



# The Voice

## September 2020



### Happy Birthday

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| 5 - Norma Colby      | 23- Dale McKinney  |
| 9 - Ryan Rohr        | 24- Tara Hagan     |
| 10 - Leon Hollopeter | 27 - David Larson  |
| 11- Dawn Flory       | 27- Marie Martin   |
| 11- Marjorie Simmons | 27- Sophia Shaffer |
| 13- Mykal McEldowney | 28- Adam Gephart   |
| 21- Jerry Catterlin  |                    |

there. Her favorite memory was when she was around twelve and allowed to play the pipe organ. She also remembers how everyone worked together in 1955 to help build a new church, and they volunteered their time so that when it was finished, the church was debt free!

Jackie met her husband, Delbert, when she and her friends went to a drive-in restaurant in Piqua where Delbert and his friends were in the car beside them. They met up at a dance a few weeks later. Jackie and Delbert dated and then were engaged. They married on September 23, 1961 at St. Paul's Church by Pastor George Stadler of St. John's Covington.

Jackie and Delbert moved to Covington and began attending St. John's right after they were married. Jackie worked at the Covington Junior High School in the library for twenty-five years. The couple had three daughters: Debi, DeAnn, and Krista. They were all baptized and confirmed at St. John's. The girls loved going to Sunday School with Kate and Georganna, and they loved the big sandbox upstairs.

Over the years, Jackie has been very active at St. John's. She has enjoyed serving on altar guild, singing in the choir, quilting, helping with Ft. Rowdy, leading junior choir, helping with Fastnacht dinners. Jackie learned how to make the pickled red beats for the Fastnacht feast from Esther Davis and soon took over for her. She has also headed up the funeral dinners for many years.

In her free time, Jackie enjoys spending time with her family including her seven grandchildren and one step grandson and four great-grandchildren plus three step great-grandchildren. Jackie enjoys quilting, sewing, and doing jigsaw puzzles. Of course, she can also be seen at garage sales quite often.

When asked if she had anything else to add, Jackie simply replied, "I just want to say that I LOVE our church, and I hope I make a difference."

"Pray as if everything depended upon God, and work as if everything depended upon man."

*-Francis Cardinal Spellman*

### Member Spotlight: Jackie Kiehl



Jackie Kiehl was born just south of Willowdell. When she was four years old, the family moved to Yorkshire. Shortly after that, her father was drafted into the army and sent into World War 2. For those two years, she and her mother fended for themselves. Jackie attended a little country school in Yorkshire for five years before the schools were consolidated into Versailles. During her school years, Jackie loved playing the trumpet in the concert band and marching band.

Jackie's family and extended family all attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Willowdell. She fondly remembers being in the Luther League and attending church picnics

## PRAYER LIST

### HOSPITALIZED, RECOVERING AT HOME, and OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS

Ann Horman (knee replacement)	Kristin Gephart
Marian Fenner	Jerry Schroeder
Matthew Hahn	Darla Brumfield
Roger Colby	Jack Besecker
Judy Fletcher	Sally Griffin
Helen Kellar	Luella Roeth
Bill McKibben	Harold Roeth
Jim Perry	Leon Hollopeter

### IN EXTENDED CARE

Linda Morrow (Cincinnati)  
Barb Besecker (Versailles Health Care Center)

### FRIENDS & RELATIVES OF MEMBERS

Paula Hahn (daughter-in-law of Richard & Gloria Hahn)  
Larry & Tracy Laub (friend of Jim Perry)  
Bernice Davis (cousin of Jim Perry)  
Jack McCoy (friend of King family)  
Darlene Wise (friend of Jim Perry)  
Bridget Simon (friend of Jim Perry)  
Howard Chaney (friend of Jim Perry)  
Kathy Bless (friend of Laura Schmidt)  
Mary Brady (friend of Laura Schmidt)  
Bill Sherer (father of Briana King)  
Bob Bruyere (uncle of Charlie Bruyere)  
Owen Gauntt (friend of Dawn Flory)  
Jeff Gowen (friend of Jim Perry)  
Lester Smith (friend of Jim Perry)  
Joel Miller (Connie Adams' brother-in-law)  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Burlieson (friends of Jim Perry)  
Asher Cantrell (grandson of Stephanie Wood)  
Joanne Schmidt (mother of Jim Schmidt)  
Kenton Stacy (grandson of Wanda Stacy)  
Joan Will (cancer-aunt of Laura Schmidt)  
Michael Laub & Family (friends of Jim Perry)  
Toni Riley (friend of Mindy Gearhardt)  
Gary Holfinger (son of Opal Holfinger)



### FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Faith King- Army- Bravo 1-134<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, Piqua, OH  
(niece of Brooks and Briana King)  
Fletcher Metz- Army- Fort Benning, Georgia  
Brandon Moyer – Navy, Pyndell AFB, Florida  
Jon Osterman- Army  
Cory Purvis- Army, Alaska (Pattie Perry's grandson)  
LT Mary Strade- USS Bainbridge- deployed (sister of Laura Schmidt)  
Tristin Stangel- Marines, New River Air Station, North Carolina

## SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, September 6, 2020

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-11  
**Psalm:** Psalm 119:33-40 (35)  
**Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-14  
**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

### Sunday, September 13, 2020

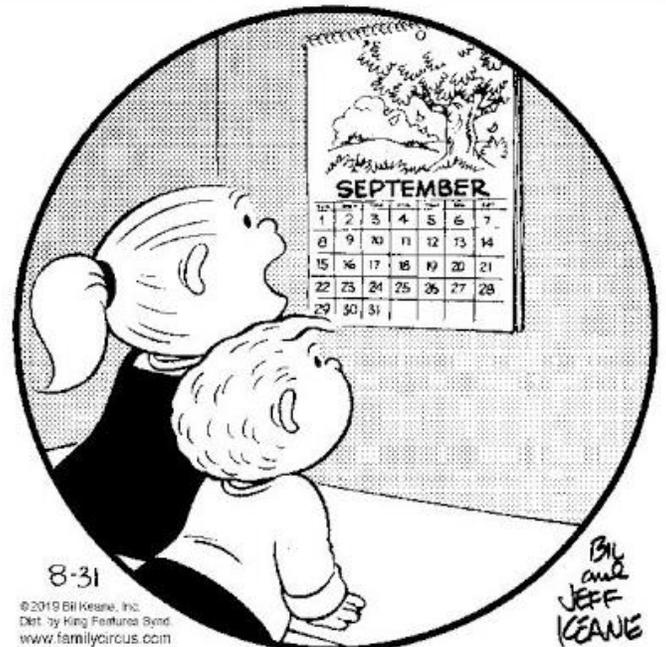
**First Reading:** Genesis 50:15-21  
**Psalm:** Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 (8)  
**Second Reading:** Romans 14:1-12  
**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

### Sunday, September 20, 2020

**First Reading:** Jonah 3:10-4:11  
**Psalm:** Psalm 145:1-8 (8)  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:21-30  
**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

### Sunday, September 27, 2020

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
**Psalm:** Psalm 25:1-9 (6)  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-13  
**Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-32



**"Starting tomorrow, all the months  
end with 'brr' because it's  
getting colder."**



Dear friends in Christ,

How are you doing with all the decisions we are facing in these days? Like I have said before:

- Mask - not to mask
- When to mask, where to mask
- Social distance - or hug your friend
- In class school - virtual learning
- To travel out of state - stay home
- Eat in - order carry out
- Gather with family or friends - isolate yourself
- Football - no football
- And so many more!

A mere six months ago, these were things we never gave a second thought to. How quickly our world around us can change. To be honest with you, I struggle with the sense that our choices are being limited by those in positions of authority. I know what I have to do for myself and those around me to help keep all safe and well. My doctors have influence on those decisions, yes! And for our congregation, I continue to support and try to model the procedures our council has set forth. These things I willingly do, but hopefully, you understand where I am coming from, my frustration.

One decision I need never make nor worry about is the love of God poured out for me through Jesus Christ, AND neither do you! We were created in the image of God, created out of love. While we were yet in our sin, God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die for our sins. Even in our baptism, while we are active participants, it is God's act from start to finish. He claims us as His through these waters. He calls us forth in service and to proclaim His good news of salvation. All we have is a gift of grace from God. He freely gives us the gifts of life, forgiveness, redemption, and salvation.

So, in these times of so many decisions, we can rest assured of one decision already made for us: God's eternal love. Friends, find strength, comfort, and hope in that love, and I believe that our Lord will see us through these days and bring us to a full and new day.

Finally, God bless all of you as you journey these days. I am honored to serve in your midst. If there is anything you need, please never hesitate to call on me.

The peace of Christ be with you all,  
Pastor Jon



Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is responding to this pandemic here in the United States and around the world.

Since January 2020, we have supported 45 responses in 34 countries around the world, plus five global responses, that address a wide range of needs, from supplying personal protective equipment and medical equipment; to provision of food and other necessary supplies; to water, sanitization and hygiene and awareness education. Additionally, 28 synods and three social ministry organizations have received LDR support for congregational feeding ministries, such as food pantries, hot meal delivery and meal distribution.

## What you can do:

### Pray

Please pray for our nation and the world as we face uncertainties. May God's healing presence bring peace and hope in this time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones and strength to those who are working diligently to care for affected communities.

### Prayers for Times of Public Health Concern: COVID-19/Coronavirus

God, our peace and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we face new uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Guide us as we consider how best to prepare and respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Give

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response's general account enable us to respond quickly whenever and wherever disaster strikes. Visit [www.elca.org/publichealth](http://www.elca.org/publichealth) and click "Give Now".

# Being Christ-like

In a world where it's easy to focus on ourselves—our goals, our desires, and our plans—there's something inspiring and, well, downright Christ-like about people who make it a priority to truly see and acknowledge the people around them.

We all have important people in our lives whom we love, but how much do we set out to make them feel special? Making people feel good feels good to us and reflects God's love. Here are some specific ways we can make others feel special.

## Pay Attention

- Stop what you're doing, and look directly into their eyes when they're talking.
- Make a note of their likes and preferences so you can recommend joint activities you know they'll enjoy.
- Recognize when they're feeling down about themselves and say, "I think you're awesome, and I hope you know it!"
- Praise them for a job well done—especially if it's a tiny victory that others might not think to acknowledge.
- Let them know what you find interesting, rare, or admirable about them.
- Take an interest in their hobbies and passions, and give them a chance to light up in sharing why they enjoy them.

## See Potential

- Tell them you believe they can achieve their dream—and why.
- Encourage them to go for something they want but are scared to pursue.
- Comfort them after a failure or misstep and let them know it isn't representative of who they are or what they're capable of.
- Ask them to teach you how to do something to reinforce that this is something at which they excel.
- Offer to teach them something you know they've wanted to try, and let them know why you think they'd be good at this.
- Give them a hand-made card and write inside what you see in them.

## Give Generously

- Give your time—to listen, to support, or to just enjoy each other's company.

- Give them your approval—nod your head when they're talking and commend their thoughts and ideas.
- Give them space to work through thoughts and ideas out loud, even if you're tempted to bring the conversation back to yourself.
- Give them credit for something they were right about.
- Give them the opportunity to shine in front of others when you're tempted to dominate the conversation.
- Give compassion when you're tempted to judge, and let them know what you admire about the challenges they've overcome.

## Be Affectionate

- Give them a hug when they're feeling down, and hold it just a little longer than usual.
- Literally pat them on the back when offering praise.
- Squeeze their hand when they're anxious.
- Hold hands with your partner when walking outside (or, if you have friends who enjoy holding hands, go for it!)

## Do Together

- Invite them to something that will be a bonding experience, like a spa day or a sporting event.
- Ask them to join you in doing something regularly, like joining a bowling league.
- Include them in a group event to show you consider them part of the gang.
- Devote a weekend day or night (or both) to spending time together instead of squeezing them in for a quick lunch.

## Be Together

- Invite them to sit around with you, just to relax and enjoy each other's company.
- Ask them if they want company when they feel drained after a long week, to show you don't need a formal plan to be there for and with them.
- Offer to come over, while they're home, so you can be an extra set of eyes to watch their kids.
- Sit in comfortable silence instead of needing to fill the air to show you're comfortable enough to do this.
- Offer to stay with them when they're sick, just in case they need anything.
- Invite them to join you in a technology free day—one without any distractions from simply being, together.

# Youth!

## COMPASSION IS COOL!

As Jesus showed compassion in feeding the crowd of 5000 in Matthew 14:13-21, I challenged our youth to exercise compassion. Pictured here are Ali and Mary Larson purchasing school supplies for the Covington Outreach Association and Cuinn Schmidt Rockey changing the bandages on her grandmother. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!



Congratulations, Katelyn!



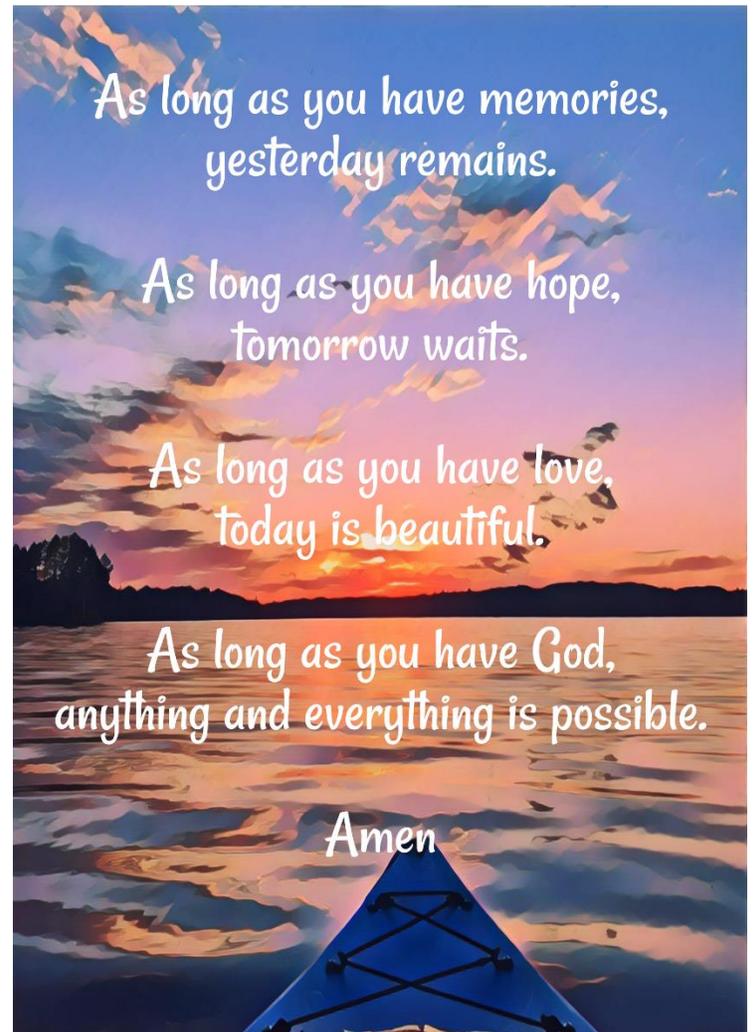
Katelyn Reese of Troy and a member of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Club, won Grand Champion Horsemanship, First Place Horsemanship 15-18 years old, Western Pleasure 15-18 years old, and Western Showmanship 15-18 years old. She is the daughter of Chad and Nikki Reese.

Join us! Be it virtually or in person on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate the First Communion of Mary Larson, Taylor Schoonover, Lily King, Harrison Turner, and Cody Rohr AND the Confirmation of Sophie Shaffer and Preston King. Our communicants will be making their own special bread with their families and bringing it to church where it will be blessed, and they will receive it during our service. Thank you in advance for your prayers of support. These children have been through many struggles but were able to complete all their studies and are ready to take their next step in their faith journey!

## Communion Bread

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| 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c white flour     | 2 T honey                  |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ c whole wheat flour | 3 T margarine              |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt            | $\frac{1}{2}$ c cold water |
| $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp baking soda     |                            |

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Mix dry ingredients. Cut in margarine, add honey, and mix in water gradually. Knead well. Divide into 2 balls. Roll each into a circle about  $\frac{3}{8}$  thick and about 6-8" in diameter. Prick with a fork. Bake on greased pan for 6-7 min or until light brown.



# Did You Know...?

The beloved hymn, “Amazing Grace”, was written by a former slave trader and has inspired a new Broadway musical about a man who became a Christian after a miracle at sea!

John Newton was born in 1725 in London to a Puritan mother who died two weeks before his seventh birthday, and a stern sea-captain father who took him to sea at age 11.



After many voyages and a reckless youth of drinking, Newton was impressed into the British navy. After attempting to desert, he received eight dozen lashes and was reduced to the rank of common seaman.

While later serving on the Pegasus, a slave ship, Newton did not get along with the crew who left him in West Africa with Amos Clowe, a slave trader. Clowe gave Newton to his wife Princess Peye, an African royal who treated him vilely as she did her other slaves.

A rescue party was sent by Newton’s father. During the voyage home, the ship was caught in a horrendous storm and almost sank...

Read the full story at [www.biography.com/news/amazing-grace-story-john-newton](http://www.biography.com/news/amazing-grace-story-john-newton)

St. John’s Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
August 12, 2020

Present: Pastor Jon Schrieber, David Larson, Mindy Gearhardt, Kevin Marten, Katilyn Flory, Chad Reese, Holly Turner, Scott Gephart, Brandy Hahn  
Absent: Derrek Shively

1. Devotions – Devotions were led by Pastor Jon.
2. Pastors Report – David moved to accept the Pastor’s Report, seconded by Mindy. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report – We continue to show a profit due to the fact that we are not paying a full-time pastor. We paid \$1,165 to the Trinity Scholarship Fund. Holly moves to accept the financial report, seconded by Brandy. Motion carried.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Property – Rick has the Pastor’s Study completely gutted. The study will get new carpet and new furniture. Upon doing all the work, it was realized that the walls need repaired. Rick got a quote from Jeff Fox Plastering for \$2,436. Mindy moved to accept the quote and for the money to come out of the Felger 105C Property Fund, seconded by David. Motion carried. Also, Hemm’s glass will be coming soon to install a new glass in the front sign board. The old glass was plexiglass and was starting to fog up making it difficult to read. The new glass will be a safety glass and will not fog up and will last longer.
  - b. Social – Meal trains have been provided for several members of our congregation.
5. Old Business
  - a. Call Update – The committee is back to looking for a candidate. The last candidate was also interviewing with another church and after prayerful consideration the pastor decided to continue interviewing with the other congregation.
  - b. Videoing Services – Rick and David will be meeting soon to discuss the options for videoing church services.
  - c. Church Printer – Possibly due to the pandemic it has been difficult to find a portable printer. Stephanie is still looking.
  - d. Organ – Lima Pipe Organ was at the church in July for their semi-annual tune up.
6. New Business
  - a. First Communion and Confirmation will be held on September 13.
  - b. Sunday School – Currently we are hoping to start Sunday School on September 20. We will look at limiting areas so that Rick and Sandy won’t need to clean as many areas. Also looking at prioritizing classes, social distancing, and other safety procedures.
  - c. Pastor Jon brought up that on the balcony in the back it would be nice to have a cross. Council agreed.
7. Adjournment – Holly moves to adjourn, seconded by Mindy. Motion carried. Council dismissed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Holly Turner