John's. Congratulations, and thank you, to those whose vision, patience, persistence, and financial commitment are making this a reality. Once the order documents arrive from Eickhof Columbaria, we will have a better idea of a timeline for this project to be completed. I am still hopeful we will have this done by the Feast of All Saints in November.

As I have had conversations across St. John's about the columbarium project, I have learned that not everyone knows what a columbarium is. Simply put, it is a structure with niches that house a person's cremains (ashes). Pictures of columbaria, as well as a video or two, can be found when you visit www.eickhofcolumbaria.com.

Now that the columbarium is in sight, the Vestry will continue its work on a rules and policies document. Once that is in place, we will communicate more on how St. John's members may obtain niches.

Onward to God's future for St. John's!

Curt+

St. John's Shirts

Listen... it's not just volunteers who need to look good (although they do :-). St. John's has set up a Booster via CutomInk where between now and June 1st. you can purchase a custom St. John's tee or polo. The price of the shirt is \$20 and this covers everything including the shipping and here's the best part... once we sell over 17 of each shirt, this Booster turns into a fundraiser for the ministry of St. John's. See? You get to look good, and feel good, too. Go to www.stjohns-sagianw.org to view or purchase shirts!

Birthdays

May 1 - Dave Corcoran
May 3 - Carrie Barshaw
May 4 - Dorothy Henry
May 5 - Jim Newkirk
May 6 - Chuck Stuart
May 7 - Sonni Magyar
May 10 - Grayson Byron
May 11 - Claire Barckholtz
May 11 - Kathie Smith
May 15 - Richard Marquardt
May 16 - Leon Koeplinger
May 19 - Stephanie Peters
May 21 - Patricia Jackson
May 22 - Rachel Burdis
May 22 - Tina Mott
May 24 - Mike Rump
May 29 - Shelly Coman
May 30 - Cade Norman
May 31 - Barbara Roberts

Jun 2 - Don Tepe
Jun 2 - Josh Grobaski
Jun 3 - Ida Smith

Jun 3 - Mya Baillargeon
Jun 5 - Janis Rump
Jun 12 - Rod Shoemaker
Jun 18 - Dick Mott
Jun 19 - Lou Smith
Jun 20 - Jeremiah Kraniak
Jun 20 - Ned Wetmore
Jun 23 - Ashley Strahm
Jun 24 - Betty Donaghy
Jun 25 - Mark Mahlberg
Jun 30 - Ivor Henry

Jun 7 - Thomas & Pamela Renna
Jun 11 - Ben & Betty Donaghy
Jun 13 - Al & Jane Vondrasek
Jun 20 - Brad & Rachelle Fergin
Jun 21 - Dave & Rea Corcoran
Jun 28 - Churck & Judy Stuart
Jun 28 - Tom & Mimi Kostrzewa

Anniversaries

May 1 - Dan & Marcia Hoffman
May 10 - Bill & Clara Vlassis
May 11 - Todd & Carrie Barshaw
May 17 - Bryan Konieczka & Mary Baukus
May 17 - Herb & Kathi Spence
May 17 - Jan & Jerry Young
May 23 - Ray & Barb Ilkka

Jun 3 - Burris & Kathie Smith
Jun 3 - Tom & Connie Grantham
Jun 7 - Arthur & Dawn Penney



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