



MAY / JUNE

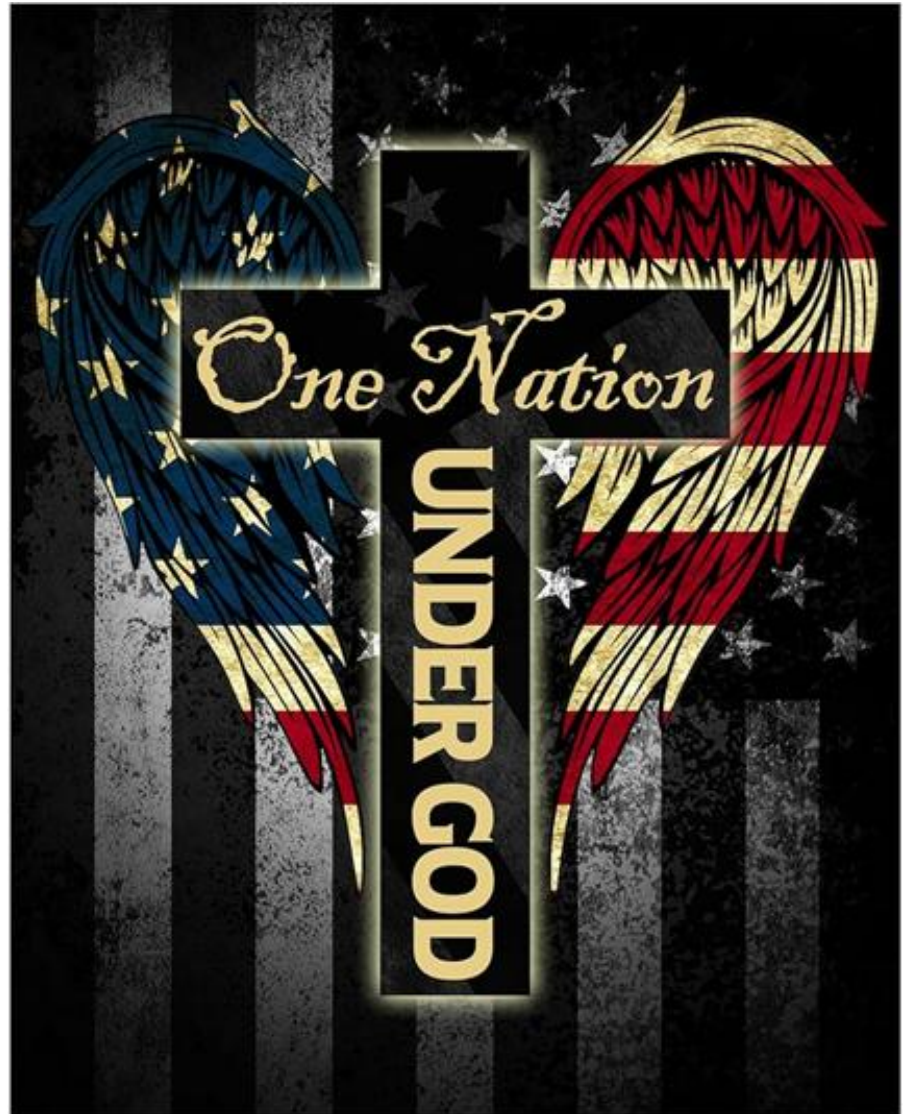
2026

NEWSLETTER

**Join us for
Worship
each Sunday:**

**Traditional
Worship**
9:00 a.m.

**Contemporary
Worship**
10:45 a.m.



1100 N. Main St., Celina, OH 45822

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**Be a part of our Sunday worship services!
VOLUNTEERS are needed to serve as:**

- Readers
- Welcome Team member (serve coffee & treats!)
- Ushers/Greeters
- Communion assistants
- Altar Guild member
- Share special music

Please contact the church office for more details or place a note on the attendance card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate or you may drop a note in the blue drop off box by the office.



The 2026 Altar Flower sign-up calendar is available on the bulletin board outside of the office. When you provide flowers for the altar, not only do you get to remember a special event or person, the flowers are then given to members of the church who are shut-ins or now live in nursing homes to brighten up their day.

Stay informed about happenings at St. John:

- † Our website: www.purpledoorchurch.org
- † On Facebook: www.facebook.com/purpledoorchurch
- † Download our app: *St John Lutheran Celina*
Click "**Announcements**" on our App.
Those announcements will always be up-to-date.
- † Sign up to receive "*Looking Out My Window*" via email each week.

C.A.L.L. MINISTRIES

St. John is a generous contributor to the C.A.L.L. Food Pantry, which offers much needed support to those who need a hand up.

- Requests for May: Foods that kids like and can make at home.
- Requests for June: Diapers (especially larger sizes 5, 6, 7)
- Monetary donations are also welcome. **Please no clothing.**

If you have any questions, contact the church office.

Donations can be placed in the grocery cart in the Narthex.

**May
Delivery**
Rosemary
Boomhower



**June
Delivery**
Mike &
Rhonda
Overman

“God’s help is only a prayer away”

If you or a loved one needs healing prayers, contact Barb Hare at: (419) 586-8834, or email her at: bjhare@hotmail.com to be added to the prayer chain.



We LOVE your cookies!

If you have a special cookie, brownie, or cookie bar that you enjoy baking and would like to share with the congregation, please do so. There is nothing like having a scrumptious homemade bake good along with a cup of hot coffee to add to one's fellowship before or after worship service!



The church is open Mon. thru Thursday 8am to 3pm and Fri mornings 8am to noon or place them in a freezer Sunday before worship. **A HUGE thank you** to all those who have baked cookies in the past! You are awesome! Keep up the good work and **keep baking**.



*Children,
obey your parents
in the Lord,
for this is right.*

Ephesians 6:1

**Happy
Mother & Father's Day**

In Loving
memory of
our friend

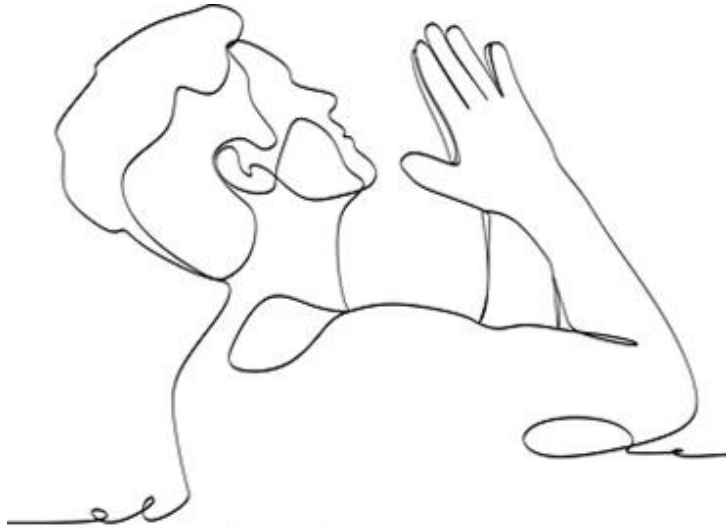


Carl L. Stuck
November 5, 1949 – March 6, 2026



Highlights of the 2026 Egg Scramble

**Please keep our Call Committee in your prayers as they continue the search process.
Currently, there are no new developments to share.**



Grand Lake Symphony

Spring Concert

Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 pm



Serving in Worship – May & June

9:00 a.m. / May 2026

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kid's Praise
May 3	Kent Miller	Lauren Fuelling	Jim & Margie Fennig, Lee & Judy Fennig	Todd Hone, Jen Roidt	Margie Fennig	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
May 10	Carrie Cubberley	Kris Heiby	Terry & Linda Fisher, Beth Heiby, Tim Menchhofer	Tim Menchhofer, Rhonda Overman	Lauren Fuelling	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
May 17	David Barrett	Todd Hone	Ed & Kirsten Fuelling, Dan & Cheryl Heindel	Lorna Saddler, Ginny Wade	Don & Denise Green	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
May 24 combined	Kent Miller	Mike Overman	Mike & Lu Grunden, Tim & Yolanda Hone	Kathy Snider, Becky Davis	Yolanda Hone	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
May 31	Carrie Cubberley	Sam Schmitz	Kathy & Dan Snider, Mike & Diana Spicer	Mike & Diana Spicer	Trisha McMurray	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

9:00 a.m. / June 2026

Date	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kid's Praise
June 7	David Barrett	Ginny Wade	Jerry & Vicki Weisman, Dan Bird, Ron Heindal	Myron & Sue Buxton	Sam Schmitz	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
June 14	Kent Miller	Adalyn Caylor	Todd Hone, Dave McMurray, Mike Overman, Steve Siebert	Don Green, Ed Fuelling	Lorna Saddler	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
June 21	Carrie Cubberley	Cathy Weis	Sam Schmitz, Shane Stachler, Jim & Margie Fennig	Jim & Margie Fennig	Diana Spicer	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
June 28	David Barrett	Kathy Snider	Lee & Judy Fennig, Terry & Linda Fisher	Lee & Judy Fennig	Jen Roidt	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

10:45 a.m. /May 2026

Date	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kid's Praise
May 3	Karen Leugers	The Buening Family	John Maury, Michelle Miller	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
May 10	Gabe Ventura	Brian & Micelle Miller, Katie Trisel, Dylan Karbowiak	Emilie Buening, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
May 17	Kent Miller	Trey Stover & family	John Maury, Michelle Miller	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
May 24	Combined	Combined	Combined	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
May 31	David Barrett	Tena Potts, Dennis Dagley, Bill & Cindy Grier	Emily Buening, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

10:45 a.m. /June 2026

Date	Reader	Ushers/ Greeters	Communion Assistants	Welcome Team	Kid's Praise
June 7	Michelle Behm	The Buening Family	John Maury, Michelle Miller	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
June 14	Karen Leugers	Brian & Michelle Miller, Pam Rasawehr, Dylan Karbowiak	Emilie Buening, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
June 21	Gabe Ventura	Trey Stover & Family	John Maury, Michelle Miller	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
June 28	Kent Miller	Tena Potts, Dennis Dagley, Bill & Cindy Grier	Emilie Buening, Pam Rasawehr	<i>Volunteers needed</i>	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

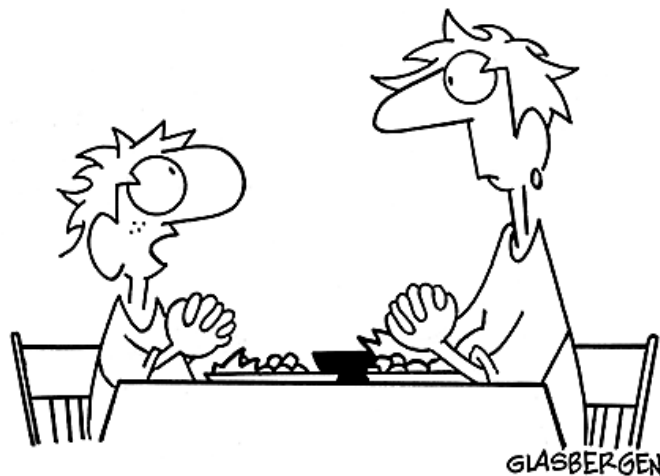
Dates	Altar Guild		Altar Flowers
	9:00 am	10:45 am	
May 3	Judy Menchhofer	Pam Rasawehr	
May 10	Judy Menchhofer	Pam Rasawehr	Kevin & Mary Meyer
May 17	Judy Menchhofer	Pam Rasawehr	Dieringer & Vantilburg Families
May 24 combined	Cheryl Heindel	combined	
May 31	Cheryl Heindel	Joann Plattner	
June 7	Kris Heiby	Laura Zizelman	Ken & Pam Arps
June 14	Kris Heiby	Laura Zizelman	
June 21	Edgar Fuelling	Edgar Fuelling	Sheryl Frahm
June 28	Edgar Fuelling	Edgar Fuelling	

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR: Joann Plattner, Moriah Plattner, Judy Menchhofer, Linda Fisher

Flower Delivery Schedule

May 3	Brenda Vantilburg
May 10	Linda Long
May 17	Vicki Weisman
May 24	Diana Spicer
May 31	Greg & Angela White

June 7	Yolanda Hone
June 14	Vicki Weisman
June 21	Judy Menchhofer
June 28	Brenda Vantilburg



**“If God wants me to be thankful for vegetables,
why did He make them taste like vegetables?”**

CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY

3 – SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship
- 3:00 pm Grand Lake Symphony Spring Concert

4 – MONDAY

- 10:00 am Purple Pacers
- 7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

5 – TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)
- 10:00 am Library Meeting (library)

6 – WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 am St. John Builders (parlor)
- 5:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

7 – THURSDAY

- 10:00 am Purple Door Pacers
- 10:00 am Bible Study (106-D)
- 1:00 pm Shalom Bible Study (lunch)

10 – SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship

11 – MONDAY

- 10:00 am Purple Pacers
- 7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

12 – TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)
- 9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)

13 – WEDNESDAY

- 1:00 pm Book Club (library)
- 5:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

14 – THURSDAY

- 10:00 am Purple Pacers
- 10:00 am Bible Study (room 106-D)
- 6:30 pm Community Engagement Mtg. (library)

17 – SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship
- 10:45 am Contemporary Worship

18 – MONDAY

- 10:00 am Purple Door Pacers
- 7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

19 – TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

20 – WEDNESDAY

- 5:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal



21–THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers
10:00 am Bible Study (106-D)

24 – SUNDAY

10:30 am One Worship Service

25 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers
7:00 pm Bible Study (parlor)

26 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)
9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry (106-D)

27 – WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

28 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers
10:00 am Bible Study (106-D)

31– SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Contemporary Worship

CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE

1 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

2 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)
10:00 am Library Meeting (library)

3 – WEDNESDAY

9:00 am St. John Builders (parlor)
5:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

4 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers
10:00 am Bible Study (room 106-D)

7– SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Contemporary Worship

8 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

9 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

**Upcoming
Combined
Services:**

•May 24th

•July 5th

and

•September 6th

**Service will begin
at 10:30 am**

9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)

10– WEDNESDAY

1:00 pm Book Club (library)

5:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

11–THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

6:30 pm Community Engagement Mtg. (library)

14–SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

15–MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Pacers

16 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

17–WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

18– THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

21– SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 Contemporary Worship

22 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

23 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)

9:00 am Sewing Circle (sewing room)

24–WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm Worship Band Rehearsal

25 – THURSDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

28– SUNDAY

9:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

29 – MONDAY

10:00 am Purple Door Pacers

30 – TUESDAY

9:00 am Bible Study (parlor)



THESE DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOLIDAYS. PLEASE STAY UP TO DATE WITH CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE, OUR APP, OR FACEBOOK



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Christ Caring for People through People.

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And amid this confidential, one-to-one caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through. If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small--and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, please call Mike Overman (419) 953-7370. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to help.

Book Club News

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 1:00 pm

Book: The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

By Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer

A historical fiction told through letters, about a writer, Juliet Ashton who discovers a book club on Guernsey Island formed during the German occupation in WWII.

Come and join us on May 13th in the library.





WALKING SCHEDULE

May 4th	Dog Park (at the boat dock)
May 7th	Coldwater Park (at the swimming pool)
May 11th	Quabache State Park
May 14th	Huffy Pond (backside of Eastview Park)
May 18th	KC Geiger Park (east entrance)
May 21st	Maria Stein Retreat House
May 25th	Huffy Pond (backside of Eastview Park)
May 28th	Dog Park (at the boat dock)
June 1st	Wright State Lake Campus
June 4th	Mercer Co. Fairgrounds (at the Grandstands)
June 8th	East Bank Rd (at the 1st shelter house)
June 11th	Huffy Pond (backside of Eastview Park)
June 15th	Farrington Reserve near Piqua
June 18th	New Bremen Park
June 22nd	Franklin Township Greenway Trail (Karafit Rd)
June 25th	Dog Park (at boat dock)
June 29th	Westview Park

MealNet

This mission is designed to help anyone who is sick, have been hospitalized, had a new baby etc. Those on the team will be contacted by text message about the need for food and team members choose a day they are able to provide a meal. (The meals can be as simple as store bought pizza, KFC, something from a restaurant or especially home cooked.)
We are welcoming additional volunteers who would like to join this team. If you have questions, call or text Lorna Saddler at: 419-790-5584.



Thank you so much to all the volunteers who made the Easter Egg Scramble one of the best to date. I truly appreciate each and every one of you!

As our W.O.W. season comes to an end; I can't help but sit in gratitude for all the people who make Wednesday nights at The Purple Door Church so special. Thank you for serving with your heart's week after week, it does not go unnoticed, and it makes a lasting impact on our church family.

Thanks,
Jenelle

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10



Summer isn't that far away. Mark your calendars for July 27-30. This year's VBS will be filled with cool challenges, big laughs, and growing faith. It will be a week your kids won't want to miss.

Thank You, Thank you!

What an amazing celebration of Carl Stuck's life we hosted on Sat., April 11th. Thank you to all the people who helped make the day so special:

- Pastor Doug Meyer and Vicar Mary Miller for the beautiful service;
- the Purple Door Pacers and Kim Plattner who moved tables and chairs;
- Terry McGlaughlin for printing the bulletins; all who joined the choir;
- Kathy Snider for playing the organ, Cindy Wendel and Kay Klopfleisch for accompanying on the piano and flute;
- Beth Heiby and Candy Ward arranged flowers for the diner tables;
- Everyone who contributed desserts (30+);
- the many servers and clean up people.

It takes a village to serve 240 people!



St. John Builders building and installing a new ramp.



Birthday Bash Fun at WOW



Big news for the quilting group!

We are thrilled to celebrate Pat Meikle who makes quilt tops for us on the incredible milestone of completing her 1,000th quilt top. This achievement reflects not only her remarkable talent and dedication but also the countless hours of creativity, patience, and love she has stitched in every piece. She also informed us she has sewn more than 700 youth size quilt tops in the last ten years since she started this mission.

Pat's work continues to inspire all of us. We thank her for sharing her gift and passion with our sewing group—here's to many more beautiful creations ahead.



Adalyn Caylor giving the message on the gospel, John 20:27 at the last Youth meeting of this season.



JULY 12th

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13



Summer
BUCKET LIST

- Pray together in the morning
- Memorize Philippians 4:13
- Read bible stories about courage
- Go on a prayer walk
- Bake cookies for a neighbor
- Donate toys or clothes
- Create a kindness jar
- No phone family game night
- Backyard campout
- Family service project
- God Sightings board
- Weekly high/low prayer time
- Go on a nature hike
- Invite a friend to church
- Volunteer



St. John
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Many thank you's are coming out of Children's Ministry here at St. John!

We are so grateful for all the Thrivent sponsorships. These made our many spring events possible, and it has been such a blessing to see this generosity in action. A special thank you to the Smith family from Greenville, Ohio, for donating 1,440 toothbrushes for our Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party. WOW, just WOW!!!!

I also had the opportunity to drop off 60 birthday kits to the C.A.L.L. Food Pantry, and they were incredibly grateful. I learned that they ask families if they have a birthday coming up, and if so, they provide supplies to make a cake. What a meaningful way to celebrate and support families. They mentioned that another church in town provides kits during the winter months, which shows just how needed this ministry is. I would love to see us continue creating birthday kits for C.A.L.L. as an ongoing mission.

Thank you as well to all the volunteers who help Children's Ministry run smoothly on both Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Your time, energy, and love are a true blessing to these children and to our church community.

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Rosemary Boomhower for her many years of dedication to Children's Ministry. Your faithful service and love for these little ones have made a lasting impact and have been such a blessing.

"Serve one another humbly in love." Galatians 5:1

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

Jenelle



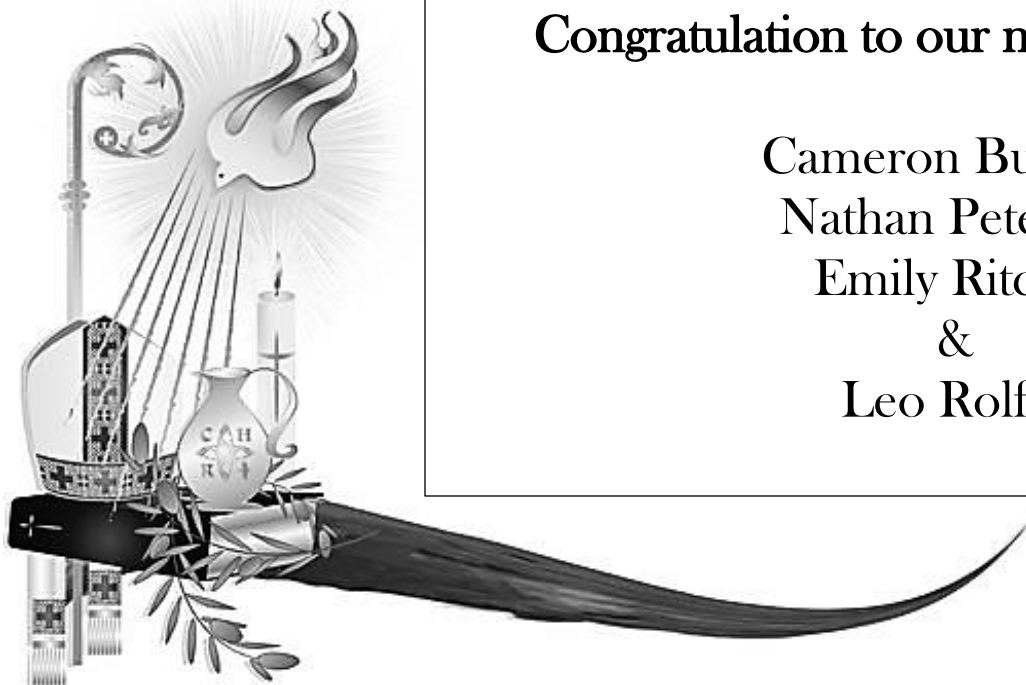
My first Communion

Congratulations

Evan Weisman
&
Theo Rolfes

Congratulation to our new Confirmands

Cameron Buening
Nathan Peterson
Emily Ritchie
&
Leo Rolfes



~ Our Staff ~

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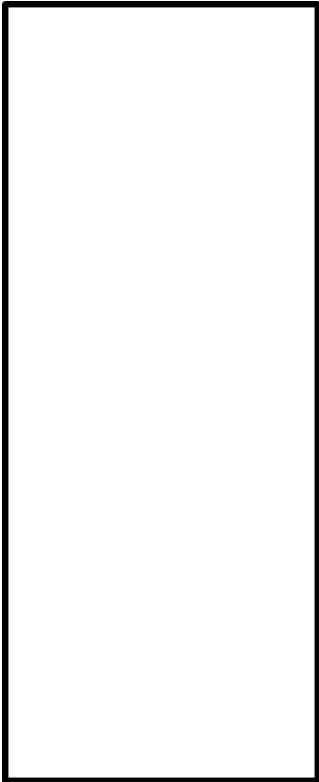
Church Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
(Closed 12:00-12:30 pm)

Church (office entrance) is open on
Friday: 9:00 a.m. -12 noon
(Office is closed)

- Property Steward**..... Kim Plattner
- Custodians**..... Mary Meyer, Nicole Soder, &
Dayle Ross
- Finance Asst.**..... Emily Stewart
- Organist**.....
- Contemp. Music Dir.** Kim Trisel
- Children's Choir Director**..... Cindy Wendel
- Video Creator** Collin Brogan
- Audio Director**..... Ashley Wagnild
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