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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the Summer Season at Saint John's we begin with the Affirmation of Baptism for four of our church's young people on June 4th. But what is that all about? Maybe I should start with what it isn't. It is not a graduation from church. You never really graduate from church. It is the next step in your development as a Christian.

When each of us was baptized, our parents and sponsors made promises on our behalf. Those promises include bringing us to church, seeing to our Christian Education, sharing the Bible with us, praying for us, and helping us to know that God is indeed an important part of our lives. For most of us those promises are helped by the church, the Sunday School, and the Confirmation Classes. The Confirmation process helps the students to more deeply identify with the Christian community and to participate more fully in its mission. At the end of the two years of Confirmation Classes, usually at the end of eighth grade, the students are invited to affirm their faith. The Service of Affirmation of Baptism is a service where the young person takes upon themselves the promises made at baptism.

This year the Service of Affirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday. That is the day we celebrate the Giving of the Holy Spirit to the gathered disciples. For

those affirming their baptism it is a step toward adulthood as they become full members of Saint John's and partners with each of us in the ministry we share in the community. And as I said earlier it is not a graduation, but a welcoming into the service and responsibility that we all share as Christians. Please make an effort to congratulate and welcome those affirming their baptism this year. You can learn a little more about them in this newsletter.

There are a lot of Summer activities that will be taking place at Saint John's this year as well. Our Sunday worship schedule changes on Sunday, June 11. That's the day we start a single service at 9:00 each Sunday until Labor Day Weekend. It is also the day for the church picnic after church. Bring a side dish or dessert to share with your Saint John's family! We'll have games and fun galore!

The Breakfast Bunch, our Summer Feeding Program, begins on Monday, June 19. You are invited to help out if you are able. See the article inside.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 26-30. The theme is Maker Fun Factory Created By God. It sounds like it will be great fun indeed! Sign up to help out or drop in for the closing on Friday night!

It will be a busy Summer indeed!
See you in Church,

Pastor Russell Haab

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



In order to help you prepare for worship, we are printing the lectionary texts for each service this summer. 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 June, July, and August:

June 4 – The Day of Pentecost

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Coffee Hour
10:15 A.M. – Confirmation

Lessons:

Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Psalm 104:24-34 John 20:19-23

June 7

11:30 A.M. – Mid-week Communion Service
in Fellowship Hall.

June 11 – The Holy Trinity

9:00 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer
Sunday School Promotion Awards
Ringer Scholarships awarded
10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – Year-end Celebration
Church Picnic

Lessons:

Genesis 1:1–2:4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Psalm 8 Matthew 28:16-20

June 18 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day
9:00 A.M. – Communion Service

Lessons:

Exodus 19:2-8a Romans 5:1-8
Psalm 100 Matthew 9:35–10:23

June 25 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Service of Word and Prayer
Installation of Vacation Bible School staff

Lessons:

Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:1b-11
Psalm 69:7-18 Matthew 10:24-39

July 2 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Communion Service

Lessons:

Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:12-23
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Matthew 10:40-42

July 9 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer

Lessons:

Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a
Psalm 145:8-14 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer

Lessons:

Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11
Psalm 65:1-13 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer

Lessons:

Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:12-25
Psalm 86:11-17 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Communion Service

Lessons:

1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26-39
Psalm 119:129-136 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August 6 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Communion Service

Lessons:

Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 9:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer

Lessons:

1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15
Psalm 85:8-131 Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer

Lessons:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Psalm 67 Matthew 15:10-28

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(Continued)

August 27 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer

Lessons:

Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 12:1-8

Psalms 138

Matthew 16:13-20

September 3 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 A.M. – Communion Service

Lessons:

Jeremiah 15:15-21

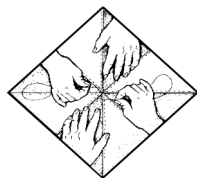
Romans 12:9-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Matthew 16:21-28

Remember that the bills don't take a summer vacation; please keep your offerings current!

SEWING GROUP



The Sewing Group will meet on the following Fridays this summer: June 2 & 9, July 7 & 14, and August 4 & 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 A. M.

in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY



The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will meet in assembly on Friday and Saturday,

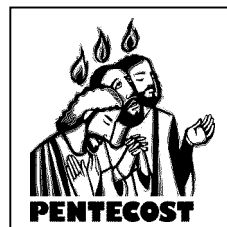
June 2 and 3, at the Kalahari Resorts in Pocono Manor. This 31st annual assembly will be the finale of the theme "UNLEASHED for Reformation 2017". Lutherans from congregations in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod are invited for workshops, worship, and music. Pastor Haab and Paul & Michelle Gass will be attending the assembly.

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 of our young people will affirm their faith in Jesus Christ. All youth are confirmed upon completion of all confirmation

requirements. The 2017 confirmation candidates are: Brenton Krempasky Anee Reiser Lucas Rauch Emme Reiser

Congratulations to the above young people who will be confirmed on June 4. A special welcome to full activity in the life of St. John's Lutheran Church.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME



Each Sunday, starting June 11, throughout the summer months we will gather to worship and praise God at **9:00 A.M.** This schedule will continue through Sunday, September 3. Start your week off by joining us during the “green” season of the church year.

Sunday School will conclude for the summer on Sunday, June 11, with promotion and recognition of students. Sunday School will begin again on Rally Day, September 10.

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 during the service.

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

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 aluminum tabs to St. John’s for pick up. Clarence Smith collects the tabs for the Shriners Hospital.



CHECK YOUR E-MAIL!



Make sure to check your e-mail every Friday for the weekly e-update from St. John’s. If you

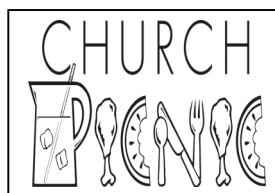
don’t receive our weekly e-update, give us your e-mail address and we’ll add you to the list.

Send information to stjohnsslating@enter.net.

Also check St. John’s out on Facebook and at

our web page at: www.stjohnsslatington.org.

END-OF-YEAR PICNIC



Join us for our annual end-of-year picnic on Sunday, June 11, from 10:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M. The Youth Fellowship class has planned an

action-packed picnic. Free for all students, their families, and all members of the congregation. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage will be provided, as well as beverages. Please bring a covered dish/picnic food, or dessert. Activities will include:

Cake walk	Relay races
Face painting	Water balloon toss
Lollipop tree	Stuffed animal contest
Photo booth	and much, much more
Sunflower seed spitting contest	

People are needed to help with the different activities. To volunteer, please sign up on the sign-up sheets on the rear radiator covers in church. Complete the registration form below or sign-up on the sheets on the rear of the church. By signing up, you help us plan and provide enough food, seating, and entertainment. Forms can be placed in the offering plate or mailed into the church office.

Family Name _____

Attending _____

Will provide following food item: _____

Can Help With/Time _____

RINGER SCHOLARSHIPS

Presented to the congregation by James, Robert, and Isabel Ringer in December, 1997, the scholarship fund provides for a maximum of \$12,000 to be distributed yearly to up to six deserving students. Available only to youth of St. John's Lutheran Church, the scholarship is designed for undergraduate and technical study. Scholarship eligibility criteria include tuition costs, family financial need, church participation, and academic standing.



The 18th Ringer Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 11. The following recipients recently graduated from high school or have

completed at least one year at an institute of higher learning and have remained active in the life of St. John's as they are able:

- o Carolann Green, a senior at Bloomsburg University.
- o Taylor Kocher, a junior at Boston University.
- o Brandon Miller, a sophomore at Kutztown University.
- o Alex Sigley, a senior at Kutztown University.
- o Phoebe Thomasco, a sophomore at Elizabethtown College.

St. John's congregation is grateful to the Ringer family for their generous gift. Applications for 2018 scholarships will be available in April 2018.

USED INK CARTRIDGES



Heather Miller is collecting used ink cartridges, cell phones, MP3 players, and laptops to earn money for the pending air conditioning repairs. Boxes can be found in the Fellowship Hall and

narthex for your convenience to leave your donations. Thank you for your donations!

TIME AWAY THIS SUMMER



Pastor Haab will be away in mid-June for a few days and from August 1-16. Anyone in need of pastoral services while Pastor Haab is on vacation should contact the church office at 610-767-6361 or Sharon Stehly at 610-390-7138.

Sharon Stehly will be on vacation June 12 & 13, possibly July 17-August 2, and August 17-21.

Joanne Perich will be on vacation from July 20 through August 24.

JUBILEES EVENTS



Seniors' Gathering

The Jubilees will meet at the church by 11:30 A.M. on Monday, June 12, to carpool to The Shack for lunch. After lunch they will return to the Fellowship Hall for their meeting. Please call Isabel Ringer at 610-767-4534 by Monday, June 4, if you plan to go to lunch at the Shack.

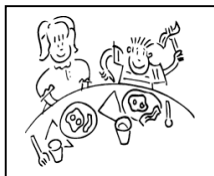
The Jubilees' annual picnic will be held on Wednesday, July 12, at 12:00 Noon at the food court by the Rails To Trails pavilion across from A. F. Boyer Hardware. If you plan to attend the picnic, please call Isabel Ringer at 610-767-4534 by Sunday, July 2.

There will be no meeting in August. The Jubilees will have a meeting in September. Watch for more information in the September newsletter.

SECOND CHANCE SHOPPE BOARD MEETINGS

The Second Chance Shoppe Board will meet at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 13, in the Fellowship Hall. July and August meeting dates will be decided at the June meeting. Watch your summer bulletins for more details. Second Chance Shoppe volunteers are welcome to attend the board meetings.

BREAKFAST BUNCH HELP NEEDED



St. John's Lutheran Church, with the support of the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association, will be hosting the eighth annual Breakfast Bunch from Monday

through Friday from 8:30 to 10:00 A.M. beginning on Monday, June 19, through mid-August. To do this we need support from you. 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!**

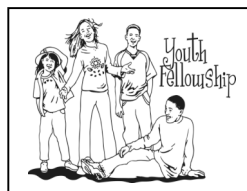
◇ We need **weekly shoppers!** If you like to grocery shop, this is an ideal volunteer position for you! **You are needed!**

◇ We need **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? **You can 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!"**

LUTHERAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



The 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 Friday, 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.

MOVING?



If you are moving, or have just moved, please notify the church office of your new address and phone number

so that our records are accurate. We do receive address corrections from the post office **at a fee**. Help us keep mailing costs down by giving us address changes before you move.

Orange slips are also available in the back of the church to update your address/phone information. Please keep us updated on contact numbers as more people are going to cell phones only. If you have any changes, please complete an orange slip and put it in the offering plate or drop off in the church office.

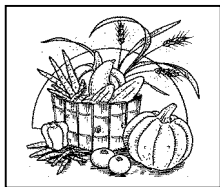
BEAR CREEK CAMP



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.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS



Did you plant a vegetable garden this year? Do you have extra fruit from your bushes or trees? If you have extra produce, you are invited to participate in the St. John's Farmer's Market. You can bring in extra vegetables/fruit you will not use to share with your St. John's family. Others may purchase the produce and what is left over may be donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Proceeds from the fruit/vegetable sale will go to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

The St. John's Farmer's Market opened on Sunday, May 21, and will continue on most Sunday mornings into the fall. Last year \$1,115 was raised for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank from the produce sales and \$608 was earned for the Furnace Fund from the jams and jelly sales. Everyone is welcome to participate and purchase fresh produce.



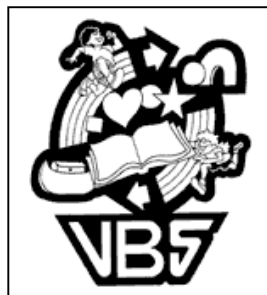
This year's Vacation Bible School ("VBS") theme is "Maker Fun Factory Created By God". Our Maker Fun Factory adventure will be held Monday, June 26, through Friday, June 30, from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. VBS is for children age 3 (by June 1) up to and including Grade 6.

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.

Please check out the donation board on the rear radiator cover in the back of the church to see if there is anything you can donate or lend us to use the week of VBS. When you take a tag with the donation information, please fill out the information underneath the tag.

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.

Thank you for your help in making this Vacation Bible School a success!

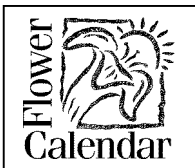
HERITAGE DAY PROGRAM



The annual Heritage Day Program will be held at Slatington Baptist Church at Second and Main Streets, Slatington, on Tuesday, July 4, at 10:00 A.M. The speaker will be Master Chief Price, U.S. Navy, who is originally from Wilkes-Barre.

The Heritage Choir and Community Band will perform. Everyone is welcome to attend the Heritage Day program.

SPONSORS NEEDED



Bulletin and flower sponsors are needed for several dates this summer and also other dates this fall.

Bulletin sponsors are needed for the following Sundays: July 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6 & 27; and September 10 (Rally Sunday).

Flower sponsors are needed for the following Sundays: July 16 & 30; August 13, 20, & 27; and September 3.

The cost of sponsoring flowers is \$35.00. The cost for sponsoring bulletins is \$20.00. To sponsor bulletins or flowers for a date, sign your name on the appropriate chart posted on the bulletin board outside the church office or call the office at 610-767-6361. Payment can be mailed into the office or placed in your offering envelope.

LAWN RANGERS NEEDED



Since the weather has warmed 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.

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.

VACATION PLANNING



As you begin to plan for your family's summer vacation, make worship a part of your time away. Check with Pastor Haab for the congregation closest to your vacation destination. Just bring back a Sunday bulletin, please!

W.I.S.H. PICNIC



The W.I.S.H. (Women Involved with Sharing & Helping) Circle will have their annual picnic at the home of Carol Miller, 2642 Grove Street, Slatington, on Thursday, August 3. Swimming and fellowship usually precedes the dinner/meeting. All women of the congregation are invited to attend to help plan the annual fall Basket Social held each October (see article on page 10). Please sign up to attend the picnic by placing your name and what you would like to bring on the sign-up sheet on the church office door.

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 on a quarterly basis.

FURNACE FUND UPDATE



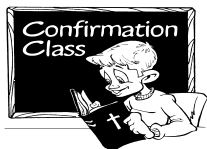
THE CHURCH FURNACE FUND IS PAID OFF!!

The church furnace was replaced in summer 2016.

The new furnace will have much higher efficiency than the old furnace. The cost was \$25,000 for the boiler and chimney liner. We are awaiting a variance from the state.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who made a donation to the Furnace Fund! We have repaid the money borrowed from investments for the new furnace and chimney liner last spring. Donations received in excess of the monies borrowed will go toward upcoming air conditioning repairs/replacement of units. Thank you again for your generous donations!

CATECHISM CLASS ENROLLMENT



All youth who are entering 7th grade or above in school this fall are invited to enroll in catechism class. An introductory meeting

for the youth and at least one parent/guardian will be held on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Youth planning to enroll in catechism class should complete the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, September 4.

CATECHISM CLASS ENROLLMENT

Youth Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Grade in School (2017-2018) _____

Parents Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY



September 10, 2017 is "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, an opportunity to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

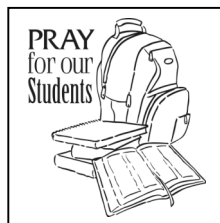
We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Whether it's cleaning up a neighborhood park, delivering meals, or helping a child learn to read, let's join together for a dedicated day of service on September 10 as four million members and 10,000 congregations.

You work every day to welcome your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let's do it together as one church, freed in Jesus Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

For 29 years we have been a church that does God's work in the world – restoring and reconciling communities. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are a church that is resilient and *always being made new*.

While we don't have the specifics yet, we invite you to remember September 10. It will be Rally Sunday at St. John's, and will be celebrated throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as *God's Work, Our Hands Sunday*. It is meant to be a day of service within the community. If you have any ideas for a service project(s) we could do that day, please let us know. By this we would not just go to church, but we can BE the church! Hopefully we will have our options in place before you receive your September newsletter. Also, watch for news in the weekly e-news.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags to church on Rally Sunday, September 10, for a service of blessing as we start the new school year.

ANNUAL W.I.S.H. BASKET SOCIAL



The W.I.S.H. (*Women Involved with Sharing & Helping*) Circle will sponsor its annual Gift Basket Social on Sunday, October 8, in the Fellowship Hall here at St. John's. Doors will open at 12:00 Noon; the drawing will begin at 1:00 P.M. There will be light refreshments and seating available.

We will be looking for gift basket donations starting in September for the basket social. The basket social is W.I.S.H.'s only fund raiser for the year. Profits from the basket social are donated to ongoing projects/events/renovations at the church, for helping our youth go to the national youth gatherings or on synod-sponsored mission trips, and for the annual graduation dinner held each spring.

You may contribute as follows:

- o A gift basket (value \$15.00).
- o Empty baskets.
- o Items for a basket (we will put in basket).
- o Provide financial donation (any amount) to purchase items for a basket.
- o Door prizes.

All types of items/baskets are welcome. Here is a list of some basket themes from prior socials:

Baby	Healthcare
Baking	Holiday Items
Bath	Italian
Beanies	Lotions
Bird Feed	Money Tree
Candle	Movie
Car Wash	Nascar
Christmas	Northern Lehigh
Cleaning	Paperback Books
Coffee/Tea	Pet Items
Crafts	Restaurants
First Aid	School Supplies
Gardening	Snack Items
Gourmet	Sport Teams
Hair Items	(college or pro)
Halloween	Wine & Cheese
Any Children-related Items/Books	

Basket donations can be dropped off in the Sunday School office on Sundays, given to any member of W.I.S.H., or dropped off in the church office during normal business hours. Donations are needed prior to the basket social.

Basket social tickets will go on sale in early September. Tickets will be \$5.00 and can be purchased from any member of W.I.S.H., on Sunday mornings, or from the church office during normal business hours.

There will also be sign-up sheets on the church office door in September for anyone who would like to donate finger foods for refreshments for the basket social. Thank you for your continued support of our annual basket social!

MASTER 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 and ensure the building is unlocked. 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.

The cost to rent the Fellowship Hall is \$40; \$50 if using the kitchen. Proper cleaning of the stove must occur or a \$25 cleaning charge will be applied.



2017 CONFIRMAND CANDIDATES

Below are brief profiles of our confirmation candidates. All the confirmands serve on Sundays as acolytes, bellringers, crucifers, and banner bearers for church services.

Brenton Krempasky

Brenton is the son of Joe and April Krempasky. He has a brother, Kyle and three cats.

He is completing eighth grade at Northern Lehigh Middle School. Brenton enjoys riding his bike, swimming, playing basketball, and running cross country.

Brenton has been attending St. John's since he was born. He attends Sunday School and Youth Fellowship events. One of his fondest memories is attending communion class and getting his first Holy Communion. His favorite church song is "The Little Drummer Boy." Brenton would like a tour of the bell tower.

Lucas Rauch

Lucas is the son of Wayne Rauch and Patti Rauch. He has a brother, Jesse Mackaravitz, and a nephew, Brantley Mackaravitz. He has four grandparents, two of which attend St. John's – Harold and Betsy Rauch.

He is completing eighth grade at Northern Lehigh Middle School. Lucas wants to go to Temple University to get a Doctoral degree. He enjoys fishing, video games, and outdoor stuff.

Lucas has been attending St. John's since he was born. His favorite church songs are Christmas hymns.

Anee Reiser

Anee is the daughter of Robert and Janelle Reiser. Robert is a nurse at LVHN-Muhlenberg in the Cath lab/EP lab. Janelle is a nurse at LCTI. She has a sister Emme who is a junior at Northern Lehigh High School. Emme is studying electro-mechanical engineering at LCTI. They have a dog, Ginger, who is five-years old and adopted from ASPCA.

She is completing seventh grade at Northern Lehigh Middle School. Anee plans on auditioning for the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts to further her music education. After graduating high school, she plans on going to college as music major.

Her activities are: playing flute for four years, keyboard for two years, and guitar for one year. She has been in concert band for four years. This is her first year in marching band, playing piccolo, and being on student council. She also is studying music theory.

Anee and her family have been members of St. John's for about two years. She remembers the first day her family walked into St. John's. Even though they barely knew anybody, everybody was very inviting. They introduced themselves, gave them information about the church, and made them feel very welcomed. They are very grateful to find such a comforting and inviting church. Anee volunteers at the community luncheons, dinners, and the Breakfast Bunch.

Anee believes that communion should take place every Sunday. She says the point of going to church is not only to worship God and be one with Him, but to ask for his forgiveness too. Another fun addition that would be neat for Anee to see in church is a small band. She knows we would need more musicians that know how to play various other instruments, but she thought it was a nice idea.

Her favorite hymn is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".

2017 CONFIRMAND CANDIDATES

(continued)

Emme Reiser

Emme is the daughter of Robert Reiser (nurse) and Janelle Reiser (nurse). She has a sister Anee who is a music geek, and a dog, Ginger.

She is completing eleventh grade at Northern Lehigh High School and level one in electromechanical/mechatronics technology at LCTI. Anee works in Admissions at Dorney Park. She enjoys cross country, track, and debate.

Emme and her family have been members of St. John's for about two years. She has fond memories of the church picnics. She volunteers at the community luncheons, dinners, and the Breakfast Bunch.

Emme would like to see more frequent communion in church. Her favorite hymn is "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies".

PUBLIC RELATIONS

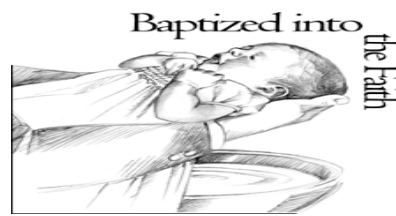


Do you have an upcoming event to be held here at St. John's that you want the public to know about?

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 office/church council, all you have to do is write up the information about the event, decide where you want the information sent to and e-mail all the information to Heather at heather4stjohns@yahoo.com. Give Heather enough lead time, and she will get the information out! Any questions, contact Heather or Lynn Haab.

PASTORAL ACTS



Hailey Marie Heckman

Daughter of David Robert Heckman & Tiffany Marie (Smith) Martz
4-23-2017

Austin Allen Heckman

Son of Jason Michael Martz & Tiffany Marie (Smith) Martz
4-23-2017

Madison McKenzie Martz

Daughter of Jason Michael Martz & Tiffany Marie (Smith) Martz
4-23-2017

Cade Zachary Barthold

Son of Jeffrey Charles Barthold & Barbara Ann (nee Kiefer) Barthold
4-30-2017



Marcie Ann Majercak & Christopher Schenck
5-12-2017



Pamela Kay (Green) Peters
4-26-2017



Diana Stettler to St. John's U.C.C., Slatington
Eileen Linda Klase to Friendship United Methodist Church, Friendship, Maryland

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.

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 stricter 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. Sharon calls the hospitals several times each week to check our code 290 for anyone hospitalized. Please keep us informed of any hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers. *Please tell us if you wish to have your name excluded from publication.*

The prayer list on the back of your bulletins each week will be emptied at the beginning of each month. We will maintain people recently in the hospital on the list but remove all others at the start of each month. Please call the church office (610-767-6361) if you would like yourself or a loved one to remain on the prayer list.

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 before the date the equipment is needed. When picking up the equipment, you must sign out the borrowed equipment on the sign-out sheet in the office. When returning the equipment, please sign your name with the date the equipment was returned. Sharon keeps the sign-out sheet in the office.

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS



The church office is open daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (except for holidays or vacation times).

The church building will be 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 also will be open Sunday mornings for the Sunday church service. 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 Haab are alone in the office during normal office hours, the church doors, including the brown doors by the office, will be locked as a safety measure. There is a door bell outside the brown doors that you may ring to gain access to the building.

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.

THANK YOU NOTES



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

- Brian and Debbie Geiger for running the pie sale and all the people that helped them make and bake the pies (Myra Handwerk, Anne Saylor, Bruce Sipos, and MaryAnn Stephen). The sale raised \$635.00 for the Building Fund.

- Myra Handwerk and Anne Saylor for helping put together the Easter bulletins.

- Thank you to the following people for helping with the spring clean-up:

Debbie Barhight & the Daisy Scouts	
Pastor Haab	Lisa Shellhammer
Jodi Kocher	Clarence Smith
Maddie Kocher	Stephen Stehly

- Thank you to Stephanie Beers and Fianna Christman for planting the Easter lilies and tulips in the flower beds around the church.

- Thank you to everyone who helped with and attended the Community lunch on May 7.

- Thank you to the following people for helping mow the grass this spring:

Paul Gass	Stephen Stehly
Pastor Haab	

Dear Friends of St. Johns,

Thank you to all who donated for the March of Dimes "March for Babies" this year. We appreciate all who helped, it certainly goes to a good cause. Thank you again.

Megan, Jody, and Egan Bellesfield

Dear Volunteers,

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers and bakers who helped make the Ham & Dandelion Dinner and the Chicken Pot Pie Dinner both a success!

The Catering Committee

Dear Members of St. John's,

Thank you to all those who helped with the Penny Party on March 25. Also, thank you to those who donated items as well. Your assistance in making this event a success is greatly appreciated. We raised over \$1,300 towards the 2018 Youth Gathering event.

Thanks also to the choir members who donated baked goods.

Myra Handwerk & Anne Saylor

Dear St. John's,

Thank you to everyone who ordered Thirty-One bags. The sales were \$2,231.50. The youth will get \$900 due to March double rewards to have a Designer Bingo this Fall.

Thank you,
Angela Henninger

Dear Northern Lehigh Churches,

On Sunday, May 7, (in the rain again!) 32 people (25 adults and seven children) walked in the ninth annual Hunger Walk to benefit the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. As of May 13, \$3,337.00 was raised! Thank you to everyone for their commitment and dedication to this cause.

Patty Hersh
Hunger Walk Coordinator

Dear Members of St. John's,

Thank you to the congregation for sending me get well cards and for the Easter basket. I really did not expect the Easter basket. I loved the chocolate!

Thank you,
Kay Mack

MORE THANK YOU NOTES ON NEXT PAGE

THANK YOU NOTES (continued)

Dear Pastor Haab and Members of St. John's,

Thank you all so much for the get-well wishes and hospital visits during my recent illness. Your thoughts and continued prayers are greatly appreciated. Also, thank you for the palms and goodie bag during Palm Sunday. The goodies were delicious and a great pick-me-up!

God Bless,
Mark W. Queen

The Second Chance Shoppe would like to thank Brian & Debbie Geiger for the delicious meal served at the annual appreciation dinner. Thank you to Myra Handwerk and everyone who helped serving and cleaning up.

Sincerely,
The Second Chance Board

Dear St. John's,

Your thoughtfulness meant so much. Thank you for the Easter goodies.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Sellers

Dear Members of St. John's,

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who came to help put the Easter bags together for our "Special Concerns" members. Without your help, the job could not be completed. Also, a special thanks goes to the group that helped deliver the 44 bags. We hope that you will also be available the Saturday before Thanksgiving to put the baskets together since this is a more involved project. We cannot do it with only the three people on the committee.

Our list of people is changing! They not only live in the Slatington area but 18 people cover an area from Lehighton to Macungie, living in various institutions and homes. Your help delivering is really needed.

God Bless you All!
Social Ministry Committee

THANK YOU to Pastor Haab, church council, and the congregation for the basket of flowers I received for Administrative Professional's Day. Working here at St. John's has been the best job I've ever had!

Thank you also to Jim Evans for cleaning and repairing my computer here at church!

Sharon Stehly

Dear Brian, and all the bakers,

Just a little line or two to bring my warmest thanks to you! Thank you so much for the pumpkin pie. We really enjoyed it.

Polly and Tom Young

Dear Pastor Haab, Sharon, and Congregation,

With sincere gratitude, we all would like to thank you for sharing your space with our fun and crazy Zumba Gold group. We can't express enough our appreciation for you "taking us in" when we needed to find a place, especially on short notice. We'll always have fond memories of dancing in the church!

Blessings to you all,
NLRA Zumba Gold Class

SECOND CHANCE SHOPPE OFFICERS

The Second Chance Shoppe Board of Directors elected at the annual banquet for 2017-2019 are:

President – Joanne March
Vice President – Fianna Christman
Secretary – Carol Miller
Treasurer – Florence Smith.



Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Eldon and Hope Roberts
69th on June 11
Urbane and Janet Byler
55th on June 27
Donald and Harriet Felguieras
54th on June 1
Clarence and Florence Smith
54th on June 1
James and Judy Lorah
54th on June 29
Mark and Susan Queen
49th on June 15
Ronald and Hali Kuntz
42nd on June 14
Randy and Joan Smith
42nd on June 21
Wayne and Tina Bell
39th on June 16
Jonathan and Sherri Williams
36th on June 20
Todd and Louise Fritzing
30th on June 6
Chad and Denise Miller
30th on June 13
Michael and Stacy Feifel
26th on June 1
Earl and Jodi Kocher
25th on June 20
Terry and Sharon Hunsicker
24th on June 7
Joseph and April Krempasky
20th on June 28
Thomas and Jenni Fine
17th on June 10
Tony and Jamie Incorvaia
15th on June 8
Jay and Jessica Rehrig
13th on June 26
Michael and Lauren Chudzik
12th on June 25
Chad and Crystal Schaffer
11th on June 3
Mark and Ruth Henninger

11th on June 25
Brant and Allison Chruschial
10th on June 23
Matthew and Heather Truett
9th on June 7
Matthew and Julianne Merring
9th on June 21
Randy and Crystal Press
7th on June 5
Ronald and Dana Freed
7th on June 19
J.R. and Allison Ruble
4th on June 22
Chad and Alison Wasilkowski
1st on June 20



July Anniversaries

Douglas and Carol MacCrimble
61st on July 14
Timothy and Carolyn Paules
56th on July 29
Francis and Elaine Frantz
55th on July 7
James and Carol Evans
55th on July 28
Lee and Nancy Henninger
51st on July 16
James and Donna Cope
26th on July 27
Fred and Stephanie Sigley
21st on July 6
Glenn and Angela Williams
17th on July 1
Gary and Karen Parks
17th on July 29
Steven and Melissa Wortmann
10th on July 4
Dan and Csala Beers
4th on July 6



August Anniversaries

Lee and Lorraine Oswald
 69th on August 21
 James and Jeanette Maehrer
 59th on August 16
 Richard and Judith Muthard
 52nd on August 28
 Thomas and Miriam Kuntz
 47th on August 15
 Scott and Debra Barhight
 44th on August 25
 Stephen and Patti Rupert
 42nd on August 30
 Dale and Roseanne Pugh
 39th on August 5
 Eric and Connie Wassum
 33th on August 18
 Russell and Lynn Haab
 30th on August 15
 Alan and Sherri Molitoris
 28th on August 12
 Albert and Donna Barney
 28th on August 19
 Chad and Tracy Humanick
 18th on August 28
 Thomas and Amy Lewerenz
 18th on August 28
 John and Amy Swiatkowski
 15th on August 24
 Benjamin and Maria Farrell
 7th on August 7
 Robert and Breann Vanlieu
 5th on August 11
 Phillip and Ariel Sly
 4th on August 24
 Stephen and Ashley Geiger
 2nd on August 29



Chevelle Christine Humanick
 Daughter of Brandon John & Jodee Christine
 (Kuhns) Humanick
 was born on April 2, 2017

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



We received several new
 members into our St. John's
 family on Sunday, April 23.
 We warmly welcome the
 new members listed below
 to St. John's and the life
 of our congregation:

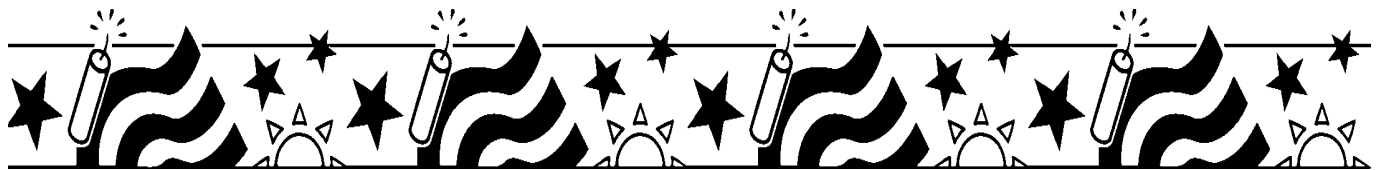
Jackie Kuba, Lehighton
 Jason & Tiffany Martz, Lehighton

Please add the above people to your church
 directory. If you want anyone's address and/or
 phone number, please speak to them directly.
 We do not print the addresses and phone
 numbers in the newsletter to protect their
 confidentiality.



Donation to the Furnace Fund

In Memory of *Margaret Morgan*
 From Husband, Robert Morgan
 and Son, Keith Morgan



SUMMER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO OUR "80 & OVER" GROUP MEMBERS

<i>Pauline Young</i>	Slatington, PA	Celebrating her 90th birthday on June 9.
<i>Robert Dorshimer</i>	Walnutport, PA	Celebrating his 82nd birthday on June 25.
<i>Isabel Ringer</i>	Slatington, PA	Celebrating her 93rd birthday on June 29.
<i>Dean Cunfer</i>	Slatington, PA	Celebrating his 84th birthday on July 2.
<i>Donald Roberts</i>	Allentown, PA	Celebrating his 93rd birthday on July 9.
<i>Richard Sosoka</i>	Slatington, PA	Celebrating his 86th birthday on July 16.
<i>Richard Jones</i>	Slatington, PA	Celebrating his 84th birthday on July 22.
<i>Marie Roth</i>	Allentown, PA	Celebrating her 92nd birthday on July 23.
<i>Mary Heckman</i>	Slatington, PA	Celebrating her 99th birthday on July 25.
<i>Roger Klingborg</i>	Slatington, PA	Celebrating his 82nd birthday on July 25.
<i>Mary Ann Stephen</i>	Slatington, PA	Celebrating her 86th birthday on July 29.
<i>Catherine Geiger</i>	Slatington, PA	Celebrating her 86th birthday on August 9.
<i>Herman Silfies</i>	Slatington, PA	Celebrating his 86th birthday on August 16.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Dawson Newhard	June 7	Madyson Swiatkowski	July 25
Sean Kreglow	June 25	Tyler Henninger	August 4
Brad Horn	July 4	Makayla Nothstein	August 9
Taylor Humanick	July 10	Isabella Stehly	August 24
Austin Heckman	July 11	Colby Rehrig	August 27
Egan Bellesfield	July 22	Alexandra Feifel	August 28
Emma Snyder	July 22	Jude Wilson	August 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS

James Garbe on June 11 (2 years old)
Stella Scanlon on July 3 (4 years old)
Braydon Hunsicker on July 14 (2 years old)
Mary Farrell on July 15 (3 years old)
Cole Hausman on July 21 (3 years old)
Addilyn Maurer on July 27 (1 year old)

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 at stjohnsslating@enter.net to keep us informed.

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

MARCH 2017							
DATE	CHURCH ATTEND.	S. S. ATTEND.	OFFERING RECEIVED		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	FURNACE FUND
3-1	11 + 42	N/A	N/A	Feb. 28 Balance	\$ 3,320.03	(\$ 2,384.76)	\$ 17,703.83
3-5	40 + 60	27	\$ 3,259.75	March Income	11,142.35	5,798.50	769.00
3-12	24 + 71	28	2,669.60	March Expenses	13,629.72	697.40	0.00
3-19	33 + 67	32	3,185.75	March 31 Balance	\$ 832.66	\$ 2,716.34	\$ 18,472.83
3-22	76	N/A	N/A				
3-26	25 + 111	38	1,947.26				
		Totals	\$ 11,062.36				

Offering from March 1 (Ash Wednesday) was included with March 5 giving.

Offering from March 26 Community Lenten Service was sent to Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 3/2017	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,261.13
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,453.69 / \$2,915.23
Budgeted to Date	\$ 42,394.69
Received to Date	\$ 31,897.96 / \$ 37,897.96
Expenses to Date	\$ 40,154.96
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 8,257.00) / (\$ 2,257.00)

APRIL 2017							
DATE	CHURCH ATTEND.	S. S. ATTEND.	OFFERING RECEIVED		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	FURNACE FUND
4-2	38 + 70	44	\$ 3,364.62	March 31 Balance	\$ 832.66	\$ 2,716.34	\$ 18,472.83
4-9	39 + 95	47	3,771.83	April Income	17,552.47	1,698.50	2,811.00
4-13	10 + 38	N/A	N/A	April Expenses	12,599.77	315.00	0.00
4-16	59 + 183	44	5,322.05	April 30 Balance	\$ 5,785.36	\$ 4,099.84	\$ 21,283.83
4-23	35 + 75	26	1,579.12				
4-30	25 + 89	37	2,814.47				
		Totals	\$ 16,852.09				

Offering from April 13 (Maundy Thursday) was included with April 16 Easter giving.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 4/2017	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,261.13
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,747.25 / \$ 3,080.58
Budgeted to Date	\$ 58,700.34
Received to Date	\$ 49,450.43 / \$ 55,450.43
Expenses to Date	\$ 52,754.73
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 3,304.30) / \$ 2,695.70

**** 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.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE

June Schedule:

June 4 – 9:00 A.M. – Raffle Sunday.

June 11 – 8:00 A.M. – Set up for picnic.

9:00 A.M. – Awarding of promotion certificates during 9:00 A.M. church.

Children sing in church (9:00 A.M. service).

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

June 24 (Saturday) – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – Set up and decorate for Vacation Bible School (“VBS”).

June 25 – During 9:00 A.M. church service – Installation of VBS staff.

After the 9:00 A.M. church service – set up and decorate for VBS.

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

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Don’t forget to return your registration form for Vacation Bible School! Registration forms are available from your Sunday School teachers. Sign up by June 1st and receive a free iron-on transfer of this year’s “Maker Fun Factory Created By God” logo. We are looking for help with Bible School. Sign up to help on a sign-up sheet at the Parent Information Center in the Sunday School hallway in the educational wing, in the Fellowship Hall, or on the rear radiator covers in the back of the church. Help is appreciated one night or all five nights. Please check out the donation board on the rear

radiator cover in the back

of the church to see if there is anything you can donate or lend us to use the week of VBS. When you take a tag with donation information, please fill out the information underneath the tag.

Looking Ahead:



RALLY DAY, marking the beginning of Sunday School, will be held on Sunday, September 10, at 9:00 A.M. Watch for more information in the September newsletter on our Rally Day schedule.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS are on Page 18.

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Well Drilling in Honduras

A well drilling trip to Honduras was life changing to the team from Trinity, Wernersville, as it also was to the wonderful people of Tegual, Honduras. Although the village was small, over 200 children came to the school where the team installed the well.

Before this well was drilled, the entire village's source of drinking water came from a polluted stream. Because of the very steep banks, water had to be pumped up out of the stream.



The team saw Jesus at work many times that week. The group they worked with from Honduras did not have technology to find the best place to drill, so they used a simple but powerful form of prayer to decide on a drilling location; and Jesus provided.

The team formed many relationships with the children and teachers, and they left the village the on final day with many tears, hugs, and memories to last a life time. Trinity is truly thankful for the generous \$6,000 grant from the synod Witness and Service Ministry Team, funded from your Mission Support giving.

Alyra Parker - Muraho from Rwanda



"Over these past two months my faith has been tested more than ever," writes Alyra Parker (Hope, Reading) in her blog *Muraho from Rwanda*. Alyra (a former LYF Vice President) is a junior at Gettysburg College. She is in Kigali, Rwanda for a spring semester to study the Post Genocide Restoration and Peacebuilding program.

One of many experiences that have had an impact on Alyra was a visit to a burial site that is dedicated to children killed in the genocide. "There were pictures of children with captions that included their favorite color, their favorite things to do." In addition, there was information about how each child was killed.

"With peace building and reconciliation, I've noticed the capacity for forgiveness from Rwandans. After the genocide, President Kagame (a Tutsi) decided he did not want to pursue revenge on the Hutu's for the genocide, but rather wanted to reconcile and work together to redeem and rebuild Rwanda.

"This concept has been hard to grasp coming from the US. We focus so much on reparations, that a concept like the one President Kagame has pursued would never be worked out in the US. Learning about this has helped me to reflect on the capacity of forgiveness in my own life and in the lives of others."

Follow Alyra's blog to learn more about her experiences: <https://murahofromrwanda.wordpress.com>.

Always Being Made New Campaign for the ELCA

We've all heard it said, "You will never know unless you try." So, back in 2013, the Churchwide Assembly overwhelmingly decided to "try" launching a five-year comprehensive campaign with four key priorities:

1. Congregations - new and renewing, and people living with disabilities
2. Hunger and poverty - ELCA World Hunger and the ELCA Malaria Campaign
3. Global Church - long-term missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission, Global Ministries and International Women Leaders
4. Leadership - Fund for Leaders, along with Youth and Young Adults

The Campaign has run for 36 months now, and the leaders are very pleased with the progress made to date. As of Jan. 31, 2017 \$113 million dollars in cash and commitments has been received (57.3 percent of the goal).

The ELCA is very grateful for the offerings that have come forward as a

result of "trying" this new thing. Just imagine what more can be done as we continue to grow in supporting the people, communities and projects that are a priority for us.

To donate, visit www.elca.org and click on the "Campaign for the ELCA" button.



Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ, Allentown



In February, 2015, on the drive back to Allentown from a two-day conference about people who identify as "spiritual but not religious," Pastors Tom Lichner and Woody Maxon birthed the vision of a place that would offer safe space, resources, and programming for folks to search their spiritual identity, regardless of their connection to any particular faith community.

This was the beginning of what is now called the Center for Spiritual Awakening, which has found a home in Christ Lutheran's newly renovated, at-one-time parsonage, next to the church building.

- Vision - To awaken and reawaken the awareness of people to the spirit of God in and around them everyday.
- Mission - To provide supportive programs, resources, and safe space for people to search their spiritual identity and relationship with God in order to live to their truest and fullest potential.

The Center recognizes that some people are closely aligned with a traditional faith group; but others are not and seek to satisfy their spiritual hunger through new and different ways of exploration. The Center realizes that spirituality is a way of life and not just a set of creeds and doctrines to adhere to.

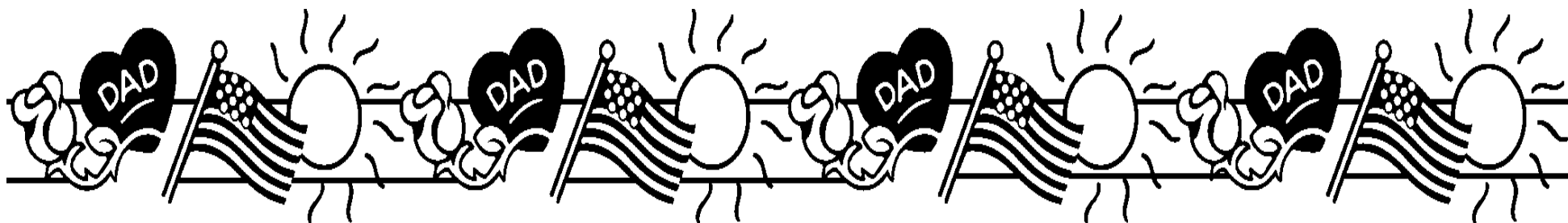
To this end the Center offers one-on-one and group spiritual guidance, guided prayer retreats, discussion groups, contemplative worship, and various kinds of programs at the Center and other Lehigh Valley locations. The Center's diverse array of offerings and resources can be viewed on its webpage at the Christ Lutheran Church website: www.christ-atown.org.

The Center's Director is the Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner. Tom was a clinical member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors for ten years and he has been certified by two institutions and been practicing as a Spiritual Director since 1989.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (JUNE 2017)								
Date	Serv.	Asst. Min.	Communion Assistant	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers
June 4 (C) Pentecost	8:00	Lynne Fedorcha	Fianna Christman			Harriet Felguieras		Janet Shankweiler & Dylan Smoyer
June 4 (C) Pentecost Confirmation	10:15	Harrison Williams	Ruthann Mantz & Steve Stehly	Youth	Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Richard & Judy Muthard	Linda Humanick	Frank Halkias (DIC), Darin Handwerk, Ronnie Humanick, & Sharon Stehly
June 11 Holy Trinity	9:00				Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Ken Staller		Jodi Kocher (DIC), Joe Krempasky, Dennis Rehrig, & Sharon Stehly
June 18 (C)	9:00	Stephen Stehly	Cheryl Burke & Lynn Haab	Jodi Kocher & Ruthann Mantz	Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Tom & Barbara Campbell		Karen Kreglow (DIC), Tom Campbell, Ken Staller, & Harrison Williams
June 25	9:00				Janet Shankweiler & Stephen Stehly	Lynn Haab		April Krempasky (DIC), Nancy Rehrig, Lisa Shellhammer, & Matt Truett

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS JUNE 2017)						
Date	Service	Bellringer	Crucifer	Banner Bearer	Lector	Acolyte
June 4 (C) Pentecost	8:00	Carlton Davies				Jarrett Silfies
June 4 (C) Pentecost/ Confirmation	10:15	Zachari Halkias	Egan Bellesfield	Hunter Miller	Stephen Stehly	Madison Kocher
June 11-Holy Trinity	9:00	Kiera Shellhammer			Jill Schaffer	Dylan Smoyer
June 18 (C)	9:00	Kayleigh Snyder			Cheryl Burke	Lucas Rauch
June 25	9:00	Egan Bellesfield			Ruthann Mantz	Brenton Krempasky



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (JULY 2017)							
Date	Serv.	Assistant Minister	Communion Assistants	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers
July 2 (C)	9:00	Lynn Haab	Myra Handwerk & Stephen Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	Sue Freed & Lisa Shellhammer	Chad Miller (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Robert Cunfer, & Mark Wehr
July 9	9:00				Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Paul & Michelle Gass	Wayne Rauch (DIC), Brian Geiger, Ruthann Mantz, & Carol Miller
July 16	9:00				Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Linda Humanick	Janet Shankweiler (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, Darin Handwerk, & Ronnie Humanick
July 23	9:00				Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Joe & April Krempasky	Stephen Stehly (DIC), Joe Krempasky, Sharon Stehly, & Harrison Williams
July 30 (C)	9:00	Jodi Kocher	Nancy Rehrig & Ken Staller	Denise & Hunter Miller	Janet Shankweiler & Stephen Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Erin Snyder (DIC), Tom Campbell, Ken Staller, & Dennis Rehrig

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (JULY 2017)						
Date	Service	Bellringer	Crucifer	Banner Bearer	Lector	Acolyte
July 2 (C)	9:00	Tyler Henninger	Kiera Shellhammer	Kayleigh Snyder	Lynn Haab	Anee Reiser
July 9	9:00	Madison Kocher			Jodi Kocher	Emme Reiser
July 16	9:00	Sean Kreglow			Lynne Fedorcha	Kaden Lyon
July 23	9:00	Shelby Kreglow			Sharon Stehly	Jarrett Silfies
July 30 (C)	9:00	Michael Majercak			Cheryl Burke	Dylan Smoyer



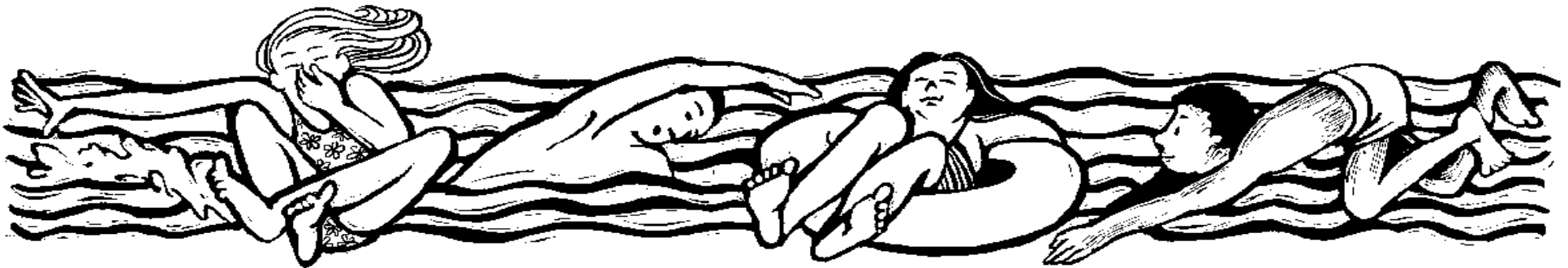
WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (AUGUST 6 – SEPT. 3, 2017)

Date	Serv.	Ast.Min	Comm. Asst.	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers
August 6 (C)	9:00	Stephen Stehly	Cheryl Burke & Sharon Stehly	Debbie Cunfer & Ruthann Mantz	Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	Tom & Barbara Campbell	Jill Schaffer (DIC), Nancy Rehrig, Lisa Shellhammer, and Matt Truett
August 13	9:00				Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Ken Staller	Adam Sigley (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Robert Cunfer, & Mark Wehr
August 20	9:00				Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Harriet Felguieras	Terry Eschbach (DIC), Brian Geiger, Ruthann Mantz, & Carol Miller
August 27	9:00				Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Lynn Haab	Frank Halkias (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, Darin Handwerk, & Ronnie Humanick
September 3 (C)	9:00	Harrison Williams	Myra Handwerk & Steve Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Janet Shankweiler & Stephen Stehly	Sue Freed & Lisa Shellhammer	Karen Kreglow (DIC), Tom Campbell, Joe Krempasky, & Dennis Rehrig

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (AUGUST 6 – SEPT. 3, 2017)

Date	Service	Bellringer	Crucifer	Banner Bearer	Lector	Acolyte
August 6 (C)	9:00	Kyle Krempasky	Egan Bellesfield	Carlton Davies	Chad Miller	Brenton Krempasky
August 13	9:00	Hunter Miller			Julie Wehr	Lucas Rauch
August 20	9:00	Madison Peters			Jodi Kocher	Anee Reiser
August 27	9:00	Matthew Peters			Stephen Stehly	Emme Reiser
September 3 (C)	9:00	Lucas Rauch	Sean Kreglow	Tyler Henninger	Jill Schaffer	Kaden Lyon



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5/28 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School-All Class Worship 8:00 A.A.	5/29 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED	5/30 10:00 Chair Yoga	5/31 11:15 TOPS 6:00 Catechism (8th grade)	1 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	2 9:30 Sewing PASTOR-SYNOD	3 9:00 Altar Guild Geranium Set-up ASSEMBLY
4 Pentecost Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Raffle Sunday Coffee Hour 10:15 Confirmation 8:00 A.A.	5 6:00 Graduation Dinner Set-up 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation	6 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:00 Graduation Dinner SHARON IN	7 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Communion Service OFFICE IN	8 11:00 Slatington Srs. 7:00 NLHS Baccalaureate 8:00 A.A. EVENINGS -	9 9:30 Sewing 7:00 NLHS Graduation AT TRAINING	10
11 The Holy Trinity First Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 Set up for picnic 9:00 The Service Sunday School Promotions Ringer Scholarships Awarded 10:30-1:00 Church Picnic 8:00 A.A.	12 11:30 Jubilees-lunch at Shack 1:00 Jubilees Mtg. 7:00 Mindful Eating Sharon-Vacation	13 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Second Chance Meeting Sharon-Vacation	14 Flag Day 11:15 TOPS 7:00 Church Council	15 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 8:00 A.A.	16 Lutheran Youth	17 Fellow. Assembly
18 Second Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 9:00 Holy Communion 8:00 A.A. Luth. Youth Fellowship Assembly	19 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation	20 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:15 Chair Yoga	21 SUMMER BEGINS 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS	22 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:00 Slatington Srs. 8:00 A.A.	23 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch	24 9:00-3:00 VBS Set-Up
25 Third Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service Installation of VBS Staff 10:00 VBS Setup 8:00 A.A.	26 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 6:00-8:30 VBS	27 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:15 Chair Yoga 6:00-8:30 VBS	28 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS 6:00-8:30 VBS	29 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 5:30 IMPACT 6:00-8:30 VBS 8:00 A.A.	30 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 6:00-8:30 VBS 8:00 VBS Closing Program	7/1



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6/25 Third Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service Installation of VBS Staff 10:00 VBS Setup 8:00 A.A.	6/26 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 6:00-8:30 VBS	6/27 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:15 Chair Yoga 6:00-8:30 VBS	6/28 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS 6:00-8:30 VBS	6/29 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 5:30 IMPACT 6:00-8:30 VBS 8:00 A.A.	6/30 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 6:00-8:30 VBS 8:00 VBS Closing Program	1
2 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 8:00 A.A.	3 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation	4 HOLIDAY Office Closed 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:00 Heritage Day Program at Baptist Church	5 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Wednesday Worship	6 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 8:00 A.A.	7 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 9:30 Sewing	8
9 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 8:00 A.A.	10 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation	11 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:15 Chair Yoga	12 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS 12:00 Jubilees Picnic at Trailhead	13 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:00 Slatington Srs. 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 8:00 A.A.	14 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 9:30 Sewing	15
16 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 8:00 A.A.	17 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation	18 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:15 Chair Yoga	19 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS	20 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 8:00 A.A.	21 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch	22
23 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 8:00 A.A.	24 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation	25 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:15 Chair Yoga	26 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS	27 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:00 Slatington Srs. 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 8:00 A.A.	28 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch	29
30 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 8:00 A.A.	31 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation SHARON-VAC.	8/1 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:15 Chair Yoga P A S T O R	8/2 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS H A A B	8/3 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 6:00 WISH Picnic 8:00 A.A. & L Y N N O N	8/4 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 9:30 Sewing V A C A	8/5 T I O N

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7/30 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 8:00 A.A.	7/31 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation SHARON-VAC.	1 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:15 Chair Yoga P A S T O R	2 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS H A A B	3 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 6:00 WISH Picnic 8:00 A.A. & L Y N N O N	4 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 9:30 Sewing V A C A	5 T I O N
6 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 8:00 A.A. P A S T O R	7 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation H A A B	8 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:15 Chair Yoga A N D	9 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS L Y N N	10 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:00 Slatington Srs. 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 8:00 A.A. O N	11 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 9:30 Sewing V A C A	12 T I O N
13 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 8:00 A.A. P A S T O R H A A B &	14 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation L Y N N O N	15 September Newsletter Deadline 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 10:15 Chair Yoga V A C A	16 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 11:15 TOPS 7:00 Church Council T I O N	17 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch 8:00 A.A. S H A R O N O N	18 8:30-10:00 Breakfast Bunch V A C A T I O N	19
20 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 8:00 A.A.	21 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation SHARON-VAC.	22 10:00 Chair Yoga	23 11:15 TOPS	24 11:00 Slatington Srs. 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 8:00 A.A.	25	26
27 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 8:00 A.A.	28 7:00 Mindful Eating/Meditation	29 10:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 September Newsletter Collating	30 11:15 TOPS	31 8:00 A.A.	9/1 9:30 Sewing TBA-Sigley/ Molitoris Wedding Rehearsal	9/2 6:00 Sigley/ Molitoris Wedding in Blue Bell

