

# The Eagle

**March  
2022**

**ST. JOHN  
CHURCH COUNCIL  
SERVANTS**

Matt Cote

Lee Dryden

Ginny Hohl

Rick Bosch

Marsha Irmer

Don Reidell

CJ Ullrich

Shirleen Besch

Brian Hirschey

## COVID-19 WORSHIP UPDATE

In March of 2020 we experienced what was for most of us an unprecedented disruption in our lives. Life shut down in most arenas. Events were canceled. Expectations were put on hold. Our worship was suspended and what we hoped would be a short hiatus became an arduous, anxious, stressful chapter in our lives.

In March of 2022 it appears as though there is hope for life to resume in new ways, for events to take place, and for previous years' expectations to be realized. Vaccinations, immunities, and much more knowledge regarding COVID have provided pathways for progress. The doors that were shut are once again open.

And so, I commend this Lenten season to you as an opportunity to reengage and reignite your spiritual life. The first scripture we hear in Lent comes from the prophet Joel. Joel writes, "Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." (2:13)

This Lent (regardless of whether you choose to take advantage of in-person gatherings or not) I hope you will take steps towards God. Adopt a spiritual practice. Pray. Read the Bible. Share your faith with a friend. Support a local charity. Come to church.

During Lent many people decide to give something up. We scratch sweets or caffeine. We fast and hold back. For the last two years we all gave up meaningful spiritual practices. This year I say we treat ourselves and take something on – especially if it is a practice that will help us return to the Lord our God.

God is calling.  
God is inviting.  
God is promising.  
God is encouraging.

God bids us now to come home and discover that which we seek – grace, mercy, peace, love, & acceptance. I pray that your journey through the 40 days of Lent is one that leaves you closer to God, reconciled to your neighbor, and at peace with yourself.



# Life Passages

Rhea Barba was Baptized on February 6th, 2022

Leo Bogart was Baptized on February 6th, 2022

Celebration of life for Ruth & Paul Bertini was held on Saturday February 26th 2022



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Return to the Lord your God for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

In the Way,  
PSDH



## Outdoor Ministry Center Update

Plans for our new building in the back are coming along and we hope to break ground in the coming months with construction wrapping up THIS SUMMER.

## New Office Hours

Our office hours are:

**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
**Thursday**  
**&& Friday**  
**9 AM - 2 PM**



## Creative Ministry

The Creative Ministry group has been hard at work through Covid. Many individuals worked on project kits for clothing protectors, back packs and port pillows. We were able to meet in person last month. The group got right to work making stuffed teddy bears that are given at baptism, clothing protectors and port pillows. We were able to donate 15 clothing protectors to a local nursing home and 30 port pillows to Roswell Park Cancer Institute. These donations are much appreciated. This month we will be working on marble mazes to be donated to nursing homes for Alzheimers' patients.



If you have any questions feel free to reach out office@sjlcamherst.com



Anyone is welcome to join the group. You do not need to sew. There is something for everyone to work on. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Gathering Space from 10 until lunch time. If you have questions contact Pam Figel (kfigel@aol.com or (716) 639-0235.

# COUNCIL UPDATE

The February Church Council Meeting was held on February 15 at 7:00PM. The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM with all members present. The meeting began with a devotion from Psalm 19 and prayer. Once the agenda and prior month's minutes were approved, Pastor Hannon gave his report.

Pastor's report highlighted his ongoing ministry including chaplaincy, youth group, confirmation, worship leadership, pastoral care, pre-marital counseling, pastoral conversation, and administration. Pastor reported on three baptisms (Henry Graser, Leo Bogart, Rhea Barba) and one death (Ruth Bertini).

There was no report of the executive committee.

The committees offered the following reports:

**SOCIAL MINISTRY** – Our Lenten Challenge will be various forms of support to Haven House. A meeting has been called for 2.27.22 @ 9:30AM. A representative from Haven House will be at worship on 3.6.22 to address the congregation with the needs of their organization.

**FELLOWSHIP** – The 2nd Friday of the month soup luncheon was well received in February and will continue in Mary on the 11th from 11AM-1PM.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** – We are back to in-person worship and are grateful for volunteers who are streaming the service to members still at home. Special thanks to Larry King and Rick Bosch for their time and technical support. We are transitioning towards a more familiar Lutheran service. We are encouraging congregational participation and singing.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Sunday School will resume on February 27th and run through May. Teachers are needed. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary.

**YOUTH** – Confirmation is held monthly. Youth Night is held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. A Lock-In is set for the February break.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS** – We now contract routine boiler maintenance and service. The kitchen grease trap will be replaced.

**STEWARDSHIP** – A Lenten focus will be on World Hunger. An ice cream social to promote giving is being planned.

**PERSONNEL** – Jared Bulinski resigned his position to accept a full-time job.

**PERMANENT ENDOWMENT** – The fund balance ended approximately \$566,000. The 2021 return rate was 14%.

**FINANCE** – January giving was low presumably because of the lack of in-person worship. Expenses currently exceed revenue by \$4,500. Brian Hirschey will begin to assist with financial contract management and insurance.

In the business portion of the meeting the Church Council approved the charter of Cub Scout Troop 457. The biennial Rummage Sale has been set for June 4, 2022. Materials may be brought in at any time between now and then.

The meeting ended with the sharing of prayer concerns and Lord's Prayer at 7:50PM.

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# Lenten Challenge

Haven House was founded in 1979 by the Coalition for Victims of Domestic Violence (now known as the Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence) and is a recognized leader in the provision of domestic violence services. Haven House works to prevent domestic and intimate partner violence and promote peace in the home. Our services for survivors include an emergency shelter in a confidential location, long-term transitional housing, and counseling to help individuals cope with the pain and trauma of violence in the home.

## Overall Agency Needs:

- Diapers (Size 5), pull-ups and wipes
- Enfamil Gentlease formula
- Baby bottles
- Liquid and/or foaming hand soap
- Personal hygiene Items
- School Items, especially:
  - New Backpacks
  - Pens (blue and black ink)
- Umbrellas (new or gently used, all sizes/colors)
- Coats (youth and adult, all sizes)
- Underwear (all kids ages/size, new only)
- Socks (all kids ages/sizes, new only)
- Pajamas (all kids ages/sizes)
- Blankets (twin)
- Towels and wash clothes
- Sheet sets (twin)
- New pillows

## Amazon Wish List:

[Click here](#)

## Donate Online:

[Click here](#)

## Haven House Needs:

- Gift cards to: Amazon, Walmart, Target, or Visa in any size.
- Hair product brands: Ampro Style Shine & Jam, Pink Oil Sheen,
- BB Super Grow, Pink Lotion and Pantene Gold
- Pajamas for boys and girls, sizes 7-16
- Razors (at least 2 or 3 blades preferred)
- Laundry detergent
- Women's deodorant
- Women's shampoo (full-sized bottle)
- Baby shampoo
- Baby lotion
- Full-sized body lotion
- Twin size blankets
- Hair conditioner
- Body wash
- New, Plus-sized clothing
- Women's underwear (especially larger and plus sizes)
- Underwear for pre-teen and children (boys and girls)





## Soup Luncheon

All adults are invited to join us on Friday, March 11th in the Gathering Place for the “kickoff” of our Soup Luncheons. We will meet from 11 AM to 1 PM on the second Friday of each month throughout the winter months. It will be a time for socialization and sharing of good news while enjoying a hot bowl of soup and a few other goodies to satisfy our spirits. We hope you will consider coming out to participate. The meal will be provided; just show up for some good fellowship and maybe even a few laughs. If you would like transportation, please contact the church office at 716-632-5667. See you there!

## Thrivent Choice

All qualifying money you have accumulated from your product for 2021 is listed and ready for you to give to St. John. Any money designated this year will go toward camperships at LCLC. If you have not already done so, please do so before March 31. Does your Thrivent product qualify? Call 800 847 4836 and say Choice Dollars to find out. Thrivent reps will help you. Or go the Thrivent.com, log in, and check your Choice Dollars. Call or email me for more information. Thank you.

Jane D’Agostino Thrivent representative to St. John  
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## Men's Group



We are Hybrid again. Meet in the Gathering Space and on Zoom Saturday's at 9:00 AM. Contact the office if you would like to be added to the Men's Group email list.

Also, the Men's Group will be meeting for breakfast at Helen's Kitchen on Monday, March 7th at 7:00 AM.



## Rummage Sale

We will be holding a rummage sale at St. John on Saturday June 4, 2022 . The proceeds will be used to help build the new outdoor worship center which will serve as another facility to fellowship and share the gospel. We are asking everyone to start bringing rummage sale donations to the church now. Place all items on the stage in the fellowship hall. We will not be collecting tires, TV's, clothes or computers so please do not drop off these things. You will be kept posted on the details of the rummage sale as planning progresses, but if you have any questions contact Laura Kachelmeyer, Joni Cote or Vikki Hirschey....So start your spring cleaning, clean out your attic and let's prepare for another successful rummage sale.



# Palm Sunday

4.10.22

8:30 & 10:30 AM

# Easter Egg Hunt

4.10.22

9:30 AM

# Maundy Thursday

4.14.22

7 PM

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*Week*

# Easter Sunday

4.17.22

9:30 @ St. John Cemetery

Stay tuned for details

# Good Friday

4.15.22

7 PM



# ST. JOHN PRAYER LIST

Hospitalized and Homebound  
**Colleen Gunning, Ann Henry**

Loss and Bereavement

Family and friends of Ruth Bertini  
Family and friends of Carol Traina, daughter in-law of Rich and Bobbie Traina  
Family and Friends of Lynn Hughes, sister of Bobbie Traina

Healing, Comfort & Special Concerns

**Deni Krantz, Rachael Mayer, Deb Francis, Marsha Irmer, Bob Tiffany, Wayne Yendall, Gayle Bosch, Merv Moore, Ellen Manthey, Gordon Steinhilber, Jerry Szykowny, Ed Utz, Jennifer Ekberg, Judy Yendall, John Sivak, Ethel Semrau,**

Sandra Fritschi, friend of Pam and Ken Figel  
Ana Senn, cousin of Rick and Gayle Bosch  
Joe and Ginger Ward, friends of Marsha Irmer  
Linda Nichols and family, sister in-law of Pat McCarty  
Jodi, friend of Mridul Pawlowski  
Carol Hillman, sister in-law of Laura Kachelmeyer  
Eugenia Smith, friend of Marie Palermo  
Amy Deboth, friend of Iris Reece

For wise governing dealing with world tension in eastern Europe.

Healing, comfort and strength for those seeking refuge from world events and natural disasters..

Oh Divine, most mighty, most merciful, our sacred stories tell us that you help and save your people. You are the fortress: may there be no more war. You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger. You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair. Oh Divine, most majestic, most motherly, grant us your life.

The homeless, hungry, cold and lonely.

Those victimized by any form of violence, abuse, coercion, and addiction.

Military: Matt Newman, Drew Steinhilber, John Wendelin, Nicholas Ford, Ben Hoyt ,Jacob Roy, Zachary Beers

**Names will be kept on the prayer list for 4 weeks, if you need your loved one on for longer please let the office know and we will be glad to keep them on.**



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS



<b>Mridul Pawlowski</b>	3/1		
<b>Colleen Gunning</b>	3/2		
<b>Susan Hadala</b>	3/2		
<b>Harvey Webb</b>	3/4	<b>Brenda Burow</b>	3/15
<b>Megan Manning</b>	3/4	<b>Becky Brock</b>	3/17
<b>Megan Webber</b>	3/4	<b>Ken Krantz</b>	3/20
<b>Dewayne James</b>	3/5	<b>Joseph Tobia</b>	3/21
<b>Jessica Licht</b>	3/5	<b>Gregg Merlihan</b>	3/22
<b>Amy Martin</b>	3/6	<b>Kristen Yard</b>	3/22
<b>Bill Boling</b>	3/6	<b>Suzanne Aqualina</b>	3/22
<b>Kristen SanFillippo</b>	3/6	<b>Daniel Rubino</b>	3/26
<b>Terry Slaper</b>	3/6	<b>Dave Ekberg</b>	3/26
<b>Yvette Haller</b>	3/7	<b>Thomas Schugardt</b>	3/26
<b>Brian Blake</b>	3/8	<b>Bob Rosa</b>	3/27
<b>Beth Aquilina</b>	3/14	<b>Brielle Wark</b>	3/27
		<b>Matthew Webb</b>	3/27
		<b>Thomas Suszynski</b>	3/27
		<b>Susan Szykowny</b>	3/28
		<b>Gayle Bosch</b>	3/29

## STAFF

Rev. Dr. Scott D. Hannon, *Pastor* | Rev. Charlie Greene, *Visitation Pastor*  
Cindy Lin, *Traditional Music Leader* | Elena Erokhina, *Contemporary Music Leader*  
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