ST. JOHN'S EPISTLE

A Letter from The Pastor.....

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Pastor Tom

Where did the summer go?!! It seems like we were just gearing up for the Strawberry Festival and VBS, and now the kids are back to school, the pool is closed, and I'm beginning another year of Little Hands Nursery School! My Grandma always told me, "The older you get, the faster time goes!" Man, she wasn't kidding (although I'm thinking how busy you are factors in there, too)!!

And we did have a busy and exciting summer! We tried a new rotational-style for VBS, and it was a huge success!! After working out a few "technical difficulties" (not my forte), Hero Central was a super-fun experience for kids and adults alike! Captain Shield and all the amazing teachers and helpers helped us discover our strengths and truly be God's heroes!

Then there was our involvement in the Elizabethville Bicentennial festivities, starting with a memorable Community Worship Service! What an AMAZING Sunday – the message; the music; the fellowship! And ALL those PEOPLE!! I wish EVERY Sunday could be like that!! I am so happy to have been a part of the experience! Everyone can be so proud of the church spirit that flows here at St. John's!!

In September, we're looking forward to Celebration Sunday on September 10th. Children and adults will join together at 9:30 for worship. At 10:30, immediately following the service, we will head to Elysburg for our annual Congregational Picnic and Outing to Knoebel's Amusement Park! Because of donations and money received from our Subway Fundraiser, kids will get free tickets for the rides! Bring a covered dish and a container of drink to share and join in the fun!!

The following Sunday, September 17^{th} , we will return to our regular schedule with SONday Celebration from 9:00-10:00 and Celebration Time (for young people 6^{th} grade and younger) during church. See you at the Celebration!

I'm looking forward to another church year and more amazing things!!

Miss Laurie

Miss Laurie's Office Hours:

Mon., Wed 2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Friday 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Youth Group News

September kicks things into full gear for the youth group activities, we will be holding a meeting for GATHERING 2018, all Youth Group members who are eligible to attend are asked with their parents to briefly attend on Sunday, **September 3**, directly after worship. Please be sure to check the poster out on the bulletin board with some general details. You can also go to http://www.elca.org/gathering/ for more information.

On **September 10** the congregation is participating in the 2nd Annual Knoebels trip, the youth ministry is selling \$5 subway cards to help supplement the cost.

On September 17 we will be hosting our annual Lutheran Youth Organization kickoff event in the pavilion. Looking forward, this year instead of delivering the kits we will be having a youth activity and visiting a local corn maze on October 9.

We have plans in the works for service projects, fundraising for GATHERING, and most importantly time for fellowship.

We welcome all youth from grades 9-12, if you don't receive emails or texts from the advisors please email Becky Conte at rlkconte06@gmail.com so the proper contact information can be shared in the email chain and youth directory.



St. John's Facebook: facebook.com/stjohnhillchurch

Blessing of the Backpacks to be Celebrated

During our <u>9:30 A.M.</u> worship on Sunday, September 10, Pastor Tom will again be leading what has come to be our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks**. 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 17, 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 a close-up look at Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* and

what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. One of our young members is in her second of two years of study, leading toward her Confirmation next year on the Day of Pentecost, while two other young persons will begin a first year of study.

Interested in Membership? Or Maybe Just a Refresher

On the fourth Sunday of September, September 24, 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 decorat-

ing of the chancel and then delivery to the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens.

Y'all Come!

Our Annual Congregational Square Dance is coming right up, on its traditional last Sunday in September and same time – Sunday, September 24, 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!

HELP WANTED IN THE CHOIR



Positions are open in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections of our choir.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the church. Vision must be good enough to see the director from ten feet away.

EXPERIENCE: No applications accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower at some time.

BEGINNING WAGES: Guaranteed satisfaction and joy in the Lord's service.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Members who demonstrate unusual ability and courage might be asked to sing a solo some time.

FRINGE BENEFITS: Social security included. We promise you the security of fellowship with other fine members of the choir.

HOURS: An hour or so on rehearsal night one evening per week and one hour on Sunday (September through May).



Join the fun – first choir rehearsal on October 3rd at 7:30.

Please contact Pastor Tom, Judy Ferree or Carol Hubler if you have any questions or need additional information. See you Oct. 3rd.

Lutheran Churches In Our Area Celebrate 500th Annuversary of Lutheran Reformation

Great news! We're hosting a special one-time screening of the new Martin Luther Movie on **Sunday October 22**, at 5 pm at the **Colonnade Theater in Millersburg**. The movie is free and is being shown by the Upper Dauphin Conference of Lutheran congregations as an outreach to our area. In addition, a special 500th anniversary quilt will be introduced that is being created by members of our congregations. We would love for you to come and to bring a friend!

The film tells the rousing adventure story that was Martin Luther's life, following his bold quest for truth—a journey that would reshape the church, and the world. It's titled, "Martin Luther: the Idea that Changed the World." Be sure to put it on your calendar now and bring a friend!

Here is the trailer for the film: https://vimeo.com/154364811

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It's soon time again for a walk in the woods

The first Sunday in October – October 1 this year – is the traditional date of our annual "Walk in the Woods". Please mark the date in your family calendar and be watching for more details about this fellowship outing.

Yard Sale Report

Our annual Yard Sale was held on August 10, 11, and 12 in the pavilion. A record total of more than \$1,600 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. Thank you to Fay Nichols, who coordinated the Yard Sale this year and to all who helped with publicity, set up, working the days of the sale, and clean up afterward!

Don't Miss It

Book Group will begin again in October, and both October's and November's gatherings will be spent watching the movie tie-ins for the first two books we will be discussing:

October 2 The Shack
November 6 Hidden Figures

We'll get together at 5:30 P.M. for a light meal, watch the movie, and discuss the book. Everyone is welcome! And please hold these future dates:

December 4 April 2 February 5 May 7 March 5

Please contact Ann Bruner with any questions, or to learn more (717.362.7895)!

Tallying the Berries...

As we look back on our Annual Strawberry Festival, held on a beautiful June 14 here on The Hill, we hosted a record number of guests in our pavilion for the recent years that we have been keeping track and, as reported during worship on July 23, took in record total receipts for the day of \$22,295.25. Our total expenses of \$9,328.16 were also higher than in previous years, especially as we added some equipment and supplies to continue fine tuning our preparation of all Festival food items in our pavilion, resulting in net proceeds of \$12,967.09, which were added to the "Bicentennial"/Local Benevolence Fund. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Strawberry Festival another wonderful success!

Looking ahead to 2018: Please mark your family calendars for next year's Festival, already scheduled for <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>June 13</u>. Also, the first planning meeting for next year's Festival, open to all interested persons, will be held on Tuesday, March 6, beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the church.

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.) At the halfway point of the year as of June 30, to be right on **budget**, we would have received and spent half or \$72,201 out of our total 2017 budget of \$144,402. We have actually received \$76,870 in offerings and other income, or \$4,669 more than this goal. (It is important to note that this offering total includes the very nice effect of one congregational family member having made their entire annual gift at the beginning of the year. But, even taking out the 1/2 of that very kind gift that we would not typically have received by the end of June, we are still ahead of our budget goal by over \$1,100 — one of our best results ever.) Our expenses as of the end of June total \$72,338 and are \$137 over budget. Even adjusting for the effects of that large early-year gift, we have a surplus of over \$1,000 as of June 30 — again one of our very best results at this point in the year.

As to the Children & Youth Ministry Fund, through which Miss Laurie's ministry with us is being funded, we have **received** \$5,541 in offerings and Thrivent Choice Dollars as of the end of June which, while not enough money to completely cover the expenditures, is still solidly ahead of where we projected we might be at this point in this first year of ministry together. (Please remember that, if you would like to use your regular offering envelope to make a gift toward supporting Miss Laurie's ministry, you can simply use one of the preprinted blocks on the envelope by very carefully and clearly changing the printed caption to "C&Y Ministry" and then writing your gift amount in the block. In 2018, we will have new offering envelopes which will include a separate block for these gifts.)

And, with regard 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 2017 commitment of \$12,000. As of June 30, we have **actually** received and shared a total of \$5,268, meaning that we are **a bit behind** our commitment by \$732. We will want to be sure to close this gap as the year goes along.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of St. John, and for your financial stewardship. Again, 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 7, 2017

The Council Meeting was called to order by Pastor Tom who also offered prayer and devotions.

Present – Carl Baumgardner, Gail Billow, Jeff Buffington, Dale Hassinger, Dan Langhans, Donna Rabenold, Tamara Spicher and Pastor Tom

Excused Absences - Jamie Doyle, Joseph Doyle, Henry Henninger and Patricia Herb

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Jeff Buffington, 2nd by Dale Hassinger to accept the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Reception of Petitions and Communications: Pastor indicated that we passed our most recent water tests conducted by Pure Test Labs (Martin).

Request by Tammy Becker, Sexton to allow the daughter of a coworker to help her at the church to fulfill a community service sentence. Motion by Carol Baumgardner, 2nd by Tamara Spicher to all. Motion passed unanimously.

Bicentennial Allocations

#1 at synod assembly for Hunger Project. People are asked to bring items for a back pack program. 2nd option is a monetary gift of \$400 towards the food truck for kids in need.

Gettysburg Seminary & Philadelphia Seminary are combining due to lack of students and are setting up an endowment for leadership chair in honor of retiring Gettysburg President Michael Cooperwhite and would like to make a \$200 contribution towards it.

Bill received in the amount of \$884 for the update to the sound system. The Entertainment Service Group was here to go over the sounds system. Pastor's mic was switched from VHS to UHS unit to make it more effective and a new transmitter was installed. Another head mounted mic was purchased thru Barry Willard at a cost of \$39.

Local Benevolence total was \$1,500.

Motion to approve all of the above proposals by Tamara Spicher, 2nd by Gail Billow. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Motion by Dale Hassinger, 2nd by Jeff Buffington to accept Pastor's report. Motion Passed unanimously.

Children & Youth: Program is going very well. VBS is being set up with a meeting for helpers & interested people. There will be an area set up for Youth activities at the Strawberry Festival. There will be fun Games & prizes also the Library van will be setting up in the East end of the grove. Motion by Gail Billow, 2nd by Donna Rabenold to accept the Children & Youth Ministry report. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of Treasurers: Motion by Tamara Spicher, 2nd by Jeff Buffington to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Church Property: Parking lot on South side of the church was discussed. Mifflin Township was contacted and it will be repaired.

Painting & windows project was reported on by Carl Baumgardner and Jeff Buffington. Painting by Ray Williard at \$25 /hr. plus lift cost of approximately \$2,500 plus paint. Expected cost to be between \$15,000-17,000. Will need congregational approval on May 28th directly after church.

The storm window project was discussed and the projected committee needs more time to decide on the proposal. This proposal will need a separate Special Council Meeting and Special Congregational meeting at a later date.

Motion to approve the painting project and delay further action on the storm windows by Carl Baumgardner, 2nd by Dale Hassinger. Motion passed unanimously.

Church Clean up and work night will be May 30th at 5:30.

Finance Committee: No report

Worship & Music: No report

Faith Formation Team: No report

Youth Group: Good Friday service went well as did sleep over that night. We are

blessed with great kids & leaders!

Mutual Ministry: No report

Executive: No report

Nominating: No report.

History Committee: No report

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Women ELCA

Well ladies it's time to get back into action. On September we will have our first womens meeting for the fall of 2017. Our first meeting is on September 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM. The leaders for the program are Sandra Lamenza and Gail Billow. Our hostess for this meeting will be Rachel Henry and Gail Billow.

At this meeting we will be appointing a nominating committee. If you are interested in this position please contact Janet Denlinger and let her know before the meeting.

Also there is a need for faberic for our quilting project. If you are able to donated to this project please contact Pat Herb. And do not forget the Shawl Ministry. If you can crochet or knit and are willing to help please contact Barb Bullock.

And I would like to say a big thank you to all who have helped this summer in the many projects the ladies have done. Thanks guys for being there when we needed the muscle.

Pastoral Acts

At the Font

Pastor Tom presided on Sunday, June 18, as we welcomed **Hailey Marie Crabb**, daughter of **Ryne & Christina Crabb** into the Kingdom of God and the St. John Congregational Family in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We pray God's blessings on Hailey, her parents, and her sponsors as they live out the promises they have made!

On Sunday morning, June 25, Pastor Tom presided as we had the honor of welcoming **Valerie Buffington** into the St. John congregational family as she made affirmation of her baptism. Please be sure to personally welcome Valerie and her family and to update your congregational directory by adding:

BUFFINGTON, Valerie & (Justin)

Kory, Gavin 153 Longabach Drive Elizabethville, PA 17023 717-364-2660

At the Altar

On Friday, June 23, Pastor Tom presided at the marriage of **Timothy Enders** and **Dianne Bender** at the church. We pray God's blessing on Dianne and Tim, that they may each be given the grace and strength to faithfully live out their vows of commitment!

At Graveside

Pastor Tom presided at funeral worship at the church for **Pauline Troutman**, following her Elizabethville apartment on July 30. Worship was held on August 3, with interment in the church cemetery. We pray God's comfort in the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus for Pauline's family and friends!

Now Available

The 1980-2010 Congregational History Booklet is available for purchase at \$15. In addition, a set of three booklets, including the 1955 and 1980 booklets, is available for \$25. All proceeds from these sales go to our History/Anniversary Fund, which will, among other things, provide the seed money for a 250th Anniversary celebration in 2030. To make a purchase, please contact Helen Henninger, Lois Lesher, or Carol Hassinger.

Congratulations!

To **Justin Challenger** was joined in marriage to **Lisa Boudeman** at the bride's home congregation of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Elizabethtown, PA on Saturday, June 10. Congratulations to Justin and Lisa, who are now residing in the Hummelstown area.

And to Sara (Shade) & Daniel Shaffer on the safe and healthy birth of Leah Evelyn Ann at Harrisburg Hospital on August 9. Leah weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 20½ inches long. Congratulations, too, to the Shade and Matter families!

May God richly bless these young couples in these times of new beginnings!

Meeting Minutes Continued

Other reports: Strawberry Festival report was given and menu & prices will stay the same. Next meeting will be May 25th.

Unfinished Business: Monday, June 5th will be UDA Class Night and 3 members will be given St. John scholarships. Graduates will be honored in worship on June 25th.

New Business: None

Next Council Meeting: July 9, 2017 @ 4:00pm.

Adjournment: Motion by Donna Rabenold, 2nd by Tamara Spicher to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Carl Baumgardner, Assistant Secretary

Treasurers Report for

April 2017

	Prior Balance	Receipts	<u>Expenses</u>	$\underline{\text{EOM}}$
Current	12,750.62	15,381.93	11,889.81	16,242.74
Benevolence	106.14	1,071.03	1,071.00	106.17
Memorial	29,999.15	18.72	-	30,017.87
Improvement	2,123.68	351.00	1,526.52	948.16
Bicent CkAcct1	5,411.86	.48	746.62	14,665.72
Bicent Syngs	5,300.91	-	-	5,300.91
Flower	154.86	401.85	388.65	168.06
C&Y Ministry	2,264.72	372.05	1,412.48	1,224.29

September Gifts

Tree 4 Hope -

Fred and Jean Weaver

Celebrate Inserts -

Fred and Jean Weaver

Altar Flowers

9/3 –Outside Service 9/10 -9/17 - Lynn, Roni, and Allison Mace

9/24 - Gail Billow

*as of time of printing

September Worship Schedule



Altar Guild for Month of September Lector for Month of September

Fred & Jean Weaver Vincent Lamenza

Usher's for the Month of September: Dan Langhans (L) Fay Nichols(E), Martha Rebuck & Lois Lesher(LAY)

September 3, 2017 **OUTDOOR WORSHIP Holy Communion**

Ronnie & Bonnie Erb Greeter

<u>September 10, 2017</u> **Promotion Sunday**

Greeter Jeff & Heidi Lehman Acolyte Avery Mace & Lilly Boyer

<u>September 17, 2017</u>

Greeter John & Judy Ferree

Acolyte s Kelsey Henninger & Hoyt Schlegel Superintendent Lynn Henninger

Carol Hubler

<u>September 24, 2017</u>

Greeter Acolytes Kinsley Schreffler & Aidan Roadcap

Pianist

Delmar & Ginny Enders

Superintendent Jeff Lehman **Pianist** :Lois Watson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Congregation Staff

Pastor's Office Hours:

Mon, Tues - 8:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Wed, Thurs - 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

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