

ST. JOHN'S

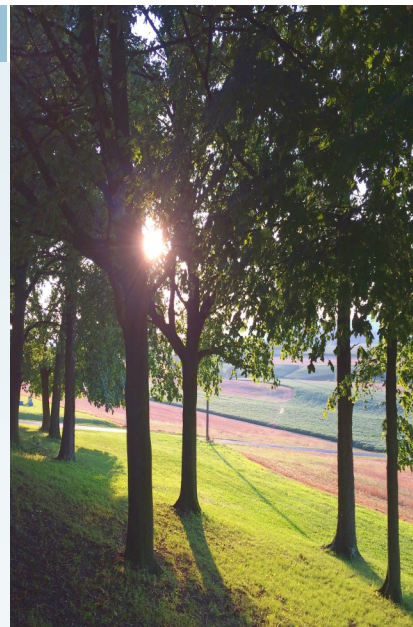
EPISTLE

A Letter from The Pastor.....

Dear Friends in Jesus,

Once again this year, Miss Laurie and I are trying some new things to enrich our journey through the wonderful seasons of Advent and Christmas. On **December 16**, as Miss Laurie also mentions in her letter following mine in this *Epistle*, what has traditionally been our "Advent/Christmas Program" will look very different. Instead of a covered dish meal and a drama-type program, our gathering on the **Third Sunday of Advent** will have an interactive and intergenerational feel as all ages come together for our first "Advent/Christmas Event" *One Starry Night*. After numerous activities inside from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M., we will head outside to our church barn for a Live Nativity, presented by our Youth Group and children, following which we will finish up inside with warm refreshments.

And on **Christmas Eve**, following up on a first last year, our **4:00 P.M.** worship will once again have 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. Then, at **8:00 P.M.**, our traditional candlelight festival liturgy of Holy Communion will again take place in the nave with carols galore. 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. *If you have music of any kind that you would like to share at either 4:00 or 8:00 (or both), please contact Pastor Tom as soon as possible if you have not already done so.*



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.

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

As we again enter into this holy time, reminded of just how very much God loves you and me and all that God has made, I want to thank you, my sisters and brothers in this wonderful congregational family, 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 a most blessed Advent and Christmas celebration and a strong beginning to another new year. A lot has changed over the past 18½ 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 on in this *St. John's Epistle!*

Pastor Tom



Pastoral Acts

At the Altar

On Reformation Sunday, October 28, two young persons, **Gary Leitzel** and **Cole Roadcap** 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 men and pray that this will be a blessed day in a lifetime journey of participation in this Sacrament of Love!

Congratulations to **Sandra & Craig Shade** (and their family/the Matter family) on the safe and healthy birth of **Amelia Louise** to **Cory & Rachel Shade**. Amelia weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. Per proud grandma Sandra, “Everyone is doing wonderful!”

News from Miss Laurie
Young Christians Minister

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! And there are SO many activities scheduled this month to get you in the holiday spirit! Mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun!!

On **December 1st** at 2:00, the **Celebration Choir** will be singing at the Polk Personal Care Facility in Millersburg. The residents just love hearing the children sing and chatting with them afterward. Come and spread the "St. John's cheer" to all those special seniors!

During SONday Celebration on December 2nd, we'll be decorating our Celebration space with all the cool things we made last month.

December 2nd is also the **Christmas "Celebration" Book Fair!** Stop by the corner classroom and check out the faith-centered children's books available just in time for Christmas!

The second meeting of **Celebration Club** is Wednesday, **December 5th**. Join us for a Celebration Club Christmas!!

You won't want to miss our special **Advent Activity** on Sunday, **December 16th**! The fun starts at 4:00 with an interactive marketplace with music, food, crafts and activities. At 6:00, we'll take things out to the barn for a semi-live Nativity! After a short program outside, we'll come back indoors for cookies and hot chocolate! We hope it will be a memorable evening for everyone!

We'll again have 2 worship services on **Christmas Eve**: the first, at 4:00, the more contemporary, kid-friendly "**Celebration**" **Christmas Eve Service**; the second, at 8:00 our traditional **Candle-Light Christmas Eve Service**.

We'll wrap up the month with another "**Happy Birthday Jesus Party**" on Sunday, **December 30th** at 9:00. This party takes place in the Celebration space and EVERYONE is invited to attend!!

Please join us for ALL of the above activities and help us celebrate Jesus' birth!!

Wishing you all a wonderful, Christ-filled Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year!!

Miss Laurie

St. John's Facebook:
facebook.com/stjohnhillchurch

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



Important Dates

**Dec 2 -
Celebration Book
Fair**

**Dec 6 -
Community Holi-
day Dinner, Salem
UCC, Elizabeth-
ville**

**Dec 9 -
Annual Congrega-
tional Meeting -
Part 1**

**Dec 16
Advent Program**

**Dec 24
Contemporary
Christmas Eve
Worship (4:00Pm)**

**Dec 24
Candlelit Worship
Service (8:00Pm)**

**Jan 13
Breaking Bread
Fellowship Meal
sponsored by
WELCA**

**Jan 20
Congregational
Ski Roundtop Trip**

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 spending plan for 2019. On **Sunday, January 20**, we will again meet following worship to receive and act on reports of the ministry of our congregation conducted during 2018 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 turnout of voting members! Voting members are confirmed members of the congregation who have communed and made a contribution of record during 2017 and/or 2018.

To aid you in preparing for the December 9 meeting, a copy of the proposed budgets for 2019 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 again this year to the hard work of our treasurer, Jamie Doyle, and her wish to include as much meaningful financial information for you as possible. To focus on the 2019 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 \$4,000 or a bit over 2.5% from 2018. This increase basically comes from Pastor Tom's section of the budget, with the recommendation to again set his salary to the minimum figure specified by synodical guidelines for someone with his years (31) of pastoral experience and the effect of this increase on other benefit costs.

With regard to Congregational Council elections, our Nominating Committee is bringing the following four names for congregational action: **Arlene Doyle, Ron Erb, Sandra Lamenza, and Matt Williard**.

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!

Midweek Bible Study

Midweek Bible Study will get back underway for its winter session on Wednesday, January 9, continuing an in-depth look at *Women of the Bible*. We often think of the Bible as being mostly about men and don't expect to see or hear much about faithful women. But, as this study reminds us, our God is a surprising God whose work has and does include as many bold and important and memorable women as men. We will meet each Wednesday – weather permitting – from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. through February 27, when we will take a break for 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 Thursday, January 3 (when he returns to the office), so that the correct number of new study books can be ordered.

Men's Choir

A Men's Choir will again be forming to sing for Christmas Eve worship. Three rehearsals will be held – on Tuesdays, December 4, 11, and 18, 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.

Lector Schedule for 2019

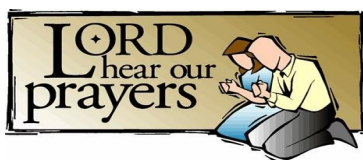
The following is the schedule of folks who will serve as lectors during 2019:

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	-	The Denlinger Family
December	-	Matt Williard

We thank them for serving in this important ministry of worship. *(Please be present in worship on Sunday, January 20, as we join in praying God's blessing on them as they share God's Word throughout the coming year!)*

2019 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 Yalonda Rabenold (717-362-2454). Three new 2019 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!!)*



HOSPITALIZED/RESIDING IN SENIOR LIVING/DEALING WITH ACUTE ILLNESS

Margaret Enders – Rm. #211, Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, 4000 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, 17112

Warren Hassinger – Room #107, Providence Place, 24 Hikes Hollow Road, Pine Grove, 17963

Henry Henninger – At Home, Undergoing Chemotherapy

Marzette Hoffman – Room #610, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg

Ronald Hoover – Room #101, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg

Marlin Koppenhaver – Room #22, Green Valley Skilled Nursing & Rehab. Center, 200 Taylorsville Road, Pitman, 17964

Sue Lebo – Rm. #203, Heritage Mill Personal Care Home, 846 E. Wiconisco Ave., Tower City, 17980

Cora Mace – Rm. #2872, Ben Franklin, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022

Martha Rebuck – Rm. #6, Stonebridge Health and Rehab. Center, 102 Chandra Drive, Duncannon, 17020

Helen Schade – Rm # 218, Traditions of Hershey, 100 North Larkspur Drive, Palmyra, 17078

Youth Group News

December Dates

Dec 9 - Christmas
Caroling - TBA

Dec 16 - Advent
Program

January Dates

Jan 20 - Ski Roundtop

November was a great active month for the St. John's Youth Group, we had our chicken and waffle dinner, where we raised just over \$600, elected new officers, trying something different this time and welcoming Cameron Thompson and Kelsey Henninger as our co-Presidents! We are moving forward on our GaGa pit plans. Started planning for the Spaghetti Dinner...

At the end of the month our High School kids went to Harrisburg where they helped serve food and distribute hygiene packs that we were able to pick up by using Thrivent Action Dollars with the Bethesda Mobile Mission, at various stops throughout Harrisburg City! We are currently looking for donations of sterno's, batteries (AA & AAA), and disposable razors for our next trip!

Looking Ahead...

On December 16 we will be taking part in Miss Laurie's Advent Program with a semi-live nativity. If you haven't been assigned or selected something please see Miss Laurie to help fill in the empty roles.

Service Projects

The youth group is looking to help the Berrysburg/Mifflin Twp Bicentennial Initiative by volunteering their time to help individuals/families clean up their yards and decorate their houses with red, white, and blue, much like Elizabethville and Pillow did for their Bicentennial year! If you or someone you know would benefit from this please call Matt Williard or Becky Conte!

R E M I N D E R S

1. ALL PARTICIPANTS in any Youth Group activity (*Youth members AND friends*) must complete a General Information and Emergency/Medical Form. This form only needs to be completed 1 time each year.
2. Any time a Youth Group activity involves leaving the church, ALL PARTICIPANTS (*Youth members AND friends*) must complete a Permission, Liability, and Travel Form.
3. As we get closer to an organized Youth Group activity, an Activity/Event Sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

NOTE: You will find copies of the above forms posted on the bulletin board at church or on the shelf below the bulletin board. Completed forms may be given to any YG Advisor or to Pastor Tom. Thanks!

Grab your winter coats and boots!
It's time to go....

SNOW TUBING!



When: Sunday, January 20, 2019

Where: Ski Roundtop

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$33.00 per person

We will leave for snow tubing right after church. We will stop on the way to eat lunch. Don't forget to bring money to buy something for lunch and also for dinner from the concession at Ski Roundtop, or bring a packed lunch.

All participants must complete the tubing waiver form.

All youth participants and friends must complete the Ski Roundtop Tubing Waiver Form; the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Youth Group Permission, Liability and Travel Form; and the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Youth Group General Information and Emergency/Medical Form.

All signed paperwork and payment are due before we leave the church on Sunday, January 20, 2019. RE-MEMBER: The Youth Group Fund pays for all St. John's youth group members to attend.

Please see Olivia or Matt Williard to hand in waivers and pay ahead.

If you have never been snow tubing at Ski Roundtop, there is a lodge that overlooks the snow tubing runs. If you aren't a snow tuber, but want to come along, please come!
You don't have to pay to hang out in the lodge or on the deck.

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes**

October 7, 2018

The Council Meeting was called to order by President Dan Langhans. Pastor Tom offered prayer and devotions.

Meeting started at 4 PM.

Excused absence: Henry Heninger, Jeff Buffington

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept by Jamie Doyle; second by Dan Langhans. Motion passed by all in attendance.

Reception of Petitions and Communications

Water test results – doing well

Need to identify two representatives from our church– a man and a woman – to attend the Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly to be held June 7 and 8 at Messiah College. A new Bishop will be elected.

Pastor's Report:

Church attendance was low in September; however, attendance was up during July and August. Motion to accept by Donna Rabenold; second by Pat Herb; motion passed by all in attendance.

Children and Youth:

Carl said attendance was lower in September.

Several activities planned:

- Berrysburg parade float seven youth participated

- October 20 at the Drive In

- October 7 Sunday Celebration

- Celebration Club first Wednesday in November and continuing one Wednesday each month

Motion to accept by Barb Bullock; second by Dan Langhans; motion passed by all present.

Treasurer Report:

Report presented by Jamie Doyle. Will meet soon to discuss investments. Motion to accept by Carl Baumgardner; second by Donna Rabenold; motion passed by all in attendance.

Church Property: met September 25

Oil tanks filled 200 gallons; we are getting clean oil

Refrigerator was moved from the shed to the pavilion

Tim Motter will provide snow removal

Joe Doyle to serve as interim chairperson in Henry's absence

Finance and Budget:

Electric bills for church and pavilion; Carl to research refrigerator usage.

Budget for 2019 is ready.

Motion to accept by Carl Baumgardner; second by Carol Hassinger; motion passed by all present.

Worship & Music:

Candles need maintenance – oil filled
 Outdoor worship – 5/26, 6/13, 7/7, 7/14, 7/28, 8/18 & 9/1
 Altar Guild needs members
 Possible new pitchers needed for Altar at Communion

Youth Ministry:

November 4 chicken and waffle meal
 October 20- trip to Gettysburg

Mutual ministry: to meet January 13

Women's Report:

Successful Italian Dinner held October 7- about 70 attendees- \$639 collected
 * \$191 made at Pillow selling pizza

Motion to adjourn by Jamie Doyle; second by Donna Rabenold; motion passed by all in attendance.
 Next meeting scheduled for November 11 at 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Darrell Denlinger, Secretary

Treasurer Report – September 2018

	Prior Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Current	\$7,644.16	\$8,972.44	\$10,678.56	\$5,938.04
Benevolence	\$156.68	\$1,113.68	\$150.00	\$963.68
Children & Youth	\$(3,885.98)	\$(2,707.98)	\$4,446.94	\$(4,154.92)
Flower	\$360.73	\$500.73	\$70.00	\$430.73
Improvement	\$2,259.71	\$4,816.71	\$1,960.73	\$2,855.98
Memorial	\$4,956.75	\$4,957.70	none	\$4,957.70

	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 YTD Actual	Variance to 10/31/18	% Spent to 10/31/18	2019 Budget	Variance to 2018 Budget
Current Fund									
Beginning Balance 12/31/2017			8,509		6,641				
Revenues									
Plate Offering	6,699	5,808	5,637	6,000	5,384	(616)	89.74%	6,000	100.00%
Current Envelopes	131,243	129,475	128,830	144,380	112,184	(32,196)	77.70%	149,314	103.42%
Use of Church Pavilion	445	505	771	500	618	118	123.60%	500	100.00%
Celebrate Sponsorship	243	242	242	250	243	(7)	97.20%	264	105.60%
Thrivent Choice Funds	1,907	1,784	2,527	1,800	1,559	(241)	86.61%	1,800	100.00%
St Johns Cemetary Assn.	150	200	150	200	150	(50)	75.00%	150	75.00%
Community Lenten Service	562	785	-	800	-	(800)	0.00%	-	0.00%
Children & Youth Ministry Taxes	-	1,200	1,125	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Budget Transfers from Other Funds	4,000	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Misc. Refunds & Donations	648	526	676	500	347	(153)	69.31%	500	100.00%
Total Revenues	145,897	140,525	140,258	154,430	120,485	(33,945)	78.02%	158,528	102.65%
Expenditures									
Pastoral Ministry									
Pastor's Salary & Housing	58,294	59,061	63,696	68,443	53,676	(14,767)	78.42%	70,215	102.59%
Social Security	4,837	4,903	5,277	5,670	4,468	(1,202)	78.81%	5,816	102.57%
Pension & Healthcare Costs	35,298	39,387	34,919	34,370	31,675	(2,695)	92.16%	36,046	104.88%
Travel Reimbursement	5,018	4,758	3,843	5,250	4,377	(873)	83.37%	5,250	100.00%
2 Weeks Continuing Education	-	477	414	700	432	(268)	61.71%	700	100.00%
Book, Periodical & Personal Office Expenses	426	413	122	400	600	200	149.88%	400	100.00%
Total Pastoral Ministry	103,873	108,999	108,272	114,833	95,227	(19,606)	82.93%	118,427	103.13%
Worship									
Organist Salary	3,093	3,135	3,074	3,840	2,688	(1,152)	69.99%	3,936	102.50%
Organist Social Security & Medicare	426	450	429	294	594	300	202.23%	301	102.50%
Choir Music & Supplies	215	233	664	250	359	109	143.60%	250	100.00%
Church Bulletins & Inserts	-	-	828	250	35	(215)	14.05%	-	0.00%
Worship Aids & Supplies	1,808	1,624	660	1,100	581	(519)	52.81%	1,350	122.73%
Offering Envelopes	863	867	873	900	-	(900)	0.00%	900	100.00%
Secretary	2,303	2,424	2,439	2,830	2,129	(701)	75.23%	2,901	102.50%
Secretary Security & Medicare	382	402	400	216	484	268	223.66%	222	102.50%
Supply Pastor	-	-	-	200	-	(200)	0.00%	200	100.00%
Youth Group	-	-	-	1,000	379	(621)	37.90%	1,000	100.00%
Children & Youth Ministry	-	-	1,842	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
The Lutheran Subscriptions	1,153	258	354	200	57	(143)	28.41%	200	100.00%
Delegate & Convention Expenses	510	480	-	600	380	(220)	63.33%	400	66.67%
Miscellaneous	-	2,397	79	-	84	84	-	-	0.00%
Total Worship	10,753	12,270	11,641	11,680	7,770	(3,911)	66.52%	11,660	99.82%

“Celebration” Christmas Book Fair

Following the success of last year, we’re having another “Celebration” Christmas Book Fair! Stop by the corner classroom on November 25th or December 2nd to order faith-centered children’s books – just in time for Christmas! You’ll receive a 20% discount on your order! In addition, the Children and Youth fund makes 20% on all sales. Come and do some early Christmas shopping!

Thank you, in advance, for your support!

Looking Ahead Summer is Coming

The date has been set for our Annual Strawberry Festival in 2019. It will take place on Wednesday, June 12, in our grove and pavilion. Serious planning will get underway with a first gathering on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 P.M. at the church.

Also, the dates of Vacation Bible School have been tentatively set, running Monday, July 22, through Friday, July 26, with the closing program taking place on Sunday, July 28, 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!

Communing Members of St. John’s Lutheran Church

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 worshiping 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!

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018 YTD	% Spent	2019 Variance to
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance to 10/31/18</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Current Fund							
Office							
Payroll and Tax Preparation	-	-	164	771	622	(149)	771
Paper, Supplies & Archival Supplies	506	346	528	650	302	(348)	650
Postage & Box Rent	516	408	223	600	102	(498)	300
Copier Maintenance & Supplies	1,510	1,608	651	1,500	671	(829)	1,500
Telephone & Internet	1,806	1,939	1,979	1,900	1,681	(219)	2,040
Total Office	4,338	4,301	3,544	5,421	3,378	(2,044)	5,261
Maintenance							
Fuel	5,504	2,073	4,562	6,000	4,489	(1,512)	6,000
Electricity	1,669	2,314	2,608	2,000	2,163	163	2,520
Insurance Church Property	4,786	4,903	1,161	5,000	4,427	(573)	5,000
Workmen's Compensation	718	823	44	800	639	(161)	800
Organ & Public Address System	80	-	80	200	-	(200)	200
Janitor's Salary + Electric Reimbursement	1,352	1,441	1,540	1,668	1,402	(266)	1,830
Janitor's Social Security	224	239	232	128	291	164	131
Janitor's Supplies	281	-	64	200	-	(200)	200
Property & Maintenance	1,844	3,388	4,321	3,500	2,153	(1,347)	3,500
Total Maintenance	16,458	15,180	14,612	19,496	15,563	(3,933)	20,180
Miscellaneous							
Interfund Transfers	1,749	1,784	2,487	1,800	180	(1,620)	1,800
Miscellaneous	1,132	1,339	1,572	1,200	171	(1,029)	1,200
Total Miscellaneous	2,881	3,123	4,059	3,000	351	(2,649)	3,000
Total Expenditures	138,303	143,873	142,127	154,430	122,289	(32,141)	158,528
Current Fund Surplus/(Deficit)	7,594	(3,348)	(1,869)	0	(1,804)		(0)
Ending Fund Balance			6,641		4,837		(0)

102.65%

	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 YTD Actual	Variance to 10/31/18	% Spent	2019 Variance to Budget	2018 Budget
Improvement Fund									
Revenues					2,397				
Offerings	6,556	4,542	5,183	4,500	4,420	(80)	98.22%	4,500	100.00%
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Farm Land Rent	4,060	4,350	4,640	4,500	4,640	140	103.11%	4,640	103.11%
Total Revenues	10,616	8,892	9,823	9,000	9,460	460	105.11%	9,540	106.00%
Expenditures									
Taxes	2,934	3,002	3,045	-	3,071	3,071		-	
Elevator	1,166	912	943	-	2,048	2,048		-	
Myers Pipe Organ	825	550	675		815	815		-	
J Carl Zimmerman	118	3,261	1,377		776	776		-	
Water Service	288	50			-	-		-	
Klinger Lumber Company	337	4,013	125		-	-		-	
St. John Lutheran Church	-	46			-	-		-	
JH Rissinger	-	493			-	-		-	
Ray Williard	610	470			-	-		-	
Fire Protection	167	136			200	200		-	
Tree Service	-	250			-	-		-	
Battery	53	21			-	-		-	
Tammy Becker	-	51	172		-	-		-	
Lawn Service	120	90			91	91		-	
Lowes	2,058		959		-	-		-	
Shade Electric	1,444				-	-		-	
Deposit Slips	11				-	-		-	
Michael Leitzel	1,095				-	-		-	
Pest Control	150				150	150		-	
Septic Cleaning			1,000		-	-		-	
Mower Blades			82		-	-		-	
Horticulture			104		-	-		-	
Pavillion Maintenance					1,212	1,212		-	
Kratzer Hardware	63				-	-		-	
Total Expenditures	11,440	13,345	8,482	9,000	8,364	(636)	92.93%	9,540	106.00%
Improvement Fund Surplus/(Deficit)	(825)	(4,453)	1,341	-	1,096	-		-	

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018 YTD	% Spent	2019 Variance to
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance to 10/31/18</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2018 Budget</u>
Benevolence Fund							
Revenues					107		
Regular Benevolence	13,967	11,055	11,832	12,000	10,653	(1,347)	12,000 100.00%
World Hunger	1,061	836	636	1,000	3,153	2,153	1,000 100.00%
Konde Pastor's Salary	500		600	500	450	(50)	500 100.00%
Domestic Disaster Response	1,234	1,341	3,690	1,300	2,503	1,203	1,300 100.00%
WELCA Project Comfort	625	706	508	700	-	(700)	700 100.00%
Community Thanksgiving Offering	-	558		500	-	(500)	500 100.00%
Interest	1	1	1	-	-	-	- 0.00%
Donations	-	11		-	-	-	- 0.00%
Always Being Made New	-	350		-	-	-	- 0.00%
Tree 4 Hope	50	550	650	550	450	(100)	550 100.00%
Lutheran Camping Corp	500	500		500	-	(500)	500 100.00%
Weekend Snack Pack Program	430	505		500	-	(500)	500 100.00%
WVA Flood Relief	-	130		-	-	-	- 0.00%
Global Barnyard	2,495	1,624	1,400	2,000	-	(2,000)	2,000 100.00%
Sunday School Program for UDHS	-	427		-	-	-	- 0.00%
Malaria	600	-		-	-	-	- 0.00%
International Disaster Response	460	-		-	500	500	- 0.00%
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services			50	-	100	100	- 0.00%
Nepal Earthquake	200	-		-	-	-	- 0.00%
Hunger Initiative			400	-	-	-	- 0.00%
Blanket Shipping					500	500	- 0.00%
Interfund Transfer			945	-	-	-	- 0.00%
Total Revenues	22,122	18,594	20,711	19,550	18,309	(1,241)	19,550 100.00%

2015	2016	2017	2018	2018 YTD	% Spent	2019	Variance to
Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	to 10/31/18	Budget	2018 Budget

Benevolence Fund

Expenditures								
Regular Benevolence	13,967	11,055	11,832	12,000	9,913	(2,087)	12,000	100.00%
World Hunger	1,001	920	636	1,000	2,653	1,653	1,000	100.00%
Konde Pastor's Salary	500		600	500	450	(50)	500	100.00%
Domestic Disaster Response	1,234	1,341	3,690	1,300	2,503	1,203	1,300	100.00%
WELCA Project Comfort	625	706	508	700	-	(700)	700	100.00%
Community Thanksgiving Offering		558		500	-	(500)	500	100.00%
Haiti		1		-	-	-	-	0.00%
New Checks		11		-	-	-	-	0.00%
Always Being Made New		350		-	-	-	-	0.00%
Tree 4 Hope		600	600	550	450	(100)	550	100.00%
Lutheran Camping Corp	500	500		500	-	(500)	500	100.00%
Weekend Snack Pack Program	430	505		500	-	(500)	500	100.00%
WVA Flood Relief		130		-	-	-	-	0.00%
Global Barnyard	2,495	1,600	1,400	2,000	-	(2,000)	2,000	100.00%
Sunday School Program for UDHS		427		-	-	-	-	0.00%
Malaria	600			-	-	-	-	0.00%
Nepal Earthquake	200			-	-	-	-	0.00%
Interfund Transfer			945	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services			50		100	100		0.00%
Hunger Initiative			400		500	500		0.00%
International Disaster Response	460			-	-	-	-	0.00%
Lutheran World Relief					500	500	-	0.00%
Blanket Shipping					500	500	-	0.00%
Upper Dauphin Human Services Center					370	370		0.00%
Northern Dauphin Human Services Center					370	370		0.00%
Total Expenditures	22,011	18,703	20,661	19,550	18,309	(1,241)	19,550	100.00%

Benevolence Fund Surplus/(Deficit)

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	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 YTD Actual	Variance to 10/31/18	% Spent	2019 Budget	Variance to 2018 Budget
Flower Fund									
Revenues					118				
Altar Flowers	1,422	1,451	1,495	1,500	2,095	595		2,240	149.33%
Basket	67	171	138	150	-	(150)		150	100.00%
Lily Order	99	80	227	80	-	(80)		80	100.00%
Geranium Order	137	175	166	175	-	(175)		175	100.00%
Poinsetta Order	136	85	125	85	-	(85)		85	100.00%
Special Arrangements	-	35	30	35	-	(35)		35	100.00%
All Saint Day Flowers	-	330	165	330	-	(330)		330	100.00%
Transfer	-	-	100	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Bad Check	-	-	15	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Total Revenues	1,860	2,327	2,460	2,355	2,095	(260)	88.94%	3,095	131.42%
Expenditures									
Altar Flowers	1,422	1,365	1,400	1,500	1,015	(485)		1,820	121.33%
Lily Order	96	75	224	80	274	194		300	375.00%
Geranium Order	137	168	162	170	-	(170)		170	100.00%
Palms	99	97	100	100	289	189		300	300.00%
Confirmed Carnations	21	13	21	15	-	(15)		15	100.00%
Poinsetta Order	131	85	156	85	-	(85)		85	100.00%
Get Well Arrangements	75	230	50	40	-	(40)		40	100.00%
St. John's Memorial Fund	40	20	-	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Special Arrangements	-	38	25	35	-	(35)		35	100.00%
All Saint Day Flowers	-	388	186	330	-	(330)		330	100.00%
Calendars	-	-	28	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Bad Check	-	-	12	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Checks from Bank	-	-	9	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Total Expenditures	2,019	2,478	2,373	2,355	1,578	(777)	66.99%	3,095	131.42%
Flower Fund Surplus/(Deficit)	(159)	(151)	87	-	517			-	

	2015 <u>Actual</u>	2016 <u>Actual</u>	2017 <u>Actual</u>	2018 <u>Budget</u>	2018 YTD <u>Actual</u>	Variance to 10/31/18	% Spent	2019 <u>Budget</u>	Variance to 2018 Budget
Children and Youth Fund									
Beginning Balance 12/31/2017			3,281		(1,162)				
Revenues									
Offerings		8,693		8,800	11,748	2,948		16,003	181.85%
Transfers from Local Benevolence		-		2,500	2,500	-		2,500	100.00%
Transfers from Memorial Fund Interest		5,000		10,000	4,000	(6,000)		5,000	50.00%
Interest		1		-	-	-		-	0.00%
Thrivent		1,679		-	1,031	1,031		-	0.00%
Miscellaneous		1,518		-	541	541		-	0.00%
Total Revenues	-	-	16,890	21,300	19,820	(1,480)	93.05%	23,503	110.34%
Expenditures									
Salary- Children & Youth Coordinator			19,914	21,300	20,339	(961)		21,833	102.50%
Childred and Youth Coordinator SS			-	-	-	-		1,670	100.00%
Children & Youth Supplies			853	-	232	232		-	0.00%
Miscellaneous			565	-	-	-		-	0.00%
Total Expenditures	-	-	21,332	21,300	20,571	(729)	96.58%	23,503	110.34%
Children & Youth Fund Surplus/(Deficit)	-	-	(4,442)	-	(751)			0	

December Worship Schedule

December Gifts

Celebrate Inserts -

Bob & Doris Schaffer

Tree 4 Hope -

John & Judy Ferree

Altar Flowers

Dec 2

Delmar and Ginny

Enders

Dec 9

Darrel Denlinger

Dec 16

Jeff Lehman

Dec 23

Rebecca Conte

**as of print date,
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Altar Guild
Lector

Donna Rabenold
See Below

Usher's for the Month of December Jamie Doyle (L) Faye Nichols(E),
Joe and Arlene Doyle (LAY)

December 2 2018

Holy Communion

1st Sunday of Advent

Greeter
Acolyte
Superintendent
Pianist
Lector

Gary and Betty Leitzel
Aidan Roadcap and Hoyt Schlegel
Lynn Henninger
Louise Baumgardner
Kim Williard

December 9, 2018

Greeter
Acolytes
Superintendent
Pianist
Lector

Eric & Angela Mattern
Cole Roadcap and Aidan Roadcap
Jeff Lehman
Sandy Paul
Amy Gehring

December 16, 2018

Greeter
Acolytes
Superintendent
Pianist
Lector

Joe & Arlene Doyle
Allyssa Rabenold
Ken Koller
Carol Hubler
Dana Klouser

December 23, 2018

Greeter
Acolytes
Superintendent
Pianist
Lector

The Roy Henry Family
Cole Roadcap and Haylen Donovan
Roy Henry
Lois Watson
Vincent Lamenza

December 24, 2018 - 8:00 p.m **Holy Communion**

Greeter
Acolytes
Lector

John & Connie Shaffer
Landon Mace and Avery Mace
Jamie Doyle

December 30, 2018 **Liturgy of Lessons**

Greeter
Acolytes
Superintendent
Pianist

Robert & Faye Weaver
Gabe Gehring and Gary Leitzel
Ken Koller
Jury Ferree



January Worship Schedule

Altar Flowers

We are currently looking to sponsor all January Altar flowers, please consider signing up on the Calendar to the right of the front door!

Altar Guild

Donna Rabenold

Lector

Reyann Cheatham

Usher's for the Month of January Pat Herb (L) Harold Herb (E), Lori Motter (LAY)

January 6, 2018

Holy Communion

Greeter

Darrel & Janet Denlinger

Superintendent

Jeff Lehman

Pianist

Louise Baumgardner

January 13, 2018

Holy Communion

Greeter

Jeff Buffington

Superintendent

Ken Koller

Pianist

Sandy Paul

January 20, 2018

Greeter

Harold & Pat Herb

Superintendent

Roy Henry

Pianist

Carol Hubler

January 27, 2018

Greeter

Fred & Jean Weaver

Superintendent

Larry Gessner

Pianist

Judy Ferree



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2018						
		1 Name of Jesus New Year's Day <div>Pastor Tom Returning to the office Jan 3.</div>	2 6:30 – 8:30 Celebration Club Monthly Meeting	3	4	5 Pastor Tom's Week- ly Day Off
6 Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00 SONDay Celebration 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:00 Jr. High, Sr. High, & Adult Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Celebration Time for Young Persons	7 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Church Dartball League Match – Messiah Lutheran at St. John	8 9:30 Pastor Tom at Con- ference Pastors Meeting 7:30 Senior Choir Re- hearsal	9 <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i> 6:30 Midweek Bible Study	10	11	12 Pastor Tom's Week- ly Day Off
13 Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 SONDay Celebration 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:00 Jr. High, Sr. High, & Adult Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Baptismal Presentations and Celebration Time for Young Persons 11:30 Brief Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting 11:30 "Breaking Bread" Congregational Fellowship Meal 4:00 Congregational Council Meeting 6:00 Women of the ELCA of St. John Gathering	14 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:00 Upper Dauphin Con- ference Cabinet Meeting at Simeon Lutheran, Gratz 7:30 Church Dartball League Match – St. Chris- topher Lutheran at St. John	15 9:30 Pastor Tom at Con- ference Pastors Meeting 6:15 Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7:30 Senior Choir Re- hearsal <i>Deadline to Submit Items for February "St. John's Epistle"</i>	16 6:30 Midweek Bible Study	17	18 Confession of Peter	19 Pastor Tom's Week- ly Day Off
20 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 SONDay Celebration 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:00 Jr. High, Sr. High, & Adult Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Annual Blessing of the Lectors and Miss Laurie Leading Sunny Sermon and Celebration Time for Young Persons 11:15 Annual Congregational Meeting, Part 2 Annual Youth Group-Sponsored Snow Outing to Round Top Resort	21 Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Church Dartball League Match – St. John at Valleys E.C. Church, Hali- fax Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22 9:30 Pastor Tom at Con- ference Pastors Meeting 6:15 Property Committee Meeting 7:30 Senior Choir Re- hearsal	23 6:30 Midweek Bible Study	24	25 Conversion of Paul	26 Pastor Tom's Week- ly Day Off
27 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 SONDay Celebration 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:00 Jr. High, Sr. High, & Adult Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Celebration Time for Young Persons	28 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Church Dartball League Match – Faith United Methodist at St. John	29 9:30 Pastor Tom at Con- ference Pastors Meeting 7:30 Senior Choir Re- hearsal	30 6:30 Midweek Bible Study	31		

<u>Pastor's Office</u> <u>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)
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