



# St. Johns Epistle

St. Johns Lutheran  
Church  
Berrysburg, PA

July/August 2020

Dear Friends in Jesus,

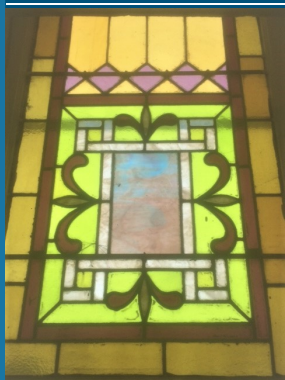
**A couple of folks asked me about further/again sharing the following historical reflection which I wrote for one of my recent congregational family emails. Here it is:**

As I've mentioned to many of you along the way, as an avid history buff, I have become a great admirer over the years of both President Abraham Lincoln and President Franklin Roosevelt, both of whom had their own obvious imperfections and contradictions, while at the same time setting the gold standard for what it means to be a leader. I've come to find that anyone who spends any time at all reading about President Roosevelt also inevitably ends up spending quite a bit of time with Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister with whom President Roosevelt shared an extremely productive and personally warm relationship as world leaders during the global crisis that was World War II.

And so it was that, just this week, I was reading about a speech that Churchill delivered to the House of Commons on June 18, 1940. As he spoke, France was just days away from officially surrendering to Adolf Hitler and his Nazi forces, which meant that Great Britain now stood alone before the German onslaught, with only the all-too-narrow waters of the English Channel separating England from the German war machine. (At this point, there was little that President Roosevelt could do to help, as the United States was still firmly on the sidelines, with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor still almost 18 months in the future and many powerful and well-funded voices in the US saying that it was time to "put America first" and that this wasn't our problem – and furthermore that maybe Hitler and the Nazis weren't such bad guys after all, as German diplomatic personnel within our country were working hard behind the scenes to convince Americans that all of the negativity about Hitler was actually just so much "fake news".)

To prepare the people of Great Britain for the German invasion that now seemed almost certain to come, and with many people around him suggesting that maybe now was the time to make peace with Hitler and the Nazis, Churchill spoke of what was at stake, warning that, if Great Britain fell, the world – including eventually the United States – would descend into a new and sinister "Dark Age". He then ended with words still quoted – albeit sometimes incorrectly – ***Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will say, 'This was their finest hour.'***

That got me thinking – what will generations yet to come see and say about us when they one day look back upon this time of COVID-19 pandemic? It seems certain that this will indeed be "one for the books" – including a new St. John congregational history ten years or so down the road, when our 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated. What will they see looking back?



What will they say about us? As Prime Minister Churchill spoke there on the floor of the House, the people of Great Britain were already tired of living with wars and rumors of wars, with no end in sight. So much was unknown – almost nothing was certain. It would have been so easy to give up, to give in to their worst instincts of fear and selfishness, to take the low and seemingly easier road, to turn against each other, but the Prime Minister reminded them that the one thing they could control in the midst of so much uncontrollable uncertainty – maybe the only thing – was their own attitude and conduct. They could “brace themselves to their duties”, come what may – or not.

*I firmly believe that Jesus is calling you and me to “brace ourselves to our duties” of being Gospel people and so conduct ourselves that, whatever may be yet to come in this time of COVID-19, ten (if not a thousand) years from now, in a congregational history yet to be written, people will look back and be able to say that this was (if not our finest) a very good and faithful hour for the St. John Congregational Family, and that we acquitted ourselves as good and faithful servants of Jesus, instead of going with our worst instincts of fear and selfishness, taking the low and seemingly easier road, turning against each other as is too often happening in our larger society. It is as true right here today as it was on June 18, 1940 – the one thing we can control in the midst of so much uncontrollable uncertainty – maybe the only thing – is our own attitude and conduct. We can choose to “brace ourselves to our duties” of doing all that we can to show Jesus’ love for our neighbors near and far, come what may – or not...*

As I also said in that email, perhaps the most critical way we can go about “bracing ourselves” is by making it a top priority to continue to come together as a congregational family on Sunday mornings. You will note in our September calendar that, as I write these lines in mid-August, our Sunday morning schedule for September 20 and following Sundays is still being prayerfully sorted out by our Congregational Council. Please stay tuned for those details, which will of course be widely and frequently shared in the weeks to come!

**Pastor Tom**



## ***News From Miss Laurie***

Happy “back to school” time, everyone! Whether you’re back in the classroom or doing things online (or maybe a combination of the two like Little Hands), I hope you’re off to a good start!

Now that September is here, we’ve got a few upcoming activities that you will want to check out, so grab your calendars and pencil in these dates:

**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Celebration Club “Kick-off” on**

Zoom! We’re going to meet at 7:00 pm for an hour of fun, faith-forming activities online! I’ll send out the Zoom link earlier in the day. Grab your computer and join us for the fun!

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – St. John’s “Drive-thru Safari” Caravan!**

To mark the end of our Summer Schedule, we’re going to treat our Young Christians to the “Drive-thru Safari” at Lake Tobias! We’ll meet at the church at 12:00 and “caravan” over to Lake Tobias. All Young Christians will receive a free pass for the Safari! But you don’t have to be a youngster to be part of the fun! Meet us at the church and join the caravan!!

(We’re doing this in place of the “Knoebel’s Grove Outing and Congregational Picnic” which, sadly, had to be cancelled this year. Not to worry, our spot is already reserved for NEXT year!)

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – we’re back to the regular schedule for SONday Celebration**, and hopefully we’ll be LIVE and IN PERSON! Everything is tentative, of course, and we’ll follow the recommended safety procedures of social distancing and wearing masks, but we should be back in our space! Stay tuned to “A Word from Miss Laurie” and Pastor Tom’s emails for updates!

I hope you’ll plan to join us for ALL of the above activities! Have a GREAT September, and stay safe! Can’t wait to see you all at the Celebration!!

***MISS LAURIE***

YOUNG CHRISTIANS MINISTRY

## ***Confirmation Class scheduled to begin...***

On Sunday morning, September 20, those baptized members of St. John who are in at least 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and who have not yet been confirmed will begin a new year of study with Pastor Tom, tentatively in-person at the church, at a time and in a downstairs space to be announced, and with each participant wearing a mask covering both nose and mouth and observing safe spacing. The focus this year will be a close-up look at the Bible, both ***Old & New Testaments***, as we discuss and learn about what God is saying to us in this, God's Written Word. Three of our young members are in their second of two years of study, leading toward their Confirmation next year on the Day of Pentecost, while one other young person will begin a first year of study.

## ***Blessing of the Devices***

During both 9:30 (on Zoom) and 11:00 (in person in the pavilion) worship on **Sunday, September 13**, Pastor Tom will again be leading what has come to be our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks", but repurposed a bit this year as a **Blessing of the Devices**. Since at least some of our Pre-School through Grade 12 students (members of the congregational family as well as friends they might invite, virtually or in-person!) will be educating from home on a laptop or other device and not carrying a backpack to school and since many folks of all ages will be conducting their post-high school studies and their daily work from home and/or with a greater reliance than ever before on electronic devices, ***persons of all ages*** are asked to present on screen (during 9:30 worship via Zoom) or to bring along with them (during 11:00 worship in-person in the pavilion) their school backpacks, phones, laptops, tablets, or any other electronic device that assists them in their daily routine as we join in a time of recognition, prayer, and blessing. There will once again be the opportunity for each participant to receive a small "keepsake" to put in their backpacks or keep with their devices as a reminder of the fact that God goes with each of them through the joys and challenges of the months to come!

## ***Fall Book Discussion On Zoom***

As autumn begins, we are continuing with our monthly times of reading and sharing via Zoom – on **Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)**, and **Monday, October 26, both at 7:00 P.M.** Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to participate and haven't joined in before, you can pick up a copy of the current book on the bench under the bulletin board in the foyer, just inside the main doors. (That selection for the 7:00 P.M. gathering on Labor Day, ***Sense & Sensibility*** by Jane Austen, is available there, but please let Ann know if we run out of books, and she'll order more.) And then, looking ahead to October, since Pastor Tom and Ann are planning to be away in the first part of the month, our regular gathering will take place later than usual, on **Monday, October 26, at 7:00 P.M.**, when the topic will be the book ***Murder at the Vicarage*** by Agatha Christie. Please call Ann Bruner (717.362.7895) if you need a book or have questions.

## ***Property Committee Meeting***

Property Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 1, at 6:15 P.M. in the pavilion. Everyone attending is asked to please be sure to bring along their own comfortable chair for safe spacing and a mask covering both nose and mouth.

## ***Secretary Duties***

After serving faithfully for many years as our Congregational Secretary, turning out worship bulletins and newsletters seemingly without end, **Rebecca Conte** will be ending her service with us (as well as her years of service as a Youth Group Advisor) on September 30, as she and her husband, **Michael**, and **Giuliana** move to the Hershey area. We thank Becky for sharing her ministry gifts with her congregational family for these past years and wish her and her family the very best in their new home. Please be sure to find an opportunity to express your personal thanks and best wishes!

# St. John's Youth Group

St. John's Facebook: [facebook.com/stjohnhillchurch](https://facebook.com/stjohnhillchurch)

St. John's Children and Youth Ministry: [facebook.com/childrenandyouthministry](https://facebook.com/childrenandyouthministry)



Due to COVID-19, we won't be able to do a lot of the youth group activities that we have done in the past. The advisors will continue to meet to assess the COVID situation to determine when we can get back to doing more things together. We miss seeing each of your smiling faces and the friendly competition on game nights, but your health and safety is our main concern.

Having said that, we have two events coming up for everyone to look forward to:

**Sunday, September 20th:-** The annual LYO packing of the school kits will be Sunday, September 20th at 3:00 p.m. in our pavilion. We will spread the tables out more than in previous years to help maintain distance between each supply stop. Everyone **MUST** wear a mask at all times. Please bring your own drink. We will not be sharing drink or having pizza afterward this year. Please let Olivia know what size shirt you wear. Pat Herb has graciously offered to use one of her Thrivent Action Teams to purchase the pencil sharpeners St. John's is supplying for the school kits. Because of her Action Team, we each get a nifty, red Thrivent shirt. Woo hoo! They are SOOOO COMFY!!!

**Saturday, October 31st:-** Nicole Radel is in the planning stages of the first ever trunk or treat held at St. John's, hosted by the Girl Scouts. As the leader of the local Girl Scouts, she wanted to do something special this year for trick or treat, since normal trick or treating may not happen this year. She will have more information for us and the rest of the congregation in the near future. In the meantime, we can start thinking of ideas to decorate a trunk! The youth group may also be asked to help with traffic detail that day. So mark those calendars!! It will be on October 31st from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## ***Sunday School***

Things are currently in the works to get us back to an in-person Sunday School class starting on September 20th. Masks will be required. The current plan is for the youth group class (everyone but confirmation class) to meet in the balcony in the choir loft (Eville side of the balcony) at 9:45 a.m. Pastor and the confirmation class will meet in the conference room. We will have enough space to spread out in both locations. Like Pastor said, this is all still pretty fluid and I'm sure will continue to be for the foreseeable future. We will keep you posted if anything would need to change.

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## *Amazon Smiles*

If you are an Amazon.com shopper, perhaps especially in this time of pandemic, our congregation is registered with the “Amazon Smiles” program, whereby Amazon donates one half of one percent of your purchase amount to a charitable organization that you select. Please note that, to qualify, your purchase has to be made through the “smile” side of things, to which you will find a very easily identifiable link from the main part of the Amazon.com website. (Once there, it can be a bit tricky to pick out our congregational name from all of the “St. John’s”, but once you have selected us the first time, we will automatically be designated each time you shop and you won’t need to re-do the search.) All monies received in this way will be automatically deposited for use in the Current Fund.

***Note from Pastor Tom – Fay Nichols, who serves on the World Hunger Taskforce of our Lower Susquehanna Synod and who also helps to coordinate our congregational family world hunger response, submitted the following item just before COVID-19 became a fact of our daily lives, as we look ahead to our planned annual World Hunger Appeal In-Gathering Sunday, planned for our traditional third Sunday in October, the 18th:***

## *World Hunger Sunday*

As we look again at our coming World Hunger plea I feel like we had a closer look at WORLD HUNGER then we would normally have. This past winter and spring gave us a new look at things. We do not realize just who is our neighbor; so I ask you: “Who is your neighbor?” Is it the family that lives across the street or maybe the folks down the road on a farm? In reality it is anyone who lives in this world. When God told us to love one another as He has loved us, He is also telling us to care for each other. We are to do what He wants; not what we want. It doesn’t matter if the project is in feeding others; clothing others; giving the ability to have health care; or making sure they have a good education so they can help others. How many of you have had to drink water that is dirty or infected in some way? But I do know that your help is needed to make these changes in the lives of our neighbors. You can make the difference in the lives of others by simply helping with your donations to Lutheran World Hunger. With your help we can provide clean water, thus making Malaria fade away. We can teach mother’s how to raise their own food and animals to feed their families. We can give a good education to their children so they can make a difference in the future of their communities. In I Corinthians 12 we are told of the unity in diversity. The diversity of gifts but in the same spirit, the diversity of ministries but in the same Lord, and the diversity of activities BUT in the same God who works in us all. As we come into our Lutheran World Hunger Sunday on October 18; please remember

**YOU CAN MAKE THAT DIFFERENCE;  
PLEASE HELP WITH YOUR DONATIONS**

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

A number of folks continue to ask how we are doing financially as a congregational family, now four-plus months into this strange time of pandemic, with a worship life that continues to be very different from anything we have ever known and without most of our other in-person activities, and so Pastor Tom (the old accountant) has again prepared the following summary for Congregational Council and this *Epistle*.

First, regarding our Current Fund... (The Current Fund is our fund from which most day-to-day bills get paid, much like your home's checking account.) With exactly half of the year behind us as of June 30, to be right on **budget**, we would have received and spent half, or **\$78,736** out of our total 2020 budget. Looking at our expenses for the first half of 2020, we have **spent \$73,151**, well under budget. Turning to our resources coming in, and adjusting down the total funds we have received for the effects of some very kind whole-year offerings made at the very beginning of the year, we have **received \$74,540** in true June 30 offerings and other income, meaning that we have more than covered our actual expenses, but that we have a **shortfall in comparison to budget of (\$4,196)**. (This is in fact not the worst result we have ever had in comparison to budget at this point in the year, with two previous years where we had a bigger shortfall and several other "normal" years where we weren't very much ahead of this year.) So, considering this new reality with which we are all living of "no offering plates", we are definitely holding our own!

As to the Children & Youth Ministry Fund, through which Miss Laurie's ministry is funded, we have **received \$10,201** in offerings and Thrivent Choice Dollars as of the end of June (again adjusting for some whole-year gifts kindly shared at the beginning of the year), which is a **shortfall of (\$1,786)** from our budget goal at the half-way point of the year. Considering the fact that this is the first year in which we are challenging ourselves with a budget goal that doesn't include any support from any other congregational funds, and of course the realities of these COVID-19 times, here too we are holding our own.

Finally, as to the gifts 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 half of our total \$12,000 commitment or **\$6,000**. As of June 30, we have **actually received and shared** an adjusted total of **\$4,300**, meaning that we are **behind** our commitment by **(\$1,700)**.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of St. John, and especially for your kindness in "going the extra mile" to mail or drop off your offerings in these challenging times! Please watch for future updates every few months, and please feel free at any time to ask questions of or share ideas with Treasurer Jamie Doyle, Pastor Tom or any member of Council.



### ***Pastoral Acts***

#### **At Graveside**

Pastor Tom presided at funeral worship at graveside in our church cemetery on July 23 for **Ronald Hoover**, who died at Premier at Susquehanna on July 20 from the lingering effects of a COVID-19 infection, following his return there from the hospital. We pray God's comfort in the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus for Ron's family members and other loved ones!

**St John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Council Minutes**  
**Special Meeting Regarding COVID 19 and Flooring Project**  
**June 14, 2020**

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

**Present:** Roy Henry, Carol Hassinger, Sandra Lamenza, Matt Williard, Barbara Bullock, Arlene Doyle, Dan Maurer, Ron Erb, Heidi Lehman, Lori Motter, Ken Koller and Pastor Tom Bruner

**Excused Absence:** Darrell Denlinger

**Minutes:** Motion by Ron Erb and seconded by Dan Maurer to accept the May minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**Flooring Project:** The flooring committee consisting of Lois Watson, Helen Henninger, Ken Koller, and Sandra Lamenza reviewed options and presented a final selection to the property committee. The total cost is \$9973.00. We have \$4390.00 already submitted, and an additional \$2000.00 in pledges. Pastor will make an announcement requesting additional donations. The remaining balance will be taken from the interest money from the Memorial Account. Sandra Lamenza made a motion on behalf of the committee to approve the project. It was seconded by Dan Maurer. Motion approved unanimously.

**COVID 19:** Pastor Tom reported on the successful Zoom services and proposed that we start having in-person services in the pavilion where we can safely socially distance. These 11:00AM services would be in addition to the 9:30AM Zoom service and would require masks. Attendees will be requested to bring their own chairs. Folding chairs, masks and disinfecting spray will be available for those who may forget. The attendance will be limited to 25 the first week until we see how easily we can space ourselves under the pavilion. Communion would be offered on the normal schedule for communion. Motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Heidi Lehman to start the outdoor services on June 28. Motion approved unanimously.

Roy Henry reported on the research he has been doing in preparation for live streaming indoor services. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

**Next Council Meeting:** July 12 at 4PM.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ron Erb and seconded by Carol Hassinger to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sandra Lamenza". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Sandra Lamenza, Assistant Secretary

## *Prayer for a Pandemic*

May we who are merely inconvenienced, Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors. Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home, Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips, Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market, Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home, Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

### **MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IN OUR PRAYERS IN THIS TIME OF COVID-19:**

- Paulette Warner (Serving in Non-Emergency Medical Transportation)
- Jenna Troutman, RN
- Jodi Thompson, CCMA
- Gwen Switzer, RTR
- Payton Stutzman, Hospital Clinical Assistant
- Kristen Spicher, RN
- Sara Shaffer, RN
- Steven Schlegel, Paramedic
- Whitni Rudisill, RN
- Joanne Rheem\*, Healthcare Administrator
- David Rheem\*, Healthcare Administrator
- Alayna Peters, Doctor of Pharmacy
- Courtney Peifer\*, Psych Technician
- Sara Paul, Family Practice Center Medical Receptionist
- Bobby Paul, BS
- Cindy Nicholson, RN\*
- Shannon Motter, RN
- Courtney Miller, B.S. R.T(R)(CT).
- Roni Mace, RN
- Heidi Lehman, RT (R)
- Alexis Lehman, EMT\* (Professional Firefighter and EMT in Metro Washington, DC Area)
- Shawnita Latsha, RT (RDMS, RVT)
- Nichole Holman, RN\*
- Dr. Tonya Henninger and Her Spouse **Dr. Sarah Bork\*** (Hospitalists in Seattle, WA)
- Robert Foreman, Paramedic
- Courtney Foreman, RN
- Glenn Fontaine, RN\*
- Ann Fontaine, PA-C\*
- Olivia Enders, CNA
- Dr. Seth Eisenberg\* (Anesthesiologist in Atlanta, GA)
- Rachel Denlinger, RN\*
- Terri Daniels, BS, RRT
- Gary Daniels, EMT (Serving in Non-Emergency Medical Transportation)
- Timothy Bruner, Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Daniel Bruner, Doctor of Chiropractic and His Spouse **Richelle Demers\*, Doctor of Chiropractic**
- Dr. Jerrel Boyer\* (Neurosurgeon in Chicago, IL)
- Brett Bellis\*, Doctor of Chiropractic

\* denotes someone who is a part of our extended congregational family

**St John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Council Minutes**  
**July 12, 2020**

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

**Present:** Roy Henry, Carol Hassinger, Sandra Lamenza, Matt Williard, Barbara Bullock, Dan Maurer, Ron Erb, Heidi Lehman, Lori Motter, and Pastor Tom Bruner

**Excused Absence:** Darrell Denlinger, Ken Koller

**Absent:** Arlene Doyle

**Minutes:** Motion by Ron Erb and seconded by Barb Bullock to accept the June minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:**

The monthly water inspections for May and June were completed and passed.

Motion made by Ron Erb and seconded by Dan Maurer to approve the following funding requests of \$500 for the Berrysburg Fire Company, \$300 for Sing for Joy, and \$100 for Bethesda Mission: Women's and Children Ministry. Motion approved unanimously.

We received a thank you note from Bishop Dunlop for meeting our ELCA contribution goal.

**Pastor's Report:** Motion made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Matt Williard to accept the pastor's report and pastor's vacation requests. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Dan Maurer to accept Pastor's vacation request. Motion approved unanimously.

*August 24 thru August 31: Services by Matt Williard*

*October 5 thru October 20: Services by Jim Watson*

*December 28 thru January 5: Services by Jim Watson*

**Children and Youth Ministry Report:** Motion was made by Ron Erb and seconded by Heidi Lehman to accept Miss Laurie's report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Ron Erb and seconded by Matt Williard to accept the treasurer's report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

*Most of the committees have not been meeting due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Any business that needed attention has been handled through phone calls.*

**Church Property:** The flooring project will begin July 20. There are several tree stumps that will be ground out. Property committee will meet Tuesday, September 1 at 6:15 out in the pavilion.

**St John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Council Minutes**  
**July 12, 2020**

*Finance:* The audit committee will not meet until the third quarter.

*Worship and Music:* No report

*Faith Formation Team:* No report

*Youth Ministry:* No report

*Mutual Ministry:* No report.

*Executive:* No report.

*Nominating:* No report

*History:* No report

*Women of ELCA:* No report

**COVID 19:** The call ministry has served its purpose and at this time will be discontinued. The Zoom Services have been well attended, and the Pavilion Services have averaged about 16 participants. There have been some requests from those on the Zoom Service to be able to participate in communion. Pastor Tom suggested that we offer communion every Sunday at the 11AM Pavilion Service so that others could participate by driving up and remaining in the car for the sacrament portion of the outdoor service. Motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Ron Erb to approve Pastor's suggestion. Motion approved unanimously.

The plan is to continue the outdoor services through September 13 at which time a decision will be made about moving services indoors.

Pastor Tom, Matt Williard, Roy Henry, and Sandra Lamenza will meet with Tammy Becker, the sexton, to review the cleaning and disinfecting procedures before we begin to have indoor services and meetings. The procedures will be updated to include Steramine as the recommended disinfectant to be used at the church.

**Next Council Meeting:** Scheduled for August 16 at 4pm at the church. It will be a COVID 19 specific meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ron Erb and seconded by Dan Maurer to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sandra Lamenza". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Sandra Lamenza, Assistant Secretary

## *God Won't Ask*

God won't ask what kind of fancy car you drove... He will ask how many people you gave rides to who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your home... He will ask how many people you helped who didn't have a home.

God won't ask how many material possessions you had... He will ask whether those material possessions dictated your life.

God won't ask how many friends you had... He will ask how many people were you a friend too.

God won't ask what neighborhood you live in... He will ask what other neighborhoods you visited.

God won't ask about the color of your skin... He will ask about the color of your heart.

God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words... He will ask how many times they didn't.

God won't ask you what you did to help yourself... He will ask what you did to help others.

God won't ask how many academic degrees you had... He will ask how many people you thanked for helping get those degrees.

God won't ask what your job title was... He will ask did you perform your job to the best of your ability.

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(This activity will replace our "Knoebel's Grove Outing and Congregational Picnic" which has been postponed until next year. )

**LAKE TOBIAS**  
WILDLIFE PARK





<u>Pastor's Office</u> <u>Hours:</u> Mon, Tues - 8:00 A.M.– 9:30 A.M.  Wed, Thurs - 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon  Friday 8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M. <i>(Other times by  appointment)</i>	The Rev. Thomas Bruner, Jr.	Pastor	Stjohnhillchurch @frontier.com	717-362-9519 (O) 717-362-7895 (H)
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	Tammy Becker	Sexton	No Email	717-319-0703
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	Rebecca Conte	Secretary	Rlkconte06 @gmail.com	570-262-2664
	Roy Henry	Council President	Henryfamily2004 @gmail.com	717-215-9837
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