

**SAINT JOHN'S
EPISTLE
MARCH 2013**

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Dear Friends in Jesus,

At the end of this month, we again have the opportunity to observe the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, as well as the "Three Days" or "Triduum" – the ancient title for the period that begins on Maundy Thursday evening and ends on Easter Sunday evening.

On the **Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, March 24**, our worship will include the celebration with palms (again making use of beautiful "fair trade" palm fronds that provide just compensation for small growers), as well as a dramatic reading by Vincent Lamenza of The Passion of Jesus According to St. Luke.

The Three Days begin four days later, on March 28, as we Christians focus on the very core of our faith – the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. From ancient times, the Three Days have been understood as one continuous period of worship. This means, for one thing, that our worship on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings ends without the usual Benediction – we're really not ending our worship, after all, merely taking a pause. This also means, much more importantly, that *our being in worship on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, is just as important as our being in worship on Easter Sunday morning*. Our schedule of worship and related activities for the Three Days will be as follows:

Maundy Thursday, March 28

At 7:00 P.M., we will gather for a Liturgy of Holy Communion, sharing in the mystery and the meaning of that Upper Room – the body and the blood given for us – the betrayal and desertion of our Lord. Reflecting that betrayal and desertion, our worship will end with the solemn stripping of the altar by members of altar guild as the senior choir intones the haunting words of Psalm 22.

Good Friday, March 29

At 7:00 P.M., we will gather for the Liturgy of Good Friday – a dark and solemn time featuring a dramatic reading of The Passion of Jesus According to St. John. Please note that Youth Group members will again read the principal parts of The Passion, getting together for a short "rehearsal" at 6:15 P.M. Please support them with your presence!

Holy Saturday, March 30

At 9:00 A.M., members of Youth Group will gather to set up for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, with the hunt getting underway at 10:00 A.M. for children in four age groups: preschool, grades K-1, grades 2-3, and grades 4-5.

At 7:00 P.M., we will continue our worship downstairs with a Liturgy of Readings and Prayer. This liturgy, a part of the Liturgy of Easter Vigil, features a series of lengthy readings from the Old Testament, telling of the creative and saving actions of God, beginning with Genesis 1, that point the way to the ultimate creative and saving action of Easter. There will be no music and no offering – only my reading by the light of a single candle, silence for meditation, and prayer.

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day, March 31

Following Easter Sunday tradition at St. John, a very brief Sunrise Worship will take place outdoors (weather permitting) from 6:30 – 6:45 A.M. From 6:45 – 7:00, all interested men of the church will prepare and set up for Easter breakfast, which will be served from 7:00 – 8:00. Following some clean-up time, and a Men's Choir rehearsal at 8:15, the annual Sunday School Easter Party, for all ages, will follow at 9:00. Our morning will conclude with a Liturgy of Holy Communion, featuring the great hymns of Easter, at 10:15 A.M. A special musical prelude, featuring our choirs, will precede this worship, so please plan to come approximately 15 minutes early.

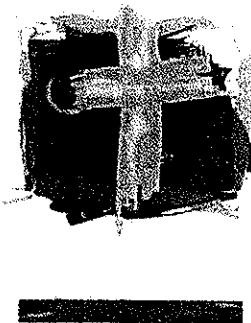
Please don't miss your opportunity to fully take part in this holiest of Christian holy times!

Pastor Tom

Bishop's Message for Lent - 2013

Dear Co-laborers with Christ,

Each summer for many years now, our family has traveled to a favorite vacation spot, a cottage on a lake in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains of upstate New York. From our home in New Cumberland, it is a driving distance of about 400 miles to our destination. Often we made the journey in one day, at least a total of eight hours of driving, mostly on interstate highways until the turn onto the last one hundred miles of scenic two-lane road cutting across the Mohawk Valley and into the mountains north of Cooperstown. It has always been worth the trip, knowing that at the end of the long drive, there will be time for relaxation, refreshment, and renewal.



In recent years, though, we have not made the hurried drive in one day. We have taken time to soak up the experience of the journey itself, breaking the trip into two days. We avoid the interstates and seek the back roads of Pennsylvania, looking for creative and often meandering routes to the New York line and beyond. We stop along the way to investigate places new to us, small towns with familiar or unfamiliar names, vistas previously missed or unseen: Centralia, Catawissa, Shickshinny, Eagles Meer, World's End and Ricketts Glen, Dimock, Sharon Springs and Canajoharie. Some of the sights are breathtakingly beautiful or touchingly quaint, while others are sad with age and depression, decay or abandonment. Along the way, we discover new sources of enrichment, new experiences, and a broader understanding of our country. The journey itself becomes an event, every bit as important to us as the destination.

The season of Lent is a journey. It lasts forty days, no matter which route we take. Along the way, we walk with Jesus through Galilee, into Samaria, on the road into Judah and ultimately to Jerusalem and Calvary. It begins with repentance and the knowledge of dim days ahead. It is a journey we make each year and, because it is familiar, might be a time we wish to skip through as lightly as we can, eager to put the dark days behind us and bask in the brightness of Easter. But the road must be traveled. The valleys and the shadows cannot be avoided. We cannot get to the empty tomb without this necessary journey.

This pilgrim journey passes through a world of beauty and opportunity, but also through valleys of death and cruelty that need to be explored. The Lenten pilgrim cannot pass by the hungry masses or those who clamor for justice and the recognition of their human dignity. Our minds and heart may be fixed on a distant horizon, but we cannot ignore or make light of the injustice, pain and deprivation we pass through on the way. Each day of the journey provides for the pilgrim tasks that must be undertaken.

We are not helpless in the face of such challenges, for we do not make the journey alone. We travel in community and Jesus walks with us. So we face the challenges on the way with hope. There is immense work to be done to restore and reconcile divided Christianity, to bring peace and understanding to those who fear and fight each other. There has to be a restoration of family life and a fostering of stable and united communities. These are tasks that involve us in all our different walks of life. But they do not distract us from our destination. In fact, it is because of our destination in Christ that we cannot ignore the tasks. The journey itself is a rich event. Let us savor it, engage in it, and grow through it, that the joy of our Easter destination may all the more astonish us with grace.

Faithfully, your bishop,

+B. Penrose Hoover

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH!

At its January 13 meeting, Congregational Council took action to request that we avoid handshaking until further notice, due to the severity of this flu season. When you arrive and meet the Greeters at the door, when you are asked to Share the Peace, and when you meet Pastor Tom at the door on your way home, please help by sharing a word of greeting but avoiding this direct contact.



MEN'S CHOIR TO SING

In preparation for Easter Sunday morning, our Men's Choir will be holding two rehearsals, which are open to male voices of all ages and levels of experience. These rehearsals will take place on Wednesday, February 27, from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. (*following the Community Lenten Worship at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, from which participants will likely need to leave a little bit early*) and Wednesday, March 27, from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. In addition, the men will hold a final, shorter rehearsal on Easter Sunday morning, March 31. To learn more, or to "sign" up, please speak with Ray Matter, Carol Hubler, or Pastor Tom.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PLANNING TO GET UNDERWAY

The first planning meeting for the 2013 Strawberry Festival will be held on Tuesday, March 5, beginning at 6:15 P.M. at the church. All interested persons are invited to attend. (As previously announced, the Festival itself is coming up on Wednesday, June 12 – please mark your family calendars as we begin to prepare for this annual event by which we are so well known in our community, near and far!)

SUMMER CHURCH CAMPING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Even though it is still winter, brochures and registration forms have already arrived for summer camping experiences at Mt. Luther, Nawakwa and Kirchenwald and, as you read this article, we have just hosted Mr. Mike Youse, Executive Director of our synodical camping ministry facilities, for a presentation on camping opportunities. Please don't forget that camping experiences are available for all ages and for all tastes in comfort. For St. John members who attend a camping experience, our Sunday School will pay a portion of the registration fee, making an already affordable experience that much more of a bargain! Please see our Camperson, Angie Maurer, for more information.

ORGAN PROJECT GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD

At Part 2 of our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 20, our congregational family voted to approve an organ upgrade proposal, received from Worship & Music Committee and Congregational Council, with the total cost of just under \$36,600 to be paid with accumulated interest from our Memorials Fund. The vote was: 87 Yes, 0 No, 1 "Undecided". It is planned that the work will begin in later summer.

PASTORAL ACTS

At the Graveside

During the month of February, Pastor Tom presided at memorial worship for two of our congregational family members. Memorial worship for **Sara Neagley**, who died at the Manor at Susquehanna Village on January 14, was held at the church on February 8. **Shirley Henninger** died at her home in Elizabethville on January 30. Her memorial worship was held at the Hoover-Boyer Funeral Home on February 4. We pray that God will grant rest and peace to Sara and Shirley, and the hope and joy of the Resurrection to Don and Richard, and to all of their loved ones.



CONGRATULATIONS, NEW PARENTS

The congregation's prayers and congratulations go to **Matthew Miller** and his wife, **Holly**, on the birth of a son, **Peyton Matthew**, on January 15, at Harrisburg Hospital. Peyton weighed in at 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

...and to **Camella & Michael Leitzel** on the birth of their daughter, **Madalyn Jency**, at the Hershey Medical Center, on January 25. Madalyn was 17 inches long and weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces at birth.

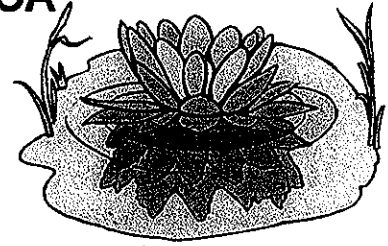
...and to **Tara & Matthew Dees**, on the birth of a son, **August Steven**, in California, also on January 25. (If you're "keeping score", you might notice that the fact that Madalyn and August were born to cousins Camie and Tara on the same day means that twin sisters **Louise Baumgardner** and **Lois Watson** also again became grandmothers on the same day!)

...and to **Alek & Adriane Peters**, whose son, **Kyan Alek**, was born at Harrisburg Hospital on February 11, weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces and measuring 20 ½ inches in length.

Congratulations, too, to all of the proud families as they celebrate the miracle of birth!

News from St John Women of the ELCA

Our next meeting will be on
March 10, 2013 at 6:00PM .
Our leaders will be Jean Weaver, Ann
Bruner and Heidi Lehman.



The women of St John have been busy with some of their out reach projects and it was decided to share some of our quilts with the homeless in the Harrisburg area. They will be sending 10 quilts with some youth of our area when they do their mission work. And another 10 quilts will go with our youth when they do their project at Bethesda Mission. God's blessings on the youth of our church and our area for their willingness to do this work.

Another project the women have decided to work on is the "Prayer Shawls" . If you can knit or corchet you can help with this project. There are two patterns to make these shawls with this newsletter that you can use. If you need help please contact Barbara Bullock. She is willing to help you.



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Cast on stitches in multiples of three - 54, 57, or 60. For example, if you use size 11 needles and cast on 54 stitches, 3 skeins of yarn is enough. Some yarns vary in elasticity which will affect your outcome, as will your knitting tension. If the yarn you have chosen has a multicolored stripe, be careful when tying on a new skein. Make sure the color sequence is correct. Also, tie on the new skein in the body of the shawl, instead of an edge, as the ends tend to show.

* First Row: k3, p3, to end

* Second Row:

Always start the next row with the opposite stitch of what you see.
For instance, if the first stitch on the needle is a knit, then start with a purl.

KNIT THE PURLS AND PURL THE KNITS!!!

It should NOT look like ribbing.

Note: If you cast on 57 stitches you will always start with K3

**Circle Your Church Calendar for March 10,
2013 from 0900 until 1000**

Whats going On?

Sunday School will reinitialize another hour long program on World Hunger. This we had been doing during much of the 80's, and 90's. It was not uncommon to have 70 or more of our members and friends for the program which would than kick off our yearly start and ending the 3rd Sunday in October.

Our theme for 2013 is Lifting up the Burden of Hunger

Since World Hunger and Even North American Hunger is an ongoing thing we must always be mindful of this. We can never let down our guard relative to the challenges facing all of us. I sincerely believe this program is vital to the ELCA. They make \$1.00 go very far. A standard many governments can only be envious of.

As your coordinator I am very proud of your participation and support provided for this program over the years and must give you a special Thank You for a job, not yet completed but never the less well done since 1979.

I was initially approached by Pastor Krenz to spearhead this program for our church. Having spent over 21 years in the active US Navy Destroyer Fleet from 1957 through 1976 I had seen World Hunger (WH) and destitution in more than 35 countries and well over 50 major cities in many parts of the world excluding South America. Sights and hardships like I seen 1st hand will be with me until the Lord calls me home. I was frequently a soft touch for the many children who would come up to us, while on liberty, looking for a small donation of their local coins or US coins if you had some.

Over the years your Sunday school would initiate an hour long WH kick off program some time during the Start of Lent. These would frequently include a meaningful service, appropriate hymns, prayer and scripture to the WH theme of the day, films and skits acted out by the children and teacher leadership.

We extend an invitation to our church and Sunday school members to join us on March 10, 2013 to kick off this new but old event. You will not be disappointed.

33 years from 1979 through 2011 is \$63,389.88. This number will increase for 2012 and that number will be revealed on March 10. The data is available since Jan 20,2013. If you are not over 20 who can provide me with the new numbers(3). Enough clues for now

See you than Faye Nichols, Larry Gessner and Pastor.

March 2013

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat



3 The 3rd Sunday in Lent

9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Confirmation Class
10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion
6:30-8:00 Prayerful Planning Group

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9:00 Blanket Making for LWR
7:30 Dartball Matchb
St. John at Valleys Church

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10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf.
Pastors Mtg.
6:15 Strawberry Festival Planning Mtg #1
7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal

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6:15 Lenten Supper and Worship Salem
United Church of Christ, (Pastor Tom Speaking)

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9 Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East
7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group at the Church
Pastor Tom's Day Off

10 The 4th Sunday in Lent

9:00 World Hunger Appeal Kickoff Event
10:15 Liturgy of the Word
6:00 Women's Group Meeting
7:30 Congregational Council Meeting
Daylight Savings Time Begins

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9:00 Blanket Making for LWR
7:30 Dartball Match -- Faith United Methodist at St. John

12

10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting
6:15 Sunday School Teachers & Officer Mtg.
7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal

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6:15 Lenten Supper and Worship at Trinity United Methodist Church, Elizabethtville

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Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off

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Pastor Tom's Day Off

17 The 5th Sunday in Lent

9:00 Sunday School & Confirmation Class
10:15 Liturgy of the Word
1:30 Dartball League Tournament at Valleys Church, Halifax
St. Patrick's Day 

18

9:00 Blanket Making for LWR
3:00-5:00 Pastor Tom at Cont Pastors Mtg.
7:00 Upper Dauphin Cont. Spring Assembly at St. Peters Lutheran Halifax

19

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus
1:00 Gathering at the Manor at Susqu. Village
6:15 Worship & Music Comm Mtg.
7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal

20

Spring Begins
6:15 Lenten Supper and Worship at Salem Lutheran Church
Elizabethtville
Deadline to submit Items for April "St. John's Epistle"

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Pastor Tom's Day Off

24 The Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Confirmation Class
10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Dramatic Passion Story Reading by Vincent Lamenza
6:00-9:00 Youth Group Fun Night

25 Annunciation of Our Lord

Pastor Tom's Day Off
9:00 Blanket Making
7:00 Church Dartball League Banquet

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10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf.
Pastors Meeting
6:15 Worship & Music Comm. Mtg.

27

6:00 Youth Group Meets to Prepare for Easter Egg Hunt
7:00 Practice for Maundy Thursday
8:00 Men's Choir Rehearsal

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Maundy Thursday
7:00 Liturgy of Holy Communion, concluding with Solemn Stripping of the Altar
8:00 Sr. Choir Rehearsal

29 Good Friday

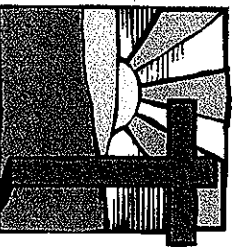
6:15 Practice for Passion Gospel Reading
7:00 Good Friday Liturgy including Youth-Led Reading of the Passion of Jesus

30 Holy Saturday

9:00 Youth Group Meets to Set Up for Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 Annual Easter Egg Hunt
7:00 Easter Eve Liturgy of Reading and Prayer

31 Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day

6:30 Brief Outdoor Easter Sunrise Worship
7:00-8:00 Easter Breakfast served by Men of St. John
8:15-9:00 Men's Choir Rehearsal
9:00 Sunday School Easter Party
10:00 Festival Prelude
10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion





WORSHIP SERVICES FOR MARCH 2013

Altar Guild for March

Ginny and Delmar Enders

Lector for March

Judith Cheatham

Ushers for March Carol Hassinger (L), Dale Hassinger (E) Bill & Karen Paulman

MARCH 3, 2013

The 3rd Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent- Jeff Lehman
Sunday School Pianist- Carol Hubler
Greeters- The Scott Peters Family
Acolytes- Owen Mattern & Bryce Roadcap

MARCH 10, 2013

The 4th Sunday in Lent

Sunday School Superintendent- Ken Koller
Sunday School Pianist- Lois Watson
Greeters- John & Judy Ferree
Acolytes- Tyler D'Alesandro & Blair Warner

MARCH 17, 2013

The 5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday School Superintendent- Fay Nichols
Sunday School Pianist- Judy Ferree
Greeter- Delmar & Ginny Enders
Acolytes- Gracie Gehring & Allison Mace

March 24, 2013

The Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent- Larry Gessner
Sunday School Pianist- Jean Weaver
Greeters- The Craig Shade Family
Acolytes- Reyann Cheatham & Kelsey Henninger

March 28, 2013

Maundy Thursday 7:00 P. M.
Holy Communion

Greeters- The Lynn Mace Family
Acolytes- Gracie Gehring & Katherine Gessner

March 29, 2013

Good Friday

Greeters- The Baumgardner Family

March 31, 2013

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent- Lynn Henninger
Sunday School Pianist- Louise Baumgardner
Greeters- The Maurer Family
Acolytes- Blair Warner & Cameron Thompson

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2013*

The Council Meeting was called to order by President Jim Watson.

Pastor Tom offered devotions.

Present – James Bullock, Jamie Doyle, John Ferree, Karen Gehring, Pat Herb, Ken Koller, Eric Mattern, Craig Peters, Sandra Shade, Cheryl Shadle, Jim Watson and Pastor Tom

Excused Absences –Kris Kell

Motion by Ken Koller, 2nd by John Ferree to accept the December Council minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

Midweek Lenten Services have been planned. St. John will host the first one on February 20, 2013. The theme will be Women of the Bible. Pastor Tom will be preaching at the March 6 service which will be held at Salem Lutheran. As in the past, there will be a meal at 6:15pm with worship at 7:15pm.

Discussed offering free meal to community periodically in E-ville, possibly once a month together with other local churches. First date may be scheduled for February 28.

Cub Pack #86 which we sponsor has chartering expenses of \$655 that they need assistance to pay. We did not contribute anything to their chartering expenses last year. Motion by John Ferree, 2nd by Craig Peters to contribute \$655 from the Bicentennial Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

The computer in the Sunday School room died. Marc Gessner was kind enough to donate a replacement computer.

Only 67 copies of our newsletter need to be mailed since many members agreed to receive the Epistle via email only. This will cost approximately \$30 at first class postage. We no longer need to renew our bulk mailing permit which is approximately \$200 per year. Motion by Jamie Doyle, 2nd by Cheryl Shadle not to renew the bulk mailing permit. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by John Ferree, 2nd by Karen Gehring to eliminate the Passing of the peace and hand shaking until further notice due to the cold and flu season. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Motion by Ken Koller, 2nd by Karen Gehring to accept Pastor's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Craig Peters, 2nd by Jamie Doyle to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Church Property: Light on the east side of the building which was donated by the Smeltz's has been installed. Generator will be run once a month and documented. Next meeting is January 29 at 6:15pm.

Finance Committee: 4th Quarter Audit is January 14th at 6:00pm.

Worship & Music: Meeting January 15th at 6:15pm.

Christian Education: Met January 8th. Reviewed Advent program and thought it went really well with the program being help upstairs. Mike Youst, a representative from Lutheran camping program will be here on February 24th. Discussed issue of low attendance in Sunday School especially by our younger members.

Stewardship: No report

Evangelism committee: Met December 11th. Went through membership roles of children below confirmation age. Next meeting February 19th.

Youth Ministry: Spaghetti Supper January 20th at 6:00pm.

Mutual Ministry: Met January 13, 2013 following worship and discussed that everything is running very smoothly in the congregation

Executive: No report

Nominating: New Congregational Council members were in attendance and welcomed.

History Committee: Patrons for History Book is being edited.

Green Team: Meeting will be held 2/10/13 at 2:00 to view "Truthland".

Other Reports: Long Range Planning committee scheduled 1/22/13 at 6:00-7:30pm.

Unfinished Business: Part 2 Annual Congregational Meeting January 20th – Presentation of organ repair followed by ballot vote is planned. Sandra Shade will be judge of election to tally the ballots. Judy Ferree is waiting for Karl Myers to confirm his attendance.

New Business: Reorganization

Motion by Craig Peters, 2nd by Sandra Shade to nominate Jim Watson for President.
Motion by Jim Bullock, 2nd by Karen Gehring to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Karen Gehring, 2nd by Sandra Shade to nominate John Ferree for Vice President.
Motion by Jamie Doyle, 2nd by Jim Bullock to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Carol Hassinger, 2nd by Ken Koller to nominate Jamie Doyle for Secretary.
Motion by Craig Peters, 2nd by Eric Mattern to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pastor Tom, 2nd by Sandra Shade to nominate Kris Kell for Assistant Secretary.
Motion by John Ferree, 2nd by Craig Peters to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by John Ferree, 2nd by Jamie Doyle to nominate Lorraine Henninger for Current Treasurer.
Motion by Craig Peters, 2nd by Carol Hassinger to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Karen Gehring, 2nd by John Ferree to nominate Sandra Shade for Assistant Current Treasurer.
Motion by Jamie Doyle, 2nd by Eric Mattern to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Craig Peters, 2nd by John Ferree to nominate Carol Hassinger for Farm & Improvement Treasurer.
Motion by Jamie Doyle, 2nd by Sandra Shade to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Carol Hassinger, 2nd by Eric Mattern to nominate James Bullock for Benevolence Treasurer.
Motion by John Ferree, 2nd by Sandra Shade to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Craig Peters, 2nd by Jamie Doyle to nominate John Ferree & Lorraine Henninger for Cemetery Board Representatives.
Motion by Jim Bullock, 2nd by Carol Hassinger to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by John Ferree, 2nd by Craig Peters to nominate Louise Baumgardner, Tamara Spicher and Lois Watson for Usher Chairpersons.

Motion by Jim Bullock, 2nd by Craig Peters to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jamie Doyle, 2nd by Jim Bullock to nominate Pat Herb for Finance Secretary.

Motion by Karen Gehring, 2nd by Ken Koller to close the nominations.
Motion passed unanimously.

Sweetheart Banquet February 16th at 6:00pm.

February ushers are Jim & Lois Watson and Eric and Angela Mattern.

Next Council Meeting: February 10, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church

Adjournment: Motion by Craig Peters, 2nd by Jamie Doyle to adjourn at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Doyle, Secretary

**Treasurers Report for
December 2012**

	Prior Balance	Receipts	Expenses	EOM
Current	7,907.95	14,674.25	18,405.50	4,176.70
Dec. Benevolence	-	-	-	Not Available
Memorial	36,240.48	743.92	1,500.29	35,484.11
Improvement	3,003.06	644.00	-	3,647.06
Bicent CkAcct	18,586.42	265.63	1,125.00	17,727.05
Bicent Svngs	5,300.19	-	-	5,300.19
Flower	145.11	387.25	503.75	28.61



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- Sandra Paul, Secretary rbpaul@epix.net.....362-4117
- James Watson, Council President loisbull17@gmail.com.....362-3247
- Lorraine Henninger, Prayer Chain Coordinator (no email).....362-9108

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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)



Parish Website: www.stjohnhillchurch.org

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Other Websites of Interest: Ev. Lutheran Church in America www.elca.org

Lower Susquehanna Synod www.lss-elca.org

