

In 1994 the founder of the Peace Corps, Sargent Shriver was invited to give the Class Day address at his alma mater, Yale University. His advice to the students was very simple and powerful. He summed it up in three words: "BREAK YOUR MIRRORS."

Shatter the glass he said. "In our society, which is self-absorbed," he explained, "Begin to look less at yourself and more at each other. Learn more about the face of your neighbor and less about your own."

This man, who had made a fortune and lived among the rich and famous, offered a blunt assessment, "When you get to be thirty, forty, fifty, or even seventy years old, you'll get more happiness and contentment out of counting your friends than counting your dollars." And he concluded, "You'll get more from being a peacemaker than a warrior. I've been both," he said, "so I speak from experience. BREAK THE MIRRORS."

During His ministry, I think Jesus was trying to teach his disciples the exact same point Sargent Shriver was making. Get over yourselves. Stop reaching up. Reach down and reach out. And, If you think there's a crown waiting for you, guess what: there's also a cross.

The key to being able to accept both, of course, is humility. The kind of humility that loves what is small — and that prays.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen once said, "Only the humble can pray, for prayer presumes we need someone and something."

We can easily forget that God Himself practiced the greatest form of humility when He became one of us. And He continues to show us boundless humility at worship services: the Creator of all offers Himself to us in something so small we can hold it in the palm of our hands. He loves us that much.

As we receive Him again during Communion services, pray to love what is small, what is simple, what is often overlooked. Pray to love those Christ loved. Because as He told us: in loving them, we love Him — and the One who sent Him.

A blessed Thanksgiving to everyone,  
*The Reverend David B. Schaeffer*



*The Holy Supper is kept indeed  
In what we share with another's need;  
Not what we give, but what we share:  
For the gift without the giver is bare.  
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three:  
Himself, his hungering neighbor and Me.*

— James Russell Lowell, *The Vision of Sir Launfal*

# PASTORAL ACTS



We rejoice that those listed below have been liberated from sin and death by being joined in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism in the month of September 2015:

**JULIANNA VINCENTINA BUTLER**

*Daughter of Julian & Erin (Mosch) Butler  
Born: May 27, 2015  
Baptized: September 19, 2015*

**KYLEIGH MADISON WEAVER**

*Daughter of Jeffery & Ashley (Williams) Weaver  
Born: January 21, 2015  
Baptized: September 19, 2015*

**PAYTON LYNN GAVURNIK**

*Daughter of Trevor Gavurnik & Amanda Wozniak  
Born: January 31, 2015  
Baptized: September 20, 2015*



We celebrate with those listed below who entered into the holy estate of matrimony according to God's ordinance in September 2015:

**ERIN LEIGH MOSCH &  
JULIAN CLARENCE BUTLER**

*Thursday, September 3, 2015*



We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy to the families and friends of the following members and friends of Saint John's who passed into eternal life in the month of September 2015:

**MARY E. R. HANDWERK**

*Monday, September 28, 2015*



We gladly received the following new members into the family and fellowship of St. John's congregation in the month of September 2015:

**ADAM & JOCELYN McGLYNN  
(SHEA, CONNOR, & TEAGAN)**

*Saturday, September 19, 2015*

**JAMIE DEWALT & BRAD MOULTON  
(ASHLEY & MADELINE DEWALT)**

**MATTHEW GARVEY**

**JASON & JULIE KANIPER  
(COLLIN, CARLI, & CADEE)**

*Sunday, September 20, 2015*



*Received in the months of  
SEPTEMBER 2015*

**BERNICE L. BUTZ**

*Doris H. Pizzuto*

**ALICE I. MORRIS - GENERAL FUND**

*Wayne & Norma Lopresti; William & Janice Brobst; Paulette Deyo (Women of the ELCA)*



As autumn settles in, you surround us with warmth and tenderness, like a parent cuddling a child. Thanks for your protection and love, Lord. Despite our sinfulness, you claim us as saints. No matter what we're facing, you fill us with your hope and joy, Holy Spirit. We are constantly astounded, God, by your amazing grace! Ruler of creation, reign in our hearts, and give us faith to trust and follow your lead. Amen.

<b>Oct. 31 – Nov 1</b>	All Saints' Weekend / Holy Communion at all services
<b>Nov. 7 – 8</b>	204th Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Nov. 14 – 15</b>	25th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion at all services Stewardship Weekend
<b>Nov. 21 – 22</b>	Christ the King Sunday / Blessing of Stewardship Commitment Cards
<b>Nov. 28 - 29</b>	First Sunday of Advent / Food Bank Weekend Holden Evening Prayer Service on Saturday evening Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols on Sunday morning

## CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE 2015 NOMINATION FORM



In accordance with the church constitution and bylaws, a Congregational Meeting will be held following all worship services on the weekend of November 21 – 22, 2015 for the purpose of electing Church Council representatives for terms beginning in the year 20156. There are FOUR (4) positions open for election.

***The Nominating Committee is requesting suggestions from the congregation for members who would agree to have their names appear on the ballot.***

The following persons are currently serving on Church Council:

Joe Billy	Ralph Deyo	Steven Millheim	Wayne Vierzbicki
Alan Butz	Susan Kelly	Craig Rifendifer	Sharon Werner
Cathie Dara	Scott Little	Jocelyn Starner	Jackie Wolf

Completing their second term, and therefore ineligible for re-election, and leaving the board are: Susan Kelly, Steven Millheim, and Craig Rifendifer. We sincerely thank them all for their time spent on Church Council and their dedicated service to God and to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**Eligible for re-election and seeking a second term is: Wayne Vierzbicki.**

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Please submit your nomination on the form below and place it in the offering plate, drop it off at the Church Office, or give it to a member of the Nominating Committee (Carol Kish, Tom Starner, and Joyce Wallace) by Sun. Nov. 15, 2015. The nominee will be contacted to determine if they agree to have their name appear on the ballot.

**My Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to nominate:** \_\_\_\_\_ **for Church Council.**



## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

(Oct. 31 - Nov. 1) gives us an opportunity to thank God for the lives of saints, like our loved ones, who passed away since last All Saints' Day.

During the prayers, our loved ones' names will be mentioned and commemorated. We hope you will join in this celebration of All Saints' Day.



We will celebrate **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY** on Nov. 21 - 22. Let it be a reminder to us that our gratitude and obedience is to Christ our King.

Christ has brought us light and hope and deliverance. "O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love."

## FAMILY ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

**Sat. Nov. 7th at 5:30 p.m.**

St. John's will again offer a child-friendly, informal worship service on Saturday, November 8th at 5:30 p.m. Specifically designed for families, our worship will be about 45 minutes in length with special music, Holy Communion, a children's message, and an abbreviated liturgy. Plan to stay after the service for the Stewardship Dinner, featuring kid-friendly chicken drumsticks! Just bring a side dish or dessert to share. Following the meal, our M.A.D. Camp children take the stage for an enthusiastic and spirited performance of *The Rock Slinger... And His Greatest Hit!* Bring the whole family for an evening of worship and delightful entertainment! (If you plan to attend the meal and have not RSVP'd yet, kindly call the Church Office at 610-759-3090.)



*Bring the Family!*

The **STEWARDSHIP DINNER** is Saturday, November 7th after the worship service at 6:30 p.m. followed by the M.A.D. Camp premiere performance of *The Rock Slinger... And His Greatest Hit!* There will be a repeat performance Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. for the Sunday School.



## GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY

Golden Age Sunday (Nov. 22nd)

honors all God's precious saints who have attained the biblical age of three score years and ten.



## FOOD BANK WEEKEND: November 28 - 29

The Nazareth Area Food Bank needs to replenish its supply of powdered potatoes, cake mix/frosting, pancake mix, soups, tuna and canned chicken, but we also welcome any other items you would like to donate. The Food Bank also uses the **large-sized brown paper bags** so if you need to make room in your pantry, drop them off as well. **THANK YOU!!** The Nazareth Area Food Bank truly appreciates the continued generosity and faithful support of the many members of St. John's.





# Grace Notes

**W**ith a love for music and a belief that singing could lay the foundation for musical, artistic, and personal growth in children, Helen Kemp was a legendary figure in the realm of children's choral music. I am grateful that I had numerous opportunities over the years to meet her and to witness the marvelous techniques she displayed in training children in the art of choral singing. With a sparkle in her eyes and an enthusiasm for music, she captivated the attention of so many children as she taught them the necessary skills for singing. Likewise, she was an inspiration to those of us who were privileged to have the experience to learn from her.

Born in Perkasie, Pennsylvania to a musical family, Helen Kemp pursued her music education at Westminster Choir College in New Jersey where she developed her beautiful lyric soprano voice and had many occasions to sing under some of the finest conductors of the time. After establishing an acclaimed graded choir program at First Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City involving over 700 choristers of all ages, Helen and her husband John returned to New Jersey where they both served on the faculty at Westminster Choir College.

The Kemsps served as founding members and leaders of Choristers Guild, the international organization for children's choirs that provides music and support to directors and teachers. Helen was a prolific writer and composer, and her books and instructional materials became standard resources for those working with children's choirs. It wasn't long before Helen became recognized as the foremost specialist in the training of young voices and a sought after clinician for conferences worldwide. Later in life she developed a new passion for working with singing seniors at the retirement home where she resided. She passed away this past August at the age of 97, just days after composing her final children's choral anthem.

After Helen's death, her son John commented on his mother's life. *Mom recognized that the story started long before her and included her chapter, and if she*

*played her part well, would continue when her part was ended. She knew and respected and loved her giants, and she in turn became a giant of the next generation of giants.*

Helen Kemp certainly lived a remarkable life and left a legacy that will last for generations. Although now one of the saints of the past, she definitely was a saint of the present while she lived her life on earth, influencing thousands of musicians and teachers, and touching the lives of millions.

Perhaps the composer John Horman says it best in his anthem "Saints Today, Saints of Old." *There are those who by their living, by their caring, by their giving, draw us nearer to the perfect love of God. Saints today, saints of old, known to all by stories told, draw us nearer to the perfect love of God.*

Yes, we are surrounded by living saints each day — those who inspire us, set an example, serve as mentors, and impact our lives. As we celebrate All Saints Day on November 1, you will have the opportunity to hear all of our choirs lift their voices to sing John Horman's beautiful anthem. May it also be a time for us to remember those who have greatly influenced and empowered us to be the persons that we are today. Thanks be to God!

Grace and peace,  
*Rev. Janice I. Butz*  
Minister of Music



*Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.*

— William Arthur Ward



# Please join us for M.A.D. Camp's performances of *The Rock Slinger... and His Greatest Hit*

Join us for an entertaining evening on Saturday, November 7th, when talented young actors and actresses take the stage for the 2015 Music, Art & Drama Camp's premier production of "*The Rock Slinger... and His Greatest Hit.*" The Biblical story of David and Goliath is familiar to us all. A young shepherd boy faces an overwhelming enemy on a battlefield, armed only with a sling, a staff, and a courageous faith in God. The message is still fresh today. Though we may tremble in our weakness, there is no darkness that God cannot overcome! Our M.A.D. Camp children will share this powerful message through the humor of musical comedy. The songs are upbeat, the dialogue is witty, and the drama is suspenseful — not to be missed! If you can't make it to opening night, join us for a repeat performance during Sunday School the next morning. Hope to see you there!

**Saturday night, November 7th, following the Stewardship Dinner**

**Repeated Sunday morning, November 8th at 9:15 a.m.**



## HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

**Saturday, November 28th at 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for an alternative worship service including the liturgy of evening prayer. Singers and instrumentalists will lead us in the beautiful setting of Holden Evening Prayer by present-day church musician Marty Haugen. A contemporary sung liturgy, scripture, prayer, and Holy Communion will all be part of our worship that evening. In the midst of exhausting schedules and the flurry of holiday preparation, join your St. John's congregation for a service of quiet contemplation and spiritual renewal as we begin the Advent Season.



**LESSONS  
& CAROLS**

## FESTIVAL OF ADVENT

**LESSONS & CAROLS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**

**8:00 & 10:45 a.m.**

On Sunday, November 29th we will share in a traditional Service of Lessons and Carols at both the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. worship services. Anthems by the Festival Choir, congregational songs, and scripture readings that foretell the coming of the Christ Child will bring special meaning to our worship and to the start of our Advent season at St. John's. Join us for an inspiring service of music, scripture, and song!



## A Message from the Director of Youth & Family Ministries

As we head into the month of Thanksgiving, where families gather, share a meal, and reflect on their blessings, St. John's has our own family event to look forward to this month! There will be a Family Worship Service on Saturday night, November 7th at 5:30 p.m. Whether you have been to one of our family services before, or never have, we would love to have you! Bring the whole family for a wonderful worship experience every one of all ages can enjoy!

The best part about this particular upcoming worship service is the opportunity to attend the events that will be taking place immediately following! The Stewardship covered dish dinner will take place immediately following the worship service. After that, make sure you and your family stay to enjoy the M.A.D. Camp musical entitled *The Rock Slinger...and His Greatest Hit!* Children in grades 1 - 8 have been working on this musical since August, and they are doing a great job! This year's musical is hysterical and sends a great message. Add to that some catchy tunes, fun costumes and scenery that the children made themselves, and a giant named Goliath - You won't want to miss it!

We hope to see you and your family there!

Blessings,  
Jaime L. Taylor  
Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, November 1st** (before going to bed on Saturday night)!



\*This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!\*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Family Worship Service:** There will be a Family Worship Service on Saturday night, **November 7th at 5:30 p.m.** Following the service will be the Stewardship Dinner and M.A.D. Camp musical, so we encourage you to sign up for the dinner and stay to see the musical as well!

**Christmas Gift Making:** On **November 8th**, please meet in the **Youth Room at 12:00 pm** to make Christmas gifts for the shut ins! Please pack a lunch if you will be at the 10:45 am worship service.

**Faith-A-Palooza:** From **November 13th - 15th**, several high school students will be at Kenbrook Bible Camp for Faith-A-Palooza (a Synod event for High School students).

**Rock Climbing** will take place on **Sunday, November 22nd at North Summit Climbing Gym.** We will **meet at the gym at 12:00 noon.** Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$15/person. Financial assistance is available if needed. There will be a sign up on the Youth News bulletin board outside the Nave.

**Gift Delivery:** On **December 6th**, please meet in the **Fellowship Hall at 12:00 pm.** Lunch will be provided, then we will head out to deliver the Christmas gifts we made to the shut ins. Drivers are needed!

**Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal:** **December 19th from 8:45 am - 11:00 am.** For all children/youth who attend Sunday School. Please meet in the Nave.

**Sunday School Christmas Program:** The Christmas Program begins at **9:15 am** in the Church Nave on **December 20th.** All parents, friends, and families are invited to attend!

**Lock In:** The always highly anticipated event of the year, the annual Lock In, will be held from **January 8 - 9th, beginning at 6:30 pm.** Cost is \$5, a snack to share, and a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank. Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend!

# CHALICE CHOIR FUNDRAISER!

## *Fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and other gifts from around the world*

*November 1 – November 22*



Just in time for your holiday gift-giving, the Chalice Choir will once again be selling products from Equal Exchange to raise funds for their upcoming trip to Pittsburgh next summer. Equal Exchange, a non-profit organization begun in 1986, has partnered with the ELCA as well as other religious denominations to raise awareness of fair trade practices and to support small farmer co-ops. Beginning with fairly traded coffee, Equal Exchange has since expanded their products to include high-quality organic teas, chocolates, olive oil, and almonds, as well as beautiful fair trade gifts and recycled cotton gift wrap. Through their fundraising efforts with Equal Exchange, our Chalice Choir will support sustainability, provide award-winning products, make a difference in the lives of small farmers and artisans across the globe, and additionally receive a 40% profit on all items sold.

A catalogue of products available from Equal Exchange will be available in the Shepherd's Room after each worship service from November 1 to November 22. All orders will be available for pick-up by Sunday, December 13. Through your purchases, you will not only support our Chalice Choir, but also make a positive impact on the lives of small farmers and craft workers around the world.

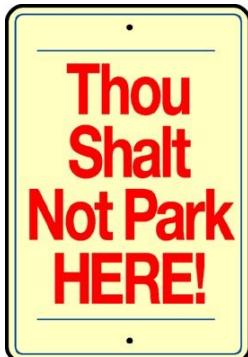


# We Gather Together



*Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.*

*— Melody Beattie*



**Thou  
Shalt  
Not Park  
HERE!**

**A WORD ABOUT PARKING:** Please do NOT park in the parking spots marked TENANT PARKING ONLY. The church owns four apartments, and those spots are reserved for our tenants. Thank you for your kind cooperation and understanding.

# 2015 Fellowship Social Calendar



November 1 ~ Church Council & Capital Appeal Visioning Team  
November 14-15 ~ Stewardship & Finance Committees  
December ~ None  
January ~ Date TBA ~ Church Council

*This month there will be two Fellowship Socials. The first, hosted by the Church Council, will be on Sunday November 1st after both worship services. The second, co-hosted by the Finance Committee and the Stewardship Committee will be on Saturday, November 14th, and Sunday, November 15th after all worship services.*

## CHURCH COUNCIL:

This group of twelve members is elected by the congregation to meet the challenges of maintaining a thriving and dynamic church. Church Council oversees the life and activities of the congregation. They meet once each month to make the many decisions governing the day to day operations of our church. The Christian Education, Day Care, Evangelism, Finance, Personnel, Property, Social Ministry, Stewardship, Worship & Music, and Youth Ministry committees each have Council representatives who report to Council. Please consider joining this group of our peers by participating in the annual nomination and election of council members this month (see page 3 of this month's newsletter). Join with us in leading St. John's into the future.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee is responsible for the administration of the operating expenses of the church. Their activities, to name just a few, include the preparation of the annual budget, review of monthly reports from all organizations operating within the church, arranging for an annual audit of all organizations' books, examination and approval of any expenditure not specifically budgeted for, and the regular review of the status of funds available versus expenditures pending. This Committee meets on the third Monday of each month.

## STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM:

The Stewardship Ministry Team guides the congregation on their faith journey in growing, developing, and advancing the use of the many gifts with which God has blessed us. Each year the team selects a theme designed to inspire and enhance our understanding of stewardship living and giving through biblical references and practical applications. Specifically, the annual Volunteer Recognition Weekend, Stewardship Dinner, and Stewardship letter are designed to raise awareness of the active volunteer Stewardship Ministry within St. John's and the need for support through the sharing of our time, our talents, and our possessions. Our current theme "Stewardship in God's Future" is presented to remind us that our patterns of commitment to the sharing of our time, talents, and possessions are the life-long practices of living our faith in the community of God's stewards. The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

*Please join us for Fellowship! Take a few minutes to chat with the representatives of these groups during their Fellowship Socials to find out more about their activities and plans. You may find that you may want to become a part of their efforts.*



## NOVEMBER BIBLE STUDY

The Rebekah Circle will meet Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The Ruth Circle will meet Wednesday, November 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Both groups meet in the church parlor.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!  
PLEASE JOIN US!**

On September 19th, the Women of the ELCA met for their semi-annual breakfast. After a great meal of breakfast casserole, homemade mini-muffins, and shoo-fly pies, we were treated to the artistry of Joan Vanover.

Starting as a quilter, Joan has developed a new and unique art form. Always using religious themes, Joan creates masterpieces from tiny bits of wallpaper. The best way to describe her work is paper mosaics. Her creations are breath-taking.

Watch the December edition of "The Messenger" for news on our annual Mother-Daughter Tea in December.

**NewsLetter  
DEADLine**

The deadline for all submissions for the December 2015 issue of **THE MESSENGER** is:

**Tues. Nov. 10th.** You may leave printed material in the Church Office mailbox or you may email your article or announcement as a Word attachment to [stjohnschurch@rcn.com](mailto:stjohnschurch@rcn.com). Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

*He who thanks but with the lips  
thanks but in part;  
the full, the true Thanksgiving  
comes from the heart.*

— J.A. Shedd

## VETERANS' DAY

Veterans' Day, which is November 11th each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good. They believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required. Thank you to all the men and women who have served or are now serving our country. God Bless You!



*Veterans Day*

## HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH?



If you or a friend of yours have been worshipping at St. John's and decide to make it your church home, classes for New Members are scheduled once a month, usually on the first Sunday of the month in the Church Parlor.

The class is about one hour long and presents an overview of the Lutheran faith as well as a brief history. After deciding to join, a time is scheduled during one of the worship services to welcome the new member. Questions? Please feel free to contact the Church Office at 610-759-3090.

## HOW DO I SCHEDULE A BAPTISM?

Baptism classes are held once a month in the Church Parlor for those wishing to be baptized or for bringing children to the font. Typically the class is scheduled the second Sunday of the month. During the class, the meaning and importance of Baptism are presented and if there are any questions concerning the ceremony or sponsorship, they can be addressed at that time.

You may call the Church Office to make arrangements for the date / time of the baptism, which can be scheduled either during or after the Saturday or Sunday worship services. Questions? Please feel free to contact the Church Office at 610-759-3090.



# 2015 Stewardship Ministry — *Stewardship in God's Future*

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One of the many areas of our Christian lives where we practice ongoing stewardship is that of caring for our planet. Earth's resources came to us as the gift of God's creation. The Bible clearly teaches that the Universe, 'all things', came into existence through the will of God.

The creation stories are the first biblical reference to environmental stewardship, in which God gives humans dominion of 'the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the animals of the land' (Gen. 1: 1-2:4). The Hebrew word for dominion means, "to take responsibility for." The order of creation is quite telling, as humans were the last to be created so that they would be responsible for the well-being of the garden Earth. David Rhoads, Professor of New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago writes: "Therefore, being stewards of creation is foundational to what it means to be human. It puts us in a caretaker position in regard to environmental stewardship."

The second creation story expands the concept of environmental stewardship by placing Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, "to till and to keep the land" (Gen. 2: 5-15). Rhoads writes, "Here the Hebrew word for 'till' is used to describe the service given to a master, and the word for 'keep' means to preserve for future generations." God's mandate to us, "to serve and to preserve" the land puts us in a position of service to it. Our care for all of creation is to serve the best interests and well-being of all Earth-Community."

As we have spoken in the past of stewardship as 'a duty and a delight', with regards to creation we are invited to **delight** in its beauty and are called upon to love creation as God loves it. Our **duty** is to be good stewards of the Earth and care for it with reverence toward all of life, because it is God's creation filled with God's glory.

Rhoads write, "All of our actions of stewardship are to be done as part of our service to the larger will and purpose of God. We are responsible to God to care for creation. As humans we are inclined to make our own plans, then ask God to bless them. In reality, we are called to discern the plans of God and then to ponder how to bring our lives into conformity with them. If the task of stewardship is to serve as a sacred trust on behalf of all Earth-Community, we must be willing to go beyond our own wants and desires in order to see creation through the compassionate eyes of God who empowers us to care for all he has created."

Go in Peace; Love and Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

*Portions of this article are taken from "Stewardship of Creation": David Rhoads – Professor of New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and "Life Application Bible" – NIV 2005.*



## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

**There are two opportunities for volunteering on a Stewardship Ministry Team.**

- ❖ The first opportunity is the ongoing Stewardship Ministry that leads the congregation through year-round stewardship and plans the "Annual Giving Campaign" in the Fall each year. This Team is our guide on our faith journey in growing, giving, developing, and advancing the use of our gifts with which God has blessed us. This Team is responsible for Volunteer Recognition Weekend, the Annual Stewardship Dinner, mailing of Pastor's Annual Stewardship Letter, and the Stewardship Dramatic Reading. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Contact Diana Holva or Richard Johnson, Co-Chairs, for more information.
- ❖ The second opportunity is for participation on the upcoming Capital Appeal Stewardship Team. This will be a shorter term commitment, and will give new members to Stewardship Ministry a chance to share their time and talents as the visioning stages for the Appeal continue. Please contact Pastor Schaeffer or Susan Kelly for more information and to volunteer for the Capital Appeal Stewardship Team.

# OUR STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION (Our Time / Talent / Tithe)



A big “**THANK YOU**” to all for contributing free-will offerings for Garden Veggies during this year’s growing season! Social Ministry donates those offerings to the Nazareth Area Food Bank each Fall. The offerings from our people here at St. John’s are much appreciated by the clients of the Nazareth Area Food Bank!



*Each month in your offering envelopes, you will find a “Special Projects” envelope. These particular gifts are designated each month to benefit those in need or to support a need within our church.*

## NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING: INGATHERING

Each year, St. John’s participates in the Annual Christmas Ingathering of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District. Our Social Ministry Committee is an active part of this ministry, and the offerings received in this month’s special offering envelopes will go to supplement the program. For more information on the Ingathering, and how you can help, please see pg. 15-16 of this newsletter.



## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!



Items for “Support Our Troops” are once again being collected. This past year we have been able to send 43 boxes thanks to the generosity of our congregation! The youth/Luther League has been a great help in making this happen. Thanks to them, too!

Items that are appreciated by the troops are: puzzle books; paperback books; current and popular magazines such as People, Popular Mechanics, Reader’s Digest, Car & Driver; popping corn; packets of instant oatmeal; packets of instant coffee, tea, cocoa, and Kool-Aid; candy (no chocolate); chewing gum; peanuts; energy and protein bars; breakfast bars; Cracker Jack; beef jerky; black socks; lip balm; travel-size plastic bottles of baby powder, hand and body lotion, shower gel; and playing cards.

If anyone has a current address for someone who is serving in the Middle East and you would like them to receive a care package, please leave the address with the Church Office and a box will be sent to them.

Thanks to a caring congregation for your past participation. We remember those who serve so far from home with our thanks and our prayers!

— Social Ministry

Packing boxes to ship to our military friends and members will take place on Wednesday, December 9th at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



**ONLINE GIVING:** Scan this QR code for online giving from your smart phone, or visit our website at [www.stjohnsnaz.org](http://www.stjohnsnaz.org).



# SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES



SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

**PRESENT:** Joe Billy, Alan Butz, Rev. Janice Butz, Cathie Dara, Ralph Deyo, Billy Garrison, Susan Kelly, Scott Little, Steven Millheim, Jocelyn Starner, Jaime Taylor, Wayne Vierzbicki, Sharon Werner, Jackie Wolf

**ABSENT:** Craig Rifendifer, Rev. David Schaeffer

**DEVOTIONS:** Cathie Dara led with a prayer.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Aug. 4, 2015 meeting were reviewed and stand as written. The Minutes of the Aug. 25, 2015 meeting were reviewed with 2 corrections: Tony Petrillo - Properties Manager and Alan Butz - Chairperson of Property Committee.

**COMMUNICATION:** 1) Thank you from the Nazareth Ministerium for the donation of \$952 for the Summer Lunch Program. 2) Thank you from Lutheran Congregational Services for St. John's donation of \$1,250. 3) Thank you from ELCA Malaria Campaign for donation of \$407.77. 4) Thank you from Haley Morgan Leopold for the support for her Dominican Republic mission trip.

**PASTOR SCHAEFFER'S REPORT:** Susan Kelly reported: 1) Property & Finance Committees met with engineer Robert Toedter concerning the boilers in the church. 2) Miller-Keystone Blood received 31 units of blood from St. John's members and friends. 3) Pastor Schaeffer and many St. John's members attended a benefit in memory of Austin Bringenberg.

**REV. JANICE BUTZ'S REPORT:** 1) M.A.D. Camp was really good with 30 children participating in the performance of *The Rock Slinger...and His Greatest Hit!* 2) Children's Choir off to a good start. 3) Janice met with a representative from Emery Brothers regarding the organ; she will be getting a quote of estimated expenses very soon.

**JAIME TAYLOR'S REPORT:** 1) Luther League took their annual trip to Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom. 2) The Backpack Blessing was done on Rally Day. 3) Oct. 11 - Corn Maze - Will be tying it in with the Capital Campaign to incorporate families.

**FINANCE:** No report.

**COLUMBIARIUM:** No report.

**DAY CARE:** Complete as written.

**ENDOWMENT:** Complete as written.

**EVANGELISM:** No meeting.

**HELPING HANDS:** Ralph Deyo reported: Discussed Bank Keys.

**LOVE-A-LOT:** October 21 & 22 - Hayride/Pumpkin - picking at Juniperdale Farms

**LUTHER LEAGUE:** Billy Garrison reported: 1) Oct. 11 - Corn Maze - Family Friendly. 2) Oct. 25 - Hawk Mountain 3) Nov. 13 - 15 - LYF 4) Raymond Wolf took great picture of steeple & stars.

**PERSONNEL:** Susan Kelly reported: 1) Continue meeting for staff reviews. 2) Janice Butz & husband Bill Kuntze continue to look at Employee Handbook.

**PROPERTY:** Alan Butz reported: 1) Choir Room - Council members thanked Alan Butz for beautiful job. 2) Choir Room - Sound issue - Larry Jones has researched this problem. 3) Tony Petrillo - Will be Property Manager/Sexton. 4) Alan Butz - Head of Property Committee, discussed Tony's job description. On file. Joe Billy made motion to accept Tony's job description, Steven Millheim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. 5) Windows - Apt. 38 - 5 new Vinyl Double Hung window replacement - \$1,900. Approved by Finance and Council. 6) Chimney cleaning - \$125 - Finance & Council approved. 7) Pastor Schaeffer's back porch - Moyer Lumber will be providing vinyl siding for \$506. Council approved. 8) Boiler installation in Apts. for \$6,600 provided by St. John's. Each tenant will pay their own gas bill.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Cathie Dara reported the two Blanket Sundays were a success.

**STEWARSHIP:** Complete as written

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Jaime Taylor reported Rally Day went very well. Ralph Deyo suggested a Penny jar during the Capital Campaign.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Jocelyn Starner reported: Choir Room - Good work by Larry Jones.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** 1) Ralph Deyo - Ushers were discussed. 2) Susan Kelly - Gave Capital Campaign update. Is in contact with Donna Tarnok about Community Dinners. 3) Susan Kelly - Apt. update - New tenant for 38 E. Prospect. 4) Susan Kelly - Discussed Properties & Buildings Mgr. positions.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1) Oct. 24 - 3:30 - Pastor David Misenheimer will be meeting with ALL Council and Leaders of the Capital Campaign. 2) Susan Kelly reported on a 2 books regarding Generosity. 3) Capital Campaign kickoff will be Feb. 6-7, 2016. 4) Council - Fellowship Hour - Nov. 1 5) Council - Coffee Hour - March, 2016 6) Ralph Deyo - Suggested - Photo directory and Bible Study Group outside of church. 7) Church Council Elections - Congregational Meeting - Nov. 21 & 22. 8) Leaving Church Council will be: Susan Kelly, Steven Millheim, Craig Rifendifer 9) Nominating Committee = Carol Kish (Susan Kelly), Tom Starner, Joyce Wallace

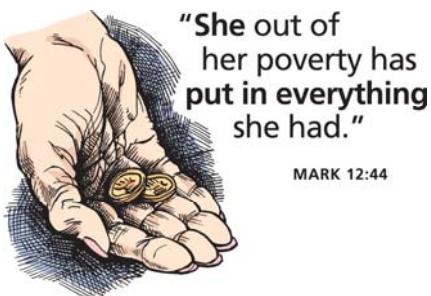
**BUILDING USE REQUESTS:** 1) Pastor Schaeffer - Fellowship Hall - Wed. Oct. 7 - Confirmation Orientation. 2) Love-A-Lot Nursery - Oct. 21 - Oct. 22 - Rooms 10 & 11 - Pumpkin Carving. 3) Eric Hummel & Barbara Raad Wedding Reception - Oct. 24 - Fellowship Hall. 4) Alan Butz made motion to accept requests, Steven Millheim 2<sup>nd</sup> - Motion passed.

Council President Susan Kelly declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

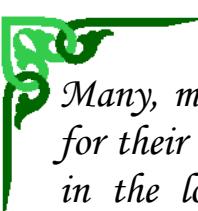
**NEXT DEVOTIONS:** Alan Butz  
Respectfully submitted,  
*Joyce Wallace*  
Recording Secretary



"She out of  
her poverty has  
put in everything  
she had."

MARK 12:44

## Correspondence...



*P*Many, many thanks to our church family for their concern, cards, hugs, and prayers in the loss of our daughter and sister, Kathy. It has all been deeply appreciated and helped us to heal.

Millie Sours

Annie & Rick Bickert

Jocelyn & Tom Starner

### GUIDE MY WORDS:

*Father, I face another day in which I will be called upon to use my words wisely and well. May they encourage those who listen. May they speak truth but also be said in love. May I pause before I pounce. May I be bold enough to speak when I would rather run away. Lord, I give my mouth to you today. May what comes forth be sweet and not bitter. May the journey each word takes from my mind to my heart to my lips be guided by your hand. May what comes out be life-giving rather than causing death. May my words make you proud and bring you glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

— Karen Ehman, "Keep It Shut" (Zondervan)

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# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The Annual Christmas Ingathering of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held here at Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Our Church's Social Ministry Committee is once again planning to be an active part of this ministry, and we are turning to you for your kind and generous help to provide the gifts needed for this Christian Ministry.

The Institutions to receive gifts for Christmas 2015 are as follows: Gracedale Nursing Home, Hamburg Center, Sayre Child Center, KidsPeace, Allentown Rescue Mission, and the Synergy Project, a street outreach program of Valley Youth House.

Each year the participating churches are asked for a special donation of \$20.00 each for a special cause in addition to those already mentioned. This year these special monies will be given to The Synergy Project. Speakers from this organization will be at the Ingathering event on December 3rd.

Mittens, hats and scarves are requested again for our "Knitted Items Tree" for men, women, and children of all ages. Boxes, wrapping paper, ribbon, and bows are always helpful as well.



Your monetary gifts will also be used to purchase the two gifts our church will give to specific children who are residents at KidsPeace, and 50 of the Chapsticks to be placed in the 200 Gift Bags provided for the children at KidsPeace.



ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE are the "wish lists" for the people living at the institutions. Donation boxes will be available beginning in November in the Fellowship Hall and the back of the Nave.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity in helping to create a joyous Christmas for these people in need of our ministry.

The Social Ministry Committee of St. John's, Nazareth



# INGATHERING WISH LIST:

## GRACEDALE

Male  
 Handkerchiefs  
 Change Purses  
 Small Combs  
 Talcum Powder  
 Aftershave Lotion  
 Tube Socks  
 Search-A-Word Books  
 Playing Cards  
 Pens / Pencils  
 Small Tablets  
 Postage Stamps  
 Writing Paper

Female  
 Perfumes  
 Body Powder  
 Ankle Socks  
 Handkerchiefs  
 Hair Brushes  
 Knee-high Stockings  
 Crayons / Markers  
 Body Wash  
 Scarves  
 Jewelry  
 Stuffed Animals  
 Non-skid Slipper Socks

## KIDSPEACE

Art Supplies  
 Crayons  
 Markers  
 Coloring Books  
 Sketch Pads  
 Clay  
 Paints  
 Brushes, etc.

Clothing  
 Pajamas  
 Socks  
 Underwear  
 Scarves  
 Hats  
 Mittens  
 Sweatshirts & Pants

Personal Care Items  
 Shower Gels  
 Shampoo  
 Deodorant  
 Flavored Lip Balm  
 Scented Lotions

Gift Cards  
 All Kinds including:  
 Book Stores  
 iTunes  
 Movie Theatres  
 Target  
 K-Mart / Walmart

Books  
 Notebooks & Diaries (NO WIRE-BOUND BOOKS)

## SAYRE CHILD CENTER

Bibs (all sizes), Diapers, Wipes  
 Toddler-size forks and spoons  
 Infant Cereal - rice or oatmeal  
 Single fruit or single veggie infant foods - stage 2  
 Drink Mixes for afternoon snacks & field trips  
 Washcloths for classroom use & Tissues  
 Kitchen towels and dish rags  
 Pens, Pencils, Markers, Crayons, Notebooks  
 Plain paper, Construction Paper, Stickers  
 Watercolors, Glue Sticks, Fingerpaints  
 Playground Balls & Sidewalk Chalk  
 Play-doh & Bubbles  
 Computer Software for ages 4-10  
 Books - all ages up to age 10  
 Board Books & Washable Books  
 Puzzles (25 - 50 pieces)  
 Batteries (AA, C, D)

NO  
 STUFFED  
 ANIMALS

## THE SYNERGY PROJECT

New or lightly used backpacks  
 New socks  
 Deodorant  
 Rain Ponchos  
 Combs  
 Toothbrushes  
 Toothpaste  
 Can Opener  
 Batteries  
 Duct Tape  
 Soap  
 Shampoo  
 Candles  
 Gift Cards  
 Toilet Paper  
 Tissues  
 Flashlight  
 Feminine Hygiene Products



## HAMBURG CENTER

### NO SCARVES OR FOOD

<u>Gifts for All</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tissues	Ankle Socks
Bedspreads (twin)	Flannel/Cotton
Fitted Sheets	Nighties (all sizes)
Sweatshirts/Pants (L-XL)	Head Scarves
All Occasion Cards	Chapstick
Wall Posters	Non-skid booties (6-8)
Perfume / Cologne	Nail Polish & Remover
Balls	Facial Powder
Toiletries and Bags	Costume Jewelry
Body / Hand Lotions	Pantyhose (M-L)
Deodorant	Knee Highs
Sweaters	<u>Male</u>
Coloring Books	Knee Socks
Jumbo Crayons	Elastic Waist Pants
Puzzles - 25 pc. or less	Sweatshirts
Wooden Toddler Puzzles	Cardigans
Plastic Coffee Mugs	Rain Ponchos
Radios	Mittens
Bath Powder	

## ALLENTOWN RECUE MISSION

<u>Men's:</u>	
Sweatshirts	T-shirts (colored or white)
Underwear / Socks	Winter Hats / Gloves
Deodorant	Travel Size Toiletries
Belts	Shaving Cream
Jelly / Cereal	Casual Wear
Jeans or Khakis, new or gently used, (32-42 waist/30-34 length)	

## **YOUTH, EDUCATION, OUTREACH ENDOWMENT TRUST**

Established in the late 1980's with \$50,000., the YEO Endowment Trust was designed as a ministry of St. John's to provide support for youth activities; staff and congregation members' educational needs; outreach to charities locally, nationally, and world-wide, and help fund building capital expenses. (The building part was later removed to form the Building Trust.) A **trust agreement with the congregation stipulates the way interest and dividend income from investments are to be used; currently 3/8 to youth and education, 3/8 to outreach, and 1/4 to be reinvested to perpetuate the trust.** *No investments or earnings may be used for church operating expenses, except by a 95% vote of the congregations.*

From bequests, gifts, reinvestments, and stock and bond market growth, the assets have grown to \$2.5 million. The portfolio is managed by Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc. and Sean Duffy is the broken.

To illustrate the distribution of the investments and how funds are disbursed, a review of the accounts for the first six months of 2015 is shown below:

### **Investments as of June 30, 2015**

Bonds - Gov't/Corp.	\$ 756,404.13
Municipal	78,887.25
Stocks	1,590,287.42
Preferred Stocks	83,118.00
Total Investment Value	\$2,508,696.80

### **Disbursement Accounts**

Principal (to be reinvested)	
Balance - Jan. 1, 2015	\$ 2,891.84
Income	10,445.23
Investment Transactions (Net)	20,417.36
Advisory Fee	- 3,303.58
Balance - June 30, 2015	\$ 30,450.85

### **Outreach**

Balance - Jan. 1, 2015	\$ 2,981.89
Income	15,658.99
Disbursements	- 7,900.00
Advisory Fee	- 4,955.79
Balance - June 30, 2015	\$ 5,785.09

### **Education and Youth**

Balance - Jan. 1, 2015	\$ 2,696.79
Income	15,658.99
Education Disbursements	- 1,976.52
Youth Disbursements	- 8,693.60
Advisory Fee	- 4,955.79
Balance - June 30, 2015	\$ 2,729.87

Outreach disbursements were made to Lutheran Congregational Services, Inc.; Nazareth Area Food Bank (through the Banquet of Song); St. John's Art Festival; Allentown Rescue Mission; I "Hart" Harvest Potato Project, and the Nazareth Ministerium.

Education funds were for ELCA Northeastern Synod Retreat, and for Rev. Butz to attend a seminar.

Support for Youth activities included Bear Creek Camp registrations; the Confirmation Retreat; NEPA LYF Assembly; and Jaime Taylor to attend a youth ministry network conference.

The annual yield of income from the investments is currently 3.3%.

### **Trustees:**

Dean Brodt  
Donald Himler  
Bruce Shafer



*You can do more than pray, after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed.*

— John Bunyan



# Love-A-Lot Nursery School

**F**all is such a busy time here at Love-A-Lot Nursery School! Both of our classes are enjoying field trips and special events. We also invite families to share in their children's school experiences as much as possible, and October had a few activities to share with families.

We certainly learned a lot in October as we explored themes surrounding Fire Prevention Month – from books to puppet shows to art projects to a firefighter visiting the 4yo class, the children learned a lot about fire safety.

Both classes loved our annual tradition here at Love-A-Lot: a visit to Juniperdale Farm during the day, followed by the Dad's Pumpkin Carving Event that night. Students and their families all enjoyed a hayride to a pumpkin patch. Later that night, the students returned to the school with their Dads for an evening of pumpkin carving, doughnuts, cider, and songs by the glow of freshly-carved jack-o-lanterns!

The children looked forward to wearing Halloween costumes all month, and they got to show them off during their own parades in front of family and friends at the end of the month.

October wouldn't have been complete without a visit from Nazareth Library's Children's Librarian, Catherine Stewart. "Miss Catherine" visits both classes each month for stories and fun.

There is a lot to look forward to in November! We have a professional photographer coming in for individual and group photos of each class. As we work on themes that center around Thanksgiving, the children will bring home beautiful art projects. The 3yo class will continue learning colors, working on fine motor skills, and cutting with scissors. They will also start learning numbers in November. The 4yo class will review colors, continue learning a letter a week, practicing with scissors, working on prewriting skills, and will also be introduced to rhyming and left/right concepts.

Both classes meet in the morning from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The 4yo class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and the 3yo class meets every Tuesday and Thursday. If you are interested in registering your child at Love-A-Lot Nursery School next September, there are openings in both the 3yo & 4yo classes. Simply call or email the school at 484-293-0720 or [LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com](mailto:LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Happy Thanksgiving!

From the Staff at St. John's:



Pastor Schaeffer  
Pastor Butz  
Jaime  
Patrice  
Jennie & Bonnie  
Gary, Joe & Tony



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

# St. John's Day Care News

October is always such a fun month! First we would like to thank the Nazareth Vigilance Hose Company for our annual visit to the fire station for fire prevention month. The students came back very excited about everything they learned and anxious to show off their new fire hats they received. Everyone had a wonderful time with the Halloween celebrations. The students got to parade around the center and received a treat from each classroom. The classrooms also enjoyed their classroom parties. We would like to thank our parent group, Parents for Progress, for helping to make it such a fun occasion. We also had some wonderful pumpkin displays created by our families!



In memory of Alice Morris (Miss Alice) and her many years of volunteering at the center, we have purchased a clock and plaque to place in the Young Toddler room. The clock is musical and is intended to be a source of enjoyment for the children in the classroom.

In November, we focus on families, sharing and being thankful. Many of the classrooms will be learning about healthy foods and the history of Thanksgiving. Many of them will be having their own Thanksgiving feasts in their classroom. This is a wonderful time for practicing social skills and table manners. Our Pre-K classroom will again organize the food drive, help collect food for the Nazareth Area Food Bank, and deliver it in time for the holiday. We are also looking ahead to our annual Christmas program and will begin planning and practicing for that. Please join us on Friday, December 4th to help us celebrate.

Our program provides care for children ages 6 weeks through school age from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our pre-school curriculum is taught daily within our day. We currently have availability in our Infant Room. If you have an interest in learning more about our Center, please call 610-759-4999 or email lisat@rcn.com.



## Let's Get Those Cards Out and Wish a Blessed and Happy Birthday to Our Shut-In Friends Celebrating This Month!



**ELIZABETH WAGNER**  
*November 5th*  
Moravian Hall Square - 112B  
175 W. North St.  
Nazareth, PA 18064

**ANTHONY PACKO**  
*November 11th*  
c/o Christine Decker  
1137 Keane St.  
Easton, PA 18045

**GLADYS DAY**  
*November 26th*  
Country Meadows Bldg. 2 Rm. 135  
4009 Green Pond Rd.  
Bethlehem, PA 18020

**JOYCE SMITH**  
*November 11th*  
1523 Clearfield Rd.  
Wind Gap, PA 18091

# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

## The Fruits of Mission Support

- Witness and Service ministry grants given to congregations in Shoemakersville, Kingston, Oley, Wilkes-Barre, and Bethlehem.
- More than 350 new congregations under development across the ELCA.
- Missionary projects in dozens of countries overseas.
- A national youth gathering impacting thousands of young men and women.
- Eight theological seminaries preparing a new generation of leaders for the church.



## The Unsinkable Women of St. John's in the Heights

What do these ministries have in common? They all benefit from the Mission Support contributed by your congregation.

Mission Support is the lifeblood that provides nearly 70% of the funding for our ministries that bring the love of Jesus to people around the corner and around the world.

In late September, a mailing was sent to each congregation asking for a 2016 Mission Support commitment. Please encourage your leaders to return your church's commitment form so that the synod can plan the ministries through which we will make Christ known in the coming year.



## Learning Ministries Day

January 23, 2016 - Save the date!

Each month the synod Connection Building Ministry team will highlight a devotional or bible study resource available online. This month's suggestion is d365: devotionals 365 days a year. Go to [d365.org](http://d365.org) and subscribe for a daily email; or download the app for your iPhone. Give it a try. The Team highly recommends it, and it is very youth friendly!

## d365 Daily Devotions

On Sunday, August 30, 6 youth and 1 young adult converged on Bear Creek Camp for the first ever "Gifted Gathering." Nominated by their pastors, youth leaders, and parents these young people possess gifts for leadership; and they exhibit spark, passion, and depth.



## Gifted Gathering

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The participants asked one another questions and listened to answers. From that exercise, Aubrey Naugle of St. John, Mohnton discovered that "I never really linked 'taking initiative in a conversation' to leadership, but it is, I'm more of a leader than I thought I was," Mitchell Brown, also from St. John's, commented. "The gathering challenged me in interacting with others."

Later everyone moved on to the highlight of the day—the high ropes course. They challenged themselves to go beyond what felt comfortable and trusted the ropes would hold them. Hannah Knox, Abundantly in the 21st Century: Luther and his Catechism. For more information and to register, please visit our synod website at <http://nepsynod.org/events/events-for-everyone/lmday2015/>.

The program could never have happened without Miss Mary. She was the chef who took charge and made things happen. The ministerium in Jim Thorpe was also very supportive, with various churches showing up on their week and pitching in to prep, serve, and clean up.

But this ministry was about more than filling bellies with good food. The women also were UNLEASHED to fill hearts with the love of God. There were many hugs and kisses as the days went by. People had tears in their eyes on the last day. During the final week one little girl asked,

## ONLINE Resources

"Can this restaurant stay open all year long?"

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# SERVING GOD IN NOVEMBER 2015

Please note the date you have been scheduled to serve. Kindly find a replacement if you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, and notify the Church Office. Contact the coordinator (in parentheses) if you are unable to find someone to serve in your place. Sign-up books for Ushers, Nursery Attendants, Altar Flowers, Bulletin Sponsors, and CD Ministry Sponsors are found in the rear of the Nave.

<b>DATE &amp; TIME OF SERVICE</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTEs</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
<b>Oct. 31 – Nov. 1</b>	Offer a friendly welcome to members and visitors as they arrive for worship. (Maryellen Werkheiser 610-759-5191)	Lighting and extinguishing candles for worship. Open to youth in grades 6 & up. (Office 610-759-3090)	Share God's Word with the congregation during worship. (Christina Brodt 610-653-0358)	Welcome and assist worshipers, and collect the offering. A great way for families to serve together! (Christina Brodt 610-653-0358)
	5:30 p.m. Barbara Smith	Adam Fateben	Steven Millheim	Karlene Kipp & Kathy Keeler Mary Hillebrenner & Craig Dally
	8:00 a.m. Youth	Jordan Reuber	Karen Coleman	
<b>Nov. 7 – 8</b>	10:45 a.m. Youth	Kevin Kelly	Andrew Herbster	
	5:30 p.m. Ludwig & Lujean Gocek	Jayne Rizzotto	Cindy Evancho	
	8:00 a.m. David & Susan Bittner Dean & Barbara Sandbrook	Maya Jamann	Suzan Andrews	
<b>Nov. 14 – 15</b>	10:45 a.m. Joan Johnson Bruce & Judy Shafer	Garrett Koch	Harry Smith	Judy & Brian Flick
	5:30 p.m. Gerald & Elaine Spangler	Olivia LaBar	Charles Bonisese	
	8:00 a.m. Wesley & Louise Klinger Dean & Barbara Sandbrook	Chiara Dooley	Edith Brodt	
<b>Nov. 21 – 22</b>	10:45 a.m. Brian & Judy Flick Joe & Joy Grim	Cody Breidenbach	Craig Dally	Karlene Kipp & Kathy Keeler
	5:30 p.m. Laurie Center	Maya Evancho	Steven Millheim	
	8:00 a.m. The Garrison Family Richard & Joanne Ressler	Samantha Emmons	Sharon Werner	Dee Jedrejczyk & Cindy Harding Sue Cogorno & Tom Wida
<b>Nov. 28 – 29</b>	10:45 a.m. The Schaffer Family The Helm Family	Isaiah Eddings	Raymond Wolfe, Jr.	
	5:30 p.m. Joyce Payonk	Nathaniel Rex	Lenna Harris	
	8:00 a.m. Bruce & Joyce Knecht Barbara Stark Michele & Maya Jamann	Taylor Hesse	Mat Benol	
	10:45 a.m. Steven & Janis Bajan Maryellen Werkheiser Christopher Jennings	Patrick Garvey	Ralph Brodt III	Karlene Kipp & Kathy Keeler

# **SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NAZARETH**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is a family of Believers of Christ, who worship together to be nourished by the proclamation of God's Word and by the gracious gifts of Baptism and Holy Communion. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through education and fellowship, we respond in obedience to God's Word, without reserve, in service to the needs of all God's creation. Saint John's is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Building Trust Fund - Jeff Daniels (Special appt.)  
Day Care - Susan Kelly  
Evangelism - Sharon Werner  
Helping Hands - Ralph Deyo  
Love-A-Lot Nursery School - Susan Kelly  
Personnel - Susan Kelly  
Property - Alan Butz, Craig Rifendifer, and Wayne Vierzbicki  
Social Ministry - Cathie Dara, Jackie Wolf  
Stewardship - Ralph Deyo & Scott Little  
Sunday School - Susan Kelly  
Worship & Music - Joe Billy, Steven Millheim, and Jocelyn Starner  
YEO Endowment - Donald Himler (Special appt.)  
Youth Representative - Billy Garrison

## **VOLUNTEER CHURCH STAFF**

Altar Flowers		
Steven Millheim	610-365-2343	
Altar Guild		
Jocelyn Starner	610-759-3205	
Bulletin Sponsors		
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Church Council President		
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Greeters Schedule		
Maryellen Werkheiser	610-759-5191	
Helping Hands		
Gail Price	610-704-8736	
Keith Shook	610-759-0594	
Katherine Von Bora Society		
Susan Kelly	610-746-2231	
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All Saints' Day (White) Daylight Savings Time Ends	1 6:30 PM Property 7:00 PM Rebekah Circle	2 Election Day 3 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM MAD Camp Reh.	4 9:30 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir	5 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #8220 6:30 PM Festival Choir	6 4:00 PM MAD Camp Reh. 5:30 PM Family Alternative Worship with Holy Communion	7 10:30 AM MAD Camp Reh. 5:30 PM Family Alternative Worship with Holy Communion
8:00 AM Worship Holy Communion Fellowship Social	9:15 AM Sunday School	9:15 AM New Members Class	9:15 PM Confirmation I & 2 6:15 PM Sr. High Youth Grp.	6:15 PM Confirmation I & 2 7:30 PM NA	6:30 PM Stewardship Dinner followed by MAD Camp Perf. of The Rock Slinger... & His Greatest Hit!	6:30 PM Stewardship Dinner followed by MAD Camp Perf. of The Rock Slinger... & His Greatest Hit!
9:15 AM New Members Class	10:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship Social	10:45 AM Shut-In Gift Making	11 Martin Luther's Birthday (483)	12 Veterans' Day Love-A-Lot CLOSED 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir	13 Stewardship Weekend 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship Social	14 Stewardship Weekend 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion Fellowship Social
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24th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)	8 6:30 PM History 7:00 PM Day Care Board	9 MESSANGER DEADLINE 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:30 PM Sunday School 6:30 PM Worship & Music 7:00 PM Nazareth Woman's Club	10 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:30 PM Capital Appeal Meeting 7:00 PM Helping Hands	11 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #8220 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	12 12:00 PM DEADLINE Church Council Report 4:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #81078	13 Faith-a-Palooza! (Nov. 13 - 15)
25th Sunday after Pentecost (Green) / Stewardship Weekend	15 Golden Age Sunday	16 8:00 AM Endowment	17 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:30 PM Capital Appeal Meeting 7:00 PM NA	18 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM Confirmation I & 2 6:15 PM Sr. High Youth Grp. 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM NA	19 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop #8220 6:30 PM Festival Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	20 Christ the King Sunday Blessing of Stewardship Cards
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1st Sunday of Advent (Blue)	29 Food Bank Weekend	30 St. Andrew, Apostle (Red)				
8:00 AM Lessons & Carols Fellowship Social						
9:15 AM Sunday School						
10:45 AM Lessons & Carols Fellowship Social						

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## THANKSGIVING BEATITUDES

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

*—Author unknown*



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*noun*

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness