



HOPEWELL NEWS GAZETTE

St. John Lutheran Church (Hopewell Township)

June
2026

Despite the yo-yo like spring weather... up and down... warm and then cold...

Still, the trees are all leafed out. The grass is growing like mad. The asparagus has been good! The strawberries are coming on! The corn is coming up in the fields. The wheat is tall. The beans will not be far behind.

Things are growing!

What about you?

Of course, I don't mean in the physical sense... although many of us take the opportunity of warm weather to be more physically active (although that usually means purposefully shrinking as opposed to growing!). I mean "growing" in the spiritual sense.

Our liturgical color for the altar paraments and the pastor's vestments through this summer season (called Ordinary Time or the Time After Pentecost) are green... much like the color the world around us has transformed to major in. The theme of this season is that of the "time" of the church – all about the regular and rhythmic life of the people of God who he is calling, gathering, and enlightening through is Holy Spirit around the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The most typical symbol on those paraments and vestments are those associated with Holy Communion through which the Lord feeds us, sustains us, and helps us grow into the image of Christ.

How can you be grown into the salvation that is in Christ? How can you be further conformed to the image of Christ in this season?

First and foremost, as in all seasons, keep the Sabbath holy. Gladly go and hear the Word of God for your faith and salvation. Receive the promise and presence of Christ in the Sacrament.

And take advantage of the physical season! Enjoy the Lord's gifts of good weather, sunshine, and warmth. Enjoy and give thanks for the garden. Take advantage of vacation time and extra time with family and friends and give thanks to God for the people the Lord has placed in your life. Watch sunsets! Psalm 65 – You make the dawn and the sunset to shout for joy!

Read a book – not just any book, but one about the faith. Check out the church library or the bookstore. Read your Bible!

Give yourself to Lord's richness in this season and watch him work in growing you into his person in your Jesus Christ.

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Acolyte Schedule for the month of June—

Acolyte for the Month!



7th	Bailee Menchhofer
14th	Aaron Sheets
21st	Caleb Poe
28th	Isaac Menchhofer

June Readers

June 7th
June 14th
June 21st
June 28th

Sherry Shaffer
Angel Forlow
Terry Carr
Cheri Menchhofer



The next monthly meeting of the St. John Church Council will be held on Wednesday, June 10th, 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).



The Women of the Church will be meeting on Wednesday, June 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Pat Siebert will offer devotions and the Bible Study will be lead by Sherry Shaffer. We'll be starting Lesson 3 and will probably do the first half of the lesson. The project of the month will benefit Lutheran Social Services. The Altar flowers for the month will be taken care of by Cheri Menchhofer.



Vacation Bible School: Chatt United Methodist Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer. It will be held on Monday, June 8th – Friday, June 12th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All children ages 3 – 6th grade are welcome!





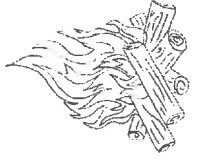
Noisy Offering: There will be a “Noisy” Offering on Sunday, June 7th, during worship; to benefit Samaritan’s Purse. Thanks for your support!

Please consider joining us for a **spring work day**, here at St. John on Saturday June 20th. Anyone who can come and help is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

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

Happy Father’s Day to all of our Father’s on Sunday June 21st. We hope you have an amazing day!

June 2026 CALENDAR -- St. John Lutheran Church (Hopewell Township)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Worship with Holy Communion & "Noisy Offering 9:00 a.m.</p>	1	2	3 Women of the Church Meeting 1:00 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Worship with Holy Communion & "Noisy Offering 9:00 a.m.	8 Vacation ↓	9 Bible School at Chatt	10 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	11 Church 9:00 a.m. --	12 12:00 p.m. →	13
14 Worship 9:00 a.m.	15 	16	17	18	19	20 
21 Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:00 a.m. 	29	30				