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Dear Friends in Christ,

We start February this year in a *Super* way. The Pork and Sauerkraut Supper is February 3rd. On Sunday the 4th we observe *Super Bowl* Sunday. As the Eagles and Patriots prepare to do battle on the field we will gather to do battle against hunger! As part of our pre-game we invite everyone to bring a can or box of soup to share as well as a monetary gift for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. It will be the day for a loud offering – so bring your spare change to help change the world! And wear your team colors to cheer on whoever is your favorite team.

Chocolate Fest is on Sunday, February 11, from 11:30 until 1:30. Read all about it inside the Heartbeat Newsletter.

The Lenten season begins this year on February 14th. On Ash Wednesday we are told to remember. "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." These words are spoken as the pastor touches a finger to the ashes in the dish and marks the sign of the cross on each worshiper's forehead. Ash Wednesday is the day of personal ashes. It is the first of the forty days of Lent. It is named for the ancient practice of using ashes as a sign of penitence; of being sorry for our sins. The ashes also provide a vivid reminder of the shortness of human life. Our Ash Wednesday Liturgy begins with the confession of our sin, but the climax of the Lenten season comes in the announcement

of forgiveness and the sharing of the peace on Maundy Thursday.

Lent is a penitential time of the church year, an appeal for us to be reconciled to God. Jesus Christ reveals that God loves us no matter what. God loves us, however unworthy we may be. God is eager, desperately eager, to forgive our offenses. The season of Lent gives us time to remember and reflect on our lives and on the quality of our faith.

Lent looks toward Easter and reminds us of our call to live our life through the power of the Spirit that is within each one of us. Lent can be a time when we renew, enrich, and enlighten that spirit as we live out our faith. Perhaps our goal in this Lenten Season can be to learn how to yield our lives to the Spirit of God. The Spirit of Christ is within us to teach us how we should walk in newness of life. The walk of repentance is a daily walk for the Christian, and not just in this time of year.

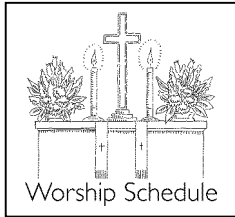
We can indeed learn from Lent as we worship together, both on Sunday mornings and at our Midweek Community Lenten Worship Services.

May the Lord grant to you a Holy Lent, as you take your own Lenten Journey toward the cross that saved us all.

See you in Church,

Pastor Russell Haab

FEBRUARY & MARCH **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



To help you prepare for worship, we print 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 February, March, and April.

February 4 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany “Souper Bowl Sunday”

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School /Coffee Hour

Lessons:

Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Psalms 147:1-11 Mark 1:29-39

February 7

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

February 11 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Psalms 50:1-6 Mark 9:2-9

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

11:30 A.M. – Service with Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion

7:00 P.M. – Service with Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Communion

Lessons:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Psalms 51:1-17 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 18 – First Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18-22

Psalms 25:1-10 Mark 1:9-15

February 21

11:30 A.M. – Mid-week Devotions

7:00 P.M. – Mid-week Community Lenten
Service at St. John’s U.C.C.

February 25 – Second Sunday in Lent

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

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Genesis 17:1-7 Romans 4:13-25

Psalms 22:23-31 Mark 8:31-38

February 28

11:30 A.M. – Mid-week Devotions

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

March 4 – Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Coffee Hour

Lessons:

Exodus 20:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Psalms 19 John 2:13-22

March 7

11:30 A.M. – Mid-week Devotions

7:00 P.M. – Mid-week Community Lenten
Service at St. John’s Lutheran Church

March 11 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 John 3:14-21

March 14

11:30 A.M. – Mid-week Devotions

7:00 P.M. – Mid-week Community Lenten
Service at Friedens U.C.C.

March 18 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service

9:00 A.M. – Sunday School

Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrew 5:5-10

Psalms 51:1-12 John 12:20-33

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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March 21

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



PLAN TO WORSHIP HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 25

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

Lessons:

Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm 31:9-16 Mark 14:1-15:47

MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 29

11:30 A.M. – Shut-in 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.***

SAUERKRAUT SUPPER FEBRUARY 3

Seatings at: 4:00, 4:45, 5:30,
6:15, and 7:00 P.M.
(Take out orders also available)

Cost:

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

Menu:

Pork and Sauerkraut Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Lima Beans
Lotawaerick (Apple Butter)
Schmeer Kase (Cottage Cheese)
Bread and Butter Beverages
Homemade Desserts

**Please have baked good donations
to church by 3:45 P.M. All baked
good donations are greatly
appreciated.**

Anyone interested in helping should contact
Chad Miller at 484-623-4191.

Youth can sign up to help on the sign-up
sheet on the youth bulletin board in the
Youth Fellowship classroom.

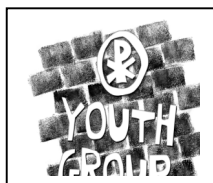
SEWING GROUP



The Sewing Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M., weather permitting, on the following Friday dates:

February 2 & 9 and March 2 & 9. They are in need of people to sew the quilts together. There is a sewing machine here at church for anyone to use. If you can help with sewing quilts, please contact 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, February 3* – Sauerkraut Supper from 3:45 to 7:00 P.M.
- *March 1, 8, 15, & 24* – Help at Northern Lehigh Food Bank.
- *Sunday, March 7* – Community lunch from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
- *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.

The youth are also planning some fun events for this spring. More information will follow in the Sunday bulletins.

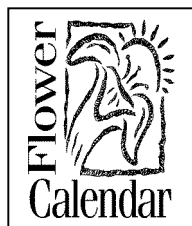
2018 CHURCH ENVELOPES



The 2018 church envelopes are 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.

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.

Flower sponsors are needed for the following dates: February 4 and March 7 (Community Lenten Service). The cost to sponsor flowers is \$35.00.

Bulletin sponsors are needed for the following dates: February 11 & 14 (Ash Wednesday), 18, 25; and March 7 (Community Lenten Service), 18, 29 (Maundy Thursday), & 30 (Good Friday). The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$20.00 per date.

SOUPER SUNDAY



Help wind up the NFL football season in a really "souper" way. On Sunday, February 4, "Souper Bowl Sunday," please bring boxes or cans of soup to church for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Monetary donations may also be made to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

You can cheer for your team, knowing you have provided some warm food for the needy during the cold weather. You can wear your team apparel to church also on "Souper Bowl Sunday."

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.

MID-WEEK, MID-DAY COMMUNION SERVICE



Pastor Haab will continue to conduct a mid-week, mid-day communion service on the first Wednesday of each month.

The communion service will be held at 11:30 A.M. in the

Fellowship Hall on the following Wednesdays: February 7 & 14 (Ash Wednesday), March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6. Please join us for this mid-day, mid-week communion service.

SNOW PATROL MEMBERS NEEDED!



As a cost-saving measure, help is needed with snow and ice removal at the church. Snow needs to be shoveled within 24 hours of the snow stopping.

If you are willing to help with snow removal, please sign up on the Snow Patrol sheet on the rear radiators of the church or contact the church office (610-767-6361). A snow blower, shovels, an ice chopper, ice melt, and salt are provided at church for any one willing to help shovel the sidewalks and walkways at church.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY



In the event of bad winter weather, St. John's Lutheran Church will make every effort to conduct our normal Sunday

worship services. Check the church website and WFMZ for cancellations. It is up to each member whether they are able to get to church safely on Sunday. Please make safety a priority.



NORTHERN LEHIGH FOOD BANK

February is S.O.A.P. closet month for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. S.O.A.P. stands for Save Our Appearance Please! This program was started by one of Slatington's Boy Scouts as his Eagle Scout project. It involves the churches in the community committing to provide items other than food for the food bank families for one month during the year.

St. John's has committed to providing these items to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank for the month of February each year. Please bring non-food donations each Sunday to church:

Week 1 (February 4) – Toilet Tissue

Week 2 (February 11) – Bars of Soap

Week 3 (February 18) – Toothpaste

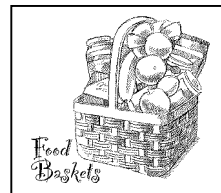
Week 4 (February 25) – Detergent



March is St. John's month to distribute food at the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Help is needed on Thursdays, March 1,

8, and 15, from 3:45 to 7:00 P.M. and Saturday, March 24, from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the radiator in the back of the church. You may also call the food bank at 610-767-9525.



STUFFING NEEDED

FOR EASTER! St. John's Lutheran has been asked to collect stuffing for the Easter holiday baskets that will be distributed for Easter to the

clients of the food bank. Please donate any size boxes or bags of stuffing. There are over 300 families that will be receiving meals for Easter. Please bring all stuffing donations to the church by Thursday, March 22. Baskets will be distributed to food bank clients on Saturday, March 24. Thank you for your help!

Non-perishable food, money, or time donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank are welcome and greatly appreciated any time! Donations that come in through offering are mailed to the food bank quarterly.

CHOCOLATE FEST '18



The annual Chocolate Fest will be held here at St. John's Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 11, from

11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. This event celebrates everything chocolate! There will be multiple cake walks, arts and crafts, chocolate making, a chocolate cookie contest and other activities (including "Put a Pie in the Pastor's Eye") for your enjoyment. Various chocolate food items will be available for purchase along with soups, barbeque, hotdogs, chips, and more. All are invited to come out and have a "chocolicious" good time!

Why not take time to perfect your cookie recipes and enter your cookies in the baking contest. To enter the Chocolate Cookie Contest, make your yummiest cookies that contain some kind of chocolate and bring them to the church office by 12:00 Noon so they can be judged by our cookie eating experts. For specific "rules regarding the contest go to the church's website at www.stjohnslatington.org.

You can pre-order chocolate-covered strawberries (\$1.25 each) and chocolate éclairs (\$1.50 each) on the form below, on order sheets on the rear radiators of church, or you can call the church office at 610-767-6361. Please return order forms to Brian Geiger, Debbie Geiger, or Lynn Haab by Sunday, February 4. All monies raised will be donated to the Air Conditioning Fund. Plan to attend this event and enjoy all the available activities and goodies before Lent begins! If you would like to help out, please speak to Pastor or Lynn Haab.

CHOCOLATE-COVERED ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Éclairs _____ @ \$1.50 each = _____

Strawberries _____ @ \$1.25 each = _____

Total Due \$ _____

PALMS FOR ASHES



Everyone is reminded to return your palms from Palm Sunday 2017 to church on Sunday, February 11. The palms are burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

SECOND CHANCE BOARD MEETINGS

The Second Chance Shoppe Board will meet at 11:00 A.M. in an upstairs Sunday School room on the following Tuesdays: February 13, March 13, and April 10. All volunteers are welcome to attend.



WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent, when we remember Christ's suffering and death for our sakes, begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We will offer both a brief mid-day service at 11:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall and our evening Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the church at 7:00 P.M. Both services will offer Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.



We will begin the season of Lent with our annual potluck soup and bread supper beginning at 5:30 P.M.

An attendance sign-up sheet is on the rear radiator of church. If you would like to bring bread, soup, or salad, please check the appropriate box on the sign-up sheet. You need not bring something to attend. We'd love to see you there.

The Ash Wednesday worship service will follow our soup supper at 7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday is the start of the forty-day season (not including Sundays) of Lent as we confess our sins and await our forgiveness on Maundy Thursday.

NO ALLELUIAS IN LENT

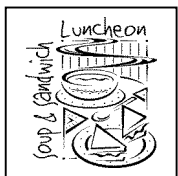
A reminder that during the Lenten season we put away the joyful Alleluias during this penitential time. They will come out again for the Easter season. During Lent the gospel acclamation will be 'Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust in your word'. It is also appropriate to sing the 'Lamb of God' before communion.

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 detailed statements will need to be picked up from the church office on a Sunday morning or during normal business hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.).

FEBRUARY SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE



The Catering Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale on Saturday, February 17.

Pick-up times will be between

9:00 and 11:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

The menu is: (Take Out Only)

o *Ham & Cheese Club on a Kaiser Roll* – Thinly sliced baked ham with American cheese, crispy bacon, and sliced tomatoes, on a Kaiser roll with a mayo and a mustard packet.

Price – \$5.50 each.

o *Roast Turkey Club on a Kaiser Roll* – Sliced tender roasted turkey, with lettuce, sliced tomatoes, sliced provolone cheese, crispy bacon, mayo all stacked on a Kaiser roll.

Price -- \$5.50 each.

o *Amish Chicken Corn Chowder* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, shredded carrots, and cut sweet corn sautéed in butter. Thicken

with flour and blend with hearty chicken broth and diced tender chunks of chicken, then seasoned with black pepper and parsley flakes. Add whole milk and extra wide egg noodles for a delicious chicken corn chowder.

Price – \$6.00 per quart.

o *Italian Wedding Soup* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, chopped spinach, and garlic blended with hearty chicken broth and Italian meatballs, orzo pasta, then seasoned with black pepper, parsley, oregano, and basil.

Price -- \$6.00 per quart.

o *Manhattan Clam Chowder* – Sautéed diced celery, diced onions, diced carrots, diced red & green peppers, and chopped clams. Blend in clam juice, diced potatoes, diced tomatoes, parsley, oregano, black pepper, Old Bay seasoning, and tomato sauce.

Price -- \$7.00 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, February 11. 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 #: _____

Ham & Cheese Club on Kaiser Roll

_____ @ \$5.50 each = _____

Roast Turkey Club on Kaiser Roll

_____ @ \$5.50 each = _____

Amish Chicken Corn Chowder

_____ @ \$6.00 quart = _____

Italian Wedding Soup

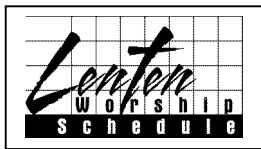
_____ @ \$6.00 quart = _____

Manhattan Clam Chowder

_____ @ \$7.00 quart = _____

Total Due \$ _____

MID-WEEK MIDDAY DEVOTIONS



During the season of Lent, you are invited to a brief mid-week devotional service at St. John's

in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday mornings at 11:30. Join us on the following Wednesdays for Lenten devotions: February 21 & 28 and March 7, 14, & 21.



Each Wednesday during Lent, the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association will be conducting mid-week Lenten Services in community churches. This year's theme for the Lenten series is "Journey to the Cross: Personal Stories of Faith". Each of the pastors will share the story of their own faith journey and will encourage others to think about how they can share their own faith stories. The Lenten services will begin at 7:00 P.M. and will include refreshments following the service. The schedule of Lenten services is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church/Predaching</u>
February 21	St. John's U.C.C. / Pastor Laura Stone
February 28	United Presbyterian Church Pastor Henry Distler
March 7	St. John's Lutheran Church / Pastor Jim LeVan
March 14	Frieden's U.C.C. / Pastor Russell Haab
March 21	Slatington Baptist Church / Pastor Lunnett Hilliard

**** Baked goods** are needed on Wednesday, March 7, for refreshments after the Lenten service here at St. John's. Please bring your baked goods to the kitchen prior to the service that night. Thank you!

OFFICIAL NOTICE

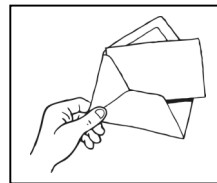
Annual Congregational Meeting of St. John's Lutheran Church

**will be held on Sunday,
February 25, at 10:00 A.M.
to review the annual financial
reports for 2017 and approve
Constitutional changes
(copies in office)
(Snow date is March 4)**

***Annual Report copies will
be handed out on Sunday,
February 18
(after each service)***

**There will be a regular 8:00 A.M.
service on Sunday, February 25.**

SIGN UP TO BE A SECRET PAL!



Once again it's time to join all generations of our church family in the Sunday school's Secret Pal Project. We are looking for members of the congregation who are willing to be a Secret Pal to one of our Sunday School children (grades K and up). The program will begin on Sunday March 4, and end with a party to meet your Secret Pal on Sunday, April 15, at 9:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

We ask all Secret Pals to write at least two letters per month. All correspondence is done with code names to ensure secrecy of your identity. This program has proved to be a great success and fun for all participants in the past.

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCHEONS



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Despite the bitterly cold weather, the January free community luncheon was well attended.

Sixty-five people enjoyed a delicious meal and warm

fellowship. Thanks to all who helped to make this event possible – Brian Geiger, Debbie Geiger, and Bruce Sipos for cooking the meatloaf, veggies, and potatoes, as well as Debbie Cunfer and Ruthann Mantz for serving this fine food and helping the attendees. Also, thanks to everyone who supported the community luncheon with their yummy desserts.



The next free community luncheon will be held on Sunday, March 4, from 11:30 to 1:00 P.M. The menu for this meal will

be Chicken Marsala, Chicken Parmesan, pasta, tossed salad, garlic bread, desserts, and beverages. If you are interested in helping with this luncheon or any luncheon, please contact Lynn or Pastor Haab or Brian or Debbie Geiger. As always, baked goods are welcome. All are invited to attend. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling the church office at 610-767-6361. Walk-ins are welcome also.

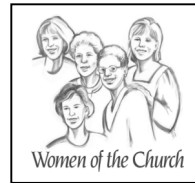
The last free community luncheon for this season will be held on Sunday, May 6, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The menu will be barbeques and salads. Plan to attend now.

Youth can sign-up to help in the Youth Fellowship class.

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 to the synod office quarterly.

W.I.S.H. MEETING



The W.I.S.H. (*Women Involved with Sharing & Helping*) Group will have a brief meeting in the church office on Sunday, March 11, after the 10:15 A.M.

service. The meeting is to plan for the annual graduation dinner held in spring. All women of the church are welcome to attend our meeting and help with the annual graduation dinner.

JUBILEES SCHEDULE



The Jubilees will meet at the church at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 12, to order lunch from Mama's Pizza. They will eat lunch

and have their monthly meeting, weather permitting. There is no February meeting.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES



On January 17, the St. John's Church Council held their monthly meeting. January is the re-organization meeting for council. Below are highlights from that meeting:

1. The following officers were elected this year:

President	Chad Miller
Vice President	Tom Campbell
Secretary	Jodi Kocher
Treasurer	Stephen Stehly
2. Committee heads were appointed as follows:

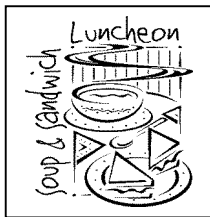
A.	Christian Education – Jodi Kocher
B.	Evangelism – Lucas Rauch
C.	Property – Terry Eschbach
D.	Social Ministry – Betsy Rauch
E.	Worship and Music – Jodi Kocher
F.	Finance – Wayne Rauch
G.	Catering – Chad Miller
H.	Mutual Ministry – Jodi Kocher & Jill Schaffer
I.	Second Chance – Betsy Rauch & Jill Schaffer
J.	Stewardship – Joel Krempasky
K.	Youth – Madison Kocher
L.	Nominating – Joe Krempasky

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.



MARCH SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE



The Catering Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale on Saturday, March 17. Pick-up times will be between 9:00 and

11:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

The menu is: (Take Out Only)

o *Chicken Caesar Wrap* – Tender chunks of grilled chicken, chopped romaine, sliced tomatoes, Caesar dressing, and parmesan cheese on a plain wrap.

Price – \$5.50 each.

o *New England Style Lobster Roll* – Lobster mixed with diced celery, lemon juice, black pepper, Dijon mustard, and mayonnaise; served on a New England roll.

Price – \$6.00 each.

o *Halupki (Stuffed Cabbage Soup)* – Sauté ground beef, garlic, onions, and green cabbage. Blend with a hearty beef broth, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, salt, black pepper, and tender rice.

Price – \$6.00 per quart.

o *Old Fashion Chicken Noodle Soup* – A mixture of diced celery, diced onions, and shredded carrots, sautéed in butter. Blend in a hearty chicken stock. Add tender chunks of chicken and wide egg noodles. Season with black pepper, parsley, and Worcestershire sauce.

Price -- \$6.00 per quart.

o *Vegetable Tortellini Soup* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, diced tomatoes, shredded carrots, cut sweet corn, green beans, cauliflower, and broccoli sautéed in butter. Add black pepper, tomato sauce, and cheese tortellini.

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, March 11. 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 #: _____

Chicken Caesar Wrap

_____ @ \$5.50 each = _____

New England Style Lobster Roll

_____ @ \$6.00 each = _____

Halupki (Stuffed Cabbage Soup)

_____ @ \$6.00 quart = _____

Old Fashioned Chicken Noodle Soup

_____ @ \$6.00 quart = _____

Vegetable Tortellini Soup

_____ @ \$6.00 quart = _____

Total Due \$ _____

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.

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS



The church office is open daily Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (except for major holidays or vacation times).

The church building will be unlocked from Monday through Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 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 services. Anyone needing to get into the church building other than the above times, should call the church office (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. There is a door bell outside the brown doors that you may ring to gain access to the building.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH WITH FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY



The Altar Guild is again planning to decorate the church with Easter flowers for Easter Sunday, April 1. You have a choice of flowers – lilies (4-5 blooms) or tulips

(5 blooms). We need 36 lilies to fill the cross. We will have a sheet available on Easter Sunday so people get the correct plants ordered.

Easter flowers will cost \$8.00 for lilies and \$7.00 for tulips. Forms, *with payment, placed in a sealed envelope*, can be given to any of the Altar Guild members (Stephanie Beers, Fianna Christman, Sue Freed, Linda Humanick, Karen Kreglow, Denise Miller, Erin Snyder, Sharon Stehly, or Stephen Stehly), placed in the offering plate in a sealed envelope, or mailed to the church office. There will be no telephone orders. The deadline to order Easter flowers is **Sunday, March 11.**

You can use the form below when making your donation to the decoration fund:

LILY/TULIP ORDER FORM

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Courtesy Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Given By: _____

Lilies _____ @ \$8.00 each = \$ _____

Tulips: _____

_____ Pink @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Purple @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Red @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Yellow @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Plants may be picked up any time after the 10:15 A.M. service on Easter Sunday, April 1. A list of flowers will be available on Easter morning.

EGG HUNT



On Saturday morning March 24, at 10:00 we will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The egg hunt is for all children of our church up to and including grade 4.

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

PALM SUNDAY SQUARES



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

To find out the answer to these questions and other Holy Week facts join the Sunday School on Palm Sunday (March 25) at 9:00 A.M. as we present a game show called "Palm Sunday Squares". This is a program based on the T.V. game show "Hollywood Squares" – complete with two Secret Square games.

SHUT-IN COMMUNION



We will have a service of Holy Communion for our shut-in members at 11:30 A.M. on Maundy Thursday, March 29.

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

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 information to the church e-mail address: stjohnslatington@gmail.com.

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!

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 pick up a Sav-A-Tape 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.

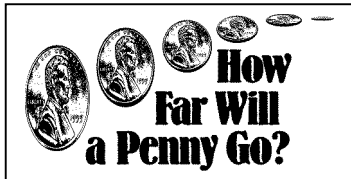
ALUMINUM TABS

Aluminum tabs that are collected 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.

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.

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 to attend the Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in June.

Penny Party – We need auction items. This list may vary from pudding mixes, cake mixes, soup, tissues, candy, soda, paper towels, personal care items, household items, etc. Items need not be food related. The list is endless; any items would be greatly appreciated. Please make sure items donated are not out of date.

Mini-Basket Social/Chinese Auction – Larger items will be needed as well – afghans, home craft items, gift baskets, gift cards, etc.

All donations will be needed by Palm Sunday, March 25. This will allow us time to organize and mark all the items.

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.

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 will go on sale
in early February.)

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!**

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.

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.



Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is moving this year. We will be having Bible School Monday, July 16, through Friday, July 20, from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. A closing program and hot dog roast will be held on Friday, July 20, at 8:00 P.M. The theme for this year is "Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus". Please watch future newsletters and the church bulletins for more information.

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 church office.

BEST/SELL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



The Florence A. Sell Scholarship has been awarded annually to St. John's Lutheran Church youth who have completed at least one semester at an institution of higher learning. Money from the Martha Best estate and the former Florence A. Sell estate was combined to make a new scholarship – the Best/Sell Scholarship. This scholarship is in honor of both Martha Best and Florence Sell who endowed our church money from their estates and felt strongly about the education of our youth. The 2017's Best/Sell Scholarship recipients are:

<u>Student</u>	<u>School Attending</u>
Carolann Green	Bloomsburg University
Taylor Kocher	Boston University
Brandon Miller	Kutztown University
Alexis Papay	Duquesne University
Kiera Shellhammer	Cedar Crest College
Alex Sigley	Kutztown University

Applications for the 2018 Best/Sell Scholarship will be available in November. Watch your fall newsletters for details.

Ringer Scholarship applications will be available in early April. Watch the April/May newsletter and bulletins for more details.

february anniversaries

Edwin and Mary Ann Stephen
55th on February 23
Osville and Deborah Paules
48th on February 28
Larry and Margaret Blose
47th on February 14
Christy and Vicki Haydt
43rd on February 15
Brian and Debbie Geiger
38th on February 23
Robert and Pat Kroboth
37th on February 14
Dennis and Natalie Green
34th on February 11
Jeffrey and Susan Stettler
24th on February 14
James and Heather Rauch
23rd on February 25
Brandon and Jodee Humanick
3rd on February 21
Brenton and Christine Kovash
2nd on February 14

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.

march anniversaries

Curtis and Delores Kistler
70th on March 6
Dean and Dolly Cunfer
58th on March 5
Raymond and Stephanie Beers
44th on March 23
Larry and Judy Moyer
44th on March 31
Dennis and Anne Corby
43rd on March 29
Christopher and Mary Ann Berger
42nd on March 20
Stephen and Sharon Stehly
40th on March 18
Galen and Susan Freed
40th on March 24
Robert and Cindy Cunfer
37th on March 28
David and Debbra Herman
17th on March 10
Robert and Jamie Reph
12th on March 24



Donations to the General Fund

In Memory of *Mother, Bernice Solt and Father Harrison Solt* from Donald & Harriet Felguieras

Donations to the Memorial Fund

In Memory of *Grandmother, Mary Viola Barney* from Mary Ann Sellers

Donations to the Sunday School

In Memory of *Doug MacCrimdle* from Richard & Conni Jones

THANK YOU NOTES

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

Paul Gass	Bob Kroboth
Brian Geiger	Debbie Geiger
Sharon Stehly	Stephen Stehly
Lynn Haab	Pastor Haab

More help is needed – sign up to help!

Thank you to Brian and Debbie Geiger and their volunteers for coordinating the pie sale before Christmas to benefit the Youth Gathering Fund.

Dear St. John's Family,

We would like to thank the congregation for their support of our St. John's Farmer's Market. God blessed us with an abundance of produce to share with our friends at church. We gave the Northern Lehigh Food Bank over \$910.00 to help feed those less fortunate in our community. Many pounds of left-over produce was also donated for distribution to their clients.

From the sales of homemade jams/jellies, \$834 was donated to the Furnace Fund and the Air Conditioning Fund.

Thank you also to those individuals who returned jelly jars and donated unwanted jars. These donations saved us money as we prepared jams and applesauce for the Farmer's Market.

We hope to continue the market in the Spring. Thanks again!

Brian & Debbie Geiger

Dear St. John's,

Many thanks for the wonderful holiday baskets the youth group gave to my mother (Mary Heckman). Your kindness is appreciated. Thanks for thinking of her.

Douglas Heckman &
Marilee Oplinger



Dear St. John's,

Thank you for all the goodies I received from the Sunday School children and Social Ministry committee. Everything was very good.

Carol MacCrindle

Members of St. John's,

Thank you for your gift of \$500.00. Your gift helps strengthen relationships and build capacity to serve the most vulnerable in our midst. Together we build the resiliency of the Gospel so that our congregations proclaim clearly that God is always bringing forth renewal and hope.

Gratefully yours,

Julia Menzo

Director of Community Outreach
Lutheran Congregational Services

Members of St. John's,

Thank you for your generous donations to help make the Northern Lehigh Food Bank holiday baskets complete. St. John's collected about 225 boxes/bags of stuffing for the baskets at Thanksgiving and 270 boxes/bags for the Christmas baskets. Thank you also for the donations of \$1,006.00 received from the members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

We are a non-profit charitable organization. We have many volunteer opportunities available and continue operation because of your generosity. A warm, heart-felt thank you!

Sincerely,

Northern Lehigh Food Bank
Dale Breyfogle, Director

Members of St. John's,

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving basket preparation and delivery of the baskets for our special concerns members. All help was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Social Ministry Committee

THANK YOU NOTES

(continued)

St. John's Social Ministry Committee,

I wish to thank the member who purchased all the materials for the baskets. The members who baked all the breads, to the members who came and helped to assemble the baskets, to the members who helped to deliver all the baskets; I thank all of you.

I felt humbled when I was presented one of those baskets. I felt it really didn't belong to me. I know I can't help to do things the way I used to, but to those who take time always from their home and lives, I say thank you.

St. John's Social Ministry is a great project for our church, but it also takes members to come and do the work, which is sometimes difficult to do. Again, I say thank you.

Sincerely,
Isabel Ringer

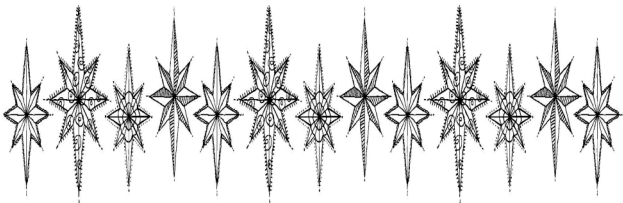
St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday School,

I wish to thank the Sunday School friends and staff for the Christmas card and prayer, for the pumpkin bread and orange which I put in my cranberry relish, which I make, and all the other goodies. I am enjoying all of the items.

I also want to thank Pastor Haab for his visit yesterday. We had a nice afternoon talking and for Pastor giving me communion. Thank you.

And now I wish for all of you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Isabel Ringer



Social Ministry Committee,

Thank you for putting together a great Thanksgiving package. Sorry I wasn't in my room to receive it. The variety of everything was super and the quantity extra fine. It will keep me going for quite a while. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Don Roberts

Dear Members of St. John's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the lovely basket you gave me for the Thanksgiving holiday. It was a very lovely basket and very full of goodies!

Thanks very much,
Judy Shiner

Members of St. John's,

Thank you to all who helped our Youth Fellowship class with the Adopt-a-Child program through the Northern Lehigh Food Bank's Children's Christmas Gift Program. We adopted eight children for a total of 24 gifts that we delivered to Friedens U.C.C. Thank you to all the St. John's members for purchasing the gifts for the children. God bless you for putting a few smiles on these children's faces.

St. John's Youth Fellowship

Members of St. John's,

Thank you very to everyone who helped the last few months with preparing Advent folders and newsletters for mailings, getting the 2018 envelopes labeled and ready for pick up, and with collating and stapling the Cantata and Christmas Eve bulletins over the holidays. The extra help especially at the busy times during the year is always greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Sharon Stehly



GREETINGS ARE EXTENDED TO OUR "80 & OVER" MEMBERS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Mrs. Violet Jones, Media ** Celebrating her 90th birthday on February 3.
Mr. Curtis Kistler, Slatington ** Celebrating his 89th birthday on February 10.
Mrs. Conni Jones, Slatington ** Celebrating her 85th birthday on February 11.
Mrs. Doris Weaver, Walnutport ** Celebrating her 89th birthday on February 19.
Mrs. Ruth Klase, Slatington ** Celebrating her 90th birthday on February 23.
Mrs. Judy Shiner, Walnutport ** Celebrating her 83rd birthday on February 23.
Mr. Vincent Kralik Jr., Slatington ** Celebrating his 87th birthday on February 27.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Mr. Barton Behler Jr., Bath, PA ** Celebrating his 93rd birthday on March 10.
Mrs. Julia Zellner, Walnutport, PA ** Celebrating her 87th birthday on March 14.
Ms. Gloria Martin, Slatington, PA ** Celebrating her 86th birthday on March 17.
Mr. Lee Oswald, Slatington, PA ** Celebrating his 91st birthday on March 17.
Mrs. Roberta Cunfer, Slatington, PA ** Celebrating her 83rd birthday on March 23.
Mr. Sherwood Yenser, Slatington, PA ** Celebrating his 90th birthday on March 31.

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 stjohnslatington@gmail.com to keep us informed.

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 the church office at 610-767-6361 during normal business hours (Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.) to reserve space in the church for your event or fill out a Facilities Use Request form. The Facilities Use Request form is available from the church office or from the tract rack outside the church 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 sponsor charts outside the church office; Sharon will mark dates on that calendar for what is scheduled in the church.

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

NOVEMBER 2017							
DATE	CHURCH ATTEND.	S. S. ATTEND.	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	A/C FUND
11-5	37 + 70	48	\$ 3,136.63	October 31 Balance	(\$1, 572.96)	\$ 4,010.79	\$ 4,463.83
11-12	29 + 85	35	2,091.63	November Income	10,038.93	33.00	747.00
11-19	32 + 60	43	1,918.13	November Expenses	11,461.46	240.00	0.00
11-26	32 + 59	45	2,869.91	November 30 Balance	(\$2,995.49)	\$ 3,803.79	\$ 5,210.83
		Totals	\$ 10,016.30				

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 11/2017	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,261.13
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,562.22 / \$ 2,978.89
Budgeted to Date	\$ 156,534.24
Received to Date	\$ 122,986.72 / \$ 142,986.72
Expenses to Date	\$ 149,094.23
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 26,107.51) / (\$ 6,107.51)

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

- The left side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, excluding the \$12,000.00 from the Second Chance Shoppe; \$5,000.00 from Catering; \$1,000 from Mae Blose estate, and the \$2,000.00 from Memorial Interest.
- The right side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, including the \$12,000.00 from the Second Chance Shoppe; \$5,000.00 from Catering; \$1,000 from Mae Blose estate, and the \$2,000.00 from Memorial Interest.

DECEMBER 2017							
DATE	CHURCH ATTEND.	S. S. ATTEND.	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	A/C FUND
12-3	38 + 85	56	\$ 3,400.88	November 30 Balance	(\$2,995.49)	\$ 3,803.79	\$ 5,210.83
12-10	21 + 42	37	2,823.88	December Income	23,387.77	167.50	892.00
12-17	31 + 95	42	5,375.63	December Expenses	16,062.23	255.10	0.00
12-24 (AM)	32 + 59	N/A	(see below)	December 31 Balance	\$ 4,330.05	\$ 3,716.19	\$ 6,102.83
12-24 (PM)	113 + 65	N/A	5,722.88				
12-31	28 + 25	N/A	2,132.63				
		Totals	\$ 19,455.90				

There was no Sunday School on Sundays, December 24 or December 31.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 12/2017	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,261.13
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,737.97 / \$ 3,199.51
Budgeted to Date	\$ 169,578.76
Received to Date	\$ 142,374.49 / \$ 166,374.49
Expenses to Date	\$ 165,156.46
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 22,781.97) / (\$ 1,218.03)

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- The right side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, including the \$12,000.00 from the Second Chance Shoppe; \$5,000.00 from Catering; \$1,000 from Mae Blose estate, and the \$6,000.00 from Memorial Interest.

FEBRUARY SUNDAY **SCHOOL PULSE**

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE:

February is S.O.A.P. Closest Month!

February 4 – “Souper Sunday” – Bring a can or box of soup to Sunday School to be donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Monthly Munchies.

Grade 3 – Bible class with parents taught by Pastor Haab.

Preschool–Grade 6 – Regular lesson and practice songs for next week.

Sign up for Secret Pal.

Youth Fellowship – Prepare Epiphany Project items for delivery.

February 11 – Grade 3 – Bible class with parents taught by Pastor Haab.

Preschool–Grade 6 – Regular lesson and practice for today’s song.

Sign up for Secret Pal.

Youth Fellowship – Scavenger Hunt, etc.

10:15 A.M. – Children sing in church, followed by Children’s Church.

11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. – Chocolate Fest.

February 18 – Grade 3 – Bible class with parents taught by Pastor Haab.

Preschool–Grade 6 – Regular Lesson. Last day to sign up for Secret Pal.

Youth Fellowship – Make Secret Pal mailboxes; choose songs for Youth Sunday, and start planning Youth Sunday.

February 25 – **EARLY DISMISSAL at 9:45 A.M. due to the Congregational Meeting at 10:00 A.M.**

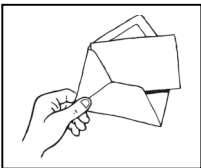
Pre-school- Grade 4 – Regular Lesson and learn Youth Sunday songs.

Grades 5 & 6 – Make Easter cards.

Youth Fellowship – Help teach Youth Sunday songs.

Receive Secret Pal assignments.

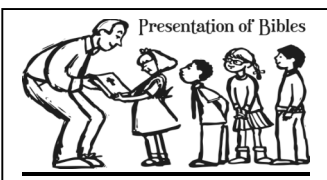
10:15 A.M. – Third graders receive Bibles in church.



THE SECRET PAL PROGRAM starts Sunday, March 4, for students grades K-6. For more information or to sign-up, see your teacher. The deadline to register for the Secret Pal Program is Sunday, February 18. Adult members of the congregation are also needed to be Secret Pals to our Sunday School children.

Sunday, February 4 is “Souper Bowl Sunday”. Please bring cans or boxes of soup to be donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

February is S.O.A.P. Closet Month. Please bring donations of toothpaste and toothbrushes to donate to the children served by the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Bring these items to Sunday School any Sunday in February.



Bible Classes – Pastor Haab will hold Bible classes for third graders and their parents on Sundays, February 4, 11, and 18 during the Sunday School hour (from 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.). The students will receive their Bibles in church at the 10:15 A.M. service on Sunday, February 25.

MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL **PULSE**

MARCH SCHEDULE:

March 4 – Monthly Munchies.
Pre-school – Regular lesson.
Kindergarten–Grade 6 – Practice Easter Play. First Secret Pal letter due.
Youth Fellowship – Help with Easter Play.
11:30-1:00 – Youth Fellowship help with Community Dinner.

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward Saturday night, March 10!

March 11 – Pre-school – Regular lesson.
Kindergarten–Grade 6 – Practice Easter Play. Secret Pal letters.
Youth Fellowship – Help with Easter Play practice.

March 18 – Pre-school – Regular lesson.
Kindergarten–Grade 6 – Practice Easter Play. Secret Pal letters.
Youth Fellowship – Help Pre-school practice earthquake and rooster.
Help other classes try on costumes and gather props.
Help with scenery.
Assemble Egg Hunt items.

Saturday, March 24 – 10:00 A.M. – Egg Hunt for children ages 0 up to and including 4th grade.
Rain or shine – If weather doesn't cooperate, we will hunt eggs inside.

March 25 – Palm Sunday Parade and Palm Sunday Squares. Secret pal letters.

KIDS HELPING KIDS!!!!

March is Food Bank month here at St. John's! It is the month when our church donates food, money, and volunteers to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Please bring donations of juice or cereal to church to share with the children of our area who don't have enough to eat.



EGG HUNT rain or shine on Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 A.M. If the weather is rainy, snowy, or just too cold, we will run for eggs inside. All children of our congregation ages 0 up to and including Grade 4 are invited.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Shelby Brazes	February 2	Dylan Smoyer	February 13
Madison Peters	February 5	Riley Nothstein	February 15
Matthew Peters	February 5	Jewliana Andrews	February 22
Franki Dibilio	February 6	Maci Balliet	February 23
Chase Moyer	February 12	Hannah Moyer	February 26
Ethan Rhoda	February 12	Kaden Lyon	February 27

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS

Vanessa McWilliams on February 14 (1 year old)
Cailynn Trainer on February 18 (2 years old)

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Madison Kocher	March 10	Kyle Krempasky	March 25
Kylee Truett	March 10	Joel Snyder III	March 25
Zachari Halkias	March 11	John Swiatkowski	March 25

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS

Addison Kardaseski on March 15 (2 years old)
Maximilien Carleton on March 20 (2 years old)
Tessa Scanlon on March 30 (2 years old)

If you are celebrating a birthday 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.



SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

A New Ministry Partnership



Joint choir under the direction of Geert Ruelens

On December 1, 2016, Nativity and St. Paul, Reading, entered into a ministry partnership when they agreed to share Geert Ruelens as their musician. On Monday evening, both choirs rehearse together; and in 2017 the two congregations joined in celebrating Epiphany and Ascension (to which they invited the community); and they worshiped together on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and for the Easter Vigil.

When Nativity's interim pastor, Cathy Feil, received a call, St. Paul and Nativity saw an opportunity to deepen their partnership. They entered into fruitful discussions about sharing a pastor, guided by the Holy Spirit and Associate of the Bishop, Rev. John C. Richter. On August 1 St. Paul's pastor, Carol B. Kehler, began serving also at Nativity after an agreement was reached to purchase time from St. Paul. On August 6, Pastor Richter offered prayers for the beginning of a new ministry at Nativity.

Congregational leaders join in Worship and Music Committee meetings as well as in a quarterly Council meeting to evaluate the ongoing partnership. Members have four weekly opportunities for Worship, two for Bible study, and share Eucharistic ministers. The congregations look forward to sharing both another Epiphany celebration as well as an Advent 4 service on December 24 (for which a bell choir will be formed).

Between Nativity and St. Paul, 74 families received a Thanksgiving basket containing a full meal, prayerfully offered by the congregations. As the congregations look to influence each other in the best of ways, St. Paul has adopted Nativity's yearly Women's Thankoffering and Nativity members have contributed food, clothing, and household donations to St. Paul's monthly Food Pantry. St. Paul and Nativity will continue trusting in God's guidance as they look to the future together.

Second Annual Parish Secretaries' Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday, December 12, the synod support staff hosted the 2nd Annual Parish Secretaries' Christmas Lunch. All NEPS congregations were encouraged to treat their parish secretaries to a time of fellowship and a catered lunch. The group had an opportunity to ask questions of the synod's support staff, play some Christmas games, make new friends, and reconnect with old friends.



Talking About Racism

WHITE PRIVILEGE CONFERENCE

In 2016 the Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry Team of the Synod received a grant to help young people learn about racism and how they could help heal the wounds of racism. Several of them attended the "White Privilege Conference." The next conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan from April 4-April 7, 2018. Take a team of folks from your congregation (<http://www.whiteprivilegeconference.com/wpc.html>).

ORGANIZATION: Race Forward

"Race Forward's mission is to build awareness, solutions, and leadership for racial justice by generating transformative ideas, information, and experiences. We define racial justice as the systematic fair treatment of people of all races, resulting in equitable opportunities and outcomes for all and we work to advance racial justice through media, research, and leadership development." (<https://www.raceforward.org>).

The vision statement: "Race Forward envisions a vibrant world in which people of all races create, share and enjoy resources and relationships equitably, unleashing individual potential, embracing collective responsibility and generating global prosperity. We strive to be a leading values-driven social justice enterprise where the culture and commitment created by our multi-racial and diverse staff supports individual and organizational excellence and sustainability."

St. Paul, White Haven Community Lunch Program



St. Paul, White Haven is a small church in a small town; but church members and helpful friends serve approximately 3,400 meals a year to anyone who stops by for lunch on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The church's Community Lunch Program has been in place for years; but in 2014 Sherry Legg, St. Paul's Secretary, thought the community needed a communal celebration - a free Thanksgiving dinner. Encouraged by commitments from an informal social media poll, Sherry organized her husband and their four kids, her parents, extended family and friends, and they served 163 guests for dinner on Thanksgiving Eve.

Billed as The Second Annual White Haven Community Thanksgiving Dinner, the 2015 event attracted nearly 200 guests in a raging snowstorm that knocked out power briefly, panicking the kitchen workers.



By 2016, with 258 guests, the event had truly become a community tradition. The high school Key Club showed up to help, St. Patrick's RCC members roasted turkeys, and Boy and Girl Scouts helped set up and decorate. The local ambulance crew delivered meals to shut-ins, and the

Lions Club wrote a check. This year the White Haven Market donated turkeys, and Thrivent sent a donation.

The 2017 guest numbers grew to 317, which is nearly 30 percent of the population of White Haven.

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (FEBRUARY 2018)

Date	Serv.	Asst. Min.	Commun. Asst.	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers
February 4 (C)	8:00	Lynne Fedorcha	Fianna Christman			Harriet Felguieras		Wayne Rauch & Dale Pugh
February 4 (C)	10:15	Jodi Kocher	Nancy Rehrig & Stephen Stehly	Denise & Hunter Miller	Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	Joe & April Krempasky	Linda Humanick	Tom Campbell (DIC), Ken Staller, Sharon Stehly, & Harrison Williams
February 11	8:00					Lynn Haab		Chad Miller & Clarence Smith
February 11 Transfiguration Sunday	10:15				Stephanie Beers & Stephen Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Jodi & Madison Kocher	Stephen Stehly (DIC), Nancy Rehrig, Lisa Shellhammer, & Matt Truett
February 14 Ash Wed. (C)	7:00 PM	Stephen Stehly	Cheryl Burke		Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Linda Humanick		Frank Halkias (DIC), Brian Geiger, Darin Handwerk, & Sharon Stehly
February 18 (C)	8:00	Stephen Stehly	Lynn Haab			Ron & Hali Kuntz		Paul Gass & Justin Smoyer
February 18 (C)	10:15	Harrison Williams	Ruthann Mantz & Sharon Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Ken Staller	Karen Kreglow	Lucas Rauch (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Robert Cunfer, & Mark Wehr
February 25	8:00					Debbie Barhight		Terry Eschbach & Sharon Fogelman
February 25	10:15				Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Tom & Barbara Campbell	Angela Henninger	Jill Schaffer (DIC), Paul Gass, Dennis Rehrig, & Erin Snyder

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (FEBRUARY 2018)

Date	Service	Bellringer	Crucifer	Banner Bearer	Lector	Acolyte
February 4 (C)	8:00	Lucas Rauch				Dylan Smoyer
February 4 (C)	10:15	Kyle Krempasky	Zachari Halkias		Ruthann Mantz	Cadence Peters
February 11	8:00	Anee Reiser				Alexandra Feifel
February 11	10:15	Michael Majercak			Jill Schaffer	Victoria Halkias
February 14 (C-Ash Wed.)	7:00 P.M.	Madison Peters			Lynne Fedorcha	Dylan Smoyer
February 18 (C)	8:00	Emme Reiser				Colby Rehrig
February 18 (C)	10:15	Matthew Peters	Sean Kreglow		Julie Wehr	Alexis Henninger
February 25	8:00	Carlton Davies				Kaden Lyon
February 25	10:15	Kayleigh Snyder	Kyle Krempasky		Cheryl Burke	Brenton Krempasky



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (MARCH 2018)

Date	Serv.	Asst. Min.	Commun. Asst.	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers
March 4 (C)	8:00	Lynn Haab	Lynne Fedorcha			Harriet Felguieras		Adam Sigley & Clarence Smith
March 4 (C)	10:15	Stephen Stehly	Cheryl Burke & Ken Staller	Debbie Cunfer & Sharon Stehly	Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	Sue Freed & Lisa Shellhammer	Linda Humanick	Karen Kreglow (DIC), Darin Handwerk, Ronnie Humanick, & Sharon Stehly
March 7 (Community Lenten Serv.)	7:00 P.M.				Sharon & Stephen Stehly	Linda Humanick		Jodi Kocher (DIC), Sharon Stehly, & Stephen Stehly
March 11	8:00					Lynn Haab		Joe Krempasky & Terry Eschbach
March 11	10:15				Fianna Christman & Stephen Stehly	Paul & Michelle Gass	Jodi & Madison Kocher	Chad Miller (DIC), Nancy Rehrig, Lisa Shellhammer, & Matt Truett
March 18 (C)	8:00	Stephen Stehly	Fianna Christman			Ron & Hali Kuntz		Wayne Rauch & Jessica Smoyer
March 18 (C)	10:15	Jodi Kocher	Nancy Rehrig & Sh. Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Linda Humanick	Karen Kreglow	Tom Campbell (DIC), Ken Staller, Sharon Stehly, & Harrison Williams
March 25 (C)	8:00	Lynn Haab	Lynne Fedorcha			Debbie Barhight		Stephen Stehly & Erin Snyder
March 25 (C) (Palm Sun.)	10:15	Harrison Williams	R. Mantz & Sh. Stehly	Ruthann Mantz & Sh. Stehly	Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Kyle Krempasky	Angela Henninger	Frank Halkias (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Robert Cunfer, & Mark Wehr
March 29 (Maun. Thur.)	7:00 P.M.	Stephen Stehly	Cheryl Burke		Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Linda Humanick		Jill Schaffer (DIC), Brian Geiger, Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly
March 30 (Good Friday)	7:00 P.M.				Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	Ken Staller		Adam Sigley (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, Darin Handwerk, & Ronnie Humanick

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (MARCH 2018)

Date	Service	Bellringer	Crucifer	Banner Bearer	Lector	Acolyte
March 4 (C)	8:00	Kaden Lyon				Jarrett Silfies
March 4 (C)	10:15	Egan Bellesfield	Michael Majercak		Stephen Stehly	Cadence Peters
March 7 (Community Lenten)	7:00 P.M.	Dylan Smoyer			Sharon Stehly	Alexandra Feifel
March 11	8:00	Sean Kreglow				Dylan Smoyer
March 11	10:15	Zachari Halkias	Hunter Miller		Ruthann Mantz	Victoria Halkias
March 18 (C)	8:00	Lucas Rauch				Colby Rehrig
March 18 (C)	10:15	Madison Kocher	Madison Peters		Harrison Williams	Alexis Henninger
March 25 (C-Palm Sunday)	8:00	Hunter Miller				Alexandra Feifel
March 25 (C-Palm Sunday)	10:15	Brenton Krempasky	Matthew Peters		Chad Miller	Lucas Rauch
March 29 (Maundy Thursday-C)	7:00 P.M.	Kyle Krempasky	Brenton Krempasky		Stephen Stehly	Alexis Henninger
March 30 (Good Friday)	7:00 P.M.					Dylan Smoyer

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (APRIL 2018)

Date	Serv.	Asst. Min.	Commun. Asst.	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers
April 1 (C) Easter	7:00 AM	Lynne Fedorcha	Fianna Christman			Harriet Felguieras		Terry Eschbach (DIC), Karen Kreglow, & Justin Smoyer
April 1 (C) Easter	10:15	Stephen Stehly	Cheryl Burke & 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, & Harrison Williams
April 15 (C)	8:00	Stephen Stehly	Lynn Haab			Debbie Barhight		Terry Eschbach & Paul Gass
April 15 (C)	10:15	Harrison Williams	Ruthann Mantz & Ken Staller	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	Lynne Fedorcha			Ron & Hali Kuntz		Jill Schaffer & Kristie Lyon
April 29 (C)	10:15	Jodi Kocher	Nancy Rehrig & St. 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	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		Lynne Fedorcha	Cadence Peters
April 15 (C)	8:00	Emme Reiser				Alexandra Feifel
April 15 (C)	10:15	Egan Bellesfield	Carlton Davies		Julie Wehr	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



FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1/28 4th Sunday after Epiphany Epiphany Project Donations Due Annual Reports Due 8:00 & 10:15 The Services 9:00 Sunday School-Birthday Social 9:15 Senior Choir Practice 8:00 A.A.	1/29	1/30 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Worship & Music Meeting	1/31 10:00 Mommy & Me 11:15 TOPS 6:00 Catechism	1 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	2 Ground Hog Day 9:30 Sewing Group	3 4:00-7:00 Pork & Sauerkraut Supper
4 5th Sunday after Epiphany “Souper” Sunday Boy Scout Sunday S.O.A.P. Closet for Food Bank 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Bible Class / Coffee Hour 9:15 Senior Choir Practice 8:00 A.A.	5	6 10:00 Chair Yoga	7 10:00 Mommy & Me 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Communion Service 6:00 Catechism	8 11:00 Slatington Senior Citizens 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	9 9:30 Sewing Group	10
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord S.O.A.P. Closet for Food Bank <i>Soup & Sandwich Orders Due</i> <i>Bring Palms Back to Church</i> 8:00 & 10:15 The Services 9:00 Sunday School-Bible Class 9:15 Senior Choir Practice 11:30-1:30 Chocolate Fest 8:00 A.A.	12	13 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Second Chance Shoppe Board Meeting	14 Ash Wednesday Valentines Day 10:00 Mommy & Me 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Ash Wednesday Service with ashes 5:30 Soup & Salad 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service with ashes	15 11:00 Collate Annual Reports 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	16	17 9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up
18 First Sunday in Lent S.O.A.P. Closet for Food Bank <i>Secret Pal Sign-up Deadline</i> <i>Annual Reports Distributed</i> 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Bible Class 9:15 Senior Choir Practice 8:00 A.A.	19 President’s Day 7:00 Women’s Club	20 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Church Council Mtg.	21 10:00 Mommy & Me 11:15 TOPS 5:30 Catechism 11:30 Lent Devotions 7:00 Lenten Service at St. John’s UCC	22 11:00 Slatington Senior Citizens 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	23	24
25 Second Sunday in Lent S.O.A.P. Closet for Food Bank 8:00 & 10:15 The Services 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Congregational Meeting 8:00 A.A.	26	27 10:00 Chair Yoga	28 10:00 Mommy & Me 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Lent Devotions 5:30 Catechism 7:00 Lenten Service at United Presby.	3/1 3:45 Food Bank Food Distribution 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	3/2 9:30 Sewing Group	3/3

MARCH 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2/25 Second Sunday in Lent S.O.A.P. Closet for Food Bank 8:00 & 10:15 The Services 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Senior Choir 10:00 Congregational Meeting 8:00 A.A.	2/26	2/27 10:00 Chair Yoga	2/28 10:00 Mommy & Me 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Lent Devotions 5:30 Catechism 7:00 Lenten Service at United Presby.	1 3:45 Food Bank Food Distribution 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	2 9:30 Sewing Group	3
4 Third Sunday in Lent 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School/Coffee Hour 9:15 Senior Choir 11:30-1:00 Community Meal 8:00 A.A.	5	6 10:00 Chair Yoga	7 10:00 Mommy & Me 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Lent Devotions 5:30 Catechism 7:00 Lenten Service at St. John's Lutheran	8 11:00 Slatington Senior Citizens 3:45 Food Bank Food Distribution 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	9 9:30 Sewing Group	10 <i>Turn Clocks Ahead</i>
11 Fourth Sunday in Lent Girl Scout Sunday <i>Easter Flower Orders Deadline</i> <i>Soup & Sandwich Orders Due</i> 8:00 & 10:15 The Services 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Senior Choir 11:15 W.I.S.H. Meeting 8:00 A.A.	12 11:00 Jubilees lunch & Meeting	13 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Second Chance Board Meeting	14 10:00 Mommy & Me 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Lent Devotions 5:30 Catechism 7:00 Lenten Service at Friedens UCC	15 3:45 Food Bank Food Distribution 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A. April/May Newsletter Deadline	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up
18 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Senior Choir 8:00 A.A.	19 7:00 Women's Club	20 First Day of Spring 10:00 Chair Yoga 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	21 10:00 Mommy & Me 11:15 TOPS 11:30 Devotions 5:30 Catechism 7:00 Lenten Service at Slatington Baptist	22 11:00 Slatington Senior Citizens 5:30 IMPACT Mtg. 6:30 Daisy Scouts 8:00 A.A.	23	24 9:00 Social Ministry Baskets Preparation 9:30 Food Bank Food Distribution 10:00 Egg Hunt
25 Palm Sunday <i>Items due for Penny Party</i> 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Palm Sunday Parade & Squares 9:15 Senior Choir 8:00 A.A.	26	27 10:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Collate April/May newsletter	28 10:00 Mommy & Me 11:15 TOPS	29 Maundy Thurs. 11:30 Shut-in Service 6:30 Supper Church 8:00 A.A.	30 Good Friday 7:00 Tenebrae Service at St. John's Lutheran	31 9:00 Altar Guild- Easter Flower Set-up