

SAINT JOHN'S  
EPISTLE

DECEMBER 2012 / JANUARY 2013

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

P.O. BOX 270, BERRYSBURG, PA 17005  
The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr., Pastor

Dear Friends in Jesus,

As we prepare to begin both a new Christian Year (December 2) and a new Calendar Year, I first wanted to update you on three new outreach ministries that we will be undertaking as a congregational family, as a result of Congregational Council action. First, we will be supporting the *Seeding the Future* capital campaign of our Lutheran Camping Corporation with an annual local benevolence gift of \$500 for the next three years from the proceeds of our Annual Strawberry Festival. This gift of \$1,500 over three years will help to retire the debt which was incurred back in 2008 when property surrounding Camp Nawakwa in Adams County was acquired to keep it from being developed (thereby irreparably changing the look and feel of the camp) and to give future room for expansion. Second, instead of continuing to seek monthly sponsors for our internet/email connection, we will now take on that in-house expense as a budget item and instead invite interested persons to sponsor a \$50 monthly gift to the *Malaria Campaign* of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the next three years. In so doing, we will join other Lutheran Christians in North America and Africa, as well as a host of other groups around the world, in moving to finally bring an end to the scourge of malaria, which kills 800,000 people each year, most of them young children, and which makes poverty and hunger that much more severe. That monthly gift of \$50 in honor or in memory of a loved one or event will be enough (for instance) to buy five mosquito nets, each of which can protect a family of four as they sleep. Please see the foyer bulletin board to sign up. Third, we will move to form a relationship of mutual support with the Harrisburg Sudanese Christian Community, a Christian gathering that began with refugees fleeing the fighting and violence in Sudan, who gathered under the auspices of Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Harrisburg and who, in recent years, have been moving to form a mission congregation of their own. Council has authorized a \$300 gift of love from the local benevolence funds raised in the Annual Strawberry Festival to this mission that is both local and global at the same time.

Second, I wanted to give you an update on our congregational response to the work of our ELCA Domestic Disaster Response in bringing relief to those who have been devastated by Superstorm Sandy. At its November 11 meeting, Congregational Council took action to give \$1,000 from our Local Benevolence (Strawberry Festival) Account to hurricane relief, along with redirecting \$574 from the hunger ingathering offering on October 21, in view of the great need. This \$1,574, when added to the \$1,426 we had received in hurricane relief offerings as of November 11, totals \$3,000, which has qualified us for \$1,000 in matching funds from the Dauphin County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, thus allowing us to send \$4,000, plus any other gifts that have come in by the end of the month. (Almost \$2,000 will still be left from the hunger ingathering offering for the "purchase" of animals through the world hunger appeal.) Thank you for all of your support!

Finally, a personal note... Timothy, Dan, Ann, and I want to join in wishing you and yours a most blessed and holy Christmas and a hopeful beginning to the new year 2013! It is hard to believe, but we are preparing to celebrate our 13<sup>th</sup> Advent and Christmas with you, and it again with much joy and anticipation that we do so. May the God who has come to us in love and grace bless you now and always!

*Pastor Tom*

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

At **4:00 P.M.** on Christmas Eve, a quiet liturgy of Holy Communion will again be held. Carols accompanied by the piano will be a part of our liturgy, and we will get to enjoy all the beautiful Christmas decorations, but there will not be a candlelighting service. We will gather together upstairs near the front of the Nave, so that our typically smaller attendance does not feel “lost” in this large space. This worship opportunity is designed especially for those folks who, for whatever reason, are not able to come to the later traditional worship.

Then, at **8:00 P.M.**, our traditional candlelight festival liturgy of Holy Communion will again take place in the nave with carols galore. We will be blessed with special musical preludes to begin both worship services. Please note that, as has been our practice the past few years, these preludes will begin again this year at 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., so that the most worshipers can enjoy the music. ***If you have music of any kind that you would like to share at either or both services, please contact Pastor Tom as soon as possible if you have not already done so.***

For anyone attending the 8:00 worship with portable oxygen, we will again have a special area, with comfortable seating and a great view, set aside on the north side of the back of the balcony, across from the choir. This will keep those with oxygen safe from the candles being held by worshipers on the main floor, as well as those being held by members of the choir. We will again have on hand a number of battery-operated “candles”, with tips that resemble a flame, for use by those in this “flame-free” seating area during the candlelighting. Also, Pastor Tom and his assistants will bring Holy Communion to anyone seated in this special area.

Come and worship! Worship Christ, the newborn King!!

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD

As specified in our congregational constitution, our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in two parts. On **Sunday, December 9**, we will meet following worship to take action on the election of four members to our Congregational Council and to adopt a Current Fund budget for 2013. On **Sunday, January 20**, we will again meet following worship to receive and act on reports of the ministry of our congregation conducted during 2012, and conduct such other business as may come before the gathered body. For both parts of the meeting, it is **very important** that we have a good turn out of voting members! Voting members are confirmed members of the congregation who have communed and made a contribution of record during 2011 or 2012.

To aid you in preparing for the December 9 meeting, a copy of the proposed budget for 2013 is included in this *Epistle*. Its projected Current Fund budget increase of \$2,260 (from \$127,326 to \$129,586) represents a 1.8% increase from 2012. This overall increase includes 1) a \$952 (1.0%) increase in Pastor Tom’s area of the budget (keeping these items in line with the compensation guidelines for 2013 adopted by our Lower Susquehanna Synod), 2) well-deserved small increases for our organist and secretary, and 3) a \$1,000 increase in fuel oil expense, due to projected higher prices per gallon.

With regard to Congregational Council elections, our Nominating Committee is bringing the following four names for congregational action: Ken Koller, Eric Mattern, Sandra Shade, and Cheryl Shadle.

Please don’t miss this opportunity to help in the faithful strengthening of our ministry together – plan to join in these brief but important gatherings on December 9 and January 20!

## CARING FOR CREATION

The Green Team invites everyone to join with them on December 2, 2012, at 2:00 P.M. as they continue a multi-gathering process of studying the impact of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) on our environment, especially here in Central Pennsylvania. This gathering will complete the viewing of the movie "Gasland", which is being rescheduled from October 28, with discussion to follow. At that gathering, a date will also be set for watching the movie "Truthland", which takes a look at the process from the industry's point of view. Please contact Jamie Doyle for further information.

## INQUIRER'S CLASS SCHEDULED

Pastor Tom will be leading an Inquirer's Class on Tuesday, December 4, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. This class is designed for those who are either thinking about or planning on joining the congregation, as well as current congregational members who desire a bit of a refresher in the basics of Lutheran Christian history and belief. Simply speak with Pastor Tom any time prior to the class to register. New members will be received and baptized on December 16.

## MEN'S CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED!

A Men's Choir will again be forming to sing for Christmas Eve worship. Two rehearsals will be held – on Wednesday, December 12, and Tuesday, December 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 both evenings. A final rehearsal will be held before 4:00 P.M. worship on Christmas Eve. Since this is a new group that comes together each time, and not a standing choir, all males of any age or experience with singing are especially welcome to join the group. Please speak with Pastor Tom, Ray Matter, or Carol Hubler to learn more.

## WINTER SESSION OF BIBLE STUDY

Midweek Bible Study will resume for its winter session on Wednesday, January 9, meeting weekly through February 6, when we will take a break for an early Lent and Holy Week. *For these dark winter evenings, class will be held an hour earlier, from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.* We will be continuing our multi-year process of studying individual books of the Bible, using resources from our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Book of Faith emphasis on Bible study. For our winter study, we will be finishing our study of the Gospel of Luke, begun this fall. No previous Bible study experience is required – only an interest and enthusiasm to study, reflect on, and discuss God's Word together! **If you were not a part of the fall study, please register in advance (by speaking with Pastor Tom) no later than Thursday, January 3, (when he returns to the office) so that the correct number of new study books can be ordered.**

## LOOKING AHEAD – SUMMER IS COMING!

The date has been set for our Annual Strawberry Festival in 2013. It will take place on Wednesday, June 12, in our grove and pavilion. Although serious planning has not yet begun for the Festival, Brad Crum has again been booked as entertainment for the early/mid afternoon timeslot, singing as Elvis.

Also, the dates of Vacation Bible School have been set, returning it to its usual third week of July (Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19), with the closing program taking place on Sunday, July 21, outside in the pavilion.

Please save these dates in your family's calendar, and please spread the news to your friends and neighbors. Summer will be here before we know it!

## 2013 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A new altar flower sponsor chart is posted in the foyer. Please sign up to sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. (Please note that the month of January has usually been a difficult month to fill.) Please direct any questions to Coordinator Cheryl Shadle (692-2405). New 2013 sponsor sheets have also been posted on the foyer bulletin board for the *Celebrate* bulletin inserts (\$22/month), for the *Konde Diocese Pastors Salary* (\$50/month), *and for a new ministry which takes the place of our former sponsorship for the internet/email connection – the Malaria Initiative of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Your gift of \$50 per month in honor or in memory of a loved one or event will provide 5 mosquito nets, each of which can protect a family of 4 from disease-carrying mosquitoes and help to end malaria in our time.* Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board for these items.

## LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR 2013

The following is the schedule of folks who will serve as lectors during 2013:

January	-	The Shade Family
February	-	Carol Hassinger
March	-	James Watson
April	-	Robert Weaver
May	-	Amy Gehring
June	-	Lorraine Henninger
July	-	Carl Baumgardner
August	-	The Ray & Joyce Matter Family
September	-	Vincent Lamenza
October	-	Jamie Doyle
November	-	James Bullock
December	-	The Denlinger Family

We thank them for serving in this important ministry of worship!



“Living in God’s Amazing Grace”

## DO YOU HEAR GOD CALLING YOU?

As Lutherans we understand the priesthood of all believers – that we all are called to serve God with the gifts that we have been given and the skills and experiences that we have acquired over time.

We serve in our congregations and our communities, but have you ever thought about serving in any of our Synod-wide ministries?

The Nominating Committee of the Synod is seeking members who are willing to be nominated for election to the following ministries:

**Synod Council** – 5 adults, - 2 clergy, 2 lay female, 1 lay male – 3 year term, 2 term limit; 1 young adult age 18-30 – 3 year term, 2 term limit; 1 youth – under 18 - 2 year term, 1 term limit; need 14 nominees nominated by the Nominating Committee

**Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg Board** – 1 lay female, 4 year term, 3 term limit; need 2 nominees nominated by the Nominating Committee

**Susquehanna University Board** – clergy or lay, male or female –3 year term, 3 term limit; need 2 nominees nominated by the Nominating Committee

**Discipline Committee of the Synod** – 2 clergy, 2 lay persons – male or female; 6 year term, 1 term limit; need 8 nominees nominated by the Nominating Committee

At our 2013 Synod Assembly we will also be electing a Bishop and a Treasurer:

**Bishop** – 6 year term, no term limits; person on the clergy role of the ELCA, male or female; nominated by Ecclesiastical Ballot at assembly

**Treasurer** – 4 year term, 3 term limit; clergy or lay, male or female; need 2 nominees nominated by Synod Council

If you have heard the Holy Spirit move you to see what these positions are all about, please go on line to [www.lss-elca.org](http://www.lss-elca.org) and click on the “Nominations Information” link on the left sidebar to read the descriptions, and please speak with Pastor Tom, who is serving as this year’s liaison to the Nominating Committee from our Upper Dauphin Conference.

## NEWS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

On **Sunday, December 16, at 6:00 P.M.** we will have our *Annual Advent Dinner & Program*. New this year, we are planning to have the dinner downstairs in the Sunday School Room, while the program will be upstairs in the nave. This should ease the crowding we have encountered in the past few years, and will also mean that we don't have to change the room around in between the dinner and program. Please bring your covered dish, your appetite for good food and fellowship, and the offering you would like to give as a gift to the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center at the end of the evening!

On **December 30** we will be celebrating with a *Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party* during the Sunday School hour. The morning will feature a Christmas video, singing, refreshments, and the chance to place a non perishable food item for the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center under the tree, as a gift to the Infant King.

From the Sunday School Teachers & Officers comes a wish to you for a "Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year"!

## PLEASE HELP!

As we near the end of the year, please be sure that, if you are a communing member of St. John, you have turned in **at least one communion record card** this year. If during the year you have been living and worshipping out of the area, or if you have communed even once at another congregation, please be sure to have that congregation send notice to Pastor Tom. If you are a contributing member of the congregation, please be sure that **you have used your offering envelopes at least once** this year, so that you are on record as having made a contribution. Please do your part to make sure that our parish records are as accurate as possible!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Megan Mench, Shannon Motter, Benjamin Paul, Bobby Paul, and Whitney Rudisill**, who were inducted into the Upper Dauphin Area High School chapter of the National Honor Society on November 8, joining **Timothy Bruner**, who was inducted in last year's ceremony.

Congratulations to these young sisters and brothers!

## AND THANK YOU!

The Youth Group would like to thank our congregational family for all the support we received at our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken and Waffle Dinner. With your support, after expenses, a total of \$529.51 was raised from the freewill offering, of which 1/3 (\$176) has been given to the Domestic Disaster Response of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for Hurricane Sandy relief. Thank you again!

## OIL PAINTING OF CHURCH

Several months ago my sister, Donna Byerly Zuber, gave me an oil painting of our church. She wanted to donate it to St. John's because it would have special meaning for its members, past, present and future. Our grandmother, Mrs. Amelia Byerly was a direct descendant of J. Michael Enderline and the oil painting belonged to her. It hung in their home until her death and then was given to her son and his wife, Arthur (Sam) and Lillian Byerly. The painting was hung at their residence also. When Mom, Lillian Byerly, passed away Donna kept the painting. She decided that she wanted to donate it to the church and council has already given its approval. By the time you receive this Epistle, the oil painting will be hanging on the wall opposite the elevator door. I have tried to obtain more information about the painting as to when it was painted and by whom but was unsuccessful. I do know that an exact print is on page 9 in the One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Anniversary book of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The caption under the picture reads "The Church as it appeared in 1898". If anyone knows more information about the oil painting I would very much appreciate knowing whatever information there is. I am sure our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Byerly and our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Byerly, would be very proud to know that the painting now hangs on the wall of the beloved church that meant so much to them. Pat Herb

## God's Global Barnyard project

**December 2, 2012-** This is the Sunday when all Teens and Children are welcome to gather in the Sunday School Room immediately after church .

This will be the time to make decisions on how to spend about \$1900 on our God's Global Barnyard ingathering for World Hunger as completed on Oct 21.

You will make decisions on what we should buy from the following selection. Pig \$30, Cow \$500, Goat \$50, Chicks \$10, Alpaca \$175, Sheep \$125, Fish \$250, Duck \$20, or a Family farm for \$715.

This should be a fun time for all of us as we complete our selections for 2012 from our God's Global Barnyard project started in the spring.

Thank You, See you than,

Larry Gessner and Fay Nichols

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

**December** - Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> The Congregational Christmas caroling to shut-ins.

**January** - The youth group will start selling Little Caesars pizzas.

January 6 – Youth Group meets to plan Annual Spaghetti Supper.

January 20 – Annual Spaghetti Supper. Youth group members meet at the church to set up at 2:00 P. M. Dinner starts at 5:00 P.M.

We hope all youth group members are able to help at these events! Thank you !

Women of the ELCA  
President: Helen Henninger

We wish to thank Karen Poe for her inspiring Thankoffering presentation on the lives of our Christian sisters and brothers in the Konde Diocese in Tanzania. Karen and her husband Fred spent three months living and working at Southern Highlands University, a branch of Tumani Lutheran University. Thank you to all the ladies who helped with the service and provided refreshments. Through the Thankoffering envelopes the congregation generously contributed \$486.00 to the Women of the ELCA missions where half will go to the Malaria Campaign in Tanzania. Thank you for your generous support in these mission projects.

December 9<sup>th</sup> is the day to go **Christmas Caroling!** Everyone young and young at heart, male and female are invited to be a "Christmas Caroler" and bring Christmas music to the shut-ins and members at the Manor at Susquehanna Village. Gather at the church at 2pm. to car pool to the various homes and the Manor to sing and deliver the Christmas baskets. It is a fun afternoon and it brings joy to our shut-in members and lets them know they are not forgotten.

December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm is the **Christmas meeting of the Women of the ELCA.** The leaders are Lois Leshner, Faye Weaver, Louise Baumgardner, and Lois Watson. All women are invited to attend. This meeting we each provide a treat and have food, fun and fellowship.

As a reminder, if you have any **changes or additions to the Women of the ELCA's booklet**, please inform Pat Herb no later than December 16<sup>th</sup>. Her number is 362-9668. We especially need updates on phone numbers, especially if you just have a cell phone and no landline. We also would like to add the names and phone numbers of women who are not listed in last year's booklet. Remember every woman of St. John's is included.



*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2012*

The Council Meeting was called to order by President Jim Watson.

Pastor Tom offered devotions.

Present – Jamie Doyle, Mike Henninger, Karen Gehring, Carol Hassinger, Pat Herb, Kris Kell, Craig Peters, Mary Peters, John Ferree, Jim Watson and Pastor Tom

Excused Absences – James Bullock & Darrell Denlinger

Motion by John Ferree, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Peters to accept the September Council minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:**

Bishop Hoover has decided to not to run in Summer 2013 for a second term. Synod is holding a “Year of Reformation” to prepare for selection of a new Bishop and focus on who we are & who we ought to be. St. John’s was asked to host a Town Hall meeting which will be 1 of 14 “listening posts” by the conference Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. We will also need to appoint Synod male & female voting members in January which is earlier than usual. Council will give prayerful thought on this until next meeting.

Request received from Seeding the Future Campaign from the Camping Corporation to help pay for land acquisition. Motion by Craig Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Herb for a 3 year commitment for annual Gift of Love from Local Benevolence in the amount of \$500 per year. Motion passed unanimously.

Tree of Life Lutheran Church, Sudanese group is in need of support for members to attend Gettysburg Seminary. They are seeking a Mission Partner and will be grateful for any support the parish is willing to provide. Motion by Carol Hassinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Doyle to donate a Gift of Love in the amount of \$300 from the Local Benevolence Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Request received from Dauphin County Department of Drug & Alcohol Services/ Children & Youth Program for funding to provide Welcome Tool Kits for families that are trying to stay together that come into their Program. Council will give prayerful thought until the next meeting.

Insurance company would like revised statement of values representing a 3% increase in church property. Council agreed and Jim Watson will sign.

Mike Leitzel did work at the sexton's house in the amount of \$1,002. Mike agreed to purchase the left over DuraSlate that we don't need in exchange for his work at the sexton's house. Council agreed.

**Pastor's Report:** Motion by John Ferree, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kris Kell to accept Pastor's report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Reports:** Motion by Kris Kell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Henninger to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Church Property:** Stars have been placed on the steeple and will be lit on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> which is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. Carpet has been removed from the outside, front steps and will be replaced shortly. Next meeting October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Finance Committee:** Meeting for 2013 budget on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for preparation of budget. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter audit will follow on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Worship & Music:** New Albs for Pastor & Jim in process and will be coming around October 18<sup>th</sup>. \$500 came out of the Current Fund to pay for the new Albs with the remainder to come out of Memorial Fund interest.

**Christian Education:** Met September 26<sup>th</sup>. Upstairs adult Sunday School class is up and running. June 12, 2013 will be the Strawberry Festival.

**Stewardship:** No report

**Evangelism committee:** Good group of people visiting with us for worship. Looking forward to preparing to install new members by end of 2012.

**Youth Ministry:** Busy time of year for Youth. 12 of the 15 people who went to New Windsor were from St. John. Halloween Party upcoming on October 28<sup>th</sup>. All Saints Annual Dinner on November 4<sup>th</sup> with chicken & waffles prepared by Youth to discuss State of the Congregation.

**Mutual Ministry:** Next meeting January 13, 2013 following worship.

**Executive:** No report

**Nominating:** Nominating Committee will be recommending the following candidates for election to Council: Ken Koller, Eric Mattern, Cheryl Shadle and Sandra Shade.

**History Committee:** Patrons for History Book is being edited

**Green Team:** Meeting will be held October 28<sup>th</sup> to view the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of "Gasland".

**Other Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:** ELCA Malaria Campaign request which was tabled at last meeting was discussed. Motion by Karen Gerhring , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Doyle to place sign-up sheet for sponsors for \$50/month for next 3 years for a total of \$1,800 instead of sponsoring the Internet which is more of an operating expense. If there is a month with no sponsor it will come of Benevolence (Not Local). Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:** In 1983 a policy was established whereby only interest from the Memorial Fund can be used without congregational approval. Suggestion was made to consider establishing a separate fund that people can leave money to where principal could be used. For example, an Organ Fund or Capital Building Fund. The intent would be to give people an option as to how their money would be spent. Council will give prayerful consideration to be discussed at a future meeting.

**Next Council Meeting:** November 11, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church

**Adjournment:** Motion by John Ferree, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Gehring to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Doyle, Secretary

**Treasurers Report for  
September 2012**

	Prior Balance	Receipts	Expenses	EOM
Current	6,233.33	12,326.01	10,036.70	8,522.64
Benevolence	65.86	1,889.03	1,889.00	65.89
Memorial	34,283.51	742.59	-	35,026.10
Improvement	1,651.15	2,489.00	313.21	3,826.94
Bicent CkAcct	20,734.38	0.64	100.00	20,635.02
Bicent Svngs	5,300.19	-	-	5,300.19
Flower	79.36	115.00	105.00	89.36

<i>Saint John 's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, Pa</i>			
<b>Proposed Budget for 2013</b>	<b>1st Annual (Meeting</b>	<b>Dec 9,2012</b>	
<b>Current Expenses:</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>The Ministry:</b>			
Pastor's Salary & Housing Allowance	54,480	55,928	56,587
Social Security	4,168	4,278	4,321
Pension (Contribution)& Death Benefits	7,038	7,224	7,297
ELCA Medical & Dental Insurance	18,122	18,904	19,519
ELCA Disability, Survivor Benefits	2,522	1,987	1,399
Travel Reimbursement	6,000	6,000	6,000
2 Weeks Continuing Education	550	550	700
Book Periodical & Personal Office Exp	300	300	400
<b>Total Ministry:</b>	<b>(2.4%)93,180</b>	<b>(2.1%)95,171</b>	<b>(1.0%)96,123</b>
<b>Worship:</b>			
Organis't Salary	3,000	3,120	3,240
Organist Social Security & Medicare	230	239	248
Choir Music & Supplies	250	250	250
Church Bulletins & Insert	200	250	250
Worship Aid & Supplies	1,100	1,100	1,100
Offering Envelopes	850	850	900
Printing of Bulletins	2,100	2,220	2,340
Printing Social Security & Medicare	161	170	179
Supply Pastor	200	200	200
Youth Ministry	1,000	1,000	1,000
"The Lutheran Every Home Plan"	1,050	1,050	1,050
Delegates & Convention Expenses	450	550	550
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,591</b>	<b>10,999</b>	<b>11,370</b>
<b>Office Expenses:</b>			
Paper,Supplies & Archival Supplies	550	550	550
Postage & Box Rent	700	700	600
Copier Maintenance & Supplies	1,100	1,100	1,100
Telephone & Internet	1,800	1,900	1,900
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>4,150</b>
<b>Maintenance Expenses:</b>			
Fuel	5,500	6,500	7,500
Electricity	3,000	2,500	2,500
Insurance Church Property	4,100	4,100	4,100
Workman's Compensation	700	700	700
Organ & Public Address System	200	200	200
Janitor's Salary	1,200	1,260	1,260
Janitor's Social Security	90	96	96
Janitor's Supplies	150	150	250
Property & Equipment Maintenance	1,400	1,400	1,400
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>16,340</b>	<b>16,906</b>	<b>18,006</b>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES:</b>	<b>(2.9%)124,261</b>	<b>(2.5%)127,326</b>	<b>(1.8%)129,586</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE-SYNOD &amp; ELCA:</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>12,000</b>



WORSHIP SERVICES FOR DECEMBER, 2012

Altar Guild for Month of December

Donna Rabenold

Lector for Month of December

The Denlinger Family

Usher's & Sound System Technicians for the Month of December

Craig Peters (L), Karen Gehring (E), Robert & Faye Weaver

DECEMBER 2, 2012

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent- Fay Nichols  
Sunday School Pianist- Sandy Paul  
Greeters- Larry & Karen Gehring  
Acolytes- Gracie Gehring & Katherine Gessner

DECEMBER 9, 2012

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Sunday School Superintendent- Larry Gessner  
Sunday School Pianist- Carol Hubler  
Greeters- The Bruner Family  
Acolytes- Allison Mace & Reyann Cheatham

DECEMBER 16, 2012

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Sunday School Superintendent- Lynn Henninger  
Sunday School Pianist- Lois Watson  
Greeters- Mike & Carol Humbler  
Acolytes- Bryce Roadcap & Tyler D'Alesandro

DECEMBER 23, 2012

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

Sunday School Superintendent- Jeff Lehman  
Sunday School Pianist- Judy Ferree  
Greeters- The Tim Motter Family  
Acolytes- Allison Mace & Blair Warner

DECEMBER 24, 2011

The Nativity of our Lord/Christmas Eve  
Holy Communion

Greeters- Gary & Betty Leitzel  
Acolytes- Kelsey Henninger & Gracie Gehring

DECEMBER 30, 2012



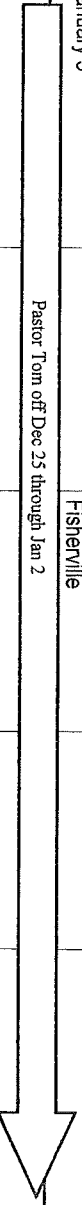
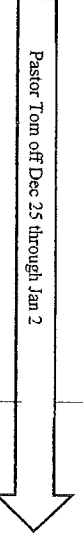
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

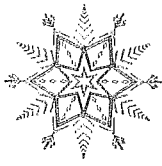
Sunday School Superintendent- Ken Koller  
Sunday School Pianist- Jean Weaver  
Greeters- The Eric Mattern Family  
Acolytes- Allison Mace & Blair Warner

# December 2012



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2</b> The 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion 2:00 Green Team Gathering <i>Sleepie Stars are Lighted</i></p>	<p><b>3</b> 7:30 Dartball Match- St. John at Valleys Church, Halifax</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00 - Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 6:00-8:00 Inquirers Class 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6:30 - 8:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p><b>9</b> The 2nd Sunday of Advent <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i> 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word 11:15 Annual Congregational Meeting -Part 1 2:00 Christmas Caroling to shut in members 6:00 Women's Group Meeting 7:30 Congregational Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:30 Dartball Match Faith United Methodist at St. John</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 6:15 Evangelism Comm Mtg 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6:30 - 8:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p><b>16</b> The 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Baptism and Reception of New Members 6:00 Annual Advent/Christmas Program and Covered Dish Dinner</p>	<p><b>17</b> No Dartball Matches</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 1:00 Gathering with Residents at the Manor at Susqu. Village 6:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 6:30 - 8:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b>  Winter Begins</p>	<p><b>22</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p><b>23</b> The 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word</p>	<p><b>24</b> The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve 4:00 Quiet Liturgy of Holy Communion 8:00 Candlelight Liturgy of Holy</p>	<p><b>25</b> The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day  Pastor Tom Off - Returning to Office on January 3</p>	<p><b>26</b> Stephen, Deacon &amp; Martyr</p>	<p><b>27</b> John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist 6:30 - 8:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00 Dartball League All Star Game at Faith United Methodist, Fishersville</p>	<p><b>28</b> The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> The 1st Sunday of Christmas 9:00 Happy Birthday Jesus! Party 10:15 Liturgy of Lessons and Carols (Guest Worship Leader James Watson)</p>	<p><b>31</b> New Year's Eve</p>	<p>Pastor Tom off Dec 25 through Jan 2</p> 				
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SUNDAY SERVICE FOR JANUARY 2013

Altar Guild for Month of January

Donna Rabenold

Lector for Month of January

The Shade Family

Ushers for the Month of January

James Bullock (L), Judith Cheatham (E), Warren Hassinger, & Ken Koller

JANUARY 6, 2013

The Epiphany of Our Lord  
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent- Fay Nichols  
Sunday School Pianist- Louise Baumgardner  
Greeters- The D'Alesandro Family  
Acolytes- Reyann Cheatham & Gracie Gehring

JANUARY 13, 2013

The Baptism of Our Lord  
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent- Larry Gessner  
Sunday School Pianist- Sandy Paul  
Greeters- Bob & Faye Weaver  
Acolytes- Cameron Thompson & Ryan Henninger

JANUARY 20, 2013

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday School Superintendent- Lynn Henninger  
Sunday School Pianist- Carol Hubler  
Greeters- Lynn & Helen Henninger  
Acolytes- Allison Mace & Reyann Cheatham

JANUARY 27, 2013

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday School Superintendent- Jeff Lehman  
Sunday School Pianist- Lois Watson  
Greeters- The Denlinger Family  
Acolytes- Katherine Gessner & Kelsey Henninger

# January 2013



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>6</b> The Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion 4:30 Youth Group Mtg.</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Darball Match—Lykens United Methodist at St. John</p>	<p><b>1</b> The Name of Jesus New Year's Day  Pastor Tom off Jan 1-2</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:00 Midweek Bible Study Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</p>	<p><b>3</b> Pastor Tom Returns to the office 6:30—8:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p><b>13</b> The Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Baptismal Presentations 11:30 Mutual Ministry Comm. Mtg. 6:00 Women's Group Mtg. 7:30 Congregational Council Mtg.</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:00 Blanket Making 7:30 Darball Match—St. John at Messiah Lutheran, Fisherville</p>	<p><b>8</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 6:15 Sunday School Teachers &amp; Officers Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:00 Midweek Bible Study Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</p>	<p><b>10</b> 1:30 Pastor Tom Leads Worship at Polk Apts, Millersburg 6:30—8:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p><b>20</b> The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word 11:15 Annual Congregational Meeting, Part 2 2:00 Youth Group Meets to Prepare for Annual Spaghetti Supper 5:00 Annual Spaghetti Supper <i>Deadline to Submit Items for February</i></p>	<p><b>21</b> Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Darball Match—St. John John at St. Christopher Lutheran, Lykens</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:00—7:30 Long Range Prayerful Study/Group Gathering 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23</b> 6:00 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:30—8:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p><b>25</b> Conversion of Paul</p>	<p><b>26</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p><b>27</b> The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:00 Blanket Making 7:00 Upper Dauphin Conf. First Assembly at Simeon United Lutheran Gratz 7:30 Darball Match - Valleys Church at St. John</p>	<p><b>29</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:15 Property Comm. Mtg. 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>30</b> 6:00 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p><b>31</b> 6:30—8:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>		





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Wednesday	8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
Thursday	8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
Friday	8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

(Other times by appointment)



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Other Websites of Interest: Ev. Lutheran Church in America [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)  
Lower Susquehanna Synod [www.lss-elca.org](http://www.lss-elca.org)

