

THE TORCH

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A Note from Pastor Karol

Dear people of God,

As we enter into the summer season, a time when many people travel and schedules sometimes shift, I encourage you to consider adding some new spiritual practice to feed your faith. We will even try creative approaches to worship on Sunday mornings in June (beginning with worship and picnic at Thomas Stewart Park on June 7). Come and see!

Perhaps you will read through one (or all!) of the four gospels this summer. Or perhaps schedule intentional time at various times of the day for prayer. Or be more intentional about living out the command, "love your neighbor as yourself" (and let's be honest, that is not as easy as it sounds!). And when we struggle to keep such commitments, perhaps add: practice forgiving yourself and others as God has forgiven you.

Whatever you choose, I hope you find moments of joy and encouragement. If so, please share your experience with me – and others! Wishing you a safe and blessed summer.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Karol Van Wulfen

Parish News

Summer Worship Time – Starting June 14 we move to worship at 10:30am in an attempt to beat the heat. We continue this worship time through August 30th.

Alice Bianco – There will be a memorial service for long time member and church secretary, Alice Bianco, on June 6th at 3:30pm in our sanctuary.

Choir Director – While we are thankful for Kelly's leadership of the choir for the past year, we are still looking for a new Choir Director. If you have any

leads on someone with a gift for directing choirs, please share the idea with us at stewartsvillelutheran@gmail.com.

Opportunities to Share and Care

Father's Day – It is time to honor our fathers. We are once again asking for donations to Habitat for Humanity of Northwest NJ. Please place your donation (any amount you choose) in the envelope, record your name and the name of the person you want to honor and place the envelope in the offering plate. We are hoping to raise at least \$250 for much needed supplies. Father's Day is June 21 so we need all names **by June 14** for inclusion in the Father's Day bulletin.

Altar Flowers - We are looking for flower sponsors for September, October, November and December. If you wish to sponsor a Sunday or a month of Sundays please email Tara, our church secretary at stewartsvillelutheran@gmail.com. Or drop a note in the mail. The cost is \$40 per Sunday.

Member Care

Below is the list of members who are in nursing homes or who are currently shut in and can use some cheer:

Mrs. Virginia Geffert 402 Sunset Ave Bangor, PA 18013	Pat Piggot 123 Buttonwood Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
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If anyone has a need that you think our church can help you with please send us an email at stewartsvillelutheran@gmail.com or by mail to PO Box 86, Stewartsville, NJ 08886.

Thank You

Upcoming Events

Bible Study – During the heat of summer, we take a break from gathering for Bible study. Please consider choosing one of the 4 gospels and reading through it on your own this summer!

Stewartsville Yard sale Day – Saturday, June 6, we will host a table outside our church with free giveaways and information about our 175th anniversary. Stop by and help us meet our neighbors!

Worship and Picnic at the Park – Sunday, June 7, join us at 10:00a.m. at Thomas Stewart Park for worship and picnic with our sister church, St. Luke's. There will be no worship in this building that morning.

NORTHWEST CLUSTER POTLUCK PICNIC

Sunday, June 14, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at Crossroads Camp and Conference Center, 29 Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray. Gather with pastors and members from a dozen Lutheran churches in our area for an afternoon of shared food, great conversation, and outdoor activities. Bring your favorite dish to share. Cost is \$15/per person or \$30/family for use of space, camp fire, s'mores, and games. Sign up and additional information on the board at the back of sanctuary. Or contact the church office to sign up.

175th Anniversary – Please mark your calendars for our special worship and dinner on November 1, 2026. More information coming soon!

You are invited!

*Please invite others to join us:
help us to spread the word about our
In person Worship at 10:30am
(starting June 14th)*

*And online at our website:
www.stewartsvillelutheran.org*

Mother's Day collection – Thank you for the fantastic response to our Mother's Day collection for DASACC! In honor or memory of our mothers, we donated: 6 pillows, 10 dish towels, 5 dish cloths, 6 pot holders, 29 towel sets, 7 twin sheet sets, 4 throw blankets, 6 bags of dry pet food, 2 cases of wet pet food, 1 case of pet treats and 75 cans of wet pet food. Thank you to all who participated; your generous response is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Sandy Oswald who delivered everything.

Mother's Day DASACC Gifts

In Honor Of:	Given By:
Shirley McNamee & Luella Gardner	Patty Potts
Irma Eleanor	Ethel Corrado
Evelyn Hausold	Barb Duffy
Michelle Schleicher	Jade Schleicher
Evelyn Hausold	Deeana Hausold
Shirley McNamee	Peggy Edmiston
Anita Tietjen & Cula Cyphers	Kevin & Heidi Cyphers
Mildred Zeiner & Margart Kuhnert	Ron & Margie Zeiner
Evelyn Hausold & Mary O. Satterfield	Allen & Nancy Satterfield
Mothers & Grandmothers	Hawk Family
Linda Hyatt & Jean Milazzo	Milazzo Family
Meta Troxell	Bob Troxell
Patricia Ayres	Stacey Ayres
Gale Hageman & Angela Hosford	Joyce & Lon Hosford