



# ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BERRYSBURG, PA | MAY 2022

## Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends in Jesus,

I'm hoping you can recall my mentioning that Easter, for us as the Followers of Jesus, isn't just a day; it is a season which lasts for "a week of weeks (49 days) plus one" for a total of 50 days, including no less than 7 Sundays of Easter. The ancient idea is that we need all that time to faithfully and boldly proclaim and live the reality that **Jesus Lives – Alleluia!!** With that in mind, I'm using the rest of this space this month to speak of some important and very visible ways in which we are all looking to go forward faithfully and boldly in that Easter news.

First, going forward faithfully and boldly with this beautiful and historic facility we call our congregational family home... Immediately following worship on Sunday, May 1, we will gather for a special congregational meeting to take action on the **St. John Restoration 250** project, recommended to us by Congregational Council. This bold plan received this name because it is truly a project for the ages – one which will equip us with a facility for worship and ministry befitting our upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2030 and one which will in some ways outlive all of us voting on it. As you can see in more detail on the summary page which follows this letter, the core of the \$220,000 proposal is to contract with Bahret Church Interiors to repair the places in our upstairs worship space, down the stairs, and in the foyer where the surface of our 140+ year old horsehair plaster is powdering in such a way that paint can no longer bond to it properly. As part of this repair, all ceilings, walls and woodwork will be repainted, as has not been done since the early 1980's. In addition to this core work, all red carpeted areas will receive new red carpeting, including down the main stairs. In the foyer and foyer restroom, the current flooring will be replaced with an attractive heavy-duty artificial wood flooring. We will also receive a comprehensive update of our lighting with energy efficient and more effective and attractive LED lighting (although not affecting our historic chandeliers upstairs); our current sound system will be replaced with an up-to-date "smart" system that can, among other things, actually detect and compensate for when a reader is speaking a bit too softly; we will install a new motorized screen and projector which will allow us finally to see things being projected even in the bright light of day; and our Zoom worship experience will finally be brought up to snuff with aspects of the new sound system (which will be capable of handling the sound needed for Zoom worship entirely separately from the sound needed for in-person worship) as well as new cameras. **So, on May 1, everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but especially needed are all voting members of the congregational family (confirmed, as well as communing and contributing in the past two years) for this yes/no vote by secret ballot.** Please don't hesitate to speak with Sandra Lamenza, who is chairing the **St. John Restoration 250** working group, any member of Property Committee or Congregational Council, or with me with any questions!

And then, going forward faithfully and boldly with a beloved and historic congregational family event...

As you hopefully recall, this year's Annual Strawberry Festival has long been scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, but with a big question mark as to what that Festival might look like this year. I'm really happy to report that, at the first planning meeting in March, the decision was made to bring the Festival back onsite as we all remember it, but even better, with tweaking of our serving and dining practices to allow more open space, as we found was very well-received in last year's "to go" version of the Festival. So, this edition of the **St. John's Epistle** once again 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. And, as we speak of our Annual Strawberry Festival, please also make note of two other important Strawberry Festival-related dates coming up in the next few weeks: 1. The **next planning meeting** has been scheduled for **Thursday, April 28**, beginning at **7:00 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 24**, beginning at **5:30 P.M.** (You might remember that, for the past several years, we have had good results combining what had at one time been 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, Young Christians Minister

Happy marvelous May, everyone! I hope you're enjoying the Easter season!

In addition to the flowers brought to us by all those April showers, this month we'll also be enjoying several holidays including Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Grab a pencil and add these activities to your May "to do" list:

- Wednesday, May 4th - It's our last Celebration Club of the season. Join us for a final pizza party and see how we "wrap" things up!!
- On Sunday, May 8th, we'll be honoring Moms in our "Mother's Day" SONday Celebration! Come and be part of the fun!
- Immediately after church on Sunday, May 15th, join us as we say hello to summer with a "Here Comes Summer 'Dog Dayz' Family Fun Time". Enjoy hot dogs and s'mores by the fire, Mongrel Madness with BW the Hound Dog, and lots of other canine capers. You're sure to have a good time, "dog gone it"!!!
- The last Sunday of the month, May 29th, is part of the Memorial Day Weekend and it's the start of our Summer Schedule for SONday Celebration! Join us from 9:30 – 10:30 as we "kick" things off!

Wishing you all a magnificent May! See you at the celebrations!!

**Miss Laurie**

### SAVE THE DATE

Are you ready to cook up some fun? Join us July 11th through July 15th from 6:30 - 8:45 pm for "Food Truck Party" VBS and get on a roll with God!!



# St John Restoration 250

## Summary of estimates

Plaster repair and painting	\$59,965
Decorative trim on ceiling	\$12,925
Expose window in vestibule	\$5,820
Replace carpet	\$39,689
Comprehensive lighting package on all three levels	\$37,430
Comprehensive sound system package	\$27,693
Motorized screen and projector	\$18,400
Zoom improvement package	\$12,669
Miscellaneous expenses	\$5,409
TOTAL	\$220,000

## Financial Summary (as of 2/23/2022)

Dollars contributed specifically for the project	\$32,053
Balance of available Memorial Account interest	\$188,162
Suggested reserve of Memorials Fund Interest	(\$100,000)*
Memorial interest dollars available for the project	\$88,162
Total Dollars on hand and available for project	\$120,215
Dollars needed from additional contributions	\$99,785

\*From this reserve, we may need up to \$50,000 for the replacement of the steeple base roof before winter, which was found to be necessary when recent emergency repairs were made

## Book Club

Please join us for an upcoming **Book Group Discussion on Zoom!** Call or email Ann 717.362.7895 [rahbruner@gmail.com](mailto:rahbruner@gmail.com) if you need a book or have any questions. Copies of the book should be available on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer. Next up – Monday, May 2 **American Harvest** by Marie Mutsuki Mocket. Hope to see you there!

## May Family Fun Time

The dog days of summer are just around the corner - join us right after church on **Sunday, May 15th** as we kick things off with a "Here Comes Summer "Dog Dayz" Family Fun Time! There will be hot DOGS and s'mores by the fire; Mongrel Madness with BW the Hound Dog; and lots of other canine capers! Bring your lawn chair and join us for a doggone good time! Thanks to the Women of the Church for organizing this event!!

## National Day of Prayer

As the National Day of Prayer is observed this year on May 5, the traditional first Thursday in May, we are all encouraged to be sure to take time that day, wherever we may be, to be in prayer for our country, that we might be a force for peace with justice and healing, both within our own borders and throughout God's world! Please contact Pastor Tom if you would like to arrange for the church building to be open outside of his regular office hours for a time of private prayer.

## Ascension of Our Lord

On Thursday evening, May 26, after two years away, 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 40<sup>th</sup> 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. This year, our worship will be held upstairs and so our annual Blessing of Seed and Soil, observed as another growing season gets into full swing, will be adapted for an inside time of prayer. Please note that this worship will be available only in-person upstairs and not on our Zoom platform.

## Summer Schedule

As we find ourselves now solidly in the season of spring and rapidly heading toward summer, several changes will be coming to our worship at the end of this month, on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, May 29. That will be the morning that we once again switch to our **summer schedule** of 1. **Sunday Morning Bible Study for Adults at 8:45 A.M.**, 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 scheduled outside summer worship opportunities**), and 3. **SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie also at 9:30 A.M.**

We look forward to another summer of worship here on The Hill, including a total of at least eight Sunday mornings when we will gather outdoors in the beauty of God's Good Creation. (For one of those outside worship times, on Sunday, June 26, we look forward to the return of our good friends from the ***Lykens Valley Bluegrass Band*** – who will also be joining our musical entertainment at this year's Annual Strawberry Festival, taking the place which ***Shotgunn*** has filled now for a good many years.)

## News from The St Johns W-ELCA

After two years of being shut down and not doing much **WE ARE BACK!**

A year ago we had our first meeting and started to plan events. Our first event was the 33rd Annual Convention of the Women of the LSS. It was a great day and all were very happy with meetings, worship, and of course, since it's a Lutheran event the food was delicious too. We received many compliments on having the convention in our pavilion. Mother Nature blessed us that day as the weather was perfect.

This year as we prepare for the Strawberry Festival. We again are having an area for "Jammin with the Ladies". We will have jams and jellies as well as the home-made breads. If anyone wants to help with items needed, Sugar, Sure Jell, Jars and lids, or financial help please contact me and I will try to help you.

We are planning a Mission Event this year also. The ladies are packing 500 Personal Care Kits to send to Lutheran World Relief. We have not done this project in years, but in talking with Janel Johnson-Momanyi at LWR I have learned these kits are so badly needed and we can make a difference. These will be sent to New Windsor, Maryland in the fall and then onto where they are really needed. **One of the things we will need your help with is collecting bars of soap that are 4-5 ounces. It doesn't matter what the brand name is just the weight.** We will have a container for the soap setting in the front of the church for your donation. We will need 1000 bars of soap. Up front I will say for myself and the ladies Thank You for your help.

St. Johns W-ELCA President Fay Nichols

## Pastoral Acts

### At Graveside

Pastor Tom presided at funeral worship for **Doris Schaffer**, who died at her home at the Polk Assisted Living facility in Millersburg on March 18. Worship took place at the church on March 25, with interment in our church cemetery. Pastor Tom also led a time of Memorial Worship in the Polk Chapel on March 24 for Doris and Bob's "Polk Family". We pray God's comfort in the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus for **Bob** and their other family members and loved ones!

## Congratulations!

To **Courtney & Eric Miller** on the safe and healthy birth of **Cade Tyler Miller** on March 22 at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center, weighing in at 6 pounds 13 ounces and 19¼ inches long. Congratulations also to proud big sisters **Brielle** and **Layla**, and to the Rudisill and Miller families!

# St. John's Youth Group

St. John's Facebook: [facebook.com/stjohnhillchurch](https://facebook.com/stjohnhillchurch)

John's Children and Youth Ministry: [facebook.com/childrenandyouthministry](https://facebook.com/childrenandyouthministry)

ELCA Gathering Website: [www.elca.org/youthgathering](http://www.elca.org/youthgathering)



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## Youth Group Meeting

Due to the fact that May is such a busy month at school, we WILL NOT have a youth group meeting in May. Wait!! Don't get too upset! Our next youth group meeting is **Wednesday, June 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.!!** Weather permitting, we will dust off the gaga pit and the disc golf for some outdoor gaming fun!!

Good luck on your finals!! Have fun at the Trojan March festivities, the Spring Fling, and the Prom! Good luck in all the spring sports!

Good luck to Kelsey with graduation! You're going to do amazing things!! Nothing is out of your reach!! 😊

## Strawberry Festival

The strawberry festival is Wednesday, June 8th. If you haven't already signed up to help, please see Jeff Lehman to find out where he can use additional support. Or, if you want to walk away from the strawberry festival with a nice tan, Matt is always looking for help parking cars.



Escape Room in March



Easter Egg Hunt in April

# Strawberry Festival Committees

## June 8, 2022

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  
Helen Henninger – 717-579-2532

Jeff Lehman – 570-590-0869  
Sandra Lamenza – 570-758-4498

### Important Dates:

**Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** – Pavilion cleaning night & yard work at church. Bring your favorite supplies.  
**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup> & Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am** – Food Preparation  
**Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am** – Continued food preparation and Strawberry Pies

**Donation Chart:** To make a monetary donation for items sign up in the foyer. Donations of baked goods will also be available for signup in the foyer.

### Pavilion & Grove Preparation – Carl Baumgardner, Michael Henninger

All Available Male and Female Helpers

### Cashiers – Larry Gessner, Pat Herb

Sandra Shade, Elaine Henninger, Kaye Thoma, Cindy Carr, Rachel Henry, Ryan Henninger

### 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), Rachel Henry (E-ville), Barb Bullock (Millersburg), Fay Nichols (Berrysburg/Gratz)

### Host – Bob Weaver

Lynn Henninger, Carl Baumgardner, Vincent Lamenza, Pastor Tom, Barry Williard, Roy Henry, Scott Peters, Ira Antes

### Counters/Church Cards – Fred Weaver, Harold Herb

### Parking – Matt Williard

Steve Boyer, Sam Gentile, James Weaver, Gary Leitzel, Justin Adams, Dan Radel, Aaron Schreffler, James Barder, Tim Motter, Matt Motter, Pastor Tom, Roy Henry, Bryan Bender, Olivia Williard, Madeline Williard, Matthew Riland

### 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

### Entertainment – Harold and Pat Herb

### Anniversary Table

Anna Fetterhoff, Carol Hassinger, Vincent Lamenza

### Hot Dogs and BBQ – Ginny Enders

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

### Baked Goods/Jammin' with Ladies – Barb Bullock, Sheila Barder, Janet Denlinger

**Help where needed/Floaters – Dennis Smeltz, Michael Henninger**

Adam Rabenold, Jeff Roadcap, Steve Schlegel, Corey Scheib, Mike Leitzel, Ryan Henninger, Wayne Thomas, Rob Foreman, Ty Troutman

**Pies & Shortcakes – Bonnie Erb**

Fay Bixler, Ann Bruner, Betty Leitzel, Donna Rabenold, Yalonda Rabenold, Ron Erb, Vickie Scheaffer, Marilyn Antes

**Soup – Jeff Lehman**

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

**Strawberry Preparation – Tuesday, June 7th at 6:00pm and Wednesday, June 8th Noon till Closing – Fay Nichols**

Richie Ann Martz, Randy Challenger, Heidi Challenger, Judi Cheatham, Karen Gehring, Lily Shade, Gail Billow, Arlene Doyle, Cindy Phillips

**Take-Out Counter/Soda Helpers – Clint Gehring**

Angie Enders, Kris MacCready, RJ Henry, Gabe Gehring, Caleb Enders, Braden Bender

**Festival Night Clean-Up – Michael Henninger & Bob Hassinger**

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

**First Aid/Health Screening – Gary Daniels****Bus Persons (1st -5th Grade) – Sharon Peters, Kylie Bender, Dana Klouser**

Abigail Adams, Grady Matter-DeSoto, TJ Paul, Briana Radel, Marc Schaffner, Stelle DeSoto, Bennett Troutman, Maclyn Shoop, Elsie Rabenold, Jennifer Kell, Abby Bixler, Brady Dresel, Derrick Henry, Madie Leitzel, MaKayla McKensie, Kyan Peters, Brooklyn Bender, MaKayla Crabb, Emily Rabenold, Isaac Schaffner, Ayden Shoop, Cub Scout Pack 86, Girl Scout Troop

**Servers – Faye Weaver, Helen Henninger, Heidi Lehman**

Laci Adams	Cheryl Gessner	Marlee Mattern	Alex Ramos	Austin Specht
Carissa Barder	Katie Gessner	Owen Mattern	Joanne Ramos	Jody Specht
Louise Baumgardner	Park Gessner	Angie Maurer	Brandi Riland	Tamara Spicher
Sandy Bixler	Katherine Gilligan	Kaylene Maurer	Mary Riland	Daisy Thomas
Tanner Bixler	Rita Glace	Logan Maurer	Sarah Riland	Cameron Thompson
Aspen Bloom	Abigail Groy	Yolanda Mendez	Alayna Peters	Cody Thompson
Cecilia Boyer	Kelsey Henninger	Courtney Miller	Aiden Roadcap	Jodi Thompson
Lily Boyer	Megan Henninger	Lori Motter	Cole Roadcap	Zachary Thompson
Serene Boyer	Kayla Henry	Nicholas Motter	Bryce Roadcap	Jenna Troutman
Reyann Cheatham	Teresa Hughes	Shannon Motter	Tammy Roadcap	Kim Troutman
Jayne Crabb	Dana Klouser	Kristen Nichols	Naomi Rudisill	Landon Troutman
Jena Crabb	Heidi Lehman	Angela Paul	Whitni Rudisill	James Watson
Natalie Bellis	Camella Leitzel	Ben Paul	Janine Schaffner	Lois Watson
Caroline DeSoto	Gary Leitzel	Bobby Paul	Holly Scheib	Kim Williard
Jamie Doyle	Payton Leitzel	Jacob Paul	Carrie Schlegel	Robin Willier
Amanda Dresel	Allison Mace	Joshua Paul	Hoyt Schlegel	Romaine Yeager
Dianne Enders	Avery Mace	Sandy Paul	Amber Schreffler	Axton Zimmerman
Olivia Enders	Danielle Mace	Sara Paul	Ashton Schreffler	Mid Penn Bank Eville
Susan Foster	Landon Mace	Allysa Rabenold	Kinsley Schreffler	
Amy Gehring	Roni Mace	Lillian Rabenold	Sara Shaffer	
Gracie Gehring	Angie Mattern	Nicole Radel	Kellie Shoop	
Kim Geib		Roberta Radel	Mary Ann Smeltz	



# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Congregational Council Minutes, February 27, 2022

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

**Present:** Roy Henry, Pastor Tom Bruner, Lori Motter, Craig Peters, Carl Baumgardner, Sheila Barder, Heidi Lehman, Gail Billow, Joshua Paul, Ira Antes and Courtney Foreman.

**Minutes:** Motion by Joshua Paul to accept the January 2022 minutes as read. Second by Craig Peters. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Thank you letter from the Dauphin County Library System for appeal donation in January.

Friends of the Elizabethtown Library – Request use of the pavilion for the annual book sale during the week of May 16 – 23, 2022. Ann Bruner to be the point person for the congregation.

Motion to approve by Carl Baumgardner. Second by Courtney Foreman. Motion approved unanimously.

Lynn and Helen Henninger submitted a request for a gift to be given to the YMCA for the annual fund drive. \$300 donation proposed.

A gift request for the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center was received. \$200 gift proposed.

A request for a donation toward the Post Prom Party on behalf of the UDA PTAC was received. \$100 donation proposed.

Motion to provide the proposed gifts as in past years by Carl Baumgardner. Second by Joshua Paul. Motion approved unanimously.

**Pastor's Report:** Motion to accept the Pastor's report by Heidi Lehman. Second by Lori Motter. Motion approved unanimously.

**Children and Youth Ministry Report:** Motion to accept Miss Laurie's report by Joshua Paul. Second by Craig Peters. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Reports:** Motion to accept the treasurer's reports by Joshua Paul. Second by Heidi Lehman. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Church Property:** The committee met on January 22, 2022. Awaiting a complete estimate on the proposed renovation project from Barrett Church Group to include the ceiling repairs, sealing and painting, and painting all walls including the Sanctuary, stairways, entrance, window boxes, balconies, and anything not done during the kitchen renovation, and carpeting. The committee is also getting a quote for a sound system to include a camera for Zoom and a possible motorized screen.

The committee will meet Wednesday at 1 PM for a demonstration of the sound system. All are welcome to join.

Proposed time frame for projects: Meeting in March to discuss recommendations. Church Council presentation/discussion in April. Potential start time May/June. The committee is envisioning three weeks for project completion.

Dennis is looking into emergency lighting.

Looking at removing the bulletin boards from the entrance and refurbishing the closet for food pantry use to open the area.

Looking at a possible barn/garage Spring cleanup day.

**Finance Committee:** No report.

**Worship and Music:** No report.

**Faith Formation:** No report.

**Youth Ministry:** Youth led worship on 2/13/22 – all did a wonderful job.

2/27/22 – Escape Room team building – 15 participants.

There may be a SYNOD wide gathering in place of the National Gathering in July. More to come later.

3/27/22 – Spaghetti Dinner after the church service – Take out only (hopefully for the last time!)

**Mutual Ministry:** No report.

**Executive:** No report.

**Nominating:** No report.

**History and Archive:** No report.

**Women of the ELCA:** 10/15 Soup sale to support the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Will sell bread and strawberry jelly at the Strawberry Festival as in years past.

**Cemetery Association:** Gail Billow and Mike Henninger designated as Council Representatives.

Motion by Craig Peters to approve. Second by Joshua Paul. Motion approved unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

COVID related: Carl Baumgardner made a motion to drop masking/distancing requirements to optional for all, except in Miss Laurie's class where masking will still be required to help protect those too young to receive the vaccine. Second by Craig Peters. Motion approved unanimously.

There was a discussion held on praying for teachers, school employees and students by name along with medical personnel. Council agreed unanimously that we will scale back to generalized prayers instead of naming individuals at this time.

Discussion was held on special anthems during the church service while there is an issue with the Zoom sound system.

Roy and Racheal continue to work on the mic/sound issues.

**New Business:**

Emergency Equipment offered by the former employer of Gary Daniels can be purchased individually instead of as a set. Council voted on the following motions to purchase:

AED – motion by Courtney Foreman, second by Joshua Paul.

MCI kit – motion by Gail Billow, second by Sheila Barder.

Stair chair – motion by Joshua Paul, second by Heidi Lehman.

All motions passed unanimously.

There was no vote on the available First Due Bag.

Heidi Lehman received a thank you note for the photo sent to Linda Lupold Clemmer, daughter of Gladys and Paul Lupold.

There will be an Inquirer's Class held at the end of March or beginning of April depending on the schedules of those interested. Several people/families are planning to attend.

**Next Council Meeting:** April 10, 2022, at 4 pm.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Heidi Lehman, second by Sheila Barder to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Courtney Foreman, Secretary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p><b>Third Sunday of Easter/Philip &amp; James, Apostles</b>                      9am - Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study on Zoom; Younger Groups In-Person)                      10:15am - Worship (Both In-Person and on Zoom), including Sacrament of Holy Communion, and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person                      11:15am - Special Congregational Meeting to Take Action on <b>St. John Restoration 250</b> (see details elsewhere in this "Epistle")</p>	<p>6:30pm - Monthly Gathering of Book Discussion Group (On Zoom)</p>	<p>9:30am - Pastor Tom at Upper Dauphin Conference Pastors Gathering</p>	<p>6:30pm - Midweek Bible Study                      6:30-8pm - Monthly Celebration Club with Miss Laurie</p>	<p>National Day of Prayer</p>		<p>Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off</p>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p><b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>                      9am - Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study on Zoom; Younger Groups In-Person)                      10:15am - Worship (Both In-Person and on Zoom), including Sunny Sermon and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person  <b>Mother's Day</b></p>	<p><b>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</b></p>	<p>Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off (instead of Saturday, May 14)</p>	<p>6:30pm - Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p>4pm - Rehearsal for Motter/Troutman Wedding</p>		<p><b>Matthias, Apostle</b>                      2pm - Marriage of Shannon Motter &amp; Aaron Troutman</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p><b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>                      9am - Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study on Zoom; Younger Groups In-Person)                      10:15am - Worship (Both In-Person and on Zoom), including Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person                      11:30am - <b>'Here Comes Summer Dog Dayz'</b> Family Fun Time                      2pm - Women of the ELCE meeting  <b>Deadline to Submit Items for June "St. John's Epistle"</b></p>		<p>6:15pm - Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>6:30pm - Midweek Bible Study</p>			<p>Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off</p>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p><b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>                      9am - Faith Formation Time (Adult Bible Study on Zoom; Younger Groups In-Person)                      10:15am - Worship (Both In-Person and on Zoom), including Celebration Time with Miss Laurie for Young Persons In-Person                      6:00pm - Congregational Council Meeting</p>		<p>5:30pm - Combined Pavilion Cleaning Night for Strawberry Festival and Church Outside Property Work Night</p>	<p>6:30pm - Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p><b>Ascension of Our Lord</b>                      7pm - Worship with Blessing of Seed &amp; Soil (in-person upstairs only)</p>		<p>Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off</p>
29	30	31				
<p><b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>                      8:45am - Adult Bible Study on Zoom                      9:30am - <b>OUTDOOR WORSHIP</b> (Both In-Person and on Zoom)                      9:30am - SONDay Celebration with Miss Laurie (In-Person)</p>	<p>Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off  <b>Memorial Day</b></p>	<p><b>Visit of Mary to Elizabeth</b></p>				

## Pastor Tom's Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday: 8am – 9:30am

Wednesday, Thursday: 8am – 12 noon

Friday: 8am - 9:30am

(Other times by appointment)

## Contact Information

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## Interest Survey for Synod Committees

*How has God gifted you to be part of our synod mission? What might you be interested in?*

*This survey will provide a resource for our leadership as we form the groups that do the work of our ministry together.*

*Please check all the ministries that you have interest in or gifts for.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Assembly Planning** (Plans the annual Synod Assembly)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Constitution** (Recommends amendments to synod constitution; checks congregational constitutions)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Mission** (Recommends the missional goals for this synod)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Personnel** (Recommends personnel policies, salaries and salaries ranges for staff)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Finance & Budget** (develops the budget, recommends spending measures, and oversees the investments)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Gifts Discernment** (recommends nominees for synod office; identifies people to serve on committees)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Compensation and Benefits** (provides guidance for compensation and benefits and advocates for rostered leaders)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Justice Ministries** (works to help the baptized carry out the baptismal affirmation of working to serve all people, including addressing homelessness, immigration, and the needs of traditionally marginalized people)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs** (education and events relative to the Lutheran – Anglican – Roman Catholic (LARC) Covenant, and Jewish- Christian dialogue)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Global Mission** (ELCA missionary sponsorship/support; Young Adults in Global Mission support; Fair Trade education and expansion; Promotion of Global/ local Mission events)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Konde Diocese** (companion relationship between the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA and the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Leadership Support Team** (develops programs, practices, and events that aid rostered and lay leaders)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **LSS Mission Fund Committee** (administers the fund which supports the growth of Word and Sacrament ministries in the synod through congregational grants.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Stewardship Education and Mission Support** (helps members of this synod develop faith-filled lives, articulate the compelling story of the Church's mission and encourages congregations to continue to support the ministry in the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the worldwide church)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Synod Worship** (plans and coordinates worship for assembly and ordination, consecration, and commissioning services, and serves as worship resource)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Transforming Ministry Team** (works with congregations to build capacity for vitality and evangelizing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **World Hunger** (advocates for the hungry and educates about local and global hunger needs and efforts; supports the ELCA World Hunger Appeal)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone numbers \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you!* from the Gifts Discernment Committee!

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