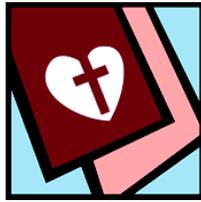


## *A Note from the Associate Pastor*



**S**isters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to begin this letter in thanksgiving to God and to you for the privilege and opportunity to serve with you in ministry to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His people. I am truly grateful for your call, and I clearly recognize this blessing in my life.

As I was preparing my sermon for this past Sunday, I came across this story which really made me think. Thanksgiving Day is at the end of this month, when we are invited to stop and give praise to God for all He has done for us. And yet, how many blessings do we miss that are right under our noses?

One day, a very wealthy father took his son on a trip to the country for the sole purpose of showing his son how it was to be poor. They spent a few days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

After they returned from the trip, the father asked his son how he liked staying at the farm. "It was great, Dad!" the son exclaimed.

Surprised at his son's response, the father asked, "Didn't you see how poor people can be?" "Oh, yeah," said the son.

"So what did you learn from our trip?" asked the father.

The son responded: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night."

"Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond what we can see. We have servants who serve us, but they have neighbors and they all serve each other."

"We buy our food at the store, but they grow theirs fresh. We have walls around our property to protect us; they have friends to protect them."

Needless to say, the boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "It showed me how poor we are."

Thanksgiving begins with opening our eyes to the blessings all around us and remembering from whom they all come.

In all things, let us give thanks to the Lord our God, for it is right to give God our thanks and praise.

*Pastor Stinner*

## INSTALLATION OF PASTOR STINNER



*Installation*

**PASTOR FRANKLIN STINNER** will be installed as our new Associate Pastor here at St. Johns on **Sunday, November 13 at 3 p.m.**

The Rev. Barry Mitchell, the Dean of the Northern Lehigh Mission District, will preside and preach at the service. Let us all come and celebrate this occasion as God's people together around the Lord's table and be fed by His Holy Word and Sacrament. A time of refreshment and fellowship will also follow the service.

## 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 October 2016:

### **COOPER JOHN REICHL**

Son of Craig & Heather (Getz) Reichl  
Born: May 21, 2016  
Baptized: October 22, 2016



We gladly received the following new members into the family and fellowship of St. John's congregation in the month of October 2016:

### **MICHAEL & KELLY TRIPP (SHEA, CONNOR, & TEAGAN)**

Sunday, October 16, 2016

We extend a warm welcome to Mike & Kelly Tripp who joined St. John's on October 16th. He is a Project Coordinator and she is a Registered Nurse. They have several family members who are also members here at St. John's.



We celebrate with those listed below who entered into the holy estate of matrimony according to God's ordinance in October 2016:

### **KRISTIN ASHLEY TREXLER & RICHARD RAY LERCH, JR.**

Saturday, October 1, 2016



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 October 2016:

### **KYLE E. BONATZ**

Saturday, October 8, 2016



Received in the month of  
**OCTOBER 2016**

### **ARLENE HESS**

Dorie Sims

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**WORSHIP WITH US!**

*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.*

- Nov. 5 - 6**            All Saints' Weekend / Holy Communion at all services / Family Alternative Service on Saturday Nov. 5th
- Nov. 12-13**        26th Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship Weekend / Golden Age Sunday Nov. 13th
- Nov. 19 - 20**      Christ the King Sunday / Holy Communion at all services / Blessing of Stewardship Commitment Cards / Congregational Meeting/Elections
- Nov. 26-27**      First Sunday of Advent / Food Bank Weekend / Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols on Sunday morning

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**CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE  
2017 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 19 – 20, 2016 for the purpose of electing Church Council representatives for terms beginning in the year 2017. There are THREE (3) 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:

Chris Andrews	Alan Butz	Ralph Deyo	Wayne Vierzbicki
Stephen Bajan, II	Craig Dally	Scott Little	Sharon Werner
Joe Billy	Cathie Dara	Jocelyn Starner	Jackie Wolf

Completing her second term, and therefore ineligible for re-election, and leaving the board is: Jocelyn Starner. Ralph Deyo is completing one term and is not seeking re-election. 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: Cathie Dara.**

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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. 6, 2016. 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

(Nov. 5 - 6) 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.

## FAMILY ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

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

St. John's will again offer a child-friendly, informal worship service on Saturday, November 5th 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! 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 *Oh Jonah!* 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.)



## FOOD BANK WEEKEND: November 26 - 27

The Nazareth Area Food Bank needs to replenish its supply of **pancake mix, syrup, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce** 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.



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."



**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF SAINT JOHN'S:** The Stewardship Committee will be collecting the Commitment Cards (you received in the mail) along with Time & Talent Sheets during the weekend of November 19 - 20. The Commitment Cards will be blessed on this weekend. Please fill out the Time & Talent Sheets for any of the ministries you are interested in learning more about or joining.

## GOLDEN AGE SUNDAY

Golden Age Sunday (Nov. 13th) honors all God's precious saints who have attained the biblical age of three score years and ten.



## LESSONS & CAROLS

**FESTIVAL OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS**  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH  
8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

On Sunday, November 27th 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!



The end of the year will soon be upon us—the Christian Year, that is. On November 20 we observe the feast day of Christ the King, marking the final Sunday of the liturgical calendar and celebrating the authority of Christ as King and Lord over all things. This festival day was initiated by Pope Pius XI in 1925 at a time when secularism and dictatorships were on the rise throughout Europe. In contrast to the political leaders and kings of the day who were lusting for power, it was the Pope’s intent to reaffirm to all Christians that Jesus was the one true authority and sovereign power. Thus, the observance of Christ the King was established.

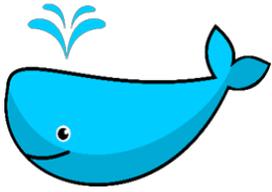
Christians have long celebrated Jesus as the Messiah, and his reign as king is celebrated to some degree throughout the Christian Year. In Advent, we remember the prophets who anticipate the coming of a savior and the arrival of an ideal king, one who would rule with justice and peace. During the Christmas season we sing “born is the King of Israel.” On Good Friday we hear the Passion narrative as it describes the inscription placed over Jesus’ head as he hung on the cross—“This is the King of the Jews.” On Easter, we listen to the choir sing “King of Kings, and Lord of Lords” from Handel’s *Hallelujah Chorus*, and on Ascension we celebrate Jesus’ final departure from earth and his glorification with his Father in heaven.

A suitable hymn for the observance of Christ the King is one that is familiar to many of us—*Crown Him with Many Crowns*. Based on a scripture passage from the book of Revelation—“and on His head were many crowns,” the text was written in 1851 by an Anglican clergyman, Matthew Bridges, as a six-verse eight-line poem. Twenty-three years later, in 1874, another Anglican, Godfrey Thring, wrote another set of six verses. Over the years, the twelve stanzas written by these two clergymen have become intermingled in published hymnals, with editors mixing and matching, picking and choosing, the verses. Each verse in the hymn text exalts Christ for some specific aspect of his character or of his ministry.

1. Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
2. Crown Him the virgin’s Son, the God incarnate born
3. Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side
4. Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
5. Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
6. Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, one with the Father known
7. Crown Him with crowns of gold
8. Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began
9. Crown Him the Lord of light
10. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave
11. Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign
12. Crown Him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above

The tune, “Diademata,” the Greek word for crowns, was composed especially for this text by George Elvey, a noted organist at St. George’s Chapel in Windsor, England. It’s a glorious hymn, and I will enjoy leading you in song as we sing it together on Christ the King weekend! See you in church!

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

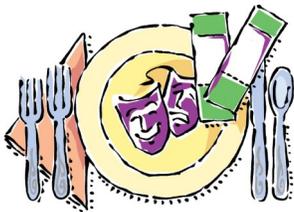


Coming in November!  
 The M.A.D. Camp performance of the children's musical  
**Oh, Jonah!**

Saturday, November 5, immediately following the Stewardship Dinner  
 Sunday, November 6, during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 a.m.

Join us for an entertaining evening on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, when talented young actors and actresses take the stage for the 2016 Music, Art & Drama Camp production of *Oh Jonah!* Based on the Biblical story of Jonah, it's a tale of a whale and a whale of a tale told by an all-star cast of St. John's children. The songs are upbeat, the dialogue is witty, and the message is still relevant today. 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!

If you haven't already signed up for the Stewardship dinner, please call the Church Office at 610-759-3090 to make your reservation!



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



Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, November 6th** (before going to bed on Saturday night)!



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



**PRAYER CHAIN** ~ We pray that you will think of us when you have need for prayer. This includes you, your family members, or friends. Please call Betty Laubach at 610-759-0225 or the Church Office at 610-759-3090. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain and be a part of this powerful ministry, please let Betty or the Church Office know.



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

The month of November presents the anticipation of shared meals, thankfulness, and family time. If you are looking for an event that your whole family will be able to enjoy, we hope to see you at St. John's on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>!

The evening begins with a Family Worship Service at 5:30 pm in the Nave. The service will include a Children's Sermon, fun songs, and a relaxed atmosphere so that everyone in your family will be able to enjoy worship in their own way.

Immediately following the Worship Service, the Stewardship Committee will be hosting a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The main course will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring a side item. A free will offering will be taken.

Following the dinner, children in grades 1 - 8 will perform their M.A.D. Camp musical entitled "Oh, Jonah!" They have been working on this musical since August, and are very excited to show everyone their many talents.

We hope you will join us for this family event!

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Family Worship Service:** There will be a Family Worship Service on Saturday night, **November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.** 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!

**Faith-A-Palooza:** From **November 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>,** several high school students will be at Faith-A-Palooza (a Synod event for High School students).

**Christmas Gift Making:** On **November 20<sup>th</sup>,** 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.

**Gift Delivery:** On **December 4<sup>th</sup>,** please meet in the **Fellowship Hall at 12:00 pm.** Lunch will be provided. We will then head out to deliver the Christmas gifts we made to the shut ins. Drivers are needed!

**Packing Boxes for the Military:** - On **December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm,** we will be Packing Boxes for the Military. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal:** **December 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>.** All parents, friends, and families are invited to attend!



**SHYG!!** All Youth entering or leaving grades 9 - 12: Don't forget every Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. up in the Youth Room we have **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP.** This is a fun time to come and hang out and have meaningful discussions together. See you on Wednesday!

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# 2016 Fellowship Social Calendar



November 12-13 ~ Stewardship & Finance Committees  
November 27 ~ Adult Sunday School Class  
December ~ None  
January ~ Date TBA ~ Church Council

This month there will be two Fellowship Socials. The first, co-hosted by the Finance Committee and the Stewardship Committee will be on Saturday, November 12th, and Sunday, November 13th. The second, hosted by the Adult Sunday School Classes will be on Sunday November 27th.

## 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.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:

Our Adult Sunday School Classes meet every Sunday during the Sunday School Hour. This is an excellent opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of our beliefs. Come and share your thoughts in learning more about our Christian Faith.

*Come join us for Fellowship!*

*Take a few minutes to chat with representatives of these Two groups during their Fellowship Hours to Find out more about their activities and plans. You may find that you want to become a part of their efforts.*

# Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

## NOVEMBER BIBLE STUDY

The Ruth Circle will meet Wednesday, November 2nd at 9:30 a.m. The Rebekah Circle will meet Monday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. Both groups meet in the church parlor.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!  
PLEASE JOIN US!**

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 2016 issue of **THE MESSENGER** is:

**Thursday 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.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

From the Staff at St. John's:

Pastor Schaeffer  
Pastor Stinner  
Pastor Butz  
Jaime  
Patrice

Linda & Bonnie  
Gary, Tony, Dean & Ray



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## 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.



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## **Stewardship Program: Fearless Generosity**

***“Fearless Service”, Luke 4: 16-21***

***How we serve, our care of those in need.***

The Book of Luke was written to present an accurate account of the life of Christ and to present Him as the perfect human and Savior. Luke stresses Jesus’ relationships with people; emphasizes prayer, miracles, and angels; records inspired hymns of praise and gives a prominent place to women.

This passage focuses on Jesus’ ministry in Galilee upon his return from Jerusalem and the temptation from the devil in the wilderness. Jesus went to his hometown of Nazareth, and like other itinerant rabbis of his time, he went to the synagogue to teach. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him to read. He chose the following passage:

***“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captive,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4: 18-19, referencing Isaiah 61:1-A.***

Jesus continued with an interpretation of the scripture and said,

***“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing” Luke 4:21.***

He meant that, “This is what I am here to do, and my presence here is fulfillment of the prophet Isaiah’s word.” (NIV 2005).

Jesus fearlessly accepted the life and role of service that God laid out for him. Even though, he was not accepted as a prophet in his hometown. His remarks enraged the people of Nazareth, because he was saying that God sometimes chose to reach out to Gentiles rather than Jews. Like the prophets of old, Jesus was extending help to the *insiders* and the *outsiders*.

As followers of Jesus today, some still want Jesus to side with the insiders, and step away from the outsiders. We might refer to it as living within our “Comfort Zone”, where we feel safe and little is asked or expected of us. Fearless living is not easy! “As Jesus was quoting Isaiah, he was reiterating the call to restore the land and to restore the people, lifting them out of oppression.

Today, Jesus might be asking us to increase our giving far more than we have done in the past, to help those who are struggling to survive. Or, He might be stressing to us that the greatest need may not be money, but a solid commitment of time to help others. Or perhaps, it is our talents, our skills and specialized training that is needed to provide for the greater good.

Like Jesus we have many opportunities to serve. We are the ones entrusted with sharing God’s generous grace with the world. Just look at the programs supported by St. John’s many ministries within the church and our community. Thanks to God, our vast resources place us at the heart of immeasurable opportunities for generosity and Fearless Service! Let us go forth!

**Go in Peace, Serve the Lord, Thanks be to God!**

Portions of this article are taken from: Life application Study Bible, NIV 2005; Fearless Generosity: Ecumenical Stewardship Center. 2014

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



## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!



Items for “Support Our Troops” are once again being gathered! The boxes we send are very much appreciated, according to the thank you notes we have received over the years.

Puzzle books; playing cards; paperback books; current magazines such as *Car & Driver*, *Popular Mechanics*, *People*, and current *Reader’s Digest*; popping corn; packets of instant oatmeal, coffee, cocoa, tea and Kool Aid; candy (no chocolate); chewing gum; peanuts; energy bars; breakfast bars; Cracker Jack; beef jerky; black socks; lip balm; small plastic containers of baby powder, shampoo, hand and body lotion, and shower gel are all useful to include in the mailings.

If anyone has the address of someone serving in the military in Afghanistan and Iraq, please leave that information in the Church Office so that boxes can be sent. **Packages will be mailed the beginning of December** with the help of the Youth Group.

Thanks to our caring congregation for participation in the past. We remember those who serve our country with our prayers and our boxes from home.  
— Social Ministry Committee.

Packing boxes to ship to our military friends and members will take place on Wednesday, December 7th at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



*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. 14-15** of this newsletter.

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!



A heartfelt “thank you” from the Social Ministry Committee for your generous offerings given in support of our “Share the Bounty” from our gardens project held once again during this year’s growing season! We recognized a total offering of \$184.51 from this project which is being donated to the Nazareth Area Food Bank this fall in support of their efforts to supply food to the NAFB clients during their regular monthly distributions. Thank you to all for your kindness and support of this ongoing commitment to our community.



# SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES



Sept. 21, 2016 ~ 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Joe Billy, Alan Butz, Rev. Janice Butz, Craig Dally, Cathie Dara, Ralph Deyo, Billy Garrison, Scott Little, Rev. David Schaeffer, Jocelyn Starner, Pastor Franklin Stinner, Jaime Taylor, Wayne Vierzbicki, Sharon Werner, Jackie Wolf.

**ABSENT:** Chris Andrews, Stephen Bajan, II

**DEVOTIONS:** Cathie Dara

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Aug. 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed and stand as written. Motion by Scott Little to accept the Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cathie Dara. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

ALO – Adult Ministry Festival with Dr. Timothy Wengert

**PASTOR SCHAEFFER'S REPORT:** Complete as written, including:

First Communion classes have begun for 7<sup>th</sup> graders & their parents.

Back-Pack Blessing was an inspiration. I felt honored to kneel with those innocent ones.

Attended Pastor Nancy Moore's installation at Trinity – Leighton.

Will be attending the Annual Conference of Larger Churches in Lake Geneva, Wis.

**PASTOR STINNER REPORT:**

Requested for Tax Purposes – To designate remaining salary for 2016 be housing allowance.

Motion – Joe Billy with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Dally. Motion passed.

**REV. JANICE BUTZ REPORT:** Complete as written, including:

Children's Choirs got off to a good start.

Arts Festival Committee began making plans for 2018 festival "Great Is Thy Faithfulness".

Met with Rose Laurito from Holy Family to finalize plans for next year's *Banquet of Song*.

Emery Bros. will be doing the organ work.

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES REPORT:**

**Jaime Taylor reported:** Complete as written including:

I was absent on Rally Day, but Billy Garrison helped to explain Luther League.

Luther League went to play Laser Tag and had a blast!

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE:** Craig Dally reported:

#36 Prospect – Review Rental Policy

Review Lease – Credit Report – done

St. John's will join the Lehigh Valley Credit Assoc.

3 people to do credit check on rental applications will

be: Stephen Bajan, II, Joe Billy & Tony Petrillo

**COLUMBARIUM:** Pastor Schaeffer reported:

George Rundle - internment

**DAY CARE:** Jackie Wolf reported:

\$3,800 check to St. John's was received.

**ENDOWMENT:** Craig Dally reported:

Vacation Bible School – Disbursement

Lutheran Congregational Services – Has been paid.

**EVANGELISM:** No meeting.

**HELPING HANDS:** Jackie Wolf reported: Complete as written including:

New Jersey has again invited us to do a weekend rebuild.

Painting – Stairwell by kitchen.

**LOVE-A-LOT:** Wayne V. reported: Complete as written including:

3 year old class – only 5 kids

4 year old class – 24 kids - Full

**LUTHER LEAGUE:** Billy Garrison reported: No Report

Corn Maze – upcoming

Laser Tag – upcoming

Billy Garrison went to New Orleans – Churchwide Assembly was a great experience.

Pastor Schaeffer talked about the Roster of Lay & Deacons that was discussed at Churchwide.

Discussion about Ordained Ministries.

Pope will be speaking at the Sweden Lutheran church during Reformation.

**PERSONNEL:** Pastor Schaeffer reported:

Nancy Little continues to keep open communication with the Property Committee.

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**PROPERTY:** Alan Butz reported:

Steel plates: Tony will include the \$5800 for new steel plates in 2017 budget.  
Emergency Exit lights: Wayne V. continues to work on this. Needs help with an electrician.  
Bell does not ring – Need 2 electricians at same time to look at this.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Jackie Wolf reported: Complete as written, including:

Ingathering for Christmas will be in Egypt!  
Jean Miltenberger continues to be the champion knitter, she is looking for additional help.  
Chemo bags collection completed, thanking those from the congregation that contributed, coordinated by Barbara Sandbrook.  
Bev & Fred Hank were in a bad car accident. Continue to help with their needs.  
Blanket Sunday – Went very well.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Jackie Wolf reported:

Oct. 22 & 23 - Harvest Home & Food Bank Weekend  
Nov. 5 – 6:30 – Stewardship Dinner  
Nov. 19 & 20 – Commitment Cards will be blessed.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Jaime Taylor reported: Complete as written

Going Well  
Sept. 24 - 25 – Teacher Installation, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Distribution, & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Hymnal Distribution  
Dec. 18 – Christmas Program

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Jocelyn Starner reported:

Went over the calendar.  
Need cabinet on wheels for choir gowns in Shepherd's Room.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Capital Campaign – Pastor Schaeffer reported on the paving of Parking Lot, Parsonage Driveway, & Miller Parking Lot. Very Nice Job.  
Wi-Fi access for guests – Chris Andrews has set up. However, no Wi-Fi in youth room.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nominating committee – Need names & phones numbers for Church Council elections.  
Oct. 8 – Adult ministry festival.  
Nov. 19 & 20 – Church Council elections.  
Welcome – Pastor Stinner – Majority of voting said yes.  
Advent Worship services – discussion of schedule.

**Building Use Requests:** None

Council President Jackie Wolf declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.  
The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting = Oct. 26 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Next Devotions = Alan Butz

Respectfully submitted,

*Joyce Wallace*  
Recording Secretary

## **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*

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The Annual Christmas Ingathering of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District will be held at Shepherd of the Hills, Whitehall on Thursday, December 1, 2016 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 2016 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 Mary's Shelter for Women. Speakers from this organization will be at the Ingathering event on December 1st.

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 three gifts our church will give to specific children who are residents at KidsPeace, and 50 packs of M&Ms and 50 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

<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Handkerchiefs	Perfumes
Change Purses	Body Powder
Small Combs	Ankle Socks
Talcum Powder	Handkerchiefs
Aftershave Lotion	Hair Brushes
Tube Socks	Knee-high Stockings
Search-A-Word Books	Crayons / Markers
Playing Cards	Body Wash
Pens / Pencils	Scarves
Small Tablets	Jewelry
Postage Stamps	Stuffed Animals
Writing Paper	Non-skid Slipper Socks

## KIDSPEACE

<u>Art Supplies</u>	<u>Clothing</u>
Crayons	Pajamas
Markers	Socks
Coloring Books	Underwear
Sketch Pads	Scarves
Clay	Hats
Paints	Mittens
Brushes, etc.	Sweatshirts & Pants

<u>Personal Care Items</u>	<u>Gift Cards</u>
Shower Gels	All Kinds including:
Shampoo	Book Stores
Deodorant	iTunes
Flavored Lip Balm	Movie Theatres
Scented Lotions	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**

## MARY'S SHELTER FOR WOMEN

Baby Wipes  
 Diapers  
 Formula  
 Baby Wash & Lotion  
 Baby Food  
 New or lightly used Clothing for Newborn - 5T  
 Maternity Clothes  
 Baby Furniture

Remember those  
 who are less  
 fortunate



## 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	
Coloring Books	<u>Male</u>
Jumbo Crayons	Knee Socks
Puzzles - 25 pc. or less	Elastic Waist Pants
Wooden Toddler Puzzles	Sweatshirts
Plastic Coffee Mugs	Cardigans
Radios	Rain Ponchos
Bath Powder	Mittens

## ALLENTOWN RECUE MISSION

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



Fall is such a busy time here at Love-A-Lot Nursery School; both of our classes are enjoying field trips & 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; and 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 an individual and group photo 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 & cutting with scissors, and they will start learning numbers in November; the 4yo class will review colors; continue learning a letter a week, practicing with scissors, and working on prewriting skills; and also be introduced to rhyming and left/right concepts.

Both classes meet in the morning from 9-11:30am. 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 (484-293-0720) or email (LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com) the school for more information.

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## NEWS FROM THE DAYCARE NOVEMBER 2016



Fall is such a wonderful time of year for children to explore and learn. Last month the classrooms got to visit the fire station where they saw the fire trucks and also saw the firefighter in all the gear. This is important so that children are not frightened if they see them during an emergency. We would like to thank the Nazareth Vigilance Hose Company for allowing the students to visit and teaching them about fire safety. Everyone had a wonderful time with Halloween celebrations. The students got to parade around the center and receive a treat from each classroom. The classrooms also enjoyed their classroom parties.

In November we look forward to the holidays and we will focus on sharing and giving. Many of the classrooms will be learning about healthy foods and the history of Thanksgiving. Pre-k will again organize the food drive and will help collect food for the Nazareth Food Bank. Many of the classrooms will also be having their own classroom feasts which is a wonderful opportunity to practice social skills and table manners. We are also looking forward to our Christmas program and will begin planning and practicing for that. Please join us on December 9th to help us celebrate.

Our program provides care for children 6 weeks through school age from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our preschool curriculum is taught daily within our day. If you have any interest in learning more about our center please call 610-759-4999 or email lisat@rcn.com.



**HELLO TO ALL! Fall has arrived and leaves are starting to fall!!!!**

We are still planning projects that will begin this fall and maybe into the winter months. Several of these projects are from the Capital Campaign and others are new for this year.

If you have a skill set or experience with electrical, plastering, painting, plumbing, woodworking, concrete or welding please see Tony. We can use the help to achieve our goals.

There was a three day delay in the startup of paving parking lot, but it is now **complete** (Capital Campaign). I hope everyone will enjoy riding on such a smooth surface. I do apologize for any inconvenience, but, now nothing needs to be done for the next 25 – 30 years.

We are moving forward on upgrading our telephone system (which is part of our Capital Campaign). At the moment we are still surveying the best approach.

We are waiting for more information from several people in regards to upgrading our sound system in the Fellowship Hall (details will follow).

Repair work on the organ in the Nave has begun and completion for some of it will be mid-December. The remainder of the repair work is scheduled for January 2017 and Spring 2017.

The Leadership committee has give the go ahead to move forward with the electrical upgrade of our service panels (Capital Campaign).

Barry Hoch will begin restoration of our sign at the corner of Broad and Prospect Streets.

Pointing of the church bricks and chimney is targeted for this November (Capital Campaign).

Our youth are a vital resource within our church, and we would like to see them participate in some indoor and outdoor activities. Your help is needed and as always, is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, the Sextons



**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

**JOYCE SMITH**  
November 15th  
1523 Clearfield Rd.  
Wind Gap, PA 18091

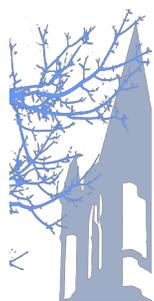
**GLADYS DAY**  
November 26th  
Country Meadows Bldg. 2 Rm. 135  
4009 Green Pond Rd.  
Bethlehem, PA 18020

*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

## FEARLESSLY COLLABORATING WITH GOD

*"I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador."* Ephesians 6:19-20



The **Spiritual Life Committee** of the **Capital Campaign** is asking for parishioners to think about and pray about the words contained in *Ephesians 6:19-20*. Would you like to share your story using your faith, prayer and scripture as a means to help you through a trying time in your life or a time of great joy? We would like to hear your personal experience in a brief written paragraph that you would be willing to share with others in our congregation. It will be printed in the Messenger and included in a booklet that will inspire other members of St. John's to understand **THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL**, and how one can be an **AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST**. If you choose, it can be anonymous and your name will not appear in either place. Please send in your reflections to the Church Office by mail, e-mail or drop it off in person.

Thank you, Barbara Sandbrook and Karen Landis.



## Community Chorus Reschedules Concerts



The Nazareth Area Community Chorus has had to reschedule its fall concert schedule. The Harvest of Harmonies Concert will now be held Sunday Nov 20 at the Schoeneck Moravian Church, N. Broad Street Ext., Nazareth. Please note that concert starting time will be 1 PM.

The chorus will perform sacred, spiritual, and secular selections by composers such as Johannes Brahms, Lerner and Lowe, Greg Gilpin, plus an arrangement of Robert Louis Stevenson's poem "And This Shall be For Music".

"The White Dove" by Brahms will be dedicated in memory of longtime chorus member Willard Werkheiser.

A portion of a free will offering will benefit food programs in the Nazareth area.

The Country Meadows concert has been rescheduled for Tuesday evening Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

There is still opportunity to join the chorus. New voices are welcome to rehearse with us on Tuesday evenings, from 7:30 to 8:45, in the Schoeneck Church fellowship hall. The recurring theme for this year's concerts is "Where there is music there is harmony. Where there is harmony there is peace". Please join us in spreading this message.

# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

## Learning Ministries Day Something for Everyone

Saturday, January 29, 2017

Mindfulness, Faith, sexism and justice. Youth worship planning. Faith in the public life. Luther and science. Adult Bible studies. The changing church. Creation care in the church. A Bible study on Revelation. Confirmation. Healing the wounds of racism. Service learning. Reforming Sunday school.

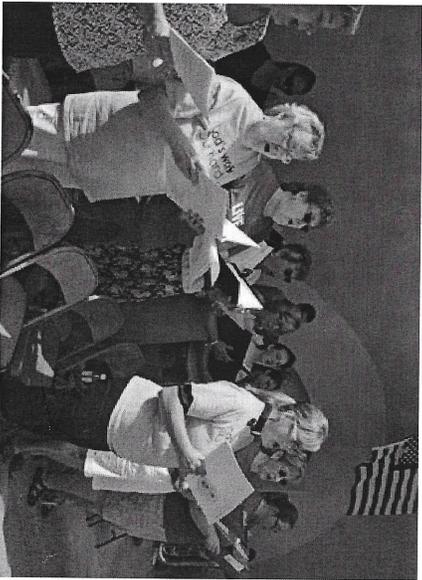
*Growing in Faith*  
These are just a few of the themes for this year's Learning Ministries Day, "Growing in Faith: Always Reforming."



to be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Bethlehem on Saturday, January 29. Registration begins at 8:30 AM, and the day concludes at 3:00 PM. Workshops will be offered both in the morning and afternoon. The keynote speaker is Beth Lewis, President and CEO of 1517 Media (formerly Augsburg Fortress). Through December 31, the cost for the event per person is \$30 (includes lunch). After that date, the cost will be \$45.

For more information and to register, visit the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org> (under the events/tab). Information was also in the synod mailing this month. Or you may contact Karen Mathias-Long at [karen@nepasynod.org](mailto:karen@nepasynod.org) or 610-266-5101.

## Reading Lutheran Parish God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday



On Sunday morning, September 11, members and rostered leaders of the Reading Lutheran Parish (RLP), a partnership of the 12 congregations and one synodically authorized worshipping community in Reading, came together to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the 2001 attacks and to participate in the ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands" emphasis.

The day began with the Lutheran community supporting the Reading Fire Department in its annual remembrance of first responders who lost their lives on 9-11-2001. The Rev. Peggy Wuertele, ministry coordinator of the ELCA's Region 7, spoke about her memories of the day. At the time she served as a pastor in Queens. A joint RLP choir sang Amazing Grace just before 10:00 a.m., the time when a plane crashed into the second of the Twin Towers.

Following the Fire Department observance, nearly 200 Lutherans along with visitors from the community remained for a joint worship service. Pr. Wuertele's sermon focused on forgiveness in the midst of grief. The day of remembrance and service continued with a picnic lunch and several service projects, including the assembly of personal care kits for guests at Opportunity House, a local shelter. The day's offering was contributed to The Battle of the Badges, a scholarship program for children of police and fire fighters.

## Meet Synod Support Staff



Laurie Christian

Laurie is the receptionist at The Lutheran Center, and as such, hers is the first voice you usually hear when you call.

Her most time-consuming duty is to arrange for supply pastors for nearly 40 congregations without a regularly called pastor. At times this can be a real challenge!

Laurie also tracks the Annual Congregational Reports. She records online any paper copies submitted to the synod office, and she then downloads all the reports to the synod's server.

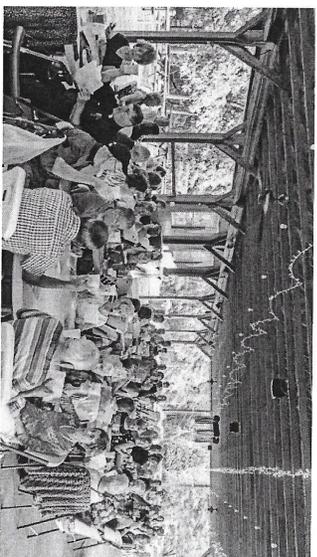
In addition to all the above, she maintains the synod calendar, so please contact her if you want something scheduled.

Laurie has worked in church positions for 30 years. She started at the synod office in 1984, and later worked for the ELCA disaster response team.

When that office relocated to Chicago, she joined the staff at St. John's Allentown. 13 years later she rejoined the synod staff in her present position.

Laurie and her husband, Rodney, have two adult sons, and are members at Hope, Cherryville.

## "Beer and Hymns" Brings Praise to Public Spaces



Last November, historic Trinity Lutheran in downtown Reading began offering "Beer and Hymns" events at local pubs and restaurants. About every other month at various venues, participants gather together to sing songs of faith, share a meal, and raise a glass in the finest Lutheran tradition.

Hymn sheets are provided and various accompanists lead sets of 3-4 hymns, providing opportunities between sets for everyone to eat, drink and visit. There is no preaching or proselytizing at "Beer and Hymns". Trinity's senior pastor, Alan Wolkenuhauer, established a similar event with his previous congregation in Dunedin, Florida. He says that "Beer and Hymns" gives members an opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and family members to experience a Christian community that is fun-loving, open and welcoming.

He has found that people are often more willing to invite and to accept an invitation to an event like "Beer and Hymns" than they would be for a typical church gathering. Events in Reading have averaged about 80 participants from over a dozen different churches, as well as guests who are unaffiliated with any church.

Pastor Wolkenuhauer's favorite "Beer and Hymns" experience is that of a young gay man who said at an event in Florida, "I haven't been to church for over ten years and I thought that God hated me. Tonight was the first time in a very long time that I really experienced the love of God."

"Beer and Hymns" in Reading is co-sponsored by Trinity's covenant partner, Christ Episcopal Church. The next event: "Beer and Christmas Carols" will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at GNA Restaurant in West Reading. Follow the Facebook page "Beer and Hymns Reading" for more photos and information.

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## SERVING GOD IN NOVEMBER 2016

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.

Date & Time of Service	<b>GREETERS</b> <i>Offer a friendly welcome to members and visitors as they arrive for worship. (Maryellen Werkheiser 610-759-5191)</i>		<b>ACOLYTES</b> <i>Lighting and extinguishing candles for worship. Open to youth in grades 6 &amp; up. (Office 610-759-3090)</i>		<b>LECTORS</b> <i>Share God's Word with the congregation during worship. (Christina Brodt 610-653-0358)</i>		<b>USHERS</b> <i>Welcome and assist worshippers, and collect the offering. A great way for families to serve together! (Christina Brodt 610-653-0358)</i>	
	<b>Nov. 5 - 6</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Maryellen Werkheiser	Maya Evancho	Charles Bonisese			
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Youth	Jayde Rizzotto	Ralph Brodt, III				
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Youth	Crystal Koch	Christianna Hunter				
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Barry & Bonnie Boyer	Adam Fatebene	Cindy Evancho				
<b>Nov. 12 - 13</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Garrison Family, Kelly Stivala	Chiara Dooley	Karen Coleman				
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Joe & Joy Grim Denise & Crystal Koch	Patrick Garvey	Karlene Kipp				
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Bill & Krista Hontz	Olivia LaBar	Lenna Harris				
<b>Nov. 19 - 20</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	David & Susan Bittner Richard & Joanne Ressler	Madelyn Rex	Suzan Andrews				
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Bruce & Judy Shafer Annie Bickert, Amie Tracy	Kevin Kelly	Craig Dally			Jerry & Suzanne Lewis	
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Radzelovage Family	Mackenzie McGovern	Steven Millheim				
<b>Nov. 26 - 27</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Barbara Sandbrook Wesley & Louise Klinger	Bethany Daniels	Lessons & Carols				
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Evan Werkheiser, Sandy Garr Chris & Irene Tripp	Joe Grusso	Lessons & Carols				

# SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NAZARETH

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**Property** - Jeff Daniels, Joe Billy, and  
 Wayne Vierzbicki

**Social Ministry** - Cathie Dara, Jackie Wolf

**Stewardship** - Ralph Deyo & Scott Little

**Sunday School** - Jaime Taylor

**Worship & Music** - Chris Andrews & Jocelyn  
 Starner

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# THE MESSENGER

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# 2016



## Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

**Directions:** In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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28:2, NIV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>All Saints Day</i>  9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM MAD Camp Reh. 6:00 PM Sunday School	2 9:30 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM Sr. High Youth Grp 6:15 PM Conf I & II 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Naz. Comm. Band 7:30 PM Stewardship	3  7:00 PM Chancel Choir	4  4:00 PM MAD Camp Reh. 4:00 PM Girl Scout #81078	5  10:00 AM Philethia 10:30 AM MAD Camp Reh. 5:30 PM Family Alternative Worship Service w/HC 6:30 PM Stewardship Dinner & Oh, Jonah!  Sexton on Duty: Ray
6 <i>All Saints Sunday (White)</i> 8:00 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM MAD Camp Perf. 9:15 AM NM / BAP Class 10:45 AM Worship w/HC Sexton on Duty: Ray	7  6:00 PM Girl Scout #8220 6:30 PM Property 7:00 PM Rebekah Circle	8 <b>GENERAL ELECTION</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 9:30 AM Daycare Director Training 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 7:00 PM Naz. Women's Club	9 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM Sr. High Youth Grp 6:15 PM Conf I & II 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Naz. Comm. Band	10 Martin Luther's B'Day 1483 <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b> 6:15 PM Evangelism 6:30 PM Social Ministry 6:30 PM Festival Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	11 <b>LOVE-A-LOT CLOSED</b>	12 <i>Stewardship Weekend</i> 5:30 PM Worship w/HC (Fellowship Social)  Sexton on Duty: Dean
13 <i>Stewardship Weekend</i> <i>Golden Age Sunday</i> <i>26th Sunday of Pentecost (Gr)</i> 8:00 AM Worship (Fellowship Social) 10:45 AM Worship (Fellowship Social) 3:00 PM Pastor Stinner's Installation Sexton on Duty: Dean	14  6:00 PM Girl Scout #8220 6:30 PM WELCA Bd 6:30 PM History 7:00 PM Day Care Bd	15 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:30 PM Worship & Music 7:00 PM Helping Hands	16 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM Sr. High Youth Grp 6:15 PM Conf I & II 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Naz. Comm. Band	17  7:00 PM Chancel Choir	18  4:00 PM Girl Scout #81078	19 Christ the King/Blessing of Commitment Cards 5:30 PM Worship w/HC <b>Congregational Mtg/Elections</b>  Sexton on Duty: Tony
20 <i>Christ the King Sunday (White)</i> <i>Blessing of Commitment Cards</i> 8:00 AM Worship w/HC <b>Congregational Mtg/Elections</b> 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship w/HC <b>Congregational Mtg/Elections</b> 12:00 PM Shut In Gift Making Sexton on Duty: Tony	21  6:00 PM Girl Scout #8220 7:00 PM Finance 8:00 PM Endowment	22 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 9:30 AM Daycare Director Training 4:00 PM JAM Sessions	23 <b>LOVE-A-LOT CLOSED</b> 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Naz. Comm. Band	24 <b>THANKSGIVING            CHURCH OFFICE            CLOSED            DAY CARE CLOSED            LOVE-A-LOT CLOSED</b>	25 <b>THANKSGIVING            CHURCH OFFICE            CLOSED            DAY CARE CLOSED            LOVE-A-LOT CLOSED</b>	26 <b>Food Bank Weekend</b> 10:00 AM Festival Choir 11:00 AM Eagle Scout Ceremony 5:30 PM Worship w/HC  Sexton on Duty: Ray
27 Lessons & Carols <i>1st Sunday of Advent (Blue)</i> <b>Food Bank Weekend</b> 8:00 AM Worship (Fellowship Social) 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship (Fellowship Social) Sexton on Duty: Ray	28  6:00 PM Girl Scout #8220	29 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:30 PM Social Ministry	30 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM Sr. High Youth Grp 6:15 PM Conf I & II 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Naz. Comm. Band 7:30 PM Church Council			