

A Note from the Senior Pastor

Now What?

⁴¹Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And all ate and were filled; ⁴³and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men. ⁴⁵Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray. (Mark 6:41-46 NRSV)

After the moving crew and I made the trip across the state, the caravan of vehicles approached the church heading south coming down Broad St. Joy filled my heart when I saw the bell tower in the distance and then my heart overflowed when I saw the colorful welcome sign. I certainly do appreciate those who made the trip out to Pittsburgh to pack the truck and those who unpacked the truck when we arrived in Nazareth. I am also grateful for those who have helped me get settled in my new home. What a warm and gracious reception I have received from you all in my first few weeks here!

When the truck was all unloaded and everything was safely inside, I sat down for a few moments and thought to myself, “Now what?” From initial contacts with the call committee until finally moving into the parsonage about six months had elapsed. Getting back to St. John’s had been my primary goal for quite some time, and here I am. So, now what?

The passage above is from the familiar story of the Feeding of the 5,000. You can imagine the excitement of the disciples and the crowd after witnessing such a great miracle. There’s Jesus with this meager amount of fish and bread just breaking it and breaking it until basket after basket is filled and thousands of people keep eating and eating until they are filled. Even after all that eating there are still baskets of food left over. I’m sure everyone was thinking to themselves, “Now what?” What would Jesus do next? What great thing would happen next?

All of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) tell this miraculous story. In each one Jesus’ answer to the question hanging in the air, “Now what?” is this: he went off by himself to a mountain to pray. Prayer and reflection was what came next.

Now, I don’t know about you, but my call here to be your pastor seems miraculous to me. God has blessed me to come and serve you all. I have so many ideas, hopes and dreams for the mission and ministry of St. John’s, and we will work together to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in this community. In the midst of all that, I think the answer to “Now what?” ought to be prayer.

Join me in keeping the mission and ministry of St, John’s in your prayers. Pray for God’s blessing as we begin another program year doing faithfully what we have always done. Pray that we might have the love and compassion of Christ for each other and for our community. Pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance as we look to the future.

Finally, let’s come together to pray in worship. I love being in worship with you all. Hearing you lift your voices in song, confession, and prayer brings me great joy. I know for certain that we are in the presence of God during worship.

St. John’s, people of God, lift up your hearts in prayer!

Christ’s Peace,

Pastor Scott



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. 7-8** 13th Sunday after Pentecost / **RALLY DAY!!!**
Fall Schedule Resumes w/Sunday Worship at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
 Installation of Sunday School Teacher at Sunday services
 Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles on RALLY DAY
 Sunday School Rally Day Program for ALL AGES at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Sept. 14-15** 14th Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion at All Services / Blanket Weekend
- Sept. 21-22** 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Blanket Weekend
- Sept. 28-29** 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Food Bank Weekend

Kayaking on Lake Nockamixon - We are going again!



If you couldn't make the last kayaking trip at Tohickon Boat Launch on Lake Nockamixon, meet us there on **Sunday, Sept. 29th** after church between 1:00-1:30. Any questions or if you want to borrow a boat, please call Terri at 610-751-2286.



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NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions for the October/November 2019 issue of **THE MESSENGER** is: **Tuesday, September 10th.**

Borough Residents Mourn the Passing of Our Beloved Reverend David Schaeffer

The news of the passing of Reverend David Schaeffer hit hard to all who knew him and loved him...and that's just about everyone in our town. Somehow, most of us all came to know him as the Minister who gave the most eloquent sermons, sermons that encouraged a better life for all of us but avoided scolding us for what we were not doing right. To others, he was the smiling and proud husband and father, quick to laugh at a joke but mildly and effectively serious when it came time to counsel his parishioners or comfort those who listened intently to one of his amazing eulogies. Pastor Schaeffer, over his long tenure at Saint John's Lutheran, had a lasting effect on everyone who crossed his path. His ever-present smile, comforting words and pleasant way made us all respect him even more as he enriched our lives through his ministerial duties. He will deservedly remain a "Nazareth Icon" to all who knew and loved him.

Newsletter Issue	Will be published end of:
September	August
October/November	September
December/January	November
February/March	January
April/May	March
June/July/August	May

PASTORAL ACTS



We gladly received the following new members into the family and fellowship of St. John's congregation in the months of May & July 2019:

RANDY "CURTIS" & JOMARIE TAFF

May 19th

Curtis & JoMarie transferred here from a church in Palmer Township. Curtis works at Nazareth Machine Works and JoMarie is at stay-at-home grandmother. Welcome to St. John's.

JENNIFER PAULAS

May 26th

Jennifer moved here from Palmerton. She is a stay-at-home mom to Sailor Lee Shimer who was baptized on May 26th. We extend a warm welcome to Jennifer, Adam & Sailor.



We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy to the families and friends of the following members and friends of Saint John's who passed into eternal life in the months of May, June & July 2019:

ANNA H. WOLPER

May 25th

FREDERICK R. HANK

June 7th

ADOLPH H. HABERLE

June 8th

NANCY J. WAGNER

July 21st



We rejoice that those listed below have been liberated from sin and death by being joined in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism in the months of May, July & August 2019:

SAILOR LEE SHIMER

Daughter of Adam Shimer & Jennifer Paulas

Born: November 5, 2018

Baptized: May 26, 2019

EVERYL ROSE CHULADA

Daughter of Thomas & Nicole (Reinert) Chulada

Born: April 23, 2019

Baptized: July 28, 2019

EMERSON GRACE LEE

Daughter of Jeremy & Ashley (Lewis) Lee

Born: May 2, 2019

Baptized: August 24, 2019

AVERY MARIE STONEBACK

Daughter of Jeffrey & Megan (Doto) Stoneback

Born: August 30, 2018

Baptized: August 24, 2019



Received in the months of June & July 2019:

JUSTIN CALDWELL

Dori Pizzuto

FREDERICK HANK

Dolores Hartman; Michael & Vicki Werkheiser; Leon & Nancy Lieberman; Victor & Sharon Silimperi; Sarah Horning; Roy & Gloria Roth; Mildred Watson; Carol Pritchard & Richard Michael; Doris Pizzuto; Pat & Stan Keleman; Linda Michael; Kay Hank; Joey, Alma, Cathy & Jodi Trimmer

REV. DAVID SCHAEFFER

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Sunday School



Grace Notes

It was always the last event of our day. Each evening during the Chalice Choir trip to South Carolina this past June, we would gather in the lounge at the Coastal Retreat Center to reflect on our experiences of the day. We shared what was a highlight of that particular day, something that might have surprised us, or a funny incident that might have occurred. We talked about the worship styles at the churches where we sang, the insights we learned at our visit to a plantation, the historical significance of Fort Sumter, and many interesting and meaningful encounters we had with residents at the retirement homes following our performances.

These evening gatherings were not only a time to discuss the events of the day, but more importantly, a time of fellowship and a special opportunity that bonded us closer together. And that's what is so important about singing in a choir. It's not only a wonderful experience to learn together, to create glorious music, and to produce a beautiful gift to be shared, but it's a tremendous occasion to cultivate relationships. Many of our St. John's youth have been singing together since they were in kindergarten and over the years, through choir and M.A.D. Camp productions, they have developed meaningful and lasting friendships.

The choir season is about to begin! Think about joining us for a wonderful experience to share in the gift of song, to enjoy fellowship with other singers, and to be enriched by the music and the camaraderie. Opportunities for all ages are listed below and continue on the following page. All are welcome!

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



Music Opportunities for Children & Youth



All children from pre-kindergarten age through 6th grade are encouraged to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. for a special **J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Session**. The afternoon includes time for singing, arts & craft projects, and snacks. The children are divided into two age-level choirs: **CREATION CHOIR** for children 4 years old through 1st grade and **CELEBRATION CHOIR** for children in 2nd through 6th grade.

Choir is a great opportunity for children to become involved in the worship life of the church as well as to learn basic music and singing skills. The playing of Orff instruments is an additional aspect of being in choir for the older children. More information about the details of how JAM Sessions work and ways adults can assist in our children's music ministry will be distributed on Rally Day. (Contact Rev. Janice Butz, director, for more information.)

Rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 10th.

CHALICE CHOIR is a wonderful opportunity for middle school through high school youth to offer their musical gifts to God. Learning a wide range of anthems and songs, this group brings a refreshing spirit and sound to our worship. There are usually opportunities to take our music on the road as we visit other churches, retirement homes, or nursing-care facilities. The Chalice Choir meets on Wednesday afternoons at 5:00 p.m., prior to the Confirmation Class for junior highs. (Contact Rev. Janice Butz, director, for more information.) **Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 11th.**



Music Opportunities for Adults

The **FESTIVAL CHOIR** consists of the combined Chancel and Philethia Choirs plus others from the congregation who wish to sing for the holy festivals of the Christian year. These celebrations include Reformation Sunday, Advent Service of Lessons & Carols, Easter Sunday, Church Music Sunday, as well as other special occasions throughout the year. Announcements for rehearsals of the Festival Choir will be noted in *The Messenger* and the Sunday bulletins. **A half-day retreat for the Festival Choir will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon to prepare for Reformation Sunday on October 27 and the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols on December 8.** (Contact Rev. Janice Butz, director, for more information.)



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!



The **CHANCEL CHOIR**, for adults of all ages, meets on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and regularly sings for the 10:45 a.m. worship service from September through June. **Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 5th with a covered dish picnic.** (Contact Rev. Janice Butz, director, for more information.)

The **PHILETHIA CHOIR** is the adult choir that sings primarily for the 8:00 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday of each month, September through June. They normally rehearse on the first Saturday morning of the month at 10:00 a.m. **Rehearsals begin Saturday, September 7th.** (Contact Deacon Patrice Kidd, director, for more information.)

The **MEN'S CHORALE** is for all men of St. John's, whatever your musical ability. It is a short-term commitment to the music ministry of our church and provides an opportunity for camaraderie and musical learning. They perform a few times during the year, with rehearsal and performance dates announced in the church newsletter and bulletins. (Contact Rev. Janice Butz, director, for more information.)



The **WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE** is a short-term commitment for the women of our congregation. Like the Men's Chorale, rehearsal times and performances will be announced in advance through the church newsletter and bulletins. Women who enjoy singing, whatever your musical experience, are encouraged to join. **Their first opportunity for the new season will be in September, for the Women of the ELCA's Thankoffering Service on October 13th.** (Contact Rev. Janice Butz, director, for more information.) **See below for details...**



St. John's **HANDBELL MINISTRY** consists of several short-term opportunities throughout the year for both adults and youth. Those interested in being part of a bell group should contact either Rev. Janice Butz or Deacon Patrice Kidd.



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 13th. Women who enjoy singing, whatever your musical experience, are encouraged to join for this one-time commitment. Rehearsals will be between our two services on Sunday mornings, September 29th and October 6th at 9:15 a.m., with a final rehearsal on Thursday evening, October 10th 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!!**





A Message from the Director of Youth & Family Ministries

As we step into a new school year, a new Sunday School class, a new season, a new sport, a new activity, it is important to keep the joy of summer with us. For many, summer is, in general, a slower, more relaxed time with less commitments and scheduling conflicts. Once the school year hits, it can be an adventure of running from one activity to the next. Before we dive into that time, let us reflect on what our youth were up to this summer here at St. John's.

Some highlights:

We began June with packing boxes of supplies and goodies for the military, with the help of Dean & Barbara Sandbrook and other adult leaders. We thank them for their help and their dedication to honoring our troops in this way. Our youth also led game stations at the Strawberry Festival. They did an awesome job, and the festival was a wonderful event.

We had 30 youth help with Vacation Bible School from June 17-21! We had 90+ children in attendance, and it could not have been a successful week without our dedicated youth helpers and crew leaders! Immediately after VBS, on June 22, the Chalice Youth Choir left on their trip to Charleston, SC to perform for churches and retirement communities. They did a fabulous job and blessed all who came to see them.

In July, the Luther League took their annual trip to Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom. We had fantastic weather and shorter-than-average lines. We finished off the day with ice cream from Ice Cream World - it was a great day!

August began with M.A.D. (Music, Art, & Drama) Camp. 22 children and around 8 youth helpers participated this year. It was an awesome week for all involved! Later that month, a small group of youth went to Dutch Springs for a day at the Aqua Park, high ropes course, and rock climbing wall. The weather was iffy throughout the day, but we had a good time anyway!

On September 8th, Rally Day/Fall Kick-Off, we will have a meeting for all youth in grades 7-12 up in the Youth Room at 12:00 noon. Please come and give your input on what events you would like to see for this coming year! We cannot wait to kick off this next year with you all!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8:

- * Rally Day/Fall Kick Off!
- * Sunday School begins at 9:15 am.
- * Luther League (all youth in grades 7-12) will have its kick off meeting in the Youth Room to discuss the coming year and what events everyone would like to do at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided.
- * Back to School Blessing: All students and education staff are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, tote bags, tool belts, etc. to worship for a special blessing to being the new school year surrounded in prayer. (Parents: If you have a child that is in need of a backpack to start off the school year, please contact me!).

September 18:

- * Acolyte Training Session for all interested youth in 6-12 grades. Please meet at 5:30 pm in the Church Nave.

September 22:

- * God's Work. Our Hands. The youth will be participating in a Road Clean Up on this day. If attending late church, please bring a change of clothes and a packed lunch. We will head out around 12:30 pm. Parent drivers may be needed. We will also need a couple parents to assist the clean up. There will be other activities to help with on this day, as well.



RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 at 9:15 AM



Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 8 at 9:15 AM. All ages are welcome. We'll have a puppet show and songs to sing! The Sunday school has ages 2-3 (Nursery), ages 4-5 (Pre-K/K), grades 1-4 (Primary), grades 5-6 (Intermediate), grades 7-12 (Jr/Sr High), and two Adult classes (Grace and Search). Bibles will be distributed on Rally Day for 3rd grade students in their classroom. Invite your friends to come out and experience God's all encompassing love through the stories in the Bible.



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, beginning on RALLY DAY, September 8, 2019. 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 God's 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 downstairs (using the stairway located next to the kitchen); first door on left. This room used to be the Jr/Sr High school department. We hope to see you join the group. Any question, please see Lois Davis.

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, beginning on RALLY DAY, September 8, 2019. Any questions, please see Lois Davis or Gerald Lewis.

Sunday School Teachers Wanted

The Sunday School is in need of teachers. St. John's Sunday school (Nursery through Grade 6) follows the Spark lectionary material, and has teacher/student weekly lessons. Also, we are looking for 7-8 grade teachers (material provided for lessons). Please see Lois Davis or Jaime Taylor if you are interested. Sunday School teachers will be installed at both worship services on Sunday, September 8th.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Education Staff - September 7 & 8

Students and staff need all the prayers they can get. During the services on **September 7 & 8**, we will be blessing the students and staff as they begin another school year. All students and education staff are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, tote bags, tool belts, etc. with you to church on **Saturday evening, September 7 or Sunday, September 8!** You can even bring your lunchbox too.



WEDNESDAY NOON-TIME BIBLE

STUDY resumes on September 4th at 12:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring your lunch and your Bible. All are welcome!



Be aware of the school buses on the road carrying children to school! Please obey all traffic laws concerning school buses!

First Holy Communion Classes



As Lutherans, we believe the faith God gave to us in Holy Baptism is nourished by the hearing of God's Word and the receiving of the bread and the wine of Holy Communion. Classes for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time will be held on **Wednesdays, September 4, 18 and 25, 2019 from 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Instruction is usually for those entering the 7th grade and enrolling in the Level 1 Confirmation Class. Parents are required to accompany their children to these three classes. PLEASE NOTE: Letters were mailed to all seventh graders inviting them to become part of the upcoming First Holy Communion Classes and 7th Grade Confirmation Class. If your son or daughter is entering 7th grade this fall and did not receive a letter, please contact the Church Office. Any other questions may be directed to Pastor Scott.

Confirmation Classes



ORIENTATION FOR CONFIRMATION CLASSES: St. John's Confirmation Classes will begin on **Wednesday, September 4, 2019 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 Pete and Elizabeth Brodt-Zimmer, the Catechist of the seventh graders; meet Jaime Taylor, Director of Youth & Family Ministries; and Pastor Scott, who teaches the eighth graders. Guidelines and expectations for the Confirmation program will be shared. Questions will be answered and other confirmation resources will be distributed. On **Wednesday, October 2nd**, Level 2 will begin weekly Confirmation classes. Going forward, these classes will be held every Wednesday from **6:15 – 7:15 p.m. in the Parlor.**

Nazareth Area Community Chorus to Resume Rehearsals Tuesday, September 10, 7:30 PM St. John's Lutheran Church, Broad & Prospect Streets, Nazareth

- Annual Harvest of Harmonies Concert Sunday afternoon, Oct 27th in the fellowship hall of the Lutheran Church
- Four Christmas concerts with performances at Moravian Senior Living, Country Meadows, Nazareth Memorial Library, and the Nazareth Woman's Club.

Like to sing and enjoy sharing music with others? Join us on September 10th.
Contact Alice Yeakel 610 759 2672 for more information



SEPTEMBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

9:00 AM September 1 - Jordan Reuber
5:30 PM September 7 - Jordan Reuber
8:00 AM September 8 - Dawson Lueders
10:45 AM September 8 - Madelyn Rex
5:30 PM September 14 - Daniel Young
8:00 AM September 15 - Nathaniel Rex
10:45 AM September 15 - Jacob Golinsky
5:30 PM September 21 - Daniel Young
8:00 AM September 22 - Dawson Lueders
10:45 AM September 22 - Dominic Rizzotto
8:00 AM September 29 - Dominic Rizzotto
10:45 AM September 29 - Julia Ricci

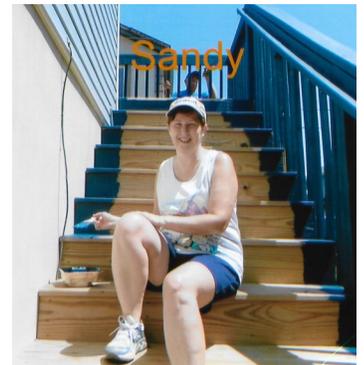
*May the coming year be one of increased riches of grace -
hearing His voice more clearly,
knowing His heart more deeply,
resting in His love more fully,
trusting His care more completely,
waling His pathway more peacefully,
knowing His presence more intimately,
blessed by His goodness more abundantly.*

- Roy Lessin, www.meetmeinthemeadow.com





Thanks you for your support!



Helping Hands Mission Trip 2019

The helping hands group at St John’s would like to thank the congregation for their support. Your talents and financial help are both greatly appreciated. We couldn’t do it without you. We would also like to thank Wegmans for their generous contribution of \$100.00 to help feed the group while there.

The time between disaster and recovery is not always what we expect it to be. Storm Sandy was almost 7 years ago. Why are we still going to the Jersey Shore to rebuild? As with many disasters all did not go as planned. Contractors rush in, some are ill prepared for the magnitude of the job, get over whelmed and walk away. Some are pure scams. Sometimes the homeowner thinks they can manage the rebuild on their own, but like the ill prepared contractor they are ill prepared to deal with the banks, permitting obstacles (new permits put in place etc.) and find their price estimates were far below the real cost. Now with the hard work and generous spirit of our volunteers, problems are getting solved and although painfully slow homeowners are getting back into their homes.

This year volunteers from St. John’s worked on two houses, finishing trim and painting. These finishing touches are a welcome sight even though a little more had to be completed when we left. Our volunteers with talent, community and the spirit of Christ, are committed to giving those still suffering from secondary trauma of trying to rebuild their lives as well as their homes a helping hand.

The Helping Hands Team



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



KATHRYN MOYER
September 6th
Whitehall Manor RM. A25
1177 6th St.
Whitehall, PA 18052

SHIRLEY TRUMAN
September 19th
Traditions of Hanover Rm. 238
5300 N. Gate Dr.
Bethlehem, PA 18017

SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBER/BAPTISM CLASS

Has a new baby joined your family who needs baptizing? Do you have family and friends who are looking for a new church home? Please invite them to attend the next New Member and Baptism Class taking place **Sunday, September 22nd at 9:15 AM** in the Church Parlor. Interested folks are welcome to attend even if they have not signed up. For more information, call the Church Office **610-759-3090 ext. 100** or email the Church Office **office@stjohnsnaz.org**

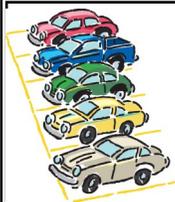
God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday, September 22, Noon - 3 pm

Each year in September the congregations of the ELCA designate a Sunday for service in their communities. St. John's will be joining with thousands of other ELCA Lutherans to make a difference. We will have many options for service such as working at the Food Bank or garden, road clean up along Northwood Ave, clean up in our cemeteries, or writing notes of encouragement to our home-bound members. **Pack a lunch that Sunday or have it delivered.** Come to church dressed for work and ready to serve! Watch for the sign up board going up soon.

God's work. Our hands.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



PARKING NOTICE:

We have many parishioners who have difficulty walking the distance from the back parking lots to enter our building via the ramp on Prospect St. Those who use mobility assistance, would be so grateful for this consideration: ***If you are able, please use the rear parking lots and leave the parking spaces on Prospect St. available for those who need easier access to the church.*** Thank you for your attentiveness and assistance to those who need a little extra love and care from their faith community in this matter.

Our average worship attendance over the summer months.

June - 212
July - 195
August - 186

2019 Fellowship Social Calendar



September 8 ~ Music & Worship / Columbarium (Rally Day)

October 13 ~ WELCA (Thankoffering)

October 27 ~ Evangelism / Social Ministry & Youth (Reformation Sunday)

November 9 & 10 ~ Stewardship / Finance (Stewardship Weekend)

December 8 ~ Adult Sunday School Classes (Lessons & Carols)

Fellowship for September will be on ***Sunday, September 8***, following the church services. This month's hosts are the Music & Worship Committee and the Columbarium Committee.

Worship & Music Committee:

The Music & Worship Committee is responsible for coordination ushers, greeters, lectors and acolytes for two Sunday morning services and one Saturday evening service each week. They do the same for the seasonal festival services and occasional services. They also arrange for seasonal decorations such as the Lenten and Easter crosses, the Harvest Home displays and dedicated floral arrangements such as the Easter lilies, Memorial Day geraniums, and the poinsettias at Christmas. This Group handles the maintenance of the musical instruments and choral needs. There are six Choirs at St. John's: Creation, Celebration, Chalice, Chancel, Philethia, Festival Choir and the Instrumental Ensemble. The Men's Chorale and Women's Chorale gather for special events. In addition to the above services, we can also thank this group for the work they do on the outdoor worship services, M.A.D. Camp, the Concert for the Poor and Homecoming in October.

Columbarium Committee:

The Committee oversees the administration and maintenance of the Columbarium. The columbarium is a designated place to keep the cremated remains of deceased loved ones. The Columbarium at St. John's provides a serene, peaceful place in a reverent atmosphere for those cremains. Family members are free to visit anytime. The Columbarium is for the use of congregation members and their immediate families. If you would like to purchase a niche please contact the Church office.

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

SEXTONS CORNER: Hello everyone! We'd like to share the following project updates with all of you:

- Restoration of the organ pipes is still in progress. (Capital Campaign).
- We hope to have an update on the remaining two projects after the August Capital Campaign meeting.

Thank you, the Sextons
sextons@stjohnsnaz.org



First Day of Autumn ~ September 22nd



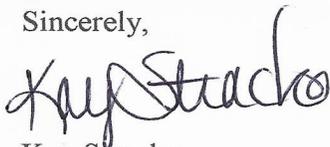
 *Correspondence* 

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Nazareth Area Food Bank, I am very happy to thank you for the generous donations of nonperishable food collected during the spring months. Every item given is a wonderful blessing to our client families who struggle daily with hunger. We are very grateful for your thoughtfulness concerning those less fortunate in our community.

Our all-volunteer Food Bank relies entirely on the kindness and generosity of congregations like yours to assist us in our mission to feed the hundreds of hungry families in the Nazareth area. The need for our services continues, and we appreciate your ongoing support. Please convey our gratitude to your congregation. We consider all gifts from St. John's among the Food Bank's many blessings and we couldn't do it without you!

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



Kay Stracko
Corresponding Secretary

I would like to thank everyone that helped with The Strawberry Festival. It was a great success and the young and old enjoyed it. The children enjoyed the Creature connections. We hope we can do it again next year. *In Christian Love, Joy and Joe Grim*

On June 6th we sent 11 cases to people serving in the for United States armed forces. Thank you to the congregation for their contributions and to the youth group for helping to package the boxes. *Evangelism/Social Ministry*

To all committees!

The Katherine von Bora Society is sending out this friendly kitchen reminder all as we prepare to return to our regular worship schedule and once again begin our fellowship hours.

The von Bora Society has been very considerate in supplying coffee, creamer, sugar and cups for each committee to use for their fellowship hours.

This will continue.

Please remember that when using the kitchen follow these simple rules. *Label everything!! Sometimes there are lots of activities at church and people may be confused as to what food is for what event. Whatever you bring into the kitchen please take with you when you leave. Do NOT leave behind paper goods, food, beverages, butter, syrup or anything that is perishable!!! Unfortunately, it usually gets thrown away. Please remember to take everything (you have labeled) from the freezer and/or refrigerator.*

Again, in return we are asking that committees be considerate by taking ALL your items with you and leaving the kitchen neat (If you use dish towels please wash them and return them in a timely manner).

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to join our committee, please feel free to call Susan at 908-256-2640.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Peace,
Susan Kelly

SEPTEMBER GREETER SCHEDULE

Date	Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 10:45 AM
Aug. 31 & Sept. 1	TBD		Sue Roth	
Sept. 7 & 8	Ludwig & Lujean Gocek	Suzan Andrews Kristen Andrews		Ron & Eileen Angelino
Sept. 14 & 15	Bill & Krista Hontz	David & Susan Bittner Milan & Sandra Billy		Maryellen Werkheiser Steve & Janis Bajan
Sept. 21 & 22	Sarah Amberger	Bruce & Joyce Knecht Carol & Danette Kish		Joe & Joy Grim Carol & Michael Kish
Sept. 28 & 29	Laurie Center	Lester & Charlene Smith Dean & Barbara Sandbrook		Mary Hillebrenner Steve & Janis Bajan

ST. JOHNS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT - JANUARY THRU JUNE 2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<u>Income</u>			
Plate Offering	\$ 6,141.77	\$ 6,434.98	\$ 4,806.33
Envelope Contributions	202,480.65	212,649.48	199,967.21
Other Income	19,644.56	19,697.52	20,151.19
Total Income	\$228,266.98	\$238,771.98	\$224,924.73
<u>Expenses</u>			
Benevolence	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Salaries and Staff Expenses	172,145.77	169,149.60	169,592.26
Property Maintenance	1,568.88	10,000.02	7,451.98
Utilities	21,753.27	20,525.07	24,234.66
Taxes and Insurance	19,708.82	21,550.02	20,903.87
Operating and Committee Exp.	13,270.02	18,675.00	17,145.75
Total Expenses	\$240,446.76	\$251,899.71	\$257,328.52
Difference	(\$ 12,179.78)	(\$ 13,127.73)	(\$ 32,403.79)



The Nazareth Area Food Bank needs to replenish its supply of the items listed below, but we welcome any other items you would like to donate. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!!**

FOOD BANK WEEKEND:

September 29th & 30th: soups, jelly, peanut butter, one can meals, hand soap, shower gel, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner



Love-A-Lot Nursery School

Love-A-Lot took a break for summer vacation and is now a blur of activities in preparation for another terrific school year! We're excited to see the children who attended our 3-year-old class last year and are returning as our 4-year-old class, and to welcome all new students. Returning or new to the school, all children walk into our classroom with mixed emotions. We are prepared with hugs and encouragement to meet those needs, and we are also there to ease the transition for the teary-eyed parents and caregivers who drop them off; It truly is a milestone for all. Many of the children are spending time away from their caregivers for the very first time when they walk through our doors. We feel it is a privilege that our school is chosen as this first experience for so many.

Throughout our school year, the children will learn much more than letters, numbers, shapes, and colors; They will grow in ways beyond any form of "academic" measure. The key is for them to learn to love and trust school, as well as feel safe and secure enough to enjoy coming into the classroom. These first experiences with school set the pace for years to come. The parents' role cannot be emphasized enough; Without their love and support, the children wouldn't be open to enjoying all of the wonderful experiences that await them far beyond the two years they spend with us.

Our classes meet from 9-11:30, with an optional lunch bunch for both classes that meets from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Please call **484-293-0720**, email **LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com**, or visit our website at **<https://www.stjohnsnaz.org/children/love-a-lot-nursery-school/>** for more information.



NEWS FROM THE DAYCARE ~ SEPTEMBER 2019



What a wonderful summer here at the daycare! The classrooms were able to spend lots of time outside with picnics, water play, and fun days like hot dog day and hot fudge sundae day. We had a reptile presentation for all the students and field trips to Adventure Aquarium and The DaVinci Center.

Now our preschool classrooms will be focusing more on the school year curriculum, and school age will be back to bus schedules and homework time. We are welcoming new students as well as transitioning students into new classrooms so we will spend some time getting them adjusted. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

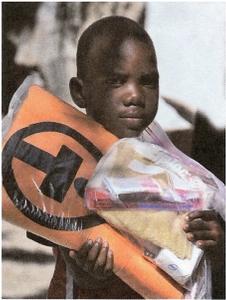
Our program provides care for children 6 weeks through school age from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. Our preschool curriculum is taught daily within our day. We currently have openings in our infants, young toddlers, and pre-k classrooms. If you have any interest in learning more about our center, please call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



September is once again **UNDERWEAR DRIVE FOR APPALACHIA**. Donations will be accepted **from Sept. 7th to the 29th** with the mailing to West Virginia shortly after that. Articles needed are pull-ups for toddlers, underpants up to size 4x, boys, girls, men's and women's. Donation box will be in the Shepherd's Room. School is starting so let's give these families a helping hand! Keep an angel on your shoulder as you generously share what we all take for granted! Thanks!!

BLANKETS+ PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 14th & 15th — 21st & 22nd

Please help those in need. Each year tragic events cause horrific hardships and devastation for people worldwide.



For 27 consecutive years, St. John's has participated in the Church World Service Appeal. CWS is a global humanitarian agency consisting of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, and Anglican denominations. Since 1946, CWS has provided relief, development, and refugee assistance. They reach out to 80 countries, including the U.S.

A single donation of \$10.00 can purchase a blanket that will provide warmth, protection, and comfort to children and adults of all ages. A sample blanket is on display in the Shepherd's Room. **Our donations can also provide tools and shelter kits.** Donations can be made in the envelopes that will appear in the bulletins on September 14, 15, 21 & 22 or you may drop off or mail your check to St. John's. Checks should be made payable to St. John's and please note in the memo "CWS Blankets +." **THANK YOU!! The Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee**



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.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING: ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS

This month our special offering envelopes benefit the Engineers Without Borders – Lehigh Valley Professionals Chapter. Engineers Without Borders supports community-driven development programs worldwide by collaborating with local partners to design and implement sustainable engineering projects, while creating responsible leaders. For more information, please contact St. John's member and EWB-LVP member Sean Dooley at 610-657-7420 or d4dooley@hotmail.com.

Bear Creek Camp 5K Walk/Run - Saturday, September 14, 2019 - Fun for all ages!

- \$30/person registered prior to August 30
- \$35/person registered August 30 to September 9
- \$20/virtual 5k for those who want to participate but are unable to attend

Register at www.bearcreekcamp.org

Race Day Schedule

- 8:45-9:45 am – Check In
- 10 am – 5k Run + Walk Start
- 11 am – Awards
- 11 am – Camp activities available
- 12 – Lunch available for purchase





St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
joyously invites you to the installation of

The Reverend Scott A. Hall

as Senior Pastor

Sunday, September 15th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

The Reverend Peggy Wuertele will preside and
The Reverend Jennifer Fuhr will be the guest preacher.

All rostered ministers are invited to attend,
vest and process.
(The color of the day is green.)

***St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
200 S. Broad St.
Nazareth, PA 18064***

**A dinner will be held following the
worship service.
All are invited to join us.**

Name/s: _____

Number Attending Dinner _____

RSVP by Tuesday, September 3rd
Office@StJohnsNaz.org
610-759-3090 Ext. 100

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~ May 22, 2019

PASTOR DAN CLAYBORNE'S REPORT: Complete as written, including:

1. Presided at the baptism of Skylar Taylor on Sun. May 5, 2019.
2. Attended the Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis, MN May 13-19, 2019. Excellent speakers.

PASTOR STINNER REPORT: Complete as written, including:

1. Conducted the funeral service for Dale Butz on April 26, 2019.
2. Conducted the interment service for Lillian (Dolly) Knecht and Rod Knecht on May 4.

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

1. May 9, 2019 – Attended the Board meeting of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown.
2. May 19 – Church Music Sunday. – Theme was “Sing an Alleluia.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATION TEAM: Jackie Wolf reported:

1. Amy Langford is working on a privacy policy for the website per the ELCA guidelines.

DAY CARE: Rita Bergstrom reported:

1. State Inspection – Inspected yard, fenced in area has been approved.
2. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – Provided by Nathan was enjoyed by staff.

ENDOWMENT: Stephen Bajan II reported:

1. The audit for the first quarter was completed by Barry Morris. There were no corrections.

EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY: Cathie Dara reported:

1. June 5 – Support Our Troops – Managed by Barb & Dean Sandbrook.
2. Summer Vegetable stand – Church members bring in their extra vegetables. Donation basket goes to the Nazareth Food Bank.

HELPING HANDS: Jackie Wolf reported:

1. June 4 – Installing the pavers in the new park behind fellowship hall.

LOVE-A-LOT: Jackie Wolf reported:

1. We have begun to receive calls of interest and have been conducting tours for both classes.
2. May 20 and May 21 – Picnics at Nazareth Boro Park.

LUTHER LEAGUE: Jaime Taylor reported:

1. Will re-vamp the Youth Room.

PERSONNEL: Jackie Wolf: No Report

1. Getting paperwork in order for the new Senior Pastor.

PROPERTY: Jackie Wolf reported:

1. Bell Closet – Shelving has been complete to modify, work by Joe Grim and Gary Wolf.
2. Choir Acolyte Robe Closet – Finance to discuss at May meeting. Ray and his dad will construct.
3. Church Bells – Dean Brodt will take care of oiling, waiting for the wood to dry out. Barry Hoch to do the work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Michele Seaton reported:

1. May 19, 2019 – Sunday School closing.
2. Bear Creek Camp – 8 students will be going.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Rita Bergstrom reported: No Report

1. Discussion was held about the Council Cover Sign-Up sheets, tabled for now

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Safety Plan – Pastor Dan will take this to the Property Committee.
2. Improvement to Organ – 50% done.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jackie Wolf discussed about “God’s Work-Our Hands”. Endowment could cover supplies.

Council President Jackie Wolf declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting = Wed. June 26, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

Next Devotions = Chris Andrews

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wallace, Recording Secretary

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~ June 26, 2019

PASTOR DAN CLAYBORNE'S REPORT: Complete as written, including:

1. The final Confirmation Level II class took place on June 5th. During the class, we rehearsed for the rite of “Affirmation of Baptism” (Confirmation). I presided at Confirmation which took place on Pentecost, June 9th during the worship service. Ten of our young people were confirmed this year.
2. Edited proposed bylaws based on suggestions made by Mike Bennethum at the Synod office. After the suggestions were incorporated, the bylaws are in harmony with our constitution. The bylaws are now in their final form

awaiting Council and congregational approval or amendment.

PASTOR STINNER REPORT: Complete as written, including:

1. The Wednesday evening Bible Study have been one of the great joys of my ministry here at St. Johns.
2. I begin my new call as Pastor of St. Lukes (Old Williams) Lutheran Church on July 1, 2019.
3. It has been a privilege to serve with you here at St. John's, and I want to express my deepest appreciation to all of you who supported and prayed for me as I served as your Associate Pastor. May God continue to bless you all in the days and years ahead!

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

1. Roosevelt Credit arrived on Thursday, June 13 and he graciously volunteered to sing for the funeral service of Fred Hank. On Friday afternoon we rehearsed with the soloists, the youth choir, and Sandra Billingslea who played the violin. The Friday evening concert was wonderful. The youth choir sang well, and I was proud of how our young soloists matured in their musical abilities over the past few years. With a full church and a responsive audience, it was indeed a memorable evening!
2. The Chalice Choir trip to South Carolina has finally arrived. The youth sang at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Summerville, (where Carol Schaeffer attends), and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Charleston. Special thanks are given to the Endowment Committee and the congregation who supported us with our fundraising efforts.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES REPORT:

Complete as written, including:

1. The Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 8th, was a wonderful success. We had many youth helpers to lead the children in attendance in various games. The youth then stayed to help the children with the animals, as well. Joy Grim did a great job coming up with the idea and executing it here at St. John's. She put a lot of hard work in, and it was very much appreciated!
2. Vacation Bible School was held from June 17-21st. We had over 90 children, 30 youth helpers, and 10 station leaders. A special thank you to Karlene Kipp and Kathy Keeler for their stage decorations, and to all the station leaders and helpers for their time, energy, dedication, and ministry. All supplies and decorations will now be donated to Rev. Sue Ruggle's church at St. John's Lutheran

Church in Easton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Stephen Bajan II reported:

1. Carol Schaeffer expressed her desire to have Pastor Schaeffer's memorial contributions split three ways evenly between Endowment, Building Trust and the Improvement Fund.

COMMUNICATION TEAM: Jackie Wolf Reported.

1. Finalized the wording on our website privacy policy which is based on the wording of the privacy policy on the ELCA's website.

ENDOWMENT: Stephen Bajan II reported:

1. Discussion on Pastor Schaeffer's scholarship.

HELPING HANDS: Gail Price reported:

1. Scheduled to leave for NJ Mission Trip on July 14-19.
2. Completed installing the pavers in the new park behind Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 4th.

LOVE-A-LOT: Rita Reported

1. Graduation was held May 17 at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.

PERSONNEL: Jackie Wolf reported.

1. Staff Meeting on June 5.

PROPERTY:

1. Red door illuminating project completed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Improvement to Organ – electrical completed on pipes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bio for Scott Hall will be in the Nazareth Key and also in the Express Times newspapers a week before his arrival.

Council President Jackie Wolf declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: August 7 @ 7:30 pm.

Next Devotions: Greg Leh

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Garrison

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~ August 7, 2019

COMMUNICATIONS: Pastor Dan Clayborne – Thank you note.

PASTOR SCOTT HALL'S REPORT: Complete as written, including:

1. Thank you to everyone who helped me move to Nazareth. I appreciated the time it took to drive, load/unload and unpack. It all went very smoothly.
2. I have enjoyed getting to know and to reacquaint myself with the staff. We have a strong, dedicated, and talented staff in place. They are doing a fantastic job in making sure that St. John's carries out its mission.

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

1. The Chalice Choir returned from their trip to South Carolina. The trip was fantastic in every way. The chaperones

were terrific and being with Carol Schaeffer was an added treat.

2. July 6 – Aiden Koch, a member of the Chalice choir performed a vocal and acoustic guitar concert. To everyone's surprise, I accompanied him on the piano for a Pink Floyd song.
3. July 24 – Sixteen people traveled by bus to New York City to hear Roosevelt Credit perform at Lincoln Center. It was a grand farewell to the Langford's who were about to leave for their move to Texas.
4. Aug. 5 – 9 – M.A.D. Camp – *Malice in the Palace*, the story of Queen Esther will be taking place. Thank you to the Youth Volunteers.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES REPORT:

Jaime Taylor reported:

1. A group of youth went to Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom. We had great weather and short lines, so it was a great day for all.
2. July 17 – Summer SHYG continues all summer long. We had a sendoff for Alexa & Molly Langford. The students created close bonds with them, and they will be missed at SHYG as well as our youth events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNICATION TEAM: Jackie Wolf reported:

1. Facebook: Business Manager Name: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ray Wolfe is now owner and admin. Other admins. Are Pastor Scott Hall and Jaime Taylor.
2. "This Week at St. John's" email information will be assigned to Linda Kasmakites and Jackie Wolf. Will now come from enews@stjohnsnaz.org

EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY: Cathie Dara reported:

1. Support Our Troops – Managed by Barb & Dean Sandbrook. 11 boxes were sent out in June.
2. Summer Vegetable Stand – Church members bring in their extra vegetables. Donation basket goes to the Nazareth Food Bank. Envelopes are underneath basket.
3. Sept. 7 – 29 –Underwear Drive for Appalachia donation bin will be set up in the Fellowship Hall.

HELPING HANDS: Gail Price reported:

1. July 8 – 9 - Went to Pittsburgh to move Pastor Scott Hall's household goods to Nazareth.
2. July 14-20 – Went to NJ for the Mission Trip. Worked on 4 houses. Full Week = 11 people and Days = 5 people

LOVE-A-LOT: Jackie Wolf reported:

1. New carpet/wood vinyl flooring is currently being installed in the big classroom.

PROPERTY: Jackie Wolf reported:

1. Choir/Acolyte Robe Closets – Construction to be done by Ray Wolfe, Sr. and Ray Wolfe, Jr.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Improvement to Organ – Janice Butz reported that it is still ongoing.
2. Albs – Robes – Will need approval from Memorial Fund to purchase new robes. Jackie Wolf will request a sample robe.
3. CPR Class – Thank you to Greg Leh and his staff for coming to teach the CPR class on July 24 @ 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. "God's Work-Our Hands" - Sept. 22. Suggestions include cemetery cleanup, road cleanup, plus other projects. Details will follow. Christine Garrison suggested a Temple Talk with project sign-up sheets. Jaime Taylor suggested have people write to our Shut-ins.
2. Sept. 15 @ 4:00 p.m. - Installation of Pastor Scott Hall with a dinner to follow. Susan Kelly is working with Pastor Scott. We will need volunteers to help. Offering has been designated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.
3. Pastor Scott would like to start-up a nursery during worship again. He will start doing more children's sermons. Suggested a "pray ground" during worship services.
4. Security Task Force - Jackie Wolf suggested we need a team.
5. Building Request Form –Has been revised.
6. American Red Cross – St. John's received a letter suggesting our church being a shelter. Council agreed to continue this long standing relationship.

Council President Jackie Wolf declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting = Wed. Sept. 25, 2019 @ 7:30 p.m.

Next Devotions = Cathie Dara

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wallace, Recording Secretary



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:



The Fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held on October 11 - 13 in Cranberry Township, PA. There will also be a November 1 - 3 session in Lenox, MA. Please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at **724-325-3166** or fjschamber@comcast.net for more information or to register.

SEPTEMBER USHER SCHEDULE

9:00 AM September - Brodt Family

10:45 AM September 8 - Evan Werkheiser, Sandy Garr, Tom & Jocelyn Starnier

10:45 AM September 15 - Karlene Kipp, Kathy Keeler, Scott Himler, Roy Roth

10:45 AM September 22 - Ralph Deyo, Ginger Ritchie, Judy & Brian Flick

10:45 AM September 29 - Craig & Ann Dally, Joy and Joe Grim



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/Social Ministry 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/Social Ministry 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 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 Joyce Wallace from the Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee. Please return forms to the Church Office or to the Evangelism/Social Ministry mailbox.

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Please Check One:

- Is now working locally Is now working away from the area
 Is now at college locally 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: _____



SAINT JOHN'S 2018 STAFF, COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEER LIST

CONTACT US. . .

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Church Council Recording Secretary	Joyce Wallace
Columbarium	Jackie Wolf
Day Care	Rita Bergstrom
YEO Endowment	Stephen Bajan II, Craig Dally
Evangelism/Social Ministry	Cathie Dara, Jackie Wolf
Finance	Steven Bajan II, Craig Dally
Helping Hands	Jackie Wolf, Gail Price
Love-A-Lot Nursery School	Christina Brodt
Personnel	Jackie Wolf, Gail Price
Property	Greg Leh, Jackie Wolf
Stewardship	Christine Garrison, Jerry Lewis
Sunday School	Michele Seaton
Worship & Music	Chris Andrews & Christina Brodt
Youth Representative	Chiara Dooley

VOLUNTEER CHURCH STAFF	CONTACT PERSON AND TELEPHONE	
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Altar Guild	Jocelyn Starner	610-759-3205
Building Trust Fund	Jeff Daniels (Special appt.)	
Bulletin Sponsors	Church Office	610-759-3090
CD Ministry Sponsors	Church Office	610-759-3090
YEO Endowment	Donald Himler (Special appt.)	
Greeters Schedule	Maryellen Werkheiser	610-759-5191
Helping Hands	Gail Price Keith Shook	610-704-8736 610-759-0594
Katherine Von Bora Society	Susan Kelly	610-746-2231
Lectors Schedule	Christina Brodt	610-653-0358
Love-A-Lot Nursery School	Andrea Miller, Director LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com	484-293-0720
Luther League (Youth Group - grades 7 & up)	Jaime Taylor	610-509-8288
Media Ministry	Lois Davis lo.huthie@yahoo.com	610-504-1635
Prayer Chain	Betty Laubach	610-759-0225
St. John's Day Care	Lisa Todd, Director lisat@rcn.com	610-759-4999
Sunday School Committee	Lois Davis, Superintendent lo.huthie@yahoo.com	610-504-1635
Ushers Schedule	Christina Brodt	610-653-0358
Women of the ELCA (WELCA)	Joyce Wallace	610-330-9113

SEPTEMBER LECTOR SCHEDULE

Weekend of	Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 10:45 AM
Aug. 31 & Sept. 1	Charles Bonisese		Sarah Howell	
Sept. 7 & 8	Janice Smith	Karen Coleman		Sarah Fox
Sept. 14 & 15	Madelyn Rex	Edith Brodt		Karlene Kipp
Sept. 21 & 22	Crystal Koch	Hildegard Kurt		Christianna Hunter
Sept. 28 & 29	Charles Bonisese	Sharon Werner		Craig Dally

PRAYER REQUESTS

Names of those needing prayers will be added to the Prayer Chain Committee List.

Would you like this name added to the list read during the prayers at church during the worship service?

_____Y _____N

Name of Person/s Needing Prayers: _____

Special notes (optional): _____

Name of Person making this Request: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

ATTENTION NEW POLICY:

Names will be kept on the prayer list/s for **4 weeks**. If someone continues to need prayers beyond that, please let the Church Office know or fill out a new form. The forms are located at the back of the Nave. Completed forms can be placed in the Offering Plate or given to the Church Office.

Revised August 2019

Date: _____



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“To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known”

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September 2019

Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day!

**From the Staff at St. John's:
Pastor Hall, Pastor Butz,
Jaime, Deacon Patrice
Linda, Bonnie, Dean & Ray**



The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day.

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PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN...

- ◆ A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, a member of your family is no longer physically able to attend worship, a member of your family leaves home for college, military service, or to establish a new residence, a member of your family changes their name and/or marital status
- ◆ A new baby arrives in your family
- ◆ Your address, phone number and/or email address has changed
- ◆ You feel the church can assist you in any way
- ◆ You would like to request a visit from the Pastor

610-759-3090 ext. 100 or office@stjohnsnaz.org

O God of heaven and earth, who's bigger than nations and factions, be with us as we live through times of terror, despair and danger. Be the strength of people who've been touched personally by disaster. Come with healing to those who are injured. Be the eternal rest of those who've died. Be the energy, compassion and fortitude of those who must pick through the wreckage. Grant our leaders courage and a double portion of your wisdom. The day of universal fellowship seems farther off than ever, O God, but help us not despair of trying to accomplish it. Strengthen our faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.



SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 AM Worship wHC Sexton on Duty: Ray	2 Labor Day Church Office & Day Care Closed	3 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 7:30 PM Nazareth Community Chorus (FH)	4 9:00 AM Ruth Circle (P) 12:00 PM Bible Study (P) 6:15 PM Confirmation Orientation & First HC Class (FH) 7:30 PM NA (Downstairs)	5 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	6 4:15 PM Girl Scouts (FH) 5:30 PM Philethia Picnic	7 10:00 AM Philethia Choir Reh. 5:30 PM Worship w/HC & Blessing of Backpacks Sexton on Duty: Dean
8 RALLY DAY Blessing of Backpacks & SS Teacher Installation during both services 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Rally Day Program (FH) 10:15 AM Family Fellowship 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM Luther League Mtg. (YR) 1:00 PM Love-A-Lot Orientation & Parent Meeting Sexton on Duty: Dean	9 6:30 PM Property (FH) 7:00 PM Rebekah Cir. (P) 7:00 PM Stewardship (FH)	10 MESSENGER DEADLINE (Oct/Nov Issue) 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 6:30 PM Sunday Scool Bd. (P) 6:30 PM Worship & Music 6:30 PM Evang/Soc. Min. (SR) 7:00 PM Naz. Women's Club (FH) 7:30 PM Naz. Community Chorus (N)	11 Patriot Day 12:00 PM Bible Study (P) 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:00 PM PFANB Bd. (P) 6:15 PM SHYG 7:30 PM NA (Downstairs)	12 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	13 <i>No Scheduled Events</i>	14 BLANKET WEEKEND 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Sexton on Duty: Ray
15 BLANKET WEEKEND 8:00 AM Worship w/HC 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Family Fellowship 10:45 AM Worship w/HC 4:00 PM Installation of Pastor Hall Followed by Dinner Sexton on Duty: Ray	16 7:00 PM Day Care Bd. 7:00 PM Finance 8:00 PM Endowment	17 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 7:30 PM Helping Hands (P) 7:30 PM Naz. Community Chorus (FH)	18 COUNCIL REPORTS DUE 12:00 PM Bible Study (P) 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 5:30 PM Acolyte Training (N) 6:15 PM First HC Class (FH) 6:15 PM SHYG 7:30 PM NA (Downstairs)	19 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	20 4:15 PM Girl Scouts (FH)	21 BLANKET WEEKEND 9:30 AM Festival Choir Retreat (FH) 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Sexton on Duty: Ray
22 GOD'S WORK/OUR HANDS BLANKET WEEKEND 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM New Mem/Baptism Class (P) 10:15 AM Family Fellowship 10:45 AM Worship 12:30 PM Road Clean Up, Cemetery Clean Up, etc. Sexton on Duty: Ray	23 6:30 PM Bell Choir Reh. (FH)	24 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 4:00 PM JAM Sessions 7:30 PM Naz. Community Chorus (FH)	25 12:00 PM Bible Study (P) 5:00 PM Chalice Choir 6:15 PM First HC Class (FH) 6:15 PM SHYG 7:30 PM NA (Downstairs) 7:30 PM Church Council (P)	26 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	27 4:15 PM Girl Scouts (FH)	28 FOOD BANK WEEKEND 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Sexton on Duty: Dean
29 FOOD BANK WEEKEND 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Family Fellowship 10:45 AM Worship Sexton on Duty: Dean	30 6:30 PM Bell Choir Reh. (FH)		This Month: Collection of Underwear for Appalachia runs Sept. 7 – 29			 <p>11th September PATRIOT DAY</p>