

**SAINT JOHN'S
EPISTLE
JULY / AUGUST 2012**

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Dear Friends in Jesus,

I would like to highlight two things this month. First, I want to remind you of the **changeover to our "summer" Sunday morning schedule** that will take place **beginning Sunday, July 1**. On that day, and running through Sunday, September 2, we will gather for **Sunday School at 8:45 A.M.** (instead of our traditional 9:00) and **worship at 9:30 A.M.** (instead of our traditional 10:15). Worship will be planned to end promptly by 10:30 A.M. As was the case last year, when we tried this schedule for the first time, the hope is that this change will better enable those who have plans in the later morning or afternoon, such as family reunions, to still make it to worship and Sunday School. Hopefully this schedule achieves that goal while also not starting Sunday School at too early an hour for a summer Sunday morning. To make this schedule work, we will again dispense with our traditional Sunday School opening time and go straight to classes, which will run until 9:15. We will then have a 15-minute transition time to the start of worship. Worship & Music Committee, Sunday School Teachers & Officers, Congregational Council, and I received some very positive feedback after our trial use of this schedule last summer, but opted to again put it into effect only for these peak travel months of summer, instead of expanding its use all the way to Memorial Day weekend. Please speak with me or any member of these other leadership teams if you have any reactions to share this summer – for instance, regarding whether or not we should consider making it a whole summer schedule.

Second, if you have not already heard about our congregational website, I wanted to invite you to "surf" on over to our new home on the worldwide web, at the following address:

www.stjohnhillchurch.org

Our webmaster, Rachel Henry, has done a fantastic job of getting the website up and running, with lots of helpful and creative features. You'll notice that our address combines our traditional name, honoring our founding pastor John Michael Enderlein, and our traditional nickname, reflecting our location on this beautiful Hill. For starters, my hope is that our website will function in two ways. First, kind of like our signboard out in front of the church does for those who are not familiar with our congregation – giving them the basics of who we are and when we worship and have Sunday School and how to contact us – but with many more helpful tools than any signboard could ever have. Second, kind of like the monthly newsletter or weekly bulletin does for those who are already a part of the congregational family – giving a place to take a quick look to see when something is happening or what's new. To this end, the constantly updating daily calendar on the right-hand side of the homepage should be a helpful tool for us all. As time goes by, we will continue to expand the site and add functions. And, if you have an idea about something you would like to see on the website, please speak with Rachel or with me. One addition to the website that came about from just such a suggestion is the online registration option for Vacation Bible School – a great idea suggested by a member of the congregational family.

Blessings to you as summer really begins to get underway, and thank you for your help in making the recent Strawberry Festival such a great day! Please stay tuned for a final report on the Festival at the Vacation Bible School closing program on July 15.

Pastor Tom

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Congregational Council is looking to form a group to provide prayerful study of our present building facilities and reflection on what God may be calling us to be and do in the future. It is planned that the group will begin its work first thing in the fall. If you would be interested in serving, or to learn more, please speak with President Jim Watson or Pastor Tom.

AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A PART OF HISTORY

Please see the foyer display for information about how anyone (including family members or friends of congregational members – even out of the area) can sign up and donate to be a patron of our forthcoming History Booklet, which will cover the years 1980 to 2010. The form is self-explanatory, but please don't hesitate to direct any questions to any member of the History Committee or to Pastor Tom. The Committee hopes to really get the word out about this opportunity to support the publication of the book throughout the summer, and would sure appreciate your help in passing the word along to anyone you know who might be interested and who wouldn't already have a form.

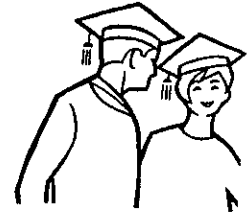


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE

A registration form for *Amazing Desert Journey*, our 2012 Vacation Bible School, was included in each May and June *St. John's Epistle*. VBS will be held July 9-13, from 6:30 to 8:30 each evening, with a closing program on Sunday morning, July 15, followed by the Annual Sunday School Picnic. Bible School is available for persons Nursery age through Grade 9. ***Registrations are already due but, if you have not yet gotten yours in, please contact Pastor Tom or any Sunday School teacher as soon as possible.*** We are looking forward to a truly fun and truly *Amazing Desert Journey* for all young persons through Grade 9!

IT'S SOON YARDSALE TIME AGAIN

Once again this year, all proceeds from our Annual Yardsale will go to the Domestic Disaster Fund of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The sale will take place in the pavilion on **Thursday, August 9, from 9:00 A.M. - ?; Friday, August 10, from 9:00 A.M. - ?; and Saturday, August 11, from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon.** Help will also be needed on Tuesday, August 7, to ready the pavilion for the sale (beginning at 6:00 P.M.); on Wednesday, August 8, to bring out and arrange the items for sale (also beginning at 6:00 P.M.); and on Monday, August 13, to pack up any leftovers (time to be announced). For now, please be thinking about when you might sign up to staff the yardsale and start gathering AND PRICING those treasures that you will have for sale!



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

This year, we honor five young persons upon their graduation from higher education, as well as four high school graduates. Completing their higher education experiences are **Taylor Denlinger**, who graduated on May 12 from Philadelphia University with a degree in Architecture; **Matthew Motter**, who graduated from California University of PA, also on May 12, with a degree in Environmental Science and a minor in Geology; **Chelsea Peters**, a mid-June graduate from Keystone Technical Institute in Harrisburg who completed a program of study enabling her to work as an Expanded Function Dental Assistant; **Dwight Switzer**, who completed his degree at Reading Area Community College on May 13; and **Gail Switzer**, who graduated from Albright College in Reading on May 20 with a 4-year degree in Business Administration and Psychology which she completed in only 3 years, with honors. Our high school graduates, all of whom received their diplomas on June 5 from Upper Dauphin Area, are **Grant Barder**, **Ethan Calnon**, **Shawnita Latsha**, and **Kelsey Rothermel**. We pray God's blessing on these young members as they celebrate these milestones and look to new opportunities and challenges!



AND CONGRATULATIONS, NEW PARENTS

The congregation's prayers and congratulations go to **Amanda & Jordan Dresel** on the birth of a son, **Brady Clark**, on Friday, May 18, at Harrisburg Hospital. Brady weighed in at 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 21 inches long.

...and to **Jason & Sandy Bixler** on the birth of their daughter, **Abigail Fawn Bixler**, also at Harrisburg Hospital, on Friday, June 8. Abigail was 19 inches long and weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces at birth.

Congratulations, too, to all of the proud members of the Peters and Bixler families as they celebrate the miracle of birth!

AND ALSO IN OUR PRAYERS...

We give thanks for the life and witness of **Sandy Stuban**, who died on the morning of Thursday, June 14, at her home in Fairfax, VA of respiratory complications from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), with her husband, **Steve**, at her side. As Pastor Tom wrote in his email message to the congregational family, "if ever a Christian sister or brother exemplified the words of the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 4:7 - *I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.* - it would be Sandy." It was Sandy's wish that Pastor Tom lead her funeral worship at the chapel at Arlington National Cemetery, where she will be buried next to her son, Nick. Since there is a waiting period for burials at Arlington, that day and time are not yet known as this *Epistle* goes to print, but will be shared as soon as they are available. We continue to remember **Steve**; Sandy's parents, **Bob & Lois Leshner**; and the rest of Sandy's family - as well as the many people she touched so profoundly through her courageous living with her illness, that the hope and peace of Jesus' resurrection promise may carry them through this difficult time.

PASTORAL ACTS

At the Font

Pastor Tom presided as three of our young members affirmed their baptisms and were confirmed on The Day of Pentecost, May 27. Having completed catechetical instruction with Pastor Tom, **Nicholas D'Alesandro, Marlee Mattern, and Zachary Thompson** made their promises during 10:15 A.M. worship. Afterward, they were each honored with, among other things, copies of our two past congregational history books and a decorative keepsake cross provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. We pray God's blessings upon these young persons, that they may be faithful and active servants of God through the coming years!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS – JULY / AUGUST

Youth Group members are again selling Sheetz coupon books as a fundraiser. Each booklet costs \$10 and contains over \$25 value in coupons. We appreciate your support of our fundraiser to help with our events. See any Youth Group member if you would like to purchase one.

July 18 – 23, 2012 is our big national gathering in New Orleans. The ELCA Youth Gathering (for senior high youth) happens every 3 years, and we are very excited for the trip. We have a big group traveling from St. John's – 13 youth and 5 adults/chaperones. Please pray for safe travels for our group which includes: Pastor Tom, Jodi & Brian Thompson, Angie Maurer, Jamie Doyle, Olivia Enders, Kaylene Maurer, Whitney Rudisill, Shannon Motter, Payton Stutzman, Marlee Mattern, Cody Thompson, Tim Bruner, Ben Paul, Bobby Paul, Logan Maurer, Nick D'Alesandro, and Zachary Thompson.

Hope everyone enjoys the summer!

Shannon Motter

Vice President, St. John's Youth Group



SUNDAY SERVICE FOR JULY 2012

Altar Guild for Month of July

Carol & Mike Hubler

Lector for Month of July

Carl Baumgardner

Usher's for July are (L) John Ferree, (E) Lorraine Henninger, Henry Henninger, Bonnie Boyer

JULY 1, 2012

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters – The D'Alesandro Family

JULY 8, 2012

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters- Miriam Hoover
Acolytes- Owen Mattern & Cameron Thompson

JULY 15, 2012

10:00 A.M. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM AND PICNIC

JULY 22, 2012

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters- Bob & Faye Weaver
Acolytes- Gracie Gehring & Owen Mattern

JULY 29, 2012

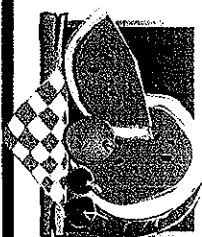
The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.


Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

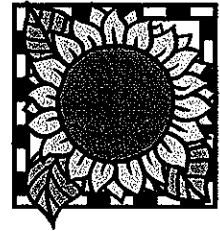
Greeters- Lynn & Helen Henninger
Acolytes- Zachary Thompson & Nick D'Alesandro

JULY 2012



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 The 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 8:45 Meeting of Persons Attending National Youth Gathering in New Orleans 9:30 <u>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</u> – Holy Communion</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Thomas, Apostle 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg.</p>	<p>4 Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>8 The 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word 6:30 Congregational Council Meeting</p>	<p>9 Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East 6:30—8:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>	<p>10 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:30—8:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>	<p>11 6:30—8:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>	<p>12 6:30—8:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>	<p>13 6:30—8:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>	<p>14 Pastor Tom's Day Off 7:00-9:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group Meets at the Church</p>
<p>15 The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Vacation Bible School Closing Program & Picnic 11:15 Mutual Ministry Comm. Mtg.</p> 	<p>16 6:30 Second Quarter Audit Committee Meeting</p>	<p>17 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 1:00 Gathering with Our Residents at the Manor at Susq. Village</p>	<p>18 Early Morning Pastor Tom & St. John Delegation of 13 youth and 4 Advisors Depart for National Youth Gathering in New Orleans</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 The 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word (Guest Worship Leader – Mr. James Watson) 7:30 Congregational Council Meeting</p>	<p>23 Mary Magdalene, Apostle (transferred from July 22) Pastor Tom & St. John Delegation Return from National Youth Gathering Late Night</p>	<p>24 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 6:30 Strawberry Festival Review/Wrap-up Meeting</p>	<p>25 James, Apostle</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>29 The 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word, with Sacrament of Holy Baptism</p>	<p>30 Pastor Tom on vacation through Tuesday, August 14 returning to the office on Wednesday, August 15</p>	<p>31</p>				



SUNDAY SERVICE FOR AUGUST 2012

I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life.
John 8:12

Altar Guild for Month of August Jean & Fred Weaver

Lector for Month of August The Ray & Joyce Matter Family

Usher's for August are (L)—Darrell Denlinger (E)—James Bullock, Martha Rebeck & Lois Leshar

AUGUST 5, 2012

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

Hymn Sing

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters- The Denlinger Family

AUGUST 12, 2012

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters - Ray & Joyce Matter
Acolytes- Reyann Cheatham & Allison Mace

AUGUST 19, 2012

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 9:30 A.M.

Holy Communion

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters - Harold & Pat Herb
Acolytes- Nick & Tyler D'Alesandro

AUGUST 26, 2012

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters - Fred & Jean Weaver
Acolytes- Cameron Thompson & Kelsey Henninger

August 2012



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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pastor Tom on vacation through Tuesday, August 14, returning to the office on Wednesday, August 15	2	3	4
5 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP – Hymn Sing (Guest Worship Leader – Mr. James Watson)	6	7 6:00 Pavilion Set-up for Congregational Yardsale	8 6:00 Yardsale Items Arranged in the Pavilion	9 Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East 9:00-?? Annual Congregational Yardsale	10 9:00-?? Annual Congregational Yardsale for Domestic Disaster Relief	11 9:00 – 12:00 Annual Congregational Yardsale Concludes 7:00-9:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group Meets at the Church
12 The 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word (Guest Worship Leader – Mr. James Watson)	13	14	15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord Pastor Tom Returns to the Office	16	17	18 Pastor Tom's Day off
19 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion	20 Deadline to Submit Items for September "St. John's Epistle"	21 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 7:00 Sunday School Teachers and Officers Mtg.	22	23	24 Bartholomew, Apostle	25 Pastor Tom's Day Off
26 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word	27	28 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg.	29	30	31	

Date	CHALLENGE	SURVEY	SAMPLER
July 1	2 Samuel 1:1--2:32	2 Samuel 1:17-2:7	1 Samuel 17:48-49
July 2	Psalms 90,91, 92, 93	2 Samuel 4:4-12	Psalms 91:1-2
July 3	2 Samuel 3:1--4:12	2 Samuel 6:1-19	2 Samuel 5:13
July 4	2 Samuel 5:1--6:23	2 Samuel 7:4-17	2 Samuel 7:16
July 5	2 Samuel 7:1--8:18	2 Samuel 9:1-13	2 Samuel 7:22-24, 28-29
July 6	2 Samuel 9:1--10:19	2 Samuel 11:2-27	2 Samuel 12:1-6
July 7	2 Samuel 11:1--12:25	2 Samuel 12:1-15	2 Samuel 12:7-10
July 8	2 Samuel 12:26--13:39	2 Samuel 13:1-19	2 Samuel 12:11-14
July 9	Psalms 94, 95; Proverbs 26:1-28	Matthew 21:1-11;22:41	Psalms 95:1-7
July 10	2 Samuel 14:1--15:37	2 Samuel 15:1-18	2 Samuel 22:1-4
July 11	2 Samuel 16:1--17:29	2 Samuel 16:1-14	2 Samuel 22:47
July 12	2 Samuel 18:1--19:43	2 Samuel 18:1-18	2 Samuel 23:1-5
July 13	2 Samuel 20:1--21:22	2 Samuel 19:4-15	Psalms 24:1-2
July 14	2 Samuel 22:1-23:7	2 Samuel 21:1-14	Psalms 24:3-6
July 15	2 Samuel 23:8--24:25	2 Samuel 24:10-25	Psalms 24:7-10
July 16	Esther	Matthew 6:25-34	Psalms 72:18-20
July 17	Galatians 1:1--2:21	Galatians 2:11-21	Galatians 1:1-5
July 18	Galatians 3:1--5:1	Galatians 3:21-29	Galatians 3:27-29
July 19	Galatians 5:2--6:18	Galatians 5:13-25	Galatians 5:13-15
July 20	Ephesians 1:1--2:22	Ephesians 2:1-10	Ephesians 2:8-10
July 21	Ephesians 3:1--4:32	Ephesians 3:14-21	Ephesians 4:15-16
July 22	Ephesians 5:1--6:23	Ephesians 5:1-20	Ephesians 5:1-2
July 23	Psalms 96, 97, 98, 99, 100	Psalms 100:1-5	Psalms 100:1-5
July 24	Hebrews 1:1--2:18	Hebrews 2:9-18	Hebrews 1:1-4
July 25	Hebrews 3:1--5:14	Hebrews 4:1-13	Hebrews 4:14-16
July 26	Hebrews 6:1--7:28	Hebrews 6:1-12	Hebrews 7:26
July 27	Hebrews 8:1--9:28	Hebrews 8:1-13	Hebrews 9:28
July 28	Hebrews 10:1--11:40	Hebrews 10:11-25	Hebrews 11:1-3
July 29	Hebrews 12:1-13,25	Hebrews 13:1-16	Hebrews 13:5-6
July 30	Nahum	1 Kings 1:28-40	Nahum 1:3
July 31	1 Kings 1:1--2:46	1 Kings 2:1-10	1 Kings 2:10-12

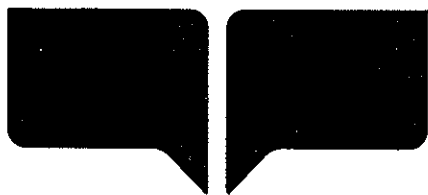


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CHALLENGE**SURVEY****SAMPLER****Date**

August 1	1 Kings 3:3-28; 4:20-34	1 Kings 3:3-14	1 Kings 3:10-14
August 2	1 Kings 5:1-7:51	1 Kings 5:1-12	1 Kings 5:5-6
August 3	1 Kings 8:1-9:25	1 Kings 8:12-26	1 Kings 7:51
August 4	1 Kings 9:26-11:43	1 Kings 11:1-13	1 Kings 10:23-25
August 5	1 Kings 12:1-13:34	1 Kings 11:41-12:11, 17-20	1 Kings 11:9-10
August 6	Psalms 102, 103, 104	1 Kings 16:8-24	Psalms 103:1
August 7	1 Kings 14:21-16:28	1 Kings 16:29-17:16	1 Kings 11:41-43
August 8	1 Kings 16:29-18:46	1 Kings 18:17-46	1 Kings 16:21
August 9	1 Kings 19:1-20:43	1 Kings 19:1-16	1 Kings 7:1
August 10	1 Kings 21:1-22:53	1 Kings 21:1-19	1 Kings 19:9-14
August 11	2 Kings 1:1-2:25	2 Kings 2:1-14	2 Kings 2:15
August 12	2 Kings 4:1-7:20	2 Kings 4:8-17	2 Kings 5:1-3, 13-14
August 13	Psalms 105, Proverbs 27:1-27	2 Kings 8:1-19	Psalms 105:1-4
August 14	2 Kings 8:1-9:37	2 Kings 9:1-3, 17-28	2 Kings 8:1-6
August 15	2 Kings 10:1-12:21	2 Kings 11:21-12:16	2 Kings 12:10-16
August 16	2 Kings 13:1-15:38	2 Kings 13:14-25	2 Kings 13:14-19
August 17	2 Kings 16:1-17:41	2 Kings 17:1-18	2 Kings 17:5-8, 19-20
August 18	2 Kings 18:1-20:21	2 Kings 18:1-8, 15-34	2 Kings 19:29-31
August 19	2 Kings 21:1-22:20	2 Kings 22:1-13	2 Kings 22:1-2, 8
August 20	Psalms 107, 109, 110	2 Kings 23:1-25	Psalms 107:23-32
August 21	2 Kings 23:1-25:30	2 Kings 24:8-20	2 Kings 23:21-25
August 22	Philippians 1:1-2:30	Philippians 2:1-11	Philippians 2:5-11
August 23	Philippians 3:1-4:23	Philippians 4:4-13	Philippians 4:4-9
August 24	Daniel 1:1-2:49 (skim 7-8)	Daniel 2:25-48	Daniel 1:17-20
August 25	Daniel 1:1-4:37 (skim 9-10)	Daniel 3:8-29	Daniel 6:16-18
August 26	Daniel 5:1-6:28 (skim 11-12)	Daniel 6:6-23	Daniel 6:19-23
August 27	Psalms 111, 112, 113, 114, 115	John 1:1-18	Psalms 113
August 28	John 1:1-51	John 2:1-11	John 1:1-5
August 29	John 2:1-3:36	John 3:1-21	John 3:16
August 30	John 4:1-5:47	John 4:5-42	John 4:24-26
August 31	John 6:1-71	John 6:22-40	John 6:35



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