

A Note from the Associate Pastor

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS ON THE REFORMATION



Sisters and brothers in Christ,

This year we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Here at St. Johns, we will devote two weekends of our worship to this celebration. On the 21st and 22nd, I am told we may have a visit from Katharina von Bora, wife of Martin Luther. On the 28th and 29th, the Festival Choir will present a special cantata in celebration of the Reformation.

So, as we observe this special anniversary, I thought I would take a moment to share the roots of what it is that makes Lutherans “Lutheran”.

Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483, in Eisleben, Germany, and died on February 18, 1546 in Eisleben. He is sometimes called the Father of the Reformation. He had studied to become a lawyer before becoming an Augustinian monk in 1505, and was ordained a priest in 1507. While continuing his studies in pursuit of a Doctor of Theology degree, he discovered significant differences between what he read in the Bible and the theology and practices of the church. On October 31, 1517, he posted a challenge on the church door at Wittenberg University to debate 95 theological issues. This was what became known as the 95 theses. Luther's hope was that the church would reform its practice and preaching to be more consistent with the Word of God as contained in the Bible.

What started as an academic debate escalated to a religious war, fueled by anger and violent language on both sides. As a result, there was not a reformation of the church but a separation. "Lutheran" was a name applied to Luther and his followers as an insult but adopted as a badge of honor by them instead.

Lutherans still celebrate the Reformation on October 31 (or the last Sunday in October as we do) and still hold to the basic principles of theology and practice put forth by Luther, *Sola Gratia*, *Sola Fide*, and *Sola Scriptura*:

- *Sola Gratia*: We are saved by the grace of God alone — not by anything we do;
- *Sola Fide*: Our salvation is through faith alone — we only need to believe that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who died to redeem us;
- *Sola Scriptura*: The Bible is the only norm of doctrine and life — the only true standard by which teachings and doctrines are to be judged.

One important writing of the Reformation is Luther's Small Catechism. It contains teachings on the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession and Absolution, Holy Communion and Morning and Evening Prayers, and is still used to teach people about the Lutheran faith. If you would like to know more, it is a great place to start. Luther's Small Catechism is available online; or if you would like a copy, please let me know and I will give you one.

May God's peace be with you all in the coming days.

Pastor Stinner

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.

- Sept. 30 - Oct. 1** World Communion Weekend / First Communion Weekend / 17th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion at all Services
- Oct. 7-8** Women of the ELCA Thankoffering / 18th Sunday after Pentecost
- Oct. 14-15** 19th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion at all Services
- Oct. 21-22** Harvest Home / 20th Sunday after Pentecost / Food Bank Weekend
- Oct. 28-29** Reformation Sunday / 21st Sunday after Pentecost / Legacy of Faith / Holy Communion at all Services

WE NEED YOU! To Assist with Worship Services by Serving as an Acolyte

ACOLYTES



ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6 & UP are invited to assist with worship as an Acolyte. Acolytes are responsible for lighting and extinguishing the candles used for each worship service. They also assist the pastor during communion services and at baptisms when scheduled during the service. **We particularly need Acolytes for the Saturday 5:30 p.m. service and the Sunday 8:00 a.m. service.** Would you like to be an Acolyte? Not sure; don't know exactly what it is? Have you been an acolyte before, but feel a little rusty? Don't worry! **ACOLYTE TRAINING will be provided – Wed. Oct. 11th at 5:15!!** Please see Jaime Taylor with any questions.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Food Bank Weekend has been moved to **October 21st & 22nd** to coincide with Harvest Home Weekend.

The Stewardship Dinner will be held on Saturday, **November 4th**. There will be a free will offering to help with some of the cost of the meal provided by the Stewardship Committee. The sign up form can be found on page 4 in this issue of the Messenger.

FOOD BANK WEEKEND:

October 21st & 22nd



The Nazareth Area Food Bank needs to replenish its supply of **stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, one dish meals, soup,** 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. **THANKYOU!!** The Nazareth Area Food Bank truly appreciates the continued generosity and faithful support of the many members of St. John's.





Grace Notes

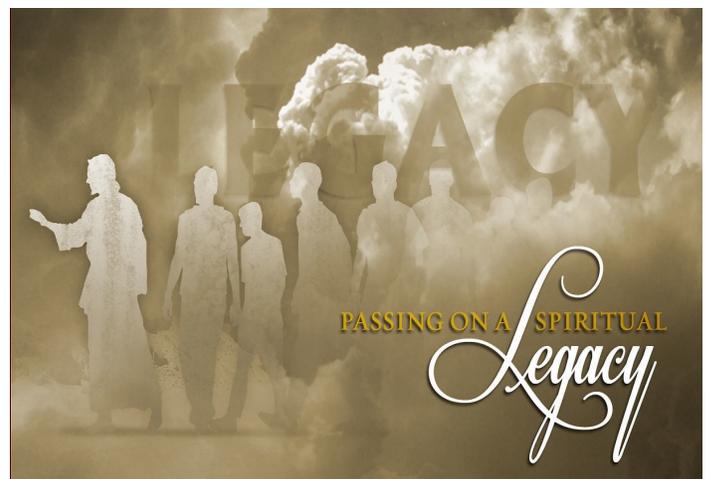
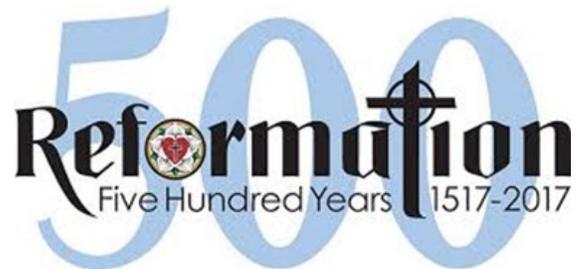
The 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation will soon be here! For the past several years, Lutherans have been looking forward to October 31, 2017, the date that marks 500 years since Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. Luther fought to purify the church, declared the Bible as the sole source of spiritual authority, and reshaped the church's worship life by incorporating congregational hymns sung in the language of the people. He spread his message through the power of the printing press and essentially empowered a "priesthood of all believers." In the wake of his bold initiative, other reformers soon followed and other Protestant denominations evolved. Luther's courageous act spiraled into a religious, political, intellectual and cultural upheaval that changed the world, creating a legacy that would endure for centuries.

A legacy is something that is handed down from one period of time to another. It's about learning from the past, living in the present, and building for the future. A "spiritual" legacy is about our relationship with Christ and the stories of our faith journey. It's about how we worship, how we manage disappointments, how we treat others, and how we handle difficulties. It's about the memories we create, the experiences we share, and the impact we have on the lives of others. All of us, in some way, are part of the legacy of the devoted followers of Christ.

In celebration of the Reformation, our Festival Choir, along with instrumentalists, will share composer Joseph Martin's inspiring work *Legacy of Faith*. A stirring and compelling multi-movement composition, the music conveys the core foundations of the Church and God's continual redemptive work among us. It is a profound message of God's love, grace, and mercy that have been granted to us throughout the

ages. In turn, we are called to be a disciple of Christ and to become part of the legacy of the faithful who have gone before us and who are yet to come. *Legacy of Faith* pays homage to the past, but at the same time, delivers a strong message of hope for the future. Indeed, its powerful music will lift our souls and bring meaning to our celebration of the Reformation during this 500th anniversary year. Hope to see you in church at one of our services on Reformation weekend, October 28 & 29!

Grace and peace,
Janice Butz, Minister of Music



In commemoration of the
500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation
The Festival Choir and Instrumentalists
present

Legacy of Faith

An extended choral composition by Joseph Martin
featuring newly composed works, settings of familiar hymn tunes,
and interpretive readings

Saturday, October 28, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 29, 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Plan to attend and invite others to join you
in hearing this stunning musical masterpiece!



Introducing...

Partners for a New Beginning



Our Story - We are families breaking the silence and the shame of any loved ones affected by the heroine epidemic in our communities. Addiction to drugs does not discriminate. It does not matter where you live, how much you make or the way you were raised.

Our Mission - Our mission is to come together as a community and support those affected by addiction and help battle this epidemic together. We want to help raise awareness of addiction due to the tragedies that have been affecting our community.

Support Group Meetings

Support Group meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month.

Sept. 7th & 21st; Oct. 5th & 19th; Nov. 2nd & 16th; Dec. 7th & 21st

Time ~ 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Location ~ St. John's Lutheran Church, 200 S. Broad Street, Nazareth, PA

In the Shepherd's Room

(Enter through the red doors on Prospect St., straight through double doors and then doors to your left)

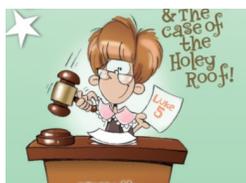
Coming in November!

The M.A.D. Camp performance of the children's musical

Judge Julie Truly

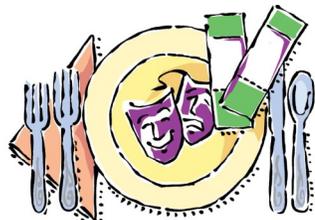
& the Case of the Holey Roof!

Saturday, November 4, immediately following the Stewardship Dinner
Sunday, November 5, during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 a.m.



Join us for an entertaining evening on Saturday, November 4th, when talented young actors and actresses take the stage for the Music, Art and Drama Camp production of *Judge Julie Truly and the Case of the Holey Roof*. Set in a courtroom, the musical is based on the Biblical story of four friends who carry their paralyzed companion on a stretcher and lower him through the roof of a home to be healed by Jesus. The homeowner brings charges against the four friends for destroying his roof, and the case is thus presented before Judge Julie. Filled with humor, catchy tunes, and a wonderful message, the musical is bound to provide an evening of fun, laughter, and entertainment. If you can't make it to opening night, join us for a repeat performance during Sunday School the next morning. Hope to see you there!

Saturday night, November 4th, following the Stewardship Dinner
Repeated Sunday morning, November 5th at 9:15 a.m.



ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017
6:30 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

After Dinner, See the Opening Performance of M.A.D. Camp's

Judge Julie Truly & the Case of the Holey Roof!

Meat, drinks, and complete place settings to be provided.
Bring your favorite covered dish to share.

I (We) plan to attend the Stewardship Dinner: (Reservations are strongly suggested)

NAME: _____

ADULTS: _____ # CHILDREN: _____

Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, October 29th. This form can be returned by mail, by placing it in the collection plate, or by putting it in the Stewardship mailbox by the Church Office door.



A Message from the Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Fall event announcement: There will be a Fall Corn Maze event for church members, families, and friends of all ages on Sunday, October 15th at Mazezilla Corn Maze in Saylorsburg. We will meet in St. John's Fellowship Hall at 4:00 pm, and then head out to Mazezilla. You can drive as a family, or carpool with other church members. If you'd prefer to drive as a family, you can meet us directly at the corn maze around 4:30 pm. There will be a St. John's banner set up at a tent - you will see it once you take the hayride over to the maze. Look for us there! If you prefer to carpool, or have a child who needs transportation, please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 pm. Cost is \$10/person and includes admission to the maze, snacks, beverages, and s'mores over a campfire! To sign up, please email me at jtaylor@stjohnsnaz.org, call the Church Office at 610.759.3090, or sign up on the Youth News Bulletin Board outside the Nave. We hope you will join us for an evening of fun!

New Acolyte announcement: If you are in 6th grade and up, you are welcome and encouraged to consider becoming an acolyte. An acolyte training session will be held on Wednesday, October 11th at 5:15 pm in the Church Nave. Whether you are a new acolyte or would like to brush up on the duties of an acolyte, please join us! It is a great way to serve your church family and help to lead worship!

Upcoming Events at a Glance:

Luther League will go to the Corn Maze on Sunday, **October 15th**. Please meet at the church at 4:00 pm. Cost is \$10.

Confirmation Classes for both Level One and Level Two classes will begin on Wednesday, **October 4th** at 6:15 pm.

There will be an Acolyte Training session in the Nave on Wednesday, **October 11th** at 5:15 pm. Students who are in the Chalice Choir should meet in the Nave immediately following choir.

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

LOOKING AHEAD:



November 5th:

We will be making Christmas gifts for the shut ins in the Youth Room at 12:00 noon (following the late church worship service)! All youth in grades 7 – 12 are encouraged to attend! Lunch will be provided.



November 19th:

Rock Climbing! Luther League will spend the afternoon at North Summit Climbing Gym on Sunday, November 19th. We will meet at North Summit Climbing Gym at 12:00 noon (If you attend late church, bring a change of clothes and come when you can!). Cost is \$15/person and includes lunch and climbing. No experience needed! Parents, please visit www.northsummitclimbing.com and fill out a waiver form for your child. Pick up is at 2:15 pm. Hope to see you there!



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



ANNA WOLPER

October 12th

MHS

175 W. North St.

Nazareth, PA 18064

JAMES HARTZEL

October 15th

Pond View Manor

P.O. Box 67

Walnutport, PA 18088

WILLIAM SCHULTZ, JR.

October 15th

Alexandria Manor Rm. 320

7 S. New St.

Nazareth, PA 18064

ELIZABETH HUTH

October 17th

142 N. Spruce St.

Nazareth, PA 18064

CAROLYN GEHMAN

October 22nd

889 Bushkill Center Rd.

Nazareth, PA 18064

2017 Fellowship Social Calendar



October 8 ~ WELCA (Thankoffering)

October 29 ~ Social Ministry (Reformation Sunday)

November 11 & 12 ~ Stewardship / Finance (Stewardship Weekend)

December 10 ~ Adult Sunday School Classes (Lessons & Carols - Advent)

This month there are two Fellowship Hours. The first, hosted by the Women of the ELCA, will be on Sunday, October 8th. The second, hosted by the Social Ministry, will take place Sunday, October 29th.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA:

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WELCA) fulfill their Mission Statement by mobilizing the women of St. John's to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. They commit themselves to grow in faith, affirm their gifts, support one another in their callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world. The WELCA general membership meetings are held in September and June, with a retreat in March. Please check the monthly calendar in *The Messenger* for the dates and times of the meetings for the Rebekah and Ruth Circles. New members are always welcome to help further the good works of this active and dedicated group of women.

SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Social Ministry is responsible for raising the social consciousness of our congregation to make us aware of the physical, social, economic, political, and spiritual human condition. They work for the positive social change by providing the means to take action. Their projects include Ingathering, Christmas in July, Souper Bowl Sunday, and Social Ministry Sunday. They also provide School Health and Baby Kits for Church World Services. The Committee meets in the church parlor and welcomes volunteers.

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

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.

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. Please feel free to contact the Church Office at 610-759-3090 with any questions or for dates of upcoming classes.

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. 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.

Baptisms can be scheduled either during or after the Saturday or Sunday worship services. Please feel free to contact the Church Office at 610-759-3090 with any questions or for dates of upcoming classes.



Confirmation Classes

St. John's Confirmation Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. Both the seventh and eighth grade confirmands **and their parents** will gather in the Fellowship Hall for orientation.

Opportunity will be given to meet with the Catechist of the seventh graders; Jaime Taylor, Director of Youth & Family Ministries; and Pastor Stinner, who teaches the eighth graders. Guidelines and expectations for the Confirmation Classes will be shared. Questions will be answered. Confirmation resources will be distributed.



*Received in the month of
August 2017:*

HARRY SMITH
Joseph & Randa Barabas



Correspondence

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
It's been a year since my diagnosis and subsequent surgeries and treatments. I could not have made it through without your support. Your cards, visits, hugs and phone calls gave me so much strength. I saw and felt God's Love through all of you.

Thank you,
Lenna Harris





The Flower Committee is looking for volunteers to deliver flowers to shut-ins once per month. It is a nice way to meet some of our older members who are either at home, in assisted living, in nursing homes or hospitals. If interested please contact Janice Smith at home 610-881-4069. Thank you!

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.

St. John's Daycare is now enrolling in our older toddler, preschool and pre-k classrooms. Free registration until November 1st. Our hours are 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. For more information please contact Lisa Todd at **610-759-4999** or lisat@rcn.com.

October WELCA Meetings:
Rebekah Circle - October 2 ~ 7 PM



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

**OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING:
WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

Donations in this month's Special Projects offering envelopes will go toward the annual WELCA Thankoffering services, taking place on **Oct. 7th & 8th**. For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankofferings. ***Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude.*** It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, of meeting together to joyfully give thanks for what God has given us. Thankofferings are our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments. The Thankoffering Service grounds this gratitude in a community of women, gathering together to joyfully give thanks and praise for what God has given to them. We invite all members of the congregation of St. John's to give thanks to God for the blessings they have received by participating in the WELCA Thankoffering collection and worship services.



Attention Women of St. John's!!



An open invitation is extended to ALL women of our congregation to sing in the SAINT JOHN'S WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE for the Women of the ELCA's Thankoffering Service on Sunday, October 8th. Women who enjoy singing, whatever your musical experience, are encouraged to join for this one-time commitment. Rehearsal will be between our two services on Sunday morning, October 1st at 9:15 a.m., with a final rehearsal on Thursday evening, October 5th at 6:30 p.m. Multiple rehearsals are scheduled with the hope that singers are able to attend at least one or two of the practices. **Come Join Us!!**

G.R.A.C.E. ~ Adult Bible Study Class

Adult
Sunday School
Class



The Grace Adult Bible Study Class meets at 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings. 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 His Word. 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. Feel free to join us; our room is located in the downstairs (using stairway located next to kitchen); first door on left. This room used to be the Jr/Sr High school department. We hope to see you join the group.

The **6:30 p.m. Bible Study Class**, led by Pastor Stinner, has moved to Tuesday evenings. If you have a desire to know the breadth of God's love for all of creation revealed to the world in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, please know that you are welcome.

The **SEARCH Sunday School class** is a Bible study structured and fully dependent on the Word of God. It is a Spirit led and fed group. We have many questions about life and the answers are all in God's Word. We search for them in hopes of having a better and more clear understanding of what God wants for and from us. We welcome anyone who would like to join in our spiritual quest for wisdom and understanding. We meet upstairs in the Counting room every Sunday. Any questions, please see Lois Davis or Gerald Lewis.

God has nothing but the best, and he offers it to us, weeds us, sustains us and cares for us through his Son. That's the way our hearts are changed to follow Christ. — Martin Luther

WEDNESDAY NOON-TIME BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome!
Bring your lunch and your Bible
and join us in the Parlor.

OCTOBER NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISM CLASSES ~ There will be just one combined New Members & Baptism Class [Sunday, October 22nd at 9:15 a.m.](#) in the Church Parlor. The class is about one hour long, includes an overview of the Lutheran faith as well as a brief history, plus the meaning and importance of Baptism will be presented.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH TOOL



Are you looking to grow your relationship with Christ as we give thanks to God for the gifts of His wonderful harvest? Well then, here is a tool. Paul tells the Galatians, "The fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.** (Galatians 5:22 & 23). Begin by writing the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit on a sheet of paper. The discipline is to select one of the fruits of the Spirit at the beginning of the week, starting with the one you believe you are most in need of. Then pray this simple prayer aloud for two minutes at the start of the day: "**Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with (NAME THE FRUIT)**". At the end of 7 days, move on to the next fruit. This 9 week discipline will transform your connection with Christ.

USHERS



USHERS ARE NEEDED!

Ushers welcome and assist worshipers on Sunday mornings as well as collect the offering. Ushering is a great way for families to serve together. **Please check your schedule and sign up for this important ministry in the**

Ushers notebook located in the rear of the nave or put your name on the volunteer list by contacting Christina Brodt, Usher Coordinator, at 610-653-0358 or krabbymom@hotmail.com. Thank you for participating in this very important aspect of our worship services. YOUR HELP is always needed and appreciated!!

Bulletin Sponsors

St. John's prints 400 worship bulletins for each weekend (for 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 or in memory of a loved one or special occasion. The weekly bulletin sponsorship costs \$50, but can be split with two dedications for \$25 each. **To sponsor the bulletins, please sign-up for your desired date in the notebook located in the rear of the nave.** For questions or concerns, please contact the Church Office at 610-759-3090 or stjohnschurch@rcn.com.



CD Ministry

Would you like to sponsor the **Sunday Morning CD Ministry?** Sponsoring a recording of the worship service is a wonderful way to remember or honor a family member or friend, or an event such as a baptism or an anniversary, while providing a valuable service to those members in our church who are homebound or unable to attend a church service. When you sponsor a CD, the dedication is published in that Sunday's bulletin. Suggested sponsorship is \$25. **TO SPONSOR THE CD MINISTRY, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR YOUR DESIRED DATE IN THE NOTEBOOK FOUND IN THE REAR OF THE NAVE.** For more information, contact Lois Davis at 610-504-1635.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions for the **November 2017** issue of **THE MESSENGER** is: **Tuesday, October 10th.** You may leave printed material in the Church Office mailbox or you may email your article or announcement as a Word attachment to office@stjohnsnaz.org. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

PARKING NOTICE:



Please keep in mind that we have many parishioners who have difficulty walking the distance from the back parking lots to enter our building without steps. Those who use walkers, canes, wheel chairs, and all who need mobility assistance, would be grateful for this consideration: **If you are so able, please use the rear parking lots and leave the parking spaces on Prospect St. available for those who need assistance and easier access to the church.** We also ask that you not use the few Reserved Handicap Spaces that we do have unless you are truly in need of them. Thank you for your attentiveness and assistance to those of us who need a little extra love and care from their faith community in this matter.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE...

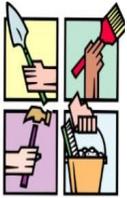
- ◆ When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so visits can be made.
- ◆ When you move so we can update your address and/or phone number.
- ◆ When a member of your family leaves home for college, military service, or to establish a new residence.
- ◆ When either your home or cell phone number or email is changed.
- ◆ When a member of your family marries, so their name and/or address can be changed on our records.
- ◆ When a new baby arrives in your family.
- ◆ When you are planning to move out of town or locally.
- ◆ When you feel the church can assist you in any way.



The Personnel Committee is seeking a person with bookkeeping/payroll experience. For details, please call Daphne at 484-241-7041.

The **Social Ministry Committee** is joining with Appalachian Outreach Organization to collect **NEW** underwear for Appalachian residents. They are in need of pull-ups for toddler's size 4T, women's and men's underwear **up to size 5X**. They are also in need of **NEW** socks. We will have a box in Fellowship Hall and the Shepherd's Room September 23rd through October 8th. All donations are greatly appreciated.

SEXTON CORNER



HELLO TO ALL! **SUMMER Will be over by the time you read this!!!**

A number of projects have been started. Some of these are a part of the Capital Campaign and some are new.

- We are moving forward on upgrading our telephone system (Capital Campaign). Additional funding has also been approved by the Finance Committee for this important project. The week of September 18th is the target date.
- The upgrade of our sound system for the fellowship hall has been **Completed**. (Capital Campaign).
- The 2nd and 3rd phase of repair work on the organ is **Completed**. The remainder of repair work is scheduled for June 2018 and should take approximately one month. (Capital Campaign).
- Re-pointing of Nave bricks and stone foundation has been **Completed**. (Capital Campaign).
- Restoration of arch type stained glass windows (south wall alley/shepherd room) is **Active**. (Capital Campaign).
- Building of choir bell enclosure has been **Completed**.
- The refinishing of the **Red doors** to the Shepherd's room has been **Completed**. (Special Fund).
- The Choir robe enclosure will be scheduled some time for **October 2017**. The closet will be located in fellowship hall

We encourage members of St. John's to participate in some activities. If you have a skill set or experience with electrical, plastering, painting, plumbing, woodworking, concrete or welding, please see Tony. Our youth are a vital resource within our church and we would like to see them participate in some activities as well. As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

We hope all of you enjoyed your summer,
The Sextons, sextons@stjohnsnaz.org



The **Cemetery Board** will hold another work party on **Saturday, October 7, 2017** from **8 AM until Noon** at St. John's Cemetery on South Street. We hope to finish the work we started on our spring workday. Please bring rakes, shovels and bars. Some limbs have to be removed also. In case of rain, we will meet the following Saturday, October 14. Thank you for the progress that was made at the last work day and we hope to see you again.

September 24, 2017

Announcement from Council President Jackie Wolf and Personnel Committee, chaired by Andy Herbster:

Good news, our new Interim Pastor has been identified.

The role of the Interim Pastor, according to the synod guidelines:

- Examine the history of the congregation and work through the transition dynamics.
- Seek to confirm and identify current issues facing our congregation and develop ways to deal with them.
- Develop a vision for the congregation's mission.

On August 27, the Church Council met with Pastor Peggy Wurelete, from the NE Synod. She informed us about Synod's recommendation for our Interim Pastor.

Pastor T. Daniel Clayborne from the New Sweden Covenant Church in New Sweden, Maine, interviewed with us on September 20 and 21. He met first with our church staff, and then with the Church Council.

After meeting with the Church Council, a vote was taken to approve the Synod's recommendation to accept Pastor Clayborne as our Interim Pastor.

The next day Pastor Clayborne met with the Personnel committee and signed a one year contract. This contract can be extended if needed. Following Synod guidelines, Pastor Clayborne will not be offered the Senior Pastor position.

Our three groups discussed many things; we talked about his role in navigating our church community through this transition period. Our impression is that he is honest, motivated, sincere and capable of fulfilling this role.

Pastor Clayborne (or Pastor "Dan" as he prefers) brings fifteen years of experience as an Ordained Pastor serving in both roles as an Interim and full time Senior Pastor.

Some background; this is a second career for Pastor Clayborne; he worked previously for PNC bank as a Manager in their Global Financing System.

One of his goals is to relocate to this area to be closer to his daughter who lives in Easton, and another daughter who lives in Massachusetts.

We expect Pastor Clayborne and his wife Nancy to arrive in mid November, and begin serving our congregation on a full time basis.

We are blessed that both Pastor Clayborne and Pastor Stinner will serve together and continue to guide us as while we search for a new Senior Pastor.

We would like to thank Pastor Stinner for his hard work, flexibility to meet the needs of our church, willingness to serve the church this past year, and for his spiritual gifts and knowledge.

He has had some tall boots to fill and he has stepped up to the plate with eagerness and dedication. We look forward to his continued ministry to our congregation and his close teamwork with Pastor Clayborne.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us now and in the coming months ahead.

Thank you very much.

Andy Herbster and Jackie Wolf



Love-A-Lot Nursery School



Love-A-Lot Nursery School is in full swing as we welcomed children to school in September with games and songs that helped us get to know each other. Both classes talked about what makes us special and unique. We made new friends and everyone had lots of fun with apple-themed crafts & stories. Hula hoops, bean bags, aerobics, and marching sticks were the popular day-ending games for September!

The 3yo class adjusted very well to the school day right from the first day. The children settled in and had a terrific time! The hours truly fly with the excitement of new friends and new experiences. Aside from fun with finger painting, nursery rhyme crafts, and watercolor painting, the children had lessons that focused on the safety and use of scissors, name recognition, fine motor skills, basic body parts, and, of course, good manners!

The 4yo class started their Letter Days and learned to be Letter Detectives both at school and at home. This will continue throughout the year by concentrating on a letter a week, not just understanding the letter by sight, but by sound & learning to write it as well. We also reviewed numbers, safety & use of scissors, and we discussed family, feelings, and acting out/reading emotions.

October is full of anticipation for both classes as we look forward to our fire prevention program, pumpkin patch trips, pumpkin carving nights with dads and, of course, crafts and songs that focus on Halloween. We will also start our monthly visits from Miss Catherine (the Nazareth Library Children's Librarian) and our monthly Show & Tell. There is so much to look forward to in October!

The 3yo class meets Tuesday/Thursday and the 4yo class meets Monday/Wednesday/Friday. Both classes run from 9-11:30 am (with an optional 11:30-1pm lunch bunch for the 4yo class). There are spots open in the 4yo class, and limited spots open in the 3yo class. For more information, please contact the school by phone (484-293-0720) or email (LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com).

NEWS FROM THE DAYCARE OCTOBER 2017

September was a very busy month but the school year is off to another great start! We have had lots of students join us as well as students moving up to new rooms and now everyone is getting into a routine. September was a time for focusing on the students learning about themselves, their classmates, and their teachers. Many of the classrooms also learned about the fall season including apples, weather, trees, and how animals prepare for winter.

October is always a fun month. With it being fire prevention month the classrooms will take trips to the fire station to see the fire trucks and learn about fire safety. Our staff will also complete their fire safety training to ensure that all teachers are prepared. The classrooms will be continuing their fall curriculum and will also be enjoying lots of fun art projects for Halloween. This year we will also have a Fall Family Night where the students will trick or treat in each of the classrooms and have activities to do. We are looking forward to this new event and hope our families enjoy it.

Our program provides care for children 6 weeks through school age from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. Our preschool curriculum is taught daily within our day. We currently have openings in our older toddler room and our preschool rooms. If you have any interest in learning more about our center, please call **610-759-4999** or email lisat@rcn.com



Installation of the new phone system is scheduled to begin on September 26th. Watch next month's issue of the Messenger and upcoming church bulletins for more information.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE 2018 NOMINATION FORM

In accordance with the church constitution and bylaws, a Congregational Meeting will be held following all worship services on the weekend of November 18 – 19, 2017 for the purpose of electing Church Council representatives for terms beginning in the year 2018. There are five (5) positions open for election/re-election.

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

The following persons are currently serving on Church Council:

Chris Andrews	Alan Butz	Christine Garrison	Wayne Vierzbicki
Stephen Bajan, II	Craig Dally	Greg Leh	Sharon Werner
Joe Billy	Cathie Dara	Gail Price	Jackie Wolf

Completing her second term, and therefore ineligible for re-election, and leaving the board is: Sharon Werner. Alan Butz and Joe Billy are completing one term and are not seeking re-election. We sincerely thank them for their time spent on Church Council and their dedicated service to God and to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Eligible for re-election is: Greg Leh, Jackie Wolf

Please submit your nomination on the form below and place it in the offering plate, drop it off at the Church Office, or give it to a member of the Nominating Committee (Dean Brodt, Judy Shafer and Joyce Wallace) by Sun. Nov. 5, 2017. The nominee will be contacted to determine if they agree to have their name appear on the ballot.

My Name: _____

I would like to nominate _____ **for Church Council.**





It's that time of the year when young people are off to college to pursue higher academics while continuing to develop into young adults. The Evangelism Committee recognizes the importance of reaching out to the older youth of our church. Once the opportunity for Luther League activities and weekly worship is stretched because of living away from home on a college campus or new schedules because of career fields, it is important to gently remind our youth of their connection to their church home.

The Evangelism Committee continues to support them by maintaining contact with those high school students who have graduated and are pursuing higher education or who are starting in new career fields. We are continuing the program in which mailings and "care packages" are sent to these young people to let them know that we care about them and are keeping them in our hearts and prayers.

We invite you to submit the name and address of those in college so we may include them in this program. If you have any questions, contact Elsie Frey from the Evangelism Committee. Please return forms to the Church Office or to the Evangelism mailbox.

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Please Check One:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Is now working locally | <input type="checkbox"/> Is now working away from the area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Is now at college locally | <input type="checkbox"/> Is now at college away from the area |

Name of College Attending: _____

Address (at school, has moved out from home, or if working away from the area):

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Submitted by: _____



SERVING GOD IN OCTOBER 2017

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
		Maryellen Werkheiser (610-759-5191)	Jaime Taylor/Church Office (610-759-3090)	Christina Brodt (610-653-0358)	Christina Brodt (610-653-0358)
Oct 7	5:30 p.m.	Barbara Smith	Jordan Reuber	Cindy Evancho	
Oct 8	8:00 a.m.	Kelly Silvala June Hilbert, Anna Meck	Tim Garrison	Suzan Andrews	
	10:45 a.m.	Paulette Deyo Maryellen Werkheiser	Quintin Woods	Karlene Kipp	Karlene Kipp, Ginger Ritchie, Joyce Wallace
Oct 14	5:30 p.m.	Mary Hillebrenner	Mackenzie McGovern	Charles Bonisese	
Oct 15	8:00 a.m.	Lester & Charlene Smith Frank & Lourdes Whitman	Chiara Dooley	Edith Brodt	
	10:45 a.m.	Wayne & Bonnie Fogel Jim, Lynn & Rachel Schaffer	Samantha Garvey	Christina Brodt	Ralph & Christina Brodt Al & Lynn Babp
Oct 21	5:30 p.m.	Sarah Amberger	Connor Gregus	Lenna Harris	
Oct 22	8:00 a.m.	Dean & Barbara Sandbrook Keith & Kathy Shook	Ashley Breault	Mat Benol	
	10:45 a.m.	Brian & Judy Flick Bill & Kathy Schultz	Rachael Schaffer	Craig Dally	Craig & Ann Dally Gerry & Suzanne Lewis
Oct 28	5:30 p.m.	Laurie Center	Max Ehrlich	Reformation	
Oct 29	8:00 a.m.	Carol Kish, Linda Michael Mike & Sandra Rex	Maya Jamann	Reformation	
	10:45 a.m.	Joe & Joy Grim Maryellen Werkheiser	Alexa Fegley	Reformation	Tom & Jocelyn Starner Amie Tracy, Annie Bickert

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SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Spiritual Care for Elder Care-Givers

- Do you provide part time or full time care for an elder?
- Would you like a safe place to share your joys and struggles with other care-givers?
- Would you appreciate companionship in nurturing your spirit?

Elder-care-giving can certainly be challenging, presenting both joys and frustrations to elders and their care-givers. An every-other-month gathering will provide participants with a time of guided program, prayer, supportive conversation around joys and struggles, and sharing new ideas for offering care.

Each gathering will be led by the Rev. Dr. Tom Lichner, specially trained in Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction. Please direct your interest to Pastor Lichner either at tlclicher@cn.com or 610-533-9362.

Meetings will be held at the Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton St., Allentown from 1:30 - 3:00 PM on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 20, Nov. 15, Jan. 17, March 14, May 16, and July 18.

"Spiritual Care for Elder Care-givers" is being co-sponsored by the Synod's Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry Team.

Luke Csellak Swanson - YAGM



Luke Swanson with friends Alicia, Lucas, and Martin from Santo Sacramento (YAGM). As a missionary/volunteer for the ELCA, I was called to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in Buenos Aires, Argentina. There I volunteered with the Santo Sacramento Congregation where I aided in their Sunday program supporting marginalized neighbors and providing them with a safe place to be themselves. Additionally, I volunteered with a creative organization, El Arca, where I lived out daily life in community, joy, and forgiveness with intellectually disabled adults.

My YAGM year was filled with ups and downs. I started my year with some inevitable expectations, many of which provided me with layers of comfort, others with intense feelings of hardship. For the first time in my life I frequently felt like an outsider. My Protestantism, white skin tone, and language all put me at a disadvantage.

But what my friends at El Arca taught me so well is that I can do things others cannot, and they most certainly can do things that I never will be able to do. Life is to be lived in community, in joy, and in forgiveness, and it is these ideas that I have brought home with me. Thank you to all who have supported me during this journey.

Don't Reinvent the Wheel!

- ◆ Are you a member of a ministry team in your congregation?
- ◆ Did you know that the ELCA website has a ton of resources to help you?



If you visit <http://elca.org/resources> you will find links to over 50 areas of ministry (listed alphabetically).

This month we highlight some of the resources for stewardship.

They fall under 6 categories.

Leadership: These resources can help your team put together a stewardship program that is eye-catching and informative.

Care for Creation: This is a page for congregations who want to raise environmental awareness among their people.

Lifestyle: There are numerous bible studies and other spiritual resources available at this location.

Finances: Here you will find samples of giving charts, proportional giving, an explanation of tithing, and other helpful materials.

Spiritual Gifts: This page is helpful for the non-monetary aspect of stewardship.

StewardNet: This is a newsletter for church leaders. There are links both to the most recent edition as well as many previous editions.

Healing the Wounds of Racism



Christian writer and activist Jim Wallis calls racism "America's original sin." Racism was present at the birth of our nation and, as current headlines make clear, has never been eradicated.

Seeing a need to address racism in the Northeastern PA Synod, the synod staff recently studied Debby Irving's book *Waking Up White*. This book is Irving's personal story about awakening to her own racism, how it has been built into our societal structures, and how she has benefited from it. Her book is a helpful resource for white people to understand the insidiousness of racism and their complicity in it.

Conversation continues among the staff about this issue. In particular, these are some questions that continue to rise: What kinds of actions could we, a predominantly white synod, take to address this evil? Where can we have honest and open conversations about racism?

If you are looking for ways to act against racism, this book may be a good place for you to start. Including this concern in the prayer life of your congregation is also another way to begin to take action.

Each upcoming issue of Synod News will include a resource or an idea to help you wrestle with ways in which you can participate in healing the wounds of racism.

Please share any ways you might be actively addressing the sin of racism. Perhaps we can learn and act together as a synod to continue doing God's work.



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Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV

" _____ the _____ was _____
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ 1:17, NIV



Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.



The gift of grace

OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15 AM Women's Ensemble 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion</p> <p>Sexton: Tony</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 PM Property 7:00 PM Rebekah Circle (<i>Parlor</i>) 7:00 PM Stewardship (<i>F.H.</i>)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:30 PM Bible Studay (<i>Parlor</i>)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Ruth Circle (<i>Parlor</i>) 12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 & 2 6:15 PM SHYG 7:00 PM NA (<i>Downstairs</i>)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM Women's Ensemble 6:30 PM Partners for a New Beginning (<i>Shepherd's Rm.</i>) 7:30PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:15 PM M.A.D. Camp Reh. (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</p>	<p>7 WOMEN OF THE ELCA THANKOFFERING</p> <p>8:30 AM WELCA Northern Lehigh Cluster Event (<i>F. H. & Kitchen</i>) 10:00 AM Festival Choir (<i>Choir Rm.</i>) 5:30 PM Worship w/HC</p> <p>Sexton on Duty: Ray</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship w/Holy Communion 4:00 PM Mazezilla Corn Maze (<i>Luther League</i>)</p> <p>Sexton on Duty: Dean</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM Day Care Bd. 7:00 PM Finance 8:00 PM Endowment</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:30 PM Bible Study (<i>Parlor</i>) 7:00 PM Helping Hands (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 & 2 6:15 PM SHYG 7:00 PM NA (<i>Rm. 5 downstairs</i>)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 PM Festival Choir 6:30 PM Partners for a New Beginning (<i>Shepherd's Rm.</i>) 8:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20 COUNCIL REPORT DEADLINE</p> <p>4:15 PM M.A.D. Camp Reh. (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)</p>	<p>21 HARVEST HOME FOOD BANK WEEKEND</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship w/HC</p> <p>Sexton on Duty: Tony</p>
<p>22 HARVEST HOME FOOD BANK WEEKEND</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM NM/BAP Class 10:45 AM Worship</p> <p>Sexton on Duty: Tony</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>No Scheduled Events</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:00 PM Social Ministry 6:00 PM Love-A-Lot Pumpkin Patch & Pumpkin Carving 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 & 2 6:15 PM SHYG 7:00 PM NA (<i>Rm. 5 downstairs</i>) 7:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:00 PM Love-A-Lot Pumpkin Patch & Pumpkin Carving 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 & 2 6:15 PM SHYG 7:00 PM NA (<i>Rm. 5 downstairs</i>) 7:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 PM Festival Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:00 PM M.A.D. Camp Reh. (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 4:15 PM Girl Scout #81078 (<i>Shepherd's Rm.</i>)</p>	<p>28 REFORMATION WEEKEND</p> <p>3:00 PM Festival Choir followed by Light Supper 5:30 PM Worship w/HC</p> <p>Sexton on Duty: Ray</p>
<p>29 REFORMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>8:00 AM Worship Fellowship (Social Ministry) 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Festival Choir 10:45 AM Worship Fellowship (Social Ministry)</p> <p>Sexton on Duty: Ray</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>No Scheduled Events</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:30 PM Bible Study (<i>Parlor</i>)</p>				