

**SAINT JOHN'S  
EPISTLE  
MAY 2012**

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

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

Dear Friends in Jesus,

This month, I wanted to highlight three things that you will find included later in this May edition of the *St. John's Epistle*.

The first concerns our upcoming Annual Strawberry Festival, which is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13. As is traditional, this issue of the *Epistle* contains the updated committee listing for all of the different tasks that need to be done in order for the Festival to be a success. You will note two changes in particular that have been made to the listing. First, for "Pavilion & Grove Preparation", we have removed the list of names. This was done since, in a sense, this is everyone's responsibility, and since there have always been many women and men helping with this task whose names were not on the list. As the sheet notes, all available persons will still be needed for this important preparation work! Second, a new committee has been added at the end of the listing – "Festival Night Clean-up". This working group is made up of folks who generally cannot help out earlier in the day, with the hope that this "late shift" will somewhat free up folks from feeling that they have to keep working all evening long after already working all day long. Please be sure to remove the listing and keep it handy (maybe on the refrigerator?), and please be sure to check with your committee chairperson, the overall chairpersons, or with Pastor Tom if you have any questions or concerns about your scheduled work. **The next planning meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 7, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. – everyone is welcome!**

The second is a form with which you (or family members or friends – even out of the area) can sign up and donate to be a patron of our forthcoming History Booklet, which will cover the years 1980 to 2009. We have designed the form to be self-explanatory, but please don't hesitate to direct any questions to any member of the History Committee or to me. We hope to really get the word out about this opportunity to support the publication of the book throughout the summer, and especially at the Strawberry Festival, and we would sure appreciate your help in passing the word along to anyone you know who might be interested and who wouldn't already be receiving a form.

Finally, included in this *Epistle* is a registration form for Vacation Bible School, which will be held July 9-13, from 6:30 to 8:30 each evening, with a closing program on Sunday morning, July 15. We are including this form a month earlier than has typically been the case in order to hopefully get the news out and get registrations coming in earlier than in the past. Please don't hesitate to contact any member of Sunday School Teachers & Officers or me with any questions. We are looking forward to a truly fun and truly *Amazing Desert Journey* for all young persons through Grade 9!

Thank you for staying with me and reading all this, and thank you for your partnership in the St. John Congregational Family as we continue our Easter mission of telling the world that *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!!*

*Pastor Tom*

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IS MAY 3**

As the National Day of Prayer is observed this year on May 3, the first Thursday in May, we are all encouraged to be sure to take time that day to be in prayer for our country – that we might be a force for peace with justice, both within our own borders and throughout God's world. The church will be open all day on May 3, for anyone wishing to stop by and be in prayer in God's House.

## **RACHEL'S DAY OBSERVANCE**

For many years, St. John has been observing "Rachel's Day" on the first Sunday in May. This day is set aside as a day to remember the children of our country and the world who live, many times, in fear and danger. It is a day to renounce the forces of evil and fear that plague our world today. It is also a day to be thankful for our children and for the love and support of their families and communities. Originally begun by the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in May of 1996, Rachel's Day receives its name from Jeremiah 31:15-17. Please consider joining in your Rachel's Day observance on Sunday, May 6, during the Sunday School opening time, at 9:00 A.M.

## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS—MAY**

First, a big thanks to everyone who helped or attended our Easter Egg hunt in April. We had a good turnout of kids hunting eggs (about 20) and also a good turnout of parents and family members. The children always enjoy this event at Easter.

**MAY 16** – Leave church at 4:15 p.m. to travel to Millersburg to serve dinner at the Mason's Banquet. This is a fundraiser for our group, so please help if you have free time that evening.

Shannon Motter,  
Vice President  
St. John's Youth Group

## **ADDRESS UPDATE**

**Brandon Hoover**, the younger son of Ron (who is now a resident at The Manor at Susquehanna Village) and Kathy (who died in December) has moved into his new apartment in York, and now has an address to which cards or greetings could be sent. His new address is: 238 East College Avenue, York, PA 17403.

## News from the Women of the ELCA of St. John

Reminder, the Mother-Child Covered Dish Supper will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. bring a covered dish of your choice and enjoy the variety of good food, fun, and fellowship. **ALL** women and children are invited to attend this special event.

This year the Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women of the ELCA will be having their annual convention at **St. John on June 23, 2012**. We are asking for your help in making this project a success. All products that are brought into the church should be taken to the classroom in the northwest corner of the Sunday School Room. Just place them on the table and someone will take care of them.

Below is the article regarding Gettysburg Seminary Food Bank with a list of items / suggestions needed for the seminarians and their families.

### **Gettysburg Seminary Food Bank**

The Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women of the ELCA will be having our annual ingathering to benefit Gettysburg Seminary Food Pantry. Please publicize this project in your church bulletins, newsletters and at your Women of the ELCA meetings. The seminarians and their families (many are married with families) really appreciate receiving gift cards from **Giant and Weis markets**.

In addition to gift cards, we are requesting the following types of tangible, nonperishable food items and paper products and other staples. Note the following staple food items suggestions:

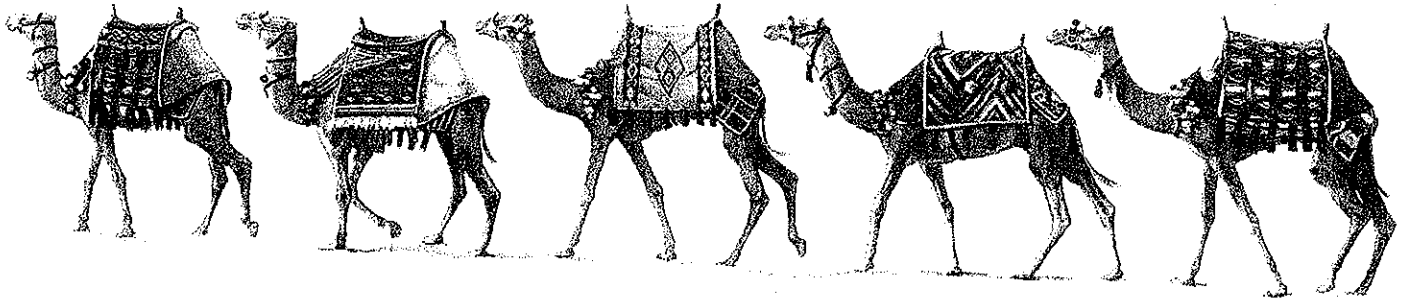
**Cereal (hot and cold) canned vegetables, macaroni, granola bars, sugar, flour, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, baking mixes, paper products, soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste**

Approximately **40 seminary** households utilize the food pantry on a regular basis. Household sizes range from single individuals to families with children. There are no requirements to use the pantry, and we do not collect detailed financial information from households who use the pantry.

Seminary education is a significant financial investment. Most individuals and families rely on scholarships, grants, and loans to cover both educational and living expenses during their time at LTSG. For many, it is difficult to make ends meet. The LTSG Food Pantry ministry helps to ease this burden by providing essential items for individuals and families.

# AMAZING DESERT JOURNEY

Where Jesus Leads Us Home



## Vacation Bible School Registration

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church

P O Box 270

Berrysburg, PA 17005

July 9 - 13, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Classes are for students from Pre-school through ninth grades. All students under the age of three should be accompanied by an adult. If you bring a friend please have them fill out a registration form also. Additional forms can be attained by contacting Pastor Tom or Fay Nichols or your Sunday School Teacher. **Return the registration by May 31, 2012.**

### Bethesda Mobile Mission:

Almost always the news in the newspaper or TV is about the bad things going on in the world – crime, wars, fighting overseas, disease, famine, the bad economy, lack of jobs, etc. We all know there are good things happening as well, but the media doesn't usually report on those things. My daughter, Shannon, had an opportunity to do something "good" and I'm very proud of her (and Moms are good at bragging about their kids, right!). Every few months, Shannon goes with a Youth Group from Lykens to help with the Bethesda Mobile Mission. The Mobile Mission is staffed by church volunteers and are literally "Good Samaritans" to Harrisburg's homeless people. Every Friday and Saturday evening between 9:00 pm and 12:00 am, the Mobile Mission van delivers blankets, sleeping bags/mats, warm clothing, food, hot coffee, and personal hygiene items to the homeless. When Shannon returned home last Friday night, she shared her personal thoughts on the people she met.

Carl is the van driver for the Mobile Mission since 1996. Carl knows where the homeless are located and where to meet them. He also knows where it is safe to go. The first stop was the M & T Bank, where there were about 40 people. Here we passed out sandwiches, coffee, clothing, socks, sleeping mats, etc. A lady (not with our group from Bethesda Mission) showed up with a big container of spaghetti. She asked us to help pass out bowls of spaghetti so they would have a "warm meal". Then the lady went around and talked to the people and ministered to them. It seemed like she does this on a regular basis. Our next stops were: behind the ROC building, Metro Bank, Train Station, Occupy Harrisburg at the Capitol, and somewhere under a bridge. Carl knows where to find the people in need. One man asked Carl for a new pair of gloves. We searched all the boxes and could only find one glove – not a pair. Carl made a note to get a pair of gloves and bring them to the man on Saturday night. Next we went down an alley to find a little old lady who lives there for as long as anyone can remember. We also met a mother with a new baby girl. They told the mother she should go to stay at Bethesda's Womens Shelter. I hope she does. There is a man named "Arthur" who lives in his RV with a dog named "Pure Religion". Another man is named "Spider" who is homeless for a long, long time. "Arthur" told us about a newly homeless woman named "Rosie". She lives in her car which is parked near Burger King. Her car is broken-down and they will probably ask her to leave. First, she lost her job then her house.

Everyone is very appreciative and thankful of the things we bring. They have nothing and yet they look out for each other. They tell Carl if they know of someone who is "newly homeless". Donations are always appreciated. Bethesda Mission's website has a list of items needed at  
Yes, there are still good people doing "God's work" in the world. Please keep Bethesda Mobile Mission, Carl, and all the volunteers in your prayers.

Lori Motter

Date	CHALLENGE	SURVEY	SAMPLER
May 1	Isaiah 25:1--27:13	Isaiah 26:1-13	Isaiah 26:1-4
May 2	Isaiah 30:1--33:24	Isaiah 30:19-26	Isaiah 30:19-21
May 3	Isaiah 36:1--39:8	Isaiah 38:1-20	Isaiah 38:19-20
May 4	James 1:1--5:20	James 4:1-10	James 4:8-10
May 5	1 Peter 1:1--2:25	1 Peter 2:1-12	1 Peter 2:9-10
May 6	1 Peter 3:1--5:14	1 Peter 4:1-11	1 Peter 4:10-11
May 7	2 Peter 1:1--3:18	2 Peter 1:1-21	1 John 1:5-7
May 8	1 John 1:1--3:10	1 John 2:1-17	1 John 2:9-11
May 9	1 John 3:11-5:21	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 3:1-3
May 10	Colossians 1:1--2:23	Colossians 1:9-23	1 John 4:19-21
May 11	Colossians 3:1-4:18	Colossians 3:5-4:5	1 John 5:1-5
May 12	Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16	1 Corinthians 12:4-26	Colossians 2:6
May 13	Song of Solomon 5:1--8:14	John 15:12-21	Colossians 3:12-15
May 14	2 John, 3John; Jude	2 John	Psalms 42:1-2, 11
May 15	Jeremiah 1:1--2:37	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Jeremiah 1:6-8
May 16	Jeremiah 3:6--5:31	Jeremiah 3:12-18	Jeremiah 3:12
May 17	Jeremiah 6:1--8:3	Jeremiah 7:1-11	Jeremiah 7:1-3
May 18	Jeremiah 11:1--12:13	Jeremiah 11:1-14	Jeremiah 11:3-5
May 19	Jeremiah 18:1--20:6	Luke 15:11-31	Jeremiah 18:1-6
May 20	Jeremiah 23:1--25:38	Hebrews 12:1-13	Jeremiah 23:23-24
May 21	Psalms 37, 38, 39	Jeremiah 31:1-4	Psalms 37:40
May 22	Jeremiah 26:1--28:17	Jeremiah 31:31-35	Jeremiah 31:7-8
May 23	Jeremiah 30:1--31:40	Hebrews 8:1-13	Jeremiah 31:35
May 24	Jeremiah 32:1--34:7	Galatians 3:15-29	Jeremiah 33:10-11
May 25	Jeremiah 34:8--37:21	1 Corinthians 11:23-32	Jeremiah 50:4-5
May 26	Jeremiah 38:1--39:18	Acts 3:1-26	Romans 12:18-21
May 27	Jeremiah 40:1--42:17 skim 43-52	Romans 12:1-21	Romans 13:8
May 28	Psalms 70, 71, 72, 73	Matthew 1:18-25	Psalms 70:4-5
May 29	Matthew 1:1--2:23	Matthew 2:1-12	Matthew 21:1-2, 10-12
May 30	Matthew 3:1--4:22	Matthew 4:1-11	Matthew 4:18-22
May 31	Matthew 4:23--6:4	Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 5:14-16



**book of faith**  
 Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

**Strawberry Festival Committees**  
**June 13, 2012**

If your name is on a committee on which you can't help or if you would prefer to serve on another committee, Please notify either the chairperson of that committee or contact persons listed below. If we have somehow overlooked your name, please let us know !! If you have any other questions about the committee or other matters, please contact:

**Lorraine Henninger - 362-9108 Robert Weaver 362-8625**

**Helen Henninger 362-9490 Jean Weaver 362-3555**

**Important Dates: Monday, June 4th at 6:30 P.M.** Pavilion cleaning night. Bring your favorite supplies

**Monday, June 11th at 6:00 A.M.** Soup and Bar-B-Que preparation at Henninger's Meat Market

**Tuesday, June 12th at 6:30 P.M.** Final Grove preparations

**DONATION CHART:** This will be posted in the foyer of the church, listing the amounts of food needed. We ask that you sign the chart at the items you are willing to donate and indicate how much you are willing to provide. **Items related to soup and bar-b-que will be needed by Sunday, June 3rd.**

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**Pavilion & Grove Preparation: Henry Henninger Chairman All Available Male & Female Helpers**

**Cashiers: Larry Gessner & Pat Herb Chairpersons Mary Peters Daniel Langhans**  
Sandra Shade Elaine Henninger Janet Denlinger Dawn Sloan

**Strawberry Salesman Jim Watson Ray Matter Bob Rudisill**

**Publicity - Carol Hassinger & Louise Baumgardner ( Newspapers & Radio Station )**

**Posters: Fay Nichols, Elsie Krout Sandra Lamenza Angie Mattern Pat Herb Doris Schaffer**  
Janet Denlinger Warren Hassinger

**Host Pastor Bruner Lynn Henninger Carl Baumgardner Bob Weaver Scott Peters Vincent Lamenza**

**Parking Robert Leshner & Harold Herb - Co Chairpersons Jim Bullock Warren Hassinger**  
Tom Rabenold Tim Rabenold Mervin Mace Marlin Grosser Dan Maurer Ryan Mace Chris Klouser  
Greg Warner Ned Weaver Dean Radel Robert Rebeck Lynn Mace Rob D'Alesandro Joe Doyle  
Harry Weaver Gary Leitzel Brian Thompson Bill Paulman Jeff Buffington Eric Mattern Roy Henry

**Ice Cream & Sundaes Dale & Carol Hassinger - Chairpersons Bob Crabb Troy Schaeffer**  
Bob Hassinger John & Judy Ferree Beau Hassinger Mike Hubler Tim Motter Randy Paul

**Pony Rides - Barb & Kim Langhans Entertainment - Harold & Pat Herb Petting Zoo - Bush Family**

**Flea Market - Bob & Doris Schaffer ; Ben & Molly Crabb; Ray & Vicky Bush**

**Anniversary Table Sara Neagley John Romberger Myron Riland Anna Fetterhoff**  
Alex Leitzel and Rosena Barry

**Hot Dogs & Bar-B-Que - Ginny Enders - Chairlady Kris Kell Scott Howard Jane Grosser**  
Connie Erdman-Enders Julie Warfel

**Strawberry, Soup and Truck Stockmen Henry Henninger Michael Henninger Adam Rabenold Jeff Roadcap**  
Craig Peters Randy Matter Jeff Lehman Steve Schlegel Corey Scheib Dennis Smeltz Mike Leitzel

**Strawberry Festival Committees**

**June 13, 2012**

**Shortcakes - Cindy Phillips ; Chairlady** Fay Bixler Sue Lebo Ann Bruner Heidi Lehman  
Betty Leitzel Donna Rabenold Yalonda Rabenold Bonnie Boyer Vickie Scheaffer Gail Billow

**Baked Goods - Marie Casner & Sheila Barder Chairladies** Daniel Radel Hannah Rabenold Sharon D'Alesandro  
Danielle Mace Barb Bullock Sandy Bixler Ahndrea Schmick Miana Erdman Laci Stadheim Grant Barder

**Corn Soup - Lorraine Henninger - Chairlady** Crystal Stianche David Bixler Rachel Henry Delmar Enders  
Randy Matter Douglas Schreffler Jean Weaver Nathan Houtz Larry Gehring Sandra Lamenza

**Coffee - Fred Weaver Soda - Ken Koller** Brad Ditty Darrell Denlinger Matt Motter Logan Maurer  
Shayne Latsha Tim Bruner Ryne Crabb Jason Bixler Braxton Ditty Alek Peters Clint Gehring Caleb Enders

**Strawberry Preparation -Tuesday Evening - June 12th at 6:00 P.M. & Wednesday June 13 Noon till ?**

**Chairladies - Shirley Henninger & Fay Nichols** Marzette Hoffman Dianne Schell Elsie Krout Richie  
Ann Martz Cindy Phillips Pauline Troutman Jane Conrad Randy & Heidi Challenger Judi Cheatham  
Jackie Boyer Karen Paulman Karen Gehring Pearl Buffington Joyce Matter Dawn Warner

**Bus Persons - Lois Leshner & Sharon Peters - Chairladies** Kelsey Henninger Mason Graeff Owen Mattern  
Ryan Henninger Reyann Cheatham McKenzie Lower Katie Gessner Austin Specht Cameron Thompson  
Gracie Gehring Landon Mace Cub Scout Pack # 86 Lily & Serene Boyer Kinsley Schreffler R J Henry  
Gabe Gehring Ethan Dohr Aidan Roadcap Hoyt Schlegel

**Servers - Faye Weaver & Helen Henninger - Chairladies** James Barder Aspen Bloom Louise Baumgardner  
Holly Billow Courtney Boyer Daniel Bruner Ethan Calnon Cindy Carr Jayne Crabb Jena Crabb  
Tyler D'Alesandro Nick D'Alesandro Rachel Denlinger Taylor Denlinger Natalie DeSoto Chick  
Ditty Regina Dohr Robert Dohr Arlene Doyle Jamie Doyle Amanda Dresel Angie Enders Olivia  
Enders Susan Foster Jessica Gentile Amy Gehring Cheryl Gessner Park Gessner Eli  
Hassinger Kali Hassinger Katie Hassinger Kim Hassinger Megan Henninger Kayla Henry  
Hanna Houtz Samatha Houtz Carol Hubler Teresa Hughes Rose Kell Colin Klouser Dana  
Klouser Alex Langhans Ryan Langhans Shawnita Latsha Jennifer Lehman Camella Leitzel  
Roni Mace Allison Mace Angie Mattern Marlee Mattern Angie Maurer Blake Maurer Kaylene  
Maurer Megan Mench Yolanda Mendez Lori Motter Nicholas Motter Shannon Motter Kristen  
Nichols Ben Paul Bobby Paul Jacob Paul Sandy Paul Alayna Peters Chelsea  
Peters Melanie Peters Devin Radel Nicole Radel Roberta Radel Alex Ramos Joanne  
Ramos Martha Rebuck Tammy Roadcap Bryce Roadcap Katie Rothermel Kelsey  
Rothermel Courtney Rudisill Naomi Rudisill Whitney Rudisill Kerilyn Schaeffer Carrie Schlegel  
Samatha Schlegel Tanner Schlegel Cory Shade Sara Shade Cheryl Shadle Mary Ann Smeltz Jody Specht  
Callie Spicher Kristen Spicher Tammi Spicher Josh Stadheim Payton Stutzman Cody Thompson Jodi  
Thompson Zachary Thompson Jenna Troutman Andre'a Warner Blair Warner Paulette Warner  
Lois Watson Tiffany Weaver Robin Willier Katherine Gilligan Lydia Yeager Romaine Yeager

**Festival Night Clean-up - Henry Henninger , Chairman** Pastor Bruner Carl Baumgardner Cindy Carr  
Bob Crabb Jayne Crabb Clint Gehring Sam Gentile Bob Hassinger Mike Henninger Roy Henry  
Randy Matter Lori Motter Tim Motter Craig Peters Adam Rabenhold Tim Rabenhold Tom Rabenhold  
Eric Mattern





# May 2012



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Phillip & James, Apostles 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	<b>3</b> National Day of Prayer	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>6</b> The 5th Sunday of Easter 9:00 Sunday School & Confirmation Class With Annual Rachel's Day Observance 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion 6:30 Congregational Council Mtg.	<b>7</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 6:30 Strawberry Festival Planning Mtg #2	<b>8</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:15 Sunday School Teacher & Officer Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>13</b> The 6th Sunday of Easter 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word Mother's Day	<b>14</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR <i>Pastor Tom Starts Dauphin County Jury Duty</i>	<b>15</b> 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study Evening-Youth Group Members Serve at Fundraiser	<b>17</b> The Ascension of Our Lord 7:00 Liturgy of Holy Communion with Blessing of Seeds & Soil	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off Armed Forces Day
<b>20</b> The 7th Sunday of Easter 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word 6:00 Annual Mother/Child Covered Dish Dinner <i>Deadline to Submit Items for June "St. John Epistle"</i>	<b>21</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 6:00 Outside Property Work Night at the Church	<b>22</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 1:00 Gathering with Our Residents at the Manor at Susq. Village 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 6:30 Midweek Bible Study Group Meets at The Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>27</b> The Day of Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Rite of Confirmation	<b>28</b> Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off Memorial Day (observed)	<b>29</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg.	<b>30</b> Memorial Day	<b>31</b> Visit of Mary to Elizabeth		

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*Congregational Council Meeting Minutes*

*March 11, 2012*

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

Pastor Tom offered devotions.

Present – James Bullock, Daryl Deninger, Jamie Doyle, John Ferree, Karen Gehring, Carol Hassinger, Mike Henninger, Pat Herb, Mary Peters and Jim Watson

Excused Absences – Craig Peters and Kris Kell

Motion by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim B. to accept the February Council minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:** Motion by Carol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary to give \$100 gift to YMCA Annual Campaign from the Local Benevolence Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

The Hut Restaurant contacted us and for \$149 for presence a little bit bigger than a business card on Hut placemats for 6 months. Pastor is going to check if it's worth pursuing.

**Pastor's Report:** Motion by Jamie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike H. to accept Pastor's report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Reports:** Motion by Mike H., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat H. to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Church Property:** Monday, March 12 at 5:30pm the stars will be taken down.

**Finance Committee:** Committee is recommending that when the Memorial Fund CD matures on 3/19/12:

- \$50,000 be deposited in Lutheran community Foundation which is dedicated to investing in the Community & produces a better rate of return than a bank CD

- Additional \$50,000 in Mission Investment Fund

Motion passed unanimously.

**Worship & Music:** March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm there will be a brief worship and fellowship in the chapel at the Manor of Susquehanna Village. Next meeting is 3/27/12. Teachers and officers will meet 3/13/12 at 6:15pm.

**Christian Education:** No report

**Stewardship:** No report

**Evangelism committee:** No report

**Youth Ministry:** No report

**Mutual Ministry:** No report

**Executive:** No report

**Nominating:** No report

**History Committee:** No report

**Green Team:** Met 1/29/12 and are working on electronic distribution of Epistle, Battery Recycling and Recycling Committee for Strawberry Festival is exploring products other than Styrofoam this year in addition to recycling cans and plastic water bottles.

**Other Reports:** 2/15/12 @ 6:30pm Brainstorming meeting went well.

**Unfinished Business:** Bergey Water treatment contract received for \$380/ year includes quarterly tests as well as nitrate tests. Jim did first quarter test and Bergey will handle going forward.

**New Business:** Discussion was held on whether to lock the church during the day when no one is there in light of the recent burglaries in the area including churches. Jim reported that he spoke with Tom Troutman and there is no impact or difference on our insurance coverage whether the church is locked or not. It will continue to be locked when no one is there.

Synod Assembly is June 1-2 at Messiah College. Nick Motter volunteered to serve as our male voting representative. Still need female voting member. Faye Nichols indicated she is willing to serve if needed.

Ray & Vicky Bush met with Council regarding Ray's Process of Discernment. Pastor and Jim will fill out the paperwork for Ray Bush's candidacy to the Evangelical Lutheran Church Process of Discernment. Pastor Tom will draft response and give to Jim Watson for signature and submission.

**Next Council Meetings:** April 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church

**Adjournment:** Motion by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Doyle, Secretary

**Treasurers Report for**  
February 2012

	<u>Prior Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>EOM</u>
Current	8,619.68	10,577.35	11,345.23	7,851.80
Benevolence	65.65	1,567.02	1,567.00	65.67
Memorial	35,001.73	749.88	-	35,751.61
Improvement	3,530.57	378.00	1,131.27	2,777.30
Bicent CkAcct	13,043.91	1,000.44	1,763.78	12,280.57
Bicent Svngs	5,300.19	-	-	5,300.19
Flower	78.06	301.00	199.85	179.21

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

The History Committee is printing a new History Book for the year 1980 to 2009 which will go to print this year.

In order to defray some of the expenses we will accept patrons. The cost will be a minimum of \$5.00 or more.

There are three ways you can become a patron. Members, neighbors and friends of the congregation please complete the form below and include your donation:

1. Please mail completed form and donation to:  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
P. O. Box 270  
Berrysburg, PA 17005
2. The History Committee will have a table at the annual Strawberry Festival on June 13, 2012 to receive your completed form and donation.
3. In July and August there will be a wooden box in the church foyer to drop in your completed form and your donation.

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Extra copies of this form will be available in the foyer for interested patrons.  
Please help to sell patron's name to neighbors and friends!

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### **FORM FOR PATRON LIST FOR THE 1980 – 2009 HISTORY BOOK**

**Please PRINT your name or names exactly as you want it to appear on the Patron List in the History Book.**

NAME or NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only to be used by the History Committee)

AMOUNT OF DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Amount will not be included in Patron List)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN'S ANNIVERSARY ACCOUNT**

**ALL FORMS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2012**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE MEMBERS OF THE HISTORY COMMITTEE**



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Millersburg, PA 17061

Permit #2

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BERRYBURG, PA 17005

P.O. BOX 270

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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