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Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this we are in the midst of our Lenten Season, which began with our confession on Ash Wednesday and continues for forty days. More than anything else, Lent is a penitential time of the church year, an appeal for us to be reconciled to God. God is eager, desperately eager, to forgive our offenses. Jesus Christ reveals that God loves us no matter what. God loves us, however unworthy we may be.

But the problem lies within us. We just aren't ready to love God. We may feel disqualified by our past offenses. We feel uncomfortable when we think of being in God's presence to ask for forgiveness or to receive it. So God, our Heavenly father, has to take the initiative. God has to do for us what we can't see our way to even try to do – and which is really impossible for us to do ourselves.

But what is possible to do is to heed the call to Spiritual renewal during this Lenten Season. We are confronted by the call of the gospel, with the challenge of living our lives according to the scriptures. Through the Spirit which has already been given to us, we need no longer to live in ways that have been lived in the past, but by the will of God.

Lent looks toward Easter and reminds us of our call to live our life through the power of the Spirit that is within each one of us. Lent can be a time when we renew, enrich, and enlighten that spirit as we live out our faith. Perhaps our goal in this Lenten Season can be to learn how to yield our

lives to the Spirit of God. The Spirit of Christ is within us to teach us how we should walk in newness of life. The walk of repentance is a daily walk for the Christian, and not just in this time of year.

We can indeed learn from Lent as we worship, both on Sunday mornings and at our Midweek Lenten Worship Services as we gather with other churches in our community. Our Lenten Season together ends this month on April 13th with the pronouncement of the forgiveness on Maundy Thursday, held over from our Ash Wednesday Confession. After the Pronouncement of Forgiveness, we will enter into the mysteries of our Easter Services – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter morning.

Easter Sunday marks the end of the Lenten Fast and the beginning of a season of joy that takes fifty days to unfold. Easter is the first day of delight in the resurrection, ascension, sending of the Spirit, and founding of the church. The mysteries of Christ's saving acts are so vast that we cannot understand the experience in just one worship service. I invite everyone to take advantage of, and be a part of our Holy Week worship. Only by participating in the events leading up to the passion and death of Jesus can we fully experience the joy of Easter morning.

See you in Church,

Pastor Russell Haab

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In order to help you prepare for worship, we are printing the lectionary texts for each week. If you are helping a young child prepare for worship, look up the texts and read them together. Below is the schedule of services and lessons for the months of April and May.

April 2 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11
Psalm 130 John 11:1-45

April 5

11:30 A.M. – Mid-week Devotions
7:00 P.M. – Mid-week Community Lenten Service at United Presbyterian Church



PLAN TO WORSHIP HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 9

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service with distribution of Palms
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School-Palm Sunday Parade & Palm Sunday Squares

Lessons:

Matthew 21:1-11 Philippians 2:5-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 16
Psalm 31:9-16 Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 13

11:30 A.M. – Shut-in Communion Service in Fellowship Hall
5:30 P.M. – Soup, Salad, and Bread Dinner in Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. – Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

Lessons:

Exodus 12:1-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 14



7:00 P.M. – Tenebrae – A joint Tenebrae service with St. John's United Church of Christ will be held at St. John's United Church of Christ.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 16

7:00 A.M. – Easter Dawn Service with Holy Communion
Continental Breakfast following early service.
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Easter Play
10:15 A.M. – Easter Service with Holy Communion

(Easter flowers can be picked up any time after the 10:15 A.M. Easter service.)

Lessons:

Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3:1-4
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Matthew 28:1-10

Remember: The Lenten Self Denial Folders are due back by Easter Sunday.

April 23 – Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9
Psalm 16 John 20:19-31

April 30 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School-Bible Olympics

Lessons:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-23
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Luke 24:13-35

May 7 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Coffee Hour
11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Community Luncheon
4:00-6:00 P.M. – Sunday School Attendance Party

Lessons:

Acts 2:42-47 1 Peter 2:19-25
Psalm 23 John 10:1-10

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (continued)

May 14 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day / Youth Sunday

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 John 14:1-14

May 21 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School-Bible Challenge

Lessons:

Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22

Psalm 66:8-20 John 14:15-21

May 28 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School-All Class Worship

Lessons:

Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 John 17:1-11

ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS

Please complete an orange slip found on the rear window sills of church whenever you have a change of address or phone number. Place the completed form in the offering plate or hand to an usher. If you are moving, please notify the church office of your new address and phone number before you move. We do receive address corrections from the post office *at a fee*. Please also update us with contact phone numbers when getting a new phone number or going from a landline to cell phone only.

2017 CHURCH ENVELOPES

There are still some 2017 church envelopes that have not been picked up yet. The envelope boxes are on shelves in the Fellowship Hall just before going up the steps to the narthex. The envelopes are expensive to mail, so please pick up your envelopes or those of a friend, neighbor, or relative.

HAM AND DANDELION DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

**Seatings at 4:00, 4:45,
5:30, 6:15, & 7:00 P.M.**

(Take-out orders also available)

Menu:

Baked Ham

Chopped Dandelion with Bacon Dressing

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Vegetables Bread & Butter

Homemade Desserts

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, & Water

Tickets:

Adults – \$9.00

Children (6-12) – \$3.00

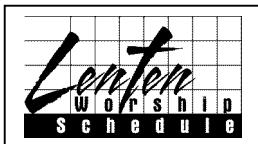
Children 5 and under – Free

Tickets can be purchased from any Catering Committee member, on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall, or from the church office during the week during normal business hours.

Anyone interested in helping at the dinner, please contact Chad Miller at 484-623-4191. Youth can sign up to help on the sign-up sheet in the Youth Fellowship classroom.

**DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS
ARE NEEDED AND WOULD BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED!
PLEASE HAVE BAKED GOOD
TO THE CHURCH BY 3:45 P.M.**

MID-WEEK MIDDAY DEVOTIONS



During the season of Lent, you are invited to a brief mid-week devotional service at

St. John's on Wednesday mornings at 11:30. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for the last Lenten devotions on March 29 and April 5.



Each Wednesday during Lent, the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association is conducting mid-week Lenten Services in community churches. This year's theme for the Lenten community services is "Moving Toward the Cross". Jesus' steps carry him ever closer to the cross. During Lent, we walk with our Lord as he takes up his cross for the sake of our salvation. The Lenten service will begin at 7:00 P.M. and will include refreshments following the service. The remaining schedule of Lenten services is below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church/Preaching</u>
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March 29	Slatington Baptist Church / Pastor Lunette Hilliard
April 5	United Presbyterian Church / Pastor Henry Distler

HOLIDAY PIE SALE



Homemade pies for Easter are being sold. The pie sale is a fund raiser to earn money for the Furnace Fund.

Your pie choices are Apple, Coconut Cream, and Pumpkin Custard. Cost is \$9.00 each for 8-inch pies. Place your order with Brian Geiger or the church office by Sunday, April 2, or call the church office (610-767-6361). Pie pick-up will be in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 15, from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE



Youth Fellowship is open to any youth of St. John's in grades 7-12. The Youth Fellowship members will help with several upcoming community events at St. John's listed below. If you plan to help with an event(s), please sign your name on the appropriate sign-up sheet in the Youth Fellowship Sunday School class.

- *Saturday, April 1* – Ham & Dandelion Dinner from 3:45 to 7:00 P.M.
- *Sunday, April 2* – Lunch at church after the 10:15 church service and carpool to an Escape Room in Bethlehem for 1:00 P.M.
- *Saturday, April 23* – IronPigs baseball game at Coca Cola Park, Allentown at 1:35 P.M.
- *Sunday, May 7* – Community Dinner from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- *Saturday, May 13* – Chicken & Pot Pie Dinner from 3:45 to 7:00 P.M.
- *Sunday, May 14* – Youth Sunday at both services.
- *Saturday, May 20* – Community Yard Sale Set-up at 7:00 A.M.; Sale starts at 8:00 A.M. The youth will be renting tables and selling food as a fundraiser for the 2018 Youth Gathering. See detailed article on Page 10.

The youth are also planning to have a fun activity this spring. More information will follow in the Sunday bulletins.

YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS

Yearly giving statements were mailed to each member of the congregation on January 18. The statement is a summary of what you gave to St. John's in 2016. This statement can be used for income tax purposes. If you want a print out of your week-to-week giving, you may request the more detailed statement by calling the church office at 610-767-6361. The statement will need to be picked up from the church office on a Sunday morning or during normal office hours.

MID-WEEK MID-DAY COMMUNION SERVICES

The mid-day service on Wednesday, April 5, will be part of our weekly Lenten devotions. There will not be communion at that service. There will be a mid-day communion service on Maundy Thursday, April 13.



Pastor Haab will conduct a mid-week, mid-day communion service on the following first Wednesdays of the month this Spring: May 3 and June 7.

The communion services will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 A.M. The service will be similar to the communion service that was just held on the prior Sunday. Please join us this Spring for the mid-week, mid-day service on the first Wednesday of the month!

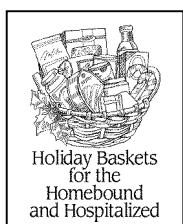
SEWING GROUP



The sewing group will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Fridays, April 7 and on May 5 & 12, from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

The sewing group is in desperate need of people to sew the quilts together. There is a sewing machine here at the church for anyone who can help. If you prefer, you can take the squares with you to sew at your home. If you can help with sewing quilts, please contact Betsy Rauch at 610-767-8370.

SOCIAL MINISTRY HELP IS NEEDED



Help is needed on Saturday morning, April 8, at 9:00 A.M. In the Fellowship Hall to put together the special concerns baskets for Easter sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee.

Help is also needed in delivering the baskets to our members. If you can donate an hour of your time to help with this project, please come on Saturday morning or call Betsy Rauch at 610-767-8370.

EGG HUNT



On Saturday morning April 8, at 10:00 we will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The egg hunt is for all children of our church up to and including grade 4.

The egg hunt will be held in the grassy areas around the church. If it rains, the egg hunt will be held inside in the Sunday School rooms.

PALM SUNDAY SQUARES



Do you know how much Judas charged the high priest for his betrayal of Jesus? How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus before the rooster crowed?

To find out the answer to these questions and other Holy Week facts join the Sunday School on Palm Sunday (April 9) at 9:00 A.M. as we present a game show called "Palm Sunday Squares". This is a program based on the T.V. game show "Hollywood Squares" – complete with two Secret Squares.

JUBILEES EVENTS



Spring events/meetings for the Jubilees are listed below. New members are always welcome!

- Monday, April 10 – The Jubilees will meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 A.M. to carpool to Cracker Barrel in Fogelsville for lunch. They will have their monthly meeting at Cracker Barrel. Please call Isabel Ringer at 610-767-4534 by Monday, April 3, if you plan to go to lunch at Cracker Barrel.

- May 8 – The Jubilees will meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 A.M. to carpool to the Panera Bread in Whitehall for lunch. They will have their monthly meeting at Panera Bread. Please call Isabel Ringer at 610-767-4534 by Monday, May 1, if you plan to go to lunch at Panera Bread.

SECOND CHANCE SHOPPE

The Second Chance Shoppe Board will meet on the following Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. this Spring:

- April 11 in the church office
- May 9 in the Fellowship Hall
- June 13 in the Fellowship Hall

All Second Chance volunteers are welcome to attend the meetings.



The Second Chance Shoppe Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, May 19, at 4:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the Second

Chance Shoppe to sign

if you want to attend the dinner.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION



We will have a service of Holy Communion for our shut-in members at 11:30 A.M. on Maundy Thursday, April 13.

The service will be held in the Fellowship Hall to make it more handicapped accessible for our shut-ins. If you are a shut-in, have limited ability, or would like to attend the service, please call the church office at 610-767-6361. We can arrange transportation.

ALTAR GUILD FLOWER SET-UP



The Altar Guild will decorate the church with Easter flowers (lilies and tulips) on Saturday April 15, at 9:00 A.M. for

Easter Sunday. They will also polish the silver, replace pencils, and have a brief meeting.

All Altar Guild members are asked for their help and should plan to attend. They will also have a brief meeting.

EASTER PLAY



The Sunday School students will present a recounting of the Easter story from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M. on Easter Sunday in the church auditorium. Everyone is invited to join us for the play. What better way to spend Easter morning than seeing the Good News through the eyes of children!

SPRING CLEAN-UP



A Spring yard clean-up will be held here at the St. John's Lutheran church on Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day) beginning at 9:00 A.M. Everyone is welcome to come help!

W.E.L.C.A. CLUSTER EVENT



The Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District Spring W.E.L.C.A. (Women of the ELCA) Cluster Event will be held on Saturday,

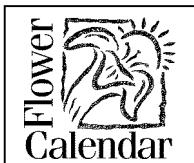
April 22, at Weisenberg Lutheran Church. The topic is "Vaccinations". Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. The program begins at 9:00 A.M. A registration fee of \$3.00 will be collected as well as a regular offering. All women are invited to attend this event. Anyone planning to attend should call Betsy Rauch at 610-767-8370.

MARCH OF DIMES



Egan Bellesfield and his parents will be walking again this year in the March of Dimes "March for Babies" on Sunday, April 30. If you would like to help with this worthy cause, they will be accepting donations through Friday, April 27. Checks should be made out to "March of Dimes." Donations can be given or mailed to Megan. Thank you.

SPONSORS NEEDED



Bulletin and flower sponsors are needed for several dates this Spring and numerous other dates this year.

- Flower sponsors are needed for the following Sundays: April 30, May 14, and June 25.

- Bulletin sponsor is needed for Sundays, April 30 and May 7 & 14.

The cost for sponsoring flowers is \$35.00. The cost for sponsoring bulletins is \$20.00. Payment can be mailed into the church office or placed in your offering envelope on a Sunday.

To sponsor bulletins or flowers for any date above or other open dates this year, simply sign your name on the appropriate chart posted on the bulletin board outside the church office or call the church office at 610-767-6361.

MID-DAY COMMUNITY MEAL



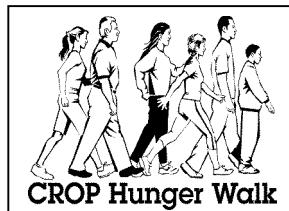
The Evangelism Team, with the help of many individuals, will be sponsoring the last of this season's series of FREE community

luncheons on Sunday, May 7.

The free community luncheons will start again in fall. Lunch will begin at approximately 11:30 A.M., ending at 1:00 P.M. right here at St. John's! This meal will be turkey and hamburger barbeques, potato filling, broccoli, corn, salad, desserts, coffee, tea, and water. Everyone is invited to attend this buffet-style meal! Stop down after church and eat!

Reservations are appreciated and walk-ins are welcome! To make reservations or help with this community event, contact the church office at 610-767-6361 or Lynn Haab at 610-760-1379.

HUNGER WALK 2017



The ninth annual Hunger Walk sponsored by the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association will be held on Sunday, May 7, on the Slatington

Rails to Trails. The walk will start at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank in Emerald, continuing on the trails to Slatedale and back to the Food Bank. Registration begins at 1:45 P.M.; the walk begins at 2:00 P.M.

Anyone who wants a T-shirt must register prior to Saturday, April 15, and have at least \$25.00 in donations.

This is a time to raise awareness and money for the needy families in our community. Put on your walking shoes and help stamp out hunger! All proceeds go directly to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

For more information contact Patty Hersh at 610-391-9407 or pahjrh@rcn.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PARTY



Students achieving 75% attendance at Sunday School this year will be treated to a party on Sunday, May 7, from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. with games, crafts, contests, and food! You will receive an invitation to the Attendance Party if you met 75% attendance.

USED INK CARTRIDGES

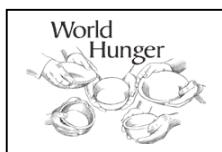
Heather Miller is collecting used ink cartridges, cell phones, MP3 players, and laptops to earn money for the Furnace Fund. Boxes can be found in the Fellowship Hall and narthex for your convenience to leave your donations. Thank you for your donations!

BIKE-A-THON FOR WORLD HUNGER



The Northeastern PA Synod (“NEPS”) fifth annual Bike-A-Thon for World Hunger will be held on Saturday, May 13, at the Bob Rodale Cycling and Fitness

Park across from the velodrome at Routes 100 & 222 in Trexlertown. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. at the picnic pavilion. The event runs from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The event will be held rain or shine.



Collect pledges and spend the day riding, walking, running, or rollerblading to raise money for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Participants must supply their own water and meals. There will be plenty of grassy areas surrounding the bike path for setting up tents or canopies as a place to rest, get out of the sun, and for “cheering sections”. You can also bring grills to make food.

If you are interested in participating or helping with Bike-A-Thon For World Hunger, registration forms are available from the church office or from the synod website:

www.godslove.org.

Donations can also be made through your offering – mark that they are for the Bike-A-Thon for World Hunger.



As the weather begins to warm up, your help is needed with cutting the grass and doing yard chores at the church. If you can help, please sign up on the Lawn Ranger sheet on the rear radiators of the church.

Sign up for a week and cut the grass at your convenience (preferably Thursday through Saturday). A lawn mower is stored in the parsonage garage and is available for your use. Please let us know if you have any special yard skills.

CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER

SATURDAY, MAY 13

All You Can Eat Buffet

**Seatings at 4:00, 4:45,
5:30, 6:15, & 7:00 P.M.**

(Take-out orders also available)

Menu:

Chicken Pot Pie (Homemade Noodles)
Medley of Grilled Vegetables
Garden Salad Bar with Fixings
Dinner Rolls and Butter
Homemade Desserts
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, and Water

Tickets:

Adults – \$9.00
Children (6-12) – \$3.00
Children 5 and under – Free

Tickets can be purchased from any Catering Committee member, on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall, or from the church office during the week during normal business hours.

Anyone interested in helping at the dinner, please contact Chad Miller at 484-623-4191. Youth can sign up to help on the sign-up sheet in the Youth Fellowship classroom.

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HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH WITH GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST



Orders are being taken for geraniums to be placed in the church on June 4, *Pentecost Sunday*. Fill out the order form below and return to any Altar Guild member (listed below), place in a sealed envelope in the offering plate, or drop off at or mail into the church office. The cost is **\$3.50** per plant. Plants will come from an established local grower, Lehigh Home and Garden. Payment must accompany your order. *The FINAL deadline for ordering geraniums is Sunday, May 14.*

Stephanie Beers
Doris Betzenberger
Fianna Christman
Sue Freed
Linda Humanick
Karen Kreglow

Denise Miller
Janet Shankweiler
Erin Snyder
Sharon Stehly
Stephen Stehly

Plants can either be picked up on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, after the 10:15 A.M. service or given to the church to be planted on the church grounds. Below is an order form to order plant(s):

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Courtesy of: _____

By: _____

Plants _____ **@ \$3.50 each**
Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please Check One:

Will pick up _____ **Leave at church** _____

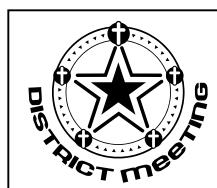
YOUTH SUNDAY



Join us on Mother's Day, May 14, as the youth of our congregation present Youth Sunday. The youth will be responsible for all aspects of both the 8:00 and 10:15 A.M. services that day.

Please come to worship with us on Sunday, May 14, and support our youth as we "raise up leaders of the next generation"!

MISSION DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



The Northern Lehigh Mission District Spring assembly will be held on Thursday, May 18, at Faith Lutheran Church in Whitehall. Registration starts at 6:30 P.M. The business meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. All mission district pastors are expected to attend the Spring assembly along with a male and a female voting member from each congregation. All members of every congregation in the mission district are invited to come.

HOSPITALIZATIONS



Please call the church office (610-767-6361) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of St. John's is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital. Please give the hospitals our church code of "290" when being admitted.

Please keep us informed of any hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers. *Please tell us if you do not want your name published.* Please call the church office if you would like yourself or a loved one to stay on the prayer list.

RINGER SCHOLARSHIP



Up to six scholarships from the Ringer Scholarship Fund will be awarded on Sunday, June 11, during the 9:00 A.M. service. The

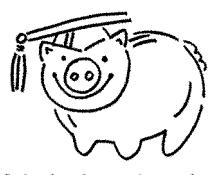
scholarships are available from the interest of the original investment from the Ringer family. Applications will be available by Palm Sunday, April 9. Anyone interested in applying for the scholarship needs to be:

1. An active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Slatington.
2. A current high school senior or have graduated from high school within the last three years.
3. Attending college or a technical school.

To apply for the scholarship, pick up a packet of applications from the church office. Return the applications in the sealed envelope provided with the application packet or in person to any member of the Ringer Scholarship Committee (Sue Freed, Michelle Raber-Gass, Lauri McWilliams, Judy Muthard, or Betsy Rauch) or to the church office during business hours **by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, May 19.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 3:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 19, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING



The Ringer Scholarship Committee members will meet on Sunday, May 21, at 6:00 P.M. in the church office to review the applications and select

the Ringer Scholarship recipients for 2017. Recipients will be notified of their selection. Scholarships will be presented to the recipients on Sunday, June 11, during the 9:00 A.M. service.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

St. John's Lutheran Church will join the Slatington Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 20. The Borough of Slatington is not requiring permits for yard sales for that day. The Community Yard Sale is rain or shine. This is an outside event only.



As a fundraiser for the youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston in July 2018, the church will be renting spaces in the church parking lot for anyone interested in selling things that day. You can rent a 10x10 space for \$10 or a 10x15 space for \$15. Renters will need to bring their own tables and easy-up tents/tarps. Proceeds from anything you sell that day are yours. The yard sale starts at 8:00 A.M. Set-up begins at 7:00 A.M. You can stay as long as you wish – or until 3:00 P.M. Food and drinks will also be for sale that day. All proceeds from the rent and food will go to the youth trip.

Anyone who would like to rent a space in the church parking lot can contact the church office via e-mail at stjohnsslating@enter.net or call 610-767-6361. There will be a limit of 40 spaces to rent – first come, first serve. Once payment is made, your space is secured. Walk-ins for spaces will be welcome, but not guaranteed a spot.

CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY



Sunday, May 21, is Church Music Sunday. There will be special music beginning at 10:00 A.M. and during the 10:15 A.M. service featuring our Senior Choir and the Handchime Choir. Come to the 10:15 A.M. church service early that day and enjoy the special music!

FURNACE REPLACEMENT



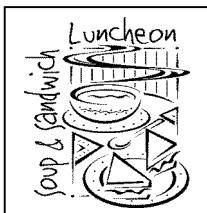
In January, 2016, an insurance inspector came out to the church and during his inspection of the boiler, a leak was found in the oil

boiler. The new furnace will have much higher efficiency than the old furnace. The church furnace was replaced last summer. A chimney liner was also needed for the new high-efficiency boiler. The chimney liner was installed in late August. We are still awaiting a variance from the state for the furnace due to the small space in the basement where the furnace is located.

A Furnace Fund has been set up to take donations towards the cost of the new boiler and chimney liner. The total cost for the boiler and chimney liner was almost \$25,000. As of March 26, \$22,346.00 has been received toward the new boiler and chimney liner. There is still \$2,654.00 to be raised to reach the goal.

Pastor Haab began growing a beard this winter and will shave his beard off once the \$25,000 is raised! Please consider making a donation to the Furnace Fund to help us reach our goal.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE



The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale on Saturday, May 27. Pick-up times will be between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. in the Fellowship

Hall. The menu is: (Take Out Only)

- *Cold Reuben Sandwich* – Start with fresh dark rye bread, topped with 1,000 island dressing, Swiss cheese, thin sliced tender corned beef, and topped with sauerkraut.

Price -- \$5.00 each.

- *New England Style Lobster Roll* – Begin with a blend of real and surimi lobster meat and mixed with diced celery, sweet pickle relish, lemon juice, black pepper, parsley, and mayonnaise; served on a soft roll.

Price – \$6.00 each.

- *Chicken Bow Tie Soup* – A mixture of diced celery, diced onions and shredded carrots sautéed in butter. Blend in a hearty chicken stock, add tender chunks of chicken, corn, tender bow tie pasta, and season with black pepper, parsley, and Worcestershire sauce.

Price – \$5.00 per quart.

- *Beef Stroganoff Soup* – Take tender chunks of beef. Sautee onions and mushrooms in butter. Mix with flour, tomato sauce, hearty beef stock, sour cream, and tender egg noodles. Order with or without mushrooms

Price -- \$5.00 per quart.

To order sandwiches or soup, please fill out the order form below and either mail or drop off to the church by Sunday, May 21. You can also call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361 or e-mail the order to church at stjohnsslating@enter.net.

Soup and Sandwich Sale Order Blank

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Reuben Sandwich _____ @ \$5.00 ea. = _____

N.E. Lobster Roll _____ @ \$6.00 ea. = _____

Chicken Bow Tie Soup _____ @ \$5.00 qt. = _____

Beef Stroganoff Soup

With Mushrooms _____ @ \$5.00 qt. = _____

No Mushrooms _____ @ \$5.00 qt. = _____

Total Due \$ _____

SYNOD ASSEMBLY



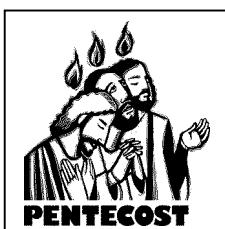
The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will meet in assembly on Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, at the Kalahari Resorts in Pocono Manor. This 31st annual assembly will be the finale of the theme "UNLEASHED for Reformation 2017". Lutherans from congregations in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod are invited for workshops, worship, and music. Pastor Haab will be attending the assembly. A male and female voting member of our congregation are needed to go along as delegates. Anyone interested can contact Pastor Haab at 610-767-6361.

GERANIUM SET-UP & BRIEF MEETING



The Altar Guild will meet on Saturday, June 3, at 9:00 A.M. to set out the geraniums for Pentecost Sunday (June 4).

PENTECOST IS JUNE 4



The Pentecost event happened among the gathered disciples and they were filled with the Holy Spirit, but it did not end there. Disciples or Followers of Jesus have been filled with the Holy Spirit ever since. Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church as we know it. It is also the beginning of the green season of the church; a time where, as we see the greening of the trees, grasses, and plants, we also can work toward our own greening in our faith toward God and in our service toward one another. It is a season that challenges us to see our own gifts of the Spirit and to put them to use for the good of all people. The color of the day is red to remind us of the flames that alighted on each of the disciples. Don't forget to wear red on Sunday, June 4, as we welcome the Spirit into our midst.

CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD JUNE 4



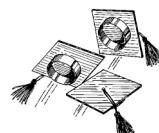
On Sunday, June 4, at the 10:15 A.M. service, several young people will affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and become full members of St. John's. Watch for more details in the June/July/August newsletter.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR NEEDED



A sponsor is needed for the coffee hour on Sunday, June 4. Please sign the coffee hour sign-up sheet in church if you are willing to help provide baked goods for the June 4 coffee hour. The coffee and paper products are provided by the Catering Committee. If there is no sponsor for the June 4 coffee hour, there will not be a coffee hour that day.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES



The W.I.S.H. Circle will hold its annual Graduation Dinner for any member of the congregation and their family who will be graduating from high school or an institution of higher learning this spring or who graduated this winter.

This year's dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 6, at 6:00 P.M. To make a reservation for the Graduation Dinner, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, May 28.

GRADUATION DINNER

Name of Graduate: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

No. of people attending: _____

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Beginning on Sunday, June 11, we will have one service each Sunday at **9:00 A.M.** This time provides us with a special median hour for worship and gathers the whole family of St. John's together at one time.

One service at 9:00 A.M. will continue through the first Sunday in September (September 3). Plan to worship on Sunday at 9:00 A.M. at each Sunday you are available over the summer. Two services at 8:00 and 10:15 A.M. will restart on Rally Sunday, September 10.

Remember that the church bills do not take a summer vacation; please keep your offerings current over the summer!

PROMOTION SUNDAY



June 11 marks the end of the Sunday School year. We will celebrate with the awarding of promotion gifts during the 9:00 A.M. church service.

The Sunday School children will sing also.

After the church service, we will be celebrating with a year-end family picnic from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. See you June 11!!

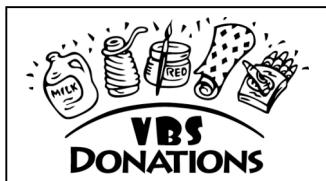
END-OF-YEAR FAMILY PICNIC



The Youth Fellowship class is organizing this year's end-of-the year picnic to be held here at St. John's Lutheran on Sunday, June 11, from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

The picnic is free and open to all students, their families, and all members of the congregation. Look for updates and more information in the weekly bulletins and the June/July/August newsletter.

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED



The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School ("VBS") is "Maker Fun Factory".

To decorate we will

be creating time machines, robots, machines with gears and levers, buttons and knobs.

To create this scenery we need donations of the following items:

- Baby wipe containers (empty)
- Bottle caps from soda and water bottles
- Large appliance boxes
- Lids from laundry detergent or fabric softeners
- Paint cans (empty)
- Paper towel rolls
- Plastic cat litter containers (empty)
- Plastic 5-gallon buckets (empty)
- Shoe boxes
- Slinkies
- Tin cans (any size)
- Tissue boxes (empty)
- Wooden paint stirrers

Donation will be needed prior to Saturday, June 17. There will be boxes in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex, and at the Parent Information Center for your donations.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

St. John's has moved into the electronic age for giving! Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving which allows you to make donations on a scheduled automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will enjoy electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much needed donation consistency for St. John's. To get started, simply scan the QR code with your smart phone. It will take you to our mobile online giving page. Create a profile and log in to set up automatic donations from a checking/savings account or credit/debit account.



BREAKFAST BUNCH

According to Matthew 25:35-40 we are called to feed our brothers (and sisters).



Once again St. John's Lutheran Church will be the site of the Breakfast Bunch, a free breakfast program open to all area children ages 2 to 17. It will be held this summer starting the Monday after school ends in June and will run into August (dates to be determined in May). Breakfast will be served daily from 8:30 to 10:00 A.M.

I would personally like to thank all of you so much for your previous support of the Breakfast Bunch and invite you to support the Breakfast Bunch again this year. Please consider helping in one or more of the following ways. Our needs are as follows:

◊ We need **weekly or daily coordinators**. What is a coordinator, you're asking? As a coordinator you will need to arrive about 30 minutes before the start time to unlock the church and work with daily helpers to set up the food and small appliances. Additionally, at the end of each day the daily helpers and you will put away leftover food and small appliances. It's that simple! If desired, training will be provided. You need to be 21 or older to volunteer to be a coordinator. **You are needed!**

◊ We need **daily helpers**. As a daily helper, you will arrive 25 minutes prior to start time and work with the coordinator to organize food, serve attendees, and clean up. All ages can help as a daily helper. If you can give two to three hours or more on a summer morning, **You are needed!**

◊ We need **weekly shoppers**! If you like to grocery shop, this is an ideal volunteer position for you! **You are needed!**

◊ We need **PR people** to get the information out to the community via posters, newsletter articles, letters, etc. If you are willing to *organize information for liaisons from other*

churches, you are needed! If you know of a neighbor in need, please invite him/her (them)

to be part of the Breakfast Bunch. If you can **put up flyers** at various businesses, **you are needed!**

◊ We need **monetary donations** to help purchase the necessary food, supplies, and prizes. The average cost to feed one person per day is a little more than \$1.00. Will you make a monetary donation to help feed our neighbors? **Just think – you can help feed one child for a whole week for just \$5.00!**

◊ We need **prayer support**. Will you please pray for our Breakfast Bunch, as well as prayerfully consider where you might best be able to serve. **You are needed!**

YES, YOU ARE NEEDED! Please see Lynn Haab at church or phone her at 610-760-1379. You may call the church office as well at 610-767-6361 to say, "**YES, I AM NEEDED AND I AM WILLING TO HELP!**"

In Christ's service,
Lynn Haab

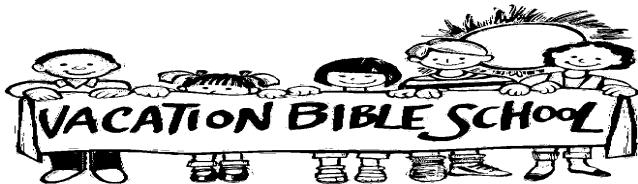
PUBLIC RELATIONS



Do you have an upcoming event to be held here at St. John's that you want the public to know about?

Then, Heather Truett is the person to contact. Heather has agreed to be the church's public relations person getting out information to other churches or into the Blue Mountain Country Gazette, the Times News, or the Morning Call.

Once your event has been okayed by the church council/office, all you have to do is write up the information about the event, decide where you want the information sent to and e-mail it all to Heather at heather4stjohns@yahoo.com. Give Heather enough lead time, and she will get the information out!



This year's Vacation Bible School ("VBS") theme is "Maker Fun Factory Created By God". Our Maker Fun Factory adventure will be held Monday, June 26, through Friday, June 30, from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. VBS is for children age 3 (by June 1) up to and including Grade 6.

Registration forms are available at the display in the Fellowship Hall, at the Parent Information Center in the education wing, from your Sunday School teacher, and on the rear radiator cover of the church. Any child registered before June 1 will receive a free iron-on transfer of the Maker Fun Factory logo.

To make this VBS a great experience for our children, we are looking for adults and teens to help each night or for one or two nights, whichever works with your schedule. Please sign up at the display in the Fellowship Hall, at the Parent Information Center in the education wing, or on the rear radiator covers in the church.

Don't forget to join us for the closing program and hot dog roast on Friday night at 8:00 P.M.



This Vacation Bible School promises to be a wonderful experience. Please join us! If you have any questions, please see Ruthann Mantz, Debbie Cunfer, or Pastor Haab, or call the church office at 610-767-6361. Look for more information in the weekly bulletins and the June/July/August newsletter. Thank you for your help in making this Vacation Bible School a success!



WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING



The Women of the ELCA tenth Triennial Gathering will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 13-16. This is an inspiring faith-filled weekend where you can experience enriching workshops, stirring worship, engaging Bible study, and challenging cinema with hundreds of sisters in faith. For more information, visit www.welcatg.org.

LUTHERAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



2017 Lutheran Youth Fellowship ("LYF") will be held at Muhlenberg College starting at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, June 16, through 1:30 P.M. on Sunday, June 18. Youth completing grades 8-12 and their advisors are invited to attend this event.

The theme for LYF this year is "Love In Action!" Come make new friends, have fun and play, attend creative and meaningful worship, share concerns, and enjoy excellent meals. Everyone will be housed in the college dorms and use the college facilities for meals and events. Dinner on Friday through lunch on Sunday is included with your registration.

Registrations are due by May 15 (for the discount) or by June 9 (final registration date). Financial aid is available so anyone who would like to attend can attend this event. For more information on LYF, speak to Pastor Haab or go to the synod website at www.godslove.org/youth.

CHECK YOUR E-MAIL!

Make sure to check your e-mail every Friday for the weekly e-update from St. John's. If you don't receive our weekly e-update, give us your e-mail address and we'll add you to the list. Send your e-mail information to the church e-mail address: stjohnslating@enter.net.

BEAR CREEK CAMP



Bear Creek Camp is the Lutheran church's outdoor ministry in Eastern Pennsylvania (with 3,000 acres on the Pocono Plateau).

The summer camp experience is packed full of adventure and discovery for every age group from first grade through senior high. Registration materials are now available for 2017 summer camp. There are eight weekly camp sessions which run from Sunday, June 18, through Saturday, August 12. Learn more or register online at www.bearcreekcamp.org. Visit Bear Creek Camp on Facebook and Twitter also.

If anyone is interested in attending Bear Creek Camp this summer, please see April Krempasky, our Bear Creek Camp Ambassador, or Pastor Haab. Financial aid is available for anyone from St. John's who would like to attend summer camp at Bear Creek Camp.

CHURCH EQUIPMENT SIGN-OUTS



Anyone wanting to borrow church equipment (tables, chairs, coffee pots, etc.) for any outside events must call the church office at 610-767-6361 to reserve the equipment ahead of the date the equipment is needed. When picking up the equipment, you must sign out the borrowed equipment on the sign-out sheet maintained in the church office. When returning the equipment, please sign your name again with the date the equipment was returned. Sharon keeps the sign-out sheet in the office.

MISSION SUPPORT OFFERING

Part of your weekly offering can be designated for Mission Support by indicating that on the "For:" line on your envelope. The church mails Mission Support/World Hunger/special appeal donations into the synod office each quarter.

BUILDING HOURS



The church office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The church building is unlocked from Monday through Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and in the evenings when there are meetings in the church building. The church is open Sunday mornings for church services and Sunday School. Anyone needing to get into the church building other than the above times, should call the church office at 610-767-6361 to make arrangements.

When Sharon or Pastor are alone in the office during normal office hours, the church doors, including the brown doors by the office, will be locked. There is a door bell outside the brown doors that you may ring to gain access to the building.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



A master calendar of all events held on the church premises is retained in the church office to avoid double booking the available rooms in the church building and to make sure the building is open for your event. Please make sure all meetings or events that your committee/group/organization holds in the church are reserved with the office. Contact Sharon in the church office at 610-767-6361 (Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.) to reserve space in the church for your event.

You must complete a Facilities Use Request form, which is available from the tract rack outside the office. Complete the form and give it to Sharon. Do ***NOT*** mark the event on the calendar posted on the bulletin board across from the church office; Sharon will mark dates on that calendar so people can see what is happening.

THANK YOU NOTES



THANK YOU to the following people for the extra help this winter:

- Brian Geiger, Denise Miller, and Richard Muthard for auditing the books of the church and all the organizations.
- Anne Saylor for helping put together the 2016 annual reports.
- Everyone who helped with and attended Chocolate Fest 2017 in February and the community lunches in January and March.
- The Second Chance Shoppe for their donation to help with the General Fund.
- Thank you to the following people for helping shovel snow this winter:

Fianna Christman	Bob Kroboth
Paul Gass	Sharon Stehly
Pastor Haab	Stephen Stehly

Dear Members of St. John Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for the gift of \$200 (received from loud offering on January 29) that we received in February. We are grateful for your support and for your partnership in the Gospel. It takes a great team of people and congregations to keep the ministry of Bear Creek Camp alive and well and we are very thankful that your congregation is part of our team.

We are very excited about what God is doing at Bear Creek Camp. We are happy to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, community building, faith formation, and exciting adventures to all our campers and guests. We understand the positive impact that time at Bear Creek Camp has on our campers and we pray that they will take home what they learn here and share it with others in word and deed.

I encourage you to keep up with all that is happening at Bear Creek Camp by checking out our website at www.bearcreekcamp.org or by “liking” our page on Facebook. We would also welcome you to bring members of your

congregation to the camp as we would love to show you around and explore all we have to offer.

Thank you once again for your gift! We thank God for you!

Sincerely,
Dan Scharnhorst
Executive Director
Bear Creek Camp

Dear Volunteers,

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers and bakers who helped make the Sauerkraut Supper a success!

The Catering Committee

Everyone at St. John's,

Thank you to Pastor Haab for coming down to see Frank's mother, Irene Halkias. Thank you also to everyone for the cards, phone calls, flowers, and gift basket on the death of Frank's mother in February.

Thank you,
Frank, Barbara, Zachari,
& Victoria Halkias

Dear Best/Sell Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me this scholarship to help defray my college costs.

Thank you,
Brandon Miller

To All at St. John's,

Thank you for your donation of handmade blankets for our residents. Please know how much we appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely,
Karen Sinkovits, Topton Home

MORE THANK YOU NOTES ON NEXT PAGE

Members of St. John's,

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and money toward the loud offering on "Souper" Bowl Sunday for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank – \$161.70 was collected. Thank you also to everyone who brought in food and non-food items for the Food Bank during the month of February and throughout the year.

Thank you to all of the people who helped out at the Food Bank during the month of March and throughout the year. Your continued support for the Food Bank is greatly appreciated.

Northern Lehigh Food Bank

Dear Members of St. John's,

We are writing to express our deepest thanks for your recent donation of gifts to the residents of Riverstone Manor. Generous gifts from donors like you provide the mental and moral support needed to continue our mission. With your faithful contributions over the years, you've demonstrated your deep commitment to our work of personal care and finding a place for everybody in a loving and understanding community. Mental health awareness is a topic that still holds a stigma and you help break down those barriers.

Our residents suffered a loss of one of our own to cancer three days before the holiday last year. Their ability to show compassion was noted by staff and myself, and we believe it to be the direct result of what they have been shown by good Christian communities such as yourselves.

There is no way to fully express our gratitude for your generosity. We at Riverstone are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of organizations like yours. Thank you again for your compassionate support. We hope that you will continue to partner with us in our commitment to prevent homelessness and mental health awareness.

With warmest regards,

Adam Herman, Owner-Riverstone

PASTORAL ACTS



Andrew Jackson Behler Jr.

3-9-2017

(non-member)



Donation to the Furnace Fund

In Memory of the following:

Catherine Faust from Ruth Seip

Richard Semmel from Lucy Reichard

James & Margaret Ringer from:

Harold & Betsy Rauch Isabel Ringer



Cayden David Long

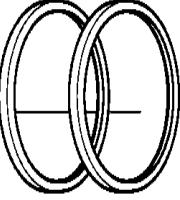
Son of Darrin Jeremy & Marybeth (Frana) Long
was born on January 21, 2017

Vanessa Patricia McWilliams
Daughter of Ryan Patrick & Lauri Ann (Stehly)
McWilliams was born on February 14, 2017

REDNER'S TAPES

Thank you to everyone who turns in their tapes from Redner's Markets for the Sav-A-Tape program. The money earned from this program funds the cost of supplies for our coffee hours each month. If you don't have a Sav-A-Tape card, you can get a card on your next visit to any Redner's store. The card can be scanned anytime during your checkout process. Please support the Sav-A-Tape program by turning in your entire Redner's receipts.

Celebrating



An Anniversary This Month

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Vincent and Lucy Kralik
66th on April 14
Ernest and Roberta Cunfer
58th on April 11
Tim and Judy Snyder
54th on April 27
James and Bonita Haydt
48th on April 5
Dennis and Nancy Rehrig
41st on April 10
Ronald and Sharon Fogelman
38th on April 7
Garrett and Karen Kreglow
31st on April 5
Paul and Michelle Gass
26th on April 27
Ray and Lydia Weaver
25th on April 26
Scott and Heather Csanadi
19th on April 18
Frank and Barbara Halkias
17th on April 18
Carlton and Summer Davies
16th on April 14
Ryan and Lauri McWilliams
9th on April 26

ALUMINUM TABS

Aluminum tabs that are collected here at St. John's benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children which provides free medical care. No child is turned away because of the inability to pay at a Shriners Hospital. If you know of a child that needs medical care, contact any Shriner for more information. Thank you and continue to bring the tabs to St. John's for pick up. Clarence Smith collects the tabs for the Shiners Hospital.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Richard and Gladys Hinkle
56th on May 29
Joseph and Diana Druckenmiller
48th on May 3
Thomas and Barbara Campbell
45th on May 27
Gary and Lynne Fedorcha
45th on May 27
Dennis and Cynthia Reitz
29th on May 21
Robert and Janelle Reiser
25th on May 3
William and Angela Papay
24th on May 1
Ryan and Jennifer Christman
17th on May 5
Thomas and Kristy Fogel
17th on May 13
Jody and Megan Bellesfield
17th on May 27
Frank and Kori Dibilio
17th on May 27
Theodore and Kimberly Young
14th on May 17
Scott and Christine Raber
13th on May 22
David and Shelly Garbe
13th on May 30
Matthew and Heather Newhard
12th on May 7
Christopher and Megan Pascoe
10th on May 27
Christopher and Tammy Moyer
9th on May 17
James and Kimberly Balliet
6th on May 14
Ronnie and Cortney Humanick
6th on May 21
Justin and Stephanie Maurer
2nd on May 23



\$\$\$FINANCIAL INFORMATION\$\$\$

JANUARY 2017							
DATE	CHURCH ATTEND.	S. S. ATTEND.	OFFERING RECEIVED		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	FURNACE FUND
1-1*	31	None	\$ 1,206.50	Dec. 31 Balance	\$ 3,070.16	(\$ 1,844.71)	\$ 16,127.83
1-8	23 + 79	34	2,872.21	January Income	10,539.25	28.50	489.00
1-15	27 + 60	37	1,970.67	January Expenses	12,212.98	215.50	0.00
1-22	32 + 65	37	2,810.25	** Jan. Transfers	+ 19.50	0.00	0.00
1-29	28 + 61	63	1,679.62	January 31 Balance	\$ 1,415.93	(\$ 2,031.21)	\$ 16,616.83
Totals			\$10,539.25				

* There was only one service on Sunday, January 1.

** Excess poinsettia money was transferred to Current Fund from Restricted Fund.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 1/2017	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,261.13
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,107.85
Budgeted to Date	\$ 16,305.65
Received to Date	\$ 10,539.25
Expenses to Date	\$ 12,212.98
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 1,673.73)

FEBRUARY 2017							
DATE	CHURCH ATTEND.	S. S. ATTEND.	OFFERING RECEIVED		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	FURNACE FUND
2-5	33 + 78	40	\$ 3,694.92	January 31 Balance	\$ 1,415.93	(\$ 2,031.21)	\$ 16,616.83
2-12	19 + 54	45	2,054.62	February Income	* 16,216.36	35.50	1,087.00
2-19	28 + 63	36	1,993.62	February Expenses	14,312.26	389.05	0.00
2-26	33 + 67	42	2,447.62	February 28 Balance	\$ 3,320.03	(\$ 2,384.76)	\$ 17,703.83
Totals			\$ 10,190.78				

* Includes \$6,000.00 donation from Second Chance Shoppe.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 2/2017	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,261.13
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,306.18 / \$ 2,972.85
Budgeted to Date	\$ 29,350.17
Received to Date	\$ 20,755.61 / \$ 26,755.61
Expenses to Date	\$ 26,525.24
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 5,769.63) / \$ 230.37

**** Two sets of figures for “Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date” above indicate the following:

- (1) the left side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, excluding the \$6,000.00 from the Second Chance Shoppe given this month.
- (2) the right side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, including the \$6,000.00 from the Second Chance Shoppe given this month.

APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE

April Schedule:

April 2 – 9:00 A.M. – Monthly Munchies.

Preschool – Regular lesson and practice Rooster, Earthquake, and Wind.

Learn songs for May 14 (Youth Sunday).

Kindergarten-Grade 6 – Practice Easter Play upstairs in church.

Youth Fellowship – Assemble Easter Egg Hunt items.

Saturday, April 8 – 10:00 A.M. – Egg Hunt – Rain or shine for ages 0 up to and including Grade 4.

April 9 – 9:00 A.M. – Palm Sunday Parade (all classes);

Palm Sunday Squares – Kindergarten/Grade 1 and up.

April 16 – 9:00 A.M. – Easter Play.

April 23 – 9:00 A.M. – Preschool-Grade 4 – Regular lesson. Practice songs for May 14 (Youth Sunday).

Grades 5 & 6 – Make decorations for May 7 Community Lunch.

Youth Fellowship – Finish plans for Bible Olympics.

Work on Youth Sunday.

Prepare for Amazing Bible Challenge.

Prepare for end-of-year picnic.

April 30 – 9:00 A.M. – Bible Olympics.



EGG HUNT rain or shine on Saturday, April 8, at 10:00 A.M. If the weather is rainy, snowy, or just too cold, we will run for eggs inside. All children of our congregation ages 0 up to and including Grade 4 are invited.

Looking Ahead to May:

May 7 – 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. – Attendance Party. Invitation only – need 75% attendance.

May 14 – Youth Sunday at both services.

Children sing in church at 10:15 A.M. service.

May 21 – Amazing Bible Challenge.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Teegan Green	April 3	Cameron Chruscial	April 16	Jonathan Green	April 22
Elliot Press	April 7	Cole Chruscial	April 16	Madison Martz	April 23
Logan Jones	April 12	McKenzie Chruscial	April 19	James Balliet III	April 27
Autumn Stepp	April 13	Allison Handwerk	April 19	Jarrett Silfies	April 30
Kayleigh Snyder	April 15				

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS

Landon Hedmeck on April 9 (2 years old)

Blake Vanlieu on April 24 (4 years old)

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE

May Schedule:

May 7 – 9:00 A.M. – Monthly Munchies.

Preschool – Regular lesson and practice songs for next week (Youth Sunday).

Kindergarten-Grade 6 – Review for Amazing Bible Challenge.

Practice songs for next week.

Youth Fellowship – Practice in church for Youth Sunday and finalize Bible Challenge.

4:00-6:00 P.M. – Attendance Party – Invitation only – Must achieve 75% attendance.

May 14 – Youth Sunday – Youth Fellowship will be responsible for both 8:00 & 10:15 A.M. services.

9:00 A.M. – Preschool-Grade 6 – Mother's Day craft and practice songs.

10:15 A.M. – CHILDREN SING IN CHURCH for Youth Sunday!

May 21 – 9:00 A.M. – Preschool – Regular class and practice songs for Promotion Sunday (June 11).

Kindergarten-Grade 6 – Amazing Bible Challenge.

May 28 – 9:00 A.M. – All Class Worship and practice songs for Promotion Sunday (June 11).

Looking Ahead to June:

June 4 – Raffle Sunday and practice songs for Promotion Sunday.

June 11 – Promotion Sunday during 9:00 A.M. church service.

Children sing in church at 9:00 A.M. service.

10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – End-of-year picnic.

June 17 (Saturday) – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – Create VBS scenery.

June 18 – 10:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – Create VBS scenery.

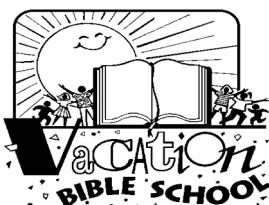
June 24 (Saturday) – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – Set up for VBS.

June 25 – 10:30 A.M. to ?? – Set up for VBS.

June 26-30 (Monday-Friday) – 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. – Vacation Bible School (“VBS”)

“Maker Fun Factory – Created by God – Built for a Purpose”

June 30 (Friday) – 8:00 P.M. – VBS Closing Program and hot dog roast.



REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (“VBS”)!!

Registration forms can be found at the Parent Information Center in the hallway in the educational wing, in the Fellowship Hall, or on the rear radiator covers in the church. Register before June 1 and receive an iron-on transfer of this year's logo “Maker Fun Factory”.

YOUTH SUNDAY IS MAY 14. The Sunday School children will sing at the 10:15 A.M. service.

Please come to church to sing and to show your support for our youth.

THE AMAZING BIBLE CHALLENGE to be held on Sunday, May 21, at 9:00 A.M. Created and organized by the Youth Fellowship Class, this day promises to be a lot of fun.

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE

(Continued)

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Tiffany Yesik	May 2	Izabella Snyder	May 13
Alicia Horn	May 3	Tyler Sigley	May 15
Carlton "C. J." Davies	May 6	Garrett Smoyer	May 16
Lillian Fine	May 9	Ariana Williams	May 17
Victoria Halkias	May 9	Rafe Perich	May 22
Madison Cunfer	May 10	Hailey Heckman	May 25
Joseph Yesik	May 10	Connor McWilliams	May 25
Kaitlyn Yesik	May 10	Elaina Ray	May 25
Aliyah Nothstein	May 12	Victoria Garbe	May 31

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS

Cade Barthold on May 11 (1 year old)
Marigold Brennand on May 17 (1 year old)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS ARE EXTENDED TO OUR "80 & OVER" MEMBERS



- Mr. Robert Morgan*, Walnutport, PA ** Celebrating his 83rd birthday on April 4.
- Mrs. Anna Davis*, Slatington, PA ** Celebrating her 94th birthday on April 23.
- Mr. Bill Dimmich*, Walnutport, PA ** Celebrating his 81st birthday on April 25.
- Mr. Ernest Cunfer*, Slatington ** Celebrating his 88th birthday on May 8.
- Mrs. Mildred Hetzer*, Whitehall ** Celebrating her 101st birthday on May 15.
- Mrs. Carol MacCrindle*, Slatington ** Celebrating her 86th birthday on May 15.
- Mr. Tom Kuntz*, Allentown ** Celebrating his 80th birthday on May 22.
- Mrs. Marion Rex*, Bowmanstown ** Celebrating her 83rd birthday on May 23.

If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary and are not included in our regular listing each month, it is because we do not have the information. Please call the church office (610-767-6361) or e-mail us the information to keep us informed.

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Support Mission with Thrivent Choice Dollars

Sometimes opportunities to provide help to those in need come from surprising places. Those in our synod who are also Thrivent Financial members now have the option of routing all or a portion of their Thrivent Choice Dollars to our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

As a non-profit, fraternal organization, Thrivent Financial must return a portion of its revenue to organizations that do good in the world. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA has just been added to Thrivent's list of approved organizations that can receive these funds.



With just a click of your mouse, or a simple phone call to Thrivent's customer assistance, you can help your Synod continue

various ministries through which it carries out Christ's directive to feed the hungry, provide for the homeless, support the spiritually lost, and many other concrete actions taken daily on your behalf.

Please consider how a small portion of your time can help so significantly. Visit www.thrivent.com or call 1-800-847-4836 to take action or get more information.

Maidencreek Church Toys for Christmas



On Wednesday, December 21, Maidencreek Church received a last minute request for toys from the Second Street Learning Center in Reading. The Center did not have enough toys for the 450 children enrolled in their programs, which includes a 24/7 day care center. These children range in age from 6 weeks to 13 years. Even though most of the parents work, 98% of these families are below poverty level.

Thanks to social media, the church was able to get the word out to its members. The message was shared with coworkers and friends who joined in to assure that all the children would have a Christmas gift. By 5:00 PM Thursday (30 hours after the request) a truck was loaded and 200 toys were delivered to the Center.

There were Barbie Dolls, Legos, footballs, games, baby toys, craft kits, trucks, cars, and everything in between. Every child at the center was able to receive a Christmas gift, and the people at Maidencreek Church gave thanks to God for placing this opportunity before them.

Maidencreek Church Outreach Ministry spent a Saturday morning in December with these children creating crafts as gifts for their parents, grandparents, and friends. In addition, the team provides eight meals a year at Opportunity House, where some of the homeless children live with their mothers.

Share the Good News!



The synod has a story to tell: How the Holy Spirit works through congregations, institutions, and programs to accomplish God's will!

Mission Interpreters tell that story. They are making Christ known by sharing the excitement of our synod and churchwide mission and ministry with their own and with other congregations.

To invite a mission interpreter to your congregation, please contact Georgia Suranofsky at georgiasuranofsky@hotmail.com or Brenda Stauffer at brenda@nepsynod.org.

Subscribe to E-News

Do you know that each Tuesday over 900 people receive the synod's weekly electronic newsletter?

Synod E-News contains a list of prayer concerns, various items of interest (both synodical and from the wider church), a list of upcoming events, and various positions available in our congregations.

Are you missing out? You can subscribe by visiting the synod website. Under the "Publications" tab, click on "E-News." Then click on the "Join Mailing List" button and you will be sent to a page where you may subscribe to E-News, Daily Prayers, and other e-publications.

Sharing a Pastor



Holy Trinity, Palmerton

St. Matthew, North Weissport

One of the first things children learn is to share. Two churches are doing just that. For three years, St. Matthew, North Weissport, has been without a regularly called pastor of their own. At the same time Holy Trinity, Palmerton, came to the realization that they could no longer afford to support a pastor on a full-time basis. They approached the synod office for help and learned of St. Matthew's situation.

The leaders of Holy Trinity decided they would rather share their pastor than see him take another call, so they opened discussions with St. Matthew. This led to the sharing arrangement. Sunday services are held at 8:30 a.m. at St. Matthew and 10:15 a.m. at Holy Trinity. This allows Pastor Frost enough time to talk with the congregation and still get to the second service on time. His only regret is that he is not able to be present for Sunday school at either church. The churches will also worship together for mid-week Lenten services and Holy Week, alternating locations.

Pastor Frost is especially excited about the possibilities this arrangement opens for St. Matthew. "They are very excited to have someone who is their pastor. There's a great deal of enthusiasm." Over the years, the church has seen a decrease in attendance due to the lack of a regularly called pastor. "Worship attendance has picked up since I started," says Pastor Frost. "Morale dips when there isn't a consistent pastor." He looks forward to seeing the church grow.

Pastor Frost leads Bible study groups at Holy Trinity. A Wednesday evening group is studying St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, and a Thursday morning group is studying the book of Genesis. Pastor Frost hopes there will be crossover and that people get to know one another, leading to new relationships between people of the two congregations.

[Thank you to Kristine Porter and the *Lehighton Times News* for allowing her article to be edited for use in *Synod News*.]

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans



Dr. Kleinhans is Professor of Religion at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. She joined the Wartburg

faculty in 1993 as the first woman teaching full-time in Religion.

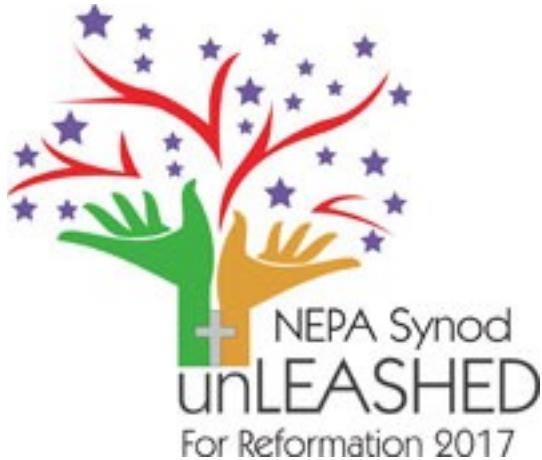
Her teaching responsibilities are primarily in Christian theology and church history, with an emphasis on Martin Luther and the theology and history of the Reformation.

She writes and speaks frequently on the relevance of Luther and the Reformation today – especially in light of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation in 2017.

Dr. Kleinhans is an ordained pastor of the ELCA. Before coming to Wartburg, she served as one of the pastors of the Lutheran Church of the Atonement in Atlanta, Georgia.

She has served the ELCA at the national level in several capacities. Currently she is a member of the Women and Justice Task Force, and a member of the Entrance Rite Discernment Group for the ELCA's proposed Word and Service roster.

Dr. Kleinhans will speak on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.



Synod Assembly 2017

June 2-3

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center
Pocono Mountain, PA

Ever been to an Annual Synod Assembly?

It's the largest gathering of Lutheran congregations in northeastern Pennsylvania...

...and all members of every congregation in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod are invited.

Every congregation elects two voting members to take part in the official business of the assembly.

But there are plenty of seats for visitors.

So, if you're not elected as a voting member of your congregation, come to the assembly and be enriched by the supercharged spirit of life together in Christ. (You must register for meals with the synod office.)

Let your imagination be stirred by ministries on display in God's Playground.

Gain insight from our keynote speaker about Lutherans "unleashed" for ministry in challenging times.

Add your voice to the hymns, prayers, and acclamations lifted up during the Service of Holy Communion on June 2.

To learn more about the 2017 Synod Assembly and the schedule of assembly events, go to <http://nepasynod.org/synod-assembly-2017>.

Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly

June 16-18
Muhlenberg College



"Love in Action" is the theme of this year's Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assembly which will be held at Muhlenberg College from June 16-18.

The theme for this year's assembly is taken from Romans 12:9-21. Pastor Nelson Quinones will serve as the chaplain.

Workshops, worship, group games, a dance, and more are all part of the weekend which also includes plenary sessions (meetings) for discussing issues that matter to youth.

Registration and additional information about the assembly are on the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org/event/lutheran-youth-fellowship-2017>.

Lutheran Day at the Capitol

May 16 - Trinity, Camp Hill

With the political divisions and hostilities of today, it is critical that our voice, as the people of God, be heard as a reminder that all are made in God's image. How can we be Church Together, for the sake of the world, in Pennsylvania? For more information and to register, visit <http://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org> and scroll down to "Events."

Kalahari Resort & Conventions



This year's venue for Synod Assembly offers a unique opportunity for your whole family to enjoy the experience, whether you are a delegate or a visitor to the Assembly.

Kalahari has America's largest indoor waterpark at 220,000 sq. ft. It features a retractable roof, stand-up surfing or body boarding on the FlowRider, the twists and turns of the Anaconda and Swahili Swirl waterslides, relaxing lazy river, and indoor/outdoor family hot tub. Ride the waves in the wave pool or experience tons of activities for the little ones and much, much more!

The Resort has set aside a block of rooms for the Assembly. Rates are for up to four guests per room. To make a reservation call 888-742-9099 and identify yourself as attending the Northeastern PA Synod Assembly. Luggage can be stored with the resort until 4:00 p.m. check-in time.

The cost of the room includes admission to the park for the four people staying in the room beginning at noon the day of your arrival and ending when the park closes the day you check out. Guests can be family members or friends not attending the assembly.

Check out www.kalahariresorts.com for more information.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (APRIL 2017)

Date	Serv.	Asst. Min.	Commun. Asst.	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers
April 2 (C)	8:00	Stephen Stehly	Lynn Haab			Lynn Haab		Jill Schaffer & Wayne Rauch
April 2 (C)	10:15	Harrison Williams	Cheryl Burke & Sharon Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Joe & April Krempasky	Jodi & Madison Kocher	Karen Kreglow (DIC), Tom Campbell, Joe Krempasky, & Dennis Rehrig
April 9 Palm Sunday	8:00					Ron & Hali Kuntz		Stephen Stehly & Dale Pugh
April 9 Palm Sunday	10:15				Janet Shankweiler & Stephen Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Angela Henninger	April Krempasky (DIC), Ken Staller, Sharon Stehly, & Harrison Williams
April 13 (C) Maun. Thurs.	7:00 PM	Stephen Stehly	M. Handwerk & Sh. Stehly		Stephanie Beers & Doris Betzenberger	Lynn Haab & Linda Humanick		Chad Miller (DIC), Lisa Shellhammer, & Sharon Stehly
April 16 (C) Easter	7:00 AM	Lynne Fedorcha	Fianna Christman			Harriet Felguieras		Terry Eschbach (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Robert Cunfer, & Mark Wehr
April 16 (C) Easter	10:15	Jodi Kocher	Ruthann Mantz & St. Stehly	Debbie Cunfer & Lynn Haab	Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly		Karen Kreglow	Wayne Rauch (DIC), Brian Geiger, Ruthann Mantz, & Carol Miller
April 23	8:00					Ron & Hali Kuntz		Adam Sigley & Fianna Christman
April 23	10:15				Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Tom & Barbara Campbell	Linda Humanick	Janet Shankweiler (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, Darin Handwerk, & Ronnie Humanick
April 30 (C)	8:00	S. Stehly	Lynn Haab			Lynn Haab		Wayne Rauch & Dale Pugh
April 30 (C)	10:15	Harrison Williams	Nancy Rehrig & Ken Staller	Jodi Kocher & R. Mantz	Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Sue Freed & Lisa Shellhammer	Jodi & Madison Kocher	Erin Snyder (DIC), Tom Campbell, Joe Krempasky, & Dennis Rehrig

It is your responsibility to find a replacement and notify the church office (610-767-6361) or e-mail at stjohnsslating@enter.net of the change by Thursday.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (APRIL 2017)

Date	Service	Bellringer	Crucifer	Banner Bearer	Lector	Acolyte
April 2 (C)	8:00	Hunter Miller				Dylan Smoyer
April 2 (C)	10:15	Teegan Green	Zachari Halkias	Tyler Henninger	Jodi Kocher	Brenton Krempasky
April 9 (Palm Sunday)	8:00	Sean Kreglow				Anee Reiser
April 9 (Palm Sunday)	10:15	Tyler Henninger	Brenton Krempasky	Kyle Krempasky	Chad Miller	Egan Bellesfield
April 13 (C-Maundy Thurs.)	7:00 PM					Lucas Rauch
April 16 (C-Easter)	7:00 AM					Emme Reiser
April 16 (C-Easter)	10:15	Shelby Kreglow	Lucas Rauch	Michael Majercak	Cheryl Burke	Madison Kocher
April 23	8:00	Lucas Rauch				Kaden Lyon
April 23	10:15	Madison Kocher	Shelby Kreglow	Sean Kreglow	Jill Schaffer	Michael Majercak
April 30 (C)	8:00	Anee Reiser				Jarrett Silfies
April 30 (C)	10:15	Brenton Krempasky	Madison Peters	Matthew Peters	Ruthann Mantz	Kayleigh Snyder

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (MAY 2017)

Date	Serv.	Asst. Min.	Commun. Assistant	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers
May 7 (C)	8:00	Lynne Fedorcha	Fianna Christman			Harriet Felgueras		Karen Kreglow & Justin Smoyer
May 7 (C)	10:15	Jodi Kocher	Ruthann Mantz & Sh. Stehly	Denise & Hunter Miller	Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Paul & Michelle Gass	Linda Humanick	Stephen Stehly (DIC), Nancy Rehrig, Ken Staller, & Harrison Williams
May 14 Youth Sunday	8:00					Lynn Haab		April Krempasky & Clarence Smith
May 14 Youth Sunday	10:15				Janet Shankweiler & Stephen Stehly	Linda Humanick	Jodi & Madison Kocher	Jill Schaffer (DIC), Lisa Shellhammer, Sharon Stehly, & Matt Truett
May 21 (C)	8:00	Lynn Haab	Lynne Fedorcha			Ron & Hali Kuntz		Chad Miller & Paul Gass
May 21 (C)	10:15	Harrison Williams	Cheryl Burke & Stephen Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Stephanie Beers & Doris Betzenberger	Richard & Judy Muthard	Angela Henninger	Adam Sigley (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Robert Cunfer, & Mark Wehr
May 28	8:00					Harriet Felgueras		Terry Eschbach & Fianna Christman
May 28	10:15				Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	April & Joe Krempasky	Karen Kreglow	Wayne Rauch (DIC), Brian Geiger, Ruthann Mantz, & Carol Miller

It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot serve on a Sunday and notify the church office (610-767-6361) by Thursday morning.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (MAY 2017)

Date	Service	Bellringer	Crucifer	Banner Bearer	Lector	Acolyte
May 7 (C)	8:00	Emme Reiser				Dylan Smoyer
May 7 (C)	10:15	Kyle Krempasky	Kayleigh Snyder	Lucas Rauch	Lynn Haab	Brenton Krempasky
May 14 Youth Sunday	8:00	Carlton Davies				Anee Reiser
May 14 Youth Sunday	10:15	Michael Majercak			Youth	Kayleigh Snyder
May 21 (C)	8:00	Sean Kreglow				Emme Reiser
May 21 (C)	10:15	Madison Peters	Hunter Miller	Brandon Miller	Julie Wehr	Lucas Rauch
May 28	8:00	Hunter Miller				Kaden Lyon
May 28	10:15	Matthew Peters	Michael Majercak	Kyle Krempasky	Harrison Williams	Egan Bellesfield



APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3/26 Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>Easter Flower Orders Due</i> 8:00 & 10:15 The Services 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Senior Choir 8:00 A.A.	3/27	3/28 10:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Collate April/May newsletter	3/29 10:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 TOPS 11:30 Devotions 5:30 Catechism 7:00 Lenten Service at Slatington Baptist	3/30 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	3/31 Sharon-Vacation	1 April Fools Day 4:00-7:00 Ham & Dandelion Dinner
2 Fifth Sunday in Lent <i>Holiday Pie Orders Due</i> 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School 11:30 Youth-Lunch & go to Escape Room in Bethlehem 8:00 A.A.	3	4	5 10:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 TOPS 11:30 Devotions 5:30 Catechism 7:00 Lenten Service at Presbyterian Church	6 <i>Stuffing Due for Food Bank</i> 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	7 9:30 Sewing	8 9:00 Social Ministry Baskets Preparation 10:00 Egg Hunt
9 Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School –Parade & Palm Sunday Squares 8:00 A.A.	10 11:00 Jubilees depart for lunch at Cracker Barrel & meeting	11 11:00 Second Chance Meeting	12 10:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 TOPS 7:00 Senior Choir 8:00 Handchimes	13 Maundy Thursday 11:30 Shut-in Service 5:30 Soup & Salad 7:00 Maundy Thursday Serv. with Commun. 8:00 A.A.	14 Good Friday 7:00 Tenebrae Service at St. John's UCC	15 IRS Tax Deadline 8:00-11:00 Pie Pick-up 9:00 Altar Guild Easter Set-up
16 Easter Sunday 7:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion Continental Breakfast between the services 9:00 Sunday School-Easter Play 8:00 A.A.	17 7:00 Women's Club	18 10:00 Chair Yoga	19 10:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 TOPS 6:00 Catechism 7:00 Senior Choir 7:00 Council Mtg. 8:00 Handchimes	20 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	21 Sharon-Vacation	22 Earth Day 8:30 WELCA-Spring Cluster Event at Weisenberg Lutheran 9:00 Yard Clean-up
23 Second Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School 1:00 Youth at Iron Pigs 8:00 A.A.	24 OFFICE	25 C L O S E D	26 10:00 Chair Yoga 8:00 Handchimes	27 10:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 TOPS 6:00 Catechism 7:00 Senior Choir 8:00 A.A.	28 SHARON ON VACATION	29
30 Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School- Bible Olympics 8:00 A.A.	5/1	5/2 10:00 Chair Yoga	5/3 10:00 Zumba Gold 11:30 Commun. Serv. 6:00 Catechism 7:00 Senior Choir 8:00 Handchimes	5/4 National Day of Prayer 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	5/5 9:30 Sewing	5/6

MAY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School / Coffee Hour 11:30-1:00 Community Lunch 1:00 N.L. Food Bank Hunger Walk 4:00 S.S. Attendance Party 8:00 A.A.	8 11:00 Jubilees depart for lunch at Panera Bread & meeting	9 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Second Chance Meeting	10 10:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 TOPS 6:00 Catechism 7:00 Senior Choir 8:00 Handchimes	11 11:00 Slatington Srs. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	12 9:30 Sewing	13 9:00 Bike-A-Thon for World Hunger 4:00-7:00 Chicken Pot Pie Dinner
14 Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day / Youth Sunday <i>Geranium Orders Due</i> 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School 8:00 A.A.	15 7:00 Women's Club JUNE/JULY/AUG. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 10:00 Chair Yoga	17 10:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 TOPS 6:00 Catechism 7:00 Senior Choir / Church Council 8:00 Handchimes	18 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 7:00 Mission District Assembly at Faith Lutheran 8:00 A.A.	19 3:00 Ringer Scholarship Deadline 4:00 Second Chance Appreciation Dinner	20 8:00-3:00 Community Yard Sale
21 Sixth Sunday of Easter Church Music Sunday <i>Soup & Sandwich Orders Due</i> 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Bible Challenge 6:00 Ringer Scholarship Meeting 8:00 A.A.	22	23 10:00 Chair Yoga	24 10:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 TOP 1:00 Collate Summer Newsletter 6:00 Catechism	25 The Ascension Of Our Lord 11:00 Slatington Srs. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	26	27 9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up
28 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School-All Class Worship 8:00 A.A.	29 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY-CHURCH BLDG. CLOSED	30 10:00 Chair Yoga	31 10:00 Zumba Gold 11:00 TOPS 6:00 Catechism (8th grade)	6/1 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	6/2 9:30 Sewing PASTOR AT	6/3 9:00 Altar Guild <i>Geranium Set-up</i> SYNOD ASSEMBLY