



**SAINT JOHN'S  
EPISTLE  
OCTOBER 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,

As has often been the case, upcoming Sunday mornings in late September, October and early November will feature some unique highlights, in addition to our regular center point of Word and Sacrament. I wanted to use this space this month to highlight those for you...

On **Sunday, September 30**, we will enjoy a beautiful display of the blankets that have been made by the "Blanket Bunch" since last fall for Lutheran World Relief. We will include a "blessing of the blankets" and receive a special ingathering offering to help to offset the cost of shipping the blankets to wherever in the world they will be needed in the year ahead.

The "sermon time" on **Sunday, October 7**, will see the 13 youth and 5 adults who attended the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans back in July taking "center stage" and sharing with our congregational family something of their experiences as "Citizens with the Saints"!

On **Sunday, October 14**, we will again be blessed by a visit by a Youth Encounter musical team during Sunday School and worship. The name of our team this year is *New Dawn*. Like the *Cross Fire* team we hosted last year, *New Dawn* is an international ministry team who will spend a few months this fall touring congregations on the East Coast in preparation for their main service abroad in 2013, which will take place in the Philippines and Taiwan. The team is composed of four college-aged young adults, two women and two men. As was the case last fall, in order to have the team with us, we are in need of host families for the team members. This would mean meeting your assigned team member(s) at the church on Saturday, October 13, at approximately 4:00 P.M., and taking them home for an evening meal and lodging overnight. In the morning, you would be asked to provide breakfast for your team member(s) and bring them back to the church. You would also be responsible for providing a bag lunch for Sunday, as the team will need to head out in good time after worship to get to their next stop. As past hosts found out, hosting a team member is a great way to meet a new Christian friend. Please speak with me as soon as possible if you would like to host a member of *New Dawn*! (*Because the 13<sup>th</sup> of October is a day and evening when many of our youth group families are tied up with sports and music responsibilities, we are especially looking for other host homes for the New Dawn members.*)

Our Annual World Hunger Appeal Ingathering Offering will be received during worship on **Sunday, October 21**. Please see the separate article in this *Epistle* from Larry Gessner, our Congregational World Hunger Appeal Coordinator, for details on this offering.

The final Sunday of October, **Reformation Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup>**, will include the First Holy Communion of several of our young members who will have completed instruction with me prior to that time.

Finally, on the first Sunday of November, **All Saints' Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup>**, following worship, we will gather for our customary All Saints' congregational dinner and sharing about "the state of the parish". This meal is again being planned as a fundraising dinner for our Youth Group, following the New Orleans trip, and will again feature wonderful food prepared and served by members of youth group and our advisors.

Please don't miss out on these great opportunities to join with the other members of your congregational family in worship, learning, service, and fellowship!

*Pastor Tom*

## **FROM THE UPSTAIRS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS...**

Greetings! I would like to let everyone know that our class will be underway starting on Sunday, October 7. We will meet upstairs that morning starting right at 9:00 and will skip the opening service downstairs.

We will have refreshments for everyone, as we discuss the direction our class will take with the guidance of our Lord. Pastor Tom will also be meeting with us that morning.

As we go forward in Christ, please give it some prayerful thought as we discuss our future as a class.

I am inviting everyone who was and would like to be a part of our wonderful group to join in this study of God's Word.

We are looking forward to seeing you there, as we try to keep this great opportunity thriving in this doubtful world.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Jim Watson

## **PLAY BALL!**

On Monday, October 1, a new season of dartball will begin. Dartball is scored like baseball except that, instead of pitching and hitting a ball, darts are thrown at a baseball field-shaped chart. St. John is part of a church dartball league, involving five other congregations in our area. Games start at 7:30 P.M. each Monday, either at our church or at one of the other churches in the league, and are usually over by 9:15 P.M. If you are 10 or older and are interested in a night of very good fellowship, fun, and food, please come and join our team. For the youngest players, league rules require the presence of a parent or guardian. Just speak to our coach, Henry Henninger, if you have any questions or would like to be part of the team.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION TO BE OFFERED**

First Holy Communion Instruction for baptized young persons in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade or older who have not yet communed will be held on Tuesday, October 2, and Tuesday, October 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. both evenings. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Reformation Sunday, October 28. If you know of an eligible young person who has not yet been contacted about the class, please speak with Pastor Tom as soon as possible.

## **A GREAT DAY FOR A FOR A WALK IN THE WOODS!**

Our annual "Walk in the Woods" is being planned for Sunday, October 7. After being "washed out" last year, due to the early autumn rains that brought flooding to our region, we will once again, through the gracious invitation of John Ferree, have the opportunity to visit the hunting club to which he belongs at the foot of Short Mountain, enjoying the beautiful surroundings and sharing in fellowship, food, and devotions together. The afternoon is designed for persons of all ages and walking ability. For everyone interested in carpooling and "caravanning", we will plan to leave the church at 1:30 P.M. Please plan to bring along a snack to go with hot dogs and a container of drink to share, and sign up on the sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

## **2012 BUDGET MEETING TO BE HELD**

The meeting to prepare the 2013 Current Fund Budget will be held on **Monday, October 15, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.** All treasurers are especially needed for this important meeting.

## **REGISTER NOW FOR MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**

Midweek Bible Study will resume on **Thursday, October 18**, and then will meet weekly on subsequent **Wednesdays** through November 14, when we will take a break for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Class will be held each week from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. We will continue our multi-year journey of studying individual books of the Bible, using resources from our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's *Book of Faith* emphasis on Bible study. After spending last year in the Old Testament, we will "change it up" this year and turn to the *Gospel of Luke* for the fall. (Note that we begin our study of Luke on the Festival of St. Luke, October 18!) We will cover most of the 8-week study during the fall and then, as we did last year, we will finish the study during the brief winter period that we have before the early beginning of Lent. For our longer period of spring study, during the Easter season, we will then immerse ourselves in the *Gospel of John*. 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 study books can be ordered for our Luke study, please register in advance (by speaking with Pastor Tom) **no later than Tuesday, October 9.**

## **THE FIGHT GOES ON!**

During the month of October, the "Walk to D'Feet ALS" (Lou Gehrig's Disease) is being held nationwide. In memory of Sandy Stuban and her work with her dedicated team "Sandy's Vision of Hope", we all are welcome and encouraged to make a gift of support for this effort. Checks should be made payable to the "ALS Association" and may be give to Carol Hassinger, who has agreed again this year to be responsible for collecting our gifts and delivering them to the ALS Association. Questions may be directed to Carol or to Pastor Tom.

## **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

- October 8<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Members Meet at Church at 7:30 A.M. to Load Truck for Mission Trip to New Windsor.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> - Host Families needed for members of New Dawn.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>- New Dawn coming to Sunday School & Church.  
4:30 – 6:00 P.M. Meeting to Plan Halloween Party.
- October 28<sup>th</sup>- 2:00 P.M. – Youth Members Meet to Set-up for Halloween Party.  
4:00-6:00P.M.-Halloween Party and Movie

## PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The following (21!) young members of St. John are currently involved in higher education. Their names and places of study are as follows (please see the soon-to-be-updated bulletin board display for photos and contact information):

Grant Barder	Triangle Tech
Daniel Bruner	The Pennsylvania State University
Ethan Calnon	Lock Haven University of PA
Rachel Denlinger	University of Cincinnati
Rose Kell	Gettysburg College
Morgan Klinger	Susquehanna University
Kimberly Langhans	The Pennsylvania State University
Shawnita Latsha	Altoona Campus, The Pennsylvania State University
Jennifer Lehman	Harrisburg Area Community College
Blake Maurer	Messiah College
Jacob Paul	Harrisburg Area Community College
Alayna Peters	Shenandoah University
Devin Radel	The Pennsylvania State University
Kelsey Rothermel	Harrisburg Area Community College
Courtney Rudisill	Bloomsburg University of PA
Kerilyn Schaeffer	Bloomsburg University of PA
Cory Shade	Lock Haven University of PA
Sara Shade	Messiah College
Callie Spicher	Shippensburg University of PA
Dwight Switzer	Temple University
Andre`a Warner	Harrisburg Area Community College

In addition to these young persons, we also note that **Robert Hassinger** is a student in a doctoral program, leading toward his PhD from Temple University; that **Heidi Lehman** is pursuing a degree in Radiology at Harrisburg Area Community College, and that **Camella Leitzel** is pursuing her Masters Degree in Education from Millersville State University. Please remember these students with your prayers and expressions of caring. If any students have been missed, or if any of the above information is in error, please contact Pastor Tom and corrections will be made in the next issue of the *Epistle*.

## **CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE!**

At the end of the summer, **Kristen Spicher** graduated from the Lancaster General School of Nursing & Health Sciences with a degree in Cardio-Electro Physiology and began full-time employment in this department at Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill. We pray God's blessing on Kristen as she celebrates this dual milestone in her life and looks to new opportunities and challenges!

## **AND CONGRATULATIONS, NEW PARENTS**

The congregation's prayers and congratulations go to **Jenna & Jason Troutman** on the birth of a son, **Bennett Ray**, on Thursday, August 30, at Harrisburg Hospital. Bennett, who was born a bit early, weighed in at 5 pounds 1 ounce and was 18½ inches long. Congratulations, too, to all of the proud members of the Matter and Troutman families as they celebrate the miracle of birth!

## **PASTORAL ACTS**

### **At the Altar**

On Friday, August 31, Pastor Tom presided at the marriage of **Kelly Schreffler** (granddaughter of Sue Lebo) & **Matthew Martin** in a 5:30 P.M. service. We pray God's blessing on these young persons, that they may be given the grace and strength to faithfully live out their vows of commitment!

## **THANK YOU**

The Robert Leshar Family and Steve Stuban wish to thank Pastor Tom for the visits made to Sandra during her 17 years with ALS. She looked forward and appreciated your conversations. Thank you for helping us with the preparation of the funeral bulletins and delivering also a wonderful sermon. Thank you to our congregational family – Sandra always enjoyed the people that had a special month to bring local new and music. Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers that were placed in memory of her. Thank you for your visits, phone calls all the lovely cards, and your special written messages. You are always there with support, caring, thoughts, and prayers, Thank you.

We are proud of all the things she has accomplished in her life We will miss her but we know she's at a better place, she left us with many memories.

May God Bless you all Robert Leshar Family and Steven Stuban.

## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

The October meeting of the Women of the ELCA is on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. Fay Nichols and Ginny Enders are the devotional leaders. All women are invited to attend.

The Fall Upper Dauphin Conference will be held at St. John's the evening of Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Fay Nichols will coordinate and be in charge of the refreshments. However we need several women to volunteer to donate refreshments. Please contact Fay Nichols (599-8990) if you are willing to provide some refreshments.

The Lower Susquehanna Synodical meeting will be held at St. John's on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. We need volunteers to provide light refreshments and someone to be in charge of the refreshment that evening. Please contact Lorraine Henninger (362-9108) if you can help.



## **Annual World Hunger Ingathering Sunday October 21, 2012**

Our annual World Hunger Fund Ingathering Church program will be on October 21, 2012. If you would like your specific contribution included on your yearend financial statement for tax purposes you will need to provide either your name or envelope number on your contribution unless you are using the envelope provided in your actual envelope box.

Over the years we have assembled 4 Enterline cousins that have graciously agreed to match all world hunger offerings received on Oct 21 on a 1 for 1 basis. Every dollar received will be doubled that Sunday.

This year for the 2nd time we will also be applying for a \$3 for \$1 match from Thrivent under a program called 'Care Abounds in Communities'. In other words if our total offerings for World Hunger including 7 & 14 Oct + 21 Oct are \$1800 during those 3 Sundays Thrivent will be providing us with an additional \$600.

As your World Hunger Coordinator since 1979 you have responded very generously over those years as our compilation of statistics reveal that as of 2011 we had given \$63,389.88.

Some years ago we had provided some funds for the Heifer project. The ELCA World Hunger initiated a similar program titled GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD which we initiated in 2011 for the first time. During Lent 2012 we once again decided to go with the God's Global barnyard theme.. What kind of animals or fowl will we buy in October for this program? We have to wait and see what the final results are that Sunday! Last year we had \$3130.00 to work with.

As we did last year when we have a final figure for Oct, 2012 we will have all teens and children come to the Sunday School room after church service. All of you will have dollars available to choose how we are going to spend that money to buy animals, fowl or farm. Bring your ideas along with maybe your parents and as a team we will make decisions on how best we can help others somewhere in God's World that are less fortunate than we are as Americans.

A handout will be available soon on what is available in God's Global Barnyard and will be distributed during Oct for your education on what's available and the cost for the animals or fowl.

In Larry's opinion to many of our fellow Christians like to pick and choose their own appropriate bible passages but like to ignore God's mandate, Christ Mandate and the apostles in action during the 1st century concerning Justice for the less fortunate in their environment and within our world today. Remember the world's population just in my lifetime has gone from about a 2 Billion estimate in 1950 to about 7 Billion today. Think of the strain on the planet. We Americans use about 25 to 30 percent of the world's natural resources with 5% of the population. I will say no more

Council has also approved that 10% of our World Hunger offerings during October will be forwarded to Bread for the World which also works closely with our ELCA World Hunger Program.

We as a church have promoted World Hunger each and every Sunday. You, our members, provide offerings almost every week through the entire year and for your continued support we need to thank all who continue to help this worldwide cause to try with God's help and mercy to get this mammoth problem under control.

Larry Gessner, Fay Nichols, Pastor and Council

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## **THE LIFESAVER CONCERT**

**because every life is worth saving**



**When: Thursday, Oct. 18th, 2012 at 6:30pm**

**Where: Tree of Life Lutheran Church**

**1492 Linglestown Road**

**Harrisburg, PA**

Please join us for a special evening of music, fellowship, and treats as we remember those who have taken their lives through suicide. Together, we can raise awareness to help prevent these tragedies from happening again, because every life is indeed worth saving.

Music selections offered by:

- Penbrook UCC, A-Pealing Praise Bell Choir
- Tree of Life Lutheran Adult Choir
- Zion Lutheran-Hummelstown, Alternative Worship Band
- Tasha Peter

Desserts provided by: Donation & Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP). Proceeds will help AFSP with educational programs in the Harrisburg area and around the country.

This event is sponsored by Al & Jean Dailey, in loving memory of their niece, Sheena Gould.

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## UPDATES FOR CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY

To keep your congregational pictorial directory up to date, please make the following second set of changes in the address section. If you would like another copy of the first set of changes, published in the February *St. John's Epistle*, please contact Pastor Tom (further updates will be published periodically in future issues of the *Epistle*):

### Additions

If you haven't already, please add the new members we received since the first update:

SLOAN, Dawn & (Robert)  
Megan Mench  
PO Box 338  
Gratz, PA 17030  
717-215-2744

*Please also stay tuned for a page with photos of all new members we have received since our pictorial directory was published, for inclusion in the photo section of your directory.*

### Changes/Corrections

1. Updated address for Nicholas & (Ashley) Motter: PO Box 792, Elizabethville, PA 17023
2. Updated telephone number for Jamie Doyle: 717-805-3633
3. Arthur Lower – deceased on March 1
4. Betty Hassinger – deceased on April 26
5. Updated address for Byron & (Laura) Hoover: 26 Cookson Drive, Stafford, VA 22556
6. Sally & (Andrew) Wiener – transferred to congregation in NC on May 27
7. Updated address for Joshua & (Laci) Stadheim: 321 W. Broad St., Elizabethville, PA 17023
8. Sandra Stuban – deceased on June 14
9. Robert Rebuck – deceased on June 22
10. Updated address for Carrie & Steve Schlegel: 39 Laurel Drive, Pine Grove, PA 17963
11. Yvonne Schreffler – deceased on June 30
12. Updated listing for Jessica Gentile:  
FOX, Jessica & (Dustin)  
(Mason Graeff)  
3796 Back Road  
Halifax, PA 17032  
717-319-9291
13. Updated address for Melissa Hoffman: 8600 N. FM 620, Apt. 1024, Austin, TX 78726
14. Updated address for Miriam Hoover: Rm. #312, The Manor at Susquehanna Village, Millersburg, PA 17061
15. Add Elsie to listing for Timothy & Yalonda Rabenold
16. Add Brady to listing for Amanda & (Jordan) Dresel
17. Add Abigail to listing for Jason & (Sandy) Bixler
18. Add Bennett to listing for Jenna & (Jason) Troutman
19. Ned Weaver – deceased on September 22, 2012



*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2012*

The Council Meeting was called to order by President Jim Watson.

Pastor Tom offered devotions.

Present – James Bullock, Jamie Doyle, Karen Gehring, Carol Hassinger, Pat Herb, Kris Kell, Craig Peters, Jim Watson and Pastor Tom

Excused Absences – Daryl Denlinger , John Ferree, Mike Henninger and Mary Peters

Motion by Pat Herb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Peters to accept the May Council minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:** Motion by Carol Hassinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bullock to give \$200 gift to Berrysburg Community Fire Company from Local Benevolence. Motion passed unanimously.

Thank you from World Hunger Committee of Lower Susquehanna Synod for our contributions.

Thank you for gift of \$500 from Seminary Crossroads campaign.

Larry Gessner will be the lay male representing the Upper Dauphin conference of the Lower Susquehanna Synod at the ELCA in 2013.

The ELCA has a new campaign against Malaria which involves sponsoring mosquito nets at \$10/net which protects a family of 4. Pastor Tom suggested \$600 per year for 3 years which equates to \$50/month and would provide 180 nets which would help 720 people. Fay Nichols volunteered to organize a display. This effort could begin in 2013 and replay the internet sponsorship which could be moved to the regular operating budget. Council will give prayerful consideration to this idea until the next meeting.

Request from many congregational members to order new St. John shirts (t-shirts and polos like prior times). Red was suggested for the color for the Strawberry Festival. Pastor will look into this for Fall as well as aprons.

**Pastor's Report:** Motion by Craig Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kris Kell to accept Pastor's report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Reports:** Motion by Pat Herb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kris Kell to accept the treasurer's reports. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Church Property:** No report

**Finance Committee:** 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter audit on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**Worship & Music:** New robes for Pastor & Jim may arrive in August

We will have special musical guest Dr. Ken Roadcap in the Fall.

**Christian Education:** Bible School begins this week with music by Cody Thompson and Mike Foltz followed by the picnic on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

To avoid overcrowding at the 2012 Advent program, the meal will be held downstairs in the Sunday school room and the program will be held upstairs.

**Stewardship:** No report

**Evangelism committee:** No report

**Youth Ministry:** Motion by Carol Hassinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jamie Doyle to transfer \$1,000 into the Youth Group Treasury which is budgeted for 2012 plus \$500 from the 2011 budget that was not previously utilized for the upcoming New Orleans Youth Gathering. Youth Group may return the \$500 from 2011 if they are able in 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

**Mutual Ministry:** Meeting July 15<sup>th</sup> following the VBS Program

**Executive:** No report

**Nominating:** No report

**History Committee:** Working on patrons/ sponsors for history booklet which should be out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

**Green Team:** Recycling efforts of aluminum cans and plastic water bottles was very successful as was the use of biodegradable bowls and plates in lieu of Styrofoam.

**Other Reports: Strawberry Festival Committee:** Video-taped by Matthew Kantz of Millersburg. We're hoping to use a 5 minute segment for a Mission Minute next year at Synod. Wrap up meeting is 7/24/12 @ 6:30pm.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** The Sexton Committee recommended hiring Tammy and William "Bill" Becker from Spring Glen as the new Sextons following an interview which went very well. They will begin moving in now, along with their children, Joey & Grace, and their official duties will begin Aug. 1, 2012. Pastor Tom will schedule

them to attend church and meet the congregation on July 29<sup>th</sup> or July 22<sup>nd</sup> and they will be invited to meet Council at the Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Peters to approve the Sexton Committee recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Youth Encounter Team "New Dawn" will be visiting with us on Sunday Oct. 14. They will be arriving on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> and we will need homes to house the team members.

Holy Communion will be Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> after Pastor Tom returns from vacation. In his absence, there will be a hymn sing on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> and Jim Watson will lead the service on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Pat Herb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kris Kell to accept the donation of an oil painting of St. John from Pat's sister, Donna. She doesn't know who painted it or when it was painted, but it looks like the 1898 picture in the history book. Pat will provide a plaque regarding the donation at no charge to the church which will accompany the picture to be displayed.

**Next Council Meeting:** Sept. 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church

**Adjournment:** Motion by Jamie Doyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Gehring to adjourn at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jamie Doyle, Secretary

### Treasurers Report for May 2012

	<u>Prior Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>EOM</u>
Current	8,838.27	9,685.08	9,550.88	8,972.47
Benevolence	65.72	1,732.04	1,732.00	65.76
Memorial	30,180.00	1,555.74	-	31,735.74
Improvement	3,336.91	447.00	809.00	2,974.91
Bicent CkAcct	11,286.40	130.77	1,055.91	10,361.26
Bicent Svngs	5,300.19	-	-	5,300.19
Flower	173.31	253.00	330.00	96.31

**Treasurers Report for**  
June 2012

	<u>Prior Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>EOM</u>
Current	8,972.47	9,042.34	9,948.44	8,066.37
Benevolence	65.76	1,594.04	1,594.00	65.80
Memorial	31,735.74	755.25	-	32,490.99
Improvement	2,974.91	379.00	505.00	2,848.91
Bicent CkAcct	10,361.26	15,368.69	7,681.25	18,048.70
Bicent Svngs	5,300.19	-	-	5,300.19
Flower	96.31	105.00	190.00	11.31



**SUNDAY SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 2012**

Altar Guild for Month of OCTOBER Carol & Dale Hassinger  
Lector for Month of OCTOBER Jamie Doyle  
Ushers for the Month of October & Sound System Technicians  
(L) Pat Herb (E) Harry Weaver Jr , Betty Leitzel and Camella Leitzel

**OCTOBER 7, 2012**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion  
Sunday School Superintendent- Jeff Lehman  
Sunday School Pianist- Louise Baumgardner  
Greeters- The Craig Shade Family  
Acolytes- Kelsey Henninger & Cameron Thompson

**OCTOBER 14, 2012**

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday School Superintendent- "New Dawn"  
Sunday School Pianist- "New Dawn"  
Greeters- The Lynn Mace Family  
Acolytes- Bryce Roadcap & Tyler D' Alesandro

**OCTOBER 21, 2012**

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
World Hunger In-Gathering  
Sunday School Superintendent- Ken Koller  
Sunday School Pianist- Sandy Paul  
Greeters- The Baumgardner Family  
Acolytes- Blair Warner & Reyann Cheatham

**OCTOBER 28, 2012**

Reformation Sunday  
Holy Communion  
Sunday School Superintendent- Fay Nichols  
Sunday School Pianist- Carol Hubler  
Greeters- The Maurer Family  
Acolytes- Owen Mattern & Ryan Henninger

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Dartball Match	<b>2</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Meeting 6:00-8:00 First Holy Communion Instruction 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pastor Tom Taking Monthly Extra Day Off	<b>6</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>7 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Upstairs Adult Sunday School Class Kickoff Event 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion with Youth Report on National Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans 1:30 Depart Church for Annual Walk in the Woods	<b>8</b> 7:30 Youth Group Members Depart Church for Windsor MD 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Dartball Match Columbus Day-Observed	<b>9</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 6:15 Evangelism Comm. Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal <i>Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pastor Tom's Day off Late Afternoon - <i>New Dawn</i> Team Members Arrive at the Church
<b>14 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 Sunday School, with <i>New Dawn</i> 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, with Special Guest <i>New Dawn</i> 11:30 Mutual Ministry Comm. Mtg. 4:30 Youth Group Meeting (Halloween Party Planning) 6:00 Women's Group Meeting 6:30 Concert by Christian Artist Bryan Sirchio at St. Paul UCC, Urban 7:30 Congregation at Council Mtg.	<b>15</b> 9:00 Blanket Making LWR 6:00 Finance Committee Meeting to Plan 2013 Budget 7:30 Dartball Match	<b>16</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastors Mtg. 1:00 Gathering with Our Residents at the Manor at Susq. Village 6:00-8:00 First Holy Communion Instruction 7:30 Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18 Luke, Evangelist</b> 8:00-1:00 Pastor Tom in HBG, for Lower Susq. Synod Nominating Comm. Mtg. 6:30 "The Lifesaver Concert" at Tree of Life Church Hbg. 7:00 <i>Midweek Bible Study (then back to Wednesday)</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off Deadline to Submit Items for November St. John Epistle
<b>21 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word, World Hunger In-Gathering	<b>22</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Dartball Match	<b>23</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastor's Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir rehearsal	<b>24</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Pastor Tom's Day Off
<b>28 Reformation Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of Holy Communion, with First Holy Communion 2:00 Youth Group Set Up for Party 4:00 Halloween Party	<b>29 Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles (transferred)</b> 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR 7:30 Dartball Match	<b>30</b> 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conf. Pastor's Mtg. 7:30 Sr. Choir rehearsal	<b>31 Reformation Day</b> 7:00 Midweek Bible Study			

Date	CHALLENGE	SURVEY	SAMPLER
October 1	Psalms 126, 127, 128, 130	Psalms 1:1-3	Psalms 127:1
October 2	1 Timothy 1:1-2:15	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 1:15-17
October 3	1 Timothy 3:1-4:16	1 Timothy 4:1-10	1 Timothy 4:4-5
October 4	1 Timothy 5:1-6:21	1 Timothy 6:6-19	1 Timothy 6:9-11
October 5	2 Timothy 1:1-2:26	2 Timothy 2:1-13	2 Timothy 1:8-10
October 6	2 Timothy 3:1-4:22	2 Timothy 3:10-17	2 Timothy 3:14-15
October 7	Titus 1:1-3:15	Titus 2:1-14	2 Timothy 4:7-8
October 8	Psalms 131, 132; Proverbs 30:1-33	Proverbs 3:5-12	Psalms 133:1
October 9	Isaiah 40:1-41:29	Isaiah 40:3-11	Isaiah 40:11
October 10	Isaiah 42:1-43:28	Isaiah 42:5-12	Isaiah 42:5-7
October 11	Isaiah 44:1-45:25	Isaiah 44:6-20	Isaiah 45:22-23
October 12	Isaiah 46:1-47:15	Isaiah 45:18-25	Isaiah 46:8-11
October 13	Isaiah 48:1-49:26	Isaiah 49:8-13	Isaiah 49:13
October 14	Isaiah 50:1-51:23	Isaiah 51:4-8	Isaiah 51:15-16
October 15	Psalms 133, 134, 135, 136	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalms 134:1-3
October 16	Isaiah 52:1-53:12	Isaiah 53:1-12	Isaiah 52:7
October 17	Isaiah 54:1-55:13	Isaiah 55:1-13	Isaiah 55:6-9
October 18	Isaiah 56:1-58:14	Isaiah 58:6-12	Isaiah 58:13-14
October 19	Isaiah 59:1-61:11	Isaiah 61:1-11	Isaiah 60:1-3
October 20	Isaiah 62:1-64:12	Isaiah 64:4-9	Isaiah 64:8
October 21	Isaiah 65:1-66:24	Isaiah 65:17-25	Isaiah 65:17, 25
October 22	Psalms 138, 139	Psalms 138-1-8	Psalms 139-22-24
October 23	Ezekiel 1:1-3:27 skim 7-12	Ezekiel 1:4-28	Ezekiel 1:26-28
October 24	Ezekiel 4:1-6:14 skim 13-18	Ezekiel 2:1-3:3	Ezekiel 2:1-3
October 25	Ezekiel 33:1-35:15 skim 19-24	Ezekiel 34:11-16	Ezekiel 18:30-32
October 26	Ezekiel 36:1-37:28 skim 25-32	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Ezekiel 37:1-6
October 27	Ezekiel 39:31-40:4; 43:1-44:31	Ezekiel 37:15-28	Ezekiel 39:28-29
October 28	Ezekiel 45:1-47:23 skim 43-48	Ezekiel 39:21-29	Ezekiel 43:4-5
October 29	Psalms 141, Proverbs 3:1-13	Psalms 141:1-10	Proverbs 3:5-10
October 30	Ezra 1:1-11; 3:13	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	Ezra 2:1
October 31	Ezra 4:1-5:17	Ezra 1:1-11	Ezra 3:10-13



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(Other times by appointment)



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