## **Summertime Splendor**

One theme in Psalms is how nature reveals God's glory. That's especially evident during summer. "There is a signature of wisdom and power impressed on the works of God, which evidently distinguishes them from the feeble imitations of men," writes John Newton. "Not only the splendor of the sum, but the glimmering light of the glowworm, proclaims his glory."

That glory shines even brighter when we spend time in God's Word. Thomas Merton writes, "By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God, and I feel fire and music under my feet."

**Council Members.** Here is a list of Council Members. Please contact them with any concerns or issues you may have. Council meets once a month and welcomes input from the congregation.

President: Jennifer Schwede – 715-432-6079; jenniferschwede@aol.com

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Worship: Sue Harris – 715-551-6282; smae53@gmail.com

**Council Meeting Minutes.** Copies of the minutes from the most recently held Council meeting are by the mailboxes. Please feel free to pick up a copy. If more are needed, please contact the church office.

**Help Needed.** It is with hope and great anticipation warmer weather is just ahead to beautify the church planter with flowers. In order to keep the flowers beautiful throughout the growing season we will need to have a group of volunteers to water the plants. Having a group of at least 4-6 volunteers would mean a commitment of watering one week each month during the summer. Please contact Jan Mueller at 715-675-9558 if you are willing to volunteer to water the planter.

St. John Web Page. Looking for some inspiration to make a great first impression!! Looking for helpers who are interested in updating our church web page. Hoping to make the web page more exciting and user friendly. We have had so many helpful people doing a great job with our current web page and also with Facebook. It has been great to see pictures of our Church and parishioners on Facebook. The council would like our community to see how wonderful our Church is and upgrading our web site is one way to do this. If you are interested in learning more about web design or have knowledge of web design and are willing to share your knowledge, we would love to hear from you. Any suggestions are welcome!!! We already have some volunteers but the more the merrier. Any questions call Barb Paulsen 715-845-9884.

**Cleaning Person Needed.** Do you have some free time during the week? Want to earn a little extra money? St. John's is looking for somebody who has about four hours a week to clean. If you're interested or would like additional information, please reach out to Jennifer Schwede at 715-432-6079 or jenniferschwede@aol.com.

Financial Report for April, 2022					
	April		Year-to-Date		
Income Received	\$12,336.90		\$45,682.77		
Expenses Paid	\$10,473.87		\$33,621.35		
Difference	\$1,863.03		\$12,061.42		
Attendance Report					
		2022	2021		
Average Weekly/April		124	103		
Average Weekly/Year-to-	-Date	90	107		

**Spring Cleaning.** Spring cleaning time is here! If you have an hour or two to spare, come and help with cleaning and sprucing up. We will meet on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:00 p.m.

**Fellowship Help Needed!** I am looking for help with fellowship on Sundays! There is a sign-up sheet and fellowship "duties" on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Please sign up for a Sunday if you are able and willing to help. If you have any questions, please contact Maddie Grueneberg at <a href="madelineschwede@aol.com">madelineschwede@aol.com</a>.

**Homebound Parishioners.** The following parishioners are no longer able to consistently attend worship services. I visit them to remind them that they are loved by God and loved by their community of faith, St. John. Sometimes it is helpful to hear those reminders from someone.

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**Vacation Bible School.** VBS is coming soon!! S.C.U.B.A. – the super cool underwater Bible adventure! We'll dive in deep to God's love and have a wave of fun times!! June 19 – 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Register today! Always looking for volunteers to help make this an extra great time! Contact Lane Bahr for more information at 715-297-0017.