

**SAINT JOHN'S
EPISTLE
SEPTEMBER 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,

Autumn, the time of harvest and in gathering, is also a time when Christians many times give more thought than usual to matters of stewardship. It is in that spirit that I would like to use this space to (hopefully!) clarify one aspect of our congregational financial stewardship.

I'm guessing that most of us have at least heard of our congregational Memorials Fund, which has served for many, many years as the place where *undesigned* bequests and memorial gifts received by our congregational family are permanently invested. You may also recall that (following an investment policy adopted now over 30 years ago by our congregational family), while all undesigned monies that are placed in that fund as principal are never to be spent, the interest earned on that principal is available for congregational use, as determined by Congregational Council (and a Congregational Meeting when it is decision for which such a meeting is mandated by our congregational constitution).

What I would like to clarify is some confusion that has arisen about the Memorials Fund, centered on that word "undesigned". The Memorials Fund is the place where all bequests and memorial gifts are deposited and permanently invested for which the giver doesn't have a specific purpose in mind, and which are therefore "undesigned". This does not mean that bequests and memorial gifts can't be given with a particular purpose, or designation, in mind – or that your gift automatically has to be locked up in perpetuity. *Let me be clear – there is nothing in our Memorials Fund policy, adopted by the congregational family all those years ago, that in any way keeps you from being able to make a gift through the Memorials Fund at any time for any designated purpose or need, or to designate a bequest through your Will in the same way.*

Gifts can be routed through the Memorials Fund for a specific purpose beyond our congregation's doors, as Marie Casner's family recently did in designating all gifts received in her memory for our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's World Hunger Appeal. This was a wonderful way to memorialize Marie, who was a long-time supporter of the World Hunger Appeal, and it was a simple matter of accumulating the gifts in the Memorials Fund and then writing the check once all the gifts were in.

Gifts can also be routed through the Memorials Fund for a specific purpose within our congregational family life, as some folks are already beginning to do with monies intended for use in the upcoming pavilion kitchen project, if and when it is approved by the congregation (and as was done back in 2005-2006 for gifts toward our elevator expansion/roof project). Here too, it is a relatively simple matter for the treasurer to keep track of all such funds and write the check when it is needed.

The bottom line is that we all have options when it comes to making memorial gifts or bequests – it's not the case that your gift will automatically be locked away forever. Please don't hesitate to talk with me, or with a member of Finance Committee, if you have any questions about the Memorials Fund or making a gift or bequest that you would like to designate. (And, of course, there is indeed always the option of making an undesigned gift, which will become a part of a permanent endowment to strengthen and undergird the ministry of our congregational family to God's Glory far beyond your lifetime and mine!)

Pastor Tom



WANTED – SENIOR CHOIR MEMBERS

On Tuesday, September 2, 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 7th / HELP NEEDED!

Annual Promotion Sunday ceremonies will be held during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 7. 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. A 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 7!

And, as a new year of Sunday School gets underway, we are in need of some persons to lead our classes. First, as Jodi Thompson deals with Brian's hospitalization, we are in need of a person or persons to work with the Grades 2-4 class until Jodi is able to resume her teaching. Also, Sandy Paul is interested in a well-deserved “retirement” from her many years leading the Nursery Class so, again, an interested person or persons are needed for this class. Please speak with Henry Henninger or with Pastor Tom if you would like to know more.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS ALSO SET FOR SEPTEMBER 7

What has come to be our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks** will again be led by Pastor Tom during 10:15 A.M. worship on **Sunday, September 7**. All persons from Pre-School through Grade 12 (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 14, 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*. Two of our young members are in their second of two years of study, leading toward their Confirmation next year on the Day of Pentecost. One other young person will begin a first year of study.

ST. JOHN TO HOST EXPLORATORY HUNGER MEETING...

On the evening of Wednesday, September 17, representatives of every congregation in the Upper Dauphin Area School District are being invited to gather here at St. John at 6:30 P.M. to consider starting a new local hunger ministry, providing weekend food support for students in the Upper Dauphin Area School District who are at risk of hunger because they rely on free or reduced-price school lunches as a major source of nutrition during the week, but of course don't get those meals over the weekend. (This is something that is being done by local churches in many school districts, including by Grace United Methodist in the Millersburg School District, and this is the kind of work about which our new Lower Susquehanna Synod bishop, James Dunlop, is very passionate.) UDASD Superintendent Evan Williams is supportive of the idea, for which he sees a widespread need. It was also his suggestion that we should focus on the elementary school, at least to begin with. What is envisioned is that, if enough local congregations agree to work together, this local food ministry would get organized and then purchase food for a very low price, say monthly and probably through the Central PA Food Bank, and then each week a crew would put together the needed number of food boxes, which would then be delivered to the elementary school for them to distribute each Friday. Lots of details would need to be worked out, including, of course, funding and securing a place to store and box the food for distribution. Please stay tuned and, if you'd like to learn more in the meantime, please speak with Barb Bullock or Pastor Tom.

AND A HONEY BEE FORUM/PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 24, will be the date for a gathering of all interested persons at St. John at 6:30 P.M. to learn more about the status of our honey bees from those who work closely with them, as well as some other experts from the larger community. Please mark your calendars and contact Jamie Doyle, Green Team Coordinator, or Larry Gessner, from Green Team, for more information.

HARVEST HOME TO BE OBSERVED

On the fourth Sunday of September, September 28, 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 still not able to be accepted) or fresh produce for the decorating of the chancel and then delivery to the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Elizabethville.

Y'ALL COME!

Our **Annual Congregational Square Dance** is coming right up, on its traditional last Sunday in September and same time – **Sunday, September 28, 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. Fall is always 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!

Report from the 27th Annual Convention of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

On August 16th the women of the ELCA of the LSS met at St Bartholomew United Church (ELCA) outside of Hanover, Pennsylvania for their convention. There were 75 women in attendance the day. This was a one day convention. The Church Wide representative was Charleen Walker Horton from York, Pennsylvania. The Rev, Sharron Blezard was the representative from the bishop's office. There was a workshop on "A Stress Free Mission" which was led by Jan Davis.

We had a Convention Offering of \$1739.00 and an Ingathering Offering of \$1767.00. There was also a Thank-Offering offering of \$115.00. The Ingathering Offering will be divided between the Lutheran Camping Project at Kirkenwald and the Hanover Council of Churches. There was also an offering to the Seminary of \$1120.00 in Gift Cards, 8 quilts, 152 item of non-parishable foods, 85 paper items, 1 cleaning supply, and 51 personal care items.

Voted to the board for a two year period was Joyce Ray as our new president. Joyce will do a wonderful job leading the ladies of the LSS. She served on the board while I was president and I know she will do a wonderful Job as our leader.

Also voted to the board for a two period as board members were Barbara Bullock, Donna Greifzu, Deborah Johnson, Susan Wanger and Linda Lubold. Since we had no one agree to be nominated for treasurer the board will have to appoint somone. A budget of \$28,450.00 was passed as our budget for 2015- 2016. This will be in effect as of February 1, 2015. No Memorials were brought to the convention.

A big thank you to the ladies of St Bartholomew for their hospitality and the wonderful lunch they served.

In Christ' Service,

Fay Nichols ; St John's President of the W-ELCA

News from the Women of the ELCA

From July 22nd to the 24th, 2014 Lutheran women from all over the United States and the Caribbean met at Charlotte, North Carolina for their annual Convention. As well as regular business there was the election of a new board and executive committee. Through the election process we now have Patti Austin from Georgia as our new president. We also have Jody Smiley from Virginia as our vice-president; Becky Shurson from California as our secretary; and Ely Smith from Washington as our treasurer. Using Romans 12:5 Bishop introduced all the new members of the board for installation.

From July 24th to July 26th the ladies enjoyed the annual Gathering. The theme was "Women of Many Generations". And they had many in Charlotte, as there were 2382 ladies in attendance, from the age of 10 month to 97.

Women attending the gathering contributed "in-kind gifts" to support local organizations striving to meet the needs of families experiencing poverty. During the Gathering, women contributed \$14,785 in gift cards, 15877 minutes in phone cards, 6635 toilette items, 4717 pair of socks and underwear, 118 quilt kits, 116 quilts and 1508 prayer shawls. Agencies receiving Women of the ELCA in-kind gifts are : The Legacy Hall program of Florence Crittenton Services, The Journey Place program of The Relatives, Faith Farm Lutheran Services Carolinas, Lutheran World Relief, and the Lily Pad Haven.

Our own Helen Henninger attended the Gathering and I am sure she will be glad to share her experience with us. One of the hardest things to do at this event is to say good bye to the out-going board. Jennifer Michaels is our out-going president and we will miss her as well as JoAnn Foch who is our out-going vice-president. These ladies did a wonderful job and we wish them all the best as they move forward with their lives. Jenny is going into the ministry and JoAnn will be enjoying her grand-children.

IT'S SOON TIME AGAIN 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, when it is posted.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Two important dates to remember for all youth in Grades 6-12, as well as their friends, are **1. Sunday, September 14**, when we will have our Annual Kickoff Event, including games and elections and planning for the coming year (please be watching your email for further details) and **2. Sunday, September 28**, when we will host the Annual Upper Dauphin Conference Lutheran Youth Organization Kickoff Event, from 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. in our pavilion, immediately followed by our Annual Congregational Square Dance at the home of Lynn & Helen Henninger (*transportation will be provided for all youth between the church and the Henninger's home*). Again, please be watching your email for further details for youth and for parents, as we seek some additional help while the Thompson's deal with Brian's hospitalization.

TALLYING THE BERRIES...

As we look back on our Annual Strawberry Festival, held on a very stormy June 11, the final financial results bear out what many of us observed that day – namely that folks still turned out in large numbers to support us, but they didn't tend to hang around as long, due to the threatening skies. Gross receipts for the day were **\$15,834.20**, \$500 less than in 2013, reflecting a drop of \$700 in flea market and baked goods proceeds (think less time spent walking around and browsing) but also an increase of \$400 in proceeds from the "main event" in the pavilion. We also received \$200 less in Thrivent matching funds than in 2013. Our expenses totalled **\$5,390.45**, a slight increase of \$300 – mainly due to higher strawberry costs – leaving net proceeds of **\$10,443.75** which were added to the Bicentennial Fund – still one of the best results ever. 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 those matching funds received again this year.

Looking ahead to 2015: Please mark your family calendars for next year's Festival, scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2015. Also, the first planning meeting for next year's Festival, open to all interested persons, will be held on Tuesday, March 3, from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. at the church.

YARD SALE REPORT

Our annual Yard Sale was held on August 7, 8, and 9 in the pavilion. A total of \$815 was raised over the three days, all of which will be sent to the Domestic Disaster Relief fund of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. (This was a really strong result, especially considering that this represents actual "sales" and does not include any matching funds from Thrivent Financial. Thank you to all who helped with publicity, set up, working the days of the sale, and clean up afterward!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Heidi Lehman**, who graduated on August 6 from the Harrisburg Area Community College Lancaster Campus with her Associates Degree in Radiologic Technology. About her graduation, Heidi shared the following: "I am waiting for my date to take my boards in the near future. After I complete the boards I will be a registered technologist. I want to thank all of my church family for the prayers, support and words of encouragement during the last 6 years. I know that the love and support from everyone helped me immensely." Well done, Heidi!

And to **Hannah & Adam Rabenold** on the safe and healthy birth of **Peter Adam Thomas Rabenold** at 11:13pm on August 9 at Harrisburg Hospital. Peter weighed 8 pounds 14.8 ounces and was 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. Congratulations – and to the whole Rabenold family as well!



PASTORAL ACTS

At Graveside

Pastor Tom presided at funeral worship for **Edward Callahan**, an elderly person related to our congregation through the Marie Casner family, following his death at Harrisburg Hospital on July 1. Worship was held on July 7 at Hoover-Boyer Funeral Home in Millersburg, with interment at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. We pray God's comfort for Ed's family!

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.

Regarding 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.) With half of the year's Sundays behind us as of June 30, to be right on **budget**, we would have received and spent half of our total 2014 budget of \$133,608, or **\$66,804**. We have **actually received \$64,998** in offerings and other income, leaving us about \$1,800 behind our budget goal. (This is still one of our best results ever at the halfway point in the year, and comes after a January and February that saw some of our worst results ever, due to wintry weather and sickness.) Our **expenses** as of the end of June total **\$68,161** and are \$1,357 over budget – one of our worst results ever at June 30. (Again, think of January and February and their higher than normal heating oil costs.) The bottom line is that, since we have spent more than we have taken in, we are running a **deficit of \$3,163** as of June 30.

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** or half of our total 2014 commitment of \$12,000. As of June 30, we have **actually** received and shared a total of **\$6,746**, meaning that we are **ahead** of our commitment by **\$746**.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of St. John, and for your financial stewardship. 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!

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
May 4, 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, Jeff Lehman, Sandra Shade, Cheryl Shadle, Jim Watson and Pastor Tom

Excused Absences — Sandra Lamenza and Eric Mattern

Motion by Sandra Shade, 2nd by Jim Bullock to accept April Council minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

“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. Tabled until Fall.

Bergey's Water completes our quarterly bacteria test as a donation. We need to pay for nitrate tests twice a year of \$85 each time from the current fund.

Motion by Sandra Shade, 2nd by Lorraine Henninger to give \$300 gift to “Sing For Joy” radio broadcast from Local Benevolence. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Lorraine Henninger, 2nd by Jim Bullock to give gift of \$100 to the Dauphin County Library System's appeal celebrating their 100th Anniversary from Local Benevolence. Motion passed unanimously.

Council rejected request from Jeff Morgan to use metal detector around pavilion area. He keeps what he finds with exception of historical items which are returned to owner.

Pastor's Report: Motion by Jamie Doyle, 2nd by Roy Henry to accept Pastor's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Roy Henry, 2nd by Cheryl Shadle to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Church Property: Ceiling fans will be installed soon in the sanctuary. Received estimate from Ray Williard of \$800 to paint and caulk around windows and doors of the sexton's house. Sweepers are being serviced. Rolled the field & will roll between house & field this week.

Finance Committee: No report

Worship & Music: Service went well today with the use of the new red hymnals.

Christian Education: May 6 @ 6:15pm Sunday School Teachers & Officers meeting.

Stewardship: No report

Evangelism: Met 4/29 & discussed the many visitors to the congregation. Next meeting Oct.

Youth Ministry: Easter Egg hunt had wonderful turnout.

Mutual Ministry: Sandra Lamenza accepted appointment to committee to fill vacant spot.

Executive: No report

Nominating: No report

History Committee: The history booklet continues in process.

Green Team: Next field trip in conjunction with Walk in the Woods in October.

Other reports: Prayerful Planning Group meeting reports to the Congregation went well during the Covered Dish following church today.

Unfinished Business: Strawberry Festival next meeting 5/5 @ 6:30pm.
Synod Assembly volunteer representatives are Faye Nichols and Larry Gessner.

New Business: Ken Koller working on AED information as well as a "Food Awareness and Preparation" course presented by the Dept. of Agriculture. Sandra Lamenza indicated a willingness to seek "Safe Serve Certification" since we serve food at many functions including the Strawberry Festival.

Scholarships for graduating seniors – Pastor Tom will present 1 scholarship at Millersburg on 6/3 and 6 scholarships at Upper Dauphin on 6/4.

Confirmation is June 8 and there will be 3 confirmed members. Council members should meet at 9:50am in preparation.

Next Council Meetings: July 13, 2014 at 7:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion by Jamie Doyle, 2nd by Ken Koller to adjourn at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Doyle, Secretary

Treasurers Report for

	<u>Prior Balance</u>	April 2014 <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>EOM</u>
Current	4,216.53	13,267.42	11,941.87	5,542.08
Benevolence	53.99	1,058.04	1,058.00	54.03
Memorial	33,752.38	739.72	-0-	34,492.10
Improvement	6,480.26	495.00	40.00	6,935.26
Bicent CkAcct	20,067.84	165.66	165.00	20,068.50
Bicent Svngs	5,300.91	-	-	5,300.91
Flower	245.66	230.50	242.90	233.26



SUNDAY SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

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) Cheryl Shadle, Karen Gehring & John Ferree

SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 - Promotion Sunday

10:15 -Liturgy of Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent-

Sunday School Pianist-

Greeters-

Acolytes-

Henry Henninger

Sandy Paul

The Baumgardner Family

R J Henry & Owen Mattern

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

Holy Cross Day

9:00 - Sunday School

10:15 -Liturgy of Holy Communion

Sunday School Superintendent-

Sunday School Pianist-

Greeters-

Acolytes-

Jeff Lehman

Judy Ferree

The Maurer Family

Tyler D'Alesandro & Cameron Thompson

SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Song by Youth Persons Church Singers

Sunday School Superintendent-

Sunday School Pianist-

Greeters-

Acolytes-

Ken Koller

Jean Weaver

The Jim Watson Family

Ryan Henninger & Aidan Roadcap

SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Home, Collection

Sunday School Superintendent-

Sunday School Pianist-

Greeters-

Acolytes-

Fay Nichols

Louise Baumgardner

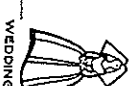
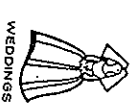

The Brain Thompson Family

Gracie Gehring & Cameron Thompson

SEPTEMBER 2014



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off Labor Day	2 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 6:00 Rehearsal for Shade/Shaffer Wedding	6 3:00 Marriage of Sara Shade & Daniel Shaffer
7 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Promotion Sunday Ceremonies 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Blessing of the Backpacks Grandparent's Day	8 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief	9 Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	10	11	12	13 Pastor Tom's Day Off 7:00-9:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Group Meets at the Church - Please contact Ray Matter for more information 
14 Holy Cross Day 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Young Person's Church Afternoon (TBA) Youth Group Kickoff with Election of officers 6:00 Women's Group Mtg. 7:30 Congregational Council Mtg.	15 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief 7:00 Final Summer Dartsball League Fun Match at St. John	16 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	17 6:30 St John Hosts Introductory Meeting for Proposed Upper Dauphin Area School District Hunger Ministry Citizenship Day	18	19 7:30 Rehearsal for Lower/Gobbie Wedding	20 1:00 Marriage of Joseph Lower & Christina Gobbie 
21 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word with song by Young Person's Church Singers	22 Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (Transferred from 9/21) 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief 7:00 Upper Dauphin Conf. Cabinet at St. Michael Lutheran, Kingersstown	23 Pastor Tom's Day Off (instead of 9/20) 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal Autumn Begins	24 6:30 Program/Forum About the State of Our Honey Bees, Sponsored by Green Team	25 Rosh Hashanah	26	27 Pastor Tom's Day Off
28 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word -Harvest Home Collection 1:00-4:00 Thivent Dauphin Co. Chapter Annual Picnic and Elections at Lake Tobias Park 3:00-6:00 Upper Dauphin Lutheran Youth Kickoff Event at St. John's 6:00 Congregational Square Dance at home of Lynn & Helen Henninger 	29 Michael and All Angels 9:00 Blanket Making for Lutheran World Relief	30 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:15 Property Comm. Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal				
Deadline to Submit Items for October "St. John's Epistle"						



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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.

