



## **Saint Johns Epistle**

July / August 2016

### **St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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

Dear Friends in Jesus,

I wanted to use this space this month to share with you a couple of updates and several thank you's with regard to our ministry of communication and outreach. First the updates...

After many, many years of faithful service, **Sandy Paul** officially "retired" as our Secretary – responsible for the preparation of bulletins and newsletters and other hard copy documents – as of the beginning of June. Effective June 1, **Rebecca Conte** has taken on this important role, and you will find her contact information on the cover of this **St. John's Epistle**.

Also, early in June, **Naomi Rudisill** handed off her duties as the administrator of our congregational Facebook page to **Heidi Lehman**. Naomi was the one who got that Facebook page up and running almost exactly a year ago, and who has faithfully kept it updated, and Heidi will now bring her creativity to this important social media presence.

In addition to these changes, **Rachel Henry** continues to serve as our congregational webmaster, responsible for keeping our congregational family website – [www.stjohnhillchurch.org](http://www.stjohnhillchurch.org) – useful and attractive and up-to-date, and **Amanda Baker** has created and now administers a separate Facebook page devoted to events and news pertaining to her work in ministry with our children and youth.

Please join me, as you see them, in thanking Sandy and Naomi for their past service and Becky, Heidi, Rachel, and Amanda for carrying on and continuing to develop the various ways in which we as a congregational family share the Good News – the Gospel – on paper and online!

**Pastor Tom**

## NEWS FROM AMANDA

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to their summer! It is such a great time to spend with family, friends, and loved ones. I wanted to remind you all of some special dates coming up, and a few things that we have decided to add to the summer event schedule. The first thing coming up is the outdoor movie we are going to be showing on July the 12<sup>th</sup>. The movie being shown is ***Inside Out***, a kid's movie all about the different emotions we have as humans. I saw this when it first came out and loved it. Inside out is a very family friendly movie, and was reviewed by several Christian publishers who all gave it a big thumbs up! We will be showing the movie outside against the side of the barn. If weather happens to be a problem that night, the movie will still happen, but it will be under the pavilion. However, if it becomes weather that interrupts the movie we will move it inside. Under all circumstances, the movie will still be shown. The theme of the movie night is going to be similar to a 50's ice cream parlor. We will have boxes of popcorn as well as ice cream served up by the youth and myself. The next thing I wanted to remind everyone of is that every second Sunday of the month children and youth have breakfast during church. The next thing on the list is Bible School which will take place starting July 18<sup>th</sup> and going until July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Similarly to the past, there will be a picnic at the end of Bible school on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>. The picnic this year is going to be a little bit different. I am theming it "Christmas in July." The picnic will be held outside at the pavilion and will be decorated with an assortment of Christmas decorations. Yet another thing to remind everyone of is service day on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please bring a change of clothes for kids, or send them to church in old clothes this day, as many of them will be working outside helping to clean up around houses, and getting dirty. Finally, the last thing tentatively on the schedule for this summer, and new to St. Johns, is an end of the summer/beginning of school kickoff at Knoebels on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. There is currently a sheet in the lobby for those interested in going to sign up. This list is for me to see if there are enough people interested to go. So if you have any interest at all, please sign that sheet, or come see me. If this trip does happen, I will have another signup sheet for those wishing/willing to bring a covered dish. If we do this, it will cut down on cost to have Knoebels cater the outing. I have already called and have a pavilion on hold for us if we choose to go. If we go to Knoebels, we will have church that Sunday as normal, but promotion will start taking place at 9, with Sunday school to start at 9:30, to have everyone on their way by 10:30 up to the park.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! Enjoy your vacations and time with family and friends. I know I sure will! I pray for safe travels for all this summer, and pray we come together safely each Sunday.

Peace and blessings,  
Amanda Baker

# VBS REGISTRATION



**Summer memories are made at VBS.  
So mark your calendars today!**

**WHEN:** Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 22 – 6:30-8:30

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

**WHAT:** *SURF SHACK*

At the Surf Shack, kids encounter God's awesomeness through Bible stories and learn how we're meant to experience an epic adventure each day.

**The SURF SHACK is the place to be, DUDES!**



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 10, 2016.**

## **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 11, from 9:00 A.M. - ?; Friday, August 12, from 9:00 A.M. - ?; and Saturday, August 13, from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon. Help will also be needed on Tuesday, August 9, to ready the pavilion for the sale (beginning at 6:00 P.M.); on Wednesday, August 10, to bring out and arrange the items for sale (also beginning at 6:00 P.M.); and on Monday, August 15, 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!

## **ST JOHN COLLECTIBLE AVAILABLE**

Cat's Meows of St Johns Church have arrived! The colorful resin replicas of our beautiful church are available for purchase for your own collection, and also make a wonderful gift for family members, and friends. The cost is \$15 per item. Please see me or Lois Watson to purchase. Thank you, Tamara Spicher

## **CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!**

In addition to Rachel Denlinger's graduation from the University of Cincinnati that was reported last month, we celebrate with **Zachary Thompson** and his family upon his graduation from Halifax Area High School on June 10! We pray God's blessing on Zach and on Rachel as they celebrate these milestones and look to new opportunities and challenges. **If we have missed any congregational family graduates, or if there are corrections or additional information to be shared, please contact Pastor Tom and it will be included in future *Epistles*.**

## **...AND NEWLYWEDS!**

Shayne Latsha was joined in marriage to Jessica Kelley at the bride's home church in Pillow on Saturday, May 28. Congratulations to Shayne and Jessica (and to the whole Lehman Family) – may God bless both bride and groom with the grace and strength to remain faithful to their vows of love and commitment!

## **...AND TO OUR OWN HALL OF FAMER!**

On Saturday, June 11, Jim Watson was inducted into the Capital Area Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg East. Jim was one of nine members of the "Class of 2016" and the following comes from the biographical information that was shared as a part of his induction:

### **Jim "Bull" Watson**

He was a multi-sport athlete at Steel – High in the late 50's and early 60's who was feared by many in the American Legion and Twilight Leagues.

He participated in the prestigious East – West All Star game at Connie Mack Stadium in Philadelphia for two years and earned MVP in one and runner – up in the other.

He played on the all Europe All Star team while he served 4 years in the Army. One year in Vietnam. Then he came home to play Double A ball for the Reading Phillies for 2 years. He still holds many records in the legion and twilight ball circuit. One he is very proud of is 67 consecutive scoreless innings.

He retired from pitching at 50yrs of age and is still involved in Baseball as a PIAA Umpire for the last 20 years. His brother Bob Watson was inducted in 2014.

**Congratulations Jim on this well-deserved honor!**



## WORSHIP SERVICES FOR JULY 2016

Altar Guild for Month of July

Pat and Harold Herb

Lector for Month of July

Carl Baumgardner

Ushers for July

(L) Sandra Lamenza (E) Lorraine/ Henry  
Henninger (LAY) Cheryl Shadle, Bonnie Boyer

JULY 3, 2016

*The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*OUTDOOR SERVICE*

Greeters- Lynn & Helen Henninger

JULY 10, 2016

The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters- Janet & Darrel Denlinger

JULY 17, 2016

The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters- Jeff Buffington

JULY 24, 2016

The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Greeters- Harold & Pat Herb

JULY 31, 2016

The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters- Fred and Jean Weaver

# July 2016

## ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
<b>3</b> <b>The 7th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 <b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b> (Colonial Order with Holy Communion) 9:30 Young Persons Sunday School / Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone	<b>4</b> Pastor Tom's Extra Day Off  <b>Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i> 7:00—9:00 Men's Prayer Group Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
<b>10</b> <b>The 8th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word 9:30 Young Persons Sunday School / Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone 10:30 Mutual Ministry Comm. Meet-	<b>11</b> <i>Pastor at Seminary</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Pastor at Seminary</i> 8:15 P.M. Movie Night Under the Stars with Ice Cream	<b>13</b> <i>Pastor at Seminary</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Pastor at Seminary</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Pastor at Seminary</i>	<b>16</b> Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
<b>17</b> <b>The 9th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word 9:30 Young Persons Sunday School / Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone	<b>18</b> 6:30-8:30 Vacation Bible School	<b>19</b> 6:30-8:30 Vacation Bible School	<b>20</b> 6:30-8:30 Vacation Bible School	<b>21</b> 6:30-8:30 Vacation Bible School	<b>22</b> <b>Mary Magdalene, Apostle</b> 6:30-8:30 Vacation Bible School	<b>23</b> 9:00 Pavilion Set up for VBS Closing Program Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
<b>24</b> <b>The 10th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:00 Vacation Bible School Closing Program ( <b>Outdoors</b> ) 11:30 Annual Sunday School Picnic	<b>25</b> <b>James, Apostle</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
<b>31</b> <b>The 11th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word 9:30 Young Persons Sunday School / Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone				July 11 - July 15 Pastor Tom at Seminary in Gettysburg for Continuing Education Class from the Afternoon of the 11th Through the Afternoon of the 15th		



## WORSHIP SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2016

*Altar Guild for Month of August*

*Jean and Fred Weaver*

*Lector for Month of August*

*The Ray and Joyce Matter Family*

*Ushers for August*

*(L) Lorraine/ Henry Henninger (E) Tammy Spicher  
(LAY) Martha Rebeck. Lois Lesher*

### AUGUST 7, 2016

The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
OUTDOOR SERVICE

Greeters- The Clint Gehrig Family

### AUGUST 14, 2016

The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters- The Lehman Family

### AUGUST 21, 2016

The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
OUTDOOR SERVICE  
(Old Fashion Hymn)  
Guest Worship Leader Mr. Jim Watson

Greeters- Ronald & Bonnie Erb

### AUGUST 28, 2016

The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Guest Worship Leader Mr. Jim Watson

Greeters - John & Judy Feree

# August 2016

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Congregation- al Council Mtg	<b>2</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
<b>7</b> The 12th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 <b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b> 9:30 Young Persons Sunday School / Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone  Youth Group Service Day	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM Sunday School Teachers & Officers Mtg	<b>9</b> <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:00 PM Pavilion Set Up for Congregational Yard Sale	<b>10</b> 6:00 Yard Sale Items Arranged in the Pa- vilion	<b>11</b> 9:00 - ?? Annual Congregational Yard Sale for Domestic Disaster Relief	<b>12</b> 9:00 - ?? Annual Congregational Yard Sale for Domestic Disaster Relief	<b>13</b> Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off 7:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:00- 12:00 Yardsale Concludes
<b>14</b> The 13th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word 9:30 Young Persons Sunday School / Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone	<b>15</b> Mary, Mother of Our Lord  <i>Deadline to Submit Items for September "St. John's Epistle"</i>  <i>Pastor Tom Begins Vacation</i>	<b>16</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
<b>21</b> The 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 <b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b> Old Fashioned Hymn (Guest Wor- ship Leader Mr. James Watson 9:30 Young Persons Sunday School / Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg.	<b>24</b> Bartholomew, Apostle	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
<b>28</b> The 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the World (Guest worship Leader Mr. James Watson 9:30 Young Persons Sunday School / Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg.		<b>August 7 - Planned as young person's morning of service - please stay tuned for further information.</b>  <b>August 15—August 30 Pastor Tom on Vacation</b>  <b>August 21 - All events tentatively planned to take place at Camp Hebron, with outdoor activities to follow</b>		



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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)

Amanda's Office Hours:

Monday	8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Wednesday	8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

### 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.*

