-St. John's Weekly-

November 7-8, 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 9
6:30pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm: Daycare Board Meeting (Daycare Center)
7:30pm: AA (Parlor)

Tuesday, November 10
7:00pm: Evangelism/Social Ministry (Upper Room)

Wednesday, November 11
11:30am: Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
1:00pm: Grief Support (Shepherd's Room)
6:15pm: Bible Study (Parlor)
7:30pm: N.A. (Downstairs Room 5)

Thursday, November 12
7:30pm: AA (Parlor)

Saturday, November 14
9:00am: Sunday School Setup (Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm: Worship (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 15
8:00am: Worship, fellowship follows
9:15am: G.R.O.W. Together Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:30am: Worship, fellowship follows

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!

Congregational Meeting for Council Elections

In accordance with the church constitution and bylaws, a congregational meeting will be held following all worship services on the weekend of **November 21-22, 2026** for the purpose of electing church council representatives for terms beginning in the year **2027**. Bios of the nominees will be posted in the Shepherd's Room, and copies are available in the back of the sanctuary the week prior to the meeting.

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. **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.

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.

Annual Christmas Ingathering

Now is the time to begin our collection in hopes of providing a gift of love for people in our area.

The institutions to receive gifts for Christmas 2026 can be found in the November/December Messinger.

Donation boxes will be available through December 2nd in the Fellowship Hall.

We sincerely thank you for your generosity in helping to create a joyous Christmas for these people in need of our ministry!

Children: Bibs, colored pencils, construction paper, coloring books, washable markers, toddler size forks & spoons, puzzle books, drawing paper, crayons, brushes and combs, squish mallows, deodorant, flavored chapstick, LEGO sets/bricks.

Women: Shampoo, shower gel, brushes, combs, deodorant, lotion, change purses/wallets, travel size deodorant, crew socks (black), low ankle socks, conditioner, hand cream, shaving cream.

Men: Individually wrapped combs, disposable razors, shaving cream, shower gel (no bar soap), deodorant, travel size deodorant, double tough crew socks (white), shampoo, tag-free cotton briefs (M-XL).

All Ages: Scarfs, hats, mittens or gloves, large print puzzle books (no crosswords or sudoku), toothpaste, adult coloring books, pens, crayons, writing paper, toothbrushes (adult).

Misc: Toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, trash bags (45 or 55 gal), batteries (AA, AAA, D), flash lights with batteries, ChapStick, wrapping paper, paint and paint brushes, sketch pads, gift cards (supermarkets, Target, Walmart, iTunes), wash clothes, handwarmers, all purpose cleaner.

Food: Tea bags, hot chocolate packets, canned chicken, canned tuna, granola and cereal bars, coffee, coffee mate creamer, disposable 12 oz coffee cups with lids & sleeves, hard candies, salad dressing, instant oatmeal packets, individually wrapped cookies, ramen noodle cups, and mac and cheese.

Travel: Tea bags, hot chocolate packets, canned chicken, canned tuna, granola and cereal bars, coffee, coffee mate creamer, disposable 12 oz coffee cups with lids & sleeves, hard candies, salad dressing, instant oatmeal packets, individually wrapped cookies, ramen noodle cups, and mac and cheese.

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:

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

Thank you Fellowship Hosts!

Thank you to **Melissa Hahn-Davis and Mark Milano** 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, December 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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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!