

## ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

### *A Letter from The Pastor*

Dear Friends in Jesus,

Well, June is almost upon us and that means it's Strawberry Festival time! That's right – as your family calendar hopefully already indicates, **June 12** is the big day. But, as with any event of this size, there is a lot more going on than the actual hours of serving on June 12. Here are most of the scheduling details to bear in mind:

- +**Tuesday, May 28, starting at 5:30 P.M.** – combined first work night to begin getting the pavilion cleaned up and ready for the Festival and church outside spring property work accomplished (as we did successfully last year, we are consolidating what have traditionally been two annual work nights into one slightly longer evening, but lots of help will be needed.)
- +**Friday, June 7, starting at 8:00 A.M.** – ham and bar-b-que preparation
- +**Saturday, June 8, starting at 8:00 A.M.** – chicken soup preparation
- +**Monday, June 10, starting at 8:00 A.M.** – bean soup and shortcake preparation
- +**Tuesday, June 11, starting at 6:30 A.M.** - strawberry pie preparation
- +**Tuesday, June 11, starting at 6:00 P.M.** – strawberry preparation and final cleanup of the pavilion and grove
- +**Wednesday, June 12, starting at 8:00 A.M.** – all of the final “moving around, hooking up, and plugging in” at the grove and pavilion
- +**Wednesday, June 12, starting at 11:30 A.M.** – we welcome our guests from Premier at Susquehanna and prepare to open to the public
- +**Wednesday, June 12, starting at 12:00 P.M.** – ***WE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***
- +**Wednesday, June 12, starting at approx. 2:30 P.M.** – entertainment by Brad Crum, appearing as Elvis
- +**Wednesday, June 12, starting at 4:00 P.M.** - brief concert by our own young persons, the Celebration Choir, under the direction of Miss Laurie
- +**Wednesday, June 12, starting after 4:30 P.M.** – entertainment by the group Shotgun (which includes our own Darrell Denlinger and Barry Williard!)



Our Strawberry Festival is an event by which our caring and hospitality are known far and wide. The Strawberry Festival is an event by which we serve as Jesus served – on June 12 by providing a warm and loving and safe time of fun for the whole family, and throughout the following year by using the proceeds to help our neighbors in need and to do many benevolent projects that would not be possible otherwise. Please remember that this annual tradition belongs to all of us and requires the support of all of us. ***If you can't be present during the day on June 12, please come after work or your other day's responsibilities – there will still be plenty of need for your help. If for some reason you cannot help at all on June 12, please consider helping on some of the other important dates. If physical limitations prevent you from providing that kind of support, please provide your financial support, especially with the donations chart that is posted on the foyer bulletin board.*** Just as there are many parts of the one Body – all of them needed – so too there are many kinds of help and support that make up the Strawberry Festival – all of them needed as well. Please see the list of committee assignments that was included with the May *Epistle*. If by chance you have lost or misplaced yours, please don't hesitate to contact me for another one.

***PASTOR TOM***

### **PASTORAL ACTS**

#### At the Graveside

Pastor Tom presided at funeral worship for **Harry “Bud” Weaver**, following his death at The Gardens at West Shore in Camp Hill on April 25. Worship was held at the church on May 3, with interment in Maple Grove Cemetery in Elizabethtown. We pray that God will grant rest and peace to our brother Bud, and the hope and joy of the Resurrection to Bernice and the rest of his loved ones!

*News from Miss Laurie*  
*Young Christians Minister*

Happy ALMOST summer, everyone! I can't believe our school years are coming to an end – it seems like we just got started! Congrats to ALL our grads from pre-school through college! Best of luck with your next endeavors!!

It's June, so you know what that means ..... it's Strawberry Festival time! Yum!!! This year, the festival is on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>! The "Celebration Station" will be back again this year with face painting, treats, and fun with Sunny! Check us out between 2:00 and 6:00! Also, the "Cotton Tails" will be performing at 4:00 (right after Elvis)! Plan to join us for the fun!

More fun is on the way over the summer months – here is a preview:

***Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>*** - Drive-in Movie Night

***July 22<sup>nd</sup> – July 25<sup>th</sup>*** - "To Mars and Beyond" VBS (Please let me know if you are interested in helping!!)

***Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>*** - VBS Sunday and Sunday School Picnic

***Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>***, 7:00 pm - the "Cotton Tails" will be performing during the Berrysburg Bicentennial Worship Service here at St. John's

***Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>*** - the "Cotton Tails" will be singing on our SONday Celebration float in the Bicentennial Parade

***Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>*** – Water Fun Night

Mark your calendars for ALL of the above – there's always something fun going on at the "Hill"! I know there's a lot going on over the summer – hopefully our fun activities will be part of your plans!! Look for more information on these events in my weekly emails!

Also a reminder – we've started our Summer Schedule so through September 8<sup>th</sup>, SONday Celebration meets from 9:30-10:30 each Sunday morning! Come join the celebration and get your Sundays off to a SON-ny start!!

Wishing you a happy, safe, and blessed summer!! Don't forget the sunscreen! And as always, hope to see you at the celebrations!!

***Miss Laurie***



## 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.*

## *Weekly and Monthly Ministry Sponsorship Opportunities*

A sponsorship calendar for our weekly altar flowers is posted on the south closet door in the foyer, where interested persons can sign up to sponsor those flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or event. Please direct any questions to Coordinator Yalonda Rabenold (717-362-2454). Also on the foyer bulletin board are sign-up sheets for three important monthly ministries: 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, and please speak with Pastor Tom to learn more about any of these ministry sponsorship opportunities.

### *Sharing a Musical Gift*

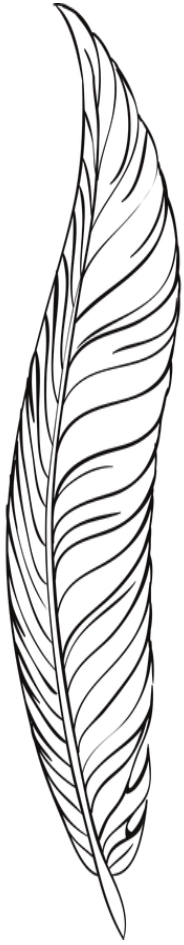
On Sundays from June 16 through September 1 (Labor Day weekend), when the Senior Choir is on "vacation", it would be great to have other St. John family members share their musical gifts in worship during the offering time, when the choir would usually sing. Any type or style of music is welcome, whether 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".



### *Congratulations!*

Our prayers and congratulations go to two couples recently joined in marriage in civil ceremonies: to **Callie Spicher & Kyle Fenninger**, who were married on March 9 in Stowe, VT, and to **Connie Erdman-Enders & Scott Howard**, who celebrated their marriage at their home in Elizabethville on April 18. May God bless them and give them strength and grace to remain faithful to their vows of commitment!

## JUDGE GENTLY



PRAY DON'T FIND FAULT WITH THE MAN WHO LIMPS,  
OR STUMBLES ALONG THE ROAD,  
UNLESS YOU HAVE WALKED A MILE IN THOSE SHOES  
OR STRUGGLED BENEATH HIS LOAD  
THERE MAY BE TACKS IN HIS SHOES THAT HURT,  
THOUGH HIDDEN AWAY FROM VIEW;  
OR THE BURDEN HE BEARS, PLACED ON YOUR BACK  
MIGHT CAUSE YOU TO STUMBLE, TOO.

DON'T SNEER AT THE MAN WHO'S DOWN TODAY  
UNLESS YOU HAVE FELT THE BLOW  
THAT CAUSED HIS FALL, OR FELT THE SAME  
THAT ONLY THE FALLEN KNOW.  
YOU MAY BE STRONG, BUT STILL THE BLOWS  
THAT WERE HIS, IF DEALT TO YOU  
IN THE SELF SAME WAY AT THE SELF SAME TIME,  
MIGHT CAUSE YOU TO STAGGER TOO .

DON'T BE TOO HARSH WITH THE MAN WHO SINS  
OR PELT HIM WITH WORDS OR STONES,  
UNLESS YOU ARE SURE, YEA, DOUBLY SURE,  
THAT YOU HAVE NO SINS OF YOUR OWN.  
FOR YOU KNOW PERHAPS, IF THE TEMPTER'S VOICE  
SHOULD WHISPER AS SOFT AS YOU  
AS IT ID TO HIM HEN HE WENT ASTRAY,  
'TWOUD CAUSE YOU TO FALTER, TOO.

Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

St. John cookbooks will be available for purchase from the Women of St. John at the upcoming Strawberry Festival. Take home one for yourself and remember they will make great gifts for family and friends.



The Women of St. John will be making homemade jam and jellies to be sold at the annual Strawberry Festival. Homemade bread will also be available for purchase. Proceeds from this project will go to the "Snack Pack" program at the UDA elementary and middle schools. To maximize profit the ladies are gladly accepting 8 oz jars, flour, yeast, Crisco, and cash donations to help defray the cost of fruit and milk used in the preparation of these items. If you have questions are would like to make a contribution please see Janet Denlinger, Barb Bullock, Rachel Henry, Gail Billow or Ginny Enders. Thank You!

The Youth Group is interested in fixing up the outhouse area. Painting it and possibly adding another pollinator garden.

If anyone has any materials that are extra or laying around please let us know!

### Summer Schedule

*June 12 - Strawberry Festival, all youth are designated to help in the pavilion for the day! If you know a friend who would be willing to help please bring them along!*

*We are looking into having weekday evening get together instead of weekends for the summer! Please look for an email about this. We would want to do local activities since it is a weekend.*

*Miniature Golf  
Bowling  
Game Night*

*July 23-27 - VBS*

*Aug 3 - Drink Wagon at  
Berrysburg Bicentennial  
Parade*



# St. John's Youth Group

Presents...

## Our Little Caesars® Pizza Kit Fundraiser!

It's *Pizza!Pizza!®* time! Time for you, your friends, and your family to get your Little Caesars® Pizza Kits! Have them on hand for quick dinners, parties or entertaining! Buy several Kits and stock your freezers! We are asking everyone to sell 10 Kits to reach our goal. Thanks!

**Purchase your order with any youth group member OR**

**Pay for your order at [PizzaKit.com](http://PizzaKit.com).** You will have the option to pay via credit card for your personal purchase.

Place your orders online and pay by credit card.

Go to [PizzaKit.com](http://PizzaKit.com)

Click on '**Products**', then click on '**Shop**'

Select **Ship My Order to the Group**

Enter **Fundraiser ID # 370639**

Follow prompts to create your User ID

**Do not submit these orders on any Order Form you turn in to your chairperson.**

**Online ordering questions?** Call Little Caesars Customer Care Team

at (888) 452-5487 from 8:30am – 8:00pm EST

ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN JULY 14!

DELIVERY/ PICKUP WILL BE JULY 23, 2019!

## *Summer Lutheran Baseball Nights*

"Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> is the next Lutheran Camping Night at the Harrisburg Senators!! Tickets are \$11.00 each and \$4.00 from each ticket sale goes to the Lutheran Camping Corporation to benefit Camp Kirchenwald and Camp Nawakwa. Not only is it Lutheran Camping Night, it is also breast cancer awareness night. Wear your pink to help PAINT THE PARK PINK and show your support in the fight against breast cancer. The Senators will be wearing special pink jerseys which will be auctioned off during the game to benefit the American Cancer Society. If you are one of the first 1,000 fans (13 years or older), you will receive a free Senators breast cancer awareness t-shirt. Ticket orders must be received in the Senators' office by August 10<sup>th</sup>. Please see the newsletter for the flyer from the Senators, which includes the ticket order form. Any questions, see Olivia Williard for help."





# Join us for VBS July 22nd - 26th

6:30 P.M. - 8:45 P.M.

At St. John's Lutheran Church  
The "Hill Church", in Berrysburg

For More Information or to register call Miss Laurie @ 717-571-5058

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

April 14, 2019

The Council Meeting was called to order by President Dan Langhans.  
Pastor Tom offered prayer for Faye Weaver and devotional story – Will He Hurt Us?  
Meeting started at 4 PM.

Excused absences: Henry Henninger

Past meeting minutes approved with corrections; motion by Donna Rabenold; second by Dan Langhans.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications**

- Thank you letter from Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- Water test positive.
- “Stop the Bleed” training opportunity for tourniquet use in event of gun injury situation.
- Painting project – repaint the Sunday School area; one area at a time starting after Easter; offer of \$1500 not including paint. Property Committee to review this project.
- Concern stated for the sanctuary ceiling repair; Sandra Lamenza to research the project. Referred to the Property Committee for the April 30 meeting; focus on following committee procedure. Motion by Ron Erb; second by Pat Herb; passed by all attending.
- Vacation plans for Pastor: September 17 to 25 – Matt Williard as leader on Sunday; October 10 to 22 and December 25 to January 1 – Jim Watson as leader on Sundays. Motion by Dan Langhans; second by Barb Bullock; passed by all present.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Motion to accept by Sandra Lamenza; second by Donna Rabenold; passed by all present.

**Children and Youth:**

- Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 22 to 26.
- Motion to accept by Matt Williard; second Sandra Lamenza; passed by all in attendance.

**Treasurer Report:**

- Motion to accept by Pat; second by Donna Rabenold; motion passed by all present.

**Church Property:**

- Committee met March 26.
- Winter outside repair
- 2 pews moved.
- Old appliances to disposal

**Worship & Music:** Meeting March 19

- Working on summer worship
- Bluegrass group to perform

**Youth Ministry:**

- Bass Pro event canceled.
- \$1108 made at the Mid-Penn bank event.
- Lock In on Good Friday
- Help with the Easter Egg Hunt
- May 10 visit to Bethesda Mission planned.



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

April 14, 2019



**Mutual Ministry:** Meeting April 14

- Asking for too many donations?
- Perhaps more briefing about specific programs that need donations
- Old appliances need disposal.

**History:** Promote the church history books.

**Women's Report:** no report

- Cookbook is looking for recipes
- Family Fiesta – first Sunday in May
- Planning for jams and jellies

**New Business:**

- Strawberry Planning Meeting April 29
- Easter Breakfast – new format – continental

Next Council Meeting is May 5 after the Family Fiesta.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Erb ; second by Carol Hassinger; motion passed by all present.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darrell Denlinger, Secretary

**Treasurer Report – March 2019**

	<b>Prior Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Current	\$12,877.63	\$9,984.00	\$12,671.49	\$10,190.14
Benevolence	\$106.68	\$1,426.00	\$675.00	\$857.68
Children & Youth	\$2,546.52	\$1,157.00	\$1,486.18	\$2,217.34
Flower	\$57.03	\$285.25	\$ -	\$342.28
Improvement	\$8,057.06	\$8,276.27	\$506.06	\$15,827.27
Memorial	\$660.75	\$535.40	\$ -	\$1,196.15
Bicentennial	report pending			

## June Worship Schedule



Altar Guild

Mike and Carol Hubler

Usher's for the Month of June: Barbara Bullock (L), Lois Watson (E),  
Barry and Kim Williard (LAY)

### June Gifts

Celebrate Inserts -  
*Delmar and Ginny  
Enders*

### Altar Flowers

*June 2*

*Merle and Winifred  
Romberger Memorial*

*June 9*

*Pentecost*

*June 16*

*OUTSIDE WORSHIP*

*June 23*

*Mary Ann and Dennis  
Smeltz*

*June 30*

*Chris and Dana Klouser*

*\*as of print date,  
subject to change*

June 2, 2019

**Holy Communion**

Greeter

Teacher

John and Connie Shaffer

Pastor Tom

June 9, 2019

Greeter

Teacher

Robert and Faye Weaver

Helen Henninger

June 16, 2019

Greeter

Teacher

Lynn and Helen Henninger

Amy Gehring

June 23, 2019

Greeter

**Teacher**

Darel and Janet Denlinger

**Pastor Tom**

June 30, 2019

Greeter



**Teacher**

Jeff Buffington

**Fay Nichols**



# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion 9:30 SONDay Celebration for Grades 4 &amp; Younger</p>	<p>3 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 7:00 Sandra Lamenza and Pastor Tom Presenting St. John Congregational Scholarship at UDAHs Class Night</p>	<p>4 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 7:00 Sandra Lamenza and Pastor Tom Presenting St. John Congregational Scholarship at UDAHs Class Night</p>	<p>5 </p>	<p>6 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly Begins at Messiah College (Rachel &amp; Roy Henry and Pastor Tom attending from St. John)</p>	<p>7 8:00 (A.M.) Ham &amp; Bar-B-Que Preparation for Annual Strawberry Festival Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly at Messiah College (Rachel &amp; Roy Henry and Pastor Tom attending from St. John)</p>	<p>8 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly Concludes at Messiah College (Rachel &amp; Roy Henry and Pastor Tom attending from St. John) 8:00 (A.M.) Chicken Soup Preparation for Festival</p>
<p>9 <b>Day of Pentecost</b> 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:05 Congregational Council Meets to Prepare for Confirmation 9:30 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Celebration of Confirmation 9:30 SONDay Celebration for Grades 4 &amp; Younger 10:30 Monthly Youth Group Advisor Meeting <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i></p>	<p>10 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off (instead of Saturday, June 8) 8:00 (A.M.) Bean Soup and Shortcake Preparation</p>	<p>11 6:30 (A.M.) Strawberry Pie Preparation for Festival 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:00 (P.M.) Strawberry Preparation and Final Pavilion and Grove Set-Up for Festival</p>	<p>12 <b>ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL</b> 8:00 A.M. Preparation for Opening Begins at the Pavilion 11:30 A.M. Serving Premier at Susquehanna Residents 12:00 P.M. Opening to the Public</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off 6:30 Rehearsal for Erdman/Gessner Wedding (offsite) <b>Flag Day</b></p>	<p>15 <b>Deadline to Submit Items for July/August "St. John's Epistle"</b> Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off 4:30 Marriage of Miana Erdman &amp; Matthew Gessner (offsite)</p>
<p>16 <b>The Holy Trinity</b> 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 <b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b> 9:30 SONDay Celebration for Grades 4 &amp; Younger <b>Father's Day</b></p>	<p>17 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting</p>	<p>18 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 1:30 Pastor Tom Leads Worship at Polk Assisted Living, Millersburg</p>	<p>21 <b>Summer Begins</b></p>	<p>22 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off Drive-In Movie Night with Miss Laurie</p>
<p>23 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word, with Baptism of William Henry "Hank" Langhans 9:30 SONDay Celebration for Grades 4 &amp; Younger</p>	<p>24 <b>John the Baptist</b></p>	<p>25 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6:30 Rehearsal for Sollick/Thomas Wedding (offsite)</p>	<p>29 <b>Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b> 3:00 Marriage of Daisy Sollick and Wayne Thomas (offsite)</p>
<p>30 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Liturgy of the Word 9:30 SONDay Celebration for Grades 4 &amp; Younger</p>						

Pastor's Office

Hours:

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.  
*(Other times by  
appointment)*

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