



HOPEWELL NEWS GAZETTE

St. John Lutheran Church (Hopewell Township)

June
2025

I hope that when June comes... the waiting for it will end.

We have had some very nice spring days this May. Some. But the wind and the wet have been far more frequent than the nice spring days. I do not think it would have bothered me as much as when we lived in town... but seeing so many of last year's corn fields completely unworked, let alone not yet planted, it is clear that it is not just me... not only me feeling like it has been too wet and too cold.

That and the regular questions from congregation members and community members who are requesting that I do something about getting all this rain to stop... as if I could! (I have been praying just like the rest of you!)

One day... the waiting will end. The Lord has promised!

These last weeks of the Easter season have included readings from the end of the book of Revelation. Those readings remind us that all waiting will end! All suffering will end. All tears. Heaven will come, the New Jerusalem, and God's dwelling place will be with us, among us, and he will wipe every tear from our eyes.

...Eternal summer with the trees of life bearing fruit for us constantly, with every season, and no more worry about weather and rain...

We will be saved. Free. Eternally the children of God.

In the meantime, we live in the days of our baptism... our days of continually dying to sin, of continually drowning the "old Adam" in ourselves, and continually being raised to new life in Jesus. And this year... there's been plenty of water to do it with!

May the Lord perfect us in our waiting. May the Lord bring us, all our lives to the water with the promise, to the death and resurrection of Jesus for us and with us. And may the Lord bring us to trust in him, and in his timing, for both eternal life... and for the mundane things of weather and farming.

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Acolyte Schedule for the month of June—

Acolyte for the Month



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| 1st | Caleb Poe |
| 8th | Isaac Menchhofer |
| 15th | Elias Poe |
| 22nd | Bailee Menchhofer |
| 29th | Aaron Sheets |

June Readers

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| June 1st | Scott Tribolet |
| June 8th | Angel Forlow |
| June 15h | Cindy Canary |
| June 22nd | Pat Siebert |
| June 29th | Sherry Shaffer |



The next monthly meeting of the St. John Church Council will be held on Wednesday, June 11th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All members of the church are always invited to attend the St. John Council meetings as guests.

Copies of the minutes of the Church Council meetings will be on the table in the back of the sanctuary (when available).

Noisy Offering: There will be a "Noisy" Offering on Sunday, June 1st, during worship; to benefit the Samaritan's purse. Thanks for your support!



Clothing Collection

We will be collecting clothes for the Henderson Settlement in June. The clothes should be clean and ready to be displayed when unpacked at the Henderson Settlement. They do not accept school clothes or sports wear. It would be preferable if they were packed in boxes.



The Women of the Church will be meeting on Thursday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Luanne Watson will offer devotions and Sherry Shaffer will lead the (Lesson 9) Bible Study. The project of the month is the Lutheran Social Services. Sharon Miller will take care of the Altar flowers for the month.

Tuesday July 2, we have a round table reserved for lunch at CJ Highmarks for 11:30 a.m. and a short bible lesson.






Pentecost Sunday is on Sunday, June 8th, we ask that you please wear something RED! Also, if you purchased any geraniums to help decorate the sanctuary, you may take them home with you after the service.

Vacation Bible School: Zion Lutheran Church (Chatt) will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer. It will be held on Monday, June 9th – 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All children ages 3 – 6th grade are welcome!

Our benevolence contributions for the month of June will benefit the Internatioal Water Project.

Happy Father's Day to all of our Father's on Sunday June 15th. We hope you have an amazing day!

JUNE 2025 CALENDAR -- St. John Lutheran Church (Hopewell Township)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Worship w/Holy Communion & "Noisy" Offering ~ Christian White Preaching 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. | 2 | 3 | 4 Women of the Church Meeting 7:00 p.m. | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Day of Pentecost Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. + Please wear red | 9 Vacation ↓ | 10 Bible School | 11 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church | 12 (Chatt) 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. → | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Trinity Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  | 16 Newsletter  Articles are Due | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20  | 21 |
| 22 Worship ~ Christian White Preaching 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. | 30 | |  | | |  |