## A Letter From the Pastor...

Dear Friends in Jesus,

Last month in this space, I was highlighting some of the accomplishments of Amanda Baker's ministry with us since her beginning back in February. If you didn't get the opportunity to journey to Pavilion D at Knoebels on September 11, for the first of what I hope will be annual such outings on Promotion Sunday, you missed a really nice time, and I hope you will be able to join in next year. But not everything new that has been undertaken by Amanda and our congregational family has gone so smoothly, and there have been some glitches as well as successes. This is to be expected when we are venturing into "uncharted territory", not having all the answers but trusting that God is guiding and informing us!

Yet another new venture, of which I want to remind you, is the different christian education schedule that we are following on Sunday mornings this fall. Adult Sunday School and Confirmation Class will still be meeting at 9:00 A.M. as has been the case for many years. (Please note that the Upstairs Adult Class, led by Jim Watson, will be getting back underway on October 9. Those participants are encouraged to join in the Downstairs Class until that day.) New this fall, our *Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone*, for young persons in Grade 6 and younger, will be taking place during worship at 10:15 A.M. My/our hope is that holding JAM at the same time as worship may make it easier for parents and others with young folks in their charge to join in worship more often and more meaningfully, in addition to providing a quality experience for those young persons. Oh, and by the way, for our congregational family members who are in Grades 9-12, Amanda is currently working on some plans for a different kind of weekly faith and growth experience – please stay tuned for more information about that.

As Finance Committee meets this month to prepare our 2017 Current Fund budget, I wanted to also give you an update on the financing of Amanda's ministry with us, after a bit more than six months. As you may remember, we are operating on an estimated budget of \$20,000 per year. For Amanda's first year with us, the plan was to finance this amount with \$15,000 from the accumulated interest in our Memorial Fund, \$2,500 from the Strawberry Festival/Local Benevolence Fund, and the other \$2,500 from new contributions designated for her ministry, over and above previous giving. As of the beginning of September, we have actually received \$2,975 in new designated contributions, so we are already ahead of that goal for 2016. Thank you to those who have made this possible! Looking ahead to 2017, our financial plan for this second year calls for just \$10,000 to come from accumulated interest, along with the same \$2,500 from the Strawberry Festival/Local Benevolence Fund, meaning that we will have \$7,500 to fund with special contributions. Now, to the extent that we finish ahead in designated gifts this year, and considering that 2016 will end up involving only  $10\frac{1}{2}$  months of expenditures instead of a full year, we should be able to carry a little bit of "cushion" into 2017, but this will still be a new "stretch" for our congregational family – one that I absolutely believe God is calling us to make!

Again, as I mentioned last month, please don't hesitate to share <u>your</u> ideas or your feedback with Amanda or with me. And I know Amanda would welcome your presence on her Children & Youth Council, if you would like to be a part of her work in in a more formal way. Again, please stay tuned for what God is doing next!

## **Children & Youth Ministry**



## Hello everyone!

I hope the beginning of your school year and for some new year of teaching is going well! I have just a few things to remind you of. The first being that we have a new of Sunday school starting this week. The new theme of JAM (Sunday school) is God's harvest. During this time we will explore the fruits of the spirit with the kids. There will be a handout sent home each Sunday for parents to see what we did. This handout will not just be of use to parents to see what we did but to also use as a tool for teaching and experiencing JAM along with your child. PLEASE take advantage of this tool! This will be helpful to you as the parent to see what your child is taking in, but also to continue the learning at home.

Next, we will be having a Halloween ghost tour coming up in in October. Please stay posted for more details. Have a great rest of your week!

Blessings, **Amanda** 

# **Youth Group News**

Last month, the youth group joined other area churches and successfully filled and packed 500 schoolkits into shipping boxes that will be sent to New Windsor, Md for the Lutheran World Relief initiative. The day was smooth running and we were all feeling blessed to have not ran out of supplies and/or donations from all congregations members! We would like to especially thank St. John's Congregational members for all your support and donations not only for the school kits but for all we do throughout the year. On October 10, our youth will be travelling to New Windsor to ensure the delivery of the packets to the facility.

We are also excited to announce that for our Halloween Activity we have decided to participate in another Ghost Tour in Gettysburg. On October 30, the youth group will meet at the church and voyage down to Messiah College where we will meet Amanda for a quick dinner stop than head to the Farnsworth House, where our Cemetery Hill Tour begins...

Looking ahead, In November we will be hosting our Annual Chicken and Waffle Dinner

## **In Other News**

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

On Sunday, October 2, 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 IT'S TIME FOR A WALK IN THE WOODS!**

Our annual "Walk in the Woods" will take place on Sunday, October 2, when we will leave the church at 1:15pm and travel to a truly unique destination: *T&D's Cats of the World*. Located in western Snyder County, approximately an hour away from the church, *T&D's* is one of the only and possibly the largest exotic wildlife rescue organizations in Pennsylvania, providing a permanent safe haven for unwanted, abused, and mistreated exotic and wild animals, especially exotic and big cats. Admission for the 75-minute tour of this unique facility is \$10 per person. Our Sunday School treasury will pay this \$10 admission for all attending congregational members who are in Grade 12 or younger, while all other persons are asked to please pay the \$10 when signing up (check payable to "St. John Sunday School" and given to Karen Gehring, please). As is traditional, we will conclude the afternoon with our traditional hot dog roast and food shared together, in a picnic facility onsite. 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 (remembering to give your check to Karen).

### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP!**

Book Discussion Group will soon begin again and will generally be held the first Monday of each month. The first one is Monday, October 3, 6:00 pm. We will discuss the book Come Be My Light, by Mother Teresa. Several copies are available through the local public library, including large print and book on CD. You can order a copy online at dcls.org or stop by Elizabethville, Johnson or Northern Dauphin libraries to request one. If you have questions, please contact Ann Bruner 362-7895. All are welcome! Please join us!

#### PLAYBALL!

A new season of dartball will begin in early October. 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.

## 2017 BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD

The meeting to prepare the 2017 Current Fund Budget will be held on **Monday, October 10, from 6:00** to 7:00 P.M. All treasurers are especially needed for this important meeting.

#### **SPECIAL CONCERT OPPORTUNITY!**

On All Saints Sunday, November 6, following our Annual Chicken & Waffles Dinner and brief time of congregational discussion, at approximately 12:30 P.M. we will be treated to a 45-minute concert by **Gary MacCready**, with assistance from **Leilani Chesonis** and our own **Louise Baumgardner**. There will be no admission charge for the concert. Instead, like the meal that precedes it, the concert will benefit the ministry of our Youth Group, with those who attend the concert but not the meal having the opportunity to add to the freewill offering that will be received at the meal. Some information on the musicians and the concert follows:

Gary Mac Cready, tenor saxophone, Gary currently lives in Elizabethville and grew up in Minersville, PA. After college, as a saxophonist with the trio, **Northwind**, in Santa Cruz, California, he recorded and composed on three albums. He also performed on 12 national tours travelling to 47 states, performing at hundreds of auditoriums and concert halls, including a performance at Carmichael Auditorium, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. and the Flagstaff Peaks of Music Festival in Arizona. The albums peaked high on the national airplay charts and were played on more than 400 radio stations in the U.S., Europe, and Canada. The albums were also positively reviewed in many national magazines and newspapers, including the "Washington Post". "Gary MacCready paints beautiful pictures on saxophone." – Solo pianist George Winston.

Leilani Chesonis, vocals, Leilani grew up in Shenandoah, PA and currently resides there. She is an energetic and engaging vocalist and has performed for the Gary MacCready Ensemble at the Majestic Theater, Pottsville, PA. She sings at various venues in PA and Nashville, TN.

Gary, accompanied by Louise Baumgardner, will perform: The Prayer, Somewhere, Memory, Over the Rainbow, I Will Go On. Leilani will perform: When You Say Nothing at All, To Make You Feel My Love, Have I Told You Lately, Harvest Moon.

"I am undertaking this concert as a way of saying thank you to God for the blessing of healing. I am also thankful to the people of this church for their prayers for the return of my normal eyesight and the ability to play the sax again."-Gary MacCready

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To **Bob Hassinger**, who, this past summer, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation before his faculty committee in the Department of Education at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Bob's dissertation, *No Child is an Island: A Study of the Effect on Student Sense of Belonging through Their Participation in a Formal Program of Character Education*, was submitted to the Temple University Graduate Board as his final requirement for the Degree of Doctor of Education. Bob explained that schools using formal programs of character education take time during the school day to have students think about and discuss moral and ethical topics such as respect, responsibility, and kindness, as well as other important ways to help make our world a better place.

And to **Ryne & Christina Crabb** on the birth of **Hailey Marie** on Tuesday, September 6, at Holy Spirit Hospital. Hailey weighed in at 6 pounds and 6 ounces and was 18½ inches long. We especially give thanks that Christina and Hailey are doing much better after some medical complications following Hailey's early birth, and a longer-than-expected hospitalization for both of them. Congratulations, too, to proud older sister Makayla!

#### PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The following young members of St. John are currently involved in a first venture in higher education. Their names and places of study are as follows (please see the updated bulletin board display in the foyer for photos of everyone):

Timothy Bruner
Olivia Enders
Shawnita Latsha
Joshua Lebo
Marlee Mattern
Logan Maurer
Megan Mench
Shannon Motter
Benjamin Paul
Bobby Paul
Whitni Rudisill
Payton Stutzman
Cody Thompson

Zachary Thompson

West Chester University of PA
Harrisburg Area Community College
Harrisburg Area Community College
Shippensburg University of PA
Harrisburg Area Community College
Harrisburg Area Community College
The Pennsylvania State University
Mansfield University of PA
Bloomsburg University of PA
Bloomsburg University of PA
Bloomsburg University of PA
Harrisburg Community College

Elizabethtown College Messiah College

Thank you to Lori Motter, who coordinates our ministry of outreach to our young members who are involved in undergraduate study!

In addition to the above young persons, we also note that **Kristen Spicher** is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at the Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg Campus and **Jodi Thompson** continues to pursue her Medical Assistant Specialist program at Keystone Technical Institute.

Finally, we also have a number of congregational family members who are pursuing post-graduate degrees: **Daniel Bruner** is pursuing his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from New York Chiropractic College; **Bryan Henninger** is working on his Master's Degree in Education from Concordia University in Portland, OR; **Camella Leitzel** is pursuing her Master's Degree in Education from Millersville State University; **Devin Radel** is pursuing a Master's Degree in Biology at Shippensburg University of PA; **Alayna Ribovich** is working on her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Bernard Dunn School of Pharmacy at Shenandoah University; and **Cory Shade** is working on a Master's Degree in Counseling from Messiah College.

What wonderful and varied ways St. John congregational family members are training to serve in God's Good World! 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*.

# **Sunday School News**

### 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 on Tuesday, October 4, and Tuesday, October 18, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. both evenings. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on our traditional Reformation Sunday, October 30. 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.

### **UPSTAIRS ADULT CLASS**

The Upstairs Adult class will begin a study on October 9th on the book "Day By Day With James Allen" by Vic Johnson which includes the text of "As A Man Thinketh". This personal development book will inspire you to recognize your dreams and ideas and become reality, simply through the power of thought.

Some of the topics that will be discussed are: Master your fears, Sowing and Reaping, Every Circumstance has Two Sides, Control your Destiny, and Believe It's Possible. Each study ends with "And that's worth thinking about!" The goal of this study is to help us realize the potential that God has given all of us! We invite everyone to join us in this study that will enlighten us that our thinking, that feelings that we have, ultimately effects our actions.

### St. Johns supports LifeLine Pregnancy Care Center

Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center in Millersburg is a Christian Ministry that stands as an oasis for folks in the strife of a possible unplanned pregnancy. In addition, they provide support and encouragement for mothers, fathers, and families overwhelmed by a "new arrival" in their life. Lifeline offers classes on parenting, budgeting, goal-setting, and relationships. They provide baby supplies, mentors, and referrals to social services, legal advice, medical care, housing, and adoption. They lovingly listen, tenderly tell the truth, and point all clients to the Prince of Peace. All of this is done without any government funding. They rely solely on individuals, businesses, fundraising, and volunteers to provide these important services. So, why am I telling you all this? I am telling you because I believe this to be important work that directly serves our local community and I think our congregational family here at the "Hill" Church can play an important role in supporting this ministry and extending its outreach. Events in my life when I was a teenager have caused me to develop a soft spot in my heart for this program and its work in the lives of folks who may feel like the world is closing in on them. I'd like to serve as a Coordinator between St. John's Church and the Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center. My hope is that we, as a congregation, can help support Lifeline through:

- Providing donations (perhaps have a special donation box or offering designated directly to LifeLine)
- Filling Baby Bottles with loose change during their Annual Fund Raiser
- Responding to requests for immediate needs by their clients (for example, a particular or special type of baby formula or a certain size of diapers). Maybe have a special email chain of folks that are willing to donate particular items when the need arises and then making contact when the need arises. Please let me know if you are interested in being placed on this "go to" list.
- Holding a yearly Baby Shower where I'll purchase/donate a Pack-N-Play Crib and the congregation will fill it with needed items (a list of needed items would be provided).
- Any other ideas are welcome.

Your prayers and support will be much appreciated by LifeLine Pregnancy Care Center.

In His Service,

Dana Klouser <u>danalouhoo@gmail.com</u> (717) 805-8559

# St John Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Council Minutes August 1, 2016

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

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

Excused Absence: Jamie Doyle, Karen Paulman

**Minutes:** Motion by Dale Hassinger and seconded by Jeff Buffington to approve the minutes from the May 2016 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Lorraine Henninger to make a \$200 donation to the Berrysburg Fire Company. Motion approved unanimously.

Bergey Water Treatment Services reported that we passed our quarterly water inspection for May, June, July. We are now in compliance.

We received an annual report from the Mission Investment Fund.

We received a thank you note from Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center for our donation. Dana Klouser is our St John contact with this organization.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation has requested an opportunity to have a representative speak to our council. The request was discussed and tabled for the immediate schedule.

Our copier contract needs to be renewed. We discussed an option offered by the current company that services us. Roy Henry offered to look into other options before we make a decision on the proposal presented to us. He will report at the September meeting.

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

Children and Youth Ministry Report: Motion was made by Pastor Tom and seconded by Jeff Lehman to accept the Youth Ministry report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Youth Coordinator's Report:** Motion was made by Carl Baumgardner and seconded by Tamara Spicher to accept Amanda's report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurers' Reports:** Motion made by Jeff Lehman and seconded by Gail Billow to accept the treasurers' reports. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Church Property: The pole light has been repaired. A ground hog on the property has been taken care of. Jeff Buffington has been designated as the person who will be responsible for overseeing the pavilion.

Finance/Stewardship: No report

Worship and Music: Broad Mountain Vineyards will be donating our communion wine.

Christian Education: No report

Youth Ministry: No additional report

Mutual Ministry: Discussed opportunities for communication information about Amanda's

program for those who are not involved.

Executive: No report.

Nominating: No report.

History: No report

Green Team: No report

Other *Reports:* The Strawberry Festival was a big success. June 14, 2017 was established for next year's event. The kick-off meeting will be held Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 PM.

Lynn Henninger reported on the finances of the Pavilion Project. The cost was \$62,253.17. We had donations of \$50,884.24. The remaining expense came to \$11,368.93. A motion was made by Carl Baumgardner and seconded by Dale Hassinger to pay the balance from the Bicentennial Fund. Motion approved unanimously.

**Next Council Meeting:** Because of a conflict with the September 11 Knoebels Grove picnic, a motion was made by Dale Hassinger and seconded by Tamara Spicher to hold the next meeting on September 18, 2016 at 4:00PM. Motion approved unanimously.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Lorraine Heninger and seconded by Gail Billow to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lamenza, Secretary

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Treasurer Reports June 2016								
	<b>Prior Balance</b>	Receipts	<b>Expenses</b>	EOM				
Current	14,543.17	9896.56	12,121.58	12,318.15				
Benevolence	155.27	1215.05	1315.00	55.32				
Memorial	2202.78	721.74	220.29	2,704.23				
Improvement	3050.76	413.00	652.91	2,810.85				
Bicent Ch Acct	22,875.22	20,328.52	7755.24	35,448.50				
Bicent Svngs	5300.91	•		5,300.91				
C&Y Ministry	1113.89	3358.30	2748.27	1,723.92				



## **WORSHIP SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2016**

Altar Guild for Month of October Carol and Dale Hassinger

Lector for Month of October Jamie Doyle

Ushers for October (L) Jamie Doyle (E) Jeff Lehman, (LAY) Judith Cheatham, Lori Motter

**OCTOBER 2, 2016** 

The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School Superintendent Lynn Henninger

Sunday School Pianist Judy Feree

Greeters- The Maurer Family

Acolytes Gabe Gehring & RJ Henry

**OCTOBER 9, 2016** 

The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School Superintendent Jeff Lehman

Sunday School Pianist Louise Baumgardner
Greeters- The Jim Watson Family

Acolytes TBA

**OCTOBER 16, 2016** 

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School Superintendent Ken Koller

Sunday School Pianist Sandy Paul

Greeters- The Baumgardner Family

Acolytes TBA

**OCTOBER 23, 2016** 

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School Superintendent Roy Henry

Sunday School Pianist Carol Hubler

Greeters- Barb & Jim Bullock

Acolytes TBA

**OCTOBER 30, 2016** 

REFORMATION SUNDAY Sunday School Superintendent Larry Gessner

Sunday School Pianist Lois Watson

Greeters- The Enders Family

Acolytes TBA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 2016						1 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
2 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Annual Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Offering 10:15 Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone	3 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief 6:00 Book Discussion Group	4 11:00 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:00-8:00 PM First Holy Communion Instruction 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	5	6	7	8 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off 7:00-9:00 AM - Men's Prayer Group Meet at Church
9 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, Followed by Coffee/Tea Fellowship 10:15 Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone 4:00 Congregational Council Meeting 6:00 Womens Group Meeting	10 7:30 - Youth Group Members meet at church to load truck with LWR 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 6:00 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 Dartball Match Columbus Day (Observed)	11 11:00 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting 6:15 Sunday School Teachers & Officers Mtg 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	12 6:30-8:00 MidWeek Bible Study	13	14 Pastor Tom taking Monthly Extra Day Off	15 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off  Deadline to submit Items for November "St. John's E-pistle"
16 The 22ndSunday after Pentecost 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:15 Liturgy of the Word 10:15 Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone	17 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 6:15 Local Benevolence Committee Mtg 7:30 Dartball Match	18 11:00 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Meeting	19 6:30-8:00 MidWeek Bible Study	20	21	22 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
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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)

Amanda's Office Hours: TBA

#### 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.

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