

**SAINT JOHN'S  
EPISTLE  
FEBRUARY 2012**

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

P.O. BOX 270, BERRYSBURG, PA 17005  
The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr., Pastor

Dear Friends in Jesus,

I'm very happy to find myself in the same place I found myself last February in this letter – a place of thanksgiving!

First, I want to again join with Ann and Dan and Tim in thanking you, our congregational family, for the many expressions of love we received during the Christmas and Advent seasons. Your kind words, your cards, your gifts and, of course, the congregational gift were truly sources of great joy for us. We are indeed blessed as we approach twelve years of life and ministry together with you here on "The Hill"!

Second, again this year, I would like to thank you for working together to achieve the very strong 2011 worship attendance and financial results that are reflected in the Annual Report, which was reviewed at the second part of our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 15. After growing very slowly in recent years, our average worship attendance jumped to 107 this past year – a level not seen since our anniversary celebration and building dedication years in 2005 and 2006. Turning to finances, our current fund giving and other income for 2011 grew to a point which allowed us to finish the year with total income that actually exceeded our budget goal – the first time that this has happened in my eleven years with you. (Since we were also able to hold the line on expenses, having them finish slightly under budget, we ended the year with a surplus of over \$4,000 – the best "bottom line" result we have had in my eleven years here at St. John, and the second annual surplus in a row.) I am especially glad to report that our 2011 giving to the ministries of our synod and the national expression of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America soared over our \$12,000 commitment by more than \$3,000 – much needed support of the ministry on which we all depend, in a time when many congregations are cutting back – and that our giving to our world hunger appeal also grew to almost \$5,600, including our very successful "God's Global Barnyard" project in the fall. Thank you for your faithful giving of your time and resources in worship in these unsettling financial times!

(Looking ahead to 2012, we will be working under a Current Fund Budget – adopted back on December 11 – that totals just a bit over \$127,000 – a 2.5% increase from the 2011 Budget. Please bear this increase in mind as you plan your giving in 2012, representing, for example, an increase of \$.25 in a previous gift of \$10.)

In elections for our Congregational Council, which were also held on December 11, the following persons were elected to a three-year term: Jim Bullock, Jamie Doyle, Carol Hassinger, and Jim Watson. I want to thank these newly-elected Council members, as well as the faithful outgoing members whom they replace— Dale Hassinger, Lorraine Henninger, Dan Langhans, and Jeff Lehman.

Again, thank you for your part in the congregational family that is St. John. I am looking forward to a vibrant and challenging 2012, including an expanded presence on the World Wide Web, as we try our best to follow the leading and guiding of the One who is the Light of the World – the One who is the Light that shines in the darkness of these times in which we live!

*Pastor Tom*

## CLASS TO BE OFFERED

Pastor Tom will be leading an Inquirer's Class on Tuesday, February 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. This class is designed for those who are either thinking about or planning on joining the congregation, as well as current congregational members who desire a bit of a refresher in the basics of Lutheran Christian history and belief. Simply speak with Pastor Tom any time prior to the class to register. New members will be received on Sunday, February 19.

## A SWEET TIME FOR ALL

Our Annual Sweethearts Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 11. Appetizers will be served at 5:30 P.M., with the main meal being served at 6:00 P.M. Following the meal, our own Vincent Lamenza will be providing musical entertainment. The price for this wonderful evening of fellowship, food, and entertainment is once again just \$15 per person, and you do not have to be part of a couple to attend! Please sign up on the big red heart on the foyer bulletin board and give your payment to Pat Herb as soon as possible!

## LENT BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 22

We will observe **Ash Wednesday**, the traditional beginning of the Season of Lent, on **February 22 at 7:00 P.M.** with a Liturgy of Holy Communion, including the optional imposition of ashes. Those desiring to receive the mark of a cross, traced in ashes on their forehead, will come forward at the appropriate time in the worship, much as we come forward to receive Holy Communion. As is traditional here at St. John, those communing will have the option of receiving the wine from the common cup.

Then, on subsequent Wednesday evenings during Lent, the Lutheran, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist congregations of the Berrysburg and Elizabethville area will again join together for a light supper and worship. The supper, consisting of simple items like soup and sandwiches, will begin at **6:15 P.M.** Following supper, at **7:15 P.M.**, we will join in worship. Worship will end by approximately 8:00 P.M. Once again this year, the host pastor of each congregation will lead the worship, while the pastors will each take turns preaching in a congregation other than their own. Our theme for this year's Lenten series will be *The Fruits of the Spirit*. The details for these Wednesday evenings are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Congregation</u>	<u>Preacher/Topic</u>
February 29	Salem United Church of Christ Elizabethville	Rev. Susan Halverstadt Wisdom/Knowledge
March 7	<i>St. John</i>	Rev. Nathan Minnich Faith
March 14	Trinity United Methodist Church Elizabethville	Rev. Jeffrey Wagner Healing & the Working of Miracles
March 21	Salem Lutheran Church Elizabethville	<i>Pastor Tom</i> Prophecy
March 28	Peace United Church of Christ Berrysburg	Rev. Daniel Shahan Tongues & the Interpretation of Tongues

Please don't miss these opportunities to have your faith refreshed and deepened, as we journey together through the Season of Lent. May God bless us as we once again make our way along this pathway that leads to the Cross!

## PLEASE HELP!

As we begin a new year, please be sure that, if you are a communing member of St. John, you turn in **at least one communion record card** this year. (If during the year you live and worship out of the area, or if you commune even once at another congregation, please be sure to have that congregation send notice to Pastor Tom.) If you are a contributing member of St. John, please be sure that you **use your offering envelopes at least once** this year, so that you are on record as having made a contribution. Please do your part to make sure that our parish records are as accurate as possible!

## NEW CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS NAMED

Congratulations and thank you to the following folks who will be our congregational officers for 2012: President – Jim Watson, Vice President – John Ferree, Secretary – Jamie Doyle, Current Fund Treasurer – Lorraine Henninger, Benevolence Fund Treasurer – Jim Bullock, Improvement Fund Treasurer – Carol Hassinger, and Financial Secretary – Pat Herb.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Dates to remember!

Feb. 5th: Collect for Super Bowl after church

Feb 12th: Youth Led Worship

Feb 26th: Snow Tubing at Roundtop, open to congregation

Thanks! VP, Shannon Motter

## PASTORAL ACTS

### At the Altar

On Sunday, January 8, we were blessed to welcome **Ray & Vicky Bush** into the St. John congregational family. Vicky is an ordained minister in our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Ray is in the process of working toward ordination in the ELCA with the Moravian Seminary in Bethlehem, PA and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. They have recently moved from eastern Pennsylvania back to Vicky's hometown of Gratz. Please see the listing of pictorial directory updates in this *Epistle* for information about adding Ray and Vicky. Welcome!

### At Graveside

Pastor Tom presided at funeral worship for **Kathy Hoover**, who died on December 19 at York Memorial Hospital. Worship was held at the church on December 24, with interment in our church cemetery.

We pray that God will grant rest and peace to Kathy, and the hope and joy of the Resurrection to Ron and the rest of her loved ones.

## UPDATES FOR CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY

To keep your congregational pictorial directory up to date, please make the following first set of changes in the address section (further updates will be published periodically in future issues of the *St. John Epistle*):

### Additions

If you haven't already, please add the new members we have recently received:

BILLOW, Gail 1362 St. Rt. 25 Millersburg, PA 17061 717-692-4958	BILLOW, Holly 1230 Erdman Road Lykens, PA 17048 717-365-3604
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HUGHES, Teresa & (Roger) 5309 St. Rt. 225 Dornsife, PA 17823 570-758-4413	SCHEIB, Corey 1230 Erdman Road Lykens, PA 17048 717-979-3129
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BUSH, Ray & (the Rev.) Vicky  
1 East Market Street  
Gratz, PA 17030  
(484) 353-8614

*Please also stay tuned for a page with photos of the above new members for inclusion in the photo section of your directory.*

### Changes/Corrections

1. New telephone number for Fay Nichols: 599-8990
2. New address for Nicole Radel: 201 Wolfe Road, Elizabethville, PA 17023
3. David Schreffler – deceased on November 14
4. Corrected listing for Joshua Stadheim:  
STADHEIM, Joshua & (Laci)  
Abigail  
229 Meadow Lane  
Lykens, PA 17048  
395-2259
5. New address for Ryne Crabb: 18 Moore St., Waltham, MA 02453
6. New address for Miana Erdman: PO Box 313, Hegins, Pa 17938
7. New address for Jody Specht: 452 W. Broad St., Elizabethville
8. New telephone number for Joe & Arlene Doyle: 647-7467
9. Kathy Hoover – deceased on December 19
10. New address for Ronald Hoover: Room #705, The Manor at Susquehanna Village, Millersburg, PA 17061



## BIG 33 FOOTBALL CLASSIC

Shawnita Latsha has been selected to be a Big 33 cheerleader after a nomination by her school coach and a tryout in November. The selection was based on character, academic standing, as well as her athletic ability (stunting, tumbling, dance and cheer). The fact that she was selected to this elite group of High School Cheerleaders has been a huge sense of accomplishment and pride for both her and her parents, Heidi and Jeffrey Lehman.

Shawnita is a senior at Upper Dauphin Area high school and a co-captain on her Varsity squad, which she has been a member of for four consecutive years. She is in her third year as a competition cheerleader also. Through her time, dedication, commitment and many sacrifices she has earned her way to one of the highest levels of competitive cheer. Her team is "Shock" an all girl senior team from the TNT Magnum All Star gym in Danville Pa, which travels to many competitions on the East coast.

A press conference will be held at the Capitol in Harrisburg on January 23, in order to introduce the cheerleaders and football players. The cheerleaders will be notified at that time as to which team they will be representing (PA or Ohio). All the cheerleaders are from PA, because OH does not provide cheerleaders. This is the 55<sup>th</sup> season of the Big 33 football program and is considered to be the "Super Bowl" of high school football. Along with cheering at the June 16<sup>th</sup> televised game at Hershey Stadium, she will participate in an activity-filled week which includes: a cheer buddy program for special needs cheerleaders, community outreach visits, practices and a team day at Hershey Park.

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"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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## **Green Team Update**

You may be contacted by a Green Team Member shortly. We are reaching out to members in an effort to reduce the number of hard copies of the newsletter that are mailed out each month. Please let us know if you would be willing to receive the Epistle in electronic form only. We will place you on a waiting list until we convert enough members to make economic sense compared to our current bulk mailing rate.

Our next Team meeting is Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 6-7pm. We would love to have you join us!

Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!

The Green Team

**"What to Recycle – Plastic" by all-recycling-facts.com**

Recycling plastic is more of a necessity than anything else.

The large amount of plastic the world produces and then dumps every minute is simply too much, and soon, our planet will run out of landfill space.

Plastics are also not biodegradable and it takes thousands of years for plastic to disintegrate and decompose. Plastic pollutes the environment whether it is buried or burned in incinerators.

Therefore, plastic consumption must be reduced considerably and when consumed, only recyclable plastic should be used.

Plastics need to be sorted by their type before they can be recycled. Look for the recycling codes that are molded into the bottom of the containers. PETE1 and HDPE2 are universally accepted for recycling. If you can't identify the type of plastic, it may be safer not to recycle it because even a small amount of the wrong type of plastic can ruin a melt. Plastic caps are usually made from a different type of plastic so toss if unmarked.

Plastic bags are made from type 2 or 4 plastic. These bags can be made into plastic lumber but collection is not particularly profitable, so it may be better to reduce their use first, and then recycle the remainder at your local grocery store drop off bin.



*Where there is Faith,  
There is Love.  
Where there is Love,  
There is Peace.  
Where there is Peace,  
There is God.  
Where there is God,  
There is no need.*

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2011

The Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Council Vice President John Ferree.

Pastor Tom Bruner offered devotions.

Present – Karen Gehring, Lorraine Henninger, Mike Henninger, John Ferree, Mary Peters, Pat Herb, Dale Hassinger and Jeffrey Lehman.

Excused Absence - Craig Peters, Dan Langhans, Darrell Denlinger,

Absent – Kris Kell

Motion to approve the minutes from the October Congregational Council meeting was made by Lorraine Henninger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Hassinger. MPU

Reception of Petitions and Communications: A letter was received from Kone Elevator (formally Quality Elevator) informing us that our contract quotes will be increasing from \$3884 to \$4024 and from \$609 to \$630 for the upcoming year.

Cub Scout Troop # 46 petitioned the church for help cover the cost of rechartering. A motion to cover the full cost of recharter \$690 was made by Lorraine Henninger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Gering. MPU

New members Ray and Vicky Bush will be joining the Church in the beginning of the new year.

A motion to allow the Lower Susquehanna Women's Group to host a meeting in the church on Saturday June 23, 2012 was made by Dale Hassinger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorraine Henninger. MPU

A motion to allow Faye Nichols to coordinate "Operation Christmas Card", Christmas cards for the troops overseas was made by Pat Herb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Henninger. MPU

Pastor's Report: Motion to accept the Pastor's report was made by Pat Herb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Hassinger. MPU.

Report of the Treasurers: A motion to accept all the Treasurer reports was made by Mary Peters and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Herb. MPU

### Report of Standing Committees:

Church Property: Regular winter maintenance is being preformed. Peifers will be servicing the emergency lights as well as the fire extinguishers. The elevator emergency phone board has been repaired. Ceiling fans for the sanctuary are being pursued. A generator is being purchased for the church and the sexton house to maintain basic electrical needs (heat, water, etc) in an emergency situation.

Finance: The 2012 proposed budget was reviewed. A motion to approve the Ministry portion of the 2012 proposed budget was made by Lorraine Henninger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale Hassinger. MPU

A motion to approve the the remainder of the 2012 proposed budget was made by Dale Hassinger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Gerhing. MPU

A proposal to move \$20,000 from the Memorial Fund to a Mission Investment Fund will be held over for a special meeting.

Worship and Music: Advent and Christmas services were planned.

Christian Education: Summer schedule times were discussed and need to be tweaked for the upcoming summer secession.

Stewardship: None

Evangelism: None

Youth Ministry: Approximately \$650 was earned at the chicken and waffle dinner. A fun night outing is planned for Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> .

Mutual Ministry: None

Executive: None

Nominating: Nominees for the 2012 Congregational Council are Jim Watson, Jim Bullock, Carol Hassinger and Jami Doyle.

History: None

Green Team: Research is being done on minimizing Newsletters by utilizing email but still maintaining cost effectiveness.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A motion for an honorarium of \$200 in Pastor Krenz name, from Local Benevolence to World Hunger was made by Lorraine Henninger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Gerhing. MPU

A motion to adjourn at 4:00pm was made by Dale Hassinger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Gerhing. MPU. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting – Dec. 11, 2011 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Lehman Secretary



ST.JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER REPORTS- October 2011

	<u>Prior Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>EOM</u>
Current	\$7,309.91	\$ 11,817.86	\$9,327.71	\$9,800.06
Memorial	\$31,940.10	\$ 735.00	\$ 00	\$ 32,675.10
Benevolence	\$65.41	\$3,398.59	\$3,398.50	\$65.50
Improvement	\$2,428.57	\$466.50	\$00	\$2,895.07
BiCent Ck. Act.	\$17,268.91	\$00	\$2,600.00	\$14,668.91
BiCent Savings	\$5,300.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,300.19
Flower Fund	\$65.56	\$143.00	\$130.00	\$78.56

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December 11, 2011

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Pastor Tom Bruner offered devotions.

Present –Dan Langhans, Craig Peters, Karen Gehring, Lorraine Henninger, Mike Henninger, Pat Herb, Dale Hassinger and Kris Kell.

Excused Absence - Mary Peters, Dale Hassinger, John Ferree, and Jeffrey Lehman

Motion to approve the minutes from the November Congregational Council meeting was made by Pat Herb and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Henninger. MPU

Pastor Cathy Baker gave a presentation on Gettysburg Seminary Crossroads Campaign.

Reception of Petitions and Communications: Lutheran Relief Ingathering report was given.

UDA PTAC seeking sponsors for post-prom activities. A motion to give \$100 from the Local Benevolence Fund to UDA post prom was made by Karen Gehring and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Peters. MPU

Non-member wedding planned for June 16 was cancelled.

Postcards of the church are in the foyer and are available for sale for \$2.

Twin Valley Soccer Club seeking sponsor for U6 boys team (\$250 for spring/ fall or \$150 for spring only) Held over for next meeting.

Cub Scout Pack #46 unable to use community building due to heating issues request use of church for den meetings. Motion to allow Cub Scout pack #86 use of the church on Thursday evenings was made by Craig Peters and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Henninger. MPU

Ray and Vicky Bush will be received in to membership on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor's Report: Motion to accept the Pastor's report was made by Lorraine Henninger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Herb. MPU

Report of the Treasurers: A motion to accept all the Treasurer reports was made by Mary Peters and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Herb. MPU

Motion to designate \$19,000 of Pastors salary as Housing Allowance for tax purposes was made by Lorraine Henninger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Gehring. MPU

Report of Standing Committees:

Church Property: Motion to purchase a generator for the Church and sexton house at a cost of \$960 for the generator and \$600 for installation (estimate) using funds from the sale of the tractor, \$300 from

Current Fund and remainder from Improvement Fund was made by Craig Peters and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Henninger.MPU

Finance: Received insurance policies, slight increases in premiums.

Worship and Music: Pianos were tuned at a cost of \$160. Sunday School will incur half the cost (\$80).

Christian Education: None

Stewardship: None

Evangelism: None

Youth Ministry: Youth Group is requesting \$1000 budget line item for 2012 to help offset cost of National Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans.

Mutual Ministry: None

Executive: None

Nominating: None

History: None

Green Team: None

Unfinished Business: A proposal to move \$20,000 from the Memorial Fund to a Mission Investment Fund was declined at this time.

New Business:

A motion to adjourn at 9:15pm was made by Mike Henninger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Gerhing. MPU

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting – Jan. 8, 2012 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Lehman Secretary

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**TREASURER REPORTS- November 2011**

	<u>Prior Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>EOM</u>
Current	\$9,008.06	\$ 9,520.35	\$8,811.61	\$10,508.80
Memorial	\$32,675.10	\$ 795.67	\$ 00	\$ 33,470.77
Benevolence	\$65.50	\$4,609.07	\$4,609.00	\$65.57
Improvement	\$2,895.07	no report given		
BiCent Ck. Act.	\$14,668.91	\$00	\$890.00	\$13,778.91
BiCent Savings	\$5,300.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,300.19
Flower Fund	\$78.56	\$269.50	\$150.00	\$198.06



**WORSHIP SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2012**

Altar Guild for the Month of February

Ginny and Delmar Enders

Lector for the Month of February

Carol Hassinger

Ushers for the Month of February (L) Jim Watson, (E) Jamie Doyle, and Angie Mattern & Lois Watson

**FEBRUARY 5, 2012**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
*Holy Communion*

Sunday School Superintendent- Larry Gessner  
Sunday School Pianist- Carol Hubler  
Greeters- Lynn & Helen Henninger  
Acolytes- Cameron Thompson & Tyler D'Alesandro

**FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday School Superintendent- Fay Nichols  
Sunday School Pianist- Lois Watson  
Greeters- The Denlinger Family  
Acolytes- Nicholas D'Alesandro & Ryan Henninger

**FEBRUARY 19, 2012**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday School Superintendent- Lynn Henninger  
Sunday School Pianist- Judy Ferree  
Greeters- Ray & Joyce Matter  
Acolytes- Kelsey Henninger & Cameron Thompson

**FEBRUARY 22, 2012**

**Ash Wednesday**  
7:00 P.M. Holy Communion  
Optional Imposition of Ashes

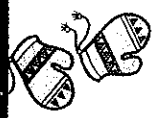
Greeters- Harold & Pat Herb  
Acolytes- Blair Warner & Ryan Henninger

**FEBRUARY 26, 2012**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Sunday School Superintendent- Jeff Lehman  
Sunday School Pianist- Jean Weaver  
Greeters- Fred & Jean Weaver  
Acolytes- Zachary Thompson & Owen Mattern

# February 2012



ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>5 The 5th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion with Celebration of Boy Scout Sunday Annual "Souper Bowl" Collection</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Dartball Match - St. John at Lykens United Methodist</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Cont. Pastors Mtg. 6:00-8:00 Inquirer's Class 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>1</b> 6:30 Midweek Bible Study Mtg. 7:45 Congregational Website Planning Mtg.</p>	<p><b>2 The Presentation of Our Lord</b> 6:00 Tiger Club Scout Mtg. Groundhog Day</p>	<p><b>3</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off (instead of 2/11)</p>	<p><b>4</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>
<p><b>12 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Youth Leading Worship Gather to Prepare 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, (led by Youth Group) 11:15 Fair Trade Coffee Available 6:00 Women's Group Meeting 7:30 Congregational Council Meeting Lincoln's Birthday</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:00 Blanket Making 7:30 Dartball Match- St. John at St. Christopher Lutheran Lykens</p>	<p><b>14</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Cont. Pastors Meeting 1:00 Gathering with Residents at the Manor at Susq. Village 6:15 Sunday School Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal Valentine's Day</p>	<p><b>15 6:30 Brainstorming Mtg.</b> For Annual Strawberry Festival (Have an Idea about how to make the Festival run more faithfully or effectively? Please bring it to this open mtg. For discussion before we begin planning for June 13) 8:00-9:00 Midweek Bible Study</p>	<p><b>9 Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off</p>	<p><b>11</b> 5:30 Annual Sweetheart Banquet</p>
<p><b>19 The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Baptism and Reception of New Members 2:00 Thrivent Educational Event at St. John <i>Deadline to submit items for March St. John's Epistle</i></p>	<p><b>20 Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for 5:00 Little Caesars Delivery 7:30 Dartball Match- St. John @ Faith United Methodist, Fisherville Presidents' Day</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Cont. Pastors Meeting 6:15 Evangelism Comm Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal Shrove Tuesday</p>	<p><b>22 Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with Optional Imposition of Ashes Washington's Birthday</p>			
<p><b>26 The First Sunday in Lent</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word Youth Group Outing to Ski Round Top for Snow Tubing</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:00 Blanket Making 7:30 Dartball Match- Messiah Lutheran at St. John</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Cont. Pastors Mtg. 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:15 Lenten Supper &amp; Worship at Salem United Church of Christ, Elizabethtown</p>			

Date	CHALLENGE	SURVEY	SAMPLER
February 1	Genesis 25:1--26:35	Genesis 27:1-29	Genesis 27:41-45
February 2	Genesis 27:1--28:22	Genesis 32:22-30	Genesis 28:10-13
February 3	Genesis 29:1--30:24	Genesis 33:1-11	Genesis 33:4-5
February 4	Genesis 30:25--31:54	Psalms 105:1-11	Genesis 33:9-11
February 5	Genesis 31:55--33:20	Romans 9:61-16	Psalms 105:1-6
February 6	Psalms 25,26,27-Proverbs 10:1-32	Genesis 37:1-11	Psalms 27:14
February 7	Genesis 34:1--35:29	Genesis 37:12-36	Genesis 37:1-4
February 8	Genesis 36:6-8,38:1-30	Genesis 39:1-23	Genesis 37:23-24
February 9	Genesis 37:1-36: 39:1-23	Genesis 41:9-24	Genesis 37:28
February 10	Genesis 40:1--41:45	Genesis 41:25-43	Genesis 39:20-21
February 11	Genesis 41:46--42:38	Genesis 42:6-28	Genesis 41:38-40
February 12	Genesis 43:1--45:3	Genesis 43:1-34	Genesis 45:4-8
February 13	Proverbs 11:1--12:28 Ecclesiastes 7:1-8	Galatians 3:21-29	Proverbs 12:15
February 14	Genesis 45:4--46:34	Genesis 45:4-28	Genesis 45:4-10
February 15	Genesis 47:1--48:22	Genesis 47:13-26	Genesis 48:15-20
February 16	Genesis 49:1--50:26	Genesis 50:1-16	Genesis 50:15-21
February 17	Roman 1:1--2:23	Romans 2:1-16	Romans 1:28-32
February 18	Romans 2:24--3:31	Romans 3:21-31	Romans 3:21-23
February 19	Romans 4:1--5:21	Romans 5:1-21	Romans 5:18-21
February 20	Psalms 28,29,30 Ecclesiastes 9:1--10:20	Romans 6:1-11	Psalms 30:4
February 21	Romans 6:1--7:25	Romans 7:14-25	Romans 6:29
February 22	Romans 8:1--9:5	Romans 8:28-39	Romans 8:28
February 23	Romans 9:6--10:10	Romans 10:1-13	Romans 10:11-13
February 24	Romans 10:11--12:8	Romans 12:1-8	Romans 11:33-36
February 25	Romans 12:9--14:23	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 12:14-16
February 26	Romans 15:1--16:27	Romans 15:1-3	Romans 15:4-6,13
February 27	Psalms 31,32,33 Proverbs 13:1-25	Philemon	Psalms 33:1-3
February 28	Philemon; Mark 1:1-13	Mark 1:1-11	Mark 1:1-8
February 29	Mark 1:14--3:6	Mark 1:14-45	Mark 1:16-20



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Ev. Lutheran Church in America	<a href="http://www.elca.org">www.elca.org</a>
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