

Pretty soon it will be summer. We will have the opportunity to travel to beautiful places on God's good earth where there are no street lamps or other artificial lights. There, with our families, we can gaze up at the stars, point out to our little ones the constellations and enjoy the show the stars especially the falling stars put on. Hopefully in those quiet moments two biblical passages will come to our minds; one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament:

“A star shall come forth out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel” (Numbers 24:17)

“I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the BRIGHT MORNING STAR.” (Revelation 22:16)

The passage from Numbers fed the Messianic hopes of late Judaism. About 130 A.D. the Roman Emperor Hadrian gave orders that a city to be called Aelid Capitolena be built on the site of Jerusalem. It was to have a temple dedicated to the Roman god Jupiter in which Hadrian would be honored. This bold disregard for Jewish feelings led to a revolt of the Jews under a man who called himself BAR-COCHBA which in Hebrew means SON-OF-A-STAR. This revolt leader said he was fulfilling the Numbers 24:17 passage. Influential Rabbi Akiba hailed BAR-COCHBA as the expected Jewish Messiah. The revolt was brutally crushed by Hadrian's soldiers.

BAR-COCHBA was a pretender. Jesus is indeed the STAR out of Jacob, the offspring of David in whose hand is the scepter that rules. Jesus is the BRIGHT MORNING STAR.

Today we know the “BRIGHT MORNING STAR” is actually not a star at all. Instead it is the planet VENUS as it appears before sunrise in the western sky. LIKE VENUS, Jesus is unique. There is no one else like him. He is the only one who can be our true point of reference. But still there must be more as to why our Savior wanted to describe Himself as the “BRIGHT MORNING STAR” – What does the “MORNING STAR” do day after day? We know that as Venus arises in the western sky around 4 a.m. soon the birds will begin to sing. Shortly after that, in the eastern sky, the sun will begin to rise. THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR represents the promise of a new day; it indicates that something better is coming.

I like the way Pastor William D. Watley, Pastor of St. James AME Church in Newark N.J. expresses it. Watley wrote: “We usually think of stars as nighttime luminaries – but the MORNING STAR ANNOUNCES THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY. Who can testify that SINCE I MET JESUS, IT'S A NEW DAY? I used to have low self esteem...but since I met Jesus, it's a NEW DAY NOW... Fear that used to paralyze me and guilt that used to beat me up have lost their hold on me. It's “A NEW DAY NOW”. And Jesus, the STAR that came forth out of Jacob – the BRIGHT MORNING STAR is using the SCEPTER, which HE holds in his nail scarred hand to point us to that NEW AND GLORIOUS DAY.

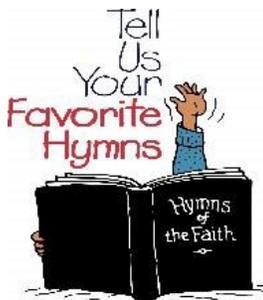
*The Reverend David B. Schaeffer*

# 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.*

- June 4 - 5**                      Third Weekend after Pentecost / Roosevelt Credit
- June 11 - 12**                    Fourth Weekend after Pentecost / Sunday School Closing Program
- June 18 - 19**                    Fifth Weekend after Pentecost / Summer Worship Schedule begins / Father's Day
- June 25 - 26**                    Sixth Weekend after Pentecost / Food Bank Weekend

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE** ~ Our Summer Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, June 19th and continues thru Labor Day weekend. During the summer there will be one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. with no Sunday School. Holy Communion will continue to be celebrated on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. The Saturday evening Worship with Holy Communion service remains unchanged at 5:30 p.m.



## SUMMER "TIME TO SING"

Once again, the congregation will be given the opportunity to sing their favorite hymns during our summer worship services that will begin on Sunday, June 19. If you wish to make a hymn suggestion for our summer "Time to Sing," please fill out a favorite hymn card that can be found at the rear of the nave. All hymn choices must be included in our current Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal and the hymn # must be indicated on the card. Completed cards should then be placed in the "Favorite Hymn Organ." Hymn suggestions can be deposited at any time, and as frequently as you wish. Each Sunday a card will be randomly selected and then sung during our worship service. We look forward to your participation!

## 2016 Fellowship Social Calendar



- June 19 ~ Ladies Aid / Bible Study (Summer Fellowship)
- July ~ *No Fellowship*
- August 14 ~ Outdoor Worship / Breakfast



When on vacation,  
be with us in spirit.  
  
The rest of the  
summer, be with us  
in person.

# Groups Serving Christ Through St. John's Church

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Fellowship this month will be on **Sunday, June 19th**, following the church service. Members of the Ladies Aid Society and Bible Study will host the fellowship hour.

## **The Ladies Aid Society**

The Ladies Aid Society of St. John's was organized in May of 1906. The Society attracts women who enjoy the art of needlework. Quilting, as an art, is practical and carried out as a congregational and community service. In the 1920's the women sewed and sold bonnets for forty cents and aprons (maybe clothespin aprons) for sixty cents. In the last 25 years, the quilters sewed more than 250 bed tops. All monies and special offerings are donated to the church at the annual meeting of St. John's Congregation. The Society meets every Tuesday morning at 9 am in the quilting room at St. John's.



## **Bible Study**

Two Bible Study groups meet on Wednesday. One class meets at Noon and one class meets at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## **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.



*I*t was probably the favorite song of our children's choir this past year and it was sung with great enthusiasm at our Church Music celebration led by our children and youth on Sunday, May 1. I am certain most people in worship that morning would agree that *Get on Board, Little Children*, was catchy, lilting, and filled with spirit! With the blowing of a train whistle, all of us were invited to board the train and join the gospel ride.

Also known as *The Gospel Train*, this delightful song is a traditional African-American spiritual. First published in 1872, it was one of the songs popularized by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, a vocal choir from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. Formed in 1871 with only eight singers, the original Jubilee Singers were the first formal African-American choir to introduce what was known as "slave songs" to the world, and they were instrumental in preserving this unique American musical tradition known today as Negro spirituals.

Negro spirituals were the songs of a people tired and weary. Passed down from one generation to another through an oral tradition, the spirituals became a bloodline, bringing the vital flow of hope and faith to the emotional and spiritual heart of the slave. The songs speak not only of life and death, suffering and sorrow, but also of love and judgment, grace and hope. Through these songs the slaves expressed in subtle words and melody not only their pain, loneliness, and troubles, but also their hope and determination to live on.

Many of the spirituals have a dual meaning—a message about the future as well as the present. They looked to heaven and the afterlife as their final freedom from slavery, but they also looked at freedom in the present day through the efforts of the underground railroad movement, helping them to escape from southern plantations to the North via a loose network of safe houses. As the organization gained momentum, anywhere from 40,000 to 100,000 slaves reached freedom. They saw themselves as bound for the kingdom that was breaking into the present, and they affirmed their willingness to "get on board" that gospel train. Having nothing to lose and everything to gain, the slaves accepted the risk because the gospel train meant the possibility of freedom.

This past April, several youth and adult singers from St. John's had the opportunity to travel to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York City. Joining with a massed choir for their afternoon jazz service, we sang several songs composed by Roosevelt Credit, the bass soloist at St. Peter's and someone we have come to know through his inspirational singing at St. John's over the past few years. At the beginning of the liturgy, Roosevelt sang the traditional spiritual *Get on Board*, and later in the service the choir sang his newly composed song with the same title. Just like the original spiritual, this new song extends an invitation for all to join the gospel train. Although the words are different from the original song, the message is the same. It's a summons for everyone, young and old, rich and poor, parents and children, to get aboard, experience God's love, and learn to follow the path of Christ.

Roosevelt returns to St. John's on June 4 & 5, and there's a good possibility that we may hear his version of *Get on Board*. With a concert on Saturday evening, and his participation at our worship services, his enthusiasm and energy will certainly beckon us to raise our voices, to join in the singing, and to "get on board." Hope to see you in church that weekend!

Grace and peace,  
*Janice Butz*, Minister of Music

Roosevelt Credit & Friends, in concert  
SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 7:30 p.m.

Broadway bass-baritone Roosevelt Credit  
returns to St. John's!!



Join us for another fantastic evening of music with bass-baritone singer Roosevelt Credit! Since 2009, Roosevelt has visited St. John's four times and each visit has been a phenomenal experience of great music and spirited singing. His magnetic personality and magnificent voice combine to truly lift our souls to greater heights. We are pleased that his schedule will allow him to return once again to St. John's for another memorable weekend. Along with some of Saint John's own local talent, including our Chalice Choir, Roosevelt will entertain us with a diverse program of musical styles on Saturday evening. In addition, he will also be participating at our worship services on June 4 & 5. Don't miss it!

Invite your friends to join you for a wonderful evening and share with them Roosevelt's biography listed below.

Roosevelt Credit's profound and spirited performances have served to shape his career both nationally and internationally as a bass/baritone. He has performed on and off Broadway, playing several roles in the Tony Award winning company of *Show Boat*, and most recently appeared in the cast of Broadway's *Porgy & Bess*. His extensive repertoire includes opera, oratorio, jazz, spirituals, pop, and musicals. He has performed with numerous opera companies and was a featured soloist with Jazz at Lincoln Center's Duke Ellington Orchestra. In a New York City tribute to Jerome Kern, he sang "Old Man River" and brought the cheering audience to their feet. Roosevelt is also known around the world as a versatile conductor, arranger, composer, performer, and educator. Many times he has appeared as a guest clinician at regional conventions of the American Choral Directors Association. Acknowledged for his humanitarianism and good will, Roosevelt was awarded the Theron Montgomery Award by the Broadway community twice, recognizing him as a positive role model both on and off stage. In the Fall of 2012 he was awarded the Most Distinguished Alumni Fellows Award.



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

There are many summer activities available for youth completing grades 6 – 12 this summer. Yes, that's right! Students who just finished their 6<sup>th</sup> grade year are invited to get a jump start on Luther League events this year, so come join us this summer!

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be Packing Boxes for the Military. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 pm. This is a quick event, so please be on time, or you may miss it! Under the direction of Dean and Barbara Sandbrook, we take all of the donations that the congregation provided, and we divide them up into many boxes. These boxes then get shipped over seas to military personnel who are currently serving. This is a great service project to be involved with!

Vacation Bible School takes place from Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 12:00 noon here at St. John's. The theme this year is Cave Quest: Following Jesus – The Light of the World! There is a registration form in this addition of *The Messenger* for any children wanting to attend. Any youth who would like to help, please contact me. We would love to have your help!

On Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be heading to Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom! Please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am. Drivers will be needed. Rain date will be on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$25/youth. Please bring a towel, sunscreen, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch there, and a change of clothes.

On Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be heading to Dutch Springs to use their Aqua Park, high ropes course, and climbing wall. Cost is \$20/youth. Rain date will be on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a towel, sunscreen, a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch there, sneakers for the high ropes course and rock climbing wall, and a change of clothes.

M.A.D. (Music, Art, and Drama) Camp will be held from August 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> here at St. John's. For registration or information, please see Rev. Janice Butz.

The Outdoor Worship service and breakfast will be held at Nazareth Borough Park on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

As a reminder, Summer SHYG runs all summer, every Wednesday night from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the Youth Room. All youth who just finished grades 6 – 12 are encouraged to attend!

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

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

June 1: Packing Boxes for the Military. 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

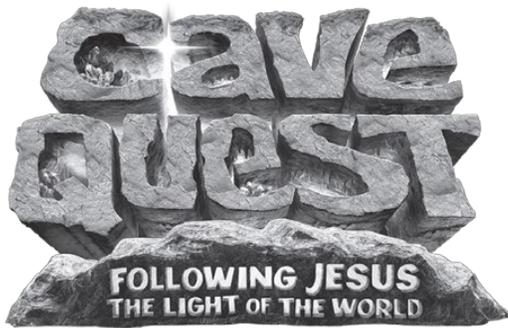
June 13 – 17: Vacation Bible School. A registration form can be found in this edition of *The Messenger*. Any middle/high school youth wanting to help should contact Jaime Taylor.

July 19: Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom. Any youth in grades 7 – 12 wanting to attend, please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am. Youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are also welcome! Cost is \$25/youth. Drivers will be needed. Rain date: July 21.

August 2: Dutch Springs. Any youth in grades 7 – 12 wanting to attend, please meet in the Dutch Springs parking lot at 9:30 am. Cost is \$20/youth. Youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are also welcome! Rain date: August 4.

August 8 – 12: M.A.D. Camp.

August 14: Outdoor Worship Service at the Nazareth Borough Park.



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



**Congratulations to the members of our congregation who are graduating!** No doubt they look forward to the next phase of their lives with excitement, anticipation, and perhaps a little apprehension. St. John's wishes God's blessings on our graduates as they pursue their dreams and goals.

We hope these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks, will serve our graduates well as they embark on their journeys: *"Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, but for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle. Every day you shall wonder at yourself and the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."*

**SARAH JANE BRODT** will be graduating from Montclair University with her Masters in Public Health. She plans to work at a college in Washington DC or Maryland.

**CHAD BUTZ** graduated from Kutztown University with a Masters in Business Administration in May of 2016. He will be attending Gettysburg Seminary on August 8th of this year. He plans to get his Masters of Divinity to become a Pastor in the ELCA.

**LAUREN DI RENZO** will graduate from Easton Area High School on June 13, 2016. Lauren is a member of the National Honor Society, Marching Band (flute section leader), Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra and Flute Quintet, as well as many other clubs and organizations. Lauren was accepted to all nine of the colleges and universities she applied to; with merit scholarship offers at most. She has decided to continue her education at West Chester University. She will major in Psychology, with a focus on Industrial and Organizational Psychology. Lauren would like to thank her St. John's family for all of their support and encouragement. She looks forward to returning to St. John's for holidays and special events, and singing with the Chalice Choir and playing her flute.

**HARRISON ISAAC EDDINGS** will graduate from Nazareth Area High School on June 3, 2016. He received a West Jefferson Alumni Scholarship & a Mimosa Scholarship from his future school, Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama. He plans to obtain a degree in either marketing or accounting, with a minor in Spanish.

**JOSH HILL** will be graduating from Nazareth High School on June 3. He plans to attend the University of Pittsburg for a degree in Micro Biology.

**BILLY GARRISON**, proud son of Bill and Christine, will graduate from Nazareth High School on June 3, 2016. Billy will fulfil his life dream of serving our country in the US Navy. Billy is currently training for a SEALs contract within the Navy and is scheduled to leave for Boot Camp in September. Billy has been an active youth in the church and we are blessed that he has been afforded so many opportunities. He is currently President of the LYF for our Synod. He has served on Council as the Youth Representative for the past two years. He has attended two ELCA Youth Gatherings (New Orleans and Detroit) and the Nebraska Youth Leadership Summit. This August he will attend the church wide assembly in New Orleans as a voting delegate for the North Eastern Pennsylvania Synod.

**JARRETT NEMETH** will graduate from Nazareth High School on June 3rd. He has received the Outstanding Senior Award of the High School soccer team. He will continue to play soccer at FK Raca in Bratislava, Slovakia. He will also continue his studies at the City University of Seattle in Bratislava.

**AMY RADZELOVAGE** is graduating with honors from Freedom High School on June 7, 2016. She was a member of the varsity volleyball team, a member of the National Honor Society, committee member and participant of the BASD Mini-thon, a member of Student Council and recipient of a silver cord for community service. She will attend Arcadia University to complete their Combined Bachelors and Masters degree program in Physician Assistant studies.

**DANIEL SEATON** will be graduating from Nazareth HS on Friday June 3rd. He is an aspiring musician and is undecided where he will continue in this path.

**CEMETERY WORK DAY ~ Saturday, June 4th ~ 9 a.m. - Noon.**

Meet at South Street Cemetery, corner of Broad & South Streets. For more information, call Dean Brodt 610-759-6637.

**Sunday School Summer Months Closing Program**



On **Sunday, June 12, 2016**, St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday School will hold its annual closing program for the summer months from **9:15 AM to approximately 10:00 AM**. Our Sunday School Closing Program will be held outside on the parsonage lawn (weather permitting). Bring either a beach towel or blanket to sit on; if we experience inclement weather, the Sunday School Closing Program will be held in Fellowship Hall; however, please still bring a beach towel or blanket. Please come and join us celebrate the Lord. Have a safe and blessed summer! See you back in September!!

***Anniversary Sunday – June 12, 2016***

Are You Celebrating your 10th, 15th, 20, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more Wedding Anniversary during the year 2016? If so, you are invited to a celebration beginning with the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 12th. A luncheon for all the celebrating couples will follow in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by the Katherine Von Bora Society. There is no charge, but kindly RSVP by Sunday, June 5th.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

We are celebrating our \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding Anniversary on \_\_\_\_\_.

Please complete and return in the offering plate or to the Church Office by Sun. June 5th.



All Ladies of St. John's ~ You are invited to join us for the **ANNUAL WELCA "END OF THE YEAR" PICNIC**

**Date: Sunday, June 26th**

**Time: 1 PM**

**Place: Fellowship Hall - St. John's**

**RSVP** by returning the slip below either in the offering plate or place in the WELCA mailbox . Come join us for Fellowship, Friendship, and Fabulous Food.

**WELCA ANNUAL PICNIC**

Sunday, June 26th ~ 1 p.m.

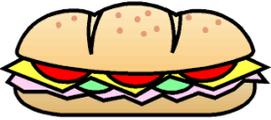
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # People \_\_\_\_\_

Please RSVP by Sunday, June 19th

## 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](mailto: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.

**NewsLetter**  
**DEADLINE** The deadline for all submissions for the **July/August 2016** issue of **THE MESSENGER** is:  
**Friday, June 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.

## FOOD BANK WEEKEND: June 25th & 26th



The Nazareth Area Food Bank needs to replenish its supply of **mac & cheese, pancake mix, powdered/canned potatoes**, 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.

**Special Offering Envelopes for the month of June** benefit the End Malaria Campaign!



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** ~ Beginning Monday, June 20th through the first week of September, the Church Office hours will be: Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On Fridays, the Church Office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

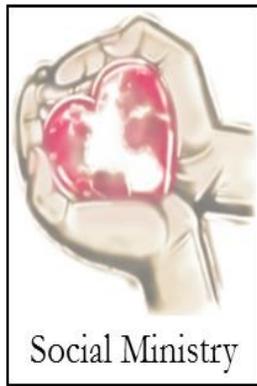
**GEORGE RUNDLE, JR.**  
*June 18th*  
Gracedale SE1 Rm. 8  
2 Gracedale Ave.



## ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Please remember to continue Sunday school as well as other activities. In fact, our Sunday school Jr./Sr. High Department includes grades 7 – 12. There is plenty for you to do after you are confirmed. Sunday school needs assistance with the Sunday School Closing (June 12 this year), SHYG (Sr. High Youth Group) meets every Wednesday evening, we need new interns every year to assist with younger Sunday school grades, and we need YOU!

Sunday School Department

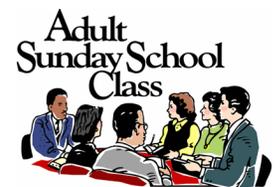


The **Social Ministry Committee** is collecting donations of yarn for a project benefiting The CHEMO BAG . These bags are filled with items that someone can use while physically sitting in an infusion chair. However, Chemo is not just about the infusion, it's also about the time afterwards, the time when a person feels their worst. Items they can take home that will bring them comfort in the days following an infusion are greatly appreciate. Our contribution is to knit caps and lap blankets. It takes 3 skeins of yarn to make the lap blankets. If anyone is interested in participating in this very important 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 Fellowship Hall.

**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.



**Helping Hands 2016 Mission Trip**

**Ocean County, NJ! Please join us!**



There are Hurricane Sandy projects that still need to be completed. The location is rather

close by so please consider helping us even for a day or two. We can always use an extra hand. Lodging is provided. We will have use of a kitchen, but we need to provide our own food and we need someone to volunteer to be our cook for the group of 10 - 13 people. We **leave on Sunday, July 24th and return on Saturday, July 30th.** Interested? Have questions? Contact Gail Price 610-704-8736 or Keith Shook 610-533-6446.

**USHERS**



**USHERS ARE NEEDED!** Please contact Christina Brodt to put your name on the volunteer list. Ushering is a great way for families to serve together. **Contact Christina Brodt, Ushers Coordinator, at 610-**

**653-0358** or **krabbymom@hotmail.com.** Thank you for participating in this very important aspect of our worship services.

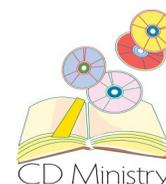
**PRAYER CHAIN ~** We pray that you will think of



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.

**SPONSORS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS, THE BULLETIN AND THE CD MINISTRY ARE NEEDED!**



# SAVE THE DATE

Make note of these upcoming August events on your calendar.

## M.A.D. CAMP

(A summer program of Music, Art, & Drama for children)

**AUGUST 8-12,  
Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church**

M.A.D. Camp is an outlet for children to enjoy music, games, arts and crafts, in a fun and relaxed setting. Our focus will be on singing, acting, designing scenery, creating costumes, and working on props for the musical "Oh, Jonah!" based on the Biblical story of Jonah and the whale. Children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate. Our end product will be a special musical gift that will be presented at the fall stewardship dinner on Saturday evening, November 5. Watch for a registration form in the summer issue of *The Messenger*, or pick one up at the church office.

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### OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 14 ~ 9 a.m. ~ Nazareth Borough Park



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### SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Nazareth Ministerium is sponsoring a Summer Lunch Program for children and youth in the Nazareth Area School District. St. John's has signed up to participate **August 15, 16 and 19**, We need 4 - 6 volunteers for each day from approx. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to prepare bag lunches in the kitchen at Nazareth Moravian Church (on the circle) and to bring them one block to the park at the corner of Church & Center Sts. where they will be handed out to the children. Please call Susan Kelly at 610-746-2231 to volunteer.

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### MILLER KEYSTONE BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 25 ~ 2 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ~ St. John's Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall



## PASTORAL ACTS



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

**SCOTT HIMLER**  
May 1st

Please welcome **Sheri Fegley and her children, Thomas, Alexa and Victoria** to St. John's. They joined our Church on Sunday morning, April 17. They transferred from Lutheran Church in Tamaqua and presently live in Bethlehem. Sheri was baptized, confirmed and married at St. John's. She is also the daughter of Gary and Janice Baltz. The family has their own business - Vista Fuels and the children go to Moravian Academy in Bethlehem. Please be sure to greet this young family and welcome them to our Church.

Welcome new member, **Scott Himler**, who joined St. John's on May 1. Scott was confirmed here at St. John's in 1973 and his parents are long-time members Donald and Ruth Himler. Scott, a Pharmacist, moved to Bethlehem from Horsham, PA. Please take a moment to say Hello to this new member of St. John's.

### *Correspondence...*

To All of Our Friends at St. John's Lutheran Church,  
With many thanks to you for your kindness. Many thanks for your kind and warm hospitality!

Love Always, Troop 81078  
Lauren, Regan, Apryl, Emily, Raina, Amanda, Mia,  
Maddie, Makena, Mallory, Lily, Emma



Our heartfelt Christian sympathy goes out to the families and friends of the following members and friends of St. John's who passed into eternal life in the month of April & May 2016:

**PATRICIA E. CONKLIN**  
April 27th

**FRANK (DENNY) PARENT**  
May 7th



Received in the month  
of

### **ARLENE SIEGFRIED**

Colgan & Associates LLC, Marjorie Rehrig, Laurie Rudich, Natalie Siegfried, Princes, Jeffrey & Dawn Kratzer, David & Jane Babich, Gerald & Louise Weiss

### **HAROLD GOGEL JR.**

Preston & Joan Ervin, Ned & Patricia Barlieb, Jeanette Lambert, Lester & Ruth Wagner, Dale Cassler, Arlene Bush, George & Barbara Rinker, Lawrence & Margaret Oberly

### **ANTHONY PACKO**

Joan Glancy

### **EVELYN SHANKWEILER**

Harold & Patricia Heckman, Dorothy Duby & daughters, Scott & Georgine Heckman, Albert & Barbara Keppel, Henry & Marie Keppel, Thomas & Jeanette Keppel, Barbara Shook, Kay & Henry Marushak, Jr.

### **GERALDINE WALTER**

Janet & Charles Martin, Larry & Ann Walter, Fran & Joel Dean, Susan Horvath

## 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

*We have been asked to create a narrative about St. John's for the Capital Campaign. Joan and I became members in 2008 with our daughter Samantha. I jumped in with both feet and became a member of the Property Committee and in 2009 was elected to Council. Joan and I enjoy all aspects of worship at St. John's. After a full year at St. John's we knew that we had made the right decision and were amazed at the different services throughout the year that featured the grand musical contributors of St. John's. Pastor Janice's contributions to this congregation cannot be overstated. We often read about the declining attendance in churches nationwide. As you know, the youth of this nation are the future of the church. It is very gratifying to see so many young people involved in this congregation. Jaime does a wonderful job of keeping them engaged and involved in church life. We have so much to be thankful for as members of St. John's. Of all the wonderful things about St. John's, Pastor Schaeffer's eloquent sermons really sealed the deal for me and Joan. He is truly a gifted preacher and we are blessed to have him.*

*As many of you may know, in 2013 our daughter Samantha passed away four days before Christmas. Having become active in the church early on we made many friends at St. John's. We found that these acquaintances from church became to feel like family. We have no family in the immediate area, as a result we fell back on our church family. As our relatives came in from different states, the comfort, support and prayers from this congregation gave us the strength we needed to complete the task of planning our daughter's funeral. The pastors, the church council, our friends from Bible study and many people we didn't know from the congregation all contributed to see that we had what we needed physically and spiritually to get through this very difficult time. These friends of only five years and many for much less time than that propped us up at a time in our lives when we needed it most.*

*Our story here at St. John's would not be complete without mentioning St. John's Lutheran Daycare. They have been instrumental in helping us raise our six-year-old grandson Gavin since he was 10 months old. The staff from the infant room to the school-age children are professional and caring individuals. The care and education he has received there is just fantastic. Gavin loves everyone at St. John's Daycare, feels safe there and we know that he is loved as well.*

*When I was asked to help with the Capital Campaign, there was not much to say other than yes. This church means a lot to me and Joan and I believe it is important that it be here as a place to worship for friends and families in the future.*

*Joan & Craig Rifendifer*

## SEXTON CORNER



HELLO TO ALL! Summer is just a few weeks away - YES!

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.

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.

Les Little and Barry Hoch have done a fine job cutting and pruning some trees that were in need.

Contracts have been signed and work will begin on the Shepherds Room stained glass window. This will include electrical and window restoration.

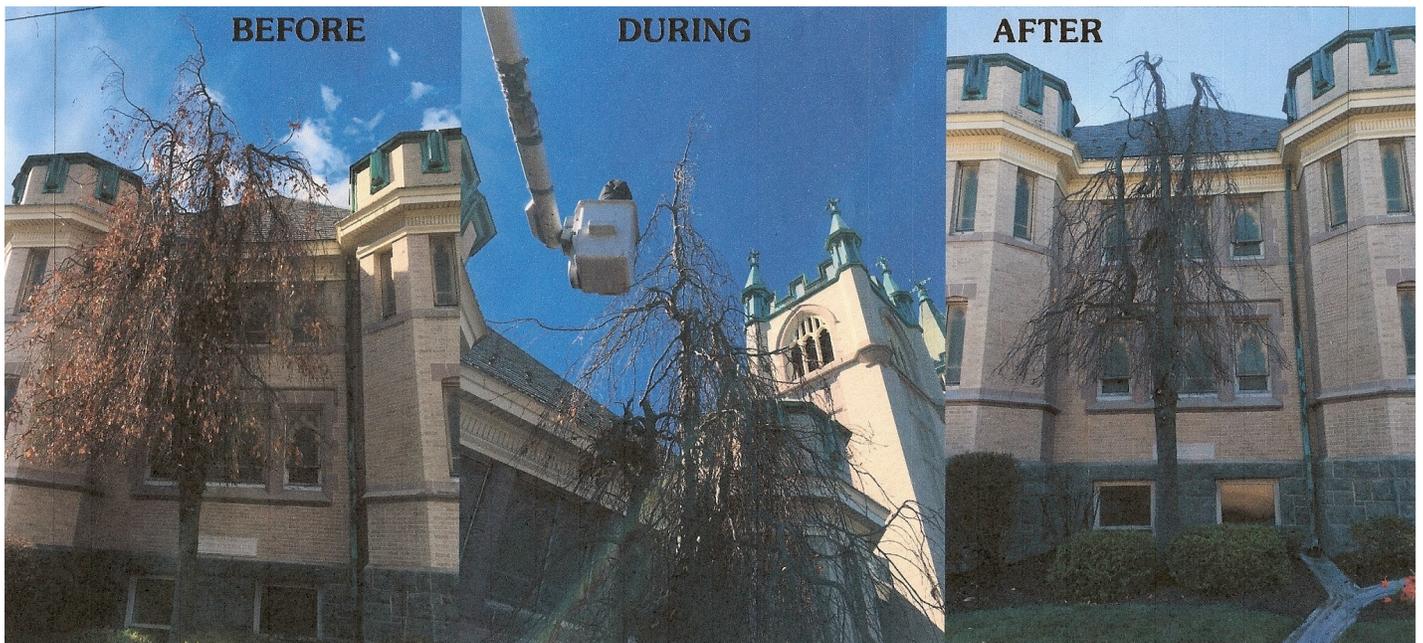
Helping Hands member, Gary Wolf has finished repair work and painting of the bay windows at 38 Prospect Street.

Concrete work will begin at building 36 and 38 Prospect Street in May, weather permitting.

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

Welcome to Dean Brodt and Ray Wolfe, Jr. who have joined us as sextons.

*The Sextons*  
sextons@rcn.com





# Love-A-Lot Nursery School



The beginning of May was a flurry of art projects in celebration of Mother's Day! Cards and flowers, along with heartfelt crafts, were given to the Moms. The 3yo class held a very special Mother's Day Celebration for their moms on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments and cookies followed songs as the room was decorated with personalized portraits of each mom – a great time was had by all!

Although there were many reasons to celebrate, it wasn't all parties (although the children thought it was!), we snuck in some learning too! Aside from practicing their poems and songs for graduation, the 4yo class reviewed every letter, blending, positioning, patterning, rhyming, alliteration, shapes, colors, and numbers; while the 3yo class reviewed shapes, numbers, and colors.

Each month both classes have enjoyed a visit from Nazareth's Children's Librarian, Catherine Stewart; this was our last set of visits for the school year and the children created a wonderful card to accompany a gift to thank her for all the wonderful stories she shared with us during the school year.

The last day of class was followed by a Graduation Ceremony in the evening for the 4yo class. The children worked very hard...rehearsing both songs and poems for the big event. It was a "full house" in Fellowship Hall with lots of laughs and, of course, tears, as families and friends saw how their children have grown. Special thanks to everyone who assisted in preparing the stage/room, and of course, thanks to our piano-playing Reverend Janice Butz for helping to make the night a success by giving much of her time during rehearsals and for the big night!

To celebrate the end of the year and ring in the summer months, picnics were held at the Nazareth Boro Park for each class. Great times, great memories, great friends...

***Congratulations & Big Hugs to the Graduating Class of 2016:  
Adriana, Brennan, Connor, Edge, Elise, Ella, Elliot, Grayson, Hayleigh, Jaiden,  
Kinley, Leah, Leo, Lukas, Macie, Peyton, and Tristan!***

Although school is not in session for the summer, we are accepting registrations for September. The 3yo class meets Tuesday/Thursday and the 4yo class meets Monday/Wednesday/Friday. (Note: At the time of this writing, there are a limited number of spots for the 4yo class; there are openings left in our 3yo class.) Both classes run from 9-11:30 am with an optional lunch bunch for the 4yo class that runs 11:30-1pm. For more information, please call (484-293-0720) or email ([LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com](mailto:LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com)) the school. (Both voicemail and email are checked on a regular basis throughout the summer months.)



## NEWS FROM THE DAYCARE JUNE 2016

May was a wonderful month with lots of outside activities. Many of the classrooms planted flowers to learn about plants and how they grow, and all the classrooms created some beautiful Mother's Day gifts and were very excited to present them. The first week of May was teacher appreciation week. A special thank you goes to our board for the luncheon they provided along with some other goodies. We were also very grateful to the families who took time to express their thanks.

This month the students will look forward to the end of school and we welcome some of our summer students back. We will also be having our second pre-k graduation and the families are very excited to see their children on the stage in caps and gowns. We are looking forward to our center wide trip to the Iron Pigs game. This will be our 6th year attending the game as a center and it is always a wonderful time. We will also begin collecting money to donate to Lehigh Valley Zoo to help them bring in the giraffe exhibit. We collected money for the penguin exhibit and we are excited to help with this project also.

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](mailto:lisat@rcn.com).



### Friends of the Nazareth Library Book Sale ~ June 2 - 4.

Preview June 2nd for members 9 - 10 a.m. New members are welcome to pay at the door. The bag sale will be held on Saturday. Please donate your unwanted books, DVD's, CD's and audio books (but no VHS tapes or cassettes), to the library during regular business hours starting May 2nd.



*deliver a difference*

**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](mailto:JamieR@mealsonwheelspa.org)

### 38th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival

**Saturday, June 4th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Hosted on the lawn of the 1740/1743 Whitefield House in beautiful downtown Nazareth, it is **one of the Lehigh Valley's largest outdoor arts and crafts festivals**. Join us for a family friendly day filled with wonderful arts and crafts, great food, and free kids activities.

Moravian Historical Society



**ARTS & CRAFTS**  
FESTIVAL

## FINANCIAL REPORT FIRST QUARTER - 2016

	2016 Year-to-Date Actual	2016 Budget	2015 Year-to-Date Actual
<u>Income</u>			
Plate Offering	\$ 4,973.05	\$ 4,605.03	\$ 3,825.67
Envelope Contributions	109,375.00	112,056.40	93,682.83
Other Income	28,475.05	23,784.78	22,377.72
 Total Income	 \$ 142,283.60	 \$ 140,446.21	 \$ 119,886.22
<u>Expenses</u>			
Benevolence	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Salaries & Staff Expenses	99,624.50	93,696.60	83,142.86
Property Maintenance	6,614.88	6,000.00	3,434.86
Utilities	11,366.39	17,250.03	22,190.40
Taxes & Insurance	13,947.58	9,343.74	12,167.40
Office & Committee Expenses	10,661.41	11,137.53	7,883.48
 Total Expenses	 \$ 151,214.76	 \$ 146,427.90	 \$ 134,819.00
 Difference	 \$ - 8,391.16	 \$ - 5,981.69	 \$ - 14,932.78

Some observations -

Easter was in March this year, and is reflected in the income compared to the budget figure and the 2015 first quarter income.

Benevolence is current in 2016, but was not paid through March in 2015 because of deficient funds.

With the conversion of oil fuel to gas, a reduction in Utilities costs has been realized.

Increased expenses for office, janitorial and music and worship supplies occurred through March 2016.



**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Apr. 27, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Chris Andrews, Stephen Bajan, II, Alan Butz, Rev. Janice Butz, Craig Dally, Cathie Dara, Ralph Deyo, Billy Garrison, Scott Little, Rev. David Schaeffer, Jocelyn Starner, Jaime Taylor, Wayne Vierzbicki, Sharon Werner, Jackie Wolf

**ABSENT:** Joe Billy

**GUEST:** Christina Brodt – Talked about Lectors & Ushers for 10:45 service in particular and other services in general

**DEVOTIONS:** Sharon Werner led with a prayer

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the March 30, 2016 meeting were reviewed and stand as written. Alan Butz made a motion to accept the minutes with Wayne Vierzbicki – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Thank you from Susan Kelly for Council Luncheon on April 24, 2016.

**PASTOR SCHAEFFER'S REPORT:**

Personnel Committee did a 90 day review of Parish Secretary, Linda Kasmakites, and find her filling her position in a highly satisfactory manner.

Dean Brodt will return as a part time sexton.

Raymond Wolfe, Jr. will be our part time sexton for keeping the grounds of our properties.

St. John's will host the Nazareth Area School District - Baccalaureate Service on May 29 at 6:30 p.m. He was

discouraged that this important service be scheduled on Memorial Day weekend. Church Council should be represented to see to our guests.

April 10 – St. John's welcomed Bishop Samuel Zeiser. He met with Church Council and the meeting was productive and built bridges for the future.

**REV. JANICE BUTZ REPORT:**

April 10 – Went with a few choir members to sing with Roosevelt Credit to produce another CD. It was a fantastic experience with a wonderful reception. We all had a great time.

April 20 – Met with parents of the Chalice Choir to finalize arrangements for choir trip to Pittsburgh in June. Everything is starting to fall in place.

April 23-24 – Mini Arts Festival went well. Pianist was fabulous. Artwork will be up thru May 1.

May 1 – Music Sunday – Children & Youth Choir will participate at 10:45 service.

June, 2016 – Plans are underway for the youth choir trip to Pittsburgh and Steubenville, OH.

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

April 8 –10 - Confirmation Retreat went well. Theme was TRUST.

Attended Nazareth High School musical – Thoroughly Modern Millie – Several of our youth did a great job!

June 13 –17 – Preparing for VBS at St. John's. Already have registrations. Karlene Kipp will do decorations for VBS.

June 17 –19 – Collecting forms for LYF Assembly at Muhlenberg College.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE:** Stephen Bajan II, reported:

Janitorial account was high. This should be a property maintenance expense.

Improvement Fund was reimbursed by Capital Campaign.

The Messenger will provide members with information on the different funds available for contributions.

Media Ministry – Laptop has been approved.

Improvement Fund – Generator has been installed and half the bill has been paid out of this fund.

**COLUMBARIUM:** Pastor Schaeffer reported – No Activity

**DAY CARE:** Pastor Schaeffer reported:

Where the youth are now meeting will be turned into a Baby Room from Aug. 2016 – Feb. 2017.

Enrollment is at 121. Tuition is up 2.5%

**ENDOWMENT:** Stephen Bajan II, reported:

Thank you from Lutheran Congregational Services for 2016 quarterly commitment donation.

Disbursements have been made to Education and Youth.

Requests from Jaime Taylor for Confirmation Retreat.

**EVANGELISM:** Sharon Werner reported: No Meeting

**HELPING HANDS:** Jackie Wolf and Ralph Deyo reported:

April 2 – Pork & Sauerkraut dinner. Menu change considered for meal next year.

April 16 – Siding is complete on the Parsonage. Looks very good.

June – Keith Shook will schedule two days for painting in downstairs nursery.

July 16 – Nazareth Days – Meatball Sandwiches and walking tacos will be sold.

July 24 – 30 – Summer trip will be to NJ. Monmouth & Ocean counties. Carol Schaeffer requests an appeal for a “cook”.

**LOVE-A-LOT:** Wayne V. reported:

4 year old class is now full for 2016/2017 school year.

4 kids have left due to changes in parents circumstances

**LUTHER LEAGUE:** Billy Garrison reported:

Confirmation Retreat @ Tuscarora Inn – Mt. Bethel went smoothly.

Went to a Day for Confirmands with Bishop Zeiser. 150 confirmands in attendance.

June 17-19 – LYF Assembly.

**PERSONNEL:** Pastor Schaeffer reported:

Glad to have Dean Brodt back on staff.

**PROPERTY:** Alan Butz reported:

The Stand-alone 11K generator has been installed. Pastor's back room exterior siding was done by Helping Hands. Plywood donated by Alan Butz

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Jackie Wolf reported: No meeting.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Pastor Schaeffer reported:

April 9-10 = Volunteer Recognition Weekend w/ Bishop Zeiser - Very nice job while Bishop was here.

2016 Stewardship Theme – “Fearless Generosity”

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Jaime Taylor reported:

Attendance is down because of Springtime activities in the community.

All enjoyed the presentation of the Arts Festival during Sunday School hour.

May 15 - Confirmation Fellowship with luncheon per Cindy Evancho.

June 12 – Sunday School closing.

June 13-17, 2016 - VBS

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Jocelyn Starnier & Chris Andrews reported:

Sound system and laptop discussed.

May 21 – 22 – Music Sunday - Janice will be playing Schubert's *Mass in G* with the Festival Choir accompanied by string instruments.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Capital Campaign update: Will continue to follow priorities with the right committees.

Pledges – Up to 670,000

Google Calendar – Chris Andrews discussed – Stephen Bajan uses it.

Janice Butz reported – check for \$8,000 sent as down payment for re-leathering of the organ.

Tony – is working on new lights for the backlight of the Shepherd's window.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2016 Fee Schedule – Jaime discussed that people should be compensated for time & equipment for outside groups. Will be discussed at next staff meeting.

May 19 – 7:00 - Mission District Annual Assembly – Pastor Schaeffer, Jackie Wolf & Billy Garrison will be attending.

June 17-18, 2016 – NE Penn Synod Assembly – Jackie Wolf and Alan Butz attending.

Jackie Wolf – As Council members, please try and be present at church functions.

May – Coffee Hour – Sunday School

May 1 – Bake Sale for Choir Trip to Pittsburgh.

**Building Use Requests:**

May 14 – Lisa Todd – St. John's Day Care

June 3 – Lisa Todd – St. John's Day Care

Sept. 10 – Lenna Harris – WELCA

Nov 8 – General Election

Motion by: Sharon Werner, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Scott Little – Council approved.

Council President Jackie Wolf declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next meeting:** May 25 – 7:30 p.m.

**Next Devotions:** Joe Billy

Respectfully submitted,

*Joyce Wallace*

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## SERVING GOD IN MAY 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 of any changes.** Contact the coordinator (in parenthesis) if you are unable to find someone to serve in your place or if you'd like to volunteer to serve in one of these rewarding roles.

Date	Time of Service	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS
Jun 4	5:30 p.m.	Maryellen Werkhaiser (610-759-5191)	Jaime Taylor/Church Office (610-759-3090)	Christina Brodt (610-653-0358)	Christina Brodt (610-653-0358)
Jun 5	8:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Kaspern	Daphney Adams	Charles Bonisese	
		Youth	Tim Garrison	Edith Brodt	<b>4 Ushers Needed!</b>
	10:45 a.m.	Youth	Kevin Kelly	Craig Dally	<b>4 Ushers Needed!</b>
Jun 11	5:30 p.m.	Sarah Amberger	Elizabeth Rakos	Cindy Evancho	
Jun 12	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Stark, Maya Jamann Eddie & Shirley Bajan	Jordan Reuber	Suzan Andrews	<b>4 Ushers Needed!</b>
	10:45 a.m.	Ron & Eileen Angelino Maryellen Werkhaiser	Garrett Koch	Andy Herbstler	Mary Hillebrenner Joe & Joy Grim
Jun 18	5:30 p.m.	Donna Walters	Andrew Emmons	Harry Smith	
Jun 19	9:00 a.m.	Andrews Family Richard & Joanne Ressler	Maya Jamann	Christina Brodt	<b>4 Ushers Needed!</b>
Jun 25	5:30 p.m.	Lee & Caroline Buss	Elena Calantoni	Steve Millheim	
Jun 26	9:00 a.m.	Karen Miller Kyle & Sue Roth	Madelyn Rex	Diana Holva	<b>4 Ushers Needed!</b>

# SAINT JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, NAZARETH

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

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## COUNCIL COMMITTEASSIGNMENTSE

**Building Trust Fund** - Jeff Daniels (Special appt.)

**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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# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA



## World Hunger Challenge

A challenge from two members of a NEPA Synod congregation:

**"If the special offering for ELCA World Hunger received at the 2016 Synod Assembly totals \$15,000, we'll match the \$15,000!"**

These members are deeply committed to supporting the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. When they learned that every synod assembly receives a special offering for ELCA World Hunger, they wanted to make the most of the opportunity. They are confident that our congregations can raise the \$15,000 by the time Assembly 2016 meets.

### How to meet the Challenge

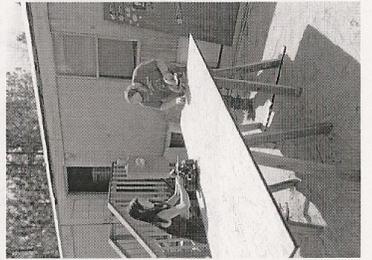
- Announce the challenge in newsletters and worship bulletins.
- Receive congregational offerings in the weeks before the assembly and have your voting members bring a check with the total to place in the assembly special hunger offering.
- Encourage members to make special gifts to the Hunger Appeal.
- Use ELCA World Hunger Appeal resources for 2016 to learn more about this ministry.



## Belleman's Mission Team at work in South Carolina

Over the past 13 years, mission work has become a primary goal for the congregation at Salem Belleman's Church in Mohrsville. It began with the first trip to a Navajo Indian Reservation in 2003, and there have been nearly 30 trips and about 100 participants since. The focus of the trips generally revolves around natural disasters, such as the storms and flooding which occurred across South Carolina in October 2015. Parts of the state received more than 20 inches of rain from October 1-6.

The Belleman's Mission Team planned their trips around helping that region. The group coordinated with the DRSI (Disaster Recovery Support Initiative) in West Columbia,



South Carolina to work March 29-April 1, 2016. The jobs involved demolition, concrete work, flooring, and drywall. Damage to the trailer at one site led to some mold issues. Part of the team secured and sealed the roof while others removed moldy drywall and flooring, replacing the damaged areas with new materials. The group of eight was featured on the local news in West Columbia (<http://www.witx.com/mb/news/flood-victims-receive-needed-help-/115055846>).

## White Privilege Conference

Last year the synod's Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry Team applied for a Youth and Young Adult Innovation Grant made possible through the Campaign for the ELCA and received \$10,000 to focus on healing the wounds of racism.

Five youth (David Bowen, Rayna Carr, Billy Garrison, Tim Garrison), two college students/Bear Creek Staff (Jenna Hanzel and Kelsi Kegerize), Pastor Maritza Dolich, Associate in Ministry Karen Matthias-Long, and Bishop Zeiser used some of the funds to attend the White Privilege Conference in Philadelphia, April 15-17.

The conference provided many opportunities to learn about racism and privilege through keynote presentations, workshops, movies, affinity groups, and action groups.

The next step for this group is to determine how to share their experience with youth and young adults in the synod, moving from knowledge to action. They will be part of the Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry Team report at the synod assembly and will have a display in God's Playground.



## Called Forward Together in Christ

### A process to decide the ELCA's future directions

The ELCA is a young church at only 28 years old. It is a good time to take a look at where we are as God's people and try to understand what God has in store for us. And we think it is an exciting time to be looking forward together as we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

- We want to create a vision for the future ELCA - as a church with solid foundations sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and making a difference in the world locally and globally.
- We want to discover how we can continue to faithfully serve God's mission in the years ahead and reach a shared understanding among church leaders about the ministries that are most important.
- And we want to assess whether the structures that were set up for this church are right for the future, and as part of this consider how we use our resources in the best possible way. There are many challenges.

Until the end of June we are reaching out to people across this church to be part of a conversation on the future of our church. We will be seeking ideas and feedback from as many people and parts of the ELCA as we can reach.

This information will be used to analyze and explore what the future church could be. In July we will release a Called Forward Together in Christ Paper that will serve two purposes: to let everyone know the main messages coming through, and to share some options for the future that can be tested through further consultation in August and September.

Speak with your congregational leaders about how to get the conversation started in your community. Go to [ELCA.org/future](http://ELCA.org/future) for resources and to stay up to date on how to be involved through surveys and local conversations.

The November Church Council meeting will consider and approve a statement on future identity, directions and priorities. This will be launched in 2017 as part of the Reformation anniversary commemorations, and then work will begin to implement the directions this church has been called together to take forward.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  4:00 PM Pack Military boxes 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:00 PM Summer SHYG 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Naz. Comm. Band 7:30 PM Stewardship	2  6:00 PM Chancel Choir Covered Dish Fellowship Hall	3  10:00 AM Pre-K Graduation 4:00 PM Girl Scout #81078	4  <i>Third Weekend after Pentecost</i> 8:30 AM Marriage Prep. 10:00 AM Roosevelt Credit Rehearsal 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Roosevelt Credit 7:30 PM Concert – Roosevelt Credit
5  <i>Third Weekend after Pentecost</i> 8:00 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM NM / BAP Class 10:45 AM Worship w/HC Roosevelt Credit	6	7  <b>LAST DAY FOR NASD</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Aid	8  6:00 PM Summer SHYG 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Naz. Comm. Band	9  6:30 PM Property	10  <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b>	11  <i>Fourth Weekend after Pentecost</i> 10:00 AM Philethia Choir 12:00 PM Philethia Choir Picnic (Shoup Residence) 5:30 PM Worship w/HC
12  <i>Fourth Weekend after Pentecost</i> <i>Anniversary Sunday</i> 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School Closing Program 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM Anniversary Luncheon	13  6:30 PM WELCA Unit Bd. 6:30 PM History  VBS	14  <b>Flag Day</b> 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 6:30 PM Sunday School 7:00 PM Naz. Women's Club  VBS	15  6:00 PM Summer SHYG 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Naz. Comm. Band  VBS	16  VBS	17  <i>Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assn.</i> 4:00 PM Girl Scout #81078  VBS	18  <i>Fifth Weekend after Pentecost</i> <i>Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assn.</i> 5:30 PM Worship w/HC
19  <i>Fifth Weekend after Pentecost</i> <i>Father's Day</i> <i>Lutheran Youth Fellowship Assn.</i> <b>SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS</b> 9:00 AM Worship w/HC	20  7:00 PM Finance 8:00 PM Endowment	21  9:00 AM Ladies Aid 7:00 PM Helping Hands	22  6:00 PM Summer SHYG 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM Naz. Comm. Band	23  <b>COUNCIL REPORT DEADLINE</b>	24  25  <i>Sixth Weekend after Pentecost</i> <b>Food Bank Weekend</b> Chalice Choir leaves for Pittsburgh 5:30 PM Worship w/HC	
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