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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is always hard to sit and write a three-month Pastor's letter. There is just so much to say about what will be going on at Saint John's over the next three months and then into September. In June we will begin the green season of the church. The Sundays after Pentecost are considered Ordinary Time, but there is nothing ordinary about them! During these Sundays we will hear Jesus teaching us about life in God's Kingdom as he goes about his own daily ministry of teaching and healing.

We start June with our one day Synod Assembly on June 1. Confirmation will take place on June 2; the day when four of our young people affirm the faith that is in them. The All-Church Picnic takes place on Sunday, June 9, Pentecost Sunday, following the start of our Summer worship time at 9:00 AM. We will also have a special Congregation Meeting that day. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship in the Parish Hall. We are still looking for people to coordinate The Breakfast Bunch for this year. This has been an important Summer ministry that I hope can continue. If you think of someone who could help, please be in touch with me.

July and August may seem a bit slower. Vacation Bible School, *Roar!*, will take place the week of July 15 -19. That will be a fun time

for our young people, and it is definitely a fun time for me!

Summer is also a time when many of us take vacations and find a way to take life a bit more easily. I hope that you will also find some time to rest up from the business of the world and reconnect with family and friends.

While we don't have all the dates and specifics yet, I invite you to remember September 8. It will be Rally Sunday at St. John's, and will be celebrated throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as *God's Work, Our Hands Sunday*. It is meant to be a day of service within the community. If you have any ideas for a service project(s) we could do that day, please let me know. By this we would not just go to church, but we can BE the church! It is also the start up of our Free Community Lunches.

Also, keep an eye out for your Weekly E-News to keep informed on those news items that may not have made it into this Summer newsletter. I am also looking for some computer savvy people to help with our website, Social Media, and worship recording. Let us know if you have a new or changed e-mail address so we can help keep you informed.

See you in Church,

Pastor Russell Haab+

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE (continued)

August 18

10th Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer
Lessons:
Jeremiah 23:23-29 Hebrews 11:29-1
Psalm 82 Luke 12:49-56

August 25

11th Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 A.M. – Service of Word & Prayer
Lessons:
Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29
Psalm 103:1-8 Luke 13:10-17

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

SYNOD ASSEMBLY



The image shows a group of people, likely a church congregation, standing in a row. In the foreground, there is a banner with the text "Annual Conference" on it. The banner is dark with white text and has a decorative border.

LAWN RANGERS NEEDED



With the warmer weather, 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.

CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD JUNE 2





On Sunday, June 2, at the 10:15 A.M. service, several of our young people will affirm their faith in Jesus Christ. All youth are confirmed upon completion of all confirmation requirements. The 2019 confirmation candidates are:

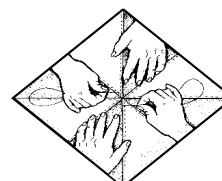
Alexandra Feifel Cadence Peters
Alexis Henninger Colby Rehrig

Congratulations to the above young people who will be confirmed on June 2. A special welcome to full activity in the life of St. John's Lutheran Church.

MID-WEEK MID-DAY COMMUNION SERVICES



SEWING GROUP



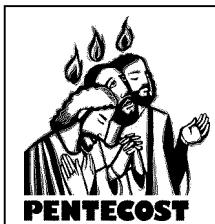
ALTAR GUILD GERANIUM SET-UP



The logo for the Pentecost Altar Guild is enclosed in a black-bordered box. It features a stylized white dove in the center, with a flame above it to the left and a flame below it to the right. The word "CELEBRATING" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font above the dove, and "PENTECOST" is written in a larger, bold, black, sans-serif font below the dove.

The Altar Guild members will decorate the church with geraniums for Pentecost on Saturday, June 8, at 5:30 P.M.

PENTECOST IS JUNE 9



The Pentecost event happened among the gathered disciples and they were filled with the Holy Spirit, but it did not end there. Disciples or Followers of Jesus have been filled with the Holy Spirit ever since.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church as we know it. It is also the beginning of the green season of the church; a time where, as we see the greening of the trees, grasses, and plants, we also can work toward our own greening in our faith toward God and in our service toward one another. It is a season that challenges us to see our own gifts of the Spirit and to put them to use for the good of all people.

The color of the day is red to remind us of the flames that alighted on each of the disciples. Don't forget to wear red on Sunday, June 9, as we welcome the Holy Spirit into our midst.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME



Each Sunday, starting June 9, throughout the summer months we will gather to worship and praise God at **9:00 A.M.** This schedule will continue through Sunday, September 1. Start your week off by joining us during the "green" season of the church year. Sunday School will conclude for the summer on Sunday, June 9, with promotion and recognition of students. Sunday School will begin again on Rally Day, September 8.

PROMOTION SUNDAY



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

The Sunday School children will sing during the service. After church, we will be celebrating with a year-end family picnic from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Please see details in article on page 5. See you June 9!!

RINGER SCHOLARSHIPS

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



The 21st Ringer Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 9. The following recipients recently graduated from high school or have completed at least one year at an institute of higher learning and have remained active in the life of St. John's as they are able:

- o C. J. Davies, a freshman at Kutztown University
- o Teegan Green, a freshman at Lehigh Carbon Community College
- o Shelby Kreglow, a junior at West Chester University
- o Kyle Krempasky, a sophomore at Ithaca College
- o Brandon Miller, a senior at Kutztown University
- o Hunter Miller, a sophomore at Seton Hill University, Greensburg

St. John's congregation is grateful to the Ringer family for their generous gift. Applications for 2020 scholarships will be available in April 2020.

VACATION PLANNING



As you begin to plan for your family's summer vacation, make worship a part of your time away.

Check with Pastor Haab for the congregation closest to your vacation destination. Just bring back a Sunday bulletin, please!

OFFICIAL NOTICE

**Special Congregational
Meeting of St. John's
Lutheran Church
will be held on
Sunday, June 9, 2019
at 10:15 A.M.
to approve spending
on church maintenance.**

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED



The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School ("VBS") is "ROAR Life is Wild...God is Good".

We will be turning the church, education building, and Fellowship Hall into an African savannah, wild life reserve, and resort hotel lobby. To create this scenery we need the following donations:

- Decorative plastic flower pots – 8-12 inches in diameter
- Raffia table skirts – tan colored (much needed)
- For more of what we need in limited amounts, please see the display board on the rear radiator cover of church.

Please check on the rear radiator of church for other items needed during VBS.

Donations will be needed prior to Sunday, June 9. There are boxes in the Fellowship Hall and at the Parent Information Center for your donations. Thank you to everyone who has donated items so far toward our decorations.

END-OF-YEAR PICNIC



Join us for our annual end-of-year picnic on Sunday, June 9, from 10:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M.

The Youth Fellowship class has planned an action-packed picnic. Free for all students, their families, and all members of the congregation. Barbeque chicken, sausage sandwiches, baked beans, pasta salad, potato salad, fruit salad, water, and iced tea will be provided by the Catering Committee. Please bring a covered dish/picnic food or dessert. The food, eating, and fellowship activities will be held in the Fellowship Hall. This option provides air conditioning in the event of a hot summer day and dry space in the event of rain.

Activities will be held outside, weather permitting, and will include:

Cake walk	Relay races
Lollipop tree	Water balloon toss
Pie eating contest	Watermelon eating contest
and much, much more	

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

Family Name _____

Attending _____

Will provide following food item:

Can Help With/Time _____

JUBILEES EVENTS



The Jubilees will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 A.M. on Monday, June 10, to car pool to DeFiore's in Neffs for lunch.

They will have their monthly meeting at DeFiore's. Please call Isabel Ringer at 610-767-4534 by Monday, June 3, if you plan to go to lunch at DeFiore's.

The Jubilees' annual picnic will be held on Monday, August 12, at 12:00 Noon at the food court by the Rails To Trails pavilion across from A. F. Boyer Hardware. Please bring a \$5.00 bingo prize along. If you plan to attend the picnic, please call Isabel Ringer at 610-767-4534 by Sunday, August 4.

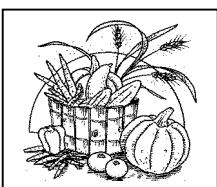
Watch for more information on the fall schedule in the late summer bulletins and the September newsletter.

SECOND CHANCE SHOPPE

The Second Chance Shoppe Board will meet in the church office on the following Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. this summer:

June 11 July 9 August 13

CALLING ALL GARDENERS



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

The St. John's Farmer's Market started in May. The farmer's market will continue on most Sunday mornings into the fall. Last year \$625 was raised for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank

and \$752 for the Food Pack Program. Everyone is welcome to participate and purchase fresh produce. Also, \$370 was raised from jam/jelly sales for the Air Conditioning Fund.

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 available for 2019 summer camp. There are eight weekly camp sessions which run from Sunday, June 16, through Saturday, August 10. Learn more or register online at www.bearcreekcamp.org. Visit Bear Creek Camp on Facebook and Twitter also.

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

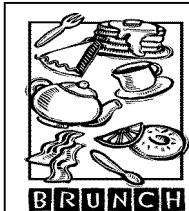
ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS



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.

BREAKFAST BUNCH



It is after much prayer, reflection, and consternation that after nine years of coordinating the Breakfast Bunch, I must now step away.

This is not to say, that I will not be available to the person or people who hopefully will take on the coordination of this vital community outreach program, but rather it is just time to pass on what I pray will be a feeding program that will continue, here at St. John's, for many years to come.

I must say, that from its very beginning, the Breakfast Bunch has blessed me far more than I have blessed others. The number of people from our church, other local churches, and community members who have volunteered to support the Breakfast Bunch with their time, talents, and donations has surpassed my wildest imagination. God has truly been at work in the Breakfast Bunch!

The Breakfast Bunch began in 2009 with a two-week trial run. It worked, and so the next year, the summer feeding program was expanded to four weeks. After that, the Breakfast Bunch was up and running, and the only thing to do was to expand it again, and this time to eight to nine weeks of the summer. To fund the program, individuals, churches, the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association, and local organizations have generously given and grants were applied for and received. This funding still continues today! Praise be to God!

Coming forth from the Breakfast Bunch have been two additional feeding programs. The first began about three and a half years ago, and again, with many distinguished volunteers the free Community Luncheons were launched. With the delicious talents of chefs Brian and Debbie Geiger, food has been served to as many as 153 people on Sunday afternoons. Then, just this past summer, and still continuing, a weekend food "backpack" program began. Each week local children come to our church and are given

a large bag of easy-to-heat/or no heat foods for the weekend.

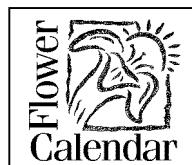
We are and have been, for many, many years before I came to Slatington, a thriving church, reaching out into the community to show the love of God and our Lord and Savior. So, please pray and listen, and you just might hear God calling you as he called me nine years ago.

After writing all of this to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray that one or more than one of you will hear a call from God to continue the Breakfast Bunch in 2019!

Anyone who is interested in coordinating Breakfast Bunch this summer, please contact either Lynn Haab at 610-760-1379 or the church office at 610-767-6361.

In God's Love,
Lynn Haab

SPONSORS NEEDED



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

Bulletin sponsors are needed for the following Sundays: August 18, and September 8 & 29.

Flower sponsors are needed for the following Sundays: July 28; August 18; and September 1, 8, & 15.

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



HERITAGE DAY PROGRAM



The annual Heritage Day Program will be held at Slatington Baptist Church at Second and Main Streets, Slatington on Thursday,

July 4, at 10:00 A.M. Everyone is welcome to attend the Heritage Day program. Watch the June bulletins for more information on the service and the Heritage Choir rehearsals.

TIME AWAY THIS SUMMER



Pastor Haab's vacation time is yet to be determined. Anyone in need of pastoral services when Pastor Haab is away should contact the church office at 610-767-6361.

Sharon Stehly will be out of the office for a couple weeks starting Tuesday, July 9, for knee replacement surgery. She will use some vacation time possibly later in the summer.

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS



The church office is open daily Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (except for holidays, vacation times, or sick times). The church building will be unlocked from Monday through Saturday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and in the evenings when there are meetings in the church building. The church also will be open Sunday mornings for the Sunday church service. Anyone needing to get into the church building other than the above times, should call the church office at 610-767-6361 to make arrangements.

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



This year's Vacation Bible School ("VBS") theme is "ROAR – Life is Wild, God is Good!". Our African Safari Adventure will be held Monday, July 15, through Friday, July 19, 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.

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.

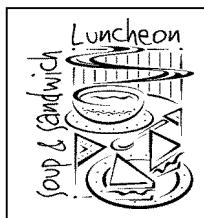
Look for more information in the weekly bulletins on snack items needed for VBS. Thank you for your help in making this Vacation Bible School a success!

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.

JULY SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE



The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale on Saturday, August 3. Orders are due on Sunday, July 28. Pick-up times will be between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 3, in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is: (Take Out Only)

- o *Chicken Salad with Cranberries & Pecan Sandwich* – Diced tender chunks of cooked chicken breast, diced celery, diced onions, dried cranberries, chopped pecans, mayo, and pepper mixed and put on a roll with lettuce and tomatoes. Price – \$5.50 each.
- o *Cold Meatloaf Sandwich* – Sliced homemade meatloaf is placed between two slices of Italian bread along with ketchup, mustard, and mayo packs. Price – \$5.50 each.

o *Hearty Beef Barley Soup* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, shredded carrots sautéed in butter. Blend with hearty roast beef broth and diced chunks of beef along with corn, peas, green beans, lima beans, diced cabbage, diced tomatoes and barley. Season with black pepper, parsley, and Worcestershire sauce.

Price – \$6.00 per quart.

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 Fashioned Chicken Rice Soup* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, shredded carrots sautéed in butter. Blend with chicken broth, 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 and either mail or drop off to the

church by Sunday, July 28. 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.

July Soup and Sandwich Sale Order Blank

(soup pints available upon request)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Chicken Salad Sandwich

_____ @ \$5.50 each = _____

Cold Meatloaf Sandwich

_____ @ \$5.50 each = _____

Hearty Beef Barley Soup

_____ @ \$6.00 quart = _____

Jambalaya Soup

_____ @ \$7.00 quart = _____

Old Fashioned Chicken Rice Soup

_____ @ \$6.00 quart = _____

Total Due \$ _____

W.I.S.H. PICNIC



The W.I.S.H. (Women Involved with Sharing & Helping) Circle will have their annual picnic at the home of Carol Miller, 2642 Grove Street, Slatington, on

Monday, August 5. Swimming and fellowship usually precedes the dinner/meeting. All women of the congregation are invited to attend to help plan the annual fall Basket Social held each October (see article on page 12). Please sign up to attend the picnic by placing your name and what you would like to bring on the sign-up sheet on the church office door.

CHECK YOUR E-MAIL!



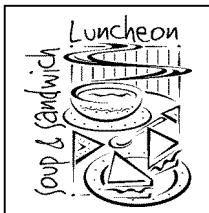
Make sure to check your e-mail every Friday for the weekly e-update from St. John's. If you don't receive our weekly e-

update, give us your e-mail address and we'll add you to the list. You can also receive the newsletter by e-mail. Send your e-mail information to stjohnslatington@gmail.com. Also check St. John's out on Facebook and at our web page at: www.stjohnslatington.org.

150TH ANNIVERSARY GLASSES

Anniversary glasses are available for sale for \$5.00 each (reduced price). Please see Chad Miller or Sharon Stehly after either service if you would like to purchase one of the glass mugs. The glass mugs will also be available during the week during normal office hours (8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.).

AUGUST SOUP AND SANDWICH SALE



The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale on Saturday, August 31. Orders are due on Sunday, August 25. Pick-up times will be between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. on August 31, in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is: (Take Out Only)

o *Bacon Jack Turkey Club on a Kaiser Roll* – Start with sliced turkey breast topped with crispy bacon, pepper jack cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, sliced red onions, and dill pickle slices on a Kaiser roll. Price – \$5.50 each.

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

Price – \$5.50 each.

o *Chicken Bow Tie Soup* – A mixture of diced celery, diced onions, and shredded carrots sautéed in butter. Blend in a hearty chicken stock. Add tender chunks of chicken,

corn, and tender bow tie pasta. Season with black pepper, parsley, and Worcestershire sauce.

Price -- \$6.00 per quart.

o *New Orleans Gumbo with Shrimp & Sausage* – Sautéed diced onions, diced celery, garlic, red & green bell peppers, diced tomatoes, shrimp and sliced sausage in a chicken broth.

Price -- \$6.00 per quart.

o *Seafood Chowder* (New England style white) A mixture of diced celery, diced onions, chopped clams, crab, scallops, shrimp, and white fish sautéed in butter. Thicken with flour and blend in good hearty seafood stock, milk, and half & half. Season with black pepper, parsley, thyme, Old Bay seasoning, oregano, and Worcestershire sauce. Finish with diced potatoes.

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, August 25. 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.

August Soup and Sandwich Sale Order Blank

(soup pints available upon request)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Bacon Jack Turkey Club on Kaiser Roll

_____ @ \$5.50 each = _____

Ham & Cheese Club on Kaiser Roll

_____ @ \$5.50 each = _____

Chicken Bow Tie Soup

_____ @ \$6.00 quart = _____

New Orleans Gumbo with Shrimp & Sausage

_____ @ \$6.00 quart = _____

Seafood Chowder

_____ @ \$7.00 quart = _____

Total Due \$ _____

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags to church on Sunday, September 1, for a service of blessing as we start the new school year.

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY



September 8, 2019 is "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday, an opportunity to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Whether it's cleaning up a neighborhood park, delivering meals, or helping a child learn to read, let's join together for a dedicated day of service on September 8 as four million members and 10,000 congregations.

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

For 30 years we have been a church that does God's work in the world – restoring and reconciling communities. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are a church that is resilient and ***always being made new***.

While we don't have all the specifics yet, we invite you to remember September 8. It will be Rally Sunday at St. John's, and will be celebrated throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as *God's Work, Our Hands Sunday*. It is meant to be a day of service within the community. If you have any ideas for a service project(s) we could do that day, please let us know. By this we would not just go to church, but we can BE the church! Hopefully we will have our options in place before you receive your September newsletter. Also, watch for news in the weekly e-news.

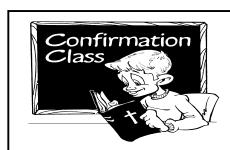
CHURCH EQUIPMENT SIGN-OUTS



Anyone wanting to borrow any 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 with the date the equipment was returned. Sharon keeps the sign-out sheet in the church office.

CATECHISM CLASS ENROLLMENT



All youth who are entering 7th grade or above in school this fall are invited to enroll in catechism class. An introductory meeting for the youth and at least one parent/guardian will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Youth planning to enroll in catechism class should complete the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, September 1.

CATECHISM CLASS ENROLLMENT

Youth Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Grade in School (2019-2020) _____

Parents Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

ANNUAL W.I.S.H. BASKET SOCIAL



The W.I.S.H. (*Women Involved with Sharing & Helping*) Circle will sponsor its annual Gift Basket Social on Sunday, October 13, in the Fellowship Hall here at St. John's. Doors will open at 12:00 Noon; the drawing will begin at 1:00 P.M. There will be light refreshments and seating available.

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

You may contribute as follows:

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

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

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

Basket donations can be dropped off in the Sunday School office on Sundays, given to any member of W.I.S.H., or dropped off in

the church office during normal business hours. Donations are needed prior to the basket social.

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

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

CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING FUND



The air conditioning units for the church building were replaced the last week in March by Jack Lehr Heating & Air Conditioning. The member donations received were mailed in and some of the Mildred Hetzer funds are being used to pay off the balance due. Thank you for your generous donations towards the air conditioning replacements.

ALUMINUM TABS

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

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

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!

2019 CONFIRMAND CANDIDATES



Below are brief profiles of our confirmation candidates. All the confirmands serve on Sundays as acolytes,

bellringers, crucifers, and banner bearers for church services.

Alexandra Feifel

Alex lives with her mom, Stacy, her dad, Michael, and her two brothers, Zach and Ryan. She has two dogs, Dax and Trixie.

She is completing eighth grade at Northern Lehigh Middle School and going into her first year of high school. Alex is taking three honors courses and is going to be in National Honor Society and possibly Student Council. She has danced for almost ten years and is involved in the theatre and choir clubs at school. She likes to paint as well. She is really interested in the arts. She wants to go to Baylor University to major in Business and minor in Theater.

Alex has been a member at St. John's for almost 14 years. Christmas Eve is her favorite worship service. She liked when the confirmation class went to the synod office and remembers going to Bible School for the first time. Maybe in the future she would make changes but right now, she really likes how our church is run. Her favorite hymns are "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Silent Night".

Alexis Henninger

Alexis is the daughter of Kyle Henninger and Angela Henninger. She lives with her older brother, Tyler, and younger sister, Izabella. She has two crazy dogs.

She is completing eighth grade at Parkland Middle School. Alexis likes playing with her dogs, singing, and playing volleyball. She would like to be a cosmetologist when she grows up. She would like to open her own salon.

Alexis has been a member at St. John's since she was a baby. She enjoys Bible School. She helps with church dinners and with Sunday School activities. She would not want to change anything at church. Her favorite hymn is "The King of Love My Shepherd Is."

Cadence Peters

Cadence is the daughter of Artie and Tammy Peters. She has a brother Matt and sister Maddy. She has one dog named Kayla.

She is in eighth grade at Northern Lehigh Middle School. After high school, Cadence plans to go to college at St. Luke's School of Nursing. She plays softball and basketball and likes to read.

Cadence has been attending St. John's since she was baptized, a couple months after she was born. She likes the Sunday School egg hunt and sidewalk chalk contests plus Miracle League trick-or-treat. Cadence would like to see/learn more about stories in the Bible. She feels some are left out, major ones. Her favorite hymns are Christmas and Easter hymns.

Colby Rehrig

Colby has one sister; her name is Chelsy. She is seven years old and is in first grade. She plays softball and is a cheerleader and is enrolled in Girl Scouts. His mom's name is Heather and she works for an ophthalmology practice in Allentown for 25 years. His dad's name is Terry and he works for Air Products for 28 years. They got married in 2000.

He is in eighth grade at Northern Lehigh Middle School has been accepted to three honors classes next year as a freshman. He is currently on student council at NLMS. Colby plans to attend college to become a lawyer or engineer. He plays baseball in the Spring and Fall and has been playing since age 5. He also enjoys playing multiple video games with his friends in his spare time and going to airsoft events with friends and others for fun.

Colby was baptized at St. John's and is in his second year of confirmation class. His mom was also baptized, confirmed, and married at

St. John's. His grandparents were also married at St. John's in 1972. He enjoys watching and being part of his sister's and cousins' baptisms here at St. John's. He feels everything is running as it should at this time at church. His favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace" and the hymns sung during the Christmas service.

THANK YOU NOTES



Thank you to our "lawn rangers" who cut the grass at church this spring: Paul Gass, Pastor Haab, Ronnie Humanick, and Stephen Stehly.

- Thank you to Stephanie Beers, Megan & Egan Bellesfield, Chad Miller, Dennis Rehrig, and Bob & Jill Schaffer, for helping with the spring yard clean-up on Saturday, April 6.
- Thank you to everyone who provided sandwiches and baked goods for Joanne Perich's Memorial Service on Sunday, April 14.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with and attended the Community lunch on May 5.
- Thank you to Debbie Barhight and the Daisy Scouts for planting flowers in the flower beds in front of the church.

Dear Friends at St. Johns,

Thank you to all who donated again this year for the March of Dimes "March for Babies". We really appreciate you supporting us each year and this worthy cause.

Egan, Megan, and Jody Bellesfield

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 235 boxes/bags of stuffing for the baskets at Easter. Thank you also for the donations 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

Dear Volunteers,

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

The Catering Committee

St. John's Lutheran Church & Sunday School,

Thank you for all the goodies on all occasions. They are all well appreciated and enjoyed. Thanks to Isabel Ringer, Betsy Rauch, and Carol MacCrindle for the nice birthday cards.

Thank you,
Anna Davis

Thank you!

We would like to thank all those who participated, donated, baked, and helped at our Penny Party on Saturday, March 23. A special thank you to Brian and Debbie Geiger for preparing the food and running the kitchen. It is really appreciated. As a result, we raised \$1,000 for the Air Conditioning Fund and \$691.29 for the Youth Gathering Fund.

Thanks!
Myra Handwerk & Anne Saylor

Dear St. John's,

Thank you so much for the Easter goodie bag. Your kind thoughts are very much appreciated. Also, a special thank you to Mrs. Freed for delivery the gift.

Sincerely,
Etoile Mack

THANK YOU NOTES (Continued)

Social Ministry and Helpers,

I wish to thank you for the Easter basket I received. I greatly appreciated all the goodies. The apple bread was so delicious. I feel humbled for receiving the basket. I am not home bound, but I have a great deal of trouble walking. Again, I say thank you.

With proud feelings,
Isabel M. Ringer

Dear St. John's,

Just a short note to say thank you for the Easter goodies. The committee does a fine job – they were as good as ever. Thank the delivery man for a job well done. Ooops, can't say man anymore, so just thank Steve.

Sincerely,
Don Roberts

Members of St. John's,

Thank you very to everyone who helped the last couple months with the following: preparing Lenten folders and newsletters for mailings; proofreading, collating and stapling all the Holy Week and Easter bulletins; and money-counting. The extra help especially at the busy times during the year is always greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Sharon Stehly

Celebrating *An Anniversary This Month*

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Urbane and Janet Byler
57th on June 27

Donald and Harriet Felguieras
56th on June 1

Clarence and Florence Smith
56th on June 1

James and Judy Lorah
56th on June 29

Mark and Susan Queen

51st on June 15

Ronald and Hali Kuntz

44th on June 14

Randy and Joan Smith

44th on June 21

Wayne and Tina Bell

41st on June 16

Jonathan and Sherri Williams

38th on June 20

Todd and Louise Fritzinger

32nd on June 6

Chad and Denise Miller

32nd on June 13

Michael and Stacy Feifel

28th on June 1

Earl and Jodi Kocher

27th on June 20

Terry and Sharon Hunsicker

26th on June 7

Joseph and April Krempasky

22nd on June 28

Thomas and Jenni Fine

19th on June 10

Tony and Jamie Incorvaia

17th on June 8

Jay and Jessica Rehrig

15th on June 26

Michael and Lauren Chudzik

14th on June 25

Chad and Crystal Schaffer

13th on June 3

Mark and Ruth Henninger

13th on June 25

Brant and Allison Chruscial

12th on June 23

Matthew and Julianne Merring

11th on June 21

Randy and Crystal Press

9th on June 5

Ronald and Dana Freed

9th on June 19

J.R. and Allison Ruble

6th on June 22

Chad and Alison Wasilkowski

3rd on June 4

Sanjeev M and Taylor Kocher

1st on June 16



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Timothy and Carolyn Paules
58th on July 29
Francis and Elaine Frantz
57th on July 7
James and Carol Evans
57th on July 28
Lee and Nancy Henninger
53rd on July 16
James and Donna Cope
28th on July 27
Fred and Stephanie Sigley
23rd on July 6
Glenn and Angela Williams
19th on July 1
Gary and Karen Parks
19th on July 29
Steven and Melissa Wortmann
12th on July 4
Dan and Csala Beers
6th on July 6

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.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

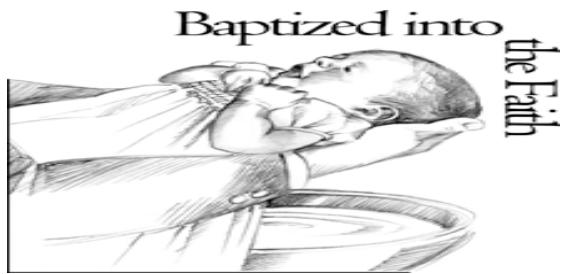
Lee and Lorraine Oswald
71st on August 21
Richard and Judith Muthard
54th on August 28
Thomas and Miriam Kuntz
49th on August 15
Scott and Debra Barhight
46th on August 25
Stephen and Patti Rupert
44th on August 30
Dale and Roseanne Pugh
41st on August 5
Eric and Connie Wassum
35th on August 18
Russell and Lynn Haab
32nd on August 15
Alan and Sherri Molitoris
30th on August 12
Albert and Donna Barney
30th on August 19
Chad and Tracy Humanick
20th on August 28
Thomas and Amy Lewerenz
20th on August 28
John and Amy Swiatkowski
17th on August 24
Benjamin and Maria Farrell
9th on August 7
Robert and Breann Vanlieu
7th on August 11
Phillip and Ariel Sly
6th on August 24

PASTORAL ACTS



Connie Sue (nee Parry) Hankee
4-27-19

Albert Peters
5-6-19
(non-member)



Carson Michael Rex
Son of Michael Christopher Rex
& Jill Ashley (nee Bachman) Rex
4-28-19

Wyatt Levon-Mickeal Ziegler
Son of Johnathan Daniel Ziegler
& Brandy Marie (nee Meitzler) Ziegler
5-5-19

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.



Donations to the Air Conditioning Fund

In Memory of loved ones as follows:

Bruce Geiger from Brian & Debbie Geiger

Joanne Perich from the following:
Burlene Balliet
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Fedorcha
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Miller

John Charles Sellers from Mary Ann Sellers

Donations to the Building Fund

In Memory of *Joanne Perich* from the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Rauch
Isabel Ringer
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schaffer

Donations to the Current Fund

In Memory of loved ones as follows:

Joanne Perich from the following:
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Henninger
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Kuntz
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Rehrig

James & Margaret Ringer from
Robert Ringer & Family

Donations to the Memorial Fund

In Memory of *Joanne Perich*
from Nancy Roberts

PRAYER SHAWLS



The crochet group that meets here at St. John's every Tuesday evening has made some prayer shawls and small blankets. They are on the front pew on the pulpit side if you know anyone who would appreciate having one.

HOSPITALIZATIONS



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

Please keep us informed of any hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers. *Please tell us if you wish to have your name excluded from publication.*

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

MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

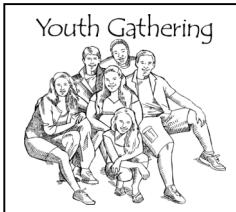


A master calendar of all events held on the church premises is retained in the church office to avoid double booking the

available rooms in the church and ensure the building is unlocked. Please make sure all meetings or events that your committee/group/organization holds in the church are reserved with the office. Contact Sharon in the church office at 610-767-6361 (Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.) to reserve space in the church for your event.

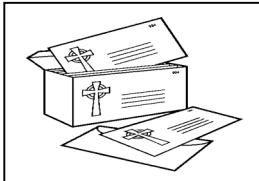
You must complete a Facilities Use Request form, which is available from the tract rack outside the office. Complete the form and give it to Sharon. Do **NOT** mark the event on the calendar posted on the bulletin board across from the church office; Sharon will mark dates on that calendar so people can see what is happening. The cost to rent the Fellowship Hall is \$40; \$50 if using the kitchen.

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. The next Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in the summer of 2021. Anyone who would be interested in helping on this committee, can contact the church office at 610-767-6361.

2019 CHURCH ENVELOPES



There are still some 2019 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.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



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

Then, Heather Truett is the person to contact. Heather has agreed to be the church's public relations person getting out information to other churches or into the Blue Mountain Country Gazette, the Times News, or the Morning Call. Once your event has been okayed by the church office/church council, all you have to do is write up the information about the event, decide where you want the information sent to and e-mail all the information to Heather at heather4stjohns@yahoo.com. Give Heather enough lead time, and she will get the information out! Any questions, contact Heather.





SUMMER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO OUR "80 & OVER" GROUP MEMBERS

<i>Pauline Young</i>	Slatington PA	Celebrating her 92nd birthday on June 9.
<i>Robert Dorshimer</i>	Walnutport PA	Celebrating his 84th birthday on June 25.
<i>Isabel Ringer</i>	Slatington PA	Celebrating her 95th birthday on June 29.
<i>Dean Cunfer</i>	Slatington PA	Celebrating his 86th birthday on July 2.
<i>Donald Roberts</i>	Allentown PA	Celebrating his 95th birthday on July 9.
<i>Richard Jones</i>	Slatington PA	Celebrating his 86th birthday on July 22.
<i>Marie Roth</i>	Allentown PA	Celebrating her 94th birthday on July 23.
<i>Mary Heckman</i>	Kunkletown PA	Celebrating her 101st birthday on July 25. (Mrs. Bush Chestnut Ridge Home)
<i>Roger Klingborg</i>	Slatington PA	Celebrating his 84th birthday on July 25.
<i>Mary Ann Stephen</i>	Slatington PA	Celebrating her 88th birthday on July 29.
<i>Marie Reitz</i>	Slatington PA	Celebrating her 81st birthday on August 8.
<i>Catherine Geiger</i>	Slatington PA	Celebrating her 88th birthday on August 9.
<i>Herman Silfies</i>	Slatington PA	Celebrating his 88th birthday on August 16.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Dawson Newhard	June 7	Emma Snyder	July 22
Germany Hineline	June 19	Madysen Swiatkowski	July 25
Julie Garbe	June 24	Kasey Deprill	August 5
Sean Kreglow	June 25	Cade Hausman	August 8
De'ja Gold	June 28	Makayla Nothstein	August 9
Jakoby-Jody Hineline	June 30	Preston Raber	August 9
Stella Scanlon	July 3	Corbin Ziegler	August 13
Taylor Humanick	July 10	Isabella Stehly	August 24
Austin Heckman	July 11	Colby Rehrig	August 27
Mary Farrell	July 15	Alexandra Feifel	August 28
Cole Hausman	July 21	Jude Wilson	August 30
Egan Bellesfield	July 22		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBERS

Melanie Rhoda on June 6 (1 year old)
James Garbe on June 11 (4 years old)
Braydon Hunsicker on July 14 (4 years old)
Madeleine Carleton on July 20 (2 years old)
Addilyn Maurer on July 27 (3 years old)
Daelynn Sabene on August 14 (1 year old)

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

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

MARCH 2019

DATE	CHURCH ATTEND.	S. S. ATTEND.	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	A/C FUND
3-3	20 + 74	44	\$ 2,966.16	February Balance	\$ 6,003.72	\$ 338.75	\$ 3,791.58
3-6*	11 + 34	N/A	N/A	March Income	12,023.86	366.50	680.00
3-10	14 + 52	29	1,872.01	March Expenses	13,981.11	0.00	0.00
3-17	28 + 67	46	2,755.43	March Balance	\$ 4,046.47	\$ 705.25	\$ 4,471.58
3-20**	60	N/A	N/A				
3-24	22 + 97	34	2,468.63				
3-31	26 + 62	39	1,731.63				
Totals			\$ 11,793.86				

* Offering from Ash Wednesday (3/6/19) was included with 3/10/19 offering.

** Offering from Lenten Community service on 3/20/19 goes to Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 3/2019

Needed Each Week	\$ 3,335.73
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,307.18
Budgeted to Date	\$ 43,364.49
Received to Date	\$ 29,993.29
Expenses to Date	\$ 40,889.56
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 10,896.27)

APRIL 2019

DATE	CHURCH ATTEND.	S. S. ATTEND.	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND	A/C FUND
4-7	20 + 74	42	\$ 3,017.63	March Balance	\$ 4,046.47	\$ 705.25	\$ 4,471.58
4-14	11 + 34	40	3,177.26	April Income	13,290.78	4,123.00	1,410.00
4-18	14 + 52	N/A	*	April Expenses	12,670.55	907.88	5,580.00
4-21	28 + 67	46	4,408.63	April Balance	\$ 4,666.70	\$ 3,920.37	\$ 301.58
4-28	22 + 97	42	1,683.26				
Totals			\$ 12,286.78				

* Offering from Maundy Thursday (4/18/19) was included with Easter (4/21/19) offering.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through 4/2019

Needed Each Week	\$ 3,335.73
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,546.12
Budgeted to Date	\$ 56,707.41
Received to Date	\$ 43,284.07
Expenses to Date	\$ 53,560.11
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 10,276.04)

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE

June Schedule:

June 2 – 9:00 A.M. – Raffle Sunday.

June 9 – 8:00 A.M. – Set up for picnic.

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

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

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

Looking Ahead to June/July/August:

Sunday, June 2 – Raffle Sunday.

Sunday, June 9 – 9:00 A.M. – Church service – Promotion Sunday. Children will sing at this service.
10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. – End-of-year picnic.

Sunday, June 16 – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. – VBS preparations/decorations/set-up.

Saturday, June 22 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – VBS preparations/decorations/set-up.

Sunday, June 23 – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. – VBS preparations/decorations/set-up.

Saturday, June 29 – 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon – VBS preparations/decorations/set-up.

Sunday, June 30 – 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. – VBS preparations/decorations/set-up.

Saturday, July 6 – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – VBS preparations/decorations/set-up.

Sunday, July 7 – 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. – VBS preparations/decorations/set-up.

Friday, July 12 – 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. – VBS set-up.

Saturday, July 13 – 9:00 A.M. to ?? – VBS set-up.

Sunday, July 14 – 10:00 A.M. to ?? – VBS set-up.

July 15-19 (Monday-Friday) – 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. – Vacation Bible School (“VBS”)

July 19 (Friday) – 8:00 P.M. – VBS Closing Program and hot dog roast.

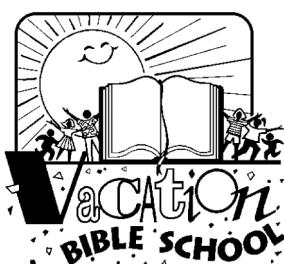
Sunday, July 21 – 10:15 A.M.-? – Undecorate VBS.

Monday, July 22 – 9:00 A.M.-? – Undecorate VBS.

Sunday, July 28 – 10:15 A.M.-? – Undecorate VBS.

Saturday, August 3 – 9:00 A.M.-? – Undecorate VBS.

Sunday, August 4 – 10:15-? – Undecorate VBS.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Don't forget to return your registration form for Vacation Bible School (“VBS”)! Registration forms are available from your Sunday School teachers. We are looking for help with Bible School. Sign up to help on a sign-up sheet at the Parent Information Center in the Sunday School hallway in the educational wing, in the Fellowship Hall, or on the rear radiator covers in the back of the church. Help is appreciated one night or all five nights. Please check out the donation board on the radiator cover in the back of the church to see if there is anything you can donate or lend us to use the week of VBS. When you take a tag with donation information, please fill out the information underneath the tag.

Looking Ahead:

RALLY DAY, marking the beginning of Sunday School, will be held on Sunday, September 8, at 9:00 A.M. Watch for more information in the September newsletter on our Rally Day schedule.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BIRTHDAYS are on Page 19.



SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Saturday Evening at Zion, Tamaqua



One size does not fit all, especially when it comes to worship styles. Five years ago Zion, Tamaqua developed a Saturday evening service to

- provide an alternative time of worship for people who cannot get to a Sunday service, and
- provide an alternative style of worship for people who do not relate to the typical traditional high liturgy.

Pr. Cindy White offers blessings to three companions at a Saturday service

The service includes all the parts of a traditional service but in a more relaxed, informal style. Within a short period of time, we installed a digital projector and purchased the ProPresenter program to organize our worship and to allow us to add purchased music and subject matter videos to our service.

Because of its flexibility, the Saturday service has been adapted to include a special service for cancer survivors, our annual blessing of the animals, a vow renewal service around Valentine's Day, and a Christmas in July service complete with a full holiday dinner following the service. All the Saturday services begin with Godsightings, when people are encouraged to share where they have seen God at work in their lives during the past week.

In December 2017 we began live-streaming our Saturday and Sunday services through Boxcast. As of March 30, we have webcast 107 services. On our website we've reached 379 unique viewers who watched 1,491 times. We began posting on Facebook in March 2018. Since then we've had 2,522 viewers of Saturday services and 2,830 viewers of Sunday services. Services are archived for several weeks.

Correction: In the last edition of Synod News Pastor Carl Shankweiler was reported as having retired. Although Pr. Shankweiler has stepped down from synod staff, he is still the called pastor at Zion, Frackville and also working under contract with Trinity (Chapel), Buck Run.



Community Breakfast at St. John, Easton



A member of St. John's Lutheran Church in historic downtown Easton came to the Outreach Committee meeting and said, "Let's have a community breakfast." No agenda, no cost, just something to get people together. The committee mulled it over and said, "Let's do it!"

Breakfast had already become a speciality for Roger Ruggles. On Sunday mornings he cooked pancakes, French toast, and bacon/sausage; and he served them with fruit for any in the Sunday school before the 9:00 start time.



Roger decided to extend what he already knew; so he recruited some others to help cook: Mayor Sal Panto, and Roger's brother-in-law Dennis Greenleaf. And Roger also invited Bishop Zeizer, who was kind enough to attend and help fix the plates.

At the free meal firefighters, police officers, community leaders, Lafayette students, neighbors, some homeless, and parishioners gathered together to eat. Another church even sent volunteers to help serve. The volunteers served over a hundred people, and comments from the diners were very positive.

A simple breakfast became an example of hospitality in downtown Easton at its best!



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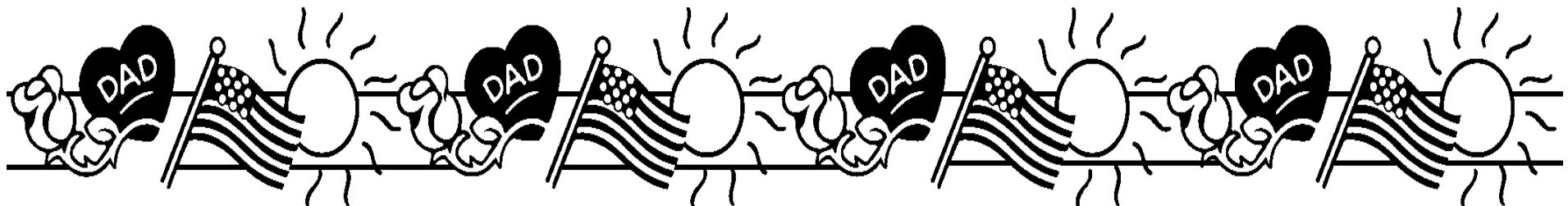
WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (JUNE 2019)

Date	Service	Assistant Minister	Communion Assistant	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers
June 2 (C)	8:00	Lynn Haab	Fianna Christman			Harriet Felgueras	Adam Sigley & Clarence Smith
June 2 (C) Confirmation	10:15	Harrison Williams	Cheryl Burke & Stephen Stehly	Confirmands	Stephanie Beers & Stephen Stehly	Linda Humanick	Paul Gass (DIC), Jill Schaffer, Lisa Shellhammer, & Ken Staller
June 9 (C) (Pentecost)	9:00	Lynne Fedorcha	Ruthann Mantz & Sharon Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	Joe & April Krempasky	Jodi Kocher (DIC), Nancy Abrams, Nancy Rehrig, & Sharon Stehly
June 16 (C) Holy Trinity	9:00	Stephen Stehly	Ken Staller & Nancy Rehrig	Debbie Cunfer & Lynn Haab	Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Richard & Judy Muthard	Joe Krempasky (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Robert Cunfer, & Karen Kreglow
June 23	9:00				Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Ken Staller	Chad Miller (DIC), Brian Geiger, Ruthann Mantz, & Carol Miller
June 30 (C)	9:00	Jodi Kocher	Fianna Christman & Sharon Stehly	Denise Miller & S. Stehly	Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Debbie Barhight	Dale Pugh (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, Darin Handwerk, & Ronnie Humanick

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Date	Service	Bellringer	Crucifer	Banner Bearer	Lector	Acolyte
June 2 (C)	8:00	Kaden Lyon				Dylan Smoyer
June 2 (C-Confirmation)	10:15	Egan Bellesfield	Brenton Krempasky		Ruthann Mantz	Kameryn Smith
June 9 (C)	9:00	Alexandra Feifel	Alexis Henninger		Lynn Haab	Cadence Peters
June 16 (C)	9:00	Alexis Henninger			Lynne Fedorcha	Colby Rehrig
June 23	9:00	Brenton Krempasky			Jodi Kocher	Emma Snyder
June 30 (C)	9:00	Mike Majercak			Sharon Stehly	Alexis Henninger



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (JULY 7-SEPTEMBER 1 2019)

Date	Service	Assistant Minister	Communion Assistant	Presenters	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers
July 7 (C)	9:00	Harrison Williams	Ken Staller & Stephen Stehly	Jodi Kocher & Ruthann Mantz	Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	Tom & Barbara Campbell	Lucas Rauch (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, Erin Snyder, & Sharon Stehly
July 14	9:00				Stephanie Beers & Sharon Fogelman	Harriet Felgueras	Wayne Rauch (DIC), Jill Schaffer, Clarence Smith, & Ken Staller
July 21	9:00				Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Sharon Fogelman	Bob Schaffer (DIC), Nancy Abrams, Nancy Rehrig, & Lisa Shellhammer
July 28	9:00				Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Sue Freed & Lisa Shellhammer	Adam Sigley (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, Robert Cunfer, & Karen Kreglow
August 4 (C)	9:00	Jodi Kocher	Cheryl Burke & Nancy Rehrig	Debbie Cunfer & Denise Miller	Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Paul & Michelle Gass	Alex Sigley (DIC), Brian Geiger, Ruthann Mantz, & Carol Miller
August 11	9:00				Fianna Christman & Sharon Fogelman	Joe & April Krempasky	Stephen Stehly (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, Darin Handwerk, & Ronnie Humanick
August 18	9:00				Karen Kreglow & Sharon Stehly	Ken Staller	Dale Pugh (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, Clarence Smith, & Erin Snyder
August 25	9:00				Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Linda Humanick	Tom Campbell (DIC), Jill Schaffer, Lisa Shellhammer, & Ken Staller
September 1 (C)	9:00	Stephen Stehly	Ruthann Mantz & Sharon Stehly	Richard & Judy Muthard	Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Richard & Judy Muthard	Paul Gass (DIC), Nancy Abrams, Nancy Rehrig, & Sharon Stehly

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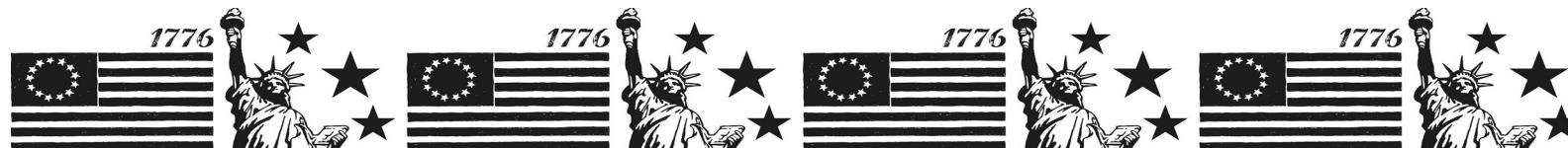
Date	Service	Bellringer	Crucifer	Banner Bearer	Lector	Acolyte
July 7 (C)	9:00	Madison Peter	Cadence Peters		Cheryl Burke	Corbin Ziegler
July 14	9:00	Kaden Lyon			Chad Miller	Alexandra Feifel
July 21	9:00	Cadence Peters			Jill Schaffer	Alexis Henninger
July 28	9:00	Lucas Rauch			Lynn Haab	Colby Rehrig
August 4 (C)	9:00	Colby Rehrig	Madison Peters		Stephen Stehly	Cadence Peters
August 11	9:00	Dylan Smoyer			Ruthann Mantz	Kameryn Smith
August 18	9:00	Kayleigh Snyder			Chad Miller	Emma Snyder
August 25	9:00	Carlton Davies			Jodi Kocher	Corbin Ziegler
September 1 (C)	9:00	Egan Bellesfield	Lucas Rauch		Cheryl Burke	Alexandra Feifel

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5/26 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 The Service 9:00 Sunday School-Bury Time Capsule / Choir Practice 11:30 WISH Setup for Dinner 7:00 N.L. Pool Meeting 8:00 A.A.	5/27 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY BUILDING CLOSED	5/28 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:00 WISH Graduation Dinner 6:30 Crocheting	5/29 10:00 ReFit 11:15 Weight Loss 6:00 Catechism (8th grade)	5/30 The Ascension of our Lord 4:30 Food Pack 6:00 IMPACT Mtg. 7:00 Girl Scouts 8:00 A.A.	5/31 4:00 Second Chance Banquet	6/1 9:00 Synod Assembly in Hazleton
2 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:00 & 10:15 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Raffle Sunday Coffee Hour / Choir Practice 10:15 Confirmation 8:00 A.A.	3	4 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	5 10:00 ReFit 11:15 Weight Loss 11:30 Mid-day Communion Serv.	6 4:30 Food Pack 7:00 Girl Scouts 8:00 A.A.	7 9:30 Sewing 5:00 Pugh/Sisk Wedding Rehearsal	8 4:00 Pugh/Sisk Wedding 5:30 Altar Guild-Geranium Set-up
9 Pentecost Sunday 8:00 Set up for picnic 9:00 Holy Communion S.S. Promotions Ringer Scholarships Awarded 10:15 Congregational Meeting 10:30-1:00 Church Picnic 8:00 A.A.	10	11 11:30 Jubilees leave for lunch at DeFiore's	12 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Second Chance Board Meeting 6:30 Crocheting	13 10:00 ReFit 11:15 Weight Loss	14 FLAG DAY 4:30 Food Pack 6:00 IMPACT Mtg. 7:00 Girl Scouts 8:00 A.A.	15
16 The Holy Trinity First Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day / Summer Begins 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00-4:00 Create VBS Decorations & Set-up	17	18 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	19 11:15 Weight Loss 7:00 Council Mtg.	20 4:30 Food Pack 8:00 A.A.	21 SUMMER BEGINS	22 9:00-3:00 Create VBS Decorations & Set-up
23 Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 10:00-4:00 Create VBS Decorations & Set-up	24	25 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	26 11:15 Weight Loss	27 11:00 Slatington Srs 4:30 Food Pack 6:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	28	29 9:00-12:00 Create VBS Decorations & Set-up
30 Third Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00-4:00 Create VBS Decorations & Set-up	7/1	7/2 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	7/3 11:15 Weight Loss	7/4 HOLIDAY Office Closed 10:00 Heritage Day Program at Baptist Church 8:00 A.A.	7/5 9:30 Sewing Group	7/6 9:00-3:00 Create VBS Decorations & Set-up

JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7/1 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 10:00-4:00 Create VBS Decorations 8:00 A.A. & Set-up	1	2 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	3 11:15 Weight Loss	4 HOLIDAY Office Closed 10:00 Heritage Day Program at Baptist Church 8:00 A.A.	5 9:30 Sewing	6 9:00-3:00 Create VBS Decorations & Set-up
7 5th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 10:00-3:00 Create VBS Decorations 8:00 A.A. & Set-up	8	9 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Second Chance Mtg. 6:30 Crocheting	10 11:15 Weight Loss	11 11:00 Slatington Seniors 6:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	12 9:30 Sewing 6:00-9:00 VBS Set-up	13 9:00-?? VBS Set-up
14 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 10:00-?? VBS Set-up 8:00 A.A.	15 S H A R O N	16 OUT	17 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:00-8:30 VBS	18 11:15 Weight Loss 6:00-8:30 VBS	19 6:00-8:30 VBS 8:00 VBS Closing Program	20 S U R G E R Y
21 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 10:15-? Undecorate VBS 8:00 A.A.	22	23 9:00-? Undecorate VBS	24 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	25 11:15 Weight Loss	26 11:00 Slatington Seniors 6:00 IMPACT Mtg. 8:00 A.A.	27
28 8th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Soup & Sandwich Orders Due</i> 9:00 The Service 10:15-? Undecorate VBS 8:00 A.A.	29	30 9:00-? Undecorate VBS	31 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	8/1 11:15 Weight Loss	8/2 8:00 A.A. 9:30 Sewing	8/3 9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up 9:00-? Undecorate VBS



AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7/28 8th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Soup & Sandwich Orders Due</i> 9:00 The Service 10:15-? Undecorate VBS 8:00 A.A.	7/29	7/30 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	7/31 11:15 Weight Loss	1 8:00 A.A.	2 9:30 Sewing	3 9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up 9:00-? Undecorate VBS
4 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Holy Communion 10:15-? Undecorate VBS 8:00 A.A.	5	6 6:00 WISH Picnic at Millers	7 10:00 Chair Yoga	8 11:15 Weight Loss 11:00 Slatington Seniors 6:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	9 9:30 Sewing	10
11 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 8:00 A.A.	12	13 12:00 Jubilees Picnic-Trailhead	14 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Second Chance Meeting 6:30 Crocheting	15 11:15 Weight Loss 8:00 A.A. September Newsletter Deadline	16	17
18 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 The Service 8:00 A.A.	19	20 7:00 Finance Mtg.	21 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	22 11:15 Weight Loss 7:00 Church Council 11:00 Slatington Seniors 6:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	23	24
25 12th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Soup & Sandwich Orders Due</i> 9:00 The Service 1:35 Youth Fellowship at IronPigs Game 8:00 A.A.	26	27 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Crocheting	28 11:15 Weight Loss	29 1:00 Collate September Newsletter 8:00 A.A.	30	31 9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up

