

ST. JOHN'S

EPISTLE

A Letter from The Pastor.....

Dear Friends in Jesus,

As I write these lines in early April, we have just had another well-received Sunday morning after-worship fellowship time with the opportunity to sample and purchase “Fair Trade” coffee, tea, and chocolate. As I was sharing in the pre-worship announcements, what makes these products different from similar products you purchase at the grocery store is that the organization from whom we and more than 7,000 other churches get these items, ***Equal Exchange***, provides a fair return to the small farmers who actually do the growing, allowing them to stay on their land and grow their crops in environmentally-responsible ways.



Recently, Larry Gessner, whose work with this ministry goes all the way back to our beginning in 1999, set out to try to figure out how much support St. John has provided to these family farmers over the years. He was fortunate to connect with Susan Sklar, a former Pennsylvanian now working with ***Equal Exchange*** in Massachusetts, who provided as many answers as her records, which no longer go all the way back to 1999 and which primarily cover coffee purchases, would allow. Based on Susan's figures and Larry's efforts to fill in the gaps, a best estimate is that together we have purchased over \$19,000 in “Fair Trade” products over the years, about \$16,000 in coffee itself. From this \$16,000 in coffee purchases, a best estimate is that the growers themselves have received about \$5,000, making us a small but important part of annual payments to grower cooperatives that total around \$17 million.



A Letter from The Pastor..... Cont.

Note that similar figures are not readily available for the approximately \$3,000 we have purchased in tea, chocolate, and syrups over the years and so they are not included in this estimate, which means that we have done even more to benefit the economies and the ecologies of producer regions.) Thank you! And thank you to Larry and to Ann our coordinators!

Also, as you hopefully recall, this year's Annual Strawberry Festival will take place on Wednesday, June 13, in our grove and pavilion. This edition of the *St. John's Epistle* contains the updated committee listing for all of the different tasks that need to be done in order for the day to be a success. 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 me if you have any questions or concerns about your scheduled work.

A best estimate is that together we have purchased over \$19,000 in "Fair Trade" products over the years, about \$16,000 in coffee itself.

Please also make note of two other important Strawberry Festival-related dates coming up this month: 1. The **next planning meeting** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, April 30**, beginning at **6:30 P.M.** and 2. The **first pavilion cleaning and preparation night, which will also serve as our spring outside work night on the church property in general**, has been set for **Tuesday, May 29**, beginning at **5:30 P.M.** (You might remember that, in the past few years, we have had good results combining two work nights into one instead of trying to schedule two separate days and times, but this again means that we will again need lots of "hands" to pull off this busy evening of projects.)

Pastor Tom

News from Miss Laurie

Happy Spring everyone! I think we're finally safe from any more late season snow storms (although I do remember sitting around a fire on Memorial Day weekend in a winter coat and mittens NO, I am NOT going there)!!!

Keeping warm spring thoughts in my mind, I hope you are planning to attend our Family Program after worship on **May 6th**! There will be food, fun, and my fabulous FRENCH friend, Monsieur Alphie, will be making an encore performance (he'll be stopping by at the least)! Mark your calendars and share in this great time of family fellowship!

At the end of the month, on Sunday, **May 27th** (Memorial Day weekend), the Summer Schedule for SONday Celebration will begin. Each Sunday morning, from May 27th through September 9th, SONday Celebration will meet from 9:30 – 10:30 and run concurrently with the worship service. As much as possible, we'll try to incorporate outdoor activities into the schedule! Join us May 27th for the "kick-off" (I wonder what THAT means.....)!!

Other dates to remember:

Wednesday, June 13th – Strawberry Festival We'll be having a "Celebration Site" again with fun stuff for the kids! I'd like the Celebration Choir to sing again, also!!

July 23rd – 27th – VBS This year's theme is "Rolling River Rampage" and we'll experience the ride of a LIFETIME with God!!

I'll be scheduling a meeting for everyone interested in helping – will keep you posted on a date!



Miss Laurie

St. John's Facebook:
facebook.com/stjohnhillchurch

St. John's Children and Youth Ministry:
facebook.com/childrenandyouthministry



Find us on
Facebook

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.

National Day of Prayer

As the National Day of Prayer is observed this year on the traditional 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

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 SONDay Celebration/Confirmation Class/Sunday School opening time, at 9:00 A.M.

The Ascension of Our Lord

On Thursday evening, May 10, we will gather at 7:00 P.M. for a Liturgy of Holy Communion, in observance of The Ascension of Our Lord. This festival, coming on the 40th day of the Easter season, recalls the end of the 40 days of appearances of the Risen Jesus to his disciples, and his ascension into heaven. Worship will be held downstairs in the chapel/Sunday School room, and will include the opportunity to commune using the Common Cup. Also during this worship, we will hold the annual Blessing of Seed and Soil, as another growing season gets into full swing.

Family Fun Luncheon Scheduled...

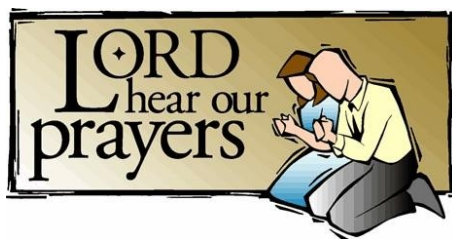
The Women of the ELCA of St. John will host a special "Family Fun Luncheon" on Sunday, May 6 immediately following worship services. This is a multi-generational covered dish luncheon that will be followed by an interactive audience program presented by Miss Laurie and her puppet friends. This program is in place of our traditional Mother/Child banquet and is open to all members of our church family. So bring a covered dish, your smile and join us for a time of fun and fellowship.

Women of the ELCA

Our next meeting will be on May 6, 2018 right after our Family Gathering. This event is in place of the Annual Mother/Child Banquet. This is a covered dish dinner following worship with entertainment. Miss Laurie will be there with her puppets. This will also be the Sunday we do our Annual Appeal for the United Lutheran Seminary. Please keep that in mind when coming to worship.

There are no meetings in June, July, or August for the ladies. So I am going to give you a list of things to mark on your calendar.

1. At our Annual Strawberry Festival the ladies are bringing attention to the "Back Pack Program". This program helps to feed hungry children over the weekend. We will have jellies and jams for sale at this stand. Please don't forget to check it out.
2. On August 18, 2018 the ladies will be having their Annual Synodical Convention at St Pauls Evangelical Lutheran Church in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. If you are interested in being the delegate for this convention please contact Janet Denlinger.
3. On September 29 the ladies will be sponsoring a Pizza Stand at the Pillow Bicentennial. Please mark your calendar.



HOSPITALIZED/RESIDING IN SENIOR LIVING/DEALING WITH ACUTE ILLNESS

Judith Cheatham – Community General Osteopathic, Rm. #302

Margaret Enders – Rm. #211, Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, 4000 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, 17112

Warren Hassinger – Room #323, Polk Assisted Living, Millersburg

Ronald Hoover – Room #101, Premier at Susquehanna, Millersburg

Marlin Koppenhaver – Room #12, Green Valley Skilled Nursing & Rehab. Center, 200 Taylorsville Road, Pitman, 17964

Sue Lebo – Rm. #203, Heritage Mill Personal Care Home, 846 E. Wiconisco Ave., Tower City, 17980

Cora Mace – Rm. #2822, Ben Franklin, Masonic Health Care Center, 600 Freemason Drive, Elizabethtown, 17022

Martha Rebuck – Rm. #36, Stonebridge Health and Rehab. Center, 102 Chandra Drive, Duncannon, 17020

Helen Schade – Rm # 218, Traditions of Hershey, 100 North Larkspur Drive, Palmyra, 17078

Please remember to join us at our monthly meetings starting in September.

Looking Ahead

In the weeks to come you will be hearing about a cookbook the ladies of St Johns are putting together. There are leaflets in this Epistle for your convenience. If you wish to help with this project please fill it out and return to Janet Denlinger.

Outdoor Schedule

May 27

June 17

*July 1 - Colonial
Order for Holy
Communion*

July 15

*July 29 - VBS Closing
Program and Annual
Picnic*

*Aug 19 - Annual Old
Fashioned Hymn Sing*

*Sept 2 - Holy
Communion*

Summer Schedule to Start

While the astronomers and meteorologists might not agree, for us here at the Hill Church, summer definitely gets underway on Sunday, May 27. That will be the morning that we once again switch to our **summer schedule** of 1. **Sunday School for Adults at 8:45 A.M.**, with no opening, so that we simply join in the regular half-hour study session, ending by about 9:15, 2. **Worship at 9:30 A.M.**, ending promptly by 10:30 so that everyone can get on to those reunions and other summer Sunday plans (this will also be the morning that we move out to the pavilion for the first of our outside summer worship opportunities), and 3. **SON-Day Celebration (Summer Sunday School for Grades 4 and younger) with Miss Laurie also at 9:30 A.M.** Even though, as this May newsletter is prepared in early April, the forecast is again speaking of snow, we look forward to another summer of worship here on The Hill, including seven Sunday mornings when we will gather outdoors in the beauty of God's Good Creation!

Audio of Weekly Worship

If you aren't able to be present for worship on a given Sunday – or if you would just like to listen to something again – audio of our weekly worship is now available through a link on the homepage of our congregational website. Look for the audio link on the lower right side of the homepage which, when clicked, will take you to our page on YouTube, where you can click on the date desired and then use the slider that appears to move back and forth through the audio. And, if you would be interested in helping with the weekly recording of worship, please speak with Rachel or Roy Henry, who have set up the recording ministry, for more information!

Jellies and Jams

The Women of the ELCA of St. John will be having a homemade jam and jelly tent at the Strawberry Festival this year. We are in need of small jelly jars for this project and would welcome any and all donations to the project. Sugar and Surgel are also needed and any donations would be greatly appreciated. Talk with any member of the group for more information.

Pastoral Acts

At the Altar

On Saturday afternoon, March 31, Pastor Tom presided at the marriage of **Jennifer Lehman** and **Alexis Bershaw** at the church. We pray God's blessing on Jenn and Lexi, that they may each be given the grace and strength to faithfully live out their vows of commitment!



LUTHERAN CAMPING NIGHT AT THE SENATORS GAME MAY 11TH, 2018



GATES OPEN: 6:00PM * 7:00PM GAMETIME

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I
in the midst of them." -Matthew 18:20*

THE LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION AND THE HARRISBURG
SENATORS INVITE YOUR CHURCH FAMILY TO A NIGHT OF FUN AND
FELLOWSHIP AT FNB FIELD FOR OUR ANNUAL
LUTHERAN CAMPING NIGHT!

TICKETS ARE \$11 AND \$4 FROM EACH TICKET WILL BENEFIT CAMP
KIRCHENWALD & CAMP NAWAKWA



POST GAME FIREWORKS



ORDERS AND PAYMENT DUE SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH
TO OLIVIA WILLIARD

* ALL TICKETS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE
WILL CALL WINDOW ON MAY 11TH *

TICKETS _____ TICKETS AT \$11 EACH FOR A TOTAL \$ _____

CHURCH: St. John's Lutheran Church, Berrysburg, PA

NAME OF PURCHASER: _____

ADDRESS OF PURCHASER: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT TERMS: _____ CHECK CREDIT CARD: _____ VISA _____ MC _____ DISCOVER _____ AE

NAME ON CARD: _____ EXP: _____

NUMBER ON CARD: _____ SEC CODE: _____

PAYMENT OF CREDIT CARD, CASH, OR CHECK MADE OUT TO HARRISBURG
SENATORS CAN BE MAILED ALONG WITH ORDER TO

ATTN: LUTHERAN NIGHT: PO BOX 15757: HARRISBURG, PA 17105

OR FAX TO 717-231-4445

OR GIVEN TO OLIVIA WILLIARD BY 4/15

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

March 11, 2018

The Council Meeting was called to order by President Dan Langhans. Pastor Tom offered prayer and devotions.

All members present.

Reading of Minutes: Motion to accept by Jamie Doyle; second by Pat Herb. Motion passed by all in attendance.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

Water tests done.

\$200 gift to Harrisburg Area YMCA

\$300 gift to Sing for Joy Radio Broadcast

Motion to accept by Carl Baumgardner; second by Barbara Bullock; passed by all in attendance.

Pastor's Report:

A solid year of worship attendance

Motion to accept report by Donna Rabenold ; second by Carl Baumgardner; passed by all in attendance.

Children and Youth: Carl reported about special service on April 8. Motion to accept report by Jamie Doyle; second by Daniel Maurer; motion passed by all in attendance.

Treasurer Report by Jamie Doyle – the church's current financial status; financial information to be included in the minutes. Motion to accept report by Patricia Herb; second by Donna Rebenold; motion passed by all in attendance.

Church Property Report by Henry Henninger

Fuel Oil filled up

Stars to come down

Painting in the church

Three church signs along roads need redone.

New signs on bathroom doors

Future planning to redo the kitchen

Storage room for dart ball materials

Storage for toys

Closet conversion

Old altar from the old wooden church; possible refurbishment for use in pavilion

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

March 11, 2018

Worship and Music:

Meeting held February 20, Possible new candles

Youth:

Sunday service and spaghetti dinner , Fund raising for Texas Trip

Strawberry Festival:

First meeting March 6, Next meeting April 30

Women:

Snack Pack Program continues and is successful.

Plans to sell jelly as a fundraiser at Strawberry Festival

Include Women as a regular report on the Church Council Agenda

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Donna Rabenold; second by Jamie Doyle; passed by all in attendance.

Next Meeting is April 8.

Respectfully submitted,
Darrell Denlinger, Secretary

Treasurer Reports – March 2018

	Prior Balance	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
Current	\$11,516.54	12,083.97	12,256.01	\$11,344.50
Benevolence	968.68	2,310.00	1552.00	\$1,726.68
Children & Youth (\$1,891.26)		1,586.00	1,546.94	(\$1,852.20)
Flower	137.33	660.00	130.00	\$667.33
Improvement	1,749.08	2,671.00	1176.67	\$3,243.41
Memorial	3,486.73	550.76	none	\$4,037.49



Strawberry Festival Committees

June 13, 2018



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:

Robert Weaver – 717-362-8625

Jeff Lehman – 570-590-0869

Helen Henninger – 717-579-2532

Sandra Lamenza – 570-758-4498

Important Dates:

Tuesday, May 29th at 5:30pm – Pavilion cleaning night & yard work at church. Bring your favorite supplies.

Saturday, June 9th & Monday, June 11th at 8:00am – Food Preparation

Tuesday, June 12th at 6:30am – Continued food preparation and Strawberry Pies

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 BBQ will be needed by Sunday, June 3rd.**

Pavilion & Grove Preparation – Henry Henninger

All Available Male and Female Helpers

Cashiers – Larry Gessner, Pat Herb

Daniel Langhans, Sandra Shade, Elaine Henninger, Janet Denlinger, Dawn Sloan, Kaye Thoma, Cindy Carr, Rachel Henry

Strawberries, pies and soup sales – Jim Watson

Bob Rudisill, Sam Tonkin

Publicity – Carol Hassinger, Louise Baumgardner (Newspapers & Radio Station), Posters, Social Media – Rachel Henry

Sandra Lamenza (Pillow), Angie Mattern (Tri-Valley Area), Pat Herb (Lykens), Doris Schaffer (E-ville), Janet Denlinger (Lykens), Barb Bullock (Millersburg), Fay Nichols (Berrysburg/Gratz)

Host – Bob Weaver

Lynn Henninger, Carl Baumgardner, Vincent Lamenza, Pastor Tom, Barry Williard, Roy Henry

Counters – Fred Weaver, Warren Hassinger, Ray Matter

Parking – Matt Williard

Steve Boyer, Dan Maurer, Joe Doyle, Sam Gentile, James Weaver, Devin Radel, Gary Leitzel, Eric Mattern, Justin Adams, Bob Schaffer, Dan Radel, John Shaffer, Aaron Schreffler, James Barder, Tim Motter, Matt Motter

Ice Cream and Sundaes – Carol Hassinger

Bob Crabb, Troy Schaeffer, J.C. Kell, Craig Peters, Bob Hassinger, John Ferree, Judy Ferree, Mike Hubler, Randy Paul, Jeff Buffington, Kim Hassinger, Carol Hubler, Jeff Hassinger

Pony Rides – Barb and Kim Langhans

Entertainment – Harold and Pat Herb

Petting Zoo – Bush Family

Anniversary Table

Myron Riland, Anna Fetterhoff, Alex Leitzel, Carol Hassinger, Barb Bullock

Hot Dogs and BBQ – Ginny Enders

Scott Howard, Jane Grosser, Connie Erdman-Enders, Julie Warfel, Delmar Enders

Strawberry and Soup Stockmen – Henry Henninger

Michael Henninger, Adam Rabenold, Jeff Roadcap, Randy Matter, Jeff Lehman, Steve Schlegel, Corey Scheib, Dennis Smeltz, Mike Leitzel, Roy Henry, Sam Tonkin

Shortcakes – Bonnie Erb

Fay Bixler, Sue Lebo, Ann Bruner, Heidi Lehman, Betty Leitzel, Donna Rabenold, Yalonda Rabenold, Ron Erb, Vickie Scheaffer, Gail Billow, Lori Klotz

Baked Goods – Barb Bullock, Sheila Barder , Rebecca Conte**Soup – Jeff Lehman**

David Bixler, Randy Matter, Jean Weaver, Larry Gehring, Scott Howard, Valerie Buffington

Dishwasher

Steve Boyer

Soda – Ken Koller

Brad Ditty, Darrell Denlinger, Logan Maurer, Tim Bruner, Ryne Crabb, Jason Bixler, Alek Peters, Caleb Enders, Ryan Henninger, Owen Mattern

Strawberry Preparation – Tuesday, June 12th at 6:00PM and Wednesday, June 13th Noon till Close – Fay Nichols

Marzette Hoffman, Dianne Schell, Richie Ann Martz, Cindy Phillips, Randy Challenger, Heidi Challenger, Judi Cheatham, Karen Gehring, Pearl Buffington, Joyce Matter, Lily Shade, Lorraine Henninger

Bus Persons (1st -5th Grade) – Lois Leshner, Sharon Peters

Abigail Adams, Chandlyr Arnold, Tanner Bixler, Ethan Dohr, Caroline Klouser, Gary Leitzel, Grady Matter-DeSoto, TJ Paul, Allysa Rabenold, Lillian Rabenold, Briana Radel, Cole Roadcap, Landon Troutman, Axton Zimmerman, Cub Scout Pack 86, Girl Scout Troup

Servers – Faye Weaver, Helen Henninger

Carissa Barder	Roberyt Dohr	Hanna Houtz	Yolanda Mendez	Bryce Roadcap	Tamara Spicher
Louise Baumgardner	Arlene Donnelly	Teresa Hughes	Courtney Miller	Tammy Roadcap	Josh Stadheim
Sandy Bixler	Arlene Doyle	Rose Kell	Lori Motter	Naomi Rudisill	Payton Stutzman
Aspen Bloom	Jamie Doyle	Dana Klouser	Nicholas Motter	Whitni Rudisill	Cameron Thompson
Cecilia Boyer	Amanda Dresel	Kerilyn Kramer	Shannon Motter	Holly Scheib	Cody Thompson
Lily Boyer	Olivia Enders	Heidi Lehman	Kristen Nichols	Carrie Schlegel	Jodi Thompson
Serene Boyer	Susan Foster	Camella Leitzel	Angela Paul	Hoyt Schlegel	Zach Thompson
Ethan Calnon	Amy Gehring	McKenzie Lower	Ben Paul	Amber Schreffler	Jenna Troutman
Reyann Cheatham	Gracie Gehrin	Allison Mace	Bobby Paul	Ashton Schreffler	Lois Watson
Elijah Conte	Cheryl Gessner	Avery Mace	Jacob Paul	Kinsley Schreffler	Kim Williard
Jayne Crabb	Katie Gessner	Danielle Mace	Sandy Paul	Cory Shade	Olivia Williard
Jena Crabb	Park Gessner	Landon Mace	Karen Paulman	Cheryl Shadle	Robin Willier
Nick D'Alesandro	Katherine Gilligan	Roni Mace	Nicole Radel	Sara Shaffer	Lydia Yeager
Tyler D'Alesandra	Rita Glace	Angie Mattern	Roberta Radel	Mary Ann Smeltz	Romaine Yeager
Rachel Denlinger	Abigail Groy	Marlee Mattern	Alex Ramos	Austin Specht	MJ Zellner
Taylor Denlinger	Kelsey Henninger	Angie Maurer	Joanne Ramos	Jodi Specht	
Natalie DeSoto	Megan Henninger	Kaylene Maurer	Alayna Ribovich	Callie Spicher	
Regina Dohr	Ryan Henninger	Megan Mench	Aidan Roadcap	Kristen Spicher	

Take-Out Counter – Clint Gehring

Angie Enders, Kris MacCready, RJ Henry, Gabe Gehring

Festival Night Clean-Up – Henry Henninger

Pastor Bruner, Carl Baumgardner, Bob Crabb, Jayne Crabb, Clint Gehring, Sam Gentile, Bob Hassinger, Mike Henninger, Roy Henry, Randy Matter, Lori Motter, Tim Motter, Craig Peters, Adam Rabenold, Tom Rabenold, Eric Mattern, Rob D'Alesandro, Blake Maurer

Celebration of Confirmation

During our morning worship on the Day of Pentecost, May 20, we will have the honor and great joy of joining in celebrating the confirmation of one of our young members. **Kelsey Henninger** has completed two years of catechetical instruction with Pastor Tom and is now ready to take this new step in her faith journey—saying “yes” to the baptismal promises previously made for her by her parents and sponsors. Please don’t miss this opportunity to celebrate this milestone in Kelsey's life and in our life as a congregational family!

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Berrysburg, PA

Red Geranium Order Form for Pentecost Sunday May 20, 2018



How many Plants:	Price per plant:	Total Amount of order:
_____	\$2.85 (4 ½” pot)	_____

Please print desired memorial as you want it printed in the bulletin:

Presented by:

Please return this order form with payment to any of the people on the
Flower Fund Committee:
Yalonda Rabenold, Lois Leshner, Fay Nichols, Sheila Barder

Absolute last day to order May 6, 2018

Thank you for your support!!!!

Youth Group News

The youth group has been very active and has many plans in the future. Our Bass Pro Shop fundraiser was a success! We raised over \$1,000 selling hot dogs, sausages, and baked goods. Thank you to all the youth group members and advisors who helped. We couldn't have had such a huge success without you!

Our monthly meeting on Sunday, April 15th was filled with a lot of discussion. During the meeting, we agreed to update our bank account information to remove our past treasurer and give the responsibility to Treasurer Cameron Thompson. Advisor Becky Conte was also added as a second adult to the account. Secondly, only the youth group members going to Houston will be selling Little Caesar's Pizza in May.

The youth group is also planning a Bethesda Mobile Trip. The scheduled date is June 8th and we will be using the money we received from this year and past years' Souper Bowls to buy materials that we need. All youth group members will arrive at 6pm on the night of June 8th to pack and prepare the food bags for the trip. As soon as they are done the younger youth members will stay behind at the church to have a Fun Night until 9pm. The older youth group members (those eligible for the ELCA Youth Gathering) and several advisors will go to Bethesda to work in the Mobile Mission van, handing out the food bags, clothing, and blankets. These youth members and advisors will be home around midnight.



Feeding the Community

Lastly, the youth group is planning on spending a day at Nawakwa in June. During this time, we will make the buttons that the people going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston will trade with others. We will also play games and worship.

Reminder to youth group members: *We have our meetings every third Sunday of the month 6-8, but we scheduled May's meeting to be right after church, 11:30 to 1:30. Secondly, when the older youth group members go to Houston, the younger youth group members will be having a Fun Day.*

We encourage all youth who are attending GATHERING, to take time regularly and review the resources available to you on the ELCA website

<http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>

Looking Ahead

May

Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser
(GATHERING Participants Only)

June

13th - Strawberry Festival, all youth will be scheduled to work the pavilion and assist with the food service portion of the festival.

28th - GATHERING, Houston, Tx.

Youth Group Fun Day

May Worship Schedule

May Gifts

Konde Diocese -

Janet and Darrell

Denlinger

Celebrate Inserts -

Lori and Tim Motter

Tree 4 Hope -

Lori and Tim Motter

May Altar

Flowers

May 6

Olivia Williard

May 13

Faye Nichols

May 20

*Pentecost Flowers
Hassinger's/ Ferree's*

May 27

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

**as of print date,
subject to change*

Altar Guild
Lector

Pat and Harold Herb
Amy Gehring

Usher's for the Month of May: Henry Henninger (L)
Sandra Lamenza (E), Bonnie Erb and Ronald Erb (LAY)

May 6, 2018 **Holy Communion**

Greeter	Anne Bruner & Faye Nichols
Acolytes	RJ Henry & Gabe Gehring
Superintendent	Larry Gessner
Pianist	Louise Baumgardner

May 10, 2018 **Holy Communion** **Ascension of Our Lord**

Greeter	Mike and Carol Hubler
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May 13, 2018

Greeter	Maryjane Zelner
Acolytes	Abigail Gilroy & Hayley Donovan
Superintendent	Lynn Henninger
Pianist	Sandy Paul

May 20, 2018 **Holy Communion** **Day of Pentecost**

Greeter	Gary & Betty Leitzel
Acolytes	Cole Roaadcap & Aidan Roadcap
Superintendent	Jeff Lehman
Pianist	Lois Watson

May 27, 2018 **Holy Communion** **The Holy Trinity** **OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

Greeter	The Eric Mattern Family
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div></div> <div>May 2018</div> <div></div> </div>						
6 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:00 Adult & Sr. High Sunday School, Confirmation Class, SONDay Celebration and Jr. High Sunday School with Annual Rachel's Day Observance During Opening 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion 11:30 "Family Fun" Covered Dish Luncheon and Program with Miss Laurie (sponsored by the St. John Women of the ELCA)	7 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief 5:30 Book Discussion Group Gathering	1 Philip & James, Apostles 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal 8 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:15 Faith Formation Team Gathering 7:30 Youth Group Advisors Quarterly Meeting	2 6:30 Midweek Bible Study	3 National Day of Prayer	4 11 Lutheran Night with the Harrisburg Senators	5 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
13 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:00 Adult & Sr. High Sunday School, Confirmation Class (opening upstairs) 9:00 SONDay Celebration and Jr. High Sunday School (opening downstairs) 10:15 Liturgy of the Word	14 Matthias, Apostle 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief	15 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal Deadline to Submit Items for June "St. John's Epistle"	16 6:30 Midweek Bible Study	17	18	19 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
20 Day of Pentecost 9:00 Adult & Sr. High Sunday School, Confirmation Class (opening upstairs) 9:00 SONDay Celebration and Jr. High Sunday School (opening downstairs) 9:50 Congregational Council Meets to Prepare for Confirmation 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Celebration of Confirmation 11:30 – 1:30 Youth Group Meeting with Lunch 2:00 – 4:00 Girl Scout Troop Mother/Daughter Tea 4:00 Congregational Council Meeting	21 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief	22 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg.	23 6:30 Midweek Bible Study	24	25	26 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
27 The Holy Trinity 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP 9:30 SONDay Celebration	28 Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off Memorial Day (observed)	29 9:30 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 5:30 Combined Pavilion Cleaning Night for Strawberry Festival and Church Outside Property Work Night	30 Memorial Day	31 Visit of Mary to Elizabeth Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly at Messiah College		

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