-St. John's Weekly-

October 31-November 1, 2026

We warmly welcome you to this sacred time.

Please know that your presence, either in person or online, enhances our worship experience. May God's grace touch each worshipper today, and may all of us be filled with love.

We especially welcome any visitors. We are glad that you are here and are excited to be able to worship with you today. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask an usher or greeter (those people who welcomed you when you arrived).

First-time visitors: please sign our guest book in the back of the Sanctuary or scan the QR code so we can express our gratitude to you for being with us.

The Pray Ground is open to all families with preschool and younger children. This space is located in the Shepherd's Room so that your family can still see and hear the worship service as well as have a space for wiggling and moving. Parental supervision is required at all times while using the Pray Ground. **Busy Bags,** available for older children, are hanging on the back pews in the Sanctuary.

If you are unable to join us for worship, weekly services are posted to YouTube, Facebook, and our website to be viewed at your convenience. CDs of the worship service are mailed to those requesting them.

To receive our weekly email and bi-monthly newsletter electronically, send your request to office@stjohnsnaz.org.

This Week at St. John's

Monday, November 2
6:30pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm: Property (Upper Room)
7:00pm: Rebekah Circle (Shepherd's Room)
7:30pm: AA (Parlor)

Tuesday, November 3
4:00pm: M.A.D. Camp Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, November 4
9:30am: Ruth Circle (Morris Household)
11:30am: Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
1:00pm: Grief Support (Shepherd's Room)
5:00pm: Chalice Choir (Choir Room)
6:15pm: Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)
6:15pm: SHYG (Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm: N.A. (Downstairs Rm. 5)

Thursday, November 5
6:30pm: Festival Choir (Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm: Chancel Choir (Choir Rm.)
7:30pm: AA (Parlor)

Friday, November 6
4:00pm: M.A.D. Camp Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, November 7
10:00am: M.A.D. Camp Final Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm: Worship (Sanctuary)
6:30pm: Potluck Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
7:30pm: M.A.D. Camp Performance (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, November 8
8:00am: Worship, fellowship follows
9:15am: M.A.D. Camp Performance (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am: Worship, fellowship follows, Confirmation Sunday
1:00pm: Violin & Viola Dress Reh. (Sanctuary & Shepherd's Rm.)

Sunday Morning Forum

Animal Rescue
Sunday, November 22 @ 9:15am
Fellowship Hall

Representatives from three local animal rescue organizations will join us to share information about animal rescue and the many ways people can help animals in need. We will hear from **The Center for Animal Health & Welfare, Brindle Buddies, and Foxy's Cradle**. Whether or not you are able to adopt or foster, there are many other ways to support the important work these organizations do in our community.

G.R.O.W. Together

Gathered families Reflecting On the Wonder of God

Sunday, November 15
9:15 AM
Fellowship Hall

Sunday School is GROWing, and we're growing together! Join us for **G.R.O.W.**, a special Sunday School experience where children and families come together to share food, fellowship, fun, and faith!

Parents and families have the opportunity to join their children for a chance to experience Sunday School together, explore the wonder of God, and discover new ways to grow in faith as a family. It's a chance to learn, laugh, and make memories together!

All Sunday School children and their families are encouraged to attend!

Come G.R.O.W. with us!

Seeking Volunteers!

Each year on the Friday after Thanksgiving, a small group of people get together to put up the giant Christmas tree and hang wreaths around the church. Our current team of volunteers is getting older and therefore seeking some assistance! **Are you an able-bodied person that can serve for a few hours on Friday, November 27 to help with these projects?** If so, please reach out to Dave Kremer (Head Sexton) or talk to Pastor Scott or Janice Butz. A similar group of able-bodied people will be needed to take down all of the decorations in the new year.

Potluck Dinner Theatre M.A.D. Camp Musical

Saturday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.
RSVP due November 4th.

Join us for St. John's own Potluck Dinner Theatre on Saturday evening, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It's going to be an early traditional Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and gravy provided, so bring your favorite side dish or dessert to add to the table.

After the meal, we'll sit back and relax as our own St. John's talented young actors and actresses take the stage for the Music, Art, and Drama Camp production of "A Table for Five….Thousand!" The musical is an amusing and delightful retelling of the story of Jesus feeding the multitude with just five loaves and two fish. Filled with humor, upbeat songs, and a meaningful message, the musical is bound to provide an evening of fun, laughter and entertainment. If you can't make it to opening night, join us for a repeat performance during Sunday School the next morning.



Name: _____

# of adults: _____ **# of children:** _____

Surviving the Holidays

Thursday, November 19 @ 1:00pm
Shepherd's Room

The holidays are challenging when you're grieving a loss.

Surviving the Holidays provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.

RSVP to the church office by calling (610) 759-3090 or email office@stjohnsnaz.org.

Church Council Nominations Needed

A Congregational Meeting will be held following all worship services on November 21 & 22 to elect Church Council representatives for terms beginning in 2027. **The Nominating Committee is requesting suggestions from the congregation for members who would agree to have their names appear on the ballot.**

Please submit your nomination on the form below by **Sunday, November 1**. You may place it in the offering plate, drop it off or email it to the church office, or give it to a member of the Nominating Committee (Rita Bergstrom, Michele Seaton, or Joyce Knecht). Each nominee will be contacted to see if they agree to have their name appear on the ballot.

Complete information on those currently serving on council and those completing their terms can be found in the Messenger and This Week at St. John's.

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My Name: _____

I would like to nominate_____ for Church Council.

Prayer Requests

If you have family members or loved ones who are in the hospital, and you would like Pastor Scott to reach out to them, please let the church office know.

Contact our pastors; fill out a prayer request form in the back of the sanctuary; or contact the church office if you wish to have the church pray for you or someone you know.

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers:

- Stephen Bajan, Sr.
- Nancy Brackbill
- Joe C.
- John Cronin
- Paulette Deyo
- Rita K.
- Tom Kalinoski
- Louise Kroboth
- Joe L.
- Connie Lichtenwalner
- Greg Noll
- Bruce P.
- Dorothy Silfies
- Rob
- Scot
- Janice Vetter
- Gary Werner
- Jennifer Zuercher

Thank you Fellowship Host!

Thank you to **Beth Brune** for hosting fellowship following our Sunday worship services this weekend!

Wednesday Opportunities

- **Weekly Bible Study 11:30am** in the Shepherd's Room
  Studying the topic Forgiveness: The Cycle of Grace.
- **Grief Support Group 1:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall
  This group provides help and encouragement for those grieving.
- **Bible Study 6:15pm** in the Parlor
  Studying the expansive images of God in hymn, text, and image. Remaining dates are November 11, November 18, Deecmber 2, and December 16.

Nazareth Area Food Bank

Suggested food items for **November** are:

- Tissues
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Peanut butter and jelly are always welcome.

Please Note: NAFB receives many food donations from Scouting For Food in November, so be looking for their flyers to participate!

Thank you for your continued support of the NAFB.

Special Offering for November

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

St. John's works in partnership with 12 area congregations for the Annual Christmas Ingathering of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District. Your monetary gifts given through the "Special Offering" envelope will be used to purchase items for Kids Peace. This includes the four gifts our church will give to specific children who are residents, as well as items for the gift bags provided for 200 children. All monetary donations are used to purchase items or given as a donation to the special partnership of the year.

How to donate:

- Use the designated offering envelope from your packet that is marked "Special Offering."
- Through the online giving portal (see the QR code below).
- Use an envelope from the back of the Sanctuary to donate cash or check. If a check, write "special offering" on the memo line.

Online Giving

Scan this QR code for online offerings and tithes to St. John's from your smartphone, or visit www.stjohnsnaz.org/donate.

ST. JOHN'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church Office: 610-759-3090
Email: Office@stjohnsnaz.org
Website: www.stjohnsnaz.org

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

St. John's Lutheran Daycare
610-759-4999

Love-A-Lot Preschool
484-293-0720

- **Co-Pastors:** Pastor Scott Hall, Pastor of Stewardship
  Pastor Jennifer Hall, Pastor of Discipleship
- **Minister of Music:** Rev. Janice Butz
- **Assistant Organist:** Deacon Patrice Kidd
- **Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministries:** Jaime Taylor

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Thanks for worshiping with us!