

ST. JOHN'S

EPISTLE

A Letter from The Pastor.....

Dear Friends in Jesus,

Here at the end of one year and the beginning of another, my letter this month concerns a number of mostly unrelated things that I'd like to share with you:

First, as Miss Laurie also mentions in her letter, I'm delighted to say that she and I are teaming up this year to realize a long held goal of mine – to give our 4:00 P.M. worship on Christmas Eve its own special focus and feel. We will do that with a focus on our young persons, including a Sunny Sermon and music by our Celebration Choir, set within worship that will, in general, be simpler and less formal than our later traditional candlelight worship later that evening. Our goal at both 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. is to provide the most meaningful opportunities to worship our Newborn King for the most people of God. Please come and worship at one or both and please note that, as in prior years, our musical preludes will begin at the top of the hour, at 4:00 and 8:00.

Second, since December 24 falls on a Sunday this year, it is both the 4th Sunday of Advent as well as Christmas Eve, which means that our regular 10:15 A.M. weekly worship will focus on the completion of our Advent journey of waiting and preparation, before we make the move to our Christmas celebration at 4:00 P.M. Please plan to take part both in the morning and in the evening, since they will compliment and enrich each other, rather than duplicating!

Third, a request for your help with our elevator... In the past year, we have had to make several service calls, including last Christmas Eve as you may recall, all of them relating to the door mechanism. Never has it been an issue of safety or of getting stuck. Instead it is a matter of elevator door alignment being a very touchy and temperamental thing – finicky even. Our elevator service company has told us that a great deal of their work, whether on large commercial elevators or on small limited use ones like ours, is door repair, and that it is very important that we all do our best to take good care of those doors. Specifically, please try never to use your hand to force the doors open or to hold them open. Likewise, please don't put things in the way of the doors to hold them open. Please do use the “door open” button in the car, with the arrows that point out, holding it as long as you might need.



A Letter from The Pastor..... Cont.

Fourth, a change to let you know about with regard to using the Sunday School Room/ chapel downstairs for personal/family functions, like birthday parties, showers, and holiday dinners ... At its November 12 meeting, Council took action to require that folks who use this room for non-congregational activities 1. take their trash along with them and 2. sweep and clean up the room, making every effort to leave it just the way they found it, including the positioning of chairs and tables. These changes serve to bring the rules for use of this room into line with the rules for use of our pavilion. If in doubt, the bottom line for us all is to please treat our church building and facilities as if they were our own home – because they are!

Fifth, I'm delighted to share with you that, effective in December, we are now getting our wine for Holy Communion from Broad Mountain Vineyard in Elizabethtown instead of from the out of state source we had been using until now. In fact, the Michael's, who own and operate the vineyard, are donating the wine for our use. Since we use about 24 bottles, or two cases, each year, this is no small gift! If you have the opportunity, please add your personal thanks to the thanks which I have extended on behalf of our congregational family. It is good to be using wine coming from the God-given soil of our own area for this awesome Meal in which Jesus meets us!

And finally, last but in no way least, I want to thank you for another year of productive and, we pray, faithful ministry together – and I want to join with Tim and Dan and Ann to wish you, our wonderful congregational family, a most blessed Advent and Christmas celebration and a strong beginning to another new year. A lot has changed over the past 17½ years, for all of us, and we know that change is built by God right into the very fabric of Creation, but the thankfulness that the four of us feel to be a part of the St. John congregational family – the honor that it is to journey in faith together – does not change. Thank you – and thank you for your kind attention in reading!

Pastor Tom

News from Miss Laurie

Tis the season for preparing for the birth of our savior! And if that's not cause enough for "celebration", let me share some activities that I hope will get you and our Young Christians in the "Christmas spirit":

On **Saturday, December 2nd** at 2:00, our Celebration Choir will share some songs and good will with residents of the Polk Apartments. Shop faith-filled children's books at special discount prices at our **Celebration Christmas Book Fair!** Stop by our table on **Sunday, December 10th** after worship (during coffee hour) to see some sample materials and get an order form.

Later that same day, at 2:00 on **December 10th**, the Celebration Choir will join others in the congregation to do some Christmas caroling!

Join us for our **Christmas Program** on **Sunday, December, 17th**! Dinner will start at 5:00 followed by the program at 6:00. Come let our reenactment of the Christmas Story put you in the holiday mood!!

At 4:00 on **December 24th**, bring your friends and loved ones to our **Celebration Christmas Eve Service!** This kid-friendly service will include songs from the Celebration Choir and a "Sunny Sermon". Cookies and cocoa will be served afterwards. And you'll still have time to make the tCandle Light service at 8:00!!

In SONday Celebration, we LOVE a good party! So what could be better than a **"Happy Birthday Jesus" Party!!** Join us at 9:00 on **Sunday, December 31st**, to celebrate the birth of our King!!

I don't know about you, but I'm feeling a little "Christmas-y" just thinking about all that's in store for his month! And I wish you a blessed and joyous holiday season! Much love to all,

Miss Laurie

Miss Laurie's Office Hours:

Mon., Wed 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Friday 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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facebook.com/stjohnhillchurch

St. John's Children and Youth Ministry:
facebook.com/childrenandyouthministry



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Youth Group News

First and foremost the Youth Group would like to thank everyone that participated, donated, and contributed to our Chicken and Waffle Dinner, we are thankful for the opportunity from Thrivent Financial and are especially blessed to have such a supportive congregation. We were able to raise \$535 to give back to our youth group!

Looking ahead into December we have our annual Congregational outing of Christmas Caroling on Dec 10, and on Dec 31 our youth will be assisting with the Lessons and Carols during worship.

In January we will be taking our Annual trip to Ski Roundtop, a little earlier this year in the schedule but we are hoping it only helps with the weather and attendance for the event. We are planning to go to Ski Roundtop on Jan 20.

Men's Choir Members Wanted

A Men's Choir will again be forming to sing for Christmas Eve worship. Three rehearsals will be held – on Tuesdays, December 5, 12, and 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 each evening. 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 choir. Please speak with Director Carol Hubler to learn more.

Winter Session of Bible Study

As the 2017 observance of the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation comes to an end, Midweek Bible Study this winter will continue the study begun last fall with a look at the work for which (except for his 95 Theses themselves) Martin Luther is perhaps best remembered – *The Small Catechism* – continuing our journey through a brand new 500th Anniversary resource called ***By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism***. This richly illustrated resource, complete with companion DVD, will again guide our exploration of Luther's guide to the most important aspects of our Christian Faith. The study will resume on Wednesday, January 10, and then will meet each Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. through February 7, when we will take a break for Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Holy Week. 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 3 (when he returns to the office), so that the correct number of new study books can be ordered.

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!

Annual Congregation Meeting to be Held!

As specified in our congregational constitution, our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in two parts. On **Sunday, December 10**, we will meet following worship to take action on the election of four members to our Congregational Council and to adopt a spending plan for 2018. On **Sunday, January 21**, we will again meet following worship to receive and act on reports of the ministry of our congregation conducted during 2017, 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 2016 and/or 2017.

To aid you in preparing for the December 10 meeting, a copy of the proposed budget for 2018 is included in this *Epistle*. You will note that there are, in fact, several budgets included in addition to that of the Current Fund, thanks to the hard work of our new treasurer, Jamie Doyle, and her wish going forward to include as much meaningful financial information for you as possible. To focus on the 2018 Current Fund budget for a moment, the largest one which handles most of the day to day work of congregational ministry, you will notice that it shows a total increase of about \$10,000 or 6.9% from 2017. Right off the bat, it is important to note that the amount of new expenses over 2017 is actually more like \$7,000 or 4.8%, since \$3,000 of the increase shown comes not from new expenditures but rather from showing some expenses we incur every year which haven't previously been broken out in the budget. Of the \$7,000 increase, not quite \$4,400 comes from Pastor Tom's section of the budget, with the recommendation to increase his salary to the minimum figure specified by synodical guidelines for someone with 30 years of experience and the effect of this increase on other benefit costs, while another \$800 comes from our new contract with Custer & Faust for payroll and tax preparation and \$1,500 comes from increasing the repair and maintenance line item.

With regard to Congregational Council elections, our Nominating Committee is bringing the following four names for congregational action: Barbara Bulloch, Darrell Denlinger, Carol Hassinger, and Daniel Maurer.

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 10 and January 21!

2018 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 through the end of the year to Coordinator Cheryl Shadle (717-329-2373). By the beginning of the new year, it is planned that Cheryl's duties will have been taken over by a new coordinator – please stay tuned for that new information. Three new 2018 sponsor sheets have also been posted on the foyer bulletin board – for continuing ministry support for our **Celebrate** bulletin inserts (\$22/month); for **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 for providing one month of a **Konde Diocese (in Tanzania, Africa) Pastors Salary** (\$50/month). Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board to sponsor any of these three ministries in honor or in memory of loved ones or events. **(Two requests from Pastor Tom: First, please be sure to print all sign up information, especially names, clearly and legibly. Second, please consider, if possible, a sponsorship for the month of January, which has historically been a difficult month to fill. Thank you!!)**

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.



Our next meeting will be December 10, 2017 at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. Leaders will be Fay Nichols and Ginny Enders. All participants should bring a snack for the fellowship gathering after the meeting. Ladies do not forget the quilting project and the Prayer Shawl project. If you have materials or time to help please contact Pat Herb or Barb Bullock.

We are continuing to add names to our list for helpers for our shut ins. If you can help there is a sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Watch for more information on our "Fill the Pew Project" It will be in the bulletin soon.

Blanket Making

When you prepare the newsletter for December would be so kind as to not list blanket making on Monday mornings. We will resume blanket making on January 8th, 2018.

Come to the Book Fair

It's Christmas shopping time at the Book Fair on Sunday, December 10th! The St. John's History books are a keepsake Christmas gift for family and friends. The book from 1980-2010 is \$15 and the bundle of the 3 books, including 1955-1980 and 1780-1955 is \$25.



Looking Ahead - Summer is Coming

The date has been set for our Annual Strawberry Festival in 2018. It will take place on Wednesday, June 13, in our grove and pavilion. Serious planning will get underway with a first gathering on Tuesday, March 6, at 6:30 P.M. at the church.

Also, the dates of Vacation Bible School have been set, running Monday, July 23, through Friday, July 27, with the closing program taking place on Sunday, July 29, 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!

Lector Schedule for 2018

The following is the schedule of folks who will serve as lectors during 2018:

January-	-	Reyann Cheatham
February	-	Barry Williard
March	-	Judith Cheatham
April	-	Donald Deibler
May	-	Amy Gehring
June	-	Lorraine Henninger
July	-	Carl Baumgardner
August	-	The Ray & Joyce Matter Family
September	-	Vincent Lamenza
October	-	Jamie Doyle
November	-	Matthew Williard
December	-	The Denlinger Family

We thank them for serving in this important ministry of worship. *(Please be present in worship on Sunday, January 21, 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

On Sunday, November 12, during 10:15am worship, Pastor Tom presided at the baptism of **Quinn Iona Langhans**, daughter of **Ryan & Courtney Langhans**. May God bless Quinn, her parents and other family members, and her sponsors as they grow together into the promises made here!

At the Altar

On Reformation Sunday, October 29, two young persons, **Abigail Groy** and **Allysa Rabenold** were recognized during worship as they communed for the first time at our altar, following the successful completion of First Holy Communion instruction with Pastor Tom. We congratulate these young ladies and pray that this will be a blessed day in a lifetime journey of participation in this Sacrament of Love!

Treasurers Report for September 2017

	<u>Prior Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>EOM</u>
Current	9,936.98	8,642.31	9,974.65	8,604.64
Benevolence	106.33	2,915.58	3,015.50	6.41
Memorial	13,829.22	128.81	1,207.78	12,750.25
Improvement	1,445.61	2,601.50	2,506.18	1,540.93
Bicent CkAcct	26,416.11	151.17	4,020.02	22,547.26
Bicent Svngs	5,300.91	-	-	5,300.91
Flower	229.46	140.00	105.00	264.46
C&Y Ministry	1,596.99	472.04	1,054.22	1,014.81

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2017

The Council Meeting was called to order by Pastor Tom who also offered prayer and devotions.

Present – Carl Baumgardner, Gail Billow, Jeff Buffington, Jamie Doyle, Joseph Doyle, Dale Hassinger, Dan Langhans, Donna Rabenold, Tamara Spicher and Pastor Tom

Excused Absences – Patricia Herb

Unexcused Absences – Henry Henninger,

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Donna Rabenold, 2nd by Carl Baumgardner to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reception of Petitions and Communications: Thank you note received from Lower Susquehanna Synod for our sponsorship of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania.

Request from Morgan Cook, Chair of the Cub Scout for \$40 to sponsor new Cub Scout member with limited resources. Request for \$50 from each church to sponsor Martin Luther movie at Colonade on 10/22. Motion by Carl Baumgardner, 2nd by Joe Doyle to sponsor both requests from the Bicentennial Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Water test as Friday report dated September 15, 2017 was not in compliance. The UV light was replaced and the sewage tank was pumped out immediately. Pure Test tested water on 9/18 and it was fine. We're waiting for a 2nd clean test to be sure. Permission received from Sewage Enforcement Officer to do some digging and look for connector line that may be broken. Leak stemmed from a bad hose connection and is fixed. 5 year DEP inspection of our water system was conducted and the only item flagged was that we're not supposed to have underground line after the UV light. However, this is an existing condition and we don't have to alter it.

Elevator door stopped working last week and the Tech diagnosed a problem with the rubber stopper on the 2nd Floor which signifies alignment and just needed adjusted. Just a reminder, don't hold the door open, push the button to keep the door from closing.

Sandra Lamenza would like to purchase slightly imperfect refrigerator from Lowe's for the kitchen and have it delivered. Lowe's will dispose of the old one.

Discussed a recommendation from Custer & Faust to pay the Children & Youth Coordinator out of the Current Fund to make it cleaner and easier for them to track and calculate the taxes. The Current Fund will be reimbursed from the Children & Youth Fund. During the first 3 quarters of 2017, the payment amount has been based on \$20/hour for an average of 20 hours per week which equals \$800 every two weeks (based on 26 pays per year = \$20,800 for the year if no vacation is taken), but for the final quarter of the year will change to a frequency of 24 pays per year ($\$20,800/24 = \866.67 on the 15th and last days of each month if no vacation is taken).

Motion by Carl, 2nd by Jamie to do so. Motion passed unanimously. We will continue to track Children & Youth as a separate fund during the initial 3 year period that was part of the original plan.

Pastor's Report: Motion by Dale Hassinger, 2nd by Gail Billow to accept Pastor's report. Motion Passed unanimously.

Children & Youth: Motion by Jeff Buffington, 2nd by Gail Billow to accept the Children & Youth Ministry report. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurers: Motion by Gail Billow, 2nd by Dale Hassinger to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Church Property: Put new roof on sexton's house on the part that does down to the basement & replacing window. 3 maple trees were planted along cemetery by road.

Finance Committee: Meeting 10/9 for Budget planning

Worship & Music: Met at Tree of Life, Linglestown to discuss ideas on contemporary services. Committee will continue exploration on this topic. Setting 10 of the liturgy will take place soon.

Faith Formation Team: Next meeting 10/10

Youth Group: Cancelled corn maize due to weather. 10/29 will be Halloween gathering.

Mutual Ministry: Met 10/8 and discussed creating a report to show benefits of Children & Youth program to date during the 11/5 luncheon. Also discussed parameters for prayer list.

Executive: No report

Nominating: Met 10/1 and have 2 names so far for new Council members.

History Committee: No report

Other reports: None

Unfinished Business: Motion by Tamara Spicher, 2nd by Carl Baumgardner to move the Improvement Fund, Flower Fund and Benevolence Fund into the Current Fund as of 1/1/18 to be tracked separately under fund accounting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dale Hassinger, 2nd by Gail Billow to also move Children & Youth Ministry into the Current Fund and utilize fund accounting as well. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Discussed making the Christmas Eve 4:00 service a Family Service with a Sunny sermon and the Children's Celebration choir.

Discussed 2018 summer worship schedule.

Outside services will be 7 Sundays: 5/27, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/19 & 9/2.

Next Council Meeting: November 12, 2017 @ 4:00pm.

Adjournment: Motion by Tamara Spicher, 2nd by Donna Rabenold to adjourn at 5:27pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Doyle, Secretary

December Gifts

Konde Diocese -
Judy and John Ferree

Celebrate Inserts -
*Mary Ann and Dennis
Smeltz*

Tree 4 Hope -
John and Judy Ferree

December Worship Schedule



Altar Guild
Lector

Donna Rabenold
The Denlinger Family

Usher's for the Month of December: Jamie Doyle (L)
Fred Weaver (E), Jean Weaver and Cheryl Shadle (LAY)

December 3 2017 **Holy Communion**

Greeter Gary & Betty Leitzel
Superintendent Jeff Lehman
Pianist Lois Watson

December 10, 2017

Greeter The Eric Mattern Family
Superintendent Ken Koller
Pianist Judy Ferree

December 17, 2017

Greeter Arlene Donnelly
Superintendent Roy Henry
Pianist Louise Baumgardner

December 24 , 2017 **A.M. Service (10:15)**

Greeter Joe & Arlene Doyle
Superintendent Larry Gessner
Pianist Sandy Paul

December 24 , 2017 **Evening Service (4:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.)** **Holy Communion**

Greeter The Roy Henry Family

December 31,2017

Greeter John & Connie Shaffer
Superintendent Lynn Henninger
Pianist Carol Hubler



December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 Adult Sunday School(opening upstairs) 9:00 SONDay Celebration, Confirmation Class & Sr. High Sunday School (opening downstairs, working on Advent/Christmas Program music) 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Celebration Time for Young Persons	4 7:30 Dartball Match – St. John at Valleys E.C. Church, Halifax	5 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:15 Property Committee Meeting 6:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	6	7 5:30 – 6:30 Free Community Holiday Dinner at Salem UCC, Elizabethville	8	9 <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i> 7:00 – 9:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group Meets at the Church – Contact Ray Matter for More Information Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
10 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:00 Adult Sunday School (opening upstairs) 9:00 Preparation for Advent/Christmas Program for SONDay Celebration, Confirmation Class & Sr. High Sunday School (downstairs) 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Celebration Time for Young Persons 11:15 Annual Congregational Mtg – Pt 1 11:30 Fellowship Time with Fair Trade Coffee/Tea for Purchase and Celebration Christmas Book Fair 2:00 Christmas Caroling to Shut-In Members 2:00 Girl Scout Troop Meeting 4:00 Congregational Council Meeting 6:00 Women's Group Meeting	11 7:30 Dartball Match – Faith United Methodist at St. John	12 7:30 – 1:00 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting with Pastors of Lebanon Conference 6:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	13 Hanukkah Begins at Sundown	14	15	16 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
17 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00 Adult Sunday School (opening downstairs) 9:00 Preparation for Advent/Christmas Program for SONDay Celebration, Confirmation Class & Sr. High Sunday School (upstairs) 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Celebration Time for Young Persons 5:00 Annual Advent/Christmas Program and Covered Dish Dinner	18 No Dartball Match	19 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22	23 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
24 4th Sunday of Advent/The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve 9:00 Adult Sunday School, Confirmation Class & Sr. High Sunday School (opening upstairs) 9:00 SONDay Celebration (opening downstairs) 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Celebration Time for Young Persons 4:00 Christmas Eve Celebration Time Liturgy of Holy Communion 8:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Liturgy of Holy Communion	25 The Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off	26 Stephen, Deacon & Martyr	27 John, Apostle, & Evangelist	28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 7:00 Dartball League All Star Game at Faith United Methodist, Fisherville	29	30 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
31 1st Sunday of Christmas 9:00 Adult Sunday School & Sr. High Sunday School (opening upstairs) 9:00 SONDay Celebration (opening downstairs) 10:15 Liturgy of Lessons and Carols, with Celebration Time for Young Persons – Guest Worship Leader, Mr. James Watson 2:00 Girl Scout Troop Meeting	<div>Pastor Tom Off- Returning to the office Jan 3.</div>					



January Worship Schedule

Altar Guild
Lector

Jean and Fred Weaver
Ray and Joyce Matter

Usher's for the Month of January: Gail Billow (L) Sandra Lamenza (E),
Ronald and Bonnie Erb (LAY)

January 7, 2018

Greeter	Robert and Faye Weaver
Superintendent	Jeff Lehman
Pianist	Lois Watson

January 14, 2018

Greeter	Lynn and Helen Henninger
Superintendent	Ken Koller
Pianist	Judy Ferree

January 21, 2018

Greeter	Janet and Darel Denlinger
Superintendent	Roy Henry
Pianist	Louise Baumgardner

January 28, 2017

Greeter	Jeff Buffington
Superintendent	Larry Gessner
Pianist	Sandy Paiul

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January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 New Year's Day</p> <div> <div>Returning to the office on Jan 3</div> </div>	<p>2 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Epiphany of Our Lord Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off</p>
<p>7 Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 Adult Sunday School & Sr. High Sunday School (opening upstairs) 9:00 SONDay Celebration (opening downstairs) 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Baptismal Presentations</p>	<p>8 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Church Dartball League Match – Lykens United Methodist at St. John</p>	<p>9 <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i> 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:15 Faith Formation Team Gathering 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 6:30 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7:00 – 9:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group Meets at the Church – Please Contact Ray Matter for More Information Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off</p>
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<p>21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 Adult Sunday School, Sr. High Sunday School & Confirmation Class (opening upstairs) 9:00 SONDay Celebration (opening downstairs) 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Annual Blessing of the Lectors 11:15 Annual Congregational Mtg, Pt 2 11:30 "Breaking Bread" Congregational Fellowship Meal</p>	<p>22 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Church Dartball League Match – St. Christopher Lutheran at St. John</p>	<p>23 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:15 Property Committee Meeting 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 6:30 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p>25 Conversion of Paul</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off</p>
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<u>Pastor's Office Hours:</u> Mon, Tues - 8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. Wed, Thurs - 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon Friday 8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. <i>(Other times by appointment)</i>	The Rev. Thomas Bruner, Jr.	Pastor	Stjohnhillchurch@frontier.com	717-362-9519 (O)
				717-362-7895 (H)
	Laurie Little	Young Christians Minister	misslaurie.little@gmail.com	717-365-3255 (H)
				717-571-5058 (C)
	Tammy & Bill Becker	Sexton	No Email	717-319-0703
	Judith Ferree	Organist	jjferree@epix.net	717-362-4228
	Carol Hubler	Choir Director	Mchubler@gmail.com	570-758-5052
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