



The GOOD NEWS GAZETTE

June 2025

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Office M-TH 8:30am-12:30pm

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Worship:

Sundays 9:45AM live & streaming

Wednesdays 7PM live & streaming



'Sunshine & Christ, this Summer!'

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Bob Weidmayer



14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see Your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16 NIV)



Back in January I shared these words. "2025 will be the year of shining light here at St. John's. The theme verse from Matthew 5 being our guide will keep us focused on the light of Christ our Savior that shines in our lives. God made us a city on a hill in Farmington, Macedon and our surrounding neighborhoods. How will we shine God's light in these areas?"

"This is where our planning begins. Working together as the body of Christ, we have the joy and privilege to let His light shine. Sure, there will be some who would have us hide it under a basket. There will be challenges; financial, volunteers, technical issues and more. If we deny them, we are only fooling ourselves. We can meet these challenges and hide our light under a basket or, we can meet them face us and in faith, trust our God to cause His light to shine even brighter in the face of any opposition. We can all play a part in shining the light in 2025. Regardless of age, circumstances and our health, we can shine God's light. Perhaps it's just in prayer as we beg God to reveal to us the direction of His light through us. Perhaps it's a new ministry idea -SHARE IT. Perhaps it is a former outreach idea - SHARE IT. Working together, let us encourage each other to shine the light of Christ into the world of darkness, giving glory to God!"

How's it going? How have you let the light of Christ shine through you in the past 6 months? How will you make a conscious effort in the next 6 months to shine God's perfect light into the darkness?

How will you help shine God's light in the second half of 2025?

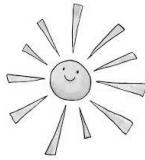
Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Weidmayer +++



Preschool News

Cheryl Power



Another year in the books... We had wonderful closing ceremonies for both the threes and the fours ending our year with a pizza party for both classes.



During the month of May-

The fours class enjoyed a field trip to the fire hall with fireman Phil, had a teddy bear picnic and learned bus safety thanks to the Victor school bus garage. The fours class also released our butterflies after watching their metamorphosis. An experience the students look forward to! All this while still working on their end of your books and every day lessons, and preparing for their closing ceremony.

The 3's had a very successful Mother's Day tea! They prepared special songs for their moms and grandmas. We appreciate all who were able to join us... such a fun event. They too worked on their end of your books and prepared for their closing ceremony.

We wish all of our preschoolers and their families a wonderful summer, and Pray for God's blessings for these children in all their future endeavors. We are very pleased that many of our threes will be returning, and we appreciate all our families who have continued to have faith in our program. We truly love these children.

A huge thank you to Tari Orsburn, our lead teacher, who always does a wonderful job with our students. Thank you also to Kelly Hilton, who stepped in, in January, to replace Megan when she had her baby. We'd like to thank our substitute teacher, Eleanor Pagano, who steps in when needed at any time. We are blessed to have these ladies as part of our preschool!

A big thank you to Pastor Bob and Lance for all of their support throughout the year. They are always available to us, and we appreciate all they do for us.

And finally a big thank you to our congregation who have continued to support preschool throughout the years. We are blessed to have this partnership with our friends at St. John's Lutheran Church.

We do still have a few openings in both our threes and fours class for next year.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like a tour, please feel free to contact me anytime. Cheryl Power, Director, St. John's Christian Preschool, (585) 315-1819



Encouragement in Prayer

Martha Barmaster



We have been studying the reasons why we should pray: 1- Jesus commands us to. 2-Without Jesus we can do nothing. 3-We pray to seek God. 4-we pray to praise Him.

Now we are going to talk about what hinders us from praying:

1-Spiritual warfare. 2-unbelief.

3-distractions.4- fear.

We go to church on Sunday mornings and worship and pray together. There, we have unity as the Body of Christ, as His bride. But, what happens on Monday morning when we are alone, going about our daily activities, whether at home or at the job? We can find ourselves in daily struggles of every sort: family issues, work issues, cultural issues, political issues, financial issues, and issues in relationships. You name it. We are in spiritual warfare!

In Matthew 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42, and Luke 22:39-46 we read of Jesus and his eleven disciples going to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. Judas, the 12th disciple had already gone to the chief priests to plot the betrayal. Matthew records Jesus left the disciples alone three times and prayed and came back to them sleeping. Jesus prayed to His Father; not My will but Thine, be done. Luke records there appeared an angel unto Jesus from Heaven strengthening Him. And Jesus was in agony and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Jesus knew He had to die on a cruel cross. To pay the penalty for sin for all of mankind, including yours and mine. Yet He was the Son of man & the Son of God.

In the book of Hebrews 4:15-16 it is written 'For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched (sympathize) with the feeling of our infirmities but was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin.' (And because of that) let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and grace to help in time of need.

The greatest temptation occurred at Gethsemane in the garden. Let us pray "not my will", but Your will be done" in my life, O Lord!" Because of Jesus and His Cross, we CAN come boldly to the throne of grace to get help in every need. He may not answer right away. The answer may be 'yes' or it may be 'no', 'not now' or 'wait', but remember He will ANSWER. And as the angel strengthened Jesus in the Garden, Jesus will strengthen us through prayer, His Word, and the Sacraments.

Scouts Activities



Tonight our Wolf Scouts (2nd grade) delivered bags of stuffed animals to local first responders. This concludes their service project required for their rank!

Fishers Fire District, Victor Fire Department, Farmington Volunteer Fire Association, and Ontario County Sheriff each received bags of toys to give to children at emergency scenes, giving them comfort when they are sad and scared.

Thank you again to the Victor and Farmington communities for your donations!

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(pictures of our Wolf Scouts)

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER



- June 8 - Last Day of Sunday School
- Certificates will be handed out to the children in the Elementary Class during the Children's Sermon
- Confirmation! Celebration reception following our worship service.

LADIES LUNCHEON



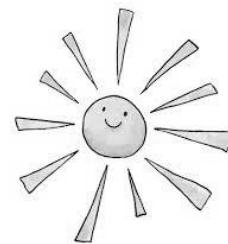
Ladies Luncheon is on June 11th @ 12:30PM at Flaherty's Restaurant in Macedon. Please contact Vicky Payne with questions. 585-7391222 Thank you!

RED WINGS GAME NIGHT!



Please plan on joining St. John's at the Rochester Red Wings game on Friday, July 25 at 6:45pm. Tickets are \$21/person and include an upper box seat as well as 10 "Diamond Dollars" that can be used for food and beverages. A sign-up sheet is in the church welcome-center or you can contact Dave Heckman at davdonh@gmail.com or (585) 362-5729.

The sign-up deadline is Wednesday, July 16. Thank you!



Financial Secretary

Max Hogenes



Our Financial Health as of May 25, 2025

YTD Giving Comparison

Giving = \$90,280

Prior Year = \$74,231

\$16,049

We give, Thanks

YTD Giving Vs. Expenses

Giving = \$90,280

Expenses = \$82,986

\$7,294

A summary

	YTD	Weekly
2025 YTD Giving	\$90,280	\$4,299
2025 Approved Expense Budget	\$239,484	\$4,605
		\$(306)

Members of St. John's:

We want to thank God for the Blessings he has bestowed on us through the members of St. John's. A huge thank you to all members for their continued support and prayers.

2 Corinthians 9:7

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver!"



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Upcoming Activities

Kim Baxter



TBD - Soup Cookoff!

June 7 – Stamping Event

June 13- Euchre/ Family Games

Sign up sheets with price information are available at church.

Please join in the fun & fellowship available here at St. John's!

CARD MINISTRY/STAMPING EVENT

On Saturday June 7th, we will hold a stamping session. Please sign up on the sheet found on the table in the family room. Thank you! *Linda Armstrong*

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN UP



Church Spring clean-up **was June 1st**, immediately following our Worship. Many hands made light work. A big thank- you to all that helped clean inside and outside our church & also a big thank you to Brian Baxter for leading this clean-up!



Summer Poem



Lovely to know God is everywhere, For love blooms anywhere He goes, Answering every fervent prayer-

The source of endless rainbows! Knowing just what to do and when, Every single time, right on time; So shadow flowers may recur again, And fruit so blushes at its prime.

And creepers know whence to creep, As bunnies hop in fields of summer ;And Mole knows if he's in too deep, While each early follows latecomer .He espies the trailing fireflies, Glamourizing all the summer nights;

And hears the many fatigued cries, Of songbirds on southern flights. He created magic of midnight stars, And the long slow dance of the moon; Oversaw our reigns of ancient tsars, And commanded shadows at high noon! *Judy Buehler*

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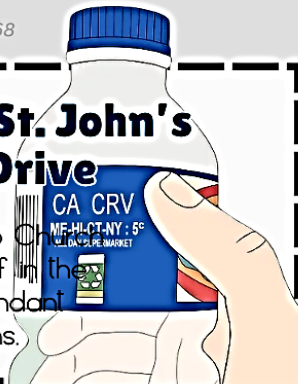
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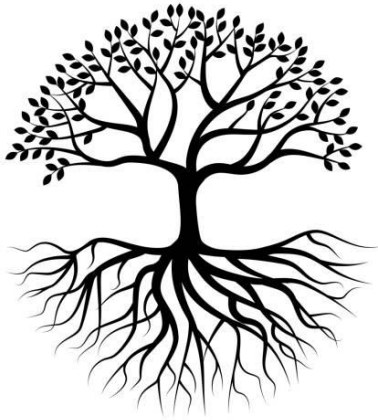
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Stewardship

Howie G. Barnes

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship



The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).

- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.

- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.

- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

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• Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.

• The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

President's Message



This summer, stay connected to worship wherever you are! Join our services online via Facebook and You Tube, and consider setting up electronic giving for seamless support. Whether in person or online, your presence and generosity keep our faith community strong.

Scammers are becoming more deceptive, often disguising their fraudulent messages as urgent requests from familiar sources, including churches. If you receive an unexpected text asking for money, gift cards, or personal information—pause and verify before responding. These scammers prey on trust and goodwill, hoping to trick kind-hearted individuals into falling for their schemes. Always double-check with church leadership or the supposed sender before taking action. Stay cautious, and protect yourself and others by spreading awareness about these scams. One that we have seen lately is saying that you have unpaid parking tickets. Please do not click on those links. And if they call you saying something about a relative needing the money, call that relative or someone close to them to confirm things. Remember, your bills will not take Target gift cards to settle your debts.

Online we are doing more and more with daily devotionals, short videos taken from Pastor's sermons and other video content that may not have been available like the message we posted on Memorial Day. If you would like to see other things like this please let us know. We now have had visitors that came to us just from the videos being online.

And finally, we have a lot of events planned for the summer from baseball games to the picnic and many things in between. Watch your email boxes, watch the website and Facebook, for updates on these events. Thank you for being a part of the St John's Family.

Soup Cook-Off



The time and date is TBD. But please sign up in the family room and include your favorite soups on the list. Thank you!

Long Term Prayer List June 2025:

Members of St. John's

Gordon Hill	Doug Snyder	
Karen Carey	Mia Howie	Chuck Thomas
Helen Schwartz	Kay Minwell	Emily Vokes
Richard Scofield	Heidi VanAken	Sandy Bastian

Family & Friends

Nadine Printup & Blaise Readon (Mary Meade)
David & Debbie Kuehnert (Don Kuehner's siblings)
Don Nugent (Chuck Thomas' father)
Wayne Grewe (brother of the Buckinghams & Sharon Jenkins)
Jane Barmaster, Autumn, Emily, Charlene, & Katie (Martha Barmaster)
The Cole family (family of Vicky Cole)
Kathleen Goodberlet (granddaughter of Jack & Maryann Bauer)
Joe Davenport (friend of Sharon Green & Candy Aldrich)
Bob & Lynn Steamer (sister & brother-in-law of Roger Carpenter)
Jeff, Peggy & the Coons children (family of Pat Coons)
Jo Donahue (Shawn Patience)
Pete Poulakis (family of the Plumbs)
Keshap grandchildren (Bob & Barb Leisten)
Dan Bauer (Luann Holtz & Jack Bauer)
Carl Ellerman (Candy Aldrich)
Jack Torrence (Karen Meyer)
Amy Klino (Lisa Maier's friend)
Erik (David Heckman's friend)
Stephen Fredrickson (Candy Aldrich)
Sharon Evans (friends of Barnes and Smiths)
Karen Butler (Candy Aldrich's sister-in-law)
Minister to Family (Betty & Rick Carr)
Bob Lundquist (Deb Savage's dad)
Gary & Carol (friends of Mary Ballou)

Military and their Families

ET3 Adam Hopseeker (the Barnes family)
SS Brian Heckman (the Heckman family)
LT Paul Kuehnert (Don Kuehnert)
LC Mercedes Buckingham (Sharon Jenkins)



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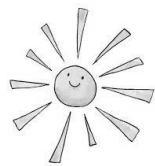
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*"Growing God's **family** through Jesus "*



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