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St. John's Newsletter

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*We Wish
you a
Blessed
Easter*



From the staff
at St. Johns



Let the people of God rejoice at the Installation of our Co-Pastor

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

We are pleased to invite you to join us as we celebrate the Installation of Pastor Jennifer Hall, our Pastor of Discipleship. We rejoice that the Lord has led our new co-pastor to St. John's. We are looking forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience for Pastor Jennifer and our congregation.

Saturday, May 7th at 5:30 p.m., live-streamed
A reception will be held immediately following the service.



We hope to see you there as we celebrate this call and our ministry together.

St. John's Call Committee & Council



A Message from Pastor Jennifer Hall



Pastor Jennifer Hall, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility (as Pastor of Discipleship), in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

The People of God at St. John's, will you receive Pastor Jennifer as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

My answer is, "Yes! I will, and I ask God to help and guide me." Hopefully your answer is the same!

These are some of the questions that will be asked of us at my Installation on Saturday, May 7th @ 5:30pm (a reception to follow). Yes, this is during the regularly scheduled Saturday worship. Worship will look a bit different but the Word of God will be proclaimed, the Lord's Supper will be shared, and it will be live-streamed. The bonus – we will take some intentional time to commit to this ministry partnership with God and one another!

I've been through this Service of Installation four other times in my years as a pastor and each time it has a different feel based on the community into which I am being called to serve. But its purpose, this holy moment, is the same. We stand together and proclaim our intent to serve and support one another in the work that Jesus has in store for us. This Service of Installation is a welcoming ceremony that recognizes my call as a Pastor among you, it acknowledges my responsibilities and duties, and it celebrates a new chapter in our community and congregation's life. For this and so many more reasons we give thanks to God and celebrate!

St. Paul writes in 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them.....continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Paul is focusing on leadership within the church in this letter. He gives Timothy five specific areas in which he is to serve as an example: words, actions, love, faith, and spirituality. Through discipleship living, Timothy and all of us share the goodness that God has created.

I have seen and experienced this work of discipleship among you: throughout Lent and studying what it means to have and live a "good enough" faith, in the artwork and musicianship at Faith Through the Arts, during committee meetings and women's groups, among the staff, and around enthusiastic leaders. I have witnessed faithful planning as well as sharing in dreams and hopes.

Thank you for welcoming me into the ministry of this congregation. I am thrilled to serve alongside the rest of the staff, council leadership, committee go-getters, Daycare & Love-A-Lot staff, and all of you as we go about God's work in this place, this community, and this mission field. I can't wait to see where the Holy Spirit takes us next!

See you on May 7th, as we commit to praying for one another and serving alongside each other in the years to come.

Blessings,
Pastor Jennifer



Worship with us

Go to **St. Johns Facebook page and YouTube channel** for our livestream at **5:30 pm every Saturday**

Worship Times

- **Saturday at 5:30 pm**
- **Sunday at 8 am & 10:30 am**
- **Wednesdays at Noon & 7:30pm during Lent (Through April 6)**



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!"

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| April 9/10 | Palm Sunday / Blessing of the Palms
Saturday, 5:30 pm Live-streamed
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Donkey Walk (Sunday @ 9:15 a.m.) |
| April 14 | 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday / Stripping of the Altar, Live-Streamed |
| April 15 | 12:00 pm & 7:30 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service (7:30 pm Live-Streamed) |
| April 16 | 5:30 pm Holy Easter Vigil with Holy Communion, Live-streamed |
| April 17 | 8:00 am & 10:30 am Easter Sunday with Holy Communion (10:30 am Live-streamed) |

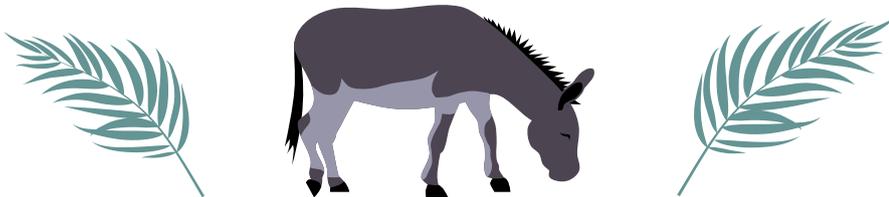
Summer Worship schedule begins May 29th with one service on Sundays at 9 am



Pentecost Sunday

On June 4th & 5th we will celebrate the Festival of Pentecost – the day on which the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples in Jerusalem in the form of tongues of fire. The Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to preach the gospel with such conviction that 3,000 people were converted to Christ that very day. And after Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to carry the good news of Christ's death and resurrection to the ends of the earth. Because of the significance of Pentecost, we invite you to **WEAR SOMETHING RED** to worship on Pentecost to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit and the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles on the first Pentecost.

Palm Sunday Procession Thru Nazareth



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!"

Once again, YOU can be a part of this exciting event as the Sunday School sponsors a procession for Palm Sunday. The procession begins on Prospect Street as the Sunday School children, adults, leaders, and parents fall in line behind the donkey and the processional cross. We will make our way up Broad Street to Center Street and to the Square. At the Square, we will read the Palm Sunday Story and sing a hymn accompanied by an ecumenical Brass Choir.

We will meet in Fellowship Hall by 9:15 AM, collect an offering, take the walk, and return to Fellowship Hall for light refreshments.

Everyone is invited to join in the procession on Sunday, April 10th, just as people did on the first Palm Sunday. Join us for this special celebration!

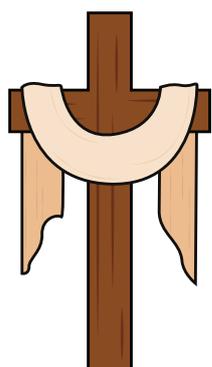
Maundy Thursday

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.



Easter Vigil

This is the night of salvation! At the Vigil of Easter, we gather around fire, word, water, bread, and wine, proclaiming through story and song that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death. On this night we experience again the heart of God's baptismal promise and the center of our faith: we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ.



Good Friday 7:30pm 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 represents the growing isolation of Jesus on the cross. Come and experience the true meaning of the cross fulfilled.



Palm Crosses



We need help!

Anyone who would like to help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday, please come to the Fellowship Hall on **Friday April 8th at 6:00pm**. Kindly bring a pair of scissors to use.

First Holy Communion Instruction



Sunday, April 3

4th Graders (and Older) and Their Families

After 10:30 am worship until 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Lunch Provided!

In keeping practice with the whole church, St. John's will be offering First Communion instruction to all children in 4th grade and higher. The children and their entire families are invited to attend this interactive workshop that will include a light lunch. Children who complete the workshop will receive their **First Holy Communion at worship on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 pm**.

RSVP by March 27 to 610-759-3090 or office@stjohnsnaz.org and let us know how many will be coming to lunch and the name(s) of the child(ren) who will be receiving First Holy Communion.

Prayer Requests

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

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

_____Y_____N

Name of Person/s Needing Prayers: _____

Special notes (optional): _____

Name of Person making this Request: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

ATTENTION

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

Revised August 2019

Date: _____

Calling All Graduates

Please notify Jaime Taylor (jtaylor@stjohnsnaz.org) 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.**

Helping Hands Bike Ride



Tired of being indoors because of the weather? We are too, so we are planning another outdoor activity! Join us on May 14th to ride at the Norcom Bike Trail in Bath. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am. Please contact **Terri Herbster (610-751-2286)** if you are interested!

Support our Troops



Items for “Support Our Troops” are once again being gathered! Collections bins will be in Fellowship Hall from **April 3rd - May 15th**. As we have seen from the many thank you notes we have received over the years, the packages we send are very much appreciated.

Puzzle books; playing cards; paperback books; current magazines such as Car & Driver, Popular Mechanics, People, and current Reader’s Digest; popping corn; packets of instant oatmeal, coffee, cocoa, tea and Kool Aid; candy (no chocolate); chewing gum; peanuts; energy bars; breakfast bars; Cracker Jack; beef jerky; black socks; lip balm; small plastic containers of baby powder, shampoo, hand and body lotion, and shower gel are all useful to include in the mailings. Small bags (single size) of snacks - no large bags please. If anyone has the address of someone serving in the military in Afghanistan and Iraq, please leave that information in the Church Office so that boxes can be sent. Packages will be mailed on May 15th with the help of the Youth Group.

Thanks to our caring congregation for participation in the past. We remember those who serve our country with our prayers and our boxes from home.

-Evangelism/Social Ministry Committee

Lutheran Disaster Response Eastern Europe Crisis Response

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Use the QR code or visit elca.org/disaster to donate online to help Ukraine.



Go to www.elca.org/disater to learn more
Scan the QR to donate virtually

Vacation Bible School



Monday, June 20th – Friday, June 24th

9:00 am – 12 Noon

St. John's Lutheran Church, Nazareth

Ages 4 (by June 20) through 5th grade

Helpers 6th grade and up are encouraged!

Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness! At Monumental VBS, kids explore the vastness of God's power and the depth of his love for each of them. You can expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids encounter God's power and love. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Registration Info.: Please register by June 12th. Please register as soon as possible to help with planning. Day-of registration is available, but supplies will be on a first-come, first served basis. We want all students to have full supplies, so we appreciate your advanced registration.

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____
Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____
Name of parent(s): _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: _____ Parent/Caregiver Cell Phone _____
Email address: _____ Home church: _____

_____ Please check here if your child is **NOT** to be included in any photos/videos from VBS
(photos may be used on St. John's website and other social media platforms).

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____
In case of emergency, contact _____
Phone _____ Relationship to child: _____
Who besides me can pick up my child: _____

Optional: of possible, please group my child with _____

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Yes, I am willing to volunteer!! _____ I am unable to volunteer _____

I am willing to donate supplies, please contact me!! Yes _____ No _____

Best way to reach me (circle one): Email Call Text

Rebekah Circle

All women of the church (and guests) are welcome **April 4th & May 2nd at 7pm** in the Upstairs Parlor.

M.A.D. Camp Musical - Saturday, May 21, 7:00 pm

Our St. John's young actors and actresses are ready to get back on stage for their performance of *Are We There Yet?*, a musical that retells the story of the Exodus. As they portray the journey of Moses and the Hebrews from their bondage in Egypt, there is fear and excitement, as well as adventure and narrow escape. It's a great and familiar Biblical story told in both a humorous and poignant way. The M.A.D. Camp children have been waiting a long time to share this musical with the congregation, and finally, conditions of the pandemic are allowing them to be back together on stage. Don't miss this entertaining production as told by an all-star cast of our Saint John's children! The musical will also be presented for the closing Sunday School celebration at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning, May 22.

Recognition of all Stewards

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!! On April 30th and May 1st, we celebrate all members of the congregation who use their God-given talents to further the Kingdom by their involvement in the committees and ministries carried out through St. John's. We are grateful for their dedicated service and offer this list of the many ways that you, too, can become involved.

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

"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)

Correspondence

Safe Harbor adult shelter in Easton recently had a warm clothing collection to replenish their supplies. Donations were greatly appreciated. Our congregation donated about 40 bags of clothing and supplies. we thank you for your generosity, once again!

Evangelism / Social Ministry

Thank you to the Sunday School for the beautiful Valentine.

Elsie Frey

Average Worship Attendance

Average January attendance
in person 100
online 293

Average February attendance
in person 142
online 300

Ash Wednesday
in person 146
online 218

Memorial Gifts

Brian & Gary Anthony

Joan & Richard Werner

Rick Laubach

Allan Bush
William & Krista Hontz
Jayne & Dennis Sullivan
Linda Kasmakites & Dean Brodt
Randall & Maxine Marsh
Michael & Melissa Daley
Roy & Gloria Roth
Thomas & Bonnie Stubblefield
Gerald and Elaine Spangler

Betty Laubach

Allan Bush
Jayne & Dennis Sullivan
Linda Kasmakites & Dean Brodt
Dean & Barbara Sandbrook
Randall & Maxine Marsh
Roy & Gloria Roth
Thomas & Bonnie Stubblefield
William & Janet Johnson
Marion Stout
Elsie Frey

April/May Food Bank Donations

The Nazareth Area Food Bank begins taking food donations again in April. In May the food bank will need baked beans, tuna, hamburger helper, mac & cheese, and pasta. Donations can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall. Checks should be made payable to the **Nazareth Area Food Bank** and mailed to **PO Box 18, Nazareth, PA 18064**.



Pastoral Acts



Baptisms

We rejoice with those who have been *welcomed into the body of Christ through Holy Baptism:*

*Children of Joshua & Megan (Bender) Curzi
Baptized: December 18th, 2021*

JACE JOHN CURZI
Born: July 5th, 2009

LEAH HOPE CURZI
Born: May 11th, 2010

SAVANNAH LYNN CURZI
Born: August 14th, 2021



Memorial Day Geranium Plants



On Saturday, May 28th & Sunday, May 29th, in honor of Memorial Day weekend, red geraniums will decorate the nave to honor our men and women who are currently serving our country in the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard), or veterans who have served in the past. If you wish to donate a plant in honor of or in memory of a service person, the cost is **\$5.00 per plant**. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church with "Geraniums" in the memo line.

Your Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Number of dedications (at \$5.00 each) _____ **Total Amount Enclosed** _____

Please PRINT clearly

Check One		DEDICATED TO	Dedicated By (FROM)
In Honor	In Memory	(Please PRINT the dedications as you want it to appear in the bulletin)	

Grace Notes

She's become known as the cellar violinist. Despite the constant attacks on the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv, violinist Vera Lytovchenko performs recitals in a bomb shelter, bringing music to neighbors and friends. Playing renditions of Vivaldi and Ukrainian melodies, she brings comfort and hope to those she is sheltering with during Russia's invasion. Lifting the spirits of her cell mates, she tries to help her companions think about something other than the war. When recently interviewed by a journalist, she simply stated "I'm not a doctor, a soldier, or a politician. I just play the violin."

Another violinist, Illia Bondarenko, filmed himself in a shelter playing a Ukrainian folk song. After posting it on social media, it became a rallying cry for other musicians around the world to join him. Eventually 94 violinists from 70 countries, including the entire violin section of the Munich Chamber Orchestra, collaborated with him in creating a virtual symphony. Only 20 years old and a student at the Kyiv Conservatory, he sees his instrument as a weapon of resistance, claiming that "I can do more with my music than with weapons. Music has power, and Ukrainian musicians are now soldiers on their own battlefield."

These two violinists are not alone in sharing music to bring healing and comfort in these days of fear, pain, and struggle for the Ukrainian people. Ivan, a member of the Ukrainian Navy Band, plays the trombone and joined fellow members to perform a concert in front of the Odessa Opera and Ballet Theater, now fortified with sandbags. After playing the Ukrainian national anthem and other familiar folksongs, they ended their program with Bobby McFerrin's hit "Don't Worry, Be Happy" in an effort to uplift the city as it prepares for an imminent attack from Russian troops.



Around the world musicians are touching people's hearts through music, fundraising for refugee relief and humanitarian aid, and simply making people feel human. In Germany, a group of high school students formed a human peace symbol as they sang John Lennon's song "Imagine." In London's Trafalgar Square, a flash mob of 200 classical musicians played a trio of Ukrainian compositions to protest against the Russian invasion. And indeed, throughout the United States, concerts are being performed to show solidarity with and to stimulate funding for the Ukrainian people.

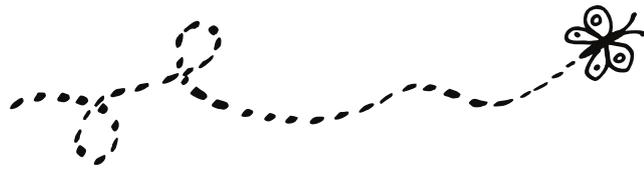
Though the idea of music as a balm is nothing new, people are turning to music as a way to deal with stress and anxiety, whether it be caused by the horrors of war or merely the pressures of everyday life. A professor of neurology, Oliver Sacks, once said that "music is a fundamental way of expressing our humanity, and it is often our best medicine." Music is what unites people, gives us strength, and fills us with hope. That's why music and singing are so essential to our worship. Thanks be to God for the gift of music!

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

A Message from the Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Spring is here! Spring is be a great time for cleaning and organization. While you are updating your schedules this spring, be sure to add all of the fun events, service projects, and fellowship opportunities coming up at St. John's that will lead us into summer.

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



SHYG (Senior High Youth Group) continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:15 - 7:15 pm in the Youth Room (there will be no SHYG on Wednesday, May 4th).

April Youth Events:

April 3rd at 9:15 am: The youth will be **making blankets for St. Luke's hospice during** the Sunday School hour.

April 3rd at 11:30 am: **First Holy Communion Instruction**

April 8th at 6:00 pm: **Palm Cross Making** - all ages invited! Bring a pair of scissors if you can!

April 10th: **Palm Cross Delivery.** We will be delivering the palm crosses to our homebound parishioners.

April 17th at 9:15 am: **Easter Egg Hunt** during Sunday School. Youth in 7th-12th graders are invited to help hide the eggs for the children. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am.

April 22-24: **Confirmation Retreat** at Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center.

May Youth Events:

May 15th at 9:15 am: A **representative from Bear Creek Camp** will be coming to Sunday School. Parents are encouraged to stay for this presentation during the Sunday School hour.

May 15th at 11:30 am: **Packing Boxes for the Military.** Following the late worship service, families are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall to pack boxes for active military personnel.

May 21st at 7:00 pm: **M.A.D. Camp Musical Performance "Are We There Yet?"**

May 22nd at 9:15 am: **Sunday School Closing/M.A.D. Camp performance**



Looking Ahead:

June 8th: **Summer SHYG begins. Senior High Youth Group begins meeting weekly from 5-6pm. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to attend.**

June 5th: **Confirmation.**

June 20th - 24th: **Vacation Bible School.**

Homebound Birthdays

Let's get those cards out to wish a blessed birthday to our shut-in friends celebrating this month!



April 3rd Karen Landis - Adren Courts of Old Orchard Rm. 41,
4098 Freemansberg Ave, Easton PA, 18045

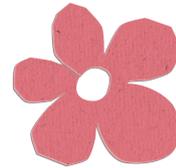


April 27th Sandra Strausser - 451 Apt. A Jenna Ln South,
Easton PA, 18045

May 9th Harry Longenbach- 115 N. New St. Nazareth PA, 18064



Love-A-Lot Nursery School



Spring is in full swing, and our kiddos are looking forward to Easter!

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!

After our Springtime fun, we swim into May learning about Oceans! The children will learn about sea life, sharks, jellyfish, and MORE! We have cute crafts and fun STEM activities planned, as well as Beach Day, which is always a yearly memorable favorite at Love-A-Lot! The kids get to wear their swimsuits, bring a towel, play volleyball, and catch fish!

We are planning a graduation for our Pre-K class for soon-to-be kindergarteners in May. We enjoyed our graduation program so much last year that we plan on keeping it very similar. The kids all loved it and so did we!

Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Haubrich, Mrs. Viggiano, and Mrs. Eshenbaugh wish all students and families a happy, healthy summer, and we wish our graduation Pre-K class all the best in the years to come!

Our preschool class (3 and 4 year old) meets Tuesday/Thursday from 9am-11:30am. Our Pre-K (4 and 5 year old) class meets Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9am-12pm, with an optional lunch bunch that extends the day from 12pm-1:30pm. If you are interested in registering your child in Love-A-Lot Nursery School for next September, please call (484)-293-0720 or email LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com.

Church Council Minutes Highlights

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

Jan. 26, 2022

7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Rita Bergstrom, Christina Brodt, Rev. Janice Butz, Karen Furler, Christine Garrison, Rev. Scott Hall, Bonnie Jablonski, Rich Johnson, Patrice Kidd, Joyce Knecht, Barry Miller, Ben Miller, Gail Price, Michele Seaton, Jaime Taylor, Joyce Wallace, Pete Zimmer.

DEVOTIONS: Barry Miller led with a prayer.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Dec. 22, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Motion by: Ben Miller – 2nd: Michele Seaton - Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Gail Price thanked the Council members for covering on all the Christmas Eve services.

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

1. Christmas Eve was both rewarding and exhausting. Thanks to all the staff, the Worship & Music Committee, and all who worked to make in-person Christmas Eve worship possible.
2. The pastors of St. John's are participating with a cohort of pastors that will be trained in organizational intelligence.

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

1. The children have resumed JAM Sessions with the rehearsal of playing musical instruments.
2. March 2022 = Faith Through the Arts – Theme will be “Signs and Wonders”. Special events have tentatively been scheduled.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES REPORT: Jaime Taylor: Reported

1. The “Happy Birthday Jesus” Sunday School Christmas party went well.
2. Jan. 23 - We held a family movie in the afternoon at church. We watched Encanto.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DAY CARE: Rita Bergstrom reported:

1. The colors have been chosen for painting of the Day Care.
2. Cindy Paukovitch has 2 choices for a shed. She will pass this info onto the Property Committee.

ENDOWMENT: Karen Furler reported:

1. Outreach requests were disbursed.

EVANGELISM/SOCIAL MINISTRY: Christine Garrison reported:

1. Lenna Harris & Jackie Wolf sent approx. 40 Christmas cards to our shut-in members.
2. Support Our Troops – Email with pictures was received from a soldier aboard the USS Truman receiving our boxes.
3. Cathie Dara has heard from Pastor Colleen Winkler in Benton, Kentucky. They are unsure of their future needs but will keep our information and reach out to use in the future.

HELPING HANDS: Gail Price reported:

1. March 13-19, 2022 – Planning another trip to Sulphur, LA.

HISTORY/ARCHIVES: Ben Miller: No Report

1. It is understood what needs to be archived. We hope to begin this process in the spring.

LOVE-A-LOT: Christina Brodt reported:

1. We are learning about space and winter this month.
2. We are receiving phone calls & registrations or next school year.

PERSONNEL: Gail Price reported: No Report

1. Committee is discussing with NE Penn Synod regarding Pastor Jennifer Hall.

PROPERTY: Rich Johnson reported: No Report

1. Discussed window replacement in parsonage and rental property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Intellectual Property – Ben Miller – All such contracts as mentioned must be approved by the Congregational Council of St. John’s. Motion by: Rich Johnson to accept the Intellectual Property resolution with changes for clarity. 2nd – Rita Bergstrom. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appoint YEO Endowment & Building Trust Trustees – Motion by: Ben Miller to appoint Jeff Daniels to Building Trust and Scott Himler to YEO Endowment. 2nd – Michele Seaton. Motion passed.
2. Annual Meeting – Jan. 30, 2022 – In Sanctuary and with virtual option.
3. Call Vote Procedures – Gail Price and Pastor Scott Hall discussed.

Building Use Requests:

1. Feb. 2022 – April 15, 2022 - Carol Eisenbise – AARP Tax Aide – Fellowship Hall.
2. Jan. 30 – March 20, 2022 – Andrea Miller – Girl Scout Troop 08444 – Set up booth in front of church on Broad Street. Motion by: Joyce Knecht to approve Building Use Requests. 2nd – Bonnie Jablonski. Motion passed.

Council President Gail Price declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.
Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting = Wed. Feb. 23, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Next Devotions = Rich Johnson

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Wallace
Recording Secretary

Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 15th and Monday, April 18th in observance of the Easter holiday.

The Church Office will be closed on May 30th in Observance of Memorial Day.

Summer Hours

Summer Office Hours are in effect May 30th - Sept. 9th
Monday - Thursday 8 AM - 3 PM
Friday 8 AM - 1 PM

Special Offering

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: Cemeteries

May Special Offering: World Hunger

Scan the QR code to donate virtually



St. Johns Staff, Committee & Volunteer List

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Love-A-Lot Director: Andrea Miller	LoveALotNurserySchool@yahoo.com	484-293-0720	N/A
St. John's Day Care Director: Carly Fantauzzi-Quinones	nazareth.stjohns@gmail.com	610-759-4999	N/A

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Church Council President	Gail Price	610-704-8736
Church Council Vice-President	Joyce Knecht	610-360-7424
Church Council Secretary	Ben Miller	
Church Council Recording Secretary	Joyce Wallace	610-730-3870
Columbarium	Dean Brodt	
Day Care	Rita Bergstrom	

YEO Endowment	Karen Furler
Evangelism/Social Ministry	Christine Garrison
Finance	Karen Furler
Helping Hands	Gail Price
History & Archives	Ben Miller
Love-A-Lot Nursery School	Christina Brodt
Personnel	Gail Price
Property	Rich Johnson/ Barry Miller
Stewardship	Peter Zimmer
Sunday School	Michele Seaton
Worship & Music	Christina Brodt

Volunteer Church Staff	Contact Person and Telephone	
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Altar Guild	Jocelyn Starner	610-759-3205
Building Trust Fund	Jeff Daniels (Special appt.)	
Bulletin Sponsors	Church Office	610-759-3090
CD Ministry Sponsors	Church Office	610-759-3090
YEO Endowment	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	908-256-2640
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	610-759-3090
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