



SAINT JOHN'S  
EPISTLE  
OCTOBER 2014

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Dear Friends in Jesus,

I wanted to share two important items in this space this month. First, a reminder that orange ***Fight for Brian*** wristbands are available for \$1 each in the Sunday School Room (and in several other locations in our local community). As you hopefully have already heard, the goal of this project, created and organized by Marlee Mattern, is to raise a total of \$1,500 from the sale of 1,000 wristbands and other donations above and beyond the \$1 per band. A 1/3 match has been made available to us by the Dauphin County Chapter of Thrivent Financial, which will result in \$500 additional if we can raise the \$1,500. At the request of Brian and Jodi, half of the money raised – hopefully \$750 – will be given to leukemia research (from which Brian has benefited so much), while the remaining half, plus the matching funds, will be given to the Thompson's. Since the money raised will be routed through our Local Benevolence Fund, please make checks payable to "St. John Lutheran Church" and note on your check "Fight for Brian". ***When you stop by the Sunday School Room, you will find an informative display, created by Marleen, that includes information on becoming a bone marrow donor (much simpler than you would imagine!). In addition, while you are purchasing your wristband, you can also prepare a "Note of Hope" for Brian.*** Please see Mattern or me with any questions.

Second, it is time again for Midweek Bible Study to resume – on Wednesday, October 8. We will then meet on subsequent Wednesdays through November 19, when we will take a break for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Class will be held each week from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. In a bit of a departure from our studies of individual books of the Bible, we will take a look at the beliefs and practices of other denominational branches of our Christian Family, as well as other world religions, using a resource called ***Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith***. If you have ever found yourself wondering what makes us distinct from our Amish neighbors – or our United Church of Christ neighbors or our Mormon neighbors – this class will attempt to address those questions. As we did last year, we will continue this fall study during our winter study time, following the beginning of the new year. No previous Bible study experience is required – only an interest and enthusiasm to study, reflect on, and discuss God's Word together! So that the correct number of books can be ordered for our study, please register in advance (by speaking with Pastor Tom) ***by Sunday, September 28.***

Thanks for allowing me to "visit" you by way of this letter, and blessings to you and yours in this autumn season!

Pastor Tom

## **HELP FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN IN OUR AREA**

After a very successful first gathering at St. John on September 17, on Wednesday, October 1, there will be another gathering of folks from congregations in the Upper Dauphin Area School District who are interested in forming and working with a new ecumenical ministry tentatively called the *Weekend Snack Pack Program*, by which elementary school children who depend on free or reduced price school lunches would have the opportunity to receive food support for the weekend. Very tentative projections show that this hunger ministry would be possible for an annual cost per sponsored child of less than \$100, with the likelihood that space for storage and preparation of the food for distribution will be available at the elementary school. With this space in mind, *the October 1 meeting will be held at the elementary school, beginning at 6:30 P.M.* Especially needed will be volunteers to handle the food and financial support. Please speak with Barb Bullock or Helen Henninger or Pastor Tom to learn more!

## **IT'S TIME FOR "BLANKET SUNDAY"**

On Sunday, October 5, we will enjoy a beautiful display of the blankets that have been made by the "Blanket Bunch" since last fall for Lutheran World Relief. We will include a "blessing of the blankets" and receive a special ingathering offering to help to offset the cost of shipping the blankets to wherever in the world they will be needed in the year ahead.

## **AND FOR A WALK IN THE WOODS!**

Our annual "Walk in the Woods" is being planned for Sunday, October 5. After taking to the Susquehanna River last year, aboard the Millersburg Ferry, we will be taking to the "highway" this year, as we meet at the church at 1:30 P.M. to walk together to the farm of Randy and Sandy Paul (approximately a 2-mile fairly level walk from the church via Rakers Mill Road). Those who do not wish to walk, or who are not able physically to do so, are invited to simply drive to the Paul's, aiming to arrive at 2:15 P.M., when we will be treated to a presentation about the Paul's beekeeping operation. Following this program, we will return to the church by car, where we will conclude the afternoon with our traditional hot dog roast and food shared together, outside in the pavilion. In case of stormy weather, everything will simply be moved to the church. Please plan to bring along a snack to go with hot dogs and a container of drink to share, and sign up on the sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

## **PLAYBALL!**

On Monday, October 6, a new season of dartball will begin. Dartball is scored like baseball except that, instead of pitching and hitting a ball, darts are thrown at a baseball field-shaped chart. St. John is part of a church dartball league, involving five other congregations in our area. Games start at 7:30 P.M. each Monday, either at our church or at one of the other churches in the league, and are usually over by 9:15 P.M. If you are 10 or older and are interested in a night of very good fellowship, fun, and food, please come and join our team. For the youngest players, league rules require the presence of a parent or guardian. Just speak to our coach, Henry Henninger, if you have any questions or would like to be part of the team.

## **2015 BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD**

The meeting to prepare the 2015 Current Fund Budget will be held on **Monday, October 13, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.** All treasurers are especially needed for this important meeting.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION TO BE OFFERED**

First Holy Communion Instruction for baptized young persons in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade or older who have not yet communed will be held at the church on Monday, October 13, from 7:15 to 9:00 P.M., and Monday, October 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. First Holy Communion will then be celebrated one week later than typically is the case, on the festival of All Saints' Sunday, November 2. If you know of an eligible young person who has not yet been contacted about the class, please speak with Pastor Tom as soon as possible.

## **NEWS FROM THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA AT ST JOHN'S**

Our next meeting will be on October 12th at 6:00 PM. All women are invited to join us. Our program directors are Helen Henninger and Arlene Doyle. Also at this meeting we will be having the election of officers. We will be voting for a President, Vice-President and Christian Action Chairperson. If anyone is interested in taking one of these positions please contact Lorraine Henning or Gail Billow.

At our last meeting we decided to pack the quilts on October 9th at 6:00 PM. If you are able to help please meet us at the church. All help is greatly appreciated. The Lutheran Youth Organization of the Upper Dauphin Conference will be delivering the quilts and kits to New Windsor, Maryland on October 13th. I would like to say THANK YOU to Dennis Smeltz for agreeing to drive the truck this year. If you would be interested in helping at a future time with this project please contact Fay Nichols or Pastor Tom.

## **PASTORAL ACTS**

### **At the Altar**

On Saturday, September 6, Pastor Tom presided at the marriage of **Sara Shade & Daniel Shaffer** at the church, followed two weeks later, on September 20, by the marriage of **Joseph Lower & Christina Gobble**, also at the church. We pray God's blessing on these young couples, that they may be given the grace and strength to faithfully live out their vows of commitment!

## PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The following young members of St. John are currently involved in higher education. Their names and places of study are as follows (please see the soon-to-be-updated bulletin board display for photos and contact information):

Timothy Bruner	West Chester University of PA
Rachel Denlinger	University of Cincinnati
Olivia Enders	Harrisburg Area Community College
Shawnita Latsha	Harrisburg Area Community College
Jennifer Lehman (graduating December, 2014)	Harrisburg Campus, The Pennsylvania State University
Kaylene Maurer	Keystone Technical Institute
Megan Mench	The Pennsylvania State University
Shannon Motter	Mansfield University of PA
Benjamin Paul	Bloomsburg University of PA
Bobby Paul	Bloomsburg University of PA
Jacob Paul	West Chester University of PA
Devin Radel	The Pennsylvania State University
Whitni Rudisill	Bloomsburg University of PA
Payton Stutzman	Harrisburg Community College
Dwight Switzer	Temple University
Cody Thompson	Elizabethtown College

In addition to these young persons, we also note that **Daniel Bruner** is pursuing his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from New York Chiropractic College; **Robert Hassinger** is in the process of finishing his PhD from Temple University; **Camella Leitzel** is pursuing her Masters Degree in Education from Millersville State University; **Alayna Ribovich** is working on her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Bernard Dunn School of Pharmacy at Shenandoah University; **Courtney Rudisill** is completing her Bachelors Degree in Medical Imaging at Geisinger Medical Center, under the auspices of Bloomsburg University of PA; **Carrie Schlegel** is working on her Bachelors Degree; **Cory Shade** is working on a Masters Degree in Counseling from Messiah College; and that **Kristen Spicher** is pursuing her Bachelors Degree in Nursing at the Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences in Lancaster.

Please remember these students with your prayers and expressions of caring. If any students have been missed, or if any of the above information is in error, please contact Pastor Tom and corrections will be made in the next issue of the *Epistle*.



## **Annual World Hunger Ingathering Sunday October 19, 2014**

**Our annual World Hunger Fund Ingathering Church program will be on October 19, 2014. If you would like your specific contribution included on your year end financial statement you will need to provide either your name or envelope number on your contribution unless you are using the envelope provided in your actual envelope box.**

**Over the years we have assembled 4 Enterline cousins that have graciously agreed to match all world hunger offerings received during the first 3 Sundays in October on a 1 for 1 basis. Every dollar received will be doubled that Sunday.**

**As your World Hunger Coordinator since 1979 you have responded very generously over those years as our compilation of statistics reveal that as of 2013 we had given \$ 76,015.88. This includes Hurricane Sandy relief of \$4600 in 2012**

**The ELCA World Hunger program initiated in 2011 GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD. Early in 2014 we once again decided to go with this theme.**

**As we did last year when we have a final figure for Oct,2013 we will have all teens, children and interested adults come to the Sunday School room after church service. All of you will have dollars available to choose how we are going to spend that money to buy animals, fowl or farm. Bring your ideas along with maybe your parents and as a team we will make decisions on how best we can help others somewhere in God's World that are less fortunate than we are as Americans.**

**A handout will be available soon on what is available in God's Global Barnyard and will be distributed during Oct for your education on what's available and the cost for the animals or fowl .**

**Remember the world's population just in my lifetime has gone from about a 2 Billion estimate in 1950 to about 7 Billion today. Think of the strain on the planet. We Americans use about 25 to 30 percent of the world's natural resources with 5% of the population.**

**For many of our past years we had a very generous but silent member, Marie Casner who constantly gave for our world hunger programs. We had decided early in the year to honor and remember Marie during the year of 2014, and specifically the month of October. From all of us to 'Marie' we once again give you a Great Big Thank You, as Christ's earthly servant for a job well done.**

**Larry Gessner, Fay Nichols, Pastor and Your Congregational family**

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## UPDATES FOR CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY

In January of this year, a new congregational directory was distributed with the Annual Report, intended to take the place of the address section in the pictorial directories that were published at the end of 2011. To keep your January 2014 congregational directory up to date, please make the following first set of changes. Further updates will be published periodically in future issues of the *St. John's Epistle*:

### Additions

If you haven't already, please add the following new members:

PAUL, Angela & (Todd)

Todd, Jr.

427 North Road

Elizabethville, PA 17023

570-847-2784

WEAVER, James Sr.

250 Park Lane

Lykens, PA 17048

717-395-4125

### Other Changes/Corrections

1. New address for Tara Dees: 1509 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
2. Add a non-member spouse (Lynnette) to listing for Marc Gessner and change his address to: 30 Warrington Way, Wellesville, PA 17365
3. Remove Raymond & Vicky Bush – transferred membership
4. Remove Dean Radel – deceased on June 10
5. Following her marriage, delete Alayna Peters from the listing of Craig & Sharon and create the following new listing:  
RIBOVICH, Alayna & (Brandon)  
222 West Franklin St.  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
717-503-6041
6. New address for Troy & Vickie Schaeffer: PO Box 114, Pillow, PA 17080
7. New address for Brandon Hoover: 23 S. George St., Apt. 4, York, PA 17401
8. New address and phone for Margery Romberger: 6132 North 37<sup>th</sup> St., Richland, MI 49382, 269-731-4836
9. New address for Alex Leitzel: 170 Pine Crest Drive, Lot 14, Williamsport, PA 17701
10. Following her marriage, delete Sara Shade from the listing of Sandra & Craig and create the following new listing:  
SHAFFER, Sara & (Daniel)  
3133 Louisa Lane  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050  
717-576-1092
11. New address for Daniel Bruner: 2360 State Route 89, NYCC Campus Box #1106, Seneca Falls, NY 13148
12. Following his marriage, update Joseph Lower's listing as follows:  
LOWER, Joseph & (Christina)  
McKenzie, Kaylum, (Chanlyr Arnold), (Dawsyn Arnold)  
311 Indian Trail Road  
Lykens, PA 17048  
365-3298
13. Following her marriage, delete Kerilyn Schaeffer from the listing of Troy & Vickie and create the following new listing:  
KRAMER, Kerilyn & (Nicholas)  
20 Kendes Road Millersville, PA 17551      570-691-8071

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2014*

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

Pastor Tom offered devotions.

Present – James Bullock, Jamie Doyle, Carol Hassinger, Lorraine Henninger, Roy Henry, Ken Koller, Sandra Lamenza, Jeff Lehman, Sandra Shade, Cheryl Shadle, Jim Watson and Pastor Tom

Excused Absences —Eric Mattern

Motion by Jim Bullock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Shadle to accept May Council minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

Pastor Beth George from Synod Council discussed the upcoming “Always Being Made New” ELCA campaign designed to create endowment to provide stability for ministry that we do. The Malaria campaign is folded into this. From the 14 listening posts that were held (one of which was held here, at St. John), a list of items to work on was developed. Bishop Dunlop has made many of the suggested changes with calls & communications. Communications go to Pastors of member churches. Individual members can go to synod website & sign up of Carings & Sharings newsletter email. Campaign approve to raise \$5.5 million over next 5 years and ½ is for church wide improvements with the other ½ going to improve things within our own synod - \$2.75 million stays here (\$1million seeding for the camping campaign property purchase, \$750,000 for Bishops congregational mission fund, \$100,000 for disaster relief within synod, \$500,000 for hunger initiatives, \$150,000 for youth & young adult ministry, etc.)

Establishing synodically authorized worship communities (ie. Deaf community, homeless community, new groups)

Redevelopment work with struggling congregations with the goal of equipping 24 new leaders with training.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:**

Motion by Carol Hassinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Koller to make annual gift to Berrysburg Fire Company in the same amount as last year. Motion passed unanimously.

Thank you received from Seminary for our gift towards Crossroads campaign.

Request from Romberger reunion, Sue Romberger asked if they could continue using pavilion since John and Marge are gone. They feel very connected to our church. Council agreed as long as Sue Romberger contacts Pastor Tom to schedule each year.

Request from sexton- their electric range is dying and they would like to switch to propane (at their own expense). Council agreed to allow.

Water report for the quarter came back fine.

Policy (Worship & Music) to only celebrate member weddings or those closely related to a member. Helen Henninger's niece, Erin Minnich, would like to wed here. Council was agreeable.

A prayer shawl was given to Pastor Susan Halverstat who is moving to Williamsport.

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> is 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "God's Work, Our Hands Day" and members of the ELCA and encourages to be visible doing God's work in their community. Council will consider potential projects.

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

**Treasurer's Reports:** Motion by Roy Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Shade to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Church Property:** Ceiling fans will be installed this week in the sanctuary. Suggestion for more substantial signs out at road entrances. Opportunity to "Rebrand" St. John.

**Finance Committee:** 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter audit on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Worship & Music:** We have a new alter flower provider.

New children's bulletin starting in the Fall.

In process of looking to replace tape recorder upstairs with something that can make digital copies for individuals and for our website.

Next meeting Sept.

Turn off carillon for July & August so it doesn't interfere with summer services which are earlier.

**Christian Education:** Bible School – July 21 - 25

**Stewardship:** No report

**Evangelism:** Next meeting Oct.

**Youth Ministry:** Meeting fr Youth Gathering 2015, Sunday, July 20th

**Mutual Ministry:** Met 7/13/14 and welcomed Sandra Lamenza to committee.



**Executive:** No report

**Nominating:** No report

**History Committee:** The history booklet continues in process.

Some of St. John original documents are stored Gettysburg. John Romberger wanted to try to get our documents back now that we have a proper archival room. Discussion on whether we want to start the process to try to get them back? Or are they better protected there? More information is needed before a decision can be reached.

**Green Team:** Met 7/13 and 16 people showed up to view the "Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees Telling Us?" video. A Public Forum with Bee Experts as well as Government Officials to View & Discuss this Important Topic will be held on Sept 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Bees pollinate 40% of our food supply or 4 bites out of every 10 bites of food you take, so it affects all of us. Please come out and learn about this important topic. Next field trip in conjunction with Walk in the Woods on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Other reports:** Prayerful Planning Group will meet with architect, Gary Grimm, tomorrow night. Committee will ask architect for estimate of his fee to draw up plans. We already have seed money donated. Council will call special meeting next Sunday to review estimate.

**Unfinished Business:** Strawberry Festival report will be given July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Pastor Beth George's report was given at beginning of meeting.

**Next Council Meetings:** September 14, 2014 at 7:30pm.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Jim Bullock, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Doyle to adjourn at 9:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Doyle, Secretary

### Treasurers Report for

	<u>Prior Balance</u>	May 2014 <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>EOM</u>
Current	5,542.08	9,393.23	9,977.97	4,957.34
Benevolence	54.03	1,303.02	1,303.00	54.05
Memorial	34,492.10	117,532.04*	125,000*	27,024.14
Improvement	6,935.26	453.00	142.98	7,245.28
Bicent CkAcct	20,068.50	.65	935.92	19,133.23
Bicent Svngs	5,300.91	-	-	5,300.91
Flower	233.26	77.00	70.00	240.26

\*CD Matured and was renewed.

**Treasurers Report for**  
June 2014

	<u>Prior Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>EOM</u>
Current	4,957.34	10,623.21	11,007.19	4,573.36
Benevolence	54.05	2,021.04	2,021.00	54.09
Memorial	27,024.14	838.03	-	27,862.17
Improvement	7,245.28	703.00	1,190.47	6,757.81
Bicent CkAcct	19,133.23	15,835.60	4,446.14	30,522.69
Bicent Svngs	5,300.91	-	-	5,300.91
Flower	240.26	228.00	169.40	298.86

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*Congregational Council Meeting Minutes*  
*Special Meeting July 10, 2014*

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

Present – James Bullock, Jamie Doyle, Carol Hassinger, Lorraine Henninger, Roy Henry, Sandra Lamenza, Jeff Lehman, Cheryl Shadle, Jim Watson and Pastor Tom

Excused Absences — Ken Koller, Eric Mattern, Sandra Shade

Prayerful Planning Group met with architect, Gary Grimm who thought we would not have to build over existing pavilion at all, just the shanty would require demolition. New kitchen and social hall may all fit on the west side. Next step is to have him draw up architectural plans at an hourly fee at a discounted rate to be provided. Motion to move forward with preliminary drawings on an hourly fee basis to take to the congregation was made by Sandra Lamenza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorraine Henninger. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Tom and family want to pay off parsonage a little early. Approximately \$3,200 owed. Right of first refusal on deed so church has first option to buy parsonage back. Deed would be cleaner without this clause. Pastor would still give first rights to church. Motion by Lorraine Henninger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Lamenza to remove clause for clean deed. Motion passed unanimously.

Price of \$799.95 from Entertainment Services Group to recording device that can make digital copies for individuals and for our website. Motion by Carol Hassinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Shadle to purchase at that price. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Sandra Lamenza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Shadle to adjourn at 11:05. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Doyle, Secretary



**SUNDAY SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 2014**

Altar Guild for Month of OCTOBER

Carol & Dale Hassinger

Lector for Month of OCTOBER

Jamie Doyle

Ushers for the Month of October (L) Ken Koller (E) Carol Hassinger , Judith Cheatham

**OCTOBER 5, 2014**

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent- Larry Gessner  
Sunday School Pianist- Sandy Paul  
Greeters- Karen & Larry Gehring  
Acolytes- Kelsey Henninger & Reyann Cheatham

**OCTOBER 12, 2014**

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday School Superintendent- Lynn Henninger  
Sunday School Pianist- Carol Hubler  
Greeters- The Enders Family  
Acolytes- Ryan Henninger & Gracie Gehring

**OCTOBER 19, 2014**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
World Hunger In-Gathering

Sunday School Superintendent- Jeff Lehman  
Sunday School Pianist- Lois Watson  
Greeters- Jim & Barb Bullock  
Acolytes- Owen Mattern & Elijah Conte

**OCTOBER 26, 2014**

Reformation Sunday  
Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent- Ken Koller  
Sunday School Pianist- Judy Ferree  
Greeters- Ann Bruner & Fay Nichols  
Acolytes- Kelsey Henninger & Reyann Cheatham

# OCTOBER 2014



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>5 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost:</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion with Children Church and annual LWR Ingathering Offering 1:30 Depart Church for Annual "Walk in the Woods"</p>	<p><b>6 Pastor Tom's Day Off</b> (Instead of 10/4) 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Dartball Match</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>1</b> 6:30 Weekend Snack Pack Program Planning Meeting at Upper Dauphin Area Elementary School</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i></p>	<p><b>3</b> 6:15 Rehearsal for Schaeffer/Kramer Wedding (in Millersville)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 1:00 Marriage of Kerlyn Schaeffer and Nicholas Kramer (in Millersville)  Yom Kippur</p>
<p><b>12 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word 11:15 Fair Trade Coffee &amp; Tea Sampling and Purchase. 11:15 Mutual Ministry Comm. Mtg. 4:30 Youth Group Meeting (Halloween Party Planning) 6:00 Women's Group Meeting 7:30 Congregation at Council Mtg.</p>	<p><b>13</b> 7:30 A.M. Youth Group Members meet at Church to Load Truck for New Windsor MD 9:00 Blanket Making LWR 6:00 Finance Comm. Mtg 7:15-9:00 First Holy Communion Instruction 7:30 Dartball Match <b>Columbus Day-Observed</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:15 Sunday School Teachers &amp; Officers Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:30 - 8:00 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off - No Office Hours</p>	<p><b>18</b> Luke, Evangelist Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p><b>19 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with World Hunger In-Gathering  <b>Deadline to Submit Items for November St. John Epistle</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 6:00-8:00 First Holy Communion Instruction 7:00 Third Quarter Audit 7:30 Dartball Match</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastor's Mtg. 1:00 Gathering with Our Residents at the Manor at Susq. Village 6:15 Evangelism Comm. Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:30 - 8:00 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p><b>26 Reformation Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion 2:00 Youth Group Set Up for Party 4:00 Halloween Party, including Hay Ride</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Dartball Match</p>	<p><b>28</b> Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastor's Mtg. 6:15 Property Comm. Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir rehearsal</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:30 - 8:00 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> Reformation Day</p>	



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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)



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

**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.*

