

You Belong to Christ

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:12-15a, 19, 20 NRSV)

Except perhaps for the book of Romans, the New Testament books written by Paul such as 1 Corinthians were written in response to letters that Paul first received from the churches he cared for. Without the original letter in hand, it is difficult to understand the dialogue that Paul sets up with the prevalent, Corinthian mindset of the day. Richard B. Hays, a New Testament scholar, lays it out like this:

Corinthians

All things are lawful for me
All things are lawful for me
Food is meant for the stomach

And stomach for the food
And God will destroy
Both one and the other

Paul

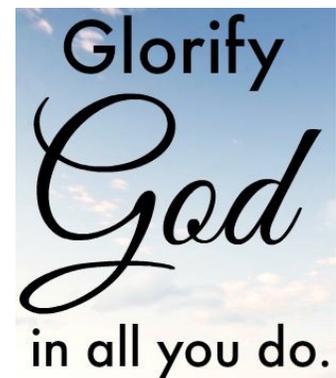
But not all things are beneficial.
But I will not be dominated by anything.
The body is meant (not for fornication but)
for the Lord,
And the Lord for the body
And God raised
The Lord and will also raise us by his power

In the ancient city of Corinth, people believed themselves to be wise philosophers, so any choice they made must “be lawful” or allowed. We can hear ourselves saying, “It’s not hurting anyone.” Paul is reminding the Corinthians and us that as Christians our bodies (even our very selves) are not ours. We belong to Christ and in belonging to Christ we are meant to serve the needs of the Body of Christ, the Church. We are told to “glorify God in your body.” For Paul this means the whole self. There is no division between body, mind, and soul. We are one.

We often turn in on ourselves and begin to convince ourselves that our actions do not have ramifications for others or the world. But we know that is not true. On Ash Wednesday as we admitted our need for God in Christ with the words, “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” We will all die. But thanks be to God this is not the end that God intends for us or for all of creation. All will be gathered up in Christ. All will be made new. The good work we do now creates with God the future that God has in store for us.

During the season of Lent, we are given the opportunity each year to examine our lives and recommit to Christ who already owns us for the sake of the Church and for the needs of the world. In great love God raised Christ from the dead so that the love of God in Christ will never end. In response during this Lenten season, let us examine our actions and glorify God with our whole selves.

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.

- Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24** Mid-Week Lenten Service - 7:30 PM via FB, YouTube, and St. John's Website
Mar. 7- 8 3rd Sunday in Lent
Mar. 14 - 15 4th Sunday in Lent
Mar. 21 - 22 5th Sunday in Lent
Mar. 28 - 29 Palm Sunday
Mar. 31 Holy Wednesday - 7:30 PM via FB, YouTube, and St. John's Website
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Throughout Holy Week there will be many opportunities to worship. Holy Week is the time when the church remembers the greatest events in God's salvation history, when God in Christ revealed the depth and the breadth of God's love for us. Participation in Holy Week worship leads to a joyous Easter as we shout in acclamation, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

- March 28** Palm Sunday Worship / Blessing of the Palms
March 31 7:30 p.m. Holy Wednesday Devotion
April 1 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion / Stripping of the Altar
April 2 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 3 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion / Renewal of Baptismal Vows
April 4 Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 2020 Average:
In person: 115 / On-line: 335

December 2020 Average:
On-line: 357

Christmas Eve 2020 Total:
On-line: 1,003

January 2021 Average:
On-line: 378



The Church Office will be CLOSED on **Good Friday, April 2nd** and on **Monday, April 5th** in observance of the Easter holiday.

Daylight Savings

Please don't forget to mark your calendars! Daylight Saving Time begins on **March 14, 2021**. Turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour on Saturday evening.



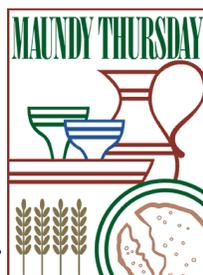
Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness. The only way our Lord's forgiving power can become 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.**



MAUNDY THURSDAY

The day before Good Friday is called Maundy Thursday. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin word mandatum, which means "commandment." In the gospel of John, Jesus makes this statement during the Last Supper: "I am with you only a little longer... I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:33-35, NRSV).

Maundy Thursday should always be a time of sharing with others, showing loving concern for one another, and partaking of Holy Communion. That is what the Lord asked of his disciples and asks of us.



Join us online for worship at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 1st.

PALM SUNDAY



Imagine the excitement... The Messiah is coming to Jerusalem! The crowd presses in around the city gates, straining to see the lone figure riding on a donkey. There is shouting and laughing. Children dash in and out.

People are waving palms and throwing their coats on the ground to make a suitable path for the Messiah, Jesus Christ. "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The throng gives their acclaim to the King.

The youth of St. John's will be passing out palm crosses and unfolded palms that you can use to make your own crosses! We will provide you palms and access to an online tutorial, and you can make your own palm crosses to enjoy while live-streaming the Palm Sunday service.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

The Tenebrae Service is a service in which we emphasize the solemnities of Christ's death on Good Friday and prepare for the glories of Easter. The word "tenebrae" is Latin for



darkness. The church is brilliantly lighted at the beginning of the service. The lights are dimmed as the service continues until at the end, there is total darkness. The gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples and the resentment of the world leading to the final isolation of Jesus on the Cross. Just before the tolling of the bells, the Master Candle is carried out, signifying Christ's death. After the tolling of the bells, the congregation says the Apostles' Creed, standing at the words, "the third day He rose again." The Master Candle is returned to the Altar at this time to acknowledge the meaning of the cross fulfilled.

The Tenebrae Service sets a mood of solemnity and somberness as we have witnessed God being crucified. Maintain the solemnity until Easter Morning when the voice of the Angel will shatter the silence and the gloom with the words, "Do not be amazed: you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here." Then your Easter joy will be complete.

Join us online for worship on Good Friday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

PASTORAL ACTS



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 month of February 2021:

VINCENZO GAETANO COSTA
Son of Vincent Costa & Erin Mosch
Born: December 5, 2020
Baptized: February 14, 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**.



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<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsnaz>



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 January 2021:

ELIZABETH "BETTY" MJ WAGNER
Saturday, January 30, 2021



Received in January 2021:

PATRICIA EDWARDS

Tom & Jocelyn Starner; Steve & Janis Bajan; Amy Watson; Frank Starner

RICHARD GARR

Joseph & Tracey Arndt; Amy Plumhoff; Tony Piasecki; Sandy Lee; Gay Parker; Connie Ashenfelder

SHELIA GOODHARD

Alan & Debra Goodhard; Larry Knecht & Family

LOUISA HOCH

Peter & Gail Cobucci; Donald & Ruth Boyhont; Jean Haus; Lewis & Linda Nagel; Linda Michael; Janet & Bill Johnson

SKIP JONES

Bill & Nancy Brackbill; Keith & Sheila Fogel; Charles & Sandra Minnich; Paul & Patricia Ackerman; Francis & Rita O'Brien; Charles & Betty Wagner & Gail, Marc, Jill & Jim

RICHARD STEINER

Roberta Steiner



Grace Notes

Throughout literature, the story of the great journey has often been used as a template in the telling of a dramatic and heroic plot. In so many of these novels, the characters launch out on a journey, the distance and difficulty of which they can hardly imagine. They often lack the knowledge and skills necessary for success, but they are usually driven by a desperate need, fleeing from some evil situation or searching for a greater good. Often these stories share many of the qualities of the biblical narrative of the Exodus. Led by Moses, the Israelites journeyed from their captivity in Egypt, wandered through the wilderness, endured struggles along the way, and eventually arrived at the promised land. And God was always with them as they traveled, parting the waters of the Red Sea, presenting them with the Ten Commandments, and providing manna for their sustenance.

The Lenten season, the time from Ash Wednesday to resurrection day, is often referred to as a journey. Just as Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness to prepare for his ministry in the world, so we spend forty days discerning ways to grow spiritually and to live more faithfully. Like the novels of the epic journey, we search for ways to find deeper meaning, to change habits, and to discover both direction and purpose in our lives. And most importantly, it is a time for us to reconnect with God.

Perhaps this Lenten season, we especially feel that we are on a journey, filled with both struggles and anticipation. After a year of enduring the pandemic, we have learned to deal with isolation, anxiety, and frustration. But we can also be optimistic that vaccines will be delivered, restrictions will slowly be lifted, and a new normalcy will take place. Throughout the journey of this pandemic, God guides us into a future filled with healing and promise.

You may have noticed that each Wednesday evening, our recorded Lenten meditation begins with the familiar hymn "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (ELW #802). Dating back to the 17th century, it is a prayer-like hymn that reminds us that no matter what our circumstance, Jesus is there to lead and guide us, if only we would follow. The melody is a simple tune that flows up and down, reminding us of the steady footsteps taken throughout life, as well as the peaks and valleys that we encounter. Only the music will be heard at our Wednesday Lenten meditations, but I invite you to contemplate the meaningful text of this hymn. May it be an inspiration to you during your Lenten journey. In case you don't have a hymnal at home, here are the words to the first verse.

*Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, travelers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.*

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





A Message from the Director of Youth & Family Ministries

PALMS & PALM CROSS PICK UP!

The youth of St. John's will be passing out palm crosses and unfolded palms that you can use to make your own crosses! We will provide you palms and access to an online tutorial, and you can make your own palm crosses to enjoy while live-streaming the Palm Sunday service. If you'd rather your palms already folded, we can give you those instead.

Pick Up will be from 10-11 am on Sunday, March 21st (the Sunday before Palm Sunday).

PICK UP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. To keep things organized, we ask that you enter the church parking lot from Park St. to Spruce (so you will be making a right into the parking lot), pull up to the stairs area, get your supplies, and exit toward Prospect St. Still unsure of where to go? To see a photo, go to <http://bit.ly/palmcrosses>
2. Please stay in your car and wear a mask, as we will need to ask you (safely) what you would like to pick up. Once we know what you'd like, if you would like the supplies placed in your trunk, we'll ask you to pop your trunk. If you would like them placed on your passenger seat, we will ask you to roll your window down. This will minimize contact so we can keep everyone safe.

We will also have communion kits for pick up so you can have them for your Easter service.

We hope these offerings help your Palm Sunday and Easter worship services feel a little bit more familiar, even while worshipping at home.

Blessings,
Jaime Taylor & St. John's Youth





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**.



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 outside the Church Office. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.



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 if you'd like to purchase one. Thank you in advance for your support of our youth.

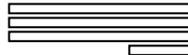


Each month in your offering envelopes, you will find a "Special Projects" envelope. These particular gifts are designated each month to benefit those in need or to support a need within our church.

March Special Offering: YOUTH TRIPS

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

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



Have you moved recently? Please make sure we have your correct mailing address. Thank you!!



OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are giving electronically or through your bank and no longer need offering envelopes, please contact Bonnie Mertz at **610-759-3090 ext. 102** or finance@stjohnsnaz.org. Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship.



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



MOLLY SMITH
March 11th

Gracedale SW2 Rm. 5 Bd. 3
2 Gracedale Ave.
Nazareth, PA 18064

KAREN REIMER
March 26th

MHS - Apt. 519A
175 W. North St.
Nazareth, PA 18064

CAROL BIRCHAK
March 29th

232 N. Chestnut St.
Bath, PA 18014



Love-A-Lot Nursery School



Do you see/smell/hear/feel/taste something? It is Love-A-Lot students learning about their 5 senses! In March, we learn and explore our 5 senses. This is one of our favorite units of the whole school year! The kiddos love to try to guess the smell from our smell jars, guess what they are hearing from our mystery hearing tubs, and we even test all our taste buds with a fun taste test!

We have been working on practicing our letters and will be making our way through the alphabet for the third time starting in March. Last round we practiced saying, writing, and forming our letters with playdoh. This time, we will focus on letter sounds by singing a fun alphabet chant, complete with memorable motions!

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, 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 and 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-1:30pm. Both classes meet virtually Wednesday/Thursday/Friday from 9am-10am. If you are interested in registering your child in Love-A-Lot Nursery School virtually for this year or for next September, please call (484)-293-0720 or email LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com.



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.

WE NEED SPONSORS

Would you like to sponsor the Sunday Morning CD, Bulletins or Altar Flowers? For more information, cost, and available dates, contact the Church Office at office@stjohnsnaz.org or 610-759-3090 ext. 100.



NEWS FROM THE DAYCARE



The Daycare was so full of love in the month of February. The children enjoyed their Valentine's Day parties. We are still so blessed to be participating in the food program through Nazareth School District. They are now supplying us with AM snack and Lunch for the children in our center. In March we are excited for the naughty Leprechaun to come visit us and flip our classrooms. I did want to remind church members that we are always accepting lightly used toys and dress up clothes. We look forward to another month of being healthy and helping the community of Nazareth.

Seasonal Decorations Dedications

If you would like to contribute to the cost of Seasonal Decorations, including Lilies in the nave for the Easter worship service, please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office. The cost is \$10.00 per dedication. Money must accompany the sponsor form and must be in the Church Office **no later than Monday, March 22, 2021**. No sponsor forms after this date, please. Make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and please put "Seasonal Decorations" in the memo line.

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

Number of Dedications (at \$10.00 each) _____ Total Amount Enclosed _____ Please PRINT clearly. ONE dedication per plant.

Check In Honor	One In Memory	DEDICATED TO <small>(Please PRINT the dedication as you want it to appear in the bulletin)</small>	DEDICATED BY (FROM)



SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~ JAN. 27, 2021

PRESENT: Chris Andrews, Stephen Bajan, II, Rita Bergstrom, Christina Brodt, Rev. Janice Butz, Craig Dally, Christine Garrison, Rev. Scott Hall, Rich Johnson, Patrice Kidd, Joyce Knecht, Crystal Koch, Jerry Lewis, Ben Miller, Gail Price, Michele Seaton, Jaime Taylor, Joyce Wallace.

ABSENT:

DEVOTIONS: Craig Dally read: "Being Responsible As A Family".

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Dec. 16, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Motion by: Rita Bergstrom.
2nd – Chris Andrews – Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

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

1. Christmas Eve was a wonderful evening of worship. Thank you to all for scheduling, working with the musicians, brass, media team, multi-camera video and candlesticks. I have received many expressions of gratitude.
2. Communications Coordinator – Job description is now complete. We will begin advertising for this position.
3. The congregation's stewardship in 2020 has been faithful and giving has increased over the year. We have the support to expand our mission. This is the year to hire a second pastor.

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

1. The Christmas Eve service was recorded. Thank you to the Media Team, Alan Babp for the brass quartet, Patrice Kidd for the handbell ringers, vocalists, and Linda Kistler and Nora McGinnis.
2. A Christmas children's message was posted on the website including puppets with Pastor Scott. Thank you to Jaime Taylor for editing the recording of the children singing and ringing.
3. Jan. 9 – Epiphany was celebrated with the Three Kings. We are still able to keep many of our St. John's traditions.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

REPORT: Jaime Taylor reported:

1. Sunday School teachers submitted videos and I edited them together for a Christmas video from the Sunday School.

2. The youth made around 160 candlesticks to be distributed to church families to have for the Christmas Eve service.
3. I met through Zoom with several youth about ways in which they feel connected to the church in this time of extreme social distancing.
4. Clothing drive for the youth group is now underway. Look for more info in "The Messenger".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Stephen Bajan, II reported:

1. Stephen reported about moving \$50,000 from the Checking Account to the Reserve Savings Account.
2. There has been a smooth transition of tenants.
3. Online giving and church envelopes were discussed.
4. Stephen discussed about the Federated Short Term Bond Funds.
5. Income and Expense Statement was reviewed.

DAY CARE: Rita Bergstrom reported:

1. Trumbower grant was submitted by Kendra Schessler.
2. Kendra will apply for the next round of Cares Act for essential employees.
3. Day Care will give a check for \$5,000 to St. John's at the Annual Congregational Meeting.
4. Andrew Getz, an Eagle Scout will do his Eagle Scout Project of a new shed in Spring, 2021.

ENDOWMENT: Stephen Bajan, II reported:

1. Disbursements were made in Dec. 2020 from the Outreach account to: Lutheran World Relief, Nazareth Area Food Bank, and Vision of Eagles.
2. Dean Brodt's term as Trustee expires Jan. 31, 2021. Harry Unangst has agreed to be the fourth Trustee. He will be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting.

EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY: Christine Garrison reported: No Meeting

HELPING HANDS: Gail Price reported: No Meeting

1. Continue to do work around the church.
2. Sept or Oct. 2021 – Planning a trip

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

1. Doing well with virtual learning, we hope to get into the classroom in March but it is doubtful. Participation is awesome.

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LUTHER LEAGUE: Crystal Koch reported:

1. Youth group met twice in Dec. We made candlesticks for families to use on Christmas Eve.
2. We hope to meet next month as the Youth Group will cleanup the Youth Room.
3. 2022 - ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minnesota.

PERSONNEL: Gail Price reported:

1. Looking to hire a Sexton and a Communications Coordinator.

PROPERTY: Scott Hall reported:

1. Parsonage oil tanks: waiting for someone to drain the last of the oil from tanks.
2. Lighting concerns in the parking lot. – This has been replaced and the project is done.
3. Discussion was held regarding the Church Lobby. Project is ongoing.

STEWARDSHIP: Jerry Lewis reported: No Meeting

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Michele Seaton reported: No Meeting

1. Working on Valentine's for the Shut-ins.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Christina Brodt reported: No Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Church Pictorial Directory – Rita Bergstrom & Joyce Knecht are working on the layout. Work in progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appoint Trustee to YEO Endowment – Council appoints Scott Himler.
2. Appoint Building Trustee – Council appoints Jeff Daniels.
3. Motion by Craig Dally and 2nd by Ben Miller for the above listed appointments – Motion passed.
4. Council Committee Appointments were assigned.
5. Council Name Tags – Please wear them.
6. Annual Meeting Expectations – Pastor Hall discussed.
7. Council recommends the Nominating Committee: Stephen Bajan, II, Jocelyn Starner & Jackie Wolf.

Building Use Requests: - None

Council President Gail Price declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting = Tues. Feb. 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Next Devotions = Rich Johnson

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wallace, Recording Secretary



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.

SAINT JOHN'S STAFF, COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEER LIST

CONTACT US...

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Assist. Organist/Choir Director: Deacon Patrice A. Kidd	pkidd@stjohnsnaz.org	610-867-1330	x104
Parish Administrative Assistant: Linda Kasmakites	office@stjohnsnaz.org	610-759-3090	x100
Parish Financial Secretary: Bonnie Mertz	finance@stjohnsnaz.org	610-759-3090	x102
Property Manager: Dean Brodt	sextons@stjohnsnaz.org	610-759-3090	x111
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Church Council Recording Secretary	Joyce Wallace 610-330-9113
Columbarium	Dean Brodt 484-515-8016
Day Care	Rita Bergstrom
YEO Endowment	Stephen Bajan II, Craig Dally
Evangelism/Social Ministry	Christine Garrison
Finance	Steven Bajan II, Craig Dally
Helping Hands	Gail Price
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

VOLUNTEER CHURCH STAFF	CONTACT PERSON AND TELEPHONE	
Altar Flower Sponsors	Church Office	610-759-3090
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	Scott 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	Nazareth.stjohns@gmail.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



PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE...

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



**FAITH FORMATION
RESOURCE MINISTRY TEAM**
presents



Join us on **SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH** as we offer our first workshop.
(Many topics are a result of Learning Ministry Day evaluations)

These **virtual sessions** will be held from 9 – 11:00 a.m.
on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Cost: \$5.00

Registration Deadline: **Wednesday, March 10th**.
Login information will be sent to registrants two days prior to event.
Register here: cvent.com/d/fjq1wn

FIRST SESSION: "How Lutherans Read the Bible"

Presenter: *Deacon Joy Gerhart,
member of the Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team and
graduate of the former Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia.*

Session Description: Lutherans believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God; however, we do not read all of it literally. In order to understand what the Bible says to us, we need to look at the context of the passage, examine the meaning of words used in the original languages, look at history, and apply certain "Lutheran" principles to the passages. Learning heavily on the teaching of Dr. Mark Allan Powell, we will explore ways to better interpret what we read in the Bible.

A sneak preview of the next topic will be given at this session. Watch the Synod e-news for details and registration information each month.

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>

St. John’s YouTube channel - [St. John’s Ev. Lutheran Church, Nazareth](#)



VIRTUAL MID WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Posted Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Available Meeting Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship Hall Area #1 • Fellowship Hall Area #2 • Shepherd's Room • Outside 	1 6:30 PM Property (SR) 8:00 PM AA (FH2)	2 6:00 PM Girl Scout #08444 (Virtual)	3 5:15 PM SHYG (Virtual) 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 & 2 (Virtual) 7:30 PM NA (FH2) 7:30 PM Mid-Wk Lenten Svc. on Facebook, YouTube & St. John's Website	4 7:30 PM AA (FH2)	5 4:15 PM Girl Scout 81078 (FH1)	6 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM FH in Use 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Livestreamed on YouTube & Facebook
7 9:15 AM Sunday School at Home	8 7:00 PM Day Care Bd. (Virtual) 8:00 PM AA (FH2)	9 6:30 PM Evangelism/Social Ministry (Virtual) 6:30 PM S. Sch. Bd (Virtual) 6:30 PM Worship & Music (Virtual)	10 Apr. Messenger Articles Due 5:15 PM SHYG (Virtual) 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 & 2 (Virtual) 7:30 PM NA (FH2) 7:30 PM Mid-Wk Lenten Svc. on Facebook, YouTube & St. John's Website	11 7:30 PM AA (FH2)	12	13 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM FH In Use 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Livestreamed on YouTube & Facebook
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