



## Saint John's E-pistle

September 2016

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
P.O. BOX 270, BERRYSBURG, PA 17005  
The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr., Pastor

### From the Pastor...

Dear Friends in Jesus,

Now that Amanda Baker has been serving in our midst for about six months, I hope that you are feeling the freshness and excitement that characterizes our ministry with and to our children and youth as much as I am! And a big THANK YOU to those who have already pitched in and given of your time and talents!! Already Amanda has led us in trying some new directions in our ministry of Christian Education, as the **Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone** has blossomed and grown during our summer worship hour, giving our children and youth a creative experience of faith growth that was hard to come by in previous summers and giving parents and grandparents a more focused experience of summer worship.

Then too, there has already been one very successful **Movie Night Under the Stars** back in July, with approximately 40 persons in attendance, while another movie night is being planned (as I write these lines) as part of a **Back to School Bash** on the evening of Friday, August 26. And, back on Sunday, August 7, approximately fifteen of our intrepid young persons and their parents were sent out during worship to do a service project from which they later returned for a light lunch. All of these events are a result of Amanda's creative and faithful planning.

And this is just the beginning of the creative fruits of Amanda's labor...

For Sunday, September 11, we have revamped Promotion Sunday, which will begin this year at 9:00am with a 20-minute Promotion Ceremony for all ages, followed by worship at our summer starting time of 9:30. This worship will include our **Annual Blessing of the Backpacks** (as detailed in a separate article herein). Then, following the conclusion of worship, as many of our congregational family as are available will travel to Knoebel's, where we have a pavilion set aside for our use for the entire rest of the day. Please bring along a covered dish and a container of drink to share, as we join together there in a noon meal prior to lots of time for riding the rides and exploring the park.

For Sunday, September 18, we will continue our trial of holding **Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone** at the same time as worship, now at our "regular" time of 10:15 am. Adults and the Confirmation Class will gather at 9:00 am for their time of study as previously. Amanda is currently working with our post-confirmation youth on developing a new plan for a weekly faith growth experience for this important age group. As approved by Congregational Council, we will follow this schedule through the end of November, when we will begin our preparation for our Annual Advent/Christmas Program and evaluate how the fall experience has gone.

And, on Sunday, September 25, we will expand our now-traditional evening Square Dance into a **Fall Festival**, with activities like hayrides and food for all ages beginning at 2:00 pm and leading into the 6:00 pm start of the Square Dance, at Lynn & Helen's, while Amanda and helpers will provide alternative activities back at the church for all those who are too young to do the square dancing.

I could go on, but you get the idea. Please don't hesitate to share your ideas or your feedback with Amanda. And I know she would welcome your presence on her Children & Youth Council, if you would like to be a part of her work in a more formal way. For sure, mark your calendars... and stay tuned!

**Pastor Tom**

Hello everyone!

I am so happy to tell you that our summer program has been going really well, and even with off weeks, we have been having a lot of fun with the kids! I have a few new updates for this coming fall for all of you! Coming this fall, we are going to be doing something much different than we have been doing. We are going to start doing something called modules. Each module is going to be 7-8 weeks in length, and will end in a small program that will take place in church at the end of the module. The biggest difference about these modules is they are modeled after a VBS type program but on a little bit of a smaller scale. There will be 2 teachers each week needed, and we will have the downstairs of the church, and the classrooms decorated for each week. For this module, we are doing a snack time, a craft time, a lesson time, and a recreation (outside) time. The teachers will be responsible for picking the two you want. The lessons are pre-done for you with all materials you need already there and listed for you. If you are interested in helping to decorate or being a teacher please see me during my office hours, email me at [Girwildcat@aol.com](mailto:Girwildcat@aol.com), or call me at 717-802-5672. I understand we all have busy lives, and we cannot do it all, but I do want to reassure anybody reading this and giving it consideration, that if you sign up to do this, it is only an 8 week commitment, and you will not have to teach every week. Most teachers will only teach every 4 weeks.

The next events coming up this month and next are as follows.

1. Back to school bash – this is being held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Food will be provided picnic style, and we will be showing a movie to end the night.
2. Baking night – This is being held the same night as the back to school bash, but earlier in the day. I will be at the church at 5:30, and anybody who wants to help is welcome to come at this time. We will be making cupcakes, cakes, pies, cookies, and brownies. We will need several different types of supplies for this night. If you would like to donate any items to this night, whether it be the actual mixes themselves or the baking supplies, please let me know ASAP. I will have everything cleaned off the same night for pickup. The sweets will also be available for buying that night at the back to school bash, and on Sunday morning. If we have any left over, and you would like the extras, we will have them available throughout the week as well.
3. Knoebles – This trip is being held September 11<sup>th</sup> right after church. Anybody is welcome to come, and stay for the day. We will be having a covered dish lunch at Knoebles, and tickets for the children will be handed out that day after we eat. If you are interested please sign up in the church lobby so I know for planning purposes.
4. Fall festival – More details to this day will be announced soon! We will be having a planning meeting for this Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>, and several after that to lay out details.

Blessings, and peace

***Amanda Baker***

## *In Other News*

### **WANTED – SENIOR CHOIR MEMBERS**

On Tuesday, September 6, Senior Choir will begin rehearsals for another year of music leadership in worship. Rehearsals take place each Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at the church. We are in need of men and women of all voice parts and no previous experience is required – just a desire to serve God in the beauty of music. It is not even necessary to sit in the balcony in order to sing – many choir members, including Pastor Tom, make the “commute” from downstairs at anthem time. Please see Lorraine Henninger or Pastor Tom with any questions and please join us!

### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS TO BE CELEBRATED**

During our **9:30 A.M.** worship on Sunday, September 11, Pastor Tom will again be leading what has come to be our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks**. All persons from Pre-School through Grade 12 (members of the congregation as well as friends they will hopefully invite!) are asked to bring their school backpacks along to worship that morning, during which they will be called forward for a time of recognition, prayer, and blessing, as a new school year gets underway. Each participant will also receive a small “keepsake” to put in their backpacks as a reminder of the fact that God goes with each of them through the joys and challenges of the school year to come!

### **AND LOTS MORE HAPPENING ON SEPTEMBER 11!**

The morning will begin with all ages gathering together at 9:00 A.M. for a brief observance of Promotion Sunday. Then, following the conclusion of our **9:30 A.M.** worship, everyone is invited to our first-ever congregational outing to Knoebel's! (We have a pavilion set aside for our use, where everyone attending will gather with their covered dish and container of drink for sharing to join in lunch together, followed by plenty of time for riding. Our younger members will have some ride tickets provided. Please sign up on the foyer bulletin board if you will be heading to Knoebel's.)

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS RESUMES**

On Sunday morning, September 18, those baptized members of St. John who are in at least 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and who have not yet been confirmed will begin a new year of study with Pastor Tom. The focus this year will be a close-up look at the amazing collection of books that is The Bible. Five of our young members are in their second of two years of study, leading toward their Confirmation next year on the Day of Pentecost, while a couple of other young persons will begin a first year of study.

### **HARVEST HOME TO BE OBSERVED**

On the fourth Sunday of September, September 25, we will observe our annual Festival of Harvest Home. On that day, everyone attending worship is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items (canned goods must be purchased—home canned foods are still not able to be accepted) or fresh produce for the decorating of the chancel and then delivery to the food pantry at the Upper Dauphin Human Services Center in Lykens.



### **FIRST FALL FESTIVAL TO BE HELD, WITH ANNUAL SQUARE DANCE**

New this year, also on Sunday, September 25, we are expanding what has become our Annual Square Dance into a “Fall Festival”, which will include hayrides, games, and other activities for all ages, beginning at 2:00 P.M. at the church and finishing with the Square Dance at the home of Lynn & Helen Henninger at 6:00 P.M. The Square Dance, as you hopefully recall, is designed for square dancers of all ages and abilities, including those who have only rarely, or never, attended a square dance. (Our caller gives us plenty of instruction in the basics.) There is also lots of room for those who only want (or are only physically able) to come and watch the mayhem. There will, of course, also be lots of fellowship, snacks, and fun. The only “price” of admission – besides your enthusiasm – is a snack and a container of drink to share. The evening will wrap up by around 8:00/8:30. New this year, as a continuation of the Fall Festival, Amanda and Crew will provide child care/special activities back at the church for those who are too young for square dancing, in order to hopefully make it possible for more parents and families to take part. Y'all come!

## **IT'S SOON TIME AGAIN FOR A WALK IN THE WOODS!**

Our annual "Walk in the Woods" is being planned for Sunday, October 2, when we will leave the church at 1:15pm and travel to a truly unique destination: ***T&D's Cats of the World***. Located in western Snyder County, approximately an hour away from the church, ***T&D's*** is one of the only and possibly the largest exotic wildlife rescue organizations in Pennsylvania, providing a permanent safe haven for unwanted, abused, and mistreated exotic and wild animals, especially exotic and big cats. Admission for the 75-minute tour of this unique facility is \$10 per person. Our Sunday School treasury will pay this \$10 admission for all attending congregational members who are in Grade 12 or younger, while all other persons are asked to please pay the \$10 when signing up (check payable to "St. John Sunday School" and given to Karen Gehring, please). As is traditional, we will conclude the afternoon with our traditional hot dog roast and food shared together, in a picnic facility onsite. 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, when it is posted (remembering to give your check to Karen).

## **TALLYING THE BERRIES...**

As we look back on our June 8 Annual Strawberry Festival, held on a day that featured some of our most challenging weather ever, the financial results reflect what those who were present back in June already knew – we were very blessed to still have incredible support from all of our neighbors who attended – in fact, a record count at the "gate" for the few years that we have been keeping track. As reported during worship on July 24, gross receipts for the day were actually up about \$500 from 2015, coming in at **\$19,611.74**. This \$500 increase reflected receipts during the day that were actually about \$1,500 higher than in 2015, offset by the loss of \$1,000 in annual matching funds from Thrivent (because Thrivent no longer gives such matching grants, now distributing benevolent monies in other ways). Total expenses of **\$6,484.82** reflected an increase of about \$1,800 over 2015, meaning that our net proceeds of **\$13,126.92**, which were added to the "Bicentennial"/Local Benevolence Fund, were down from 2015 by about \$1,300. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Strawberry Festival another wonderful success!

***Looking ahead to 2017: Please mark your family calendars for next year's Festival, already scheduled for Wednesday, June 14. Also, the first planning meeting for next year's Festival, open to all interested persons, will be held on Tuesday, March 7, beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the church.***

## **YARD SALE REPORT**

Our annual Yard Sale was held on August 11, 12, and 13 in the pavilion. A total of **\$1,300** was raised over the three days, all of which will be sent to the Domestic Disaster Relief fund of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – especially timely with the post-flooding needs of our neighbors in West Virginia and Maryland. Thank you to all who helped with publicity, set up, working the days of the sale, and clean up afterward!

## **OUR FAITH ACTIVE IN OUR FINANCIAL GIVING – AS OF JUNE 30**

In recent years, Congregational Council has asked that we all periodically receive an update in the ***Epistle*** about how we are doing in meeting our ministry commitments adopted in our annual budget.

Regarding our Current Fund... (The Current Fund is the fund from which most day-to-day bills get paid, much like your home's checking account.) At the half-way point in the year, with 26 of 52 Sundays behind us as of June 30, to be right on **budget**, we would have received and spent half, or **\$73,042**, out of our total 2016 budget of \$146,083. We have **actually received \$69,991** in offerings and other income, meaning we are behind budget by \$3,051. (This places us in the lower half of giving-compared-to-budget results for the past 16 years, down somewhat from where we were at the end of April, following Easter Sunday.) Our **expenses** as of the end of June total **\$69,534** and are \$3,508 under budget. Since we have spent less than we have taken in, we are running a **small surplus** of **\$457** as of June 30. The bottom line is that our ministry here together continues to be very blessed, especially in light of the struggles that we continue to perceive in our economy.

As to our benevolence offerings which we share with our Lower Susquehanna Synod and our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, to be exactly on **budget** as of June 30, we would have received and forwarded half, or **\$6,000**, out of our total 2016 commitment of \$12,000. As of June 30, we have

**actually** received and shared a total of **\$5,929**, meaning that we are **very very slightly behind** our commitment by **\$71**. We will want to be sure to close this small gap as the year goes along.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of St. John, and for your financial stewardship. Again, please watch for future updates every few months, and please feel free at any time to ask questions of or share ideas with Pastor Tom or any member of Council!

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To **Kristen Spicher**, who successfully passed her nursing board exams earlier this summer and is now working in the Critical Care Department at Holy Spirit Hospital. Kristen is also continuing to work on her BS in Nursing at the Pennsylvania State University – Harrisburg Campus on top of her busy work schedule. Congratulations, and all God's blessings, Kristen!

### **PASTORAL ACTS**

#### **At Graveside**

Pastor Tom presided at funeral worship at the church for **Elsie Krout**, following her death at Harrisburg Hospital on June 18. Worship was held on June 23, with interment at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Harrisburg. We pray God's comfort in the promise of the Resurrection of Jesus for Elsie's family and friends!

**St John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Congregational Council Minutes**  
**May 15, 2016**

The council meeting was called to order by President, Roy Henry. Pastor Tom opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Present:** Roy Henry, Lorraine Henninger, Gail Billow, Dale Hassinger, Carl Baumgardner, Sandra Lamenza, Tamara Spicher, Jeff Buffington, Joseph Doyle, Jeff Lehman, Jamie Doyle, Karen Paulman and Pastor Tom Bruner

**Minutes:** Motion by Lorraine Henninger and seconded by Carl Baumgardner to approve the minutes from the April 2016 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:** We received a thank you from the Lower Susquehanna Synod for our support of the Malaria Campaign. They have reached the goal of \$500,000.

We received a thank you from Tree 4 Hope and their Guatemala Mission for our support.

We received a thank you for our contribution to "Sing for Joy" which airs Sundays at 7AM on Love 99 (98.9FM).

Bergey Water Treatment Services reported that we passed our water inspection. We have been advised that we must submit a revised site plan of our water source along with a \$50 fee to the DEP. This has been done and we are now in compliance.

Pastor Tom has accepted a request to serve on the Compensation and Benefits Committee at the Lower Susquehanna Synod.

The Upper Dauphin Human Services Center is relocating to 517 Main Street, Lykens, PA 17048.

Pastor Tom presented a request for support of Life Line Ministry which provides support to women in a pregnancy crisis. A motion was made by Sandra Lamenza and seconded by Karen Paulman to make a \$300 "Gift of Love" contribution. Motion approved unanimously.

**Pastor's Report:** Motion made by Jeff Lehman and seconded by Jamie Doyle to accept the pastor's report. Motion approved unanimously.

**Youth and Children's Coordinator Report:** Carl Baumgardner reported on the activities of the Youth and Children's Coordinator. Amanda Baker will have office hours 8AM to 12Noon Monday and Wednesday.

The opportunity of having worship at the chapel at Camp Hebron was discussed. A motion was made by Carl Baumgardner and seconded by Tami Spicher to hold both worship services and a family gathering and picnic at Camp Hebron on Sunday, August 21. Motion approved unanimously.

**Treasurers' Reports:** Motion made by Jamie Doyle and seconded by Jeff Lehman to accept the treasurers' reports. Motion approved unanimously.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

*Church Property:* The outside work has been completed, this included cutting and trimming some trees. Improvements were made to the drainage system and some of the rain spouting. A motion was made by Carl Baumgardner and seconded by Lorraine Henninger to remove the sliding doors in the kitchen. Motion approved unanimously.

*Finance/Stewardship:* No report

*Worship and Music:* No report

*Christian Education:* The closing program for VBS will have a theme of “Christmas in July” and will be held Sunday, July 24. The Fall Festival will be held Sunday, September 25. The “Walk in the Woods” will be held Sunday, October 2. Child care will be available while the adults attend the Square Dance.

*Youth Ministry:* Amanda Baker will direct Children’s Sunday School at the same time as the adult worship service.

*Mutual Ministry:* No report

*Executive:* No report.

*Nominating:* No report.

*History:* Lois Leshner and Helen Henninger met with David Neagley. The book is almost done.

*Green Team:* No report

*Other Reports:* The construction of an entrance to the cemetery will be completed before the Strawberry Festival. Repair of the broken tombstones will continue again this summer.

The Child Protection Policy has been updated and approved. Progress continues on getting all the proper background checks completed for those working with children.

Strawberry Festival committee met on May 3. The final meeting will be held May 17 at 7PM.

The “Cat’s Meow” images of the church should be available to sell at the festival. They will be sold at the history table.

**Unfinished Business:** The vote for those wishing to continue receiving “Living Lutheran” was taken. It was decided that we would go forward with an order of 20 copies which will include two copies for the church library.

**New business:** Sandra Paul has resigned from her responsibilities as the church secretary. Rebecca Conte will be replacing her effective July 1, 2016

**Next Council Meeting:** August 1, 2016 at 7:00PM

**Adjournment:** Motion by Karen Paulman and seconded by Gail Billow to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Lamenza, Secretary

## Treasurer Reports

April 2016

	Prior Balance	Receipts	Expenses	EOM
Current	15,959.98	9811.32	12,234.15	13,447.15
Benevolence	155.20	839.04	889.00	105.24
Memorial	27,373.65	6010.34	21,618.06	11,765.06
Improvement	6575.22	396.00	592.89	6378.33
Bicent Ch Acct	24,925.21	171.12	972.50	24,123.83
Bicent Svngs	5300.91			5300.91
Flower	279.56	180.00	165.00	294.56



## Youth Group News

As the end of summer nears the youth group is getting under way for the fall season and we are excited for what's to come. From a Knoebels trip with the congregation, our first fall festival before our annual line dance, and our annual LYO School kit fundraiser, September is full of events. Looking ahead to October we are in the early stages of planning a fun Halloween event on **October 30** for the youth group where we hope to see plenty of fun and creative costumes, please watch for the October Newsletter and the church bulletin board for more details regarding the Halloween event and all the other fun things we have going on. As always, we welcome all St. John's members grade 6-12 to join us for youth group! If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with Pastor Tom, Jodi Thompson, or Becky Conte!

Please remember our Youth as they begin a new school year, we pray they have a happy and successful year!

*"This is my commandment, be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged.*

*For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go! "*

*- Joshua 1:9*





## WORSHIP SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

Altar

Guild for Month of August

Jean and Fred Weaver

Lector for Month of August

Vincent Lamenza

Ushers for April

(L) Gail Billows (E) Dale Hassinger, (LAY) Carol Hassinger, John Feree

### SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

*The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

#### **OUTDOOR SERVICE**

Greeters- Delmar & Ginny Enders

### SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

*The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

#### **PROMOTION SUNDAY**

Greeters- The Craig Shade Family

### SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

*The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Sunday School Superintendent Roy Henry  
Sunday School Pianist Sandy Paul  
Greeters- The Lynn Mace Family  
Acolytes Owen Mattern & Aiden Roadcap

### SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

*The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Sunday School Superintendent Larry Gessner  
Sunday School Pianist Lois Watson  
Greeters- The Baumgardner Family  
Acolytes Serene Boyer & Lily Boyer

# September 2016

## ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 10 - For more information regarding the Men's Prayer Group please contact Ray Matter.				1	2	3 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
4 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:45 Adult Sunday School 9:30 OUTDOOR WORSHIP with Holy Communion 9:30 Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone	5 Pastor Toms Monthly Extra Day off  Labor Day	6 10:00 - Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Mtg 6:15 - Local Benevolence Committee Mtg 7:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal	7 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR	8	9 Day of Prayer for Peace with Justice, Beginning in the Middle East	10 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off 7:00 - 9:00 Men's Prayer Group Meets at Church
11 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 Promotion Sunday Observance 9:30 Liturgy of the Word, with Blessing of the Backpacks 10:30 Departure for Congregational Outing to Knoebel's 6:00 Women's Group Meeting Grandparent's Day	12 7:30 Final Summer Dartball League Fun Match at St. John	13 10:00 - Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Mtg 7:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal	14 9:00 Blanket Making for LWR  Holy Cross Day	15 Deadline to Submit Items for October "St. John's E-pistle"	16 Citizenship Day	17 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
18 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00—Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word 10:15 Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone 3:00— 6:00 Upper Dauphin LYO Kickoff, St John;s 4:00—Congregational Council Mtg	19 6:00 - Sunday School Teacher & Officers Mtg 7:00 - Upper Dauphin Conference Cabinet Mtg, Simeon United, Gratz	20 10:00 - Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Mtg 6:15 - Worship & Music Committee Mtg 7:30 - Senior Choir Rehearsal	21 9:00 - Blanket Making for LWR  Matthew, Apostle	22 5:30 Community Dinner at Trinity United  Autumn Begins	23	24 Pastor Tom's Weekly Day Off
25 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00—Adult Sunday School & Confirmation Class 10:15 Liturgy of the Word with Harvest Home Collection 10:15 Jesus And Me (JAM) Zone 2:00 Congregation Fall Festival 6:00 Congregational Square Dance	26	27 10:00 Pastor Tom at Conference Pastors Mtg 6:15 Property Committee Mtg 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal	28 9:00—Blanket Making for LWR	29  Michael and All Angels	30	

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

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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)

Amanda's Office Hours: TBA

### 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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