

When Are We Getting Back Together?

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;
who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;
who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;
who spread out the earth on the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever.
It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever;
and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;
who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.
O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.
(Psalm 136:1-6, 23-26 NRSV)

Our staff are getting many inquiries about when we will begin to have in-person worship once again. The last time we had in-person worship was mid-November. The number of Covid-19 cases in Northampton County and throughout the country were rising at an alarming rate. In late October, the church council met and decided to follow a metric that measures community transmission of the virus. That metric is the number of cases over seven days per 100,000 people. The Centers for Disease Control grades community transmission in this way: 10 or less is low community transmission, 10 to 99 is moderate transmission, 100 or more is substantial transmission.

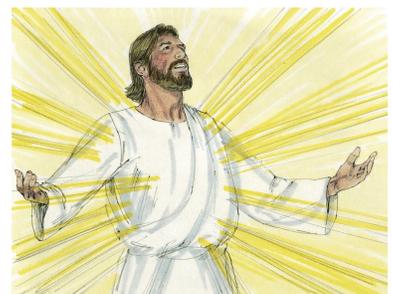
The council decided that we would cease in-person worship when the number reached 100 or higher. In-person worship would resume when the number fell below 100 for a period of two weeks. In order to reach this number Northampton County would need to have a seven-day rolling average of about 43 cases per day (as of March 21 that number was 126 cases per day).

The metric during the December surge reached above 600 in Northampton County. It has decreased, but we still have a way to go before 100 or less. The metric on March 21st was 232 cases over seven days per 100,000 people for Northampton County. The number over the past few weeks seems to be increasing slowly again. The vaccine is becoming more widely available, so there is hope. Although we do not know when we will be able to return to in-person worship, we do have a plan, and we are following that plan.

It has been a year since our last worship service with no restrictions. The year has been challenging, exasperating, and sad. We are doing our best to keep everyone safe. As the situation in our county evolves, our plans may also evolve. We will keep you informed. I long for the day when we can gather again without masks and with full-voiced singing. The day will come.

We are now sustained by our online or audio CD worship as we proclaim together in word, prayer, song, and bread and wine that our God's steadfast love endures forever. For this we give thanks and praise. This steadfast love is clear as we move through the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and The Resurrection of Our Lord. God shows us that nothing can separate us from that steadfast love. As we come to Easter joy, I pray that you know that love. I pray that you show that love to others.

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.

- Apr. 1** Please see the Holy Week Schedule (below) for more info.
- Apr. 2** Please see the Holy Week Schedule (below) for more info.
- Apr. 3** Please see the Holy Week Schedule (below) for more info.
- Apr. 4** Please see the Holy Week Schedule (below) for more info.
- Apr. 10 - 11** Second Sunday of Easter
- Apr. 17 - 18** Third Sunday of Easter
- Apr. 24 - 25** Fourth Sunday of Easter



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!"

The worship services and devotions can be found at:
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](#)

March 27/28 Palm Sunday Worship / Blessing of the Palms

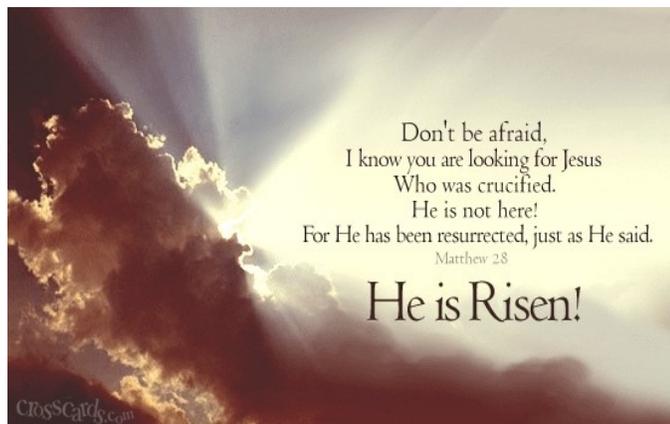
March 31 7:30 p.m. Holy Wednesday Devotion

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. Affirmation of Baptism w/Holy Communion

April 4 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion Premier



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Average On-line Attendance: 358

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf in springtime."
 – Martin Luther

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.

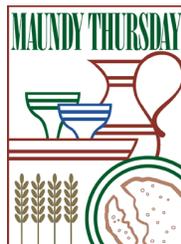
People are waving palms and throwing their coats on the ground to make a suitable path for the Messiah, Jesus Christ. "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The throng gives their acclaim to the King.



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.](#)



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

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.](#)



We Wish You A Very Blessed Easter

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



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 month of February 2021:

WILHEMINA M. KROBOTH
Friday, February 19, 2021

ELEANOR P. SMITH
Monday, February 22, 2021



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:

MATTHEW JOSEPH ULLMAN
Baptized: March 3, 2021



Received in February & March 2021:

LOUISA HOCH
Roy & Gloria Roth

SKIP JONES
Judith & Diane Stanczak; Philethia Choir

WILHEMINA KROBOTH
Elsie Frey; Nelson & Shelly Schmauder; Florence Szep; C. F. Martin & Co.; Charles & Ann Overton; Valerie McNulty; Olga & Donald Vander Vliet; Christie Smith; Roxan & Barry Greenzweig & Family; Cindy Johnson; Marjorie Redshaw & Family



We warmly welcome the following new members who were received into the family and fellowship of St. John's.

CODY & AMANDA KUNKLE
(CARTER, LEVI & SAVANNAH)
Received: February 27, 2021

MATTHEW ULLMAN
Received: March 3, 2021

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?

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.





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



ROSLYN KAHLER
April 14th
MHS #2205
175 W. North St.
Nazareth, PA 18064

SANDRA STRAUSSER
April 27th
451 Apt. A Jenna Lane South
Easton, PA 18045



Grace Notes

In the choral world, this past year will be remembered as the year when virtual choirs suddenly shifted from being a novel idea to something almost routine. I'm sure that many of you have seen videos of musicians coming together digitally to share beautiful and uplifting music. With each singer or instrumentalist recording themselves individually, the pieces are then assembled into something quite large and impressive. Although fascinating to watch, virtual musical ensembles are labor intensive to produce, requiring many tedious hours of work and the technology to combine massive solo recordings into a finished product.

During this time of restricted in-person singing, many music publishers and organizations have extended invitations for singers to participate in a virtual choir experience, asking for submissions and then doing the task of consolidating the individual recordings. Among these organizations is the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. Since the pandemic began, it has provided opportunities for musicians from across the country to share in a digital performance of a hymn to be viewed for festival celebrations. As part of our St. John's recorded services for both Pentecost Sunday and Christmas Eve, you would have seen the results of these collaborations. In each of these video performances, Lutheran singers and instrumentalists presented an incredibly inspiring performance of a seasonal hymn.

Once again, Lutheran musicians are creating another virtual choir experience for Easter Sunday. This time, however, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians offered to create customized videos that show on the screen only singers from a specified congregation for the third verse of the Easter hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*. When this announcement was made, our church staff knew this would be an incredible and fun opportunity for our St. John's singers and musicians.

The dilemma was that for many of our choir members who might lack the equipment or knowledge to produce a video, the process of creating an individual recording could be a challenging task. Putting our heads together, Patrice Kidd and I came up with the solution to create a mini-recording studio in the choir room. And so, during the last week of February, appointments were scheduled, and choir members stopped by to make their individual recording.

The process involved a lap top computer being set up to listen to the hymn, while each singer followed along with a printout of the musical score. Then with headphones plugged into the computer, the music was played and heard only by the individual being recorded. Singing along with the music, the solo voice of the singer was recorded onto a smartphone. Individual videos were then transferred to a computer to be uploaded to the site of a professional recording production studio in Nashville, a company that will merge all individual recordings into a massed choir of singers. In the end, 34 submissions were made by our St. John's musicians, including singers, bell ringers, and instrumentalists.

It will be thrilling to view our St. John's musicians united in song with other Lutherans from around the country. What a glorious sound it will be as we celebrate and proclaim that, indeed, *Jesus Christ Is Risen!* A joyous Eastertide to all!

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



Correspondence...



To All My Wonderful Friends,
Thank you for the cards, phone calls, and prayers. And a special thank you for the masks. I am so blessed, and I love you all. Edith Brodt

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.



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.

April Special Offering: CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE

SAVE THE DATE!

KAYAKING AT LAKE NOCKAMIXON

Join a group of us at Lake Nockamixon on **Sunday, July 25th at 12 Noon.**

Pack a lunch and meet us at:

Tohickon Boat Launch

1818-1898 Mountainview Dr.

Quakertown, PA

(Google Address)

Please bring a chair and pack a lunch and meet us there. If you need to borrow a kayak, call Terri at 610-751-2286 for more information. We would love to have you join us!



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.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE
APRIL 9th.

The deadline to submit all articles & announcements for the **May 2021** issue of THE MESSENGER is **FRIDAY,**



Reminder...we will be collecting for Support Our Troops in May. Look for details in next month's issue of The Messenger.



Love-A-Lot Nursery School



We are so close to the end of our school year at Love-A-Lot, and while it has been a big adjustment for us, we managed to keep learning, keep in touch, and keep having fun! We are optimistic to return to in-person classes this month! After 4 months of having virtual classes, we are going to be welcoming students back into the classroom for the last 1.5 months of school. I am sure they will be just as excited to get back into school as we are! We are also happy to continue our virtual program through May for the children who are more comfortable learning at home this year.

In April we learn about Easter and everyone’s favorite topic at this time of year: SPRING! Rain, wind, butterflies, and flowers take over circle time and crafts! This month we are planning on growing our own grass buddies (we can give them “haircuts!”), making paper flowers “bloom,” painting butterflies, and drawing bunnies. It is always exciting to watch our yards and neighborhood for signs of spring!

Our preschool class (3 and 4 year old) 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.

NEWS FROM THE DAYCARE

Hello all and Happy April! We are so excited to continue the quality care for our children at St. Johns Daycare. In the month of April we will be bringing back our special programs, which include Amazing Athletes, Jeannie Cardinals school of dance and haircuts. We are also excited to be planning our summer. This summer we will be following the theme of books. We are excited to get the children into learning and having fun this summer and of course getting a little messy. We hope everyone is healthy and safe.



The **Nazareth Area Food Bank Garden** is about to begin it’s 10th season of production this spring. We invite YOU to join our group of volunteers who provide fresh vegetables for the clients of the NAFB during the growing season. We have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers, and we are always looking for more folks to join our efforts. If you like to garden, or would like to learn some new gardening skills, or you just enjoy helping others, please call 610-759-6414 and leave a message for more information and to add your name to our list of volunteers. With your help, we can continue to do this special work for our community! We look forward to hearing from you!



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**.

RECOGNITION OF ALL STEWARDS



As we celebrate National Volunteer Recognition month in April, we honor the dedicated volunteers who use their God-given talents to serve the numerous ministries here at St. John's. We are grateful to them for their willingness to offer their services, even throughout the past year of the pandemic. We offer this list to highlight the many ways to become involved, and hope that you might consider participating in some of these opportunities when they become available in the future.

Acolyte	Counting Teams	Luther League
Adopt-A-Highway	Day Care Board of Directors	Media Ministry
Altar Flower Sponsors	Deliver Flowers to Shut-Ins	Nursery Attendants
Altar Guild	Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee	Office Assistance
Archives/History Committee	Festival Choir	Personnel Committee
Arts Festival	Finance / Endowment / Building Trust	Philethia Choir
Bulletin/Messenger Assembly	Golf Committee	Prayer Chain
Bulletin Sponsors	Greeters	Property Committee
CD Ministry Sponsors	Grief Committee	Seasonal Decorations
Chancel Choir	Handbell Choir	Stewardship Ministry Team
Chalice Choir (youth)	Helping Hands	Sunday School Teacher/Aid
Christian Education Comm.	Instrumentalist / Ensemble	Ushers
Church Council	Katherine Von Bora Society	Vacation Bible School
Celebration Choir (children)	Ladies Aid Society (Quilters)	Vocalist/Soloist/Ensemble
Creation Choir (children)	Lectors (Scripture Reading)	Women of the ELCA
Columbarium Committee	Love-A-Lot Nursery School	Worship & Music Committee

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (Good News Translation)



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



Please notify the Church Office if you are graduating from high school or college this May/June so that we can inform the congregation of your accomplishments! Please include your name, school graduating from, graduation date, any awards you will receive, and your future plans. **Submission deadline is May 7th.**

SAINT JOHN'S STAFF, COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEER LIST

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Church Council Recording Secretary	Joyce Wallace 610-330-9113
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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
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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
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Ushers Schedule	Christina Brodt	610-653-0358
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SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES ~ FEB. 23, 2021

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

ABSENT: Christina Brodt, Craig Dally, Patrice Kidd

DEVOTIONS: Rich Johnson – Read a story about a carpenter.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Jan. 27, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Motion by: Christine Garrison. 2nd – Rita Bergstrom – Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Thank you from AA that the group is very appreciative for the use of the building.

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

1. The community transmission of Covid-19 has been dropping. I think that it will still be months before we are back in-person.

2. Our annual meeting went very well. Lee Deaner came in and set up his equipment and ran the tech for the meeting. I thank Lee for making this an easy experience for us.
3. Dean Brodt, our property manager, has been doing an outstanding job. We owe Dean our gratitude for caring deeply about St. John's.

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

1. Feb. 9 – I watched a webinar introducing the new ELCA hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings*. It seems to be a worthwhile resource that will eventually be downloadable for congregational use through Augsburg website *Sundays and Seasons*.
2. The Assoc. of Lutheran Church Musicians is again sponsoring a virtual hymn, *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*, for use on Easter Sunday. Patrice & I have invited choir members to participate in this effort. Stay tuned for the Easter service.

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DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES REPORT:

Jaime Taylor reported:

1. Feb. 4-6, I attended the virtual ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza for Youth Leaders. There were some good sessions and some great speakers.
2. SHYG continues to meet on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. We began discussing SPARK curriculum's new Lenten devotional series.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Stephen Bajan, II reported:

1. Scott Himler asked about the Fulton Stock. The dividend goes to the YEO disbursement account.
2. Stream is coming up for renewal. Waiting for a better fixed rate for electric service.
3. Income and Expense Statement was reviewed.

DAY CARE: Rita Bergstrom reported:

1. Grant Care Act is finalized, waiting for funds.
2. Andrew Getz, an Eagle Scout will do his Eagle Scout Project of a new shed to replace the old one. Needs to go to the Property Committee for approval.
3. COVID-19 vaccines, staff in process of getting the vaccine.

ENDOWMENT: Stephen Bajan, II reported:

1. Michele Seaton is requesting \$300 per camper for Bear Creek Camp for Summer 2021.
2. Harry Unangst was confirmed by the Congregation on Jan. 31, 2021 to replace Dean Brodt as a Trustee.
3. At our March 2021 meeting, we will be meeting with our financial advisor.

EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY: Christine Garrison reported:

1. Reaching out to new members – This is ongoing. Cards were sent out over the summer.
2. Chemo Bags – Kraemer Yarns in Nazareth will provide free yarn to people who stop by and tell them they are knitting the hats for the Chemo Bag project.
3. Nancy Little – Heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Nancy for her many years of service as our Treasurer. A big thank you to Suzan Andrews for volunteering to take over the Treasurer position. Suzan was appointed Treasurer effective Feb. 9, 2021.

HELPING HANDS: Gail Price reported: No Meeting

1. July 25, 2021 – Planning a kayak trip.
2. Sept or Oct. 2021 – Trip planning in process

LOVE-A-LOT: Ben Miller reported:

1. Virtual spots are filled.
2. Continuing to monitor COVID numbers.
3. Next year our PreK class will be extending hours.
4. Our lunch bunch program will run from 12-1:30 for PreK students only on MWF.

LUTHER LEAGUE: Crystal Koch reported:

1. SHYG continues to meet at 5:15 every Wednesday.
2. Palm Crosses and Communion Kits will be available through drive-up.

PERSONNEL: Gail Price reported:

1. Communications Administrator – 60 applications were received. It is now narrowed down to 10.
2. Sexton – Some interest has been shown.

PROPERTY: Rich Johnson reported: No Meeting

STEWARDSHIP: Jerry Lewis reported: No Meeting

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Michele Seaton reported:

1. Sunday School is still virtual.
2. Bear Creek promotional material has been sent to St. John's.
3. Feb. 5-6, a Valentine craft for the shut-ins was included in the Sunday School registrants' handouts.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: Chris Andrews: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lent & Easter Worship – Pastor Hall discussed. Mid-week Lenten services are pre-recorded. We will not consider in-person worship for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Pastor Hall continues to monitor the Covid-19 cases in our area.
2. Sponsoring Altar Flowers, Bulletin, CD Ministry in honor of New Members when someone is joining St. John's – This will now be handled by the Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee.

Building Use Requests:

1. Laura Muroski – Cub Scout Ceremony – March 20 or March 27. Motion by: Stephen Bajan, II to deny request due to Covid-19 guideline capacity. 2nd – Christine Garrison. Motion accepted to deny request.

Council President Gail Price declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Next Devotions = Jerry Lewis

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Wallace
Recording Secretary

THE MESSENGER

“To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known”

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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.



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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 7:30 PM Maundy Thurs. Svc. on FB, YouTube, Website 7:30 PM AA (FH2)	2 Church Office & Daycare Closed 7:30 PM Good Friday Svc. on FB, YouTube, Website	3 Holy Saturday Affirmation of Baptism 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM AARP Tax Aide (FH1) 5:30 PM Affirmation of Baptism with HC on FB, YouTube, Website
4 Easter 9:00 AM Easter Festival Svc. on FB, YouTube, Website 9:15 AM Sunday School at Home	5 Church Office Closed 6:30 PM Property (SR) 8:00 PM AA (FH2)	6 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 6:00 PM Girl Scout #08444 (Outside or LAL Rm.)	7 5:15 PM SHYG (Virtual) 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 & 2 (Virtual) 7:30 PM NA (FH2)	8 7:30 PM AA (FH2)	9 4:15 PM Girl Scout 81078 (FH1)	10 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM AARP Tax Aide (FH1) 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Livestreamed on YouTube & Facebook
11 9:15 AM Sunday School at Home	12 May Messenger Articles Due 6:30 PM Bell Choir (FH) 7:00 PM Day Care Bd. (Virtual) 8:00 PM AA (FH2)	13 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 6:30 PM Evangelism/Social Ministry (SR) 6:30 PM S. Sch. Bd (Virtual) 6:30 PM Worship & Music (Virtual)	14 5:15 PM SHYG (Virtual) 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 & 2 (Virtual) 7:30 PM NA (FH2)	15 7:30 PM AA (FH2)	16 4:15 PM Girl Scout 81078 (FH1)	17 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM AARP Tax Aide (FH1) 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Livestreamed on YouTube & Facebook
18 9:15 AM Sunday School at Home	19 6:30 PM Bell Choir (FH) 7:00 PM Finance (SR) 8:00 PM Endowment (SR) 8:00 PM AA (FH2)	20 9:00 AM Ladies Aid 6:00 PM Girl Scout #08444 (Outside or LAL Rm.) 7:00 PM Helping Hands (Virtual)	21 Council Reports Due 5:15 PM SHYG (Virtual) 6:15 PM Confirmation 1 & 2 (Virtual) 7:30 PM NA (FH2)	22 7:30 PM AA (FH2)	23	24 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM AARP Tax Aide (FH1) 5:30 PM Worship w/HC Livestreamed on YouTube & Facebook
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