

I write this reflection on Palm Sunday evening. I am heartened that the Church pews were full and the music glorious as befits this great Festival Day. Of course, I preached on Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem according to Luke, the Gentile Physician's account.

Even though there was no time to work with it in worship, I was deeply touched by the Old Testament passage Isaiah 59:4-9. Though writing 500 years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah describes beautifully the obedience of Jesus.

‘The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ‘The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ‘I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ‘The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;... and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ‘he who vindicates me is near.

We can read Isaiah's words as our ancestors did, as a portrait of our Lord's passion. The well trained tongue had been obvious throughout Jesus' ministry. That tongue could regale and rebuke – that tongue could speak a word of exorcism or healing or even resurrection, and, as in the narrative of Jesus' trials before the Sanhedrin; before Pilate and before Herod Antipas, that tongue could maintain a silence more powerful than any speech could ever be.

Remember how many times our Lord left his disciples to just go – be alone and pray. We hear strains of Jesus' own prayer life in the idea that “morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.”

Morning by morning Jesus had heard and heeded the divine voice. Then from out of that deep well of accumulated wisdom, Jesus was able to draw forth just the right words to sustain the weary. **NO ONE EVER SPOKE AS THIS MAN.**

Jesus accepted whatever came his way. That same self-discipline he exercised to LISTEN, he exercised in all areas of his life. He never said to himself, “I'll put up with a lot, but I'll never let any;one do _____ to me.”

The abuse heaped upon God's chosen Servant embodies three humiliating and debasing forms of punishment. God's beloved Servant gives his back where he can be freely struck without hope of protecting himself. He offers his cheeks, allowing his beard, a symbol of maturity and virility to be plucked out. He does not even turn his face to avoid the ultimate sign of distaste and disrespect – a spit in the face.

From no indignity did God's chosen Servant shrink away. He felt no disgrace. How can that be?

Finally, the Servant reveals the key to his integrity and why he can accomplish what he does: “The Lord God helps me...and I know that I shall not be put to shame.” (vs. 7) The Servant trusted God for his help and vindication. The court whose final verdict the Servant respected wasn't that of men but of God. Had he feared man and what others thought of him, he would have buckled. He would have been intimidated and swayed by their opposition.

Instead he jutted out his chin and stood stone still in the onslaught of their opposition and aggression. He knew who supported him, who would fight for him, and who would take delight in him.

So the Servant rested in God's justice. Those who accused and opposed him would come to naught – worn out and eaten away. Consumed by their own unrelenting hatred, like a fire that starves itself for lack of oxygen, they would meet their end in God's own good time. God's Servant would be vindicated with **RESURRECTION**. So, too will all who fear the Lord and obey the voice of his Servant.

May you carry that confidence into APRIL.

The Reverend David B. Schaeffer

WORSHIP WITH US!

Christ's light shines in our darkness. God's love conquers hate. Spirit-given faith is stronger than fear. We come seeking you, Lord, please guide our paths. "And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). May it be so. Amen.

- Apr. 2-3** Second Sunday of Easter / Holy Communion at all services
Apr. 9 - 10 Third Sunday of Easter / Holy Communion at all services / Volunteer Recognition Weekend
Bishop Samuel Zeiser leads worship
Apr. 16 - 17 Fourth Sunday of Easter / Holy Communion at all services
Apr. 23 - 24 Fifth Sunday of Easter / Food Bank Weekend
Apr. 30 - May 1 Sixth Sunday of Easter / Holy Communion at all services

2016 Fellowship Social Calendar



- April 9 & 10 ~ Bishop Zeiser / Stewardship (Volunteer Recognition)
- May 15 ~ Christian Education (Pentecost/Confirmation)
- May 22 ~ Day Care / Property (Music Sunday)
- June 19 ~ Ladies Aid / Bible Study (Summer Fellowship)

Groups Serving Christ Through St. John's Church

Fellowship this month will be on Saturday, April 9th, and Sunday, April 10th, following the church services. This month's host is the Stewardship Committee. We will be honoring all our volunteers who have given countless hours to serve others.

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. The Committee meets on the first Monday of each month.

Come join us for fellowship after services on Saturday, April 9th and Sunday, April 10th.

Take a few minutes to chat with representatives of this group 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.



Grace Notes

It was in 2001 that we launched St. John's first religious arts festival. Naming it *Faith Through the Arts*, our purpose was to nurture the relationship between the arts and the Christian faith. Over the years we have been inspired by the work of more than 75 visual artists and an array of performing artists—dancers, choral ensembles, theatrical presentations, puppets, instrumental ensembles, and even aspiring young musicians. In six festivals we have been stimulated to think about miracles, hope, light, creation, growth, and spiritual waters as we viewed the artwork displayed in the Shepherd's Room. Although 2016 is not the year of our month-long arts celebration, the 15th anniversary of *Faith Through the Arts* will be celebrated with a special arts weekend in April. The weekend will feature two very outstanding events—a piano recital by Dr. Charisse Baldoria on Saturday evening, April 23, and a discussion with visual artist Jeff Echevarria during the Sunday School hour on April 24.

Dr. Charisse Baldoria, currently professor of piano at Bloomsburg University, is an international prize-winning Filipino pianist whose repertoire ranges from the traditional classics to Hispanic and Southeast Asian music. Her musical study began at the age of four, when she begged her parents to buy a piano. When it was delivered, she sat down and began to play, improvising and learning complete songs on her own. She pursued formal piano training and by the age of eight, she was already the winner of numerous competitions. Later she received a Fulbright scholarship to study at the University of Michigan where she eventually completed her doctoral studies.

Since her formal education, Charisse has given concerts in five continents and was a prizewinner at the San Antonio International Piano Competition, among the top pianists of the Sydney International and Hilton Head Island International piano competitions, first prize winner of the Society for Musical Arts competition, two-time winner of the University of Michigan concerto competition, and first prize winner of numerous competitions in the Philippines. She has performed in Australia, Argentina, Spain, Finland, The Czech Republic, Thailand, Myanmar, Brazil, as well as with orchestras in the United States. Prior to her appointment on the faculty at Bloomsburg, she taught piano at the University of the Philippines and Kutztown University.

In current programs, she negotiates with her Filipino identity, juxtaposing the indigenous with the colonial, and performing music from and inspired by Southeast Asia and Spain, of which the Philippines was a colony for 333 years. Her concert will feature music influenced by flamenco and tango, with pieces by Albéniz, Piazzolla, Falla, Scarlatti, and Buencamino, a Filipino composer. Recently she has collaborated with other artists to include poetry, video, live drawing and dance in her concerts.

In the past Charisse has shared her extraordinary gifts on the piano at two of our worship services at St. John's, and we look forward to hearing her in a full-length recital on Saturday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. Enhancing her musical performance will be visual interpretation prepared by video artist Ron Lambert, Assistant Professor in the Art Department at Bloomsburg. His video works have been screened internationally including the Crosstalk Video Festival in Budapest Hungary, Videomedeja festival in Serbia, the Simultan festival in Romania, and the Sanluan Yishu project in Beijing China.

Jeff Echevarria, is an artist/designer from Belvidere, NJ. He studied at the Spectrum Institute for the Advertising Arts and has specialized in pencil, charcoal, and graphite drawings. His artwork has appeared on everything from canvas to motorcycles, tail gates to campers, as well as on dried buffalo skulls. Included in his subject matter are cartoons, wildlife, human portraits, fantasy and science fiction, as well as the spiritual. In addition to illustrating for several magazines, Jeff has also published his art work in two book collections.

Grace Notes (cont'd.)

A tragic automobile accident during a freak snowstorm in 2011 became a life-changing experience for Jeff, leaving him paralyzed from the neck down. With months of rehabilitation at Good Shepherd and support from doctors, family, and friends, Jeff began a long process of recovery. Although initially believing that his art was a long lost memory, he began to renew his passion and talent for art as he slowly regained his health and mobility.

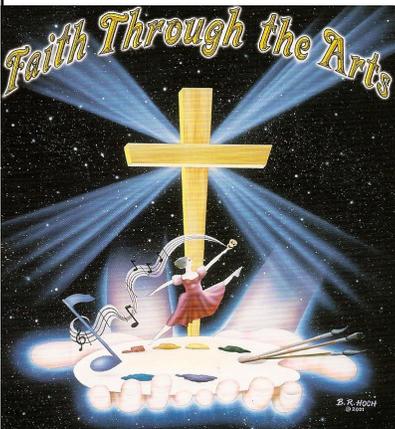
You will have the opportunity to meet Jeff Echevarria and view his artwork in the Shepherd's Room both before and after the piano recital on Saturday evening, April 23. The following morning, April 24, he will share his fascinating story of the connection between his art, his physical recovery, and his Christian faith. Come to the Shepherd's Room at 9:15 a.m. for refreshments and a time to "Meet the Artist."

I hope that you will plan to attend these two very exciting events and will also invite others to join you. The weekend will be a marvelous way to celebrate the 15 years that we have shared together in the profound relationship of art, music, and the Christian faith.

Grace and peace,
Janice Butz, Minister of Music

FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS WEEKEND—APRIL 23 & 24

*features the talents of
performing artist Charisse Baldoria, pianist,
and visual artist Jeff Echevarria*



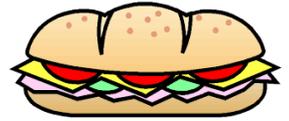
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Support the Chalice Choir!

Here are additional ways that you can support the Chalice Choir in their upcoming trip to Pittsburgh:

Thrivent Choice. If you are a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you may be aware of the program for you to recommend where Thrivent's charitable outreach funds are directed. Consider designating these funds to the Chalice Choir. All you need do is to inform Bonnie Mertz, our financial secretary, of your wishes. Contact her at 610-759-3090 or at financialsec@rcn.com.

Hoagie Coupons. Coupons for hoagies from Ressler's Market on Main Street will continue to be sold for \$4.00 each on Sunday mornings in the Shepherd's Room. Proceeds will benefit the Chalice Choir's trip to Pittsburgh.



Used Clothing Drive. This Spring is a good time to start cleaning closets and collecting your give-aways! Then drop them off in the church Fellowship Hall starting after Easter and continuing **until Friday evening, April 29.** Pick-up day is Saturday morning, April 30, so all donations need to be received prior to that date.

Please bring all collections to the Fellowship Hall bagged in sturdy bags (strong trash bags are best!), and have them labeled "Clothing Drive".

If you have Shoes, those must be bagged separately and labeled "Clothing Drive – Shoes".

In addition to clothing, shoes, and purses, you may also donate household items made of fabric, stuffed animals, bikes, and hard toys that fit into a box 24"x24"x21". Oversized toys, strollers, high chairs, car seats, cribs, play centers, bouncers, walkers, and swings are not accepted.

As always, we appreciate St. John's help with this fundraiser!



ITEMS BEING COLLECTED:

-CLOTHING and SHOES

Usable & wearable clothing/shoes for all seasons (men's & women's, children's & baby's)
*Shoes should be bagged separately from clothing.

-ACCESSORIES

*Pocketbooks *Hats
*Belts *Scarves
*Baby Accessories *Gloves
*Backpacks *Ties
*Briefcases

-HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Items made of fabric in good condition:
*Blankets *Table Cloths
*Bed Sheets *Drapery
*Bedspreads *Curtains
*Pillows *Towels
*Quilts *Bath Rugs
*Comforters *Kitchen & Bath Accessories
made of Fabric

-TOYS

Soft Toys: Hard Toys:

Stuffed Animals Cars/Trucks/Airplanes
Rag Dolls Action Figures
Beanie Babies Dolls/Doll Houses

-BICYCLES

Any size/age



A Message from the Director of Youth & Family Ministries

This month, the Confirmation students will head to their annual Retreat for a weekend of instruction, fellowship, and spiritual formation. This year's Retreat will be held from April 8th – 10th at Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center. The students will return in time to see Bishop Samuel Zeiser preach at the 10:45 am worship service.

The Confirmation Retreat is always a favorite weekend for the students. It is a time where they get to leave the church and experience instruction and fellowship in a new setting. The students will learn together, but will also have time for recreation and free time.

The facilities we will stay in are brand new and wonderful. We also have several adult leaders who will be attending and helping to lead the Retreat, and they are fantastic. It should be a wonderful Retreat all the way around!

All students in both Level 1 and Level 2 are required to attend the Confirmation Retreat. Confirmation Retreat forms are due on Sunday, April 3rd.

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

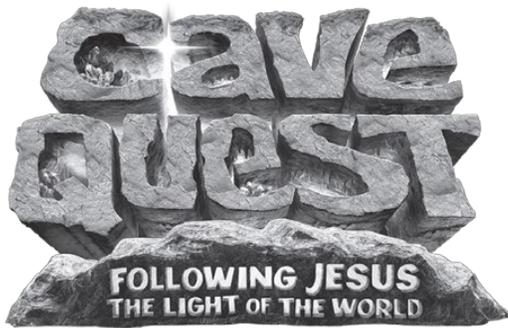
LOOKING AHEAD:

Confirmation Retreat: April 8th – 10th at Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Vacation Bible School will be held this year from **June 13 – 17, 2016**. The theme is *Cave Quest: Following Jesus - The Light of the World!* A registration form can be found in this edition of *The Messenger!*





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016
Monday, June 13th – Friday, June 17th
9:00 am – 12 Noon
St. John's Lutheran Church, Nazareth
Ages 4 (by June 13) through 5th grade

Cave Quest: *Following Jesus – The Light of the World!*

At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot!

Donation: Registration by June 5th is \$7 per child. Registration at the door is \$10 per child. Please register as soon as possible to help with planning. Cash or check may be made payable to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church with "Vacation Bible School" in the memo line. Please put completed registration forms and donations (together in an envelope) in the offering plate or in the Church Office mailbox.

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent/Caregiver Cell Phone: _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____
In case of emergency, contact: _____
Phone: _____ Relationship to child: _____
Who besides me can pick up my child: _____

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Yes, I am willing to volunteer!! _____ I am unable to volunteer _____

I am willing to donate supplies, please call me!! Yes _____ No _____

Best way to reach me – Email: _____ Phone: _____

Crew (for church use only): _____



Love-A-Lot Nursery School



Between Valentine hearts & talking about keeping our hearts healthy, we certainly tried out every lesson/craft/activity relating to hearts last month! This month we are ALL looking forward to welcoming SPRING – our crafts and books will reflect this beautiful and long-awaited time of year.

We worked with the 3yo class on all facets of safety in February -- both inside (with the help of Mr. Yuk!) and outside. As part of National Children's Dental Health Month, we had a day set aside to talk about healthy teeth and each child left school with an incredibly large, sparkly smile. Aside from safety and healthy teeth, we had a day of Penguins, and continued to review numbers 1-5, colors, shapes, and cutting with scissors. This month, the children will enjoy a Teddy Bear day which is a delight for them as they bring their favorite furry friend to class. This month the children will also learn numbers 6-9, paint with marbles, and review numbers and shapes through fun & games.

Last month the 4yo class followed the Healthy Heart Program that is provided by the American Heart Association for National Heart Month. This class also continued learning a new letter each week and focused on writing their names correctly (both in pencil grip and forming the letters properly), rhyming, and blending sounds. This month, the children will continue learning a letter a week, focus on their five senses, continue writing their names & practicing prewriting skills, sequencing, and opposites.

Over the last few years, we have welcomed our annual visit from a Center for Vision Loss representative. Our representative comes in and provides free eye screenings for the children. We have seen many children benefit from this important screening and go on to receive additional, necessary eye care that might have been overlooked had it not been for this screening. We are very appreciative for this service, and we are holding screenings for both classes in the beginning of March.

If you are interested in registering your child in Love-A-Lot Nursery School in September, there are openings in both the 3yo & 4yo classes. Both classes run from 9-11:30 am; 3yo meets Tuesday/Thursday and 4yo meets Monday/Wednesday/Friday. There is also an optional lunch bunch for the 4yo class that runs 11:30-1pm. Please call (484-293-0720) or email (LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com) for more information and a registration packet.

NEWS FROM THE DAYCARE

The month of March was lots of fun with Leprechauns, rainbows, windy weather and welcoming spring. For Dr. Seuss' birthday the classrooms enjoyed reading some of his most popular stories and the Pre-k classroom had a wonderful trip to the Nazareth Middle School for Read Across America. The students there did a great job reading and playing games with our Pre-k students. In March we also enjoyed our annual arrival of the chicks from Quiver Hollow Farm. The students really enjoyed watching the eggs hatch and taking care of the chicks for a little while. Everyone also had a wonderful time with their Easter celebrations. Our families participated in an egg decorating contest and they were so creative! The classrooms had a wonderful time with parties, egg hunts and visits from the Easter Bunny.

Everyone is excited for spring and with April arriving the students are looking forward to more outside time. Many of the classrooms will celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by talking about recycling and doing some planting. Our pre-k students are excited to meet Mr. Mudlock, the principle at Shafer Elementary school in preparation for starting Kindergarten in the fall.

Our program provides care for children 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. If you have any interest in learning more about our center please call 610-759-4999 or email lisat@rcn.com.

SEXTON CORNER



HELLO TO ALL! Finally Spring has arrived!

We are still planning the projects for Spring and Summer. Several of these are a part of the Capital Campaign, others are carry over from last year. We will also do some Spring Cleaning.

We now have two members who are providing service to St. John's. Dan Statfield who is a certified electrician and Brent Bonatz from Mountain Valley Pest Control. Please feel free to contact them.

One of our goals is to have members of the church participate in some of the activities. If you have a skill set or experience with electrical, plastering, painting, plumbing, woodworking, concrete or welding, please see Tony. We can use help to achieve our goals.

Our youth are a vital resource within our church and we would like to see them participate in these activities. There are some tasks that we as elders can use some assistance with. We are always grateful for any help our youth provide.

Thanks for your time,
The Sextons

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.



Special Offering Envelopes. You may have noticed that the special offering envelopes for April are designated World Hunger and the Cemetery Fund. Consider making a donation this month, or anytime in the future, by simply putting a contribution in the special envelope and then placing it in the offering plate during worship, or bringing it to the church office. Thank you.

PASTORAL ACTS



JAXON LEE JASMIN

Son of Nixon & Ashley (Pettis) Jasmin
Was baptized on Sunday, March 6, 2016

DECLAN EASTHAM DINAN

Son of Jason & Sarah (Watroba) Dinan
Was baptized on Sunday, March 13, 2016

BRINLEY QUINN SWARAT

Daughter of Brian & Andrea (Watroba) Swarat
Was baptized on Sunday, March 13, 2016

SAMUEL NICHOLAS APPLEMAN

Son of Kody Appleman & Pamela Mann
Was baptized on Saturday, March 19, 2016

DENISE RENEE BENDER

Was baptized on Tuesday, March 15, 2016

LYAM GAUMER

Son of Kyle Gaumer & Courtney Noble
Was baptized on Saturday, March 19, 2016

LEVI ROBERT PAUKOVITCH

Son of Matthew & Shannon (Hoben) Paukovitch
Was baptized on Saturday, March 19, 2016



Received in the month
of
January, February and March 2016

JOSEPH SMITH

Caroline Albright, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Andrews,
Anna Meck, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Werner,

JUDY SONNEMANN

NAHS Class of 62

BERNICE BRODT

Joyce Wallace

TED STOUT

Marion Stout

“There are two ways of spreading **light**: To be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”



~ Edith Wharton

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

CATHERINE KERCHNER

April 7th
23 Sycamore Dr.
Bath, PA 18014

SANDRA STRAUSSER

April 27th
2745 Washington St.
Easton, PA 18042

ROSLYN KAHLER

April 14th
MHS - #2205 (Personal Care)
175 W. North St.
Nazareth, PA 18064



JEAN HOFFERT

April 28th
2267 Yost Rd.
Bath, PA 18014

Correspondence...



Dean and Ginny Brodt would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind words at the passing of my mother, Bernice. It's comforting to travel through difficult times with the group of believers found at Saint John's. Blessing to all, Dean and Ginny Brodt.



To Pastor Schaeffer, Janice Butz and the Congregation of St. John's,

I want to thank all of you for the many kind words, cards and sympathy you all have shown me during my time of loss. Joseph loved his church.

The service was wonderful and the lunch was delicious - Thank you Von Bora.

A special thanks to all who honored Joseph with a contribution to the Music Fund.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the coming days.

Sincere love & appreciation,
Maybel Smith



THANK YOU

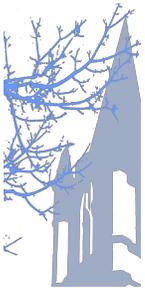
This year's Banquet of Song, the annual benefit concert for the Nazareth Area Food Bank, was held in our nave on Sunday, March 6, and was a great success! We are thankful to the children whose energy and delightful voices lifted everyone's spirit, to the adult singers who united their voices from seven different churches in the Nazareth community, to the brass ensemble, to members of our Social Ministry team as well as volunteers from the Food Bank who provided a delicious and wonderful reception, and to all those who attended. The offering received that afternoon was \$5,644.00, including funds from both the Upper and Lower Northampton Chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It was indeed an afternoon of glorious music. Thanks to all for their support of the Nazareth Area Food Bank and to this worthwhile cause!



FEARLESSLY COLLABORATING WITH GOD

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



The Executive Committee of St. John's "Fearlessly Collaborating With God" Capital Campaign met on Tuesday, March 15. The Committee is delighted to report the Congregation has generously embraced the Campaign. Between year end gifts from 2015, the Campaign Kickoff on Transfiguration Sunday, February 7 and Pledge Sunday, March 6 a total of \$656,000 has been committed to the three year effort. This is 77% of our goal. At present there is \$353,704 available in the account to be used for projects. If you have not yet made your commitment go to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to help you join the others at St. John's who have determined to be fearless ambassadors of the Gospel.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENVELOPES will be included in your Quarterly Offering Packets BEGINNING IN APRIL. There will be special monthly offering envelopes for the Capital Campaign included in your offering packets for your convenience. Thank you.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ELECTRONIC GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Visit the church website at www.stjohnsnaz.org, click on "online giving" and choose "Capital Campaign Donations". You can create a profile and set up your automatic donations on a frequency of your choosing so you'll never forget to send in your donation!

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

I have spent many years in the business world and have witnessed a transition over those years in the relationship between the church and business, and not a positive one. In the early part of my career, business leaders were also leaders of the church and a business person's demeanor reflected Christ's teachings in his/her ethics, treatment of co-workers and language. As I entered the mid-stages of my work life, I was saddened to witness a near complete separation of church and business. Business leaders disappeared from the pews, ethics were sacrificed for profits, competition between colleagues fostered a distrustful and frequently back-stabbing environment creating stress and unpleasant working conditions, and foul language became commonly accepted in everyday business conversations, and in mixed company.

As I read the words of Ephesians 6: 19-20 it occurred to me that, in this environment, a true Christian must be fearless to declare his faith and even to admit he regularly attends church services much less share the mystery of the gospel with coworkers. I recognized that I was guilty of concealing my faith or at least not talking about it.

In more recent years I have summoned the courage to openly reveal my faith both in the workplace and in social settings and, to my surprise, I have found others I would not have expected willing to do the same. I have discovered wildly successful CEOs humbling themselves in the presence of God. To be sure, the faithful I have personally witnessed are in the minority...but they are present and together we represent a base on which to build.

Stephen Bajan



**YOU'RE INVITED!
PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER
SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016 AT 6:30 PM**

Come hear about our adventures to Brookport, IL last summer.
We need your support to travel to SC this summer.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
200 S BROAD ST. NAZARETH, PA 18064**

Tickets will be available at the Church Office and after each service
beginning March 5th.

Tickets: Adults (11 and up) \$8.00

Children (6-10) \$4.00

Children (5 & under) Free

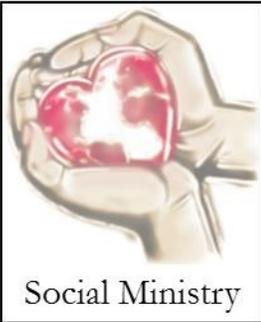
Call the Church Office at **610-759-3090** to make your reservations!

Hosted by: Helping Hands Committee & Von Bora Society
We are looking forward to seeing you.

A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.



BISHOP'S VISIT - The Reverend Doctor Samuel Zeiser is Bishop of our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. On Sunday April 10, at both the 8 and 10:45 a.m. worship services, Bishop Zeiser will be at St. John's to preach and participate in Holy Communion. Come to church and meet this very personable and scholarly man.



Social Ministry

The **Social Ministry Committee** is collecting donations of yarn for a project benefiting The CHEMO BAG. These bags are filled with items that are useful to persons receiving chemotherapy at our local hospitals. Our contribution is to knit caps and prayer shawls. If anyone is interested in participating in this endeavor please leave your name and phone number with the church office and we'll get back to you with the details. The yarn donation bin is located in the vestibule by the church office. Thanks.

NewsLetter DEADLINE The deadline for all submissions for the **May 2016** issue of THE MESSENGER is: **Monday, April 11th.** 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. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

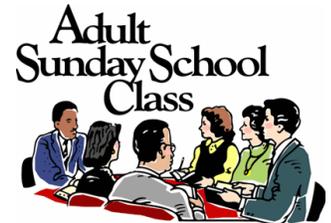
A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE KITCHEN ~ We certainly appreciate your delicious "dishes" you bring to social occasions or for funeral lunches. Please remember to pick up any dishes you may have inadvertently left in the kitchen. Thank you!



G.R.A.C.E.

Adult Bible Study Class

The Grace Adult Bible Study Class meets at 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings, from the first Sunday in September to the last Sunday in June. The Grace class is a unique group that not only studies God's Word, but also explores the events and attitudes occurring at the time, and the people who documented it. The class explores how Scripture can be applied to modern times, through study, discussion and prayer. The class also selects books by distinguished authors to read, review and discuss.



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.

Volunteers are urgently needed!!

Please prayerfully consider signing up for one of more of these worthy ministries.

USHERS ARE NEEDED!! Please sign up in the notebook located in the rear of the nave. Thank you.

Bulletin Sponsors Needed

St. John's prints 450 worship bulletins for each weekend (three worship services), plus additional copies for special worship services and events. Bulletin sponsors are needed to help offset the cost of printing the bulletins. **Please consider sponsoring the weekly bulletins in honor of or in memory of a loved one.** The weekly bulletin sponsorship costs \$50, but can be split with two dedications for \$25 each. **Please sign up in the Bulletin notebook at the back of the Nave or call the Church Office at 610-759-3090.**



Bulletins

FOOD BANK WEEKEND: April 23rd & 24th

The Nazareth Area Food Bank needs to replenish its supply of ***cake mix, soups, tuna, chicken, cereal,***



but we also welcome any other items you would like to donate. We are also collecting toiletry products:

shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc. 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.

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME

to a Lutheran exchange student from Germany for the coming 2016-2017 school year

Volunteer host families (with or without children) as well as single people are needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for the coming school year, one or two semesters, starting in August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. It is not too late to apply. For more information on EMF students, please call Marie-Claude Dijoud at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org.



YOUR CAR...YOUR MARRIAGE BOTH RUN SMOOTHER WITH A TUNE UP!

Now is the time to register for this opportunity to rekindle the romance and realize the full potential of your marriage with all the joy and beauty God intended.

The 2016 Pennsylvania Spring Weekends are:

- **April 8-10, 2016** in Lancaster, PA, at the Heritage Hotel Lancaster.
- **April 22-24, 2016** in State College, PA, at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel.

The registration fee is \$100 per couple and includes two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you and all supplies. To sign up or for more information, go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org.

Registrations are limited, so act today to ensure that you can attend the weekend of your choice.

For brochures, please contact: Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or email fjschamber@comcast.net.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE Schoeneck Moravian Church 316 N. Broad St. Ext, Nazareth, PA

Saturday, April 9 ~ 8 AM to 1 PM
Adult & Children's Clothing, Shoes, Housewares,
Toys, & More

\$3 bag sale starts at Noon

Breakfast foods and Luncheon available to eat or take out.



ST. JOHN'S FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

We are updating our files. Please make sure the Church Office has your current contact information! If your address, phone number or email address has changed, please complete this form and return it to the Church Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ (Home)

Phone #: _____ (Work)

Phone #: _____ (Cell)

Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ (Home)

Phone #: _____ (Work)

Phone #: _____ (Cell)

Email: _____

Please include your children's information:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ (Cell)

Email: _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ (Cell)

Email: _____



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES Feb. 23, 2016

PRESENT: Chris Andrews, Joe Billy, Alan Butz, Rev. Janice Butz, Craig Dally, Cathie Dara, Ralph Deyo, Rev. David Schaeffer, Jocelyn Starner, Jaime Taylor, Wayne Vierzbicki, Sharon Werner, Jackie Wolf

ABSENT: Stephen Bajan II, and Scott Little

DEVOTIONS: Ralph Deyo – Read Isaiah 61:1

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Dec. 16, 2015 and Jan. 20, 2016 were reviewed and stand as written.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Bishop Zeiser thanking St. John's for the benevolence received.

PASTOR SCHAEFFER'S REPORT: Complete As Written
Jackie Wolf - did a good job chairing the Annual Meeting on Jan. 31.
Property Committee - 15 people at meeting. Excitement regarding financial backing of Capital Campaign.
Ray Wolfe – Did an outstanding job of putting together the video for Capital Campaign.
Stephen Bajan II – Good to see a young gifted person assuming leadership at St. John's.
Feb. 20-21 – People were in the pews but the offering was down.
Cathie Dara – Commented on how to give when it comes to your offering.

REV. JANICE BUTZ REPORT:

Feb. 6-7 – Transfiguration Sunday and Farewell to Alleluia went well.
Lent is off to a good start.
March 6 - Festival Choir preparing for *Banquet of Song*, and Easter Sunday.
March 6 – Need Council members to Usher.
Suzanne Curtis – Hobby4Charity – Wants to sell hand-made items for Nazareth Food Bank.
Motion – Jocelyn Starner. 2nd – Sharon Werner – Council approved.

Jaime Taylor - DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES REPORT: Complete as written:

Feb. 3 – 8 – Attended ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Anaheim, CA.
Youth are doing a good job with ushering and as acolytes for the Mid-Week Lenten services

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Pastor Schaeffer reported:
They did not meet but had a phone meeting

COLUMBARIUM: Pastor Schaeffer reported – No Activity

DAY CARE: Jackie Wolf reported: Complete As Written
The Board met and Enrollment is at 117

ENDOWMENT: Pastor Schaeffer reported - Did not meet

EVANGELISM: Sharon Werner reported – Did not meet

HELPING HANDS: Jackie Wolf reported:
April 2 – Pork & Sauerkraut dinner. Hospitality Committee will help. Opening it up to Community.
July 23 – 30 – Possible trip to South Carolina.

LOVE-A-LOT: Wayne V. reported – Complete As Written
Going well - Opened up Lunch Bunch for 3 year old class.

LUTHER LEAGUE: Jaime Taylor reported:
March 18 - Palm Crosses will be made.
March 20 – Palm Crosses will be delivered to St. John's shut-ins.

PERSONNEL: Pastor Schaeffer reported: No issues



PROPERTY: Alan Butz reported: Complete As Written
Pastor Schaeffer did attend.
Replacement of T12 fluorescent bulbs and ballasts to
T8 bulbs and ballasts.
Motion by: Alan Butz, 2nd by Ralph Deyo – Council
approved.
Alan Butz discussed the Capital Campaign List – will
take to the Capital Campaign leadership team.
Tony took Metz for a look & review of the Nave's Air
Conditioner.
3 bids will be coming in on the remaining stained glass
windows.
Received a quote from MRP Electric for the Generator.
Will contact Capital Campaign Leadership Team to
see if we can include this expense.
Allan asked if Property can take the cost of the Genera-
tor to the Improvement Fund – The Generator is 40
years old. Motion – Craig Dally, 2nd Chris An-
drews. Motion passed.
Tony is doing an excellent job!

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Cathie Dara reported:
Souper Bowl Sunday was a success. Proceeds went
to Nazareth Food Bank and Safe Harbor – Easton.

STEWARDSHIP: Ralph Deyo reported: Complete as writ-
ten
Pledges have gone up.
April 9-10 = Volunteer Recognition Weekend – Bishop
Zeiser will be here.
May = Stewardship is doing the coffee hour.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Jaime Taylor reported:
Valentine's Day – Pajama Party – Bring A Friend Sun-
day
March 20 – Palm Sunday Donkey Walk.
VBS – June 13-17, 2016

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Jocelyn Starner reported:
April 9-10 – Volunteer Recognition Weekend – Bishop
Sam Zeiser will be here.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Capital Campaign update:
Phone script – Discussed with Church Council mem-
bers, got a lot of answering machines.
Need new phone script by Palm Sunday
Logo – Done
Pledges – March 5 & 6 – Pastor Schaeffer will give talk.
Envelopes going out in the Messenger.
Council Luncheon – April 24 @ 1:00 - Miguel's

NEW BUSINESS:
Amazon Smile Foundation – Chris Andrews, Alan Butz,
& Jackie Wolf discussed and will present to Fi-
nance.
Alan Butz – Council coverage for Lent. Always have 2
people to count offering after church.
Topton Home – rather than Summer Lunch Program
for Stewardship – To Be Determined
Ralph Deyo – Commented on Higher Education for
Seminaries.
Ushers – Council to step in.
Tony – Would like help for coffee hour in between ser-
vices.
Capital Campaign – Fellowship – After Services on
Feb. 27-28.
Ralph Deyo will help with coffee and offer training in
how to make the coffee.
Jaime Taylor commented on the Capital Campaign
video from 1989.

Building Use Requests:
Feb. 28 – Congregational Breakfast
March 6 – Banquet of Song
March 12 – Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show
March 19 – Baptism Celebration
April 2 – Helping Hands
April 30 – Chalice Choir Clothing Drive
Aug. 18 – Miller Keystone Blood Drive

Motion by: Cathie Dara approve all Building Use Re-
quests
2nd – Jocelyn Starner
Council Approved.

Council President Jackie Wolf declared the meeting ad-
journed at 8:20 p.m.
The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: March 30 – 7:30 p.m.

Next Devotions: Wayne V.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wallace
Recording Secretary



**In Our
Community**

Bus Trip ~ **July 12, 2016** to see “Samson” at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster area. The price is \$99 per person and includes a luncheon after the show at 11:00 AM at Shady Maples. We will leave at 8:15 AM from Holy Family Club parking lot on W. Mauch Chunk Street in Nazareth. Call 610-759-0576 for reservations.

Meals On Wheels of Northampton County will be participating in the 13th “Walk For A Healthy Community” hosted by Highmark Health on **June 4, 2016**. Last year, with the support of generous friends, we were able to surpass our goal and raised over \$47,000, representing the highest amount raised in our community and highest among the five walks held throughout the state. Meals On Wheels is seeking sponsors and walkers for this event. All proceeds raised by Meals On Wheels will help to support The Meal Subsidy Program to subsidize the cost of meals for 90% of our seniors who are low income, most living just on Social Security or less. For more information contact Jamie Rzeszowski Phone: 610-691-1030 Email: JamieR@mealsonwheelspa.org



**“Journeys Through
Grief”**

A six session support group
For those who are grieving

Spring 2016

Luther Crest
Fuellenbach Room
800 Hausman Road
Allentown, PA 18104

Monday mornings
10:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2 & 9

There is no fee to participants thanks to the generosity of the following:
J. S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Inc..
1601 Hamilton Street
Allentown, PA



Registration is required



**“Journeys Through Grief”
Registration Form
Luther Crest
Spring 2016**

Contact Kathy Reyher at 610-770-9205 or mail this registration to:
Lutheran Congregational Services
1923 Hanover Ave.
Allentown, PA 18109

Name

Street

City

Phone

E-mail

SERVING GOD IN APRIL 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 parenthesis) if you are unable to find someone to serve in your place. Sign-up books for Ushers, Nursery Attendants, Altar Flowers,

Date & Time of Service	GREETERS Maryellen Werkeiser (610-759-5191)	ACOLYTES Jaime Taylor/Church Office (610-759-3090)	LECTORS Christina Brodt (610-653-0358)	USHERS Christina Brodt (610-653-0358)
Apr. 2 - 3	5:30 p.m.	Laurie Center	Daphney Adams	Charles Bonisese
	8:00 a.m.	Youth	Tim Garrison	Karen Coleman
	10:45 a.m.	Youth	Aaron Leopold	Sharon Werner
Apr. 9 - 10	5:30 p.m.	Joanne Lambert	Elizabeth Rakos	Cindy Evancho
	8:00 a.m.	Keith & Cathy Shook Lester & Adrienne Grier	Taylor Hesse	Suzan Andrews
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Johnson Ron & Eileen Angelino	Crystal Koch	Andy Herbstler
Apr. 16 - 17	5:30 p.m.	Gregus Family	Andrew Emmons	Steven Millheim
	8:00 a.m.	David & Susan Bittner Frank & Lourdes Whiteman	Jordan Reuber	Mat Benol
	10:45 a.m.	Craig & Ann Dally Roy & Gloria Roth	Aiden Koch	Craig Dally
Apr. 23 - 24	5:30 p.m.	Dan & Robin Guggenberger	Elena Calantoni	Lenna Harris
	8:00 a.m.	Gerry Edwards & Dottie Messinger Carol Kish	Maya Jammann	Edith Brodt
	10:45 a.m.	Nicholas & Nicole Calantoni Hildegard Kurt	Addison McNair	Christina Brodt

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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Day Care - Susan Kelly

Evangelism - Sharon Werner

Helping Hands - Ralph Deyo

Love-A-Lot Nursery School - Wayne Vierzbicki

Personnel - Jackie Wolf

Property - Alan Butz, 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

YEO Endowment - Donald Himler (Special appt.)

Youth Representative - Billy Garrison

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A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

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Answer: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

APRIL 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Spring Has Sprung!</p>					1 April Fool's Day No scheduled Events	2 Second Saturday of Easter 10:00 AM Philethia Choir 5:30 PM Worship w/Holy Comm. 6:30 PM Helping Hands Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner
3 Second Sunday of Easter 8:00 AM Worship w/Holy Comm. 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Member/Baptism Class 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Comm.	4 6:30 PM Property 7:00 PM Rebekah Circle	5 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions	6 9:30 AM Ruth Circle 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM Confirmation I & II 6:15 PM Sr. High Youth Grp. 6:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Stewardship 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Naz. Community Band	7 6:00 PM Girl Scout #8220 6:30 PM Festival Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	8 Confirmation Retreat 4:00 PM Girl Scout #81078	9 Third Saturday of Easter <i>Volunteer Recognition Weekend</i> Confirmation Retreat 5:30 PM Worship w/Holy Comm. (Fellowship – Stewardship)
10 Third Sunday of Easter <i>Volunteer Recognition Weekend</i> <i>Bishop Zeiser</i> 8:00 AM Worship w/Holy Comm. (Fellowship-Stewardship) 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Comm. (Fellowship-Stewardship)	11 Messinger Deadline 6:30 PM History 7:00 PM Day Care Board	12 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:30 PM Sunday School 7:00 PM Naz. Women's Club	13 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM Confirmation I 6:15 PM Sr. High Youth Grp. 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Naz. Community Band	14 6:00 PM Girl Scout #8220 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	15 No scheduled Events	16 Fourth Saturday of Easter 5:30 PM Worship w/Holy Comm.
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24 Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>Arts Festival Weekend</i> <i>Food Bank Weekend</i> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Meet the Artist 10:45 AM Worship Service	25 No Scheduled Events	26 7:00 AM Primary Election 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM Jam Sessions	27 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM Confirmation I & II 6:15 PM Sr. High Youth Grp. 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Naz. Community Band 7:30 PM Church Council	28 6:00 PM Girl Scout #8220 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	29 Final Dropoff for Clothing Drive	30 Sixth Saturday of Easter 8:00 AM Chalice Choir Clothing Drive 5:30 PM Worship w/Holy Comm.