

SAINT JOHN'S
EPISTLE
JULY / AUGUST 2015

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Dear Friends in Jesus,

I'm delighted to report that there is a new digital way to keep in touch with your congregational family – in addition to receiving your regular email messages from me and surfing over to our congregational website, you can now “follow us” or “like us” on Facebook!

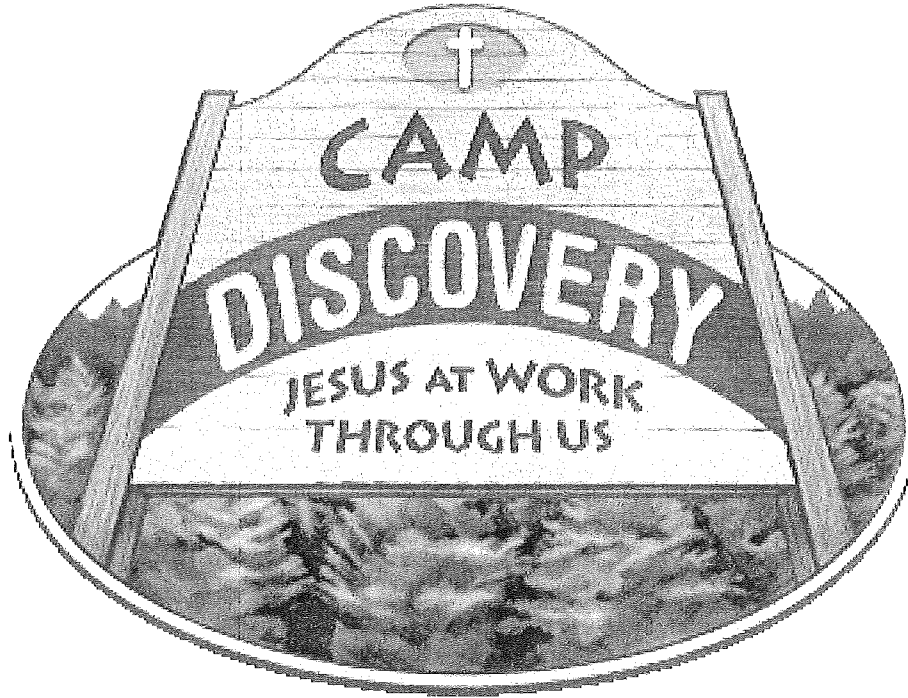
On the evening of June 10, just as our Annual Strawberry Festival was winding down, I asked Naomi Rudisill if she might be willing to create a presence for us on Facebook, and she got right to work. With support from our webmaster, Rachel Henry, Naomi already has news posted about important upcoming events, as well as photos from the Strawberry Festival. Naomi will be continuing to serve as our administrator, with Rachel continuing to consult as needed.

In the years since we established the website and I began to communicate with a congregational emailing list, I've had a number of folks tell me that, while they don't surf the internet or check their emails very often, they do connect with Facebook, so I'm hoping that our Facebook page will help to fill that communication gap. (Now, it's important to mention that, since Facebook is a very public venue, we won't be posting my pastoral email messages about prayer joys or concerns there. For those, you will still need to get the word via email – or the telephone prayer chain, if you are a part of that ministry. But I will make sure that my pastoral emails that deal only with congregational “breaking news” of some sort do make it to Facebook.)

Naomi's and my goal is to make our Facebook page a useful and enjoyable tool for the whole congregational family. We have only begun to tap into the capabilities that it offers, and there will be much more to come in the months and years ahead. Please don't hesitate to talk with Naomi or me if you have an idea about a way to improve or add to it. *And, of course, for starters, don't forget to find us and like us (and please consider sharing us with others) on Facebook – search for “St John Evangelical Lutheran Church”!*

Pastor Tom

VBS REGISTRATION



**Summer memories are made at VBS,
so mark your calendars today!**

WHEN: Monday, July 20 to Friday, July 24 – 6:30-8:30

WHERE: St. John Lutheran Church, The "Hill Church," in Berrysburg, PA

WHAT: *CAMP DISCOVERY*

At Camp Discovery, we will learn about Jesus, our Savior, meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more!

LET'S HAVE S'MORE FUN!



Child's Name _____ Age _____

Last Grade Completed _____

*Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

*Alternate Name and Phone # in case of Emergency _____

*Please indicate any allergies or medical concerns _____

All children under the age of 3 must be accompanied by an adult.

Please return this form before July 13, 2015.

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 13, from 9:00 A.M. - ?; Friday, August 14, from 9:00 A.M. - ?; and Saturday, August 15, from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon. Help will also be needed on Tuesday, August 11, to ready the pavilion for the sale (beginning at 6:00 P.M.); on Wednesday, August 12, to bring out and arrange the items for sale (also beginning at 6:00 P.M.); and on Monday, August 17, 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!

PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS!

On Sundays through September 6 (Labor Day weekend), when the Senior Choir is on “vacation”, it would be great to have other St. John family members share their musical gifts in worship during the offering time, when the choir would usually sing. Any type or style of music is welcome, whether vocal or instrumental (or a combination), by one person, a duet, or a group. Please see Pastor Tom or Judy Ferree with any questions, or to “sign up”.

PASTORAL ACTS

At the Font

On the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 24, Pastor Tom presided as two of our young members, who had previously completed two years of instruction with him, made affirmation of their baptisms and were confirmed: **Reyann Cheatham** and **Ryan Henninger**. May God bless this sister and brother in this faith milestone!

At the Graveside

Pastor Tom presided at funeral worship for **Donald “Chap” Howard**, whose faith roots were in our congregational family and who was related to a number of our congregational family members, following his death at his home on May 21. Worship was held at the Hoover-Boyer Funeral Home in Elizabethtown on May 27. We pray that God will grant rest and peace to Donald, and the hope and joy of the Resurrection to his family and loved ones.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We celebrate with three of our young persons upon their graduation from high school, all of whom received their diplomas on June 4 from Upper Dauphin Area High School: **Joshua Lebo**, **Marlee Mattern**, and **Logan Maurer**.

The congregation’s prayers and congratulations also go to our five graduates from higher education. They are: **Jacob Paul** – Received Bachelors Degree in Business from West Chester University of PA, beginning employment with Tyco Industries.

Devin Radel – Received Bachelors Degree in Biology, along with a Minor in the area of Wildlife & Fisheries Science, from the Pennsylvania State University, planning to begin employment with the Commonwealth of PA and work on a Masters Degree at Shippensburg University of PA in the fall.

Courtney Rudisill – Received Bachelors Degree in Medical Imaging from Bloomsburg University of PA on May 9, and graduated from the Geisinger School of Radiologic Technology on June 19, with a Certificate in Radiologic Technology. Beginning employment in a flex position in the General Diagnostic X-Ray Department at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

Dwight Switzer – Received Bachelors Degree in Education from Temple University.

Gayle Switzer – Received Masters Degree from Texas A&M University.

We pray God’s blessing on these congregational family members as they celebrate these milestones and look to new opportunities and challenges! If we have missed anyone, or if there are corrections or additional information to be shared, please contact Pastor Tom and it will be included in future *Epistles*.

UPDATES FOR CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY

In January of 2014, a new congregational directory was distributed with the Annual Report, intended to take the place of the address section in the pictorial directories that were published at the end of 2011. In order to keep your January 2014 directory up to date, until a new congregational directory is published this coming January, please make the following second set of changes (the first set of changes was published in the October, 2014 *St. John's Epistle*):

Additions

If you haven't already, please add the following members who were received in December:

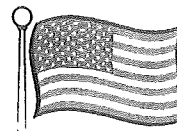
Rebecca & (Michael) Conte Elijah 143 S. Main St., PO Box 9 Berrysburg, PA 17005 570-262-2664	Arlene Donnelly 1553 Mountain Road Elizabethville, PA 17023 717-903-1304	H. Calvin & Janet Knarr 203 Watershed Road Klingerstown, PA 17941 570-425-2947
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David & Lori Klotz
401 N. Second Street
Lykens, PA 17048
484-553-8221 (D)
610-906-0545 (L)

Other Changes/Corrections

1. New address and phone for John & Helen Schade: 301 North St., Rm. #324, Millersburg, PA, 17061, 717-512-5691
2. Following her marriage last fall, delete Chelsea Peters from the listing of Scott & Melanie and create the following new listing:
BEARD, Chelsea & (Logan)
320 Spruce St.
Lykens, PA 17048
3. New address for Miana Erdman: 1006 Main St., Hegins, PA 17938
4. New street address for Connie Erdman-Enders: 232 Park Drive
5. Add to Judy McGarvey's address: 454 Mountain Road
6. New street address for Kristen Nichols: 159 Steve Lane
7. New address for Jody Specht: 16 Jones St., Harrisburg, PA 17113
8. New telephone number for Troy & Vickie Schaeffer: 570-640-0419
9. New address for Ryne Crabb & Family:
CRABB, Ryne & (Christina)
Makayla
191 Maurer Rd.
Elizabethville, PA 17023
10. Update Tonya Henninger's listing as follows:
HENNINGER, Tonya & (Sarah Bork)
Sadie
1554 E. Garfield St.
Seattle, WA 98112
11. New address for Alex Leitzel: 700 Mountain Rd., Lykens, PA 17048

Please Note: Since we no longer send bulk mailings, and in many cases no longer send any mail at all to some member homes, we no longer have a reliable way of getting address updates. Please notify Pastor Tom of any address changes that you do not see reflected above, and of any future changes, as quickly as possible. Thank you for helping keep our congregational records as accurate as possible!



SUNDAY SERVICE FOR JULY 2015

(Summer Time Schedule)

Altar Guild for Month of July

Carol & Mike Hubler

Lector for Month of July

Carl Baumgardner

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

JULY 5, 2015

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

***Sunday School* 8:45 A.M.**

Greeters -- Fred & Jean Weaver

JULY 12, 2015

The 7th Sunday after Pentecost

***WORSHIP* 9:30 A.M.**

***Sunday School* 8:45 A.M.**

Greeters- The Clint Gehring Family

Acolytes- Reyann Cheatham & Ryan Henninger

JULY 19, 2015

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

***WORSHIP* 9:30 A.M.**

***Sunday School* 8:45 A.M.**

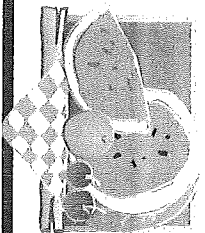
Greeters- The Lehman Family

Acolytes- Aidan Roadcap & Kelsey Henninger

JULY 26, 2015

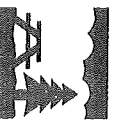
10:00 A.M. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLOSING PROGRAM AND PICNIC

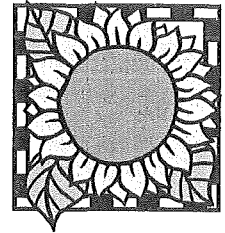
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**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Thomas, Apostle	4 Pastor Tom's Day OFF Independence Day
5 The 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP - Colonial Order with Holy Communion	6 Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off	7 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting	8	9 <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i>	10 6:00 Rehearsal for Buffington/Vassar Wedding	11 7:00-9:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group Meets at the Church 11:00 Marriage of Jeffrey Buffington Jr. & Stephanie Vassar
12 The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word, with Sacrament of Holy Baptism 10:30 Mutual Ministry Comm. Mtg. 4:00 Congregational Council Meeting	13 Pastor Tom's Day off instead of 7/11	14 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting	15 Pastor Tom and St. John delegation Depart for National Youth Gathering in Detroit—Morning	16	17	18
19 The 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word-Guest Worship Leader, Jim Watson Pastor Tom and St. John Delegation Return from National Youth Gathering—Late Day	20 6:30—8:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	21 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 6:30—8:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	22 Mary Magdalene, Apostle 6:30—8:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	23 6:30—8:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	24 6:30—8:30 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	25 James, Apostle Pastor Tom's Day Off 9:00 A.M. Pavilion Set-up for Vacation Bible School Closing Program
26 The 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 Vacation Bible School Closing Program 11:30 Annual Sunday School Picnic	27	28 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting	29	30	31 Rehearsal for Kell/MacCreedy Wedding (Yuengling Mansion, Pottsville)	





SUNDAY SERVICE FOR AUGUST 2015

Summer Time Schedule

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)—Joseph doyle (E)—Tammy Spicher, Martha Rebuck & Lois Leshner

AUGUST 2, 2015

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
Worship 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters- John & Judy Ferree
Acolytes- Cameron Thompson & Gabe Gehring

AUGUST 9, 2015

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost
OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters - Delmar & Ginny Enders

AUGUST 16, 2015

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters - The Craig Shade Family
Acolytes- Owen Mattern & Cameron Thompson

AUGUST 23, 2015

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship 9:30 A.M.
Hymn Sing

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters - The Lynn Mace Family
Acolytes- Aidan Roadcap & Eli Conte

AUGUST 30, 2015

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School 8:45 A.M.

Greeters - The Baumgardner Family
Acolytes- Gabe & Gracie Gehring

August 2015

Sun

Mon

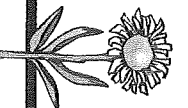
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									1 11:00 Marriage of Kris Kell & Gary MacCreedy (Yuenling Mansion, Pottsville)																				
2 The 10th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Sacrament of Holy Baptism	3 Pastor Tom's Day Off (instead of 8/1)	4 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 7:00 Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting	5	6	7	8 Pastor Tom's Day Off 7:00-9:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group Meets at the Church	9 The 11th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i> 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 <u>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</u>	10	11 6:00 Pavilion Set-up for Congregational Yardsale <i>Pastor Tom on Vacation Through Wednesday, August 25, returning to the office on Thursday, August 27</i>	12	13 9:00-?? Annual Congregational Yardsale Domestic Disaster Relief	14	15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord 9:00 - 12:00 Annual Congregational Yardsale Concludes	16 The 12th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word (Guest Worship Leader—Mr. James Watson)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Old Fashioned Hymn Sing (Guest Worship Leader—Mr. James Watson)	24 Bartholomew, Apostle	25	26	27 <i>Pastor Tom Returns to the Office</i>	28	29 Pastor Tom's Day Off	30 The 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word	31

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PARISH STAFF

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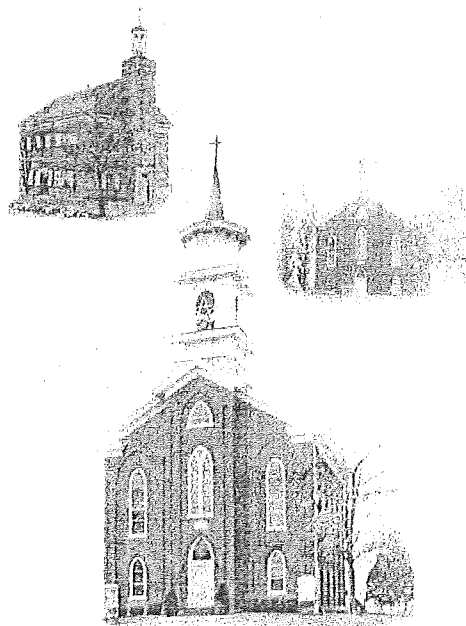
Pastor's Office Hours:

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.



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