

SAINT JOHN'S
EPISTLE

DECEMBER 2015 / JANUARY 2016

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

P.O. BOX 270, BERRYSBURG, PA 17005

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr., Pastor

Dear Friends in Jesus,

At a Special Congregational Meeting held following worship on Sunday, November 8, our congregational family took action to officially approve the following recommendation that had previously been unanimously adopted and moved by Congregational Council:

...that we approve adding a new part-time ministry position, called Children & Youth Ministry Coordinator, to our St. John staff. The details of the proposal are as follows: A) This part time position (20 hours a week) would develop and lead a ministry program particularly focused on, but not limited to, our children and younger youth Age 5- Grade 5. B) Our congregational family is being asked in the proposal for a commitment to a minimum of three years of this new ministry program, in order to give it the best opportunity to fully get up and running and to give us all a good opportunity to discern and review whether this is indeed a direction in which God is calling us to grow. C) The program would function on a budget of \$20,000 a year with dedicated funding from the following three sources:

- 1. Memorial Fund interest at \$15,000 for 2016, \$10,000 for 2017, and \$5,000 for 2018.**
- 2. Local Benevolence at \$2,500 for each of the three years.**
- 3. Designated individual/family contributions that would be commitments above their regular contributions.**

It would be the intention of Congregational Council that, beyond 2016, necessary funding would gradually be phased in from our regular annual current fund budget. D) Because of the scope and the importance of this decision, the congregational vote to be taken will require a "Higher Majority" for approval, which is a two-thirds majority of the voting members – those baptized and confirmed members who have communed and contributed in 2015 or 2014 – in attendance at the meeting.

With a total of 79 voting members casting written ballots, the returns were "Yes" - 67 (85%), "No" - 10 (13%) and "Abstain" - 2 (2%), and so the minimum two thirds majority required for approval was met and exceeded by almost 20%. As I write these lines, we are in the process of constituting a "search committee" to get to work on filling the approved position. Please stay tuned and please don't hesitate to contact Carl Baumgardner, taskforce chairperson, or me with your questions or ideas.

As we very soon begin our annual journey through the Seasons of Advent and Christmas, Tim, Dan, Ann, and I want to join in wishing you and yours all God's blessings in this Holy Time. Our Lord Jesus, who is also called "Immanuel" - God With Us – is indeed active and on the move in our midst!

Pastor Tom

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 Tuesday, December 8, and Tuesday, December 15, 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 or Carol Hubler to learn more.

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 13**, 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 2016. On **Sunday, January 17**, we will again meet following worship to receive and act on reports of the ministry of our congregation conducted during 2015, 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 2014 and/or 2015.

To aid you in preparing for the December 13 meeting, a copy of the proposed budget for 2016 is included in this *Epistle*. Its projected Current Expenses budget increase of \$4,827 (from \$141,256 to \$146,083) represents a 3.4% increase from 2015. This overall increase includes 1) a \$4,361 (4.1%) increase in Pastor Tom's area of the budget (giving him a \$1,187 – 2.0% - increase in his salary and housing allowance and once again this year showing the effects of a large increase – over \$3,000 for 2016 – in the related cost of his insurance benefits) and 2) expected increases of \$500 in church insurance premiums.

With regard to Congregational Council elections, our Nominating Committee is bringing the following four names for congregational action: Carl Baumgardner, Jeffrey Buffington, Jamie Doyle, and Karen Paulman.

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 13 and January 17!

WINTER SESSION OF BIBLE STUDY

In 2017, the world will mark the *500th Anniversary* of the beginning of *The Reformation*, traditionally dated from October 31, 1517, when our own *Martin Luther* posted his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. To help us all begin to prepare for this historic observance, Midweek Bible Study this winter will continue the study begun last fall, working through the book *The Reformation for Armchair Theologians*, which introduces us to the key people, ideas, and events of the time, doing so with humor and without heavy and technical language. The Study will resume on Wednesday, January 13, and then will meet on subsequent Wednesdays through February 3, when we will take a break for Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Holy Week. Class will be held each week from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. 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 Wednesday, January 6 (when he returns to the office), so that the correct number of new study books can be ordered.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

At **4:00 P.M.** on Christmas Eve, a quiet liturgy of Holy Communion will again be held. Beloved Christmas carols will make up the majority 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 these preludes will begin 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. Please be in touch with Pastor Tom if you know in advance that you or any of your loved ones will be needing this space.

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

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA AT ST JOHNS

Our next meeting will be on December 13th at 6:00 in the Fellowship Room at church. We invite all ladies to join us at that time. The leaders for the program are Fay Nichols and Ginny Enders. This is the meeting we all bring a snack for after the meeting.

We would like to say thank you to Rachel Henry for agreeing to be the secretary and also to Ginny Enders who agreed to continue in the position of Assistant Secretary. Thank you to both of you.

We ladies will be leading the worship service on November 22nd, 2015 as we celebrate our annual Thank Offering program. Try to remember there will be a special offering that morning as well as our usual offering. Our speaker will be Robin Willier.

May your Thanksgiving be blessed with family, friends, and lots of fun.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving

LOOKING AHEAD

The Annual Sweetheart Banquet will be held Sunday February 7th following worship. The meal will be catered and the cost will be \$15.00 per person. Look for more details in the bulletin.

SUMMER IS COMING!

The date has been set for our Annual Strawberry Festival in 2016. It will take place on Wednesday, June 15, in our grove and pavilion. Serious planning will get underway with a first gathering on Tuesday, March 1, at 6:15 P.M. at the church.

Also, the dates of Vacation Bible School have been set, running Monday, July 18, through Friday, July 22, with the closing program taking place on Sunday, July 24, 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!

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. (And, following January 1, please remember that the same record keeping need exists in the new year.) Please do your part to make sure that our parish records are as accurate as possible!

2016 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, and direct any questions to Coordinator Cheryl Shadle (692-2405). New 2016 sponsor sheets have also been posted on the foyer bulletin board for the *Celebrate* bulletin inserts as we have done in previous years (\$22/month), ***as well as for two new ministries: 1. Tree 4 Hope, an innovative anti-poverty ministry begun by our neighbors at Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church, Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, and serving those in need in Guatemala, involving an orphanage, mission trips from our area, and, now, a new girls' school called "Hope Academy" - a world mission with a local connection (\$50/month) and 2. Always Being Made New, the campaign for our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – the historic campaign to strengthen the ministry of our Lower Susquehanna Synod and ELCA in such key areas as hunger and poverty relief, outdoor ministry, youth ministry, and disaster help (\$50/month).*** Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board to sponsor any of these ministries in honor or in memory of loved ones or events. ***(Help is especially needed with all sponsorships for the month of January, which has historically been a difficult month to fill.)***

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Minutes
October 18, 2015

The council meeting was called to order by Vice President, Jeff Lehman

Pastor Tom opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Lorraine Henninger, Jeff Lehman, Gail Billow, Ken Koller, Sandra Lamenza, Tamara Spicher, Sandra Shade, Dale Hassinger and Pastor Tom Bruner

Excused Absence: Joseph Doyle, Roy Henry, Cheryl Shadle

Minutes: Motion by Dale Hassinger and seconded by Gail Billow to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2015 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

Elevator: The elevator heater will be repaired on November 2, 2015. Pastor shared some stories of the generosity provided by the elevator inspector and the maintenance company with regard to their assistance with the repair.

Pastor's Report: Motion made by Tamara Spicher and seconded by Ken Koller to accept the pastor's report. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurers' Reports: Motion made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Tamara Spicher to accept the treasurer reports. Motion approved unanimously.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Church Property: Several projects are either completed or on the schedule. They include repairing the elevator heater, ordering heating oil, replacing the chandelier bulbs with more efficient LED bulbs, coating the floor of the steeple and installing the Christmas Stars on the steeple. The township has repaired the holes in the road next to the church. Several necessary maintenance projects have been identified in the sexton's house. They will be addressed in a timely manner.

Finance: The 2016 budget has been prepared.

Worship and Music: No report

Christian Education: Allison Mace will revive the Children's Church program the second and fourth Sunday's of the month. The program will begin November 8, 2015. The Advent Christmas Program will be revised this year to include a community meal at 5PM and a simplified children's nativity program during the 6PM worship service.

Stewardship: No report

Youth Ministry: Delivered blankets to New Windsor and enjoyed a Corn Maze activity. The group will attend a "Ghosts of Gettysburg" activity on Sunday, October 25, 2015.

Mutual Ministry: Met on Sunday October 18. Discussion was about the generosity of our congregants and the support they have provided for others in need.

Executive: No report.

Nominating: The committee has completed their list of nominees for the council years 2016, 2017 and 2018. They include Jamie Doyle, Carl Baumgardner, Jeff Buffington, and Karen Pullman.

History: Work on the book continues.

Green Team: No report

Other Reports:

Prayerful Planning Group: Carl Baumgardner provided a report on the recommendations of the committee regarding the addition of a youth minister coordinator. The following motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Ken Koller. Motion approved unanimously.

On Sunday November 8, 2015 the congregation will vote on the proposed addition of a Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator to the St John staff. The part time position (20 hours a week) would develop and lead a three year program focused on our younger youth age 5 through Grade 5. The program would function on a budget of \$20,000 a year and be funded through several sources:

- 1. Memorial Fund interest at \$15,000/\$10,000/\$5,000 subsequently for the three years.***
- 2. Local Benevolence at \$2500 each year.***
- 3. Individual family contributions that would be commitments above their regular contributions.***

It is the intention that beyond 2016 necessary funding would gradually be phased in from our annual budget. This congregational vote will require a "Higher Majority" for approval which is a two-thirds majority of voting members.

Next Council Meeting: November 8, 2015 at 4:00PM

Adjournment: Motion by Dale Hassinger and seconded by Ken Koller to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lamenza



Secretary

Treasurer Reports
September 2015

	Prior Balance	Receipts	Expenses	EOM
Current	14,326.84	10,589.76	10,687.02	14,229.63
Benevolence	54.71	1122.09	1122.00	54.80
Memorial	45,409.47	29,787.28	748.16	46,083.59
Improvement	6229.63	2332.00	690.00	7871.63
Bicent Ck Acct	30,240.86	206.74	585.05	28,862.55
Bicent Svngs	5,300.91			5,300.91
Flower	300.71	100.00	90.00	310.71

LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR 2016

The following is the schedule of folks who will serve as lectors during 2016:

January	-	Reyann Cheatham
February	-	Carol Hassinger
March	-	Judith Cheatham
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. *(Please be present in worship on Sunday, January 17, as we join in praying God's blessing on them as they share God's Word throughout the coming year!)*

PASTORAL ACTS

At the Font

Pastor Tom presided on Reformation Sunday, October 25, as we welcomed **Derrick Christopher Roadcap**, son of **Jeffrey & Tammie Roadcap**, into the Kingdom of God and the St. John Congregational Family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray God's blessings on Derrick, his parents and other family members, and his sponsors as they live out the promises they have made!

At the Altar

On October 25, three of our young members, **Gabe Gehring**, **Aidan Roadcap**, and **Hoyt Schlegel** were recognized during worship, following the successful completion of First Holy Communion instruction with Pastor Tom. While Gabe had already received his First Holy Communion at St. Paul Lutheran, Millersburg, several years ago, Aidan and Hoyt also received Holy Communion for the first time that morning. We congratulate these young men and pray that this will be a blessed day in a lifetime journey of participation in this Sacrament of Love!

At the Graveside

Ellen Lark died at the Manor at Susquehanna Village on October 17 and was buried in the St. John cemetery on October 21. We pray that God will bless and support Ellen's family with the promise of Jesus' Resurrection.



WORSHIP SERVICES FOR DECEMBER, 2015

Altar Guild for Month of December

Donna Rabenold

Lector for Month of December

The Denlinger Family

Usher's for the Month of December

Karen Gehring Roy Henry (E), Robert & Faye Weaver

DECEMBER 6, 2015

2nd Sunday in Advent
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent-
Sunday School Pianist-
Greeters-
Acolytes-

Ken Koller
Sandy Paul
The Roy Henry Family
Serene Boyer & R J Henry

DECEMBER 13, 2015

3rd Sunday in Advent

Sunday School Superintendent-
Sunday School Pianist-
Greeters-
Acolytes-

Roy Henry
Carol Hubler
John & Connie Shaffer
Cameron Thompson & Aidan Roadcap

DECEMBER 20, 2015

4th Sunday in Advent

Sunday School Superintendent-
Sunday School Pianist-
Greeters-
Acolytes-

Lynn Henninger
Lois Watson
Karen Rickert
Gabe Gehring & Serene Boyer

DECEMBER 24, 2014

The Nativity of our Lord/Christmas Eve
Holy Communion

Greeters-
Acolytes-

Maryjane Zelner
Gracie Gehring & Kelsey Henninger

DECEMBER 27, 2015

1st Sunday of Christmas



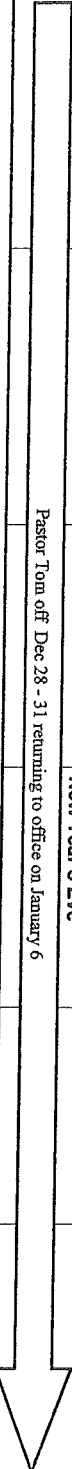
Sunday School Superintendent-
Sunday School Pianist-
Greeters-
Acolytes-

Larry Gessner
Judy Ferree
Robert & Faye Weaver
Lilly Boyer & Serene Boyer

December 2015



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 The 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion 5:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting Hanukkah Begins at Sundown</p>	<p>7 7:30 Dartball Match Messiah Lutheran at St. John</p>	<p>8 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 6:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</p>	<p>3 5:30 - 6:30 Free Community Dinner at Salem UCC Elizabethville</p>	<p>4 6:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>5 Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>13 The 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00 Sunday School/ Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word 11:15 Annual Congregational Meeting -Part 1 11:30 Fellowship Tim with Fair Trade Coffee and Tea 2:00 Christmas Caroling to shut in members 4:00 Congregational Council Meeting 6:00 Women's Group Meeting</p>	<p>14 7:30 Dartball Match -St John at St. Christopher Lutheran, Lykens Hanukkah Ends at Sundown</p>	<p>15 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 6:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>20 The 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Preparation for Advent/Christmas Program 10:15 Liturgy of the Word 5:00 Annual Advent/Christmas Program and Covered Dish Dinner</p>	<p>21 No Dartball Match  Winter Begins</p>	<p>22 Pastor Tom On Vacation</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve 4:00 Quiet Liturgy of Holy Communion 8:00 Candlelight Liturgy of Holy Communion</p>	<p>25 The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day </p>	<p>26 Stephen, Deacon & Martyr Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>27 The 1st Sunday of Christmas/John, Apostle & Evangelist 9:00 Happy Birthday Jesus! Party 10:15 Liturgy of the Word 5:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 7:00 Dartball League All Star Game at St. John</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p>	<p>Pastor Tom off Dec 28 - 31 returning to office on January 6</p> 	



SUNDAY SERVICE FOR JANUARY 2016

Altar Guild for Month of January

Donna Rabenold

Lector for Month of January

Reyann Cheatham

Ushers for the Month of January

Tammy Spicher (L), Sandra Lamenza (E), Betty Leitzel & Kris Kell

JANUARY 3, 2016

The 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Sunday School Superintendent-
Sunday School Pianist-
Greeters-
Acolytes-

Jeff Lehman
Louise B aumgardner
Janet & Darrel Denlinger
Gabe & Gracie Gehring

JANUARY 10, 2016

The Baptism of Our Lord
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent-
Sunday School Pianist-
Greeters-
Acolytes-

Ken Koller
Sandy Paul
Jeff Buffington
Kelsey Henninger & Ashton Schreffler

JANUARY 17, 2016

The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday School Superintendent-
Sunday School Pianist-
Greeters-
Acolytes-

Roy Henry
Carol Huber
Harold & Pat Herb
R J Henry & Owen Mattern

JANUARY 24, 2016

The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday School Superintendent-
Sunday School Pianist-
Greeters-
Acolytes-

Larry Gessner
Lois Watson
Fred & Jean Weaver
Cameron Thompson & Gabe Gehring

JANUARY 31, 2016

The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday School Superintendent-
Sunday School Pianist-
Greeters-
Acolytes-

Lynn Henninger
Judy Ferree
The Clint Gehring Family
Serene Boyer & R J Henry

January 2016



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 The 2nd Sunday of Christmas 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of Lessons and Carols (Guest Worship Leader Mr. James Watson and Members of St. John Congregational Family 5:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>4 7:30 Dartball Match - Valley E C Church at St. John</p>	<p>5 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 The Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR</p>	<p>7 1:30 Pastor Tom Leads Worship at Polk Assisted living, Millersburg</p>	<p>1 The Name of Jesus New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Pastor Tom off from the 1st through the 5th returning to the office on January 6th</p>						
<p>10 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. 12:00 Book Discussion Group 2:00 Women's Group Meeting 4:00 Congregational Council Mtg.</p>	<p>11 7:30 Dartball Match - St. John at Faith United Methodist Fisherville</p>	<p>12 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:15 Sunday School Teachers & Officers Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 9:00 Blanket Making 6:30 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 <i>Deadline to Submit Items for February "St. John's Epistle"</i></p>	<p>16 Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>17 The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with blessing of the Lectors 11:15 Annual Congregational Meeting, Part 2</p>	<p>18 Confession of Peter Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off 7:30 Dartball Match - St. John at Martin Luther King Jr. Day (observed)</p>	<p>19 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:15 Worship & Music Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 9:00 Blanket Making LWR 6:30 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 6:30 Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>23 Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>24 The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Children's Church 2:00 Youth Group Meets to Prepare for Annual Spaghetti Supper 5:00 Annual Spaghetti Supper</p>	<p>25 Conversion of Paul 7:00 Upper Dauphin Conf. Cabinet Mtg. at Immanuel Lutheran Williamstown 7:30 Dartball Match - St. John at Messiah</p>	<p>26 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Mtg. 6:15 Property Comm. Mtg. 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 9:00 Blanket Making 6:30 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>31 The 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word.</p>						

	2014	2015	2016
Current Expenses:			
The Ministry:			
Pastor's Salary & Housing Allowance	(2.9%) 58127	(2.1%)59374	(2.0%)60561
Social Security	4447	4919	5017
Pension (Contribution)& Death Bnfts	7509	7715	7869
ELCA Medical & Dental Insurance	21462	24881	27674
ELCA Disability, Survivor Benefits	939	2572	2951
Travel Reimbursement	6000	6000	5750
2 Weeks Continuing Education	700	700	700
Book Periodical & Personal Office Exp	400	400	400
Total Ministry:	(3.6%) 99584	(7.0%)106,561	(4.1%)110,922
Worship:			
Organis't Salary	3360	3480	3600
Organist Social Security & Medicare	257	266	275
Choir Music & Supplies	250	250	250
Church Bulletins & Insert	250	250	250
Worship Aid & Supplies	1100	1100	1100
Offering Envelopes	900	900	900
Printing of Bulletins	2460	2580	2700
Printing Social Security & Medicare	188	197	207
Supply Pastor	200	200	200
Youth Ministry	1000	1000	1000
"The Lutheran Every Home Plan"	1050	1050	1050
Delegates & Convention Expenses	550	650	600
TOTAL	11565	11923	12132
Office Expenses:			
Paper,Supplies & Archival Supplies	650	650	650
Postage & Box Rent	600	600	600
Copier Maintenance & Supplies	1150	1150	1500
Telephone & Internet	1900	1900	1900
TOTAL:	4300	4300	4650
Maintenance Expenses:			
Fuel	7500	7000	7000
Electricity	2300	2300	1600
Insurance Church Property	4300	4400	4800
Workman's Compensation	700	700	800
Organ & Public Address System	200	200	200
Janitor's Salary	1356	1460	1560
Janitor's Social Security	103	112	119
Janitor's Supplies	300	300	200
Property & Equipment Maintenance	1400	2000	2000
TOTAL:	18159	18472	18379
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES:	(3.1%)133608	(5.7%)141,256	(3.4%)146,083
BENEVOLENCE-SYNOD & ELCA:	12000	12000	12000

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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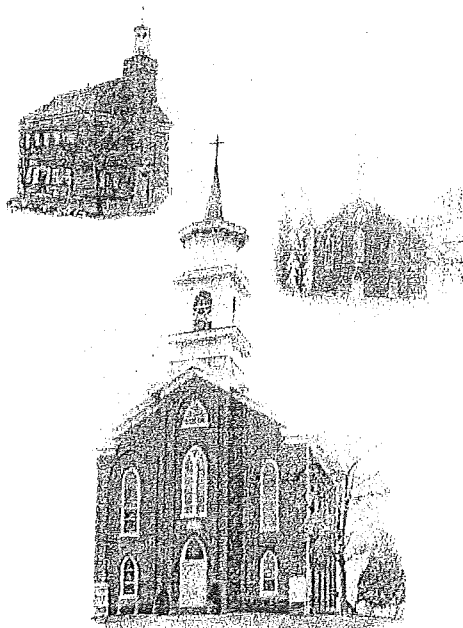
Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday	8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday	8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
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)

OUR MISSION

St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Berrysburg, Pennsylvania
1780-2003