

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 270  
Berrysburg, PA 17005

*St. John's Epistle*  
*March 2017*



# From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Jesus,

Just when you were maybe beginning to wonder if the Season of Lent was indeed “on” for this year, we will observe **Ash Wednesday**, the traditional beginning of the Season of Lent, on **March 1 at 7:00 P.M.** with a Liturgy of Holy Communion, including the optional imposition of ashes. Those desiring to receive the mark of a cross, traced in ashes on their forehead, will come forward at the appropriate time in the worship, much as we come forward to receive Holy Communion. As is traditional here at St. John, those communing will have the option of receiving the wine from the common cup.

Then, on subsequent Wednesday evenings during Lent, we of the Lutheran, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist congregations of the Berrysburg and Elizabethtown area will again join together for a light supper and worship. The supper, consisting of simple items like soup and sandwiches, will begin at **6:15 P.M.** Following supper, at **7:00 P.M.**, we will join in worship. Worship will end by approximately 8:00 P.M. Once again this year, the host pastor of each congregation will lead the worship, while the pastors will each take turns preaching in a congregation other than their own. Our theme for this year’s Lenten series is based on the theme of the planned August 13 Elizabethtown Bicentennial worship – **Community of Believers**, and so, as planning continues for August 13, each of our Wednesday evenings will examine some biblical aspect of what it means to be a community of believers. The details for these Wednesday evenings are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Congregation</u>	<u>Preacher/Scripture Basis</u>
March 8	Trinity United Methodist Elizabethtown	Rev. Nathan Minnich I Thessalonians 4:18
March 15	<b>St. John</b>	Rev. Ray Holland Matthew 18:19-20
March 22	St. Peters United Church of Christ Crossroads	<b>Pastor Tom</b> Romans 12:4-5
March 29	Salem Lutheran Church Elizabethtown	Rev. Jeff Wagner Psalm 133/John 17:20-26
March 25	Salem United Church of Christ Elizabethtown	Rev. Jim Lewis Galatians 6:2

Please don’t miss these opportunities to have your faith refreshed and deepened, as we journey together through the Season of Lent. May God bless us as we once again make our way along this pathway that leads to the Cross!

**Pastor Tom**

PS: Later in this **St. John’s Epistle**, you will find the final piece of our 2016 Annual Congregational Report – the listing of “Memorial Fund Investments” as of December 31 – which we simply didn’t have by the January 9 deadline for inclusion in the Report. Also included herein is a corrected “Memorial Fund Money Account” report (p. 12 in the original Report). Adding the ending balances from the two reports together gives the total balance in our Memorial Fund as of December 31 - \$735,827.30, of which just over \$87,000 is accumulated interest and almost \$649,000 is principal.

# Contact Us

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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)

### Miss Laurie’s Office Hours:

Monday	2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday	2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Friday	9:00 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.*

## Upcoming Events

### **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PLANNING TO GET UNDERWAY**

The first planning meeting for the 2016 Strawberry Festival will be held on Tuesday, March 7, beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the church. All interested persons are invited to attend. (As previously announced, the Festival itself is coming up on Wednesday, June 14 – 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!)



### **MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE ST. JOHN WOMEN'S GROUP to feature Dana Klouser's visit to Israel**

On Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Women of the ELCA of St. John will receive a first-hand account of Dana Klouser's visit to Israel during Holy Week, March 17 – 27, 2016. Through pictures and stories, Dana will share some of her adventures including her Palm Sunday procession from the Mount of Olives and the emotional/spiritual entrance into the walled city for the first time, Stations of the Cross, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Garden Tomb, Garden of Gethsemane, and more. All congregation members (men and women) are welcome!

### **MEN'S CHOIR TO SING**

In preparation for Easter Sunday morning, our Men's Choir will be holding three rehearsals, which are open to male voices of all ages and levels of experience. These rehearsals will take place on Monday, March 13, at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 4, at 6:30 P.M., and Wednesday, April 12, at 6:30 P.M. In addition, the men will hold a final, shorter rehearsal on Easter Sunday morning, April 16. To learn more, or to "sign" up, please speak with Carol Hubler or Pastor Tom.

### **PLEASE BE SURE TO GET YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET!**

Continuing our Lenten tradition of using a common resource for Bible reading and prayer, we again have that resource available for the taking – one that ties in with the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther's beginning of the Protestant Reformation, which is coming up on October 31. It is a little booklet called ***free indeed***. Coming from our denominational publishing house, Augsburg Fortress, it includes a reading from Martin Luther's Small Catechism, reflections, and a prayer for each day from Ash Wednesday through the Eve of Easter on April 15. ***We have ordered enough copies of the devotional that every member household can have one to use, and, to start with, they will be handed out before worship the last two Sundays in February. If, as you read these lines, you haven't yet gotten your household's copy, please check with Pastor Tom.*** (As has been the case in previous years, please don't change what you do in the way of regular daily Bible reading during Lent – instead, please add this brief time to your daily life, so that we share this devotional experience as a congregational family.)

## News from Miss Laurie Children & Youth Ministry

Happy March! Just wanted to keep you posted on some of the things we have been working on:

We've created our own Sunday program and it kicked off on February 5<sup>th</sup>! We are calling it "**SONday Celebration**" - because our Great Big God is SON-sational!! We will be using the lectionary based Spark curriculum as a base. Each lesson will be tailored to have a story, craft and activities for 2 different age groups: one for 3 year olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and one for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. After a 15 minute opening of songs and praise (for ALL youth), one group will go to craft; the other group will go to story. After about 20 minutes, groups will "rotate" to the other area. We'll finish each lesson with a short closing, prayer and sending song. We've been using this format since January, and it has been working nicely.

If you would like to lead story time or craft time as a Celebration Formation Leader for the day, let me know which Sunday works for you! All materials will be provided for you. Prayerfully consider joining the "Celebration" – it's fun, and a great way to meet and bond with the future of our church!

**Celebration Time** – the "Celebration" continues!! After the Gospel reading, young Christians 5<sup>th</sup> grade and lower are invited downstairs for a church experience geared to their age level. Most Sundays, the experience will reinforce the Gospel lesson of the day. Anyone interested in helping, see Miss Laurie!

We are working on creating a "Celebration Center" where all news related to SONday Celebration will be posted. Sign-up sheets for Celebration Formation Leaders (craft or story) and Celebration Time will be located in this center.



**Celebration Choir** – we've been learning songs during SONday Celebration which we plan to perform during a church service. Our first performance is scheduled for **March 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Mark your calendars – we are going to rock God's house!

*Setting up times of fellowship for young Christians AND their families:*

**Pajama Party – March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00** Put on your favorite pj's, grab your pillow and sleeping bag/blanket, and join us here at the church for games, popcorn, and a movie! Fun for ALL ages!!

Stay tuned for upcoming events!!

The blessings continue to flow! Thanks for including me in this adventure!!

**Miss Laurie**



## *In Other News*

### St John Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Council Minutes December 11, 2016

#### **BABY SHOWER**

St. John's is hosting a BABY SHOWER!

February 19 - March 5 the congregation is asked to fill the Pack & Play Crib that has been placed in the lobby with the following items needed by LifeLine Pregnancy Center in Millersburg: Baby Formula (all types and sizes), Diapers Sizes 3, 4, 5, Baby Laundry Detergent, Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion, Baby Wipes and Clothing (all sizes).

LifeLine provides support and services to members of our local community dealing with the stresses of an unplanned pregnancy or with the "overwhelming" responsibility of having a new baby in the house. They lovingly listen, tenderly tell the truth, and point all clients to the Prince of Peace. All of this is done without any government funding. They rely solely on individuals, businesses, fundraising, and volunteers to provide these important services.

#### **CHURCH CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES**

Now is the time to be planning how you might take advantage of summer church camping opportunities of all kinds which are available for people of all ages. Schedules and registration information are available in the foyer for the camps of our Lower Susquehanna Synod, Kirchenwald and Nawakwa, and information is available online for Camp Mt. Luther in the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Please bear in mind that, for members of St. John, camping scholarships are provided from the Sunday School treasury, making any week-long experience a great value as well as a life-changing experience. **Special discounts are available for those who register by the beginning of April!**



#### **News from the Women of the ELCA at St John's**

Our next meeting will be on March 12, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall. Ann Bruner and Jean Weaver will have the program. Dana Klouser will be joining us to give a presentation of her recent trip to the Holy Land.

Pat Herb stated that material for quilting is getting very low. So we are asking that the congregation help by keeping their eyes open for material at yard sales or auctions or closets or attics in our own homes. If you are able to help please contact Pat; her number is 362-9668.

Barbara Bullock has stated that our Prayer Shawl Ministry will now be open to folks in our communities. To acquire a prayer shawl **you must contact pastor** with information about the recipient. We will be continuing our Blessing Bears for our little ones who are in the hospital. Fay Nichols will make the purchase.

The council meeting was called to order by President, Roy Henry. Pastor Tom opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer.

**Present:** Roy Henry, Lorraine Henninger, Dale Hassinger, Sandra Lamenza, Tamara Spicher, Jeff Buffington, Joseph Doyle, and Pastor Tom Bruner

**Excused Absence:** Karen Paulman, Jamie Doyle, Jeff Lehman, Carl Baumgardner, Gail Billow

**Guest Presenter:** Mike Youse, Executive Director Lutheran Camping Corporation shared a presentation on the outdoor ministry offerings provided by the camps supported by the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

**Minutes:** Motion by Tamara Spicher and seconded by Jeff Buffington to approve the minutes from the November 2016 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Reception of Petitions and Communications:**

The water passed the required inspection.

Cub Scout Pack WEBELO requested use of the church social room for meetings on January 15, 29, and February 5 from 5PM to 6:30PM. Motion was made by Lorraine Henninger and seconded by Jeff Buffington to permit the use of the church social room on the requested dates. Motion approved unanimously.

We received an invitation from the Elizabethtown Bicentennial Committee to participate in a community worship service at the athletic field on Sunday August 13, 2017. A motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Tamara Spicher to have St John participate in this service. Motion approved unanimously.

**Pastor's Report:** Motion made by Joseph Doyle and seconded by Dale Hassinger to accept the pastor's report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Youth Coordinator's Report:** The committee has scheduled two interviews with candidates that have experience and are good prospects for the position. A motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Tamara Spicher to give Pastor Tom and the committee the authority to make an offer if they found the candidate they wanted to fill the position. Motion approved unanimously. The committee also presented a proposal for the financial support of the position. A motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Joseph Doyle to accept the financial proposal presented by the committee. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurers' Reports:** Motion made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Dale Hassinger to accept the treasurers' reports. Motion approved unanimously.

# Worship Service Schedule

## March 2017



Altar Guild for Month of March Delmar & Virginia Enders  
Lector for Month of March Judy Cheatham

Usher's for the Month of March: Dale Hassinger(L) John Ferree(E),  
Carol Hassinger and Randy Paul(LAY)

### MARCH 1, 2017

Ash Wednesday  
Holy Communion

Greeters-  
Acolytes-

The Lehman Family  
Kinsley & Ashton Schreffler

### MARCH 5, 2017

1st Sunday in Lent  
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent-  
Sunday School Pianist-  
Greeters-  
Acolytes-

Larry Gessner  
Judy Ferree  
Ronald & Bonnie Erb  
RJ Henry and Aiden Roadcap

### MARCH 12, 2017

2nd Sunday in Lent

Sunday School Superintendent-  
Sunday School Pianist-  
Greeters-  
Acolytes-

Lynn Henninger  
Louise Baumgardner  
John & Judy Ferree  
Landon Mace & Serene Boyer

### MARCH 19, 2017

3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday School Superintendent-  
Sunday School Pianist-  
Greeters-  
Acolytes-

Jeff Lehman  
Sandy Paul  
Delmar & Ginny Enders  
Gabe Gehring & RJ Henry

### MARCH 26, 2017

4th Sunday in Lent

Sunday School Superintendent  
Sunday School Pianist  
Greeters-  
Acolytes

Ken Koller  
Carol Hubler  
The Craig Shade Family  
Aiden & Cole Roadcap

## In Other News

### CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Ryan & Courtney Langhans** on the safe and healthy birth of **Quinn Iona** on January 20 at Harrisburg Hospital. Quinn weighed in at 7 pounds 1 ounce and she was 19½ inches long. Congratulations, too, to proud older brother Owen!

### THANK YOU!

To the following persons who directed Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John during 2016: Sheila Barder, Fay Bixler, Jim & Barb Bullock, Larry Gessner, Michael Henninger, Harold & Pat Herb, Robin Nestor, Fay Nichols, Mary Peters, Julie Warfel, Matthew Williard, Olivia Williard, and Pastor Tom. A total of \$1,784 was received and passed on to the support of such ministries as ELCA Disaster Relief, youth group, and our ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Thank you! **(And a reminder to all Thrivent members that a simple phone call to Thrivent – or logging in to the Thrivent website – is all that it takes to find out about and direct Choice Dollars, with some “unclaimed” Choice Dollars set to expire on March 31.)**

### FROM OUR LWR BLANKET MAKING TEAM

Material for quilting is getting very low. So we are asking that the congregation help by keeping their eyes open for material at yard sales or auctions or closets or attics in our own homes. *If you are able to help please contact Pat Herb at 362-9668.*

### ANNUAL REPORTS AND DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE

Copies of the 2016 Annual Congregational Report are available in the foyer. If you have not already done so, please be sure to pick up yours, and perhaps one for a friend or neighbor as well. ***The Annual Report once again contains the “Ways to Serve” form, which can be returned to either Pastor Tom or Council President Dan Langhans.*** And, while you are picking up your copy of the 2016 Annual Report, please be sure to also pick up your copy of the 2017 Women's Directory, also on the shelf near the guest book in the foyer!

# Annual Report Update

## Memorial Fund Money Account corrected version Feb. 2017

Lorraine Henninger, Treasurer

**Balance on Hand, January 1, 2016** **\$34,403.81**

### Deposits:

Mid Penn, Interest on Account	\$ 55.11
Memorials	1,610.00
Donation for Building Project	15,650.00
Transfer from Thrivent Investment	536.00
Interest on (3) CD's cashed	6,544.95
Refund	741.32
Bicentennial Distribution Refund – Pavilion Exps.	11368.93
Transfer from BB&T acct.	40,000.00
<b>Total Deposits:</b>	<b>\$ 76,506.31</b>

**Deposits, plus Balance** **\$110,910.12**

### Disbursements:

Children & Youth Ministry	\$7,500.00
St John Cemetery Assn	500.00
Kenneth Kahler-Cooler Purchase	4,273.41
J H Rissinger & Sons Work on Pavilion	25,215.00
David Kahler – Pavilion Project	200.00
Michael Grubb – Pavilion Project	125.00
Lowes – Pavilion Project	1,093.46
DAS Market – Pavilion Project	8,500.00
A+ Office Outlet ( Table & Chairs)	2,499.50
R. Weaver Delivery Charge	120.00
Kratzer Hardware & Meckleys	892.43
Phillip's Office Solutions – new copier	3,799.06
Mid Penn Deposit Slips	13.02
Mid Penn CD Purchase	40,000.00
Restaurant Store – pavilion supplies	2,428.02
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$97,158.90</b>

**Balance on hand as of December 31, 2016** **\$13,751.22**

# Annual Report Update

## Memorial Fund Investments

Lorraine Henninger, Treasurer

**Total Investments, December 31, 2016**

### Bank Holdings:

Mid Penn Bank	\$128,000.00
Mid Penn Bank	40,000.00
Mid Penn Bank	150,000.00
Mid Penn Bank	40,000.00
BB&T	21,594.95
<b>Total Bank Holdings</b>	<b>\$379,594.95</b>

### Other Investments:

ELCA Mission Investment Fund	\$114,249.95
Thrivent Annuity, Mildred Boyer Estate	163,800.34
Thrivent Mutual Funds	33,735.94
Infaith Community Foundation	30,694.90*
<b>Total Other Investments</b>	<b>\$342,481.13</b>

**Total Investments** **\$722,076.08**

\* balance as of September 30, 2016

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**Reports of Standing Committees:**

*Church Property:* Repaired pew. Replaced the water system in the sexton's house. It is now in compliance with requirements. Outside trim work will need to be painted. They are also considering replacing the storm windows so that can be done at the same time as exterior painting.

*Finance/Stewardship:* No report

*Worship and Music:* Reviewed Christmas Eve Program. Discussed opportunities for a contemporary worship program.

*Christian Education:* No report

*Youth Ministry:* No report

*Mutual Ministry:* No report

*Executive:* No report.

*Nominating:* No report

*History:* No report

**New Business:** The transition process for the new council was discussed. Pastor Tom and president Roy Henry offered thanks to those having completed their term on council. They are Sandra Lamenza, Jeff Lehman, Lorraine Henninger and Roy Henry.

**Next Council Meeting:** Next council meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2017 at 4PM.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Dale Hassinger and seconded by Tamara Spicher to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Lamenza, Secretary

## *Treasurer Reports*

<b>Treasurers' Reports November 2016</b>				
	<b>Prior Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>EOM</b>
Current	14,912.80	10,510.52	11,207.05	14,216.27
Benevolence	909.78	1812.09	2492.00	229.87
Memorial	16,684.91	2.67	3799.06	2,888.52
Improvement	3280.45	235.00	50.10	3465.35
Bicent Ch Acct	21,069.35	.69	700.00	20,370.04
Bicent Svngs	5300.91			5300.91
Flowers	no report			
C&Y Ministry	3089.65	80.10	294.09	2875.66

<b>Treasurers Report for December 2016</b>				
	<b>Prior Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>EOM</b>
Current	14,216.27	12,849.40	18,556.25	8,509.42
Benevolence	676.62	1,589.38	2,210.00	56.00
Memorial	12,888.52	862.70	-	3,751.22
Improvement	3,465.35	441.00	2,850.55	1,055.80
Bicent CkAcct	20,370.04	195.67	800.00	19,765.61
Bicent Svngs	5,300.91	-	-	5,300.91
Flower	118.56	202.00	290.00	30.56
C&Y Ministry	2,875.66	480.10	75.01	3,280.75



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The Council Meeting was called to order by Pastor Tom who also offered prayer and devotions.

Present – Carl Baumgardner, Jeff Buffington, Jamie Doyle, Joseph Doyle, Henry Henninger, Patricia Herb, Dan Langhans, Donna Rabenold, Tamara Spicher and Pastor Tom

Excused Absences – Gail Billow and Dale Hassinger

Absent – Karen Paulman

Reorganization:

Motion by Carl Baumgardner to nominate Dan Langhans for President.  
Motion by Carl Baumgardner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Herb to close the nominations.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dan Langhans to nominate Donna Rabenold for Vice President.  
Motion by Carl Baumgardner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Doyle to close the nominations.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dan Langhans to nominate Jamie Doyle for Secretary.  
Motion by Carl Baumgardner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Herb to close the nominations.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jamie Doyle to nominate Carl Baumgardner for Assistant Secretary.  
Motion by Tamara Spicher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Rabenold to close the nominations.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Lorraine Henninger was appointed as Current Treasurer.  
Karen Paulman was appointed as Assistant Current Treasurer.  
Dale Hassinger was appointed as Farm & Improvement Treasurer.  
Tamara Spicher was appointed as Benevolence Treasurer.  
Jamie Doyle & Pat Herb were appointed as Cemetery Board Representatives.  
Louise Baumgardner, Tamara Spicher and Lois Watson were appointed as Usher Chairpersons.  
Pat Herb was appointed as Financial Secretary.

Standing committees were reviewed.  
Dan Langhans and Carl Baumgardner volunteered to attend the Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet meeting at 7pm on 1/16/17 at St. Michael's in Klingerstown. Volunteers will be needed to attend future Conference meetings on 4/24/17 at St. Christopher's in Lykens and on 5/15/17 at Salem Lutheran in Killinger.

Motion by Pat Herb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Baumgardner to accept the December Council minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:**

Our local Cub Scout Pact contacted us regarding the expense of re-chartering for 35 youth which totals \$1,324.  
Motion by Pat Herb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Doyle to cover total amount from Bicentennial Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Tom is Treasurer of the UD Lutheran Youth Organization Fund which is held at BB&T.  
BB&T has indicated they will start charging \$12 per month on the account. Motion by Carl Baumgardner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Rabenold to move the account to Mid-Penn Bank at no fee. Motion passed unanimously.

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Pastor indicated that we passed our most recent water test conducted by Pure Test Labs (Martin).

We received thank you notes from the Lutheran Camping Corp of Central PA, Pinnacle Health and Michael Youse.

**Pastor's Report:**

Motion by Pat Herb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Buffington to accept Pastor's report. Motion Passed unanimously.

**Report of Treasurers:**

Motion by Carl Baumgardner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tamara Spicher to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Church Property:** The water treatment system was replaced. Due to the expense of water testing that is required every month, property will be price checking with Mr. Mace in Dalmatia. The Boiler inspector is coming on 1/10/17. Fire extinguisher inspector will be coming soon. Next meeting 1/31/17.

**Finance Committee:** No report

**Worship & Music:** Next committee meeting is 1/17.

**Christian Education:** Next committee meeting is 1/10.

**Youth Ministry:** Meeting 1/8 and planning spaghetti supper for 1/22. 6 Youth are going to Camp Hebron Feb. 10-12 for a retreat with Lykens UM Youth. Youth led worship will be 2/19.

**Mutual Ministry:** Met today. Positive spirit of the congregation was discussed. History book is progressing. 4/9 is next meeting.

**Executive:** No report

**Nominating:** No report.

**History Committee:** Still working on history book.

**Other reports:** The Usher list was discussed. The Elevator Usher will "drive" the elevator to avoid wear and tear on the doors.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Next Council Meeting:** Feb 12, 2017 @ 4:00pm

**Adjournment:** Motion by Jamie Doyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Herb to adjourn at 5:19pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Doyle, Secretary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>March 2017</b> 			<b>1</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Optional Imposition of Ashes	2	3	<b>4</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>5 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 SONDay Celebration (Sunday School for Gr. 6 and younger) 9:00 Sr. High and Adult Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Sacrament of Holy Baptism 2:00 Girl Scout Troop Meeting	<b>6</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 6:00 Book Discussion Group 7:30 Dartball Match – St. John at Valleys E.C. Church, Halifax	<b>7</b> 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:30 Strawberry Festival Planning Meeting #1 6:30 Cub Scout Pack Committee Meeting (in kitchen) 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 6:15 Lenten Supper & Worship at Trinity United Methodist Church, Elizabethville	<b>9</b> <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group at the Church 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. Family "Pajama Party" with Miss Laurie at the Church Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>12 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 SONDay Celebration 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:00 Sr. High and Adult Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Installation of Miss Laurie and Observance of Girl Scout Sunday 2:00 Women's Group Meeting 4:00 Congregational Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 1:00 Upper Dauphin Conference Reformation Anniversary Quilt Planning Meeting 6:15 Local Benevolence Committee Meeting 7:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:15 Faith Formation Team Gathering (formerly "Sunday School Teachers & Officers") 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 6:15 Lenten Supper & Worship <u><b>AT ST. JOHN</b></u>  <i>Deadline to Submit Items for April "St. John's Epistle"</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>18</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>19 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent/Joseph, Guardian of Jesus</b> 9:00 World Hunger Appeal Kickoff Event, For All Ages (Followed by SONDay Celebration, Confirmation Class, and Sr. High/Adult Sunday School) 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Sacrament of Holy Baptism 1:30 Church Dartball League Tournament at Valleys E.C. Church, Halifax	<b>20</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 1:00 Pastor Tom in Harrisburg for Synod Committee Meeting  <b>Spring Begins</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:15 Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Elizabethville Ministerium Meeting 6:15 Lenten Supper & Worship at St. Peter's (Hoffman's) United Church of Christ, Crossroads ( <u><b>Pastor Tom Speaking</b></u> )	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Annunciation of Our Lord</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>26 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 SONDay Celebration 9:00 Confirmation Class 9:00 Sr. High and Adult Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Sacrament of Holy Baptism 1:00 – 3:00 Cub Scout Pack Adults/Leaders Meeting 2:00 Pastor Tom Leads Worship at Kepler Personal Care Home, Elizabethville	<b>27</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:00 Church Dartball League Banquet at Valleys E.C. Church, Halifax	<b>28</b> 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:15 Property Committee Meeting 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 6:15 Lenten Supper & Worship at Salem Lutheran Church, Elizabethville	<b>30</b> Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off – No Office Hours	<b>31</b>	