

## SAINT JOHN'S EPISTLE

APRIL 2015

### St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

P.O. BOX 270, BERRYSBURG, PA 17005

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr., Pastor

Dear Friends in Jesus,

Our congregational family observance of the early Easter Season this year will involve much that is familiar – or should be – along with something brand new. The “familiar” that I have in mind is our keeping of the “Three Days” or “Triduum” – the ancient title for the period that begins on Maundy Thursday evening and ends on Easter Sunday evening. If you have never taken the time to experience the power of this three day focus on the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, why not make this the year? Our schedule of worship and related activities for the Three Days will be as follows:

**-Maundy Thursday, April 2:**

At 7:00 P.M., we will gather for a Liturgy of Holy Communion, sharing in the mystery and the meaning of that Upper Room – the body and the blood given for us – the betrayal and desertion of our Lord. Reflecting that betrayal and desertion, our worship will end with the solemn stripping of the altar by members of altar guild as the senior choir intones the haunting words of Psalm 22.

**-Good Friday, April 3:**

At 7:00 P.M., we will gather for the Liturgy of Good Friday – a dark and solemn time featuring a dramatic reading of The Passion of Jesus According to St. John. Please note that Youth Group members will again read the principal parts of The Passion, getting together for a short “rehearsal” at 6:15 P.M. Please support them with your presence!

**-Holy Saturday, April 4:**

At 9:00 A.M., members of Youth Group will gather to set up for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, with the hunt getting underway at 10:00 A.M. for children in four age groups: preschool, grades K-1, grades 2-3, and grades 4-5.

At 7:00 P.M., we will continue our worship downstairs with a Liturgy of Readings and Prayer. This liturgy, a part of the Liturgy of Easter Vigil, features a series of lengthy readings from the Old Testament, telling of the creative and saving actions of God, beginning with Genesis 1, that point the way to the ultimate creative and saving action of Easter. There will be no music and no offering – only my reading by the light of a single candle, silence for meditation, and prayer.

**-The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day, April 5:**

Following Easter Sunday tradition at St. John, a very brief Sunrise Worship will take place outdoors (weather permitting) from 6:30 – 6:45 A.M. From 6:45 – 7:00, all interested men of the church will prepare and set up for Easter breakfast, which will be served from 7:00 – 8:00. Following some clean-up time, and a Men's Choir rehearsal at 8:15, regular Sunday School will follow at 9:00. Our morning will conclude with a Liturgy of Holy Communion, featuring the great hymns of Easter, at 10:15 A.M. A special musical prelude, including Men's Choir, will precede this worship, so please plan to come approximately 15 minutes early.

The “brand new” is our first-ever **Easter Program**, coming up **during 10:15 A.M. worship on The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 12**. While the rest of the world will have already stored away the Easter decorations, concluding that Easter is over and done, we choose to live the truth that Easter is, in fact, a “week of weeks” – 49 days plus 1 – and our young persons, guided by Amy Gehring and Louise Baumgardner, will lead us in continuing that celebration on the 12<sup>th</sup>, following a dress rehearsal scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30 P.M.

We worship an amazing God, and there is no better way to be reminded of that than by joining with your congregational family in this inspiring beginning to April!

*Pastor Tom*

## **MEN'S CHOIR TO SING**

With two rehearsals still to go, it's not too late to join with our Men's Choir in preparing for Easter Sunday morning! Those rehearsals, which are open to male voices of all ages and levels of singing experience (or none), will be held on Wednesday, April 1, from 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. and then on Easter Sunday morning, April 5, from 8:15 to 9:00 A.M. To learn more, or to "sign" up, please speak with Carol Hubler or Pastor Tom.

## **THERE'S ALSO STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SPRING BIBLE STUDY**

Midweek Bible Study will resume for the Easter Season on *Monday, April 13*, and then will meet on subsequent *Mondays* through May 18. *We are trying a Monday scheduling for spring, in the hope of better avoiding the many concerts and sporting events scheduled during the middle of the week in this busy season.* As before, class will be held each week from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. Having finished a fall and winter study of the various denominational branches of our Christian Family, the topic for this study will be the Bible books of *I & II Corinthians*, where we meet the Apostle Paul as his most lively and, at times, fiery self, and where we hear about the real-life problems and joys of Christian congregational family life, finding out just how much we have in common with these our ancestors in our Christian Family tree. No previous Bible study experience is required – only an interest and enthusiasm to study, reflect on, and discuss God's Word together! So that the correct number of books can be ordered for our study, please register in advance (by speaking with Pastor Tom) by Wednesday, April 1.

## **CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18**

A "spring cleaning" of the church has been scheduled for Saturday, April 18, beginning at 8:00 A.M. With the recent installation of additional storage space in the basement by Property Committee, the hope is to get rid of a lot of unnecessary items and make better use of all of our storage space. Please contact Henry Henninger, Property Committee Chairman, with any questions, and please feel free to arrive later if you are unable to be present right at 8:00.

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TIME...**

This year's Strawberry Festival will take place on Wednesday, June 10, in our grove and pavilion. Although serious planning is just getting underway for the Festival, Brad Crum has again been booked as entertainment for the early/mid afternoon timeslot, singing as Elvis, and – new this year – the local musical group *Shotgunn*, of which our own Darrell Denlinger is a part, will be performing in the late afternoon/early evening. Please save the date of June 10 in your family's calendar, and please spread the news to your friends and neighbors.

## **...AND TO OTHER CHANCES TO “THINK SUMMER”...**

Our schedule of summer outdoor worship has also been finalized by Worship & Music Committee and Congregational Council. These Sundays will be: May 31 (when we will be celebrating the Festival of the Holy Trinity with Holy Communion), June 14, July 5 (Independence Day Weekend – “Colonial” Order for Holy Communion), July 26 (Vacation Bible School Closing Program, followed by Annual Picnic), August 9, and September 6 (Labor Day Weekend). We will again have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoor beauty of “the Hill” in worship for a total of six times this summer.

And the dates of Vacation Bible School have been set, running Monday, July 20, through Friday, July 24, with the closing program taking place – as mentioned above – on Sunday, July 26, outside in the pavilion. Amy Gehring, who will be leading our Vacation Bible School this year for the first time, is just in the early stages of her planning, but please consider giving Amy a call to lend your time and talents.

Please save all of these dates in your family’s calendar, and please spread the news to your friends and neighbors. Summer will be here before we know it!

## **CHURCH CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES**

Our Camperson, Angie Maurer, has information on summer church camping opportunities of all kinds for people of all ages. Schedules and registration information are available for the camps of our Lower Susquehanna Synod, Kirchenwald and Nawakwa, as well as for Camp Mt. Luther in the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Please bear in mind that, for members of St. John, camping scholarships are provided from the Sunday School treasury, making any week-long experience a great value as well as a life-changing experience. **Special discounts are available for those who register soon. Please see Angie for further information!**

## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

The youth group at St. John is planning some fun events for the end of March and April! We will be holding a meeting/game night on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30pm in the Sunday School room. We will hold a short meeting to plan the Easter Egg Hunt and then play board games. On Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will meet in the kitchen to dye Easter eggs at 6:00pm. to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The youth should meet at the church at 9:00 am for the hunt and the hunt begins at 10:00 am. We will “wind up” April by serving at the Lykens Valley Alumni Banquet at the Berrysburg Community Center on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## NEWS FROM THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA AT ST. JOHNS

Our next meeting will be on April 12, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our program leaders will be Pat Herb and Elsie Krout.

Ladies if you are interested in attending the Prayer Breakfast please contact Sue Lebo as soon as possible. The breakfast will start again in April.

Also please remember to send your registration form for Day of Renewal. The deadline is the 1st of May. If you need a registration slip please see Fay Nichols. This year we will be at Zion Lutheran Church in Penbrook.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Tonya Henninger & Sarah Bork**, as well as the Henninger and Bork Families, upon the safe and healthy birth of **Sadie Lynn Endicott Bork Henninger** to Sarah and Tonya on February 26. Sadie weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. May God richly bless this newly expanded family!

## THANK YOU!

To the following persons who directed Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John during 2013 and 2014: **Sheila Barder, Jim & Barb Bullock, Marie Casner, Rick Dorman, Delmar Enders, Larry Gessner, Michael Henninger, Harold & Pat Herb, Mary Peters, Doug Schreffler, and Pastor Tom**. A total of \$6,815 was received during the two years and passed on to the support of such ministries as Lutheran World Relief, youth group, and our ELCA World Hunger Appeal. If you are a Thrivent member – holding Thrivent insurance and/or investments – you may also be able to direct Choice Dollars in this way. Please speak with Thrivent agent Brian Novinger or Pastor Tom to learn more.

## FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT HEATHER HILDEBRAND

A sign up sheet is posted on the foyer bulletin board for a pot pie fundraiser that is being held to benefit Heather Hildebrand, the daughter of Randy & Heidi Challenger and granddaughter of Mervin & Cora Mace, who is dealing with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). All money raised will be used to purchase a device that will allow Heather to communicate via facial movements as her ability to speak weakens. (Previous fundraisers have made possible the outfitting of a van for Heather's transportation as well as the installation of an accessible bathroom in her home.) The deadline to order is April 14, with delivery (by Randy & Heidi Challenger) on April 25. Payment may be made when your order is received. Checks should be made payable to "Randy or Heidi Challenger". Please contact Randy (362-3000 or 805-7197) with any questions.

**St John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Minutes  
February 8, 2015**

The council meeting was called to order by President, Roy Henry.

Pastor Tom opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Present:** Dale Hassinger, Lorraine Henninger, Sandra Lamenza, Joseph Doyle, Cheryl Shadle, Gail Billow, Tamara Spicher, Roy Henry, Ken Koller, Pastor Tom Bruner

**Excused Absence:** Eric Mattern, Sandra Shade, Jeff Lehman

Motion by Lorraine Henninger and seconded by Dale Hassinger to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2015 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:**

Eric Mattern asked to resign from council for personal reasons. A motion was made by Cheryl Shadle and seconded by Tamara Spicher to accept his resignation. Motion approved unanimously. Pastor Tom stated that according to the bylaws we could continue with eleven members or nominate a replacement. A motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Cheryl Shadle to continue the remainder of 2015 with eleven members. Motion approved unanimously.

The church received a thank you letter from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for the contribution made through the Brian Thompson fundraiser.

We received a request for donations from Medic 6. A motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Dale Hassinger to donate \$100. Motion approved unanimously.

St John will be participating with ten other congregations to publish an Easter Devotional. This will be created by the congregants and used instead of the traditional Lenten Devotional we have utilized in the past. Pastor Tom is still in need of one more person to contribute a devotional interpretation.

We received a request from Devin Radel to once again support his work with the Christian Victory Fellowship. He will be going to Columbus, Georgia to work with rehabilitation of young adults with drug abuse and behavioral issues. He will also be working with the homeless. A motion was made by Tamara Spicher and seconded by Cheryl Shadle to give him \$150 toward the mission. Motion passed unanimously. It was also suggested that we schedule a time for him to share some of his experiences with the congregation.

A request was made by Sharon Kluck through Becky Conte for use of the fellowship hall for a baby shower on Saturday February, 21 from 12 noon to 5PM. A motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Tamara Spicher to approve the request with the non-member fee of \$50 plus a \$50 honorarium for the sexton. Motion approved unanimously.

The Synod Assembly will be held Friday evening, June 5 through Sunday June 7 at Messiah College. This new schedule would require the pastor to not be at service on Sunday. The synod provided several options for the attending pastors, but Pastor Tom said he would prefer to return to St John on Sunday and be at service. We all agreed with his suggestion. He is looking for one male and one female to attend with him.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Tom requested the following vacation dates. June 19-22, July 15-19 and August 11-26. A motion was made by Lorraine Henninger and seconded by Cheryl Shadle to approve his vacation requests. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made by Ken Kohler and seconded by Joseph Doyle to accept the pastor's report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurers' Reports:**

Motion made by Joseph Doyle and seconded by Ken Kohler to accept the treasurer reports. Motion approved unanimously.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

*Church Property:* Met on January 27. The heat in the new addition is now working. It required the installation of a wireless thermostat. Progress has been made on converting the basement bathroom to a storage room as well as organizing an existing area under the steps. We now have secured a back-up for snow removal. We purchased 500 gallons of fuel oil. The annual inspection of the fire extinguishers and emergency lights is complete.

*Finance:* No report

*Worship and Music:* Met January 20. Reviewed the Lenten season worship plans. We will be hosting the community worship on February 25.

*Christian Education:* Met in January. Discussed the camping program. Beginning Easter Sunday we will be using the green hymnals for Sunday School worship. Amy Ghering will chair the Vacation Bible School program held July 20-24. Ann Bruner is working on some library programs.

*Stewardship:* No report

*Evangelism:* No report

*Youth Ministry:* Youth did an excellent job on the Sunday worship service.

*Mutual Ministry:* No report.

*Executive:* No report.

*Nominating:* No report

*History:* No report

Green Team: No report

**New Business:**

Council discussed and agreed to change the meeting time from 7:30 PM to 4:00PM.

**Next Council Meeting:** March 8, 2015 at 4:00PM.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Dale Hassinger and seconded by Cheryl Shadle to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Lamenza,

Secretary

**Treasurer Reports**

**January 2015**

	<b>Prior Balance</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>EOM</b>
Current	4,573.49	7149.20	10,815.03	907.66
Benevolence	54.37	732.02	732.00	54.39
Memorial	28,847.12	6,316.16		35,163.28
Improvement	6,333.90	212.00	1444.14	5101.76
Bicent Ck Acct	22,052.49	.78	600.00	21,453.27
Bicent Svngs	5,300.91			5,300.91
Flower	338.11	108.00	208.30	237.81

**ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP**

Zachary Thompson, Treasurer

Balance on Hand, January 1, 2014 \$6,804.20

**Receipts:**

Spaghetti Supper	463.24	
Gathering Payments	980.00	
Deposit	256.00	
Donations	15.00	
Thrivent Matching Funds for 2014	489.00	
Souper Bowl Collection	111.00	
Little Caesars Pizza Deposits	1,940.00	
Aluminum Recycling	697.89	
Lykens Valley Alumni Banquet	100.00	
Mason Dinner	300.00	
Bicentennial Account	1,000.00	
Chicken and Waffle Dinner Free Will Offering	748.04	
Interest	3.60	
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<hr/>	<hr/> <b>\$7,103.77</b>

Receipts Plus Balance \$13,907.97

**Expenses:**

Giant-Supplies for Spaghetti Supper	26.66	
Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser Payment	1,365.00	
Printing on Tshirts	75.00	
Dollar Tree - Prizes for Egg Hunt	50.58	
Upper Dauphin LYO	100.00	
Tom Bruner-Reimbursement for Snow Tubing	29.00	
Jamie Doyle-Reimbursement for Snow Tubing	29.00	
Angie Maurer-Reimbursement for Pencils for LYO	129.85	
Angie Maurer-Reimbursement for supplies for Halloween Party	80.00	
Giant - Supplies for Chicken and Waffle Dinner	45.73	
Walmart - Supplies for and Chicken and Waffle Dinner	109.31	
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<hr/>	<hr/> <b>2,040.13</b>

**Checking Account - Balance on Hand December 31,2014**

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**\$11,867.84**



***Note from Pastor Tom: Information follows about getting involved with a Relay for Life Team that is being formed in honor of Brian Thompson...***

Brad & Tyler Harker  
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Halifax, Pennsylvania 17032  
[behjd@comcast.net](mailto:behjd@comcast.net)  
(717) 896-8722 (home)  
(717) 497-2093 (cell)

March 1, 2015

Dear Pastor Tom:

My name is Brad Harker, and I live in Halifax, Pennsylvania. My family has had the distinct pleasure of being friends and neighbors with the Thompson Family (Brian, Jodi, Cody, Zach and Cameron) for several years, and my 13 year old son, Tyler, is a friend and classmate of Cameron Thompson.

Our family has participated for several years with the Relay for Life of Upper Dauphin, which is sponsored by the American Cancer Society for the purpose of raising money and awareness to battle cancer. The Relay for Life will be held this year on June 19 at 3:00 through June 20 at 3:00 at the Halifax High School. If you are not familiar with the Relay for Life, teams unite to raise funds and walk the track for 24 hours straight to celebrate cancer survivors, lend support to those that are currently battling cancer, raise awareness about the American Cancer Society and the services they offer, and to help find a cure for cancer. More information about the Relay can be found at the following link:

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15EC?pg=entry&fr\\_id=66328](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15EC?pg=entry&fr_id=66328)

In past years, our family has walked on teams with our church and with our Cub Scout Pack. This year, my son had the idea of forming a team in honor of Brian and his family, and he raised the idea with his 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Guys Life Group at the Halifax United Methodist Church, which is called "the Brotherhood Divine." Because all of the young men in the group know Cameron and how cancer has affected Brian and his family, they were "in" on the idea to honor of the Thompson Family and have decided to call their Relay Team "BFF's," which stands for "Brian's Faithful Fighters."

My son contacted Brian to make sure that he was comfortable with his idea, and he has been entirely supportive. In response, Brian provided me with your name as a potential contact that might want to provide support for the Relay Team. Essentially, we would be looking for support to assist in fundraising endeavors over the next few months leading up to the Relay for Life, as well as to assist in joining the team to help walk at the Relay. A team site has already been established and if you are interested in officially joining the BFF's, you can do so at the following link:

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15EC?team\\_id=1753263&pg=team&fr\\_id=66328](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY15EC?team_id=1753263&pg=team&fr_id=66328)

In addition, you are able to make a monetary donation to the team through this site as well. All proceeds collected with benefit the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life of Upper Dauphin.

I would appreciate the opportunity to talk more with you about this effort to honor the Thompson family, and how your organization might be able to assist "Brian's Faithful Fighters." If you are able and interested, please feel free to contact me by email or phone at the addresses/numbers listed above. We hope to set up a meeting soon to discuss ways to begin raising funds for the Relay Team, and how to make the event a success in honoring the awesome Thompson Family.

Sincerely,

Brad Harker, on behalf of Tyler  
Harker and the BFF's

***Note from Pastor Tom: Many folks were asking, after the March 8 presentation by Jamie Doyle and Charley Allegar, how to get involved in support of the work of Tree 4 Hope in Guatemala. That information follows...***

## Six Ways to Become a Part of the Tree 4 Hope Volunteer Family

### 1. Sponsor a Child

Nutritious fruits and vegetables at all meals – \$7 per month per child (\$84 per year)  
Consistent meat and other protein sources – \$11 per month per child (\$132 per year)

To send automatic monthly payments online, go to [www.tree4hope.com](http://www.tree4hope.com) and click Get Involved > Donate, then click the Donate button. As you make your payment, check “Make This Recurring.”

Please make \$84 or \$132 annual checks out to “Tree 4 Hope” and send to:  
Tree 4 Hope  
1492 Linglestown Rd  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

### 2. Donate to Support the Tree 4 Hope Girls’ School

Please write “Girls’ School” in the check’s memo line. You can also donate online by going to [Youcaring.com](http://Youcaring.com) and searching for “Tree 4 Hope School for Girls.” We just launched the campaign!

### 3. Become an International Volunteer

*Team Join HANDS: June 27 – July 5, 2015*

A faith-based trip to the orphanage Hogar Miguel Magone, ending with a worship service on volcanic Mt. Pacaya

*Team Traverse: July 11 – 20, 2015*

A trip for runners, who will visit the Hogar Miguel Magone orphanage as well as The Elder Center, a safe haven and community center for impoverished Mayan Elders.

*Team Rejuvenate: July 30 – August 9, 2015*

A traditional Tree 4 Hope trip serving at Hogar Miguel Magone and The Elder Center

Full details are available at [www.tree4hope.org](http://www.tree4hope.org).

### 4. Support Our Events

We are having a Silent Auction on May 9, from 6-8 pm at Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, and you are all invited. \$10 suggested donation for a chance to bid on gift baskets, gourmet food, getaways and more.

### 5. Make Quilts

If you are crafty and would like to help sew quilts to give to the children, email Charley at [tree4hopedirector@gmail.com](mailto:tree4hopedirector@gmail.com) to be connected with other quilters.

### 6. Spread the Word about Tree 4 Hope

Tell family and friends about us to help our girls and to help others make a difference!



**WORSHIP SERVICES FOR APRIL 2015**

Altar Guild for Month of April	Pat and Harold Herb
Lector for Month of April	Robert Weaver
Ushers for April (L) Jeff Lehman (E) Ken Koller, Carl and Louise Baumgardner	

**April 2, 2015**

Maundy Thursday 7:00 P. M.	Greeters-	Jim & Barb Bullock
Holy Communion	Acolytes-	Gracie Gehring & Eli Conte

**April 3, 2015**

Good Friday	Greeters-	The Enders Family
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**April 5, 2015**

Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day	Sunday School Superintendent-	Ken Koller
Holy Communion	Sunday School Pianist-	Lois Watson
	Greeters-	Larry & Karen Gehring
	Acolytes-	Ryan Henninger & Katherine Gessner

**APRIL 12, 2015**

The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Sunday School Superintendent-	Fay Nichols
<b>EASTER PROGRAM</b>	Sunday School Pianist-	Judy Ferree
	Greeters-	Ann Bruner & Fay Nichols

**APRIL 19, 2015**

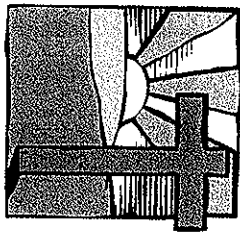


The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	Sunday School Superintendent-	Larry Gessner
	Sunday School Pianist-	Jean Weaver
	Greeters-	Mike & Carol Hubler
	Acolytes-	Reyann Cheatham & Kelsey Henninger

**APRIL 26, 2015**

The 4th Sunday of Easter	Sunday School Superintendent-	Jeff Lehman
	Sunday School Pianist-	Louise Baumgardner
	Greeters-	The Tim Motter Family
	Acolytes-	Aidan Roadcap & Owen Mattem

# April 2015

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>5 The Resurrection of Our Lord</b> <b>Easter Day</b> 6:30 Brief Outdoor Easter Sunrise Worship 7:00-8:00 Easter Breakfast served by the Men of St. John 8:15-9:00 Men's Choir Rehearsal 9:00 Sunday School Easter Party, 10:00 Festival Prelude 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion	<b>6</b> Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR	<b>7</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:30 Stage Set Up for Easter Program 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>1</b> 6:00 Youth Group Meets to Prepare for Easter Egg Hunt 7:00 Maundy Thursday Practice 8:00 Men's Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> Maundy Thursday 7:00 Liturgy of Holy Communion - Solemn Stripping of the Altar 8:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> Good Friday 6:15 Practice for Passion Gospel Reading 7:00 Good Friday Liturgy, including Youth Led Dramatic Reading of the Passion Story	<b>4</b> Holy Saturday 9:00 Youth Group Meets to Set Up for Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 Annual Easter Egg Hunt 7:00 Easter Eve Liturgy of Readings and Prayer Passover 
<b>12 The 2nd Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, <b>Featuring Easter Program Fair Trade Coffee and Tea</b> will follow the Worship 11:30 Mutual Ministry Comm. Mtg. 4:00 Congregational Council Meeting. 6:00 Women's Group Meeting	<b>13</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 6:30 Spring Bible Study	<b>14</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 6:15 Sunday School Teachers & Officers Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> Deadline to Submit Items for May "St. John's Epistle"	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:00 Church House Cleaning Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>19 The 3rd Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Mission Report Temple Talk by Devin Radel	<b>20</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 6:30 Spring Bible Study	<b>21</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Mark, Evangelist Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>26 The 4th Sunday of Easter</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word	<b>27</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 6:30 Spring Bible Study	<b>28</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 6:15 Property Comm. Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

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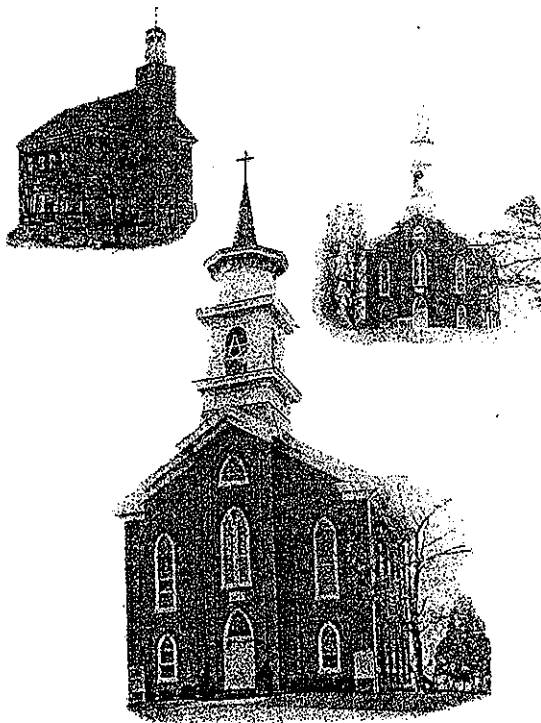
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Pastor's Office Hours:                    Monday        8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.  
    Tuesday        8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.  
    Wednesday    8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon  
    Thursday      8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon  
    Friday         8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

(Other times by appointment)

**OUR MISSION**

*St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.*



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