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Dear Friends in Christ,

Easter comes among us on
April 1st this year. NO FOOLING!

We are Easter People! We live
in the light of Jesus' resurrection
from the dead. No more must
we worry that our death is the
end of our faith story. Death for
the Christian is a new beginning.

*We know that Christ, once raised
from the dead, dies no more; death
no longer has power over him.
As to his death, he died to sin, once
and for all; as to his life, he lives
for God. Consequently, you too
must think of yourselves as dead
to sin and living for God in Christ
Jesus.*

- Romans 6: 9 - 11

But what does it mean to be
Easter People? The early disciples
had a hard time understanding and
believing at first, but through
sharing their experiences and their
stories they were able to believe
in the most wonderful truth of the
resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

The resurrection is not a past
event. Only Calvary and the
crucifixion is history, an event
in the past. Easter is now, always
in the present. Jesus Christ *is* risen.
Since Jesus is alive, he is present

to all human hearts – often sinful,
sometimes sad, yet never rejected,
never alone – all because of the
risen Lord's presence. That is why
St. Paul urges the Romans, and us,
to live like risen people *now*.

The Easter story is a message
that is made to be shared. Part of
the Easter story is your story –
You are an Easter Person. The
Good News of the Empty tomb
is a message that is made to send
us out in mission to share that Good
News with everyone. The new life
of the resurrection is not reserved
for the few, but instead is made
to be shared with the many! It is
God's free gift of eternal life for all
of God's people. Do you remember
when you first heard the News of
the Empty tomb? Can you help to
spread that news? Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

See you in Church,

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.



PLAN TO WORSHIP HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 29

11:30 A.M. – Communion Service in Fellowship Hall
6:30 P.M. – Supper Church in Fellowship Hall

Lessons:

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

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 30



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

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 1

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 1 Corinthians: 15:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Mark 16:1-8

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

April 8 – Second Sunday of Easter

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

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2
Psalm 133 John 20:19-31

April 15 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School and Secret Pal Unveiling Party

Lessons:

Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7
Psalm 4 Luke 24:36b-48

April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24
Psalm 23 John 10:11-18

April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service

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

Lessons:

Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4:7-21
Psalm 22:25-31 John 14:1-8

May 6 – Sixth 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 10:44-48 1 John 5:1-6
Psalm 98 John 15:9-17

May 13 – Seventh 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 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13
Psalm 1 John 17:6-19

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (continued)

May 20 – Day of Pentecost

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service

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

Lessons:

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:22-27

Psalms 104:24-34

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 27 – Holy Trinity

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

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

Lessons:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans: 8:12-17

Psalms 29

John 3:1-17

ALTAR GUILD FLOWER SET-UP



The Altar Guild will decorate the church with Easter flowers (lilies and tulips) on Saturday March 31, 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.

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!

USED INK CARTRIDGES

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

MID-WEEK MID-DAY COMMUNION SERVICES

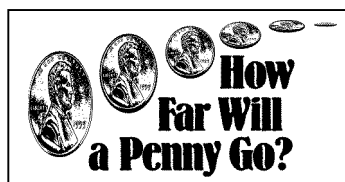


Pastor Haab will conduct a mid-week, mid-day communion service on the following first Wednesdays of the month this spring: April 4, May 2 and June 6. The communion services will be held in the

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!

PENNY PARTY/MINI BASKET SOCIAL



**IT'S PENNY
PARTY TIME!**

Saturday, April 7, is the annual St. John's Lutheran

Church Penny Party. Doors open at 12:00 Noon, the fun begins at 1:00 P.M. The kitchen will be open. There may be a 50/50 drawing as well as a mini-basket social/Chinese auction. Proceeds will go toward the travel costs for the youth and chaperones attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas this summer.

Baskets for the basket social part of the Penny Party will be on display in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday, April 1. You can purchase tickets for the gift baskets starting Easter Sunday.

Youth, we could use your assistance to help as runners. We will also need help in the kitchen and to sell tickets.

If you have further questions or want to help with the penny party, please contact Anne Saylor at 610-767-1285 or Myra Handwerk at 610-826-4945.

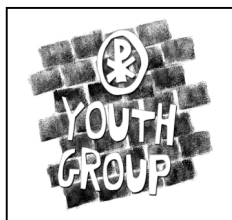
W.E.L.C.A. CLUSTER EVENT



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

April 7, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kreidlersville. The topic is "The Sandwich Generation". 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.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE



The Youth Fellowship members will help with several upcoming community events here at St. John's. Youth Fellowship is open to any youth of the church

in grades 7-12. 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 7* – Penny Party from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 P.M.
- *Saturday, April 14* – Ham & Dandelion Dinner from 3:45 to 7:00 P.M.
- *Sunday, May 6* – Community Dinner from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- *Saturday, May 12* – Chicken & Pot Pie Dinner from 3:45 to 7:00 P.M.
- *Sunday, May 13* – Youth Sunday at both services.
- *Saturday, May 19* – 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 Youth Gathering this summer. 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.

HAM AND DANDELION DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

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.***

YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS

Yearly giving statements were mailed to each member of the congregation on January 22. The statement is a summary of what you gave to St. John's in 2017. 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.

SPONSORS NEEDED



Bulletin and flower sponsors are needed for numerous dates this year. To sponsor bulletins or flowers for any date below 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. Payment can be mailed into the church office or placed in your offering envelope on a Sunday.

A bulletin sponsor and a flower sponsor are needed for Sunday, April 29. The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$20.00 per date. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$35.00 per date.

SEWING GROUP



The sewing group will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 6 and on Fridays, May 4 & 11, 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.

JUBILEES EVENTS



The Jubilees meet monthly usually in the church Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome!

The Jubilees will meet on Monday, April 9, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 A.M. to order lunch from Mama's Pizza and have their monthly meeting. Please call Isabel Ringer at 610-767-4534 if you plan to come for lunch and the meeting.

The Jubilees will decide at the April meeting what they will do in May. Watch your April bulletins for May meeting information.

SECOND CHANCE SHOPPE

The Second Chance Shoppe Board will meet in an upstairs Sunday School room on the following Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. this spring:

- | | |
|------------|-----------|
| - April 10 | - June 12 |
| - May 8 | - July 10 |

All Second Chance volunteers are welcome to attend the meetings.



The Second Chance Shoppe Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, June 22, at 4:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

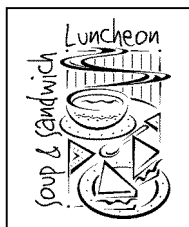
A volunteer sign-up sheet is in the Second Chance Shoppe to sign if you want to attend the dinner.

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 29. If you would like to help with this worthy cause, they will be accepting donations through Friday, April 26. Checks should be made out to "March of Dimes." Donations can be given or mailed to Megan. Thank you.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE



The Catering Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church, is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale on Saturday, April 28. Pick-up times will be between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is:

(Take Out Only)

- o *Cold Meatloaf Sandwich* – Sliced homemade meatloaf placed in between two slices of Italian bread, along with ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise packets. Price – \$5.50 each.
- o *Italian Hoagies* – Start with 9-inch hoagie roll. Add sliced provolone cheese, sliced boiled ham, sliced hard salami, sliced deli pepperoni, shredded lettuce, oregano, and the following items each in separate bags: sliced onions, sliced tomatoes, and sliced banana peppers, with packets of mayonnaise and Italian dressing. Price – \$5.50 each.
- o *Hearty Chili* – Sauté ground beef along with diced onion, diced green bell peppers, diced tomatoes, dark red kidney beans, tomato sauce, garlic, chili powder, and pepper. Price – \$4.00 per pint.
- o *Jambalaya Soup* – Diced onions, diced green bell peppers, diced celery, sautéed with chunks of chicken, smoked sausage, country sausage, shrimp, and garlic. Add chicken broth, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, and long grain rice. Price – \$7.00 per quart.
- o *Old Fashion Chicken Rice Soup* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, shredded carrots sautéed in butter then blended with hearty chicken broth and diced tender chunks of chicken, long grain white rice. Season with black pepper and parsley for a delicious chicken rice soup. Price – \$6.00 per quart.

To order sandwiches or soup, please fill out the order slip below and either mail or drop off to the church by Sunday, April 22. You can also call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361 or e-mail the order to Harrison Williams at williamshj2514@msn.com or call Harrison at 610-216-4284.

Soup and Sandwich Sale Order Blank

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Cold Meatloaf Sandwich _____ @ \$5.50 each
= _____

Italian Hoagie _____ @ \$5.50 each = _____

Hearty Chili _____ @ \$4.00 pint = _____

Jambalaya Soup _____ @ \$7.00 quart = _____

Old Fashioned Chicken Rice Soup _____ @
\$6.00 quart = _____

Total Due \$ _____

CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY



Sunday, April 29, 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 soloists.

Come to the 10:15 A.M. church service early on April 29 and enjoy the special music!

SPRING CLEAN-UP



A Spring yard clean-up will be held here at St. John's Lutheran church on Saturday, May 5 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Everyone is welcome to come help!



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PARTY



Students achieving 75% attendance at Sunday School this year will be treated to a party on Sunday, May 6, 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.

FREE 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 6. 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 two types of barbeque, potato filling, broccoli, string beans, 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.

LAWN RANGERS NEEDED

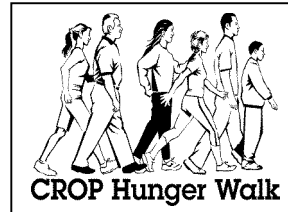


As the weather begins to warm up, your help is needed with cutting the grass and doing yard chores at the church. If you can help, please sign up on the Lawn Ranger sheet on the rear radiators of the church.

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.

HUNGER WALK 2018



The annual Hunger Walk sponsored by the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association will be held on Sunday, May 6, 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 25, 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.

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.



**HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH
WITH GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST**



Orders are being taken for geraniums to be placed in the church on May 20, 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 **\$4.00** 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 6.**

Stephanie Beers	Denise Miller
Fianna Christman	Erin Snyder
Sue Freed	Sharon Stehly
Linda Humanick	Stephen Stehly
Karen Kreglow	

Plants can either be picked up on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 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 _____ **@ \$4.00 each**
Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please Check One:

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

CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER

SATURDAY, MAY 12

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
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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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YOUTH SUNDAY

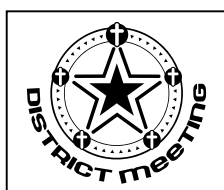


Join us on Mother's Day, May 13, as the youth of our congregation present Youth Sunday. The youth will be

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 13, 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 17, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Catasauqua. 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 10, during the 9:00 A.M. service. The

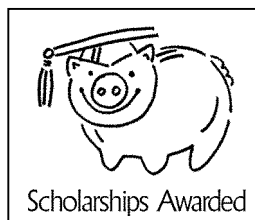
scholarships are available from the interest of the original investment from the Ringer family. Applications will be available by Palm Sunday, April 9. Anyone interested in applying for the scholarship needs to be:

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 18.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 3:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 18, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING



The Ringer Scholarship Committee members will meet on Sunday, May 20, at 6:00 P.M. in the church office to review the applications and select

the Ringer Scholarship recipients for 2018.

Recipients will be notified of their selection. Scholarships will be presented to the recipients on Sunday, June 10, 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 19. 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 this summer, 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 trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer.

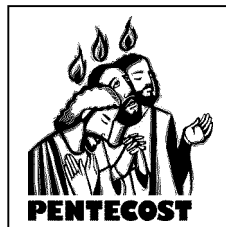
Anyone who would like to rent a space in the church parking lot can contact the church office via e-mail at stjohnslatington@gmail.com or call 610-767-6361. There will be a limit of 40 spaces to rent – first come, first serve. Once payment is made, your space is secured. Walk-ins for spaces will be welcome,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

GERANIUM SET-UP & BRIEF MEETING



The Altar Guild will meet on Saturday, May 19, at 9:00 A.M. to set out the geraniums for Pentecost Sunday (May 20).

PENTECOST IS MAY 20



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, May 20, as we welcome the Spirit into our midst.

CHURCH AIR CONDITIONG FUND



The church furnace was replaced in summer 2016 and the Furnace Fund was paid off in April 2017.

Donations received in excess of the monies borrowed for the new furnace were transferred to a fund set up for the pending air conditioning repairs/replacement of units. The air conditioning units for the church building are over 20 years old and have been not working well.

More information will follow in the summer newsletter on the air conditioning updates/replacements that are needed here at St. John's. Thank you for your generous donations towards pending air conditioning replacements.

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, May 22, 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 13.

GRADUATION DINNER

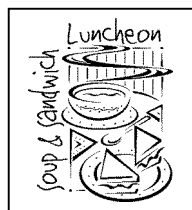
Name of Graduate: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

No. of people attending: _____

SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE



The Catering Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church, is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale on Saturday, May 26.

Pick-up times will be between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. in the

Fellowship Hall. The menu is: (Take Out Only)

o *Grilled Chicken Ranch Club on Kaiser Roll* – Grilled marinated chicken breast with lettuce, sliced red onion, sliced tomatoes, sliced provolone cheese, crispy bacon, and ranch dressing all stacked on a Kaiser roll.

Price – \$5.50 each.

o *Monte Cristo Wrap* – Start with a 12-inch wrap. Add French dressing, sliced American cheese, sliced boiled ham, sliced roasted turkey breast, shredded lettuce, and sliced tomatoes, then rolled together.

Price – \$5.50 each.

o *Buffalo Chicken Soup* – A blend of diced celery and diced onions sautéed in butter. Thicken with flour. Blend with a hearty chicken broth and tender chunks of chicken. Fold in half & half cream, parsley, shredded cheddar cheese and diced potatoes.

Price – \$6.00 per quart.

o *Crab Bisque* – Sauté diced celery, diced onions, and crab meat in butter. Thicken with flour and add whole milk and cream. Blend in good seafood stock, black pepper, salt, paprika, parsley, sherry, and tomato sauce,

Price -- \$7.00 per quart.

o *Hungarian Goulash Soup* – Blend hefty chunks of beef with diced onions, sliced carrots, tomatoes, garlic, and hearty beef stock. Thicken with flour. Season with black pepper, thyme, paprika, bay leaves, burgundy, and sour cream. Fold in tender elbow macaroni.

Price – \$6.00 per quart.

To order sandwiches or soup, please fill out the order slip below and either mail or drop off to the church by Sunday, May 20. You can also call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361 or e-mail the order to Harrison Williams at williamshj2514@msn.com or call Harrison at 610-216-4284.

Soup and Sandwich Sale Order Blank

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Grilled Chicken Ranch Club ____ @ \$5.50 each

= _____

Monte Crisco Wrap ____ @ \$5.50 each = _____

Buffalo Chicken Soup ____ @ \$6.00 quart

= _____

Crab Bisque ____ @ \$7.00 quart = _____

Hungarian Goulash ____ @ \$6.00 quart = _____

Total Due \$ _____

CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD JUNE 3



On Sunday, June 3, 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.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY



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

June 8 and 9, at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes Barre. This 31st annual assembly's theme will be "Sharing Ministries, Building Relationships". 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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Beginning on Sunday, June 10, 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 2). 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 9.

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

PROMOTION SUNDAY



June 10 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 10!!

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 10, 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.

BUILDING HOURS



The church office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The church building is unlocked during office hours and on Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 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.

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED



The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School ("VBS") is "Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus".

We will be turning the church, education building, and Fellowship Hall into a deserted island, a jungle, and underwater areas with waterfalls, palm trees, huts, and rock formations.

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

- Battery operated tea lights/votives
- Bubble wrap
- Brown paper bags – lunch and grocery sized
- Cardboard tubes – paper towel tubes, rolled plastic wrap tubes, wrapping paper tubes, etc.
- Coffee filters
- Colorful pipe cleaners
- Macramé yarn
- Plastic/silk flowers
- Plastic/silk greens
- Pool noodles – any color
- Rope
- Small plastic tubs and lids – no bigger than margarine tubs
- Tiki torches
- Wire coat hangers
- Wooden paint stirrers

Donations will be needed prior to Sunday, June 10. There will be boxes in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex, and at the Parent Information Center for your donations.

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:

stjohnslatington@gmail.com.

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 2018 summer camp. There are eight weekly camp sessions which run from June 17 through August 11. 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.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



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

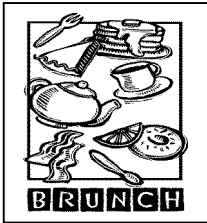
Then, Heather Truett is the person to contact. Heather has agreed to be the church's public relations person getting out information to other churches or into the Blue Mountain Country Gazette, the Times News, or the Morning Call.

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!



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

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 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 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.



This year's Vacation Bible School ("VBS") theme is "Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus". Our Shipwrecked adventure will be held Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20, from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. VBS is for children age 3 (by July 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 Sunday, June 10, will receive a free iron-on transfer of the "Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus" 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!

LUTHERAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP



Mark the Date! The 2018 Lutheran Youth Fellowship ("LYF") Assembly will be held at the Synod Office on Saturday, July 28. Youth

completing grades 8-12 and their advisors are invited to attend this event. More information will follow in the summer newsletter. Financial aid is available so anyone who would like to attend may attend this event. For more information on LYF, speak to Pastor Haab or go to the synod website at www.godslove.org/youth.

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.

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.

THANK YOU NOTES



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

- Denise Miller, Richard Muthard, and Nancy Rehrig for auditing the books of the church and all the organizations.

- Nancy Henninger and Anne Saylor for helping put together the 2017 annual reports.

- Everyone who helped with and attended the community lunches in January and March.

- The Second Chance Shoppe for their donation to help with the General Fund.

- Debbie Barhight for the Altar Bible for the Fellowship Hall.

- Everyone who donated stuffing for the Easter baskets for the food bank clients.

- Thank you to the following people for helping shovel snow this winter:

Fianna Christman	Bob Kroboth
Paul Gass	Bruce Sipos
Lynn Haab	Sharon Stehly
Pastor Haab	Stephen Stehly

- Thank you to everyone who helped out or attended Chocolate Fest this year. Special thanks to Brian and Debbie Geiger, Lynn Haab, and Lisa Shellhammer for the work they put in. Congratulations to this year's Cookie Contest winner, Stephanie Beers, for her delicious Chocolate Crackle Toffee!

- Thank you to all who helped at our March community luncheon. Volunteers included Debbie Cunfer, Brian Geiger, Debbie Geiger, Jodi Kocher, Madison Kocher, Ruthann Mantz, and Bruce Sipos. These volunteers served a delicious meal to more than 100 people. Thank you to everyone who brought baked goods and to the Sunday School children who made decorations for the tables. Our next community luncheon is on Sunday, May 6.

Dear Volunteers,

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

The Catering Committee

Dear St. John's Family,

A special thank you to Pastor Haab and Lynn for being there for Ron and me when we needed them the most. And to Sharon Stehly for the help in putting together Ron's memorial service. Thank you also to Joanne Perich for putting together the music arrangements and to all the Catering Committee for the lunch after the service. Thank you to all the members for their prayers, cards, and donations. It made a sad time a little brighter.

In friendship, prayers, and peace,
Sharon Fogelman

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your generous support of eight children to the Children's Christmas Gift Program. This program provides Christmas gifts to children whose families are serviced by the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Because of your generosity, a total of 187 children in our community were able to receive gifts this year. Thank you, again, and best wishes to you all for a healthy, Happy New Year 2018.

Sincerely,
Francine Potters
For the Gift Committee

Dear Best/Sell Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for awarding me the scholarship. It will help me further my studies at Kutztown University.

Thank you,
Brandon Miller

**THANK YOU NOTES CONTINUED
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THANK YOU NOTES (continued)

Dear Best/Sell Scholarship Committee,

I would like to sincerely thank you for awarding me the Best/Sell Scholarship this year. Your financial contribution to my education will help to ensure my success here at Duquesne University. I appreciate your continued support!

Alexis Papay

PASTORAL ACTS



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Donation to the Air Conditioning Fund

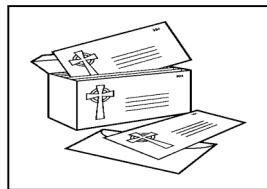
In Memory *Bruce Geiger* from
Brian & Debbie Geiger

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 helps to fund 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 same card is scanned for the Sav-A-Tape program and the gas points. The card can be scanned anytime during your checkout process.

Please continue to support the Sav-A-Tape program by turning in your entire Redner's receipts.

2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES



There are still some 2018 church envelopes in the Fellowship Hall for pick up. The envelopes are expensive to mail, so please pick up your envelopes or those of a friend, neighbor, or relative.

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 Shriners Hospital.

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.

YOUTH GATHERING COMMITTEE



A committee is being formed to help the youth and chaperones going to National Youth Gatherings every three years. A lot of planning and fundraising is needed. Anyone who would be interested in helping on this committee, can contact the church office at 610-767-6361.

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Vincent and Lucy Kralik
67th on April 14
Ernest and Roberta Cunfer
59th on April 11
Tim and Judy Snyder
55th on April 27
James and Bonita Haydt
49th on April 5
Dennis and Nancy Rehrig
42nd on April 10
Garrett and Karen Kreglow
32nd on April 5
Paul and Michelle Gass
27th on April 27
Ray and Lydia Weaver
26th on April 26
Scott and Heather Csanadi
20th on April 18
Frank and Barbara Halkias
18th on April 18
Carlton and Summer Davies
17th on April 14



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Richard and Gladys Hinkle
57th on May 29
Joseph and Diana Druckenmiller
49th on May 3
Thomas and Barbara Campbell
46th on May 27
Gary and Lynne Fedorcha
46th on May 27
Dennis and Cynthia Reitz
30th on May 21
Robert and Janelle Reiser
26th on May 3
William and Angela Papay
25th on May 1
Ryan and Jennifer Christman
18th on May 5
Thomas and Kristy Fogel
18th on May 13
Jody and Megan Bellesfield
18th on May 27
Frank and Kori Dibilio
18th on May 27
Jarad and Lori Schellhamer
15th on May 10
Theodore and Kimberly Young
15th on May 17
Scott and Christine Raber
14th on May 22
David and Shelly Garbe
14th on May 30
Matthew and Heather Newhard
13th on May 7
Christopher and Megan Pascoe
11th on May 27
Christopher and Tammy Moyer
10th on May 17
James and Kimberly Balliet
7th on May 14
Ronnie and Cortney Humanick
7th on May 21
Justin and Stephanie Maurer
3rd on May 23
Christopher and Marcie Schenck
1st on May 12



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

JANUARY 2018							
DATE	CHURCH ATTEND.	S. S. ATTEND.	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	A/C FUND
1-7	30 + 61	31	\$ 2,726.77	December 31 Balance	\$ 4,330.05	\$ 3,716.19	\$ 6,102.83
1-14	24 + 68	32	2,596.96	January Income	9,685.87	38.00	50.00
1-21	33 + 54	32	1,984.38	January Expenses	13,143.28	135.00	0.00
1-28	31 + 78	47	2,104.13	* January Transfers	+ 30.00	0.00	0.00
		Totals	\$ 9,412.24	January 31 Balance	\$ 902.64	\$ 3,619.19	\$ 6,152.83

* \$30.00 of excess poinsettia money was transferred into the Current Fund from the Restricted Fund.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 1/2018	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,266.67
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,421.47
Budgeted to Date	\$ 13,066.68
Received to Date	\$ 9,685.87
Expenses to Date	\$ 13,143.28
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 3,457.41)

FEBRUARY 2018							
DATE	CHURCH ATTEND.	S. S. ATTEND.	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	A/C FUND
2-4	33 + 64	39	\$ 3,532.63	January 31 Balance	\$ 902.64	\$ 3,619.19	\$ 6,152.83
2-11	31 + 75	43	2,352.26	February Income	10,883.65	14.50	511.50
2-14	12 + 46	N/A	*	February Expenses	13,993.42	0.00	0.00
2-18	0 + 23	Snow**	1,486.63	February Balance	(\$ 2,207.13)	\$ 3,633.69	\$ 6,664.33
2-25	27 + 78	47	2,817.13				
		Totals	\$ 10,188.65				

* Offering from Ash Wednesday (2/14/18) was included with 2/18/18 offering.

** Snow storm on 2/17-2/18 cancelled early service and Sunday School – only one service on 2/18/18.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 2/2018	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,266.67
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,571.19
Budgeted to Date	\$ 26,133.36
Received to Date	\$ 20,569.52
Expenses to Date	\$ 27,136.70
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 6,567.18)

APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE

April Schedule:

April 1 – Happy Easter – He is Risen – Alleluia!

9:00 A.M. – Easter Play. Secret Pal Letters.

April 8 – Pre-school–Grade 4 – Regular lesson and practice songs for Youth Sunday.

Grade 5 & 6 – Make decorations for May 6 community lunch and practice songs for Youth Sunday.

Youth Fellowship – Plan Bible Olympics.

Plan/Practice Youth Sunday.

Help practice songs for Youth Sunday.

April 15 – Pre-school – Regular lesson.

Kindergarten–Youth Fellowship – Secret Pal Unveiling Party.

For students who did not participate in Secret Pal, there will be a movie day.

April 22 – Pre-school–Grade 6 – Regular lesson and practice songs for Youth Sunday.

Youth Fellowship –Finalize Bible Olympics.

Finalize and practice Youth Sunday.

April 29 – All classes – Bible Olympics.

Looking Ahead to May:

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

May 13 – Youth Sunday at both services.

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

May 20 – Bible Challenge.



Don't forget to sign up for Vacation Bible School! Anyone who registers by Sunday, June 10, will receive an iron-on transfer of this year's theme "Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus". Vacation Bible School will be held July 16-20 from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Teegan Green	April 3	Cameron Chruscial	April 16	Madison Martz	April 23
Elliot Press	April 7	Cole Chruscial	April 16	Blake Vanlieu	April 24
Logan Jones	April 12	McKenzie Chruscial	April 19	James Balliet III	April 27
Kenley Rehrig	April 12	Allison Handwerk	April 19	Jarrett Silfies	April 30
Kayleigh Snyder	April 15				

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS

Chevelle Humanick on April 2 (1 year old)

Landon Hedmeck on April 9 (3 years old)

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE

May Schedule:

May 6 – Monthly Munchies

9:00 A.M. – Preschool – Regular lesson and practice songs for next Sunday (Youth Sunday).
Kindergarten-Grade 6 – Review for Bible Challenge.
Youth Fellowship – Practice for Youth Sunday.
11:30 A.M.–1:00 P.M. – Community lunch.
4:00-6:00 P.M. – Attendance Party – Invitation only.

May 13 – 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 at 10:15 A.M. church service.

May 20 – 9:00 A.M. – Preschool – Regular lesson.

Kindergarten-Grade 6 – Bible Challenge.
Youth Fellowship – Run Bible Challenge.

May 27 – 9:00 A.M. – Pre-school–Grade 6 – All Class Worship and practice songs for Promotion Sunday.

Youth Fellowship – Plan/prepare for church picnic.

Looking Ahead to June/July:

June 3 – Raffle Sunday and practice songs for Promotion Sunday.

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

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

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

July 7 (Saturday) – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – VBS preparations/decorations/set-up.

July 8 (Sunday) – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – VBS preparations/decorations/set-up.

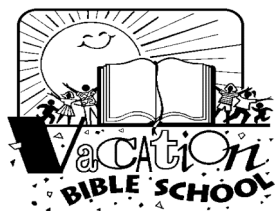
July 14 (Saturday) – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – VBS decorating.

July 15 – 10:00 A.M. to ?? – VBS decorating/set-up.

July 16-20 (Monday-Friday) – 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. – Vacation Bible School (“VBS”)

“Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus”.

July 20 (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 Sunday, June 10, and receive an iron-on transfer of this year’s logo “Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus”.

YOUTH SUNDAY IS MAY 13. 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 20, 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

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HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Alicia Horn	May 3	Izabella Snyder	May 13
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 (2 years old)
Marigold Brennand on May 17 (2 years old)

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



Mr. Robert Morgan, Walnutport, PA ** Celebrating his 84th birthday on April 4.

Mrs. Anna Davis, Slatington, PA ** Celebrating her 95th birthday on April 23.

Mr. Bill Dimmich, Walnutport, PA ** Celebrating his 82nd birthday on April 25.

Mr. Ernest Cunfer, Slatington ** Celebrating his 89th birthday on May 8.

Mrs. Carol MacCrindle, Slatington ** Celebrating her 87th birthday on May 15.

Mr. Tom Kuntz, Allentown ** Celebrating his 81st birthday on May 22.

Mrs. Marion Rex, Bowmanstown ** Celebrating her 84th 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

Major Anniversaries Celebration on May 8

On May 8 at the Lutheran Center, the following will be honored for their years of service. There is a worship service at 11:00 AM (open to anyone) and then a luncheon for the deans and honorees.

15 Years Dawn R Richie
Gerald (Jerry) S Kulp
Jira A Albers
Louise N Johnson
Michael W Ware
Ryan M Hersch
Susan M Horst

25 Years Diane M LaFauci
Phyllis A Pelletier
Phyllis M Hammel
Scott W Lingenfelter
Deacon Beverly Eiche Kriner

40 Years Carl W Filer
David A Searing
E Wayne Dreyman
Harold L Hand Jr
Jay R Wetzell
Jimmy L Werley
Lee A Diefenderfer
Raymond J Hand
Virginia M Biniek
Werner M Koch
Deacon Jane M Elliott

50 Years David F Hill
George G Kinney
Lynn H Rothrock
Raymond C Hittinger
Richard A Mowery

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Chili Cook-Off in Catasauqua



It was pastor versus pastor on the evening before the Super Bowl in Catasauqua, which is home to two ELCA congregations that are actively working toward a generous Lutheran presence in the borough located in the synod's Northern Lehigh Mission District. Pastor Brian Riedy of Holy Trinity Memorial (trained chef and former restaurant owner) and Pastor Scott Paradise of Saint Paul's (just a guy with a chili recipe) brought their best efforts to a chili cook-off to benefit the Catasauqua Food Bank. This organization serves an average of 463 individuals per month and is run entirely by volunteers, including the two pastors, who help unload the larger deliveries each month.

Chili lovers gave donations for chilis, pulled pork, beef brisket, and baked goods prepared by members of the two congregations and the community. These were available throughout the two-hour event. But, the big money came from votes for the best pastor's chili. With a \$2 minimum vote, congregants and community members selected the best pastor's chili by tasting the two chilis and putting money in the basket of the pastor whose chili they liked best. While one of the pastors went home with bragging rights for a year and a genuine plastic medal, the true winners were the clients of the Catasauqua Food Bank.

The event, which is expected to become an annual tradition, raised a total of \$915. A generous Catasauqua Lutheran supplemented that amount with an \$85 donation to bring the total to an even \$1,000. A Thrivent Financial action team grant helped assure that 100% of the funds raised went to the food bank. The congregants and community members who participated were so generous that a significant amount of food remained at the end of the night. This was enjoyed the next day as clients of Haven House in Allentown watched the Super Bowl.

Anniversaries

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- 55 Years** Charles J Orem
Donald C Simmons
J Robert Kehrli
Joseph W Hager
- 60 Years** Carl R Schmoyer
E Frederick Holst
George E Hein Jr
Kenneth M Trexler
Lars B Staaby
Paul H Spohn
Rodger A Krause
William W J Ennis
Sr. Millicent J Drake
- 65 Years** Marvin E Dewalt
Theodore C Schlack
- 70 Years** Paul T Manrodt



NEPA Synod Assembly 2018

**Assembly 2018
June 8-9**

**Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza
Wilkes-Barre, PA**

**Theme - "Sharing Ministries,
Building Relationships"**

Plan now to attend. Information will be posted on the synod website (nepasynod.org) as it becomes available.

Holy Trinity, Kingston Becomes a Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Holy Trinity, Kingston has become a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, making it the only Lutheran church in Luzerne county to do so. This policy welcomes all people to Holy Trinity, regardless of their ability, age, ethnicity, financial situation, gender identity, life circumstances, race, or sexual orientation.

Holy Trinity has always welcomed a variety of people; but after several congregation members asked about seeking the designation, the church began a long look at the proposal. Church members had questions. They discussed the idea at Bible studies, other events, and informally; and the church leaders took classes about the issue. The goal was to avoid surprising people with a change, and to give them an opportunity to learn and think about the issue.

At the most recent Annual Meeting, a unanimous decision was made to adopt the policy and to seek the Reconciling in Christ designation. "In the end, I think we were able to successfully address all the questions and let people understand that this is welcoming, and what we're called to do as Christians," says Pr. Paul Metzloff.

"I think it's an excellent program," said Cheryl DeHaut, a member of a church committee that researched the idea and brought it to the rest of the congregation for a vote. "If people are looking for a church, regardless of denomination, and they see we are part of Reconciling in Christ, maybe they'll come check it out. We're a small congregational family. We want people to feel welcome. We'd like some more members, and we want to be welcoming to everyone.

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (APRIL 2018)

Date	Serv.	Asst. Min.	Communion Assistant	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers
April 1 (C) Easter	7:00 AM		Fianna Christman			Harriet Felguieras		Terry Eschbach (DIC), Karen Kreglow, & Justin Smoyer
April 1 (C) Easter	10:15 AM	Stephen Stehly	Ken Staller & Sharon Stehly	Jodi Kocher & Ruthann Mantz	Stephanie Beers & Stephen Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Linda Humanick	Joe Krempasky (DIC), Carol Miller, Dennis Rehrig, & Erin Snyder
April 8	8:00					Ron & Hali Kuntz		Chad Miller & Fianna Christman
April 8	10:15				Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Ken Staller	Jodi & Madison Kocher	Tom Campbell (DIC), Paul Gass, Ken Staller, & Sharon Stehly
April 15 (C)	8:00	Stephen Stehly	Lynn Haab			Debbie Barhight		Terry Eschbach & Paul Gass
April 15 (C)	10:15	Harrison Williams	Cheryl Burke & Ruthann Mantz	Denise & Hunter Miller	Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Tom & Barbara Campbell	Karen Kreglow	Wayne Rauch (DIC), Nancy Rehrig, Lisa Shellhammer, & Matt Truett
April 22	8:00					Harriet Felguieras		Stephen Stehly & Dale Pugh
April 22	10:15				Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Sue Freed & Lisa Shellhammer	Angela Beers	Lucas Rauch (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Robert Cunfer, & Mark Wehr
April 29 (C)	8:00	Lynn Haab	Fianna Christman			Ron & Hali Kuntz		Jill Schaffer & Kristie Lyon
April 29 (C)	10:15	Jodi Kocher	Nancy Rehrig & Steve Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	Paul & Michelle Gass	Linda Humanick	Frank Halkias (DIC), Brian Geiger, Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly

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Date	Service	Bellringer	Crucifer	Banner Bearer	Lector	Acolyte
April 1 (C-Easter)	7:00 AM					Sean Kreglow
April 1 (C-Easter)	10:15 AM	Madison Peters	Michael Majercak	Egan Bellesfield	Cheryl Burke	Victoria Halkias
April 8	8:00	Anee Reiser				Jarrett Silfies
April 8	10:15	Matthew Peters	Kayleigh Snyder		Julie Wehr	Cadence Peters
April 15 (C)	8:00	Emme Reiser				
April 15 (C)	10:15	Egan Bellesfield	Carlton Davies		Stephen Stehly	Alexis Henninger
April 22	8:00	Jarrett Silfies				Colby Rehrig
April 22	10:15	Kayleigh Snyder	Dylan Smoyer		Jodi Kocher	Brenton Krempasky
April 29 (C)	8:00	Carlton Davies				Kaden Lyon
April 29 (C)	10:15	Zachari Halkias	Lucas Rauch		Stephen Stehly	Victoria Halkias



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Date	Serv.	Asst. Min.	Communion Assistant	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers
May 6 (C)	8:00	Lynn Haab	Fianna Christman			Sharon Fogelman		Joe Krempasky & Clarence Smith
May 6 (C)	10:15	Stephen Stehly	Ruthann Mantz & Sh. Stehly	Debbie Cunfer & Sh. Stehly	Fianna Christman & Stephen Stehly	Linda Humanick	Angela Henninger	Jodi Kocher (DIC), Paul Gass, Darin Handwerk, & Carol Miller
May 13 Youth Sunday	8:00					Harriet Felguieras		Terry Eschbach & Fianna Christman
May 13 Youth Sunday	10:15				Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Joe & April Krempasky	Jodi & Madison Kocher	Stephen Stehly (DIC), Ronnie Humanick, Dennis Rehrig, & Sharon Stehly
May 20 (C) Pentecost	8:00	Lynn Haab	Fianna Christman			Ron & Hali Kuntz		Lucas Rauch & Jill Schaffer
May 20 (C) Pentecost	10:15	Stephen Stehly	Cheryl Burke & Sharon Stehly	Jodi Kocher & Ruthann Mantz	Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Richard & Judy Muthard	Karen Kreglow	Chad Miller (DIC), Erin Snyder, Ken Staller, & Sharon Stehly
May 27 Holy Trinity	8:00					Debbie Barhight		Wayne Rauch & Sharon Fogelman
May 27 Holy Trinity	10:15				Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Ken Staller	Linda Humanick	Karen Kreglow (DIC), Nancy Rehrig, Lisa Shellhammer, & Matt Truett

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May 6 (C)	8:00	Sean Kreglow				Jarrett Silfies
May 6 (C)	10:15	Madison Kocher	Egan Bellesfield		Jill Schaffer	Alexis Henninger
May 13 Youth Sunday	8:00	Hunter Miller				Alexandra Feifel
May 13 Youth Sunday	10:15	Brenton Krempasky			Ruthann Mantz	Cadence Peters
May 20 (C) Pentecost	8:00	Kaden Lyon				Dylan Smoyer
May 20 (C) Pentecost	10:15	Michael Majercak	Zachari Halkias		Sharon Stehly	Victoria Halkias
May 27 Holy Trinity	8:00	Lucas Rauch				Colby Rehrig
May 27 Holy Trinity	10:15	Madison Peters	Sean Kreglow		Harrison Williams	Alexis Henninger



APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter Sunday 7:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion Continental Breakfast between the services 9:00 Sunday School-Easter Play 8:00 A.A.	2	3 10:00 Chair Yoga	4 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Mid-week Communion Service 6:00 Catechism	5 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	6 9:30 Sewing	7 8:30 WELCA-Spring Cluster Event at Good Shepherd Lutheran-Kreidersville 1:00 Penny Party
8 Second Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Senior Choir 8:00 A.A.	9 11:00 Jubilees lunch & meeting	10 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Second Chance Meeting	11 11:15 TOPS 6:00 Catechism	12 11:00 Slatington Seniors 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	13	14 4:00-7:00 Ham & Dandelion Dinner
15 Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School Secret Pal Unveiling 9:15 Senior Choir 8:00 A.A.	16 IRS Tax Deadline	17 10:00 Chair Yoga 7:30 Cemetery Meeting	18 11:15 TOPS 6:00 Catechism 7:00 Council Mtg.	19 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	20	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Easter Earth Day <i>Soup & Sandwich Orders Due</i> 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Senior Choir 8:00 A.A.	23	24 10:00 Chair Yoga	25 11:15 TOPS 6:00 Catechism	26 11:00 Slatington Seniors 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	27	28 9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up
29 Fifth Sunday of Easter Church Music Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Bible Olympics 9:15 Senior Choir 8:00 A.A.	30	5/1 10:00 Chair Yoga	5/2 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Mid-week Communion Service 6:00 Catechism	5/3 National Day of Prayer 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	5/4 9:30 Sewing	5/5 9:00 Spring Clean-up



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4/29 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Bible Olympics 9:15 Senior Choir 8:00 A.A.	4/30	1 10:00 Chair Yoga	2 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Mid-week Communion Service 6:00 Catechism	3 National Day of Prayer 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	4 9:30 Sewing	5 9:00 Spring Clean-up
6 Sixth 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.	7	8 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Second Chance Meeting	9 11:15 TOPS 6:00 Catechism	10 The Ascension Of Our Lord 11:00 Slatington Srs. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	11 9:30 Sewing	12 4:00-7:00 Chicken Pot Pie Dinner
13 Seventh 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.	14 JUNE/JULY/AUG. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	15 10:00 Chair Yoga 7:30 Cemetery Meeting	16 11:15 TOPS 6:00 Catechism 7:00 Church Council	17 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 7:00 Mission District Assembly at St. Paul's Lutheran 8:00 A.A.	18 3:00 Ringer Scholarship Deadline	19 8:00-3:00 Community Yard Sale 9:00 Altar Guild Geranium Set-up
20 Pentecost 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.	21 6:00 WISH Graduation Set-up	22 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:00 WISH Graduation Dinner	23 11:15 TOPS 6:00 Catechism 1:00 Collate Summer Newsletter 6:00 Catechism	24 11:00 Slatington Srs. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 7:30 Pastoral Assoc. Quarterly Mtg. 8:00 A.A.	25	26 9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up
27 The Holy Trinity First Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School-All Class Worship 8:00 A.A.	28 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY-CHURCH BLDG. CLOSED	29 10:00 Chair Yoga	30 11:15 TOPS 6:00 Catechism (8th grade)	31 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	6/1 9:30 Sewing	6/2

