

**SAINT JOHN'S
EPISTLE
SEPTEMBER 2012**

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Dear Friends in Jesus,

I'm guessing that, for you as for me, the coming of September means at least one new beginning of some sort. (Ann and I are finding that, with Tim beginning his senior year at Upper Dauphin Area High School and Dan his junior year at Penn State, there are more new beginnings than we can "shake a stick at"!) In the midst of all that September may mean for you and your household, I'd like to ask you to take a moment and consider one particular new beginning for just a few moments...

Even though our ministry of Christian Education doesn't really end for the summer, it is still true that September is a kind of fresh start for Sunday School. We celebrate our tradition of "Promotion Sunday" at 9:00 A.M. on the Sunday following Labor Day – September 9 this year – a day when young persons high school age and younger officially move from a younger class to an older one. Then, classes reorganize for a new year on the following Sunday – September 16 this year. As your Pastor, I would have to say that our ministry of Sunday School for young persons is one of our real "growing edges". We are blessed to have not one but two regular Sunday times of study for adults – more about one of those in a moment – ***but we all really need to do a better job of involving more of our young persons on a more regular basis in Sunday School.***

I do realize that it's not easy – much like keeping the young persons in our families up to speed and involved in public school, there is a lot that can work against us, but please consider a promise that all of us who have ever stood by the baptismal font as a parent or sponsor have made before God and our congregational family... We hear: ***In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism... As she/he grows in years, you should place in her/his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his/her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his/her baptism and in communion with the Church, she/he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.*** And then we are asked: ***Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?*** I have yet to ever hear anyone say "No" at this moment in words, but that is exactly what we are doing by our actions if we do not make Sunday School a priority. Please, please take time this September to consider where God may be calling you and your young person(s) to something different on Sunday mornings!

Now, in closing, a quick word about one of our two adult Sunday School classes – the upstairs class primarily led by Jim Watson and also known as our "young adult" class (even though the class includes both some of our youngest and some of our oldest adults!) The attendance of this class has ebbed and flowed over the years, and we are hoping to see new life and growth for it beginning this fall. To that end, please see the article from Jim Watson, further along in this *Epistle*, which describes plans for a kickoff Sunday. Please note that this class operates on a somewhat different schedule from our other Sunday School classes, and so will not be getting underway for a new year until Sunday, October 7. I'll look forward to sharing with interested persons that morning at 9:00 in the upstairs-balcony!

Thank you for reading all this. I'll look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings, starting September 9, at 9:00 as well as at 10:15!

Pastor Tom

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SEXTONS!

At their July 8 meeting, Congregational Council approved the recommendation of the Sexton Search Committee to call **Tammy & William (Bill) Becker** to this important ministry. After spending the latter part of July getting themselves and their two high school age children, **Joseph (Joey)** and **Grace**, settled in the sexton house, Tammy and Bill officially began their work on August 1. Please remember the Becker's in your prayers as they make this important transition! And, should you need to be in touch with our new sextons, please call them at 717-319-0703.

FROM THE UPSTAIRS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS...

Greetings! I would like to let everyone know that the class will be underway starting on October 7, 2012. We will meet upstairs that morning starting right at 9:00 and will skip the opening service downstairs.

We will have refreshments for everyone, as we discuss the direction our class will take with the guidance of our Lord. Pastor Tom will also be meeting with us that morning.

As we go forward in Christ, please give it some prayerful thought as we discuss our future as a class.

I am inviting everyone who was and would like to be a part of our wonderful group to join in this study of God's Word.

We are looking forward to seeing you there, as we try to keep this great opportunity thriving in this doubtful world.

Your Brother in Christ,
Jim Watson

WANTED – SENIOR CHOIR MEMBERS!

On Tuesday, September 4, Senior Choir will begin rehearsals for another year of music leadership in worship. Rehearsals take place each Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at the church. We are in need of men and women of all voice parts and no previous experience is required – just a desire to serve God in the beauty of music. It is not even necessary to sit in the balcony in order to sing – many choir members, including Pastor Tom, make the “commute” from downstairs at anthem time. Please see Lorraine Henninger or Pastor Tom with any questions and please join us!

PROMOTION SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 9

Annual Promotion Sunday ceremonies will be held during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 9. This is the day when young students are promoted to their next Sunday School class and when we hear a presentation on the experiences of those who have been involved in church camping during the past summer. Our Women's Choir will also provide special music. Please plan to join in the honoring and the fun at 9:00 A.M. on September 9.

2ND ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS ALSO SET FOR SEPTEMBER 9

After being so well received last year, a **Blessing of the Backpacks** will again be led by Pastor Tom during 10:15 A.M. worship on **Sunday, September 9**. All school-aged persons (members of the congregation as well as friends they will hopefully invite!) are asked to bring their school backpacks along to worship that morning, during which they will be called forward for a time of recognition, prayer, and blessing, as a new school year gets underway. Each participant will also receive a small “keepsake” to put in their backpacks as a reminder of the fact that God goes with each of them through the joys and challenges of the school year to come!

CONFIRMATION CLASS RESUMES

On Sunday morning, September 16, those baptized members of St. John who are in at least 7th Grade and who have not yet been confirmed will begin a new year of study with Pastor Tom. The focus this year will be an in-depth study of the Bible, once again using materials produced by Augsburg Fortress entitled *Here We Stand*. Four of our young members are in their second of two years of study, leading toward their Confirmation next year on the Day of Pentecost. Four other young persons will begin a first year of study.

HARVEST HOME TO BE OBSERVED

On the fourth Sunday of September, September 23, we will observe our annual Festival of Harvest Home. On that day, everyone attending worship is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items (canned goods must be purchased—home canned foods are no longer accepted) for the decorating of the chancel and then delivery to the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Elizabethville. In recent years, it has become virtually impossible to find places which will accept fresh produce, so please be sure to bring only non-perishable items.

Y'ALL COME!

Our **Annual Congregational Square Dance** is coming right up, on its traditional day and time – **Sunday, September 30, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the barn of Lynn & Helen Henninger**. This evening is designed for square dancers of all ages and abilities, including those who, like Pastor Tom, have only rarely, or never, attended a square dance. (Our caller gives us plenty of instruction in the basics.) There is also lots of room for those who only want (or are only physically able) to come and watch the mayhem. There will, of course, also be lots of fellowship, snacks, and fun. The only “price” of admission – besides your enthusiasm – is a snack and a container of drink to share. The evening will wrap up by around 8:00/8:30. It seems that our attendance has dropped off a bit in recent years, and it certainly is true that fall is a busy time, but please try to make this evening a priority in your schedule. It is a great opportunity to spend time together as a congregational family, relaxing and having fun. This year, y'all come!

IT'S SOON TIME AGAIN FOR A WALK IN THE WOODS!

Our annual "Walk in the Woods" is being planned for Sunday, October 7. After being "washed out" last year, due to the early autumn rains that brought flooding to our region, we will once again, through the gracious invitation of John Ferree, have the opportunity to visit the hunting club to which he belongs at the foot of Short Mountain, enjoying the beautiful surroundings and sharing in fellowship, food, and devotions together. The afternoon is designed for persons of all ages and walking ability. Exact times are still being worked out, so please "stay tuned". 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, when it is posted.

YOUTH MUSICIANS TO BE WITH US IN SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

On Sunday, October 14, we will again be blessed by a visit by a Youth Encounter musical team during Sunday School and worship. The name of our team this year is *New Dawn*. Like the *Cross Fire* team we hosted last year, *New Dawn* is an international ministry team who will spend a few months this fall touring congregations on the East Coast in preparation for their main service abroad in 2013. The team will again be made up of 5 or 6 college-age young persons. We don't as yet have the breakdown of men and women, as the team is just now being put together. As was the case last fall, in order to have the team with us, we are in need of host families for the team members. This would mean meeting your assigned team member(s) at the church on Saturday, October 13, at approximately 4:00 P.M., and taking them home for an evening meal and lodging overnight. In the morning, you would be asked to provide breakfast for your team member(s) and bring them back to the church. You would also be responsible for providing a bag lunch for Sunday, as the team will need to head out in good time after worship to get to their next stop. As past hosts found out, hosting a team member is a great way to meet a new Christian friend. Please speak with Pastor Tom as soon as possible if you would like to host a member of *New Dawn*!

YARD SALE REPORT

Our annual Yard Sale was held on August 9, 10, and 11 in the pavilion. Right around \$700 was raised over the three days (a bit of money continues to trickle in as this *Epistle* goes to press) which, when matched by funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will result in a final tally of around \$1,000, all of which will be sent to the Domestic Disaster Relief fund of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In addition to these financial proceeds, both the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center and Goodwill in Elizabethville received leftover items to help in their ministries. Thank you to all who helped with publicity, set up, working the days of the sale, and clean up afterward!

TALLYING THE BERRIES...

As we look back on our Annual Strawberry Festival on a beautiful June 13, we have much for which to be thankful – the glorious summer weather, the eager crowds that enjoyed the food, fellowship, and entertainment, the great turnout of workers from our St. John congregational family, and the record financial proceeds to benefit benevolence work in our local area. Gross receipts for the day were \$16,898.15, with expenses totaling \$5,001.89, leaving a net amount of \$11,896.26 which was added to the Bicentennial Fund. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Strawberry Festival another wonderful success! A special thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for the matching funds received again this year.

Looking ahead to the future: It has become apparent, in the months since the Festival, that there is an impression within our congregational family that next year's Festival may be our last. Please be assured that this is not the case, and is probably a misunderstanding arising from recent Congregational Council discussion about possibly needing to make some changes in how and where we prepare for the Festival as we look further ahead to 2014. The Festival, so far as it is within the power of our congregational family to decide, is here to stay, and we trust that God will lead us boldly forward in that important ministry, just as He has in the past!

CONGRATULATIONS!

The congregation's prayers and congratulations go to **Jessica Gentile and Dustin Fox** who were united in marriage on June 6 in Praia a Mare, Italy. Please be sure to change Jessie's listing in your congregational directory to:

FOX, Jessica & (Dustin)
319-9291
(Mason Graeff)
3796 Back Road
Halifax, PA 17032

PASTORAL ACTS

At the Font

On Sunday, July 29, Pastor Tom presided at the baptism of **Elsie Anna Rabenold**, infant daughter of **Timothy & Yalonda Rabenold**. We welcome this new sister in Christ into the St. John Congregational Family and the Kingdom of God!

At the Graveside

During the months of June and July, Pastor Tom presided at funeral worship for three of our congregational family members. **Robert Rebuck** died at his home on June 22, after a short illness, and was buried on June 26. Funeral worship was held at Reed's Funeral Home in Pillow, with interment in Northumberland Memorial Gardens in Stonington. **Yvonne "Bonnie" Schreffler** died at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill on June 30. Her memorial worship was held at the church on July 5, with interment of her ashes to come at a later date. Funeral worship for **Sandra Stuban**, whose June 14 death at her Fairfax, VA home, due to respiratory complications of her ALS, had already been shared in the July/August *Epistle*, was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fairfax, with burial with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, on July 16. We pray that God will grant rest and peace to Bob and Bonnie and Sandy, and the hope and joy of the Resurrection to Martha and Doug and Steve, and to all of their loved ones.

OUR FAITH ACTIVE IN OUR FINANCIAL GIVING – AS OF JUNE 30

In recent years, Congregational Council has asked that we all periodically receive an update in the *Epistle* about how we are doing in meeting our ministry commitments adopted in our annual budget.

First, our Current Fund... (The Current Fund is the fund from which most day-to-day bills get paid, much like your home's checking account.) At the half-way point of the year, as of June 30, to be right on **budget**, we would have received and spent **\$63,663** or half of our total 2012 budget of \$127,326. We have **actually received \$65,342** in offerings and other income, placing us \$1,679 over budget. Our **expenses** as of the end of June total **\$64,529** and are \$866 over budget. Since we have taken in more than we have spent, we are running a **surplus of \$813** as of June 30 – for the second year in a row.

As to our benevolence offerings which we share with our Lower Susquehanna Synod and our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to be exactly on **budget** as of June 30, we would have received and forwarded **\$6,000** out of our total 2012 commitment of \$12,000. As of June 30, we have **actually received and shared a total of \$8,434**, meaning that we are **ahead of our commitment by \$2,434**. This is especially helpful to this ministry that we share with other Lutheran Christian congregations in a time when many of them have found it necessary to cut back!

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of St. John, and for your financial stewardship, as we have now moved past the 1/2 point in the year. Please watch for future updates every few months, and please feel free at any time to ask questions of or share ideas with Pastor Tom or any member of Council!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sunday, Sept. 9th, from 4:30-6:30pm we will be having our yearly Youth Group kickoff event. We will be having BBQ, hot dogs, and drinks. Everyone is to bring a snack. We will be playing some dartball again this year, discussing our plans for the coming year and electing officers. We are also welcoming 2 new youth group members. Reyann Cheatham and Ryan Henninger.

Sunday, Sept. 23rd, 3:00-6:00 - Annual LYO Kickoff. We will be putting school kits together and having some food and fellowship

Sunday, Sept. 30th - 6:00pm - Square Dance at Lynn and Helen Henninger's.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, Oct. 7th - The youth that attended the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be sharing their experience with the congregation during the worship service.

Women of the ELCA
President, Helen Henninger

Welcome back to the monthly meetings of the Women of the ELCA. The annual planning meeting is on Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 6:00pm in the Sunday School room. The devotional leaders are Helen Henninger and Sandra Lamenza and the hostesses are Rachel Henry and Arlene Doyle

A nominating committee will be appointed for the election of officers in 2013.

During the month of September we will be working on the Personal Care Kits to send to Lutheran World Relief.

The women's synodical board is planning the annual Women of the ELCA Fall Retreat at Camp Hebron November 2, 3 and 4th. You may attend for:

1. Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, a weekend overnight package with lodging & 5 meals. Cost \$145
2. Commuting Friday, Saturday and Sunday with 5 meals. Cost \$95
3. Saturday only with 3 meals. Cost \$40

Because of the boards obligation to pay Camp Hebron they cannot accept registrations after the *postmark date of Saturday, September 15, 2012.*

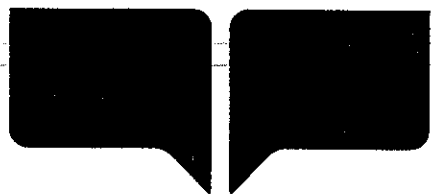
Information and registration forms can be obtained at the meeting on the 9th or from Helen Henninger or Fay Nichols.

Karen Poe is the Thank Offering speaker on November 18th and we will begin planning for the service.

All women of St John's are welcome to the meetings and helping with any of the projects and activities sponsored by the organization.

Hope to see you Sunday, September 9th.

Date	CHALLENGE	SURVEY	SAMPLER
September 1	John 7:1-8:20	John 8:8-20	John 8:12
September 2	John 8:21-9:41	John 9:1-41	John 8:31-32
September 3	Psalms 116, 117, 118; Proverbs 28:1-28	John 10:1-18	Psalm 118:26-29
September 4	John 10:1-42	John 11:5-44	John 10:14, 15
September 5	John 11:1-12:11	John 12:12-36	John 11:21-27
September 6	John 12:12-13:20	John 14:1-15	John 13:36-38
September 7	John 13:21-15:17	John 15:1-17	John 14:5-6
September 8	John 15:18-16:33	John 16:1-24	John 15:12-17
September 9	John 17:1-18:40	John 17:1-21	John 18:25-27
September 10	Psalm 119	John 19:1-16	Psalm 119:105
September 11	John 19:1-42	John 19:17-42	John 19:17-22
September 12	John 20:1-21:25	John 20:1-17	John 20:1-10
September 13	Job 1:1-3:26	John 20:19-29	John 20:30-31
September 14	Job 4:1-6:30	John 20:1-17	Job 1:1-5
September 15	Job 7:1-8:22	Job 1:1-22	Job 3:23-26
September 16	Job 9:1-11:20	Job 2:1-10	Job 8:1-10
September 17	Psalm 121; Proverbs 19:1-27	Job 14:1-12	Psalm 121:1-2
September 18	Job 12:1-14:22	Psalm 8:1-9	Job 12:7-10
September 19	Job 15:1-17:16	John 5:19-30	Job 17:1-3
September 20	Job 18:1-19:29	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Job 19:1-3
September 21	Job 20:1-22:30	1 Corinthians 15:35-50	Job 23:1-6
September 22	Job 23:1-26:14	1 Corinthians 15:51-58	Job 26:14
September 23	Job 27:1-28:28	Matthew 18:1-10	Job 28:20-28
September 24	Psalms 122, 123, 124, 125	Job 38:1-20	Psalm 122-1
September 25	Job 29:1-31:40	Psalm 104:1-13	Job 29:21-25
September 26	Job 32:1-33:33	Psalm 128:1-6	Job 30:9, 10
September 27	Job 34:1-37:24	Mark 12:13-17	Job 37:14
September 28	Job 38:1-40:2	Luke 18:9-14	Job 38:1-4
September 29	Job 40:3-41:34	Philippians 1:12-30	Job 40:1-9
September 30	Job 42:1-17	Romans 6:1-11	Job 42:5-6, 10



book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.



SUNDAY SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Altar Guild for Month of September

Jean & Fred Weaver

Lector for Month of September

Vincent Lamenza

Ushers for the Month of September, (L) Jamie Doyle, (E) Carol Hassinger, Cheryl Shadle & Cheryl Gessner

SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters-

The Clint Gehring Family

8:45 Sunday School

9:30 Holy Communion

Outdoor Worship

SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 - Promotion Sunday

10:15 -Liturgy of the Word

Sunday School Superintendent-

Henry Henninger

Sunday School Pianist-

Carol Hubler

Greeters-

The Lehman Family

Acolytes-

Gracie Gehring & Reyann Cheatham

SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday School Superintendent-

Ken Koller

Sunday School Pianist-

Lois Watson

Greeters-

The Scott Peters Family

Acolytes-

Ryan Henninger & Bryce Roadcap

SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Home, Collection

Sunday School Superintendent-

Fay Nichols

Sunday School Pianist-

Judy Ferree

Greeters-

John & Judy Ferree

Acolytes-

Gracie Gehring & Cameron Thompson

SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday School Superintendent-

Lynn Henninger

Sunday School Pianist-

Jean Weaver

Greeters-

Delmar & Ginny Enders


Acolytes-

Tyler D'Alesandro & Allison Mace

SEPTEMBER 2012



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 The 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Sunday School 9:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP with <i>Holy Communion</i></p>	<p>3 Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off Labor Day</p>	<p>4 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>9 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i> 9:00 Promotion Sunday Ceremonies 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Blessing of the Backpacks 4:30 – 6:30 Youth Group Kickoff 6:00 Women's Group Mtg. 7:30 Congregational Council Mtg. Grandparent's Day</p>	<p>10 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief</p>	<p>11 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Holy Cross Day</p>	<p>15 Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>16 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word</p>	<p>17 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief 7:00 Upper Dauphin conference Cabinet At Salern Lutheran, Killinger Rosh Hashanah/ Citizenship Day</p>	<p>18 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 1:00 Gathering with Residents at the Manor at Susq. Village 6:15 Worship & Music Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 <i>Deadline to Submit Items for October St. John's Epistle</i></p>	<p>21 Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</p>	<p>22 Pastor Tom's Day Off Autumn Begins</p>
<p>23 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word with Sacrament of Holy Baptism & Harvest Home Collection 3:00-6:00 Upper Dauphin Lutheran Youth Organization Kickoff Event at St. John</p>	<p>24 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief</p> 	<p>25 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:15 Property Comm. Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 Yom Kippur</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 St. Michael and All Angels Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p>30 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word with Sacrament of Holy Baptism and LWR Ingathering Offering 6:00 Congregational Square Dance at home of Lynn & Helen Henninger</p>						

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2012

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

Pastor Tom offered devotions.

Present – Carole Hassinger, John Ferree, Karen Gehring, Pat Herb, Craig Peters, Pastor Tom, Jim Watson and Jim Bullock.

Excused Absences – Jamie Doyle, Mary Peters, Mike Henninger and Daryll Denlinger.
Kris Sell

On a motion by Pat Herb, seconded by Craig Peters to accept the Council Minutes of April. Motion carried.

RECEPTION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS : Resignation of Carrie and Steve Schlegel as sextants effective June 4th. Motion by Carole Hassinger and seconded by Pat Her to accept the resignation with regret. Motion carried. Discussion followed on consideration of a sextant or sextants. Such items discussed were the cleaning of the Church, House and the cost. The Church offers the House rent free, with the sextant or sextants paying the utilities.

Thank you note was received from the Upper Dauphin Human Resources for St. John's donation.

Thank you note was received from the Big 33, for sponsoring Shawnitee Latsha.

On a motion of Pat Herb, seconded by John Ferree to donate \$ 200.00, for Sing For Joy Program. Motion carried.

On a motion by Craig Peters, seconded by Karen Gehring to make a Gift of Love donation to Youth Encounter of \$ 300.00, from Local Benevolence. Motion carried.

Bryce Wagner Project, if a donation sent to St. John's were received it would be returned to the Family.

Lutheran Camping Corporation requested for a 20 minute program of a Council Meeting. This under consideration. No action taken.

Emergency Electric Project bill of \$ 809.00, to Scott Howard be paid from the Improvement Fund.

Pastor Report – On a motion by John Ferree, seconded by Karen Gehring to accept. Motion carried.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Church Property – Outside clean-up project on May 21st at 6 PM.

Finance – no report

Worship and Music:

On a motion by Craig Peters, seconded by Pat Herb, that we purchase (5) new albs from Cokesbury at a price of \$ 1859.00, to be paid for from the Interest Money. Motion carried.

Ray Bush will cover the Worship Service of June 10th.

Christian Education:

Vacation Bible School will be held from July 9 to July 13th.

Picnic for Sunday School will be held on July 15th.

Square Dance will be on Sept. 30th at Helen and Lynn Henningers.

Stewardship Report – no report

Evangelism Report:

A program of Mentors will be assigned to New Members.

Youth Ministry Report:

The New Orleans Trip will be from July 18 to the July 23rd.

Mutual Ministry – no report

Executive Committee – no report

Nominating Committee – no report

History/ Anniversary Committee – Patrons for the History Book will be accepted at the Strawberry Festival as well as in the Foyer.

Green Team – biodegradable bowls will be used at the Strawberry Festival.

REPORT OF TREASURIES APRIL 2012:

	Prior Balance	Receipts	Expenses	EOM
Current	\$6844.84	\$13,173.29	11,179.86	8838.27
Benevolence	65.69	2118.69	2053.00	65.72
Memorial	129,467.56	782.44	100,070.00	30,180.00
Improvement	3401.98	469.00	560.99	3336.91
Flower Fund	319.21	192.00	337.90	173.31
Festival Fund				
BiC. Acct.	12086.00	200.00	1000.00	11,286.40

BiC Savings 5300.19

5300.19

NEW BUSINESS:

Begin seeking out reaction to creating a Long Term Planning Project with the possibility of forming a Committee.

High School Graduates will receive a booklet entitled "Inside World Religion"

Council Members will meet at 9:50 AM on May 27th to receive instructions on the Processing with the Confirmands.

On a motion by Pat Herb, seconded by Karen Gehring to adjourn.

Next Council Meeting July 8, 2012, at 6:30 PM.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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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)

Parish Website: www.stjohnhillchurch.org

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Other Websites of Interest: Ev. Lutheran Church in America
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