

## Yes, It's Happening to You

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:1-6 NRSV)

I am writing this article out of pastoral concern. Over the past several months, I have noticed the political polarization in our nation reflected in our own community. The passage from Ephesians above calls for us to be one body making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit. It is this oneness and unity that is at risk.

Allow me to review the early history of Facebook. Mark Zuckerberg developed FaceMash in 2003. By hacking into the servers of dormitories at Harvard, Zuckerberg uploaded the pictorial directories of the female students. He set up an application to compare these women side by side so that people could vote on which student was more attractive. In an article from the September 15, 2010 issue of *Rolling Stone*, two of Zuckerberg's blog (online journal) entries were reported from that night when he wrote the software for FaceMash: "I'm a little intoxicated, not gonna lie. So what if it's not even 10 p.m. and it's a Tuesday night? What? The Kirkland [dorm] facebook [slang for the pictorial directories] is open on my desktop and some of these people have pretty horrendous facebook pics. I almost want to put some of these faces next to pictures of farm animals and have people vote on which is more attractive." And again "Yeah, it's on. I'm not exactly sure how the farm animals are going to fit into this whole thing (you can't really ever be sure with farm animals ...), but I like the idea of comparing two people together." FaceMash became the Facebook that we use today.

The purpose of FaceMash was to objectify, categorize and dehumanize. A person would look at pictures of two people and turn those people into objects to be compared. Those people were to be put into two categories: more attractive or less attractive. Perhaps some people were deemed not worthy of being compared to other people and they would be dehumanized by being compared to farm animals.

Facebook ultimately has the same purposes. As a user reacts to posts, they become like objects to be placed into a category. These categories are used to commodify the user's reactions to be sold to advertisers. This dehumanizes the user in order to be monetized. The goal is to turn the user into money through selling advertising. The more narrowly defined the user becomes the more targeted and effective the advertising and monetizing. There may be lofty goals of building community, but in the end, it is about making money.

This is true of almost all media that we consume whether it is social media, television, news outlets, or radio. The goal is to keep you scrolling, watching, reading, and listening so that you will be exposed to more advertising that leads to buying products. You as the consumer are being objectified, categorized, dehumanized, and monetized. Yes, it is happening to you.

I pray that you lead a life worthy of the calling you have received in Christ Jesus. You are created in the image of God, claimed as God's beloved child, and sent into the world to proclaim that love. That is how God sees you and calls you to see others. You are not monetized. You are loved. You are not objectified and dehumanized. You are called into community with those that are of the same Lord, same faith, same baptism and same God.

Christ's Peace,  
Pastor Scott

One LORD,  
*One Faith,*  
One BAPTISM.  
Ephesians 4:5

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# 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.

- Feb. 6 – 7 5th Sunday of Epiphany
- Feb. 13 – 14 Transfiguration of Our Lord – Farewell to Alleluia
- Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday - 7:30 PM livestreamed
- Feb. 20 – 21 1st Sunday in Lent
- Feb. 27 – 28 2nd Sunday in Lent

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## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

February 14th & 15th marks the final weekend before the Lenten season begins, when we celebrate Christ's transfiguration on the mountaintop, and bid farewell to "alleluia" until Resurrection Day. It is hoped that the majesty and glory of that day's worship will be remembered as a source of strength and comfort as we embark on the Lenten journey.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

From ancient times, ashes have been used as a symbol of mourning, penitence, and grief. Christians have a tradition of using ashes made from the palm branches used on the previous Palm Sunday to make the sign of the cross on a believer's forehead as part of the Ash Wednesday service. The ashes symbolize the Christian's intent to repent of sins, to accept purification from the Lord, and to make a public witness of one's faith in Christ as Lord and Savior. **Join us Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 7:30 p.m. for a livestreamed service of Holy Communion. CD's will be mailed to those requesting them.**



Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness. The only way our Lord's forgiving power can become effective in our lives is by our taking the initiative to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them. In short, Lent is a season of penitence, and a time for spiritual renewal and growth in dedication and service. **A simple service of prayer, song, scripture and a message will be posted on our FB page, YouTube channel, and website on each Wednesday of Lent. We hope that you will make worship every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. a part of your Lenten discipline. CD's will be mailed to those requesting them.**



# PASTORAL ACTS



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 December 2020 & January 2021:

**ROBERT S. REX**

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

**BRUCE H. MUSCHLITZ**

Thursday, December 31, 2020

**LOUISA E. HOCH**

Sunday, January 10, 2021

**PATRICIA A. EDWARDS**

Thursday, January 21, 2021

## NEW MEMBER & BAPTISM CLASSES

For information about becoming a member of St. John's or to schedule a baptism, please call the Church Office at **610-759-3090 ext. 100** or contact Pastor Scott at **ext. 103** or **prhall@stjohnsnaz.org**.



Become Part of St. John's Church Family

## PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Betty Laubach at 610-759-0225 or the Church Office at 610-759-3090 and let them know if you have family members or friends who are in need for prayer.



## Adult Bible Study: The Sunday Scriptures

Virtual Meeting through Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/92071471091?pwd=Ty9lNFRVM0pONS9WQjdlKytpWFBjZz09>

Meeting ID: 920 7147 1091

Passcode: 9qgkgi

**Wednesdays February 3 & 10 at 7:30 pm**

We'll take a look at each of the readings for the upcoming Sunday worship. We'll discuss, reflect and consider how these scriptures speak the Word of God to us today. Please join us when you are able.

**NewsLetter DEADLINE** The deadline for all submissions for the **March 2021** issue of THE MESSENGER is: **Wednesday, February 10th.**



Received in December 2020:

**SKIP JONES**

Brian & Val Umstead; Richard & Joan Werner; Lew & Diane Parker; Betty Buckley

**Happy Valentine's Day**  
From the Staff at St. John's:



Pastor Hall  
Pastor Butz  
Deacon Patrice, Jaime  
Bonnie, Linda,  
Dean, Tony



# Grace Notes

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a forty-day period of prayer, fasting and penitence. On this day, foreheads are marked with ashes in the form of a cross as congregants hear these words—“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” It is an ancient Christian practice adopted from the Jewish tradition that ashes are an outward sign of contrition and mourning.

Throughout Hebrew scripture, several references to ashes are found. Abraham prefaces a question to the Lord by expressing his humility in God’s presence and states “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.” (Genesis 18:27) Suffering extreme distress, Job sits in ashes following the start of his painful sores. Later Job declares that “He has cast me into the mire, and I have become like dust and ashes.” (Job 30:19) And recognizing his need for forgiveness, Job confesses that “I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.” (Job 42:6)

Ashes signify our human condition, reminding us that we are sinners and recognizing the shortness of human life. They are a symbol of our need to repent, confess our sins, and return to God. However, ashes can also suggest a cleansing and renewal, and in earlier centuries were used in the absence of soap. In Psalm 51, the appointed psalm for Ash Wednesday, we hear David’s prayer for pardon—*Create in me a clean heart, O God.* And so, through the marking with ashes, we remember not only our sinfulness, but at the same time, we can look forward to the new life and rebirth that comes at Easter.

The imposition of ashes has become a tradition at St. John’s, but it is unclear that it will happen this year as the pandemic continues. However, we will still observe the day with a worship service and the singing of our long-established opening hymn — *Savior, When in Dust to You* (ELW #601). This hymn is not included in the Lenten section of our ELW hymnal but is placed under the heading “confession and forgiveness.” Composed as a litany, a liturgical form of prayer consisting of a series

of petitions followed by a simple response, the hymn concludes each verse with the words “hear our penitential cry.” The first verse is a plea for repentance and an acknowledgement of Christ’s atonement for our sins. Verse two and three describe Jesus’ life from infancy, the temptation in the wilderness, the agony in the garden, and finally to Christ’s ultimate sacrifice on the cross. The final verse expresses Jesus’ last breath and burial, and it concludes with his ascension into heaven.

The words were written by Robert Grant (1779-1838), a British politician and statesman whose hobby was writing poetry. His text *Savior, When in Dust to You* was first published under the title “Litany” in the *Christian Observer* in 1815. It has been set to several hymn tunes, but most frequently sung to the tune *Aberystwyth*, composed in 1876 by the Welsh musicians Joseph Parry. Its solemn and mournful melody partners perfectly with Grant’s text to provide a poignant and meaningful hymn for the start of the Lenten observance. I hope you will join in singing it as we begin the season of Lent with our on-line service on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Blessings for your Lenten journey!

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





# A Message from the Director of Youth & Family Ministries

The Luther League and the youth who hope to attend the 2022 National Youth Gathering are hosting a clothing drive! This drive will be active until at least through this summer, so you have plenty of time to clean out and get things together!

## **Clothing Drive Information: Acceptable Items & Where Do Your Items Go?**

### **What We Accept:**

Adult & Children Clothing, Shoes, Handbags, Sandals, Sneakers, Boots, Jackets, Coats, Rain Gear, Leathers, Belts, Ties, Pants, Shirts, Sweaters, Vests, Blouses, Dresses, Skirts, Robes, Undergarments, Sheets, Towels, Linens, Tablecloths, Hats, Scarfs, Gloves, Purses, Wallets, Jewelry, Watches, Uniforms, Jerseys, Backpacks, and New Diapers.

### **Items We Cannot Accept:**

Thrift Store goods, Books, Games, Furniture, Flea Market or Yard Sale items, Curtains, Pillows, Stuffed Animals, Bric-A-Brac, Toys, or any merchandise that has holes, rips, stains, mold, or has an odor.

**What We Accept Items In:** Plastic bags of all colors, garbage bags, or paper bags. Items may be bagged together - they do not need to be categorically separated.

### **Where Do Your Items Go?**

The items collected go to low income areas abroad and in the USA to be sold at economical prices and given a second chance. In some instances, members of the community where clothing is being taken are trained and given jobs to sell the clothes themselves.

### **Where Can You Drop Off Your Items?**

Bags can be dropped off anytime the Church Office doors are open (Monday - Friday 6am - at least 6pm) and placed in the vestibule underneath the coat rack. If the Fellowship Hall double doors are open, please bring bags into the Fellowship Hall and drop them there. Please label bags **“Clothing Drive”**.

In donating to this clothing drive, you are supporting our St. John's youth, raising funds, and cleaning out your home of unwanted items at the same time! It's a triple win!

Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

Blessings,  
Jaime Taylor



Do you shop at Giant? Do you want to help support St. John's youth? You can purchase Giant gift cards at face value in increments of \$25, \$50, or \$100, and 5% will be donated by Giant! Contact Jaime Taylor at [jtaylor@stjohnsnaz.org](mailto:jtaylor@stjohnsnaz.org) if you'd like to purchase one. Thank you in advance for your support of our youth.



## Let's Get Those Cards Out and Wish a Blessed and Happy Birthday to Our Shut-In Friend Celebrating in February!



**LINDA FEHNEL**  
*February 18th*  
Gracedale Tower 4 D2 Bd 3  
2 Gracedale Ave.  
Nazareth, PA 18064



### **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

Our church is once again participating in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" event. Soup pots will be located in the office lobby **February 1st – 5th from 8 AM – 3 PM**. Vote for your favorite Super Bowl team by placing your deposit in the corresponding pot! Your donations help to feed hungry Americans throughout the country, and 100% of the money collected goes to local charities. St. John's donates to Safe Harbor and our local Food Bank. Thank you for your contributions!



*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.*

### **February Special Offering: HELPING HANDS**



The YEO Endowment Trust finished November and December by donating to a number of local and national organizations. Locally, donations were made to Allentown Rescue Mission, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army Pen Argyl and Bethlehem, Diakon Lutheran Home at Topton, Good Shephard Rehabilitation, Mary's Shelter, Miller Keystone Blood Center, Second Harvest Food Bank, Third Street Alliance, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley and Victory House of the Lehigh Valley. A donation was made to the Northeastern PA Synod to help start a scholarship in the name of Bishop and Mrs. Samuel Zeiser. Funds were put aside to support future Youth trips and educational seminars for congregation and church staff. Submitted, D. Scott Himler, Trustee Chair



### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

The Food Bank made the decision not to take any food donations until April. They will only be taking monetary donations for gift cards. Checks should be made payable to the **Nazareth Area Food Bank** and mailed to **PO Box 178, Nazareth, PA 18064**.



# Love-A-Lot Nursery School



Love-A-Lot is virtually zooming into February and finishing up our favorite unit on Space! We have been learning about the sun, moon, planets and stars. We will finish by painting watercolor planets and making our own telescopes (pretend, of course!). The kiddos are practicing their letters by singing our SPACE song to the tune of BINGO. We have so much fun singing this together!

We will be having a Valentine’s Day Party on February 12<sup>th</sup> and then we will start learning about another favorite...DINOSAURS! We will be doing a dinosaur directed drawing, reading dinosaur themed books, and making our own fossils.

Our virtual schedule is jam-packed full of fun and learning. We do circle time every day, have small groups and snack with friends, dance and sing, and do crafts and STEM projects. We are certainly making the most out of our Zoom learning and anxiously awaiting our return to the classroom!

Our preschool class (3 & 4 year old’s) usually meets Tuesday/Thursday from 9am-11:30am. Our Pre-K class usually meets Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9am-12pm, with an optional lunch bunch that extends the day from 12pm-1pm. Both classes meet virtually Wednesday/Thursday/Friday from 9am-10am. If you are interested in registering your child in Love-A-Lot Nursery School next September, Please call (484)-293-0720 or email [LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com](mailto:LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com).



## 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?**

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Name of Person/s Needing Prayers: \_\_\_\_\_

Special notes (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person making this Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~ HIGHLIGHTS ~ Dec. 16, 2020

**PRESENT:** Chris Andrews, Rita Bergstrom, Christina Brodt, Rev. Janice Butz, Craig Dally, Rev. Scott Hall, Patrice Kidd, Joyce Knecht, Crystal Koch, Greg Leh, Jerry Lewis, Gail Price, Michele Seaton, Jaime Taylor, Joyce Wallace, Jackie Wolf

**ABSENT:** Stephen Bajan, II and Christine Garrison

**GUESTS:** Rich Johnson and Ben Miller

**DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Hall read from Malachi Chapter 3 & 4 followed by a prayer.

**MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Nov. 18, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Motion by: Christina Brodt. 2nd – Chris Andrews – Motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Letter from the Borough of Nazareth to close street for Christmas Eve Service from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

1. The Council election went well on the Zoom meeting. I am confident that we will have to have our Annual meeting virtually as well.
2. Thank you for your support through the pandemic and the difficult decisions we have had to make. This council has been wonderful. I do not know when we will be able to worship in-person again, but we can be assured that we are doing all we can to keep our community safe.
3. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Jackie Wolf & Greg Leh for their faithful service to the church through their service on council.

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

1. Nov. 25 – a technician from Emery Brothers came to install a new power supply inside the organ console. After the new year, Emery Brothers will be sending us a quote to consider replacement of the organ's electronics.
2. For several weeks I have met with a small group of children to rehearse music for an on-line Christmas message for children. Recording will take place on Dec. 15, 2020
3. I have been in contact with musicians and arranging rehearsals for the on-line Christmas Eve service. Recording will take place on Dec. 22, 2020.

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES REPORT:**  
**Jaime Taylor reported:**

1. Dec. 9 – Confirmation & High School students met in the Fellowship Hall and began decorating candlesticks for members to pick up and use at the virtual Christmas Eve service. The students did an awesome job.
2. Dec. 20 – Sunday School materials handed out. Lois Davis & I have been working on the Sunday School Christmas story video.
3. Advent Wreaths – Confirmation students were not able to make the Advent Wreaths in November. I put the wreath's together and delivered them to each students' house. I also put together Advent devotions for each week's candle lighting. I have heard that the families are using them, which is great news.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE:** **Craig Dally & Pastor Hall reported:**

1. Pastor Hall bought a computer for professional use.
2. Income & Expense Statement was discussed with Council.
3. Pastor Hall discussed the Budget 2021 with Council. Motion by: Craig Dally to recommend the 2021 Budget to the congregation. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gail Price. Motion passed.

**DAY CARE:** **Rita Bergstrom & Joyce Knecht reported:**

1. New policy regarding Covid-19.
2. Dec. 29 – There was a deep cleaning of the Day Care.

**ENDOWMENT:** **Craig Dally & Pastor Hall reported:**

1. Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary – the members approved \$1,000 be paid out of Outreach.
2. United Lutheran Seminary – The Members approved \$1,000 be paid out of Youth & Education.
3. Disbursing of funds continues for Outreach.

**EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY:** **Jackie Wolf reported:**

1. Support Our Troops – 19 cases were sent out.
2. Ingathering – Items were delivered to Schnecksville. Donations of \$530 was received to cover expenses and the extra donation to Gracedale. A special thank you to Jean Miltenberger and all the others who donated handmade items.

**HELPING HANDS:** **Gail Price reported: No Meeting**

**LOVE-A-LOT:** **Christina Brodt & Ben Miller reported:**

1. Doing well with virtual learning.
2. Good enrollment.

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**LUTHER LEAGUE: Jaime Taylor reported:**

1. SHYG is meeting through Zoom.
2. Dec. 9 – Decorating of Candlesticks for members was done in the Fellowship Hall.

**PERSONNEL: Jackie Wolf & Pastor Hall reported:**

1. The Personnel Committee has been meeting to develop a job description for a communications administrator. This person will be responsible for all print, social, and visual media produced by the church including the newsletter and bulletin.

**PROPERTY: Jackie Wolf reported:**

1. Lighting concerns in parking lot are still ongoing.
2. Church Lobby – Dean Brodt to contact interior designer Bonnie Morrow. Pastor Hall is working with Gail Price and Helping Hands to upgrade the lobby window.

**STEWARDSHIP: Jerry Lewis reported: No Meeting**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: Michele Seaton reported:**

1. We will continue with virtual Sunday School through May 2021.
2. Sunday School videos will be available on the online site once a month.
3. Jan. 3, 2021 – Three Kings Sunday - Epiphany for Sunday School – Lois Davis is working with Janice Butz as to how and if this will be recorded for viewing for Sunday School.
4. Netflix Veggie Tale Movie Party – Feb. 2021 – Discussion on having an online movie date in lieu of the annual PJ Bring a Friend Sunday for Sunday School.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC: Christina Brodt reported: No Meeting**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Church Pictorial Directory – Rita Bergstrom & Joyce Knecht are working on the layout.
2. Holiday Worship Schedule – 7:00 and 8:00 will use the candlelighters.
3. Council Installation – List of names will be on the screen.
4. Zoom License Update – Complete and is in use.



**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Officer Elections – Church Council Secretary – Jerry Lewis. Nominated by: Rita Bergstrom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Andrews. Motion to accept nomination by acclamation. Motion passed.
2. Vice President – Joyce Knecht. Nominated by: Rita Bergstrom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Andrews. Motion passed.
3. President – Gail Price. Nominated by: Joyce Knecht, 2<sup>nd</sup> Craig Dally. Motion passed.
4. Pastor Hall will make an announcement for the virtual Congregational meeting to be held on Jan. 31 at 10:00 a.m.

**Building Use Requests: -**

1. Feb 1. – April 15 – (Sat. only) Fellowship Hall for Tax Purposes. Controlled by appointment only. Motion by: Craig Dally, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jerry L. Motion passed.

**Remarks:**

**Jackie Wolf** – This has been my 59<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting as your Council President. I have been through a journey. I will still be active on committees. Thank you to all for your support.

**Greg Leh** – Thank you to all for your welcome to St. John's. Thank you all for your support while I was on Church Council.

Council President Jackie Wolf declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next Meeting** = Wed. Jan. 27 @ 7:30 p.m.

**Next Devotions** = Craig Dally

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wallace  
Recording Secretary



# SAINT JOHN'S STAFF, COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEER LIST

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Finance	Steven Bajan II, Craig Dally
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History & Archives	Ben Miller
Love-A-Lot Nursery School	Christina Brodt
Personnel	Gail Price
Property	Rich Johnson
Stewardship	Jerry Lewis
Sunday School	Michelle Seaton
Worship & Music	Chris Andrews, Christina Brodt
Youth Representative	Crystal Koch

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CD Ministry Sponsors	Church Office	610-759-3090
YEO Endowment	Scott Himler (Special appt.)	
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**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE...**

- ◆ When a member of your family is admitted to the hospital.
- ◆ 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.



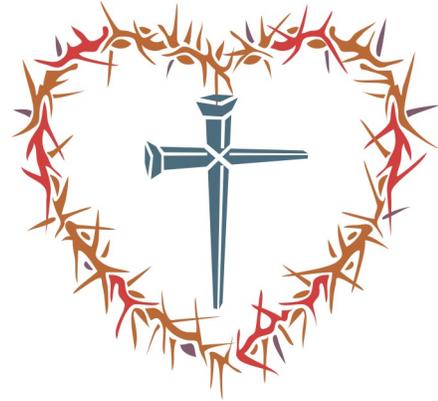
**CAN TABS WANTED** ~ St. John's is collecting can tabs for the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House – a project of the Nazareth Woman's Club. Many families in the Lehigh Valley have found comfort and support at the PRMH. Please put your can tabs in the green buckets found in the rear of the nave and outside the Church Office. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

# THE MESSENGER

“To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known”

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As COVID-19 cases remain elevated in Northampton County, it has become necessary for us to suspend in-person worship for a time.

On Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., join us for a live stream of our worship service. Watch and worship on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, or later on our website.

St. John's website - <https://www.stjohnsnaz.org/faith/>

Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsnaz>

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## INCLEMENT WEATHER/CLOSING POLICY

- During the week, the Church Office will follow the Nazareth Area School District (NASD) for delays and closings in case of inclement weather.
- If the NASD closes for the day, the Church Office will be closed and all afternoon/evening activities for children and youth will be cancelled. Evening committee meetings will be at the discretion of the chairperson. When in doubt, please **contact your chairperson before** venturing out.
- If the NASD has a 2-hour delay, the Church Office will open at 10:00 AM and the afternoon/evening activities will be held as scheduled unless you are otherwise notified. When in doubt, please **contact your chairperson before** venturing out.
- Please always use your best judgment when deciding whether or not to join us if we are open; your safety is our utmost concern. And please reach out to your neighbors to make sure they are aware of any closings or delays.

# FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Available Meeting Areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship Hall Area #1</li> <li>• Fellowship Hall Area #2</li> <li>• Shepherd's Room</li> <li>• Outside</li> </ul>	<p>1 <b>Souper Bowl of Caring Pots in the Lobby 8 AM – 3 PM</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Property (SR) 7:00 PM Sewardship (FH1) 8:00 PM AA (FH2)</p>	<p>2 <b>Souper Bowl of Caring Pots in the Lobby 8 AM – 3 PM</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Girl Scout #08444 (Virtual) 6:30 PM S. Sch. Bd (Virtual)</p>	<p>3 <b>Souper Bowl of Caring Pots in the Lobby 8 AM – 3 PM</b></p> <p>6:00 PM SHYG (Virtual) 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 &amp; 2 (Virtual) 7:30 PM NA (FH2) 7:30 PM Adult Bible Study (Virtual)</p>	<p>4 <b>Souper Bowl of Caring Pots in the Lobby 8 AM – 3 PM</b></p> <p>7:30 PM AA (FH2)</p>	<p>5 <b>Souper Bowl of Caring Pots in the Lobby 8 AM – 3 PM</b></p> <p>4:15 PM Girl Scout 81078 (FH1)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship w/HC Livestreamed on YouTube &amp; Facebook</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School at Home</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 PM Day Care Bd. (Virtual) 8:00 PM AA (FH2)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 PM Evangelism/Social Ministry (Virtual) 6:30 PM Worship &amp; Music (Virtual)</p>	<p>10 <b>Mar. Messenger Articles Due</b></p> <p>6:00 PM SHYG (Virtual) 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 &amp; 2 (Virtual) 7:30 PM NA (FH2) 7:30 PM Adult Bible Study (Virtual)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:30 PM AA (FH2)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM AARP Tax Aide (FH1) 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Livestreamed on YouTube &amp; Facebook</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School at Home</p>	<p>15 <b>Love-A-Lot CLOSED</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Finance (SR) 8:00 PM Endowment (SR) 8:00 PM AA (FH2)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 AM Safety Tm. (SR) 6:00 PM Girl Scout #08444 (Virtual) 7:00 PM Helping Hands (Virtual)</p>	<p>17 <b>Ash Wednesday Council Reports Due</b></p> <p>6:00 PM SHYG (Virtual) 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 &amp; 2 (Virtual) 7:30 PM NA (FH2) 7:30 PM Ash. Wed. Worship Livestreamed on YouTube &amp; Facebook</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00 PM Daycare Staff Mtg. 7:30 PM AA (FH2)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:15 PM Girl Scout 81078 (FH1)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM AARP Tax Aide (FH1) 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Livestreamed on YouTube &amp; Facebook</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School at Home</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 PM AA (FH2)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council (Virtual)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 PM SHYG (Virtual) 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 &amp; 2 (Virtual) 7:30 PM NA (FH2) 7:30 PM Mid-Wk Lenten Svc. on Facebook, YouTube &amp; St. John's Website</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 PM AA (FH2)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM AARP Tax Aide (FH1) 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Livestreamed on YouTube &amp; Facebook</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:15 AM Sunday School at Home</p>						