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St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

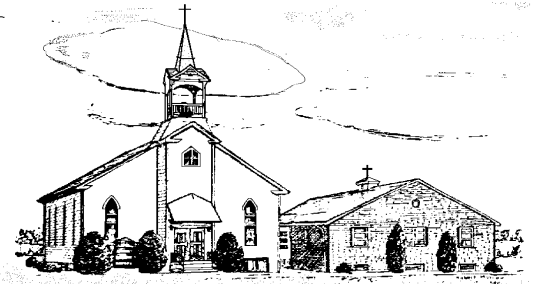
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NOVEMBER 2015

Greetings in the name of the Resurrected Christ, the sure and certain hope of the world!

What are your greatest fears? Often we don't want to face our fears, much less acknowledge that we are fearful. And in this modern world that we live, fears are all around us. The newspaper, the television broadcasts, the internet, the government are full of news meant to make us fearful. Granted, there are times that we naturally feel fearful and it is important for the response it evokes, like when we are threatened harm, or when we are in dangerous situations. But so often these days, it seems that we are kept in a state of constant fear.

Lest we think that our modern world is so different from ancient times, did you know that in the Biblical witness, Jesus is emphatic in saying "do not fear" or "have courage" or "do not be afraid" more than 21 times? He instructs his followers on fear more than he does love! Jesus knows what fear does to a person. It keeps us from moving forward. It can paralyze us. It can keep us from developing relationships with others. Fear keeps us from loving, giving, and dreaming freely with our minds, bodies and souls. We often buy into the false illusion that we are able to maintain our own safety, able to preserve institutions, able to control our destinies, able to manage all by ourselves. It is when we do this, that security and safety become the gods we worship, instead of the one true Lord God.

As we worship in community this month, we will hear recurring themes of Jesus warning people about placing too much importance on things of this world, and trying to be in control. We will hear what it means to be a Christian, a follower of the Way of Jesus Christ. And it will be nothing like we hear from the world. The gospel continues to humble us, to remind us of just how much we need the word of God, and how we were meant to be in community with one another. Together we will praise and pray to the king of glory, the baby of lowly circumstances, the servant of all, the shepherd of our lives, the one who lives in us, and we in him and we will be filled with the hope of Christ resurrected for all people.

May God bless the work of your hands, and fill your heart with hope and love, as you serve others in his name.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Pastor Martha



News and Notes

Pastoral Care

Pastor Boyd may be reached by calling the church office at 566-6296 and leaving a message in mailbox 1.

You may also contact her via email at: stjohnpastor158@gmail.com.

If there is an emergency, she can be reached by: Cell phone: 717-440-1177 or Home: 717-766-9854.

Pastor's Hours

Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

Hours are subject to change depending on meetings, etc. Please leave a message if there is no answer.



WORSHIP TIME UPDATE

Church council has decided to extend the single 9:00 worship hour beyond the initial Labor Day ending date until November 15th. On Nov.15th, as part of the congregational meeting, a vote will be held regarding the decision to offer one or two services on Sunday mornings.

Children's Sunday School Schedule

Sunday School ages 5-12 during worship

Nursery Room is available for those under 5

Confirmation Class

Sunday mornings 10:30 am



Daylight Savings ends Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 am. Turn clocks back one hour!!



November 1: This is the day we remember those who have passed from this life into the arms of a loving God—into the Church Triumphant! We have invited the families of those saints who are members of St. John and to join us on this day. St. John remembers the passing of: Richard R. Alwine, Kenneth Espenshade, and Robert Garrison.



Election Day Food and Bake Sale

The Altar Guild is preparing for Election Day, Tuesday, November 3. Please consider helping out if you have any time to:

- donate baked goods
- donate chicken and broth for soup
- donate your time...any amount will be appreciated!

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

St. John Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 15 at 10:15 a.m.

All committee chairpersons **must** have their reports in the secretary's mailbox **no later than:**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH!!



Poinsettias will be ordered in November for Christmas:

Forms will be made available starting in November for your poinsettia orders. Please fill out a form as to how you would like the wording for your poinsettias in the bulletin and include that with your payment. Forms and payments must be made when you order. *Forms and envelopes will be available on the hallway bulletin board and narthex table.*

All checks for poinsettias must be made out to the Altar Guild. This year we will have available for sale 5+ blooms per pot. Cost per plant and color selections will be made available closer to the time. Thank you, Altar Guild

Advent Begins

The first Sunday of Advent is the last Sunday of this month, November 29th. As you enter into this time that has become so busy in our world, take a deep breath, slow down and reflect on the birth of our Savior and the faith journey we are on together. To help you with this, Advent Devotionals will be available at the end of the month for use at home. This year's devotion by Martin Marty is sure to inspire and move you to "Look Up." A corresponding Advent Calendar for families with children will also be available.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please sign up to be a reader or candle lighter for Advent.

We also need readers for the Service of Lessons and Carols on December 28.

John D. Cassel Memorial Cow Project Fund

Envelopes for the "Cow Project Fund" will be available on the hallway table for the first Sunday in Advent and the month of December. The money collected will be divided between the Ecumenical Food Bank of Harrisburg and the Hummelstown Food Pantry.

Newsletter deadline
for the December issue of The Eagle
is Thursday, November 17th.



New this Year!

A Community Thanksgiving
Worship Service

Come and join in thanksgiving and praise
with the churches of

Zion Lutheran, Union Deposit,
Union Deposit United Methodist and
St. John's Lutheran, Hummelstown

Sunday November 22, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Held this year at Zion Lutheran Church

5 W. Main Street, Hershey 17033

All offerings will be shared with the
Hummelstown Food Bank and the Central
Pennsylvania Food Bank.



Fall Supper and Study with Pastor Martha

Pastor Martha would like to get to know you better! What better way than to share some dinner and fellowship while immersing ourselves in the Word? Starting October 7th (Wednesday) at 5 p.m. we'll enjoy dinner we bring with us and then study together. We'll allow about 30 minutes for supper and then study **from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** The focus of this 6 week Supper and Study is **Living as Stewards** of all that God has created and provided. While it would be wonderful if you could come to all of the sessions, feel welcome to come as you are able and bring your friends, neighbors and family, as we discuss these important topics. Join Pr. Martha on the following dates in **Fellowship Hall**:

November 4, 2015	God Made Us Givers	2 Corinthians 8 and 9
November 11, 2015	No Bible Study This Evening	Pastor Martha will be a First Call Theological Education Retreat
November 18, 2015 Note change of date	Living Faith	Deuteronomy 26: 1-2 Philippians 1:1-11 Luke 12: 32-34

"LOOKING TO THE FUTURE" WORKSHOP

A Joint Event to be held at
Zion Lutheran Church, Union Deposit
November 7, 2015 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Discussion Topics:

9 am-10 am

Estate planning, Documentation, Beneficiaries

Gary L. James

of James Smith Dietterick & Connelly LLP

10 am-11 am

Gift Planning for Today and the Future

Rev. Liz Polanzke, ELCA Gifts Planner

11 am-12 pm

Advanced Directive and Palliative Care

Jeanne McClintock, CHLPN

Hospice of Central PA

Everyone Is Welcome to Attend



ANNUAL QUILT and CRAFT AUCTION

at Nawakwa

November 1, 2pm

Join us for this year's Live Quilt Auction and Silent Auction of hand-crafted items Sunday, November 1, at Nawakwa. This fun-filled afternoon of bidding raises money for the LCC Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities. In addition to the auctions, the afternoon is a great time to renew camp friendships, enjoy demonstrations, walk around camp, and eat dinner. St. John's quilters have donated a quilt for the auction.



Snow Cancellation Information St. John will follow the Lower Dauphin School District schedule for cancellations of meetings or social functions in the case of inclement weather. If school is closed, no meetings, functions, or office hours will be held. If

questions arise regarding cancellation of Sunday services, tune in to TV Station WHTM ABC27 or WHP 21.



Nathaniel Ricker will celebrate his 89th birthday on November 28th. His address is 403 N. Duke Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036. Please remember him with a birthday greeting!

THANK YOU: Dear St John Friends, Please accept my sincere appreciation for your cards, thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness over the past several months. My mom truly appreciated being on the prayer list as well. Thank you for your support during a difficult time and your love made it easier to bear.

Bill Dressler

To my St. John Family, Thanks to Pastor Martha for the blessing during the worship service to honor my thirty years of service to St. John Church. Words cannot express my thanks for the beautiful social that followed. The food was delicious, the tables were beautiful, and the fellowship was warm and special. Thank you for the monetary gift from St. John Church and special thanks for the beautiful quilt made by the quilters. I enjoyed spending time that afternoon opening all of the cards. Thanks also for the office supplies to stock my desk! You have all been a blessing to me all of these years and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Wanda Perry

Thank you from the Gettysburg Seminary for the donation to the Student Scholarship Fund in honor of Pastor Martha's Installation.

Thank you from Morning Star staff for St. John's support of our life affirming ministry. Thank you for standing with us in support of the unborn and their families.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Caroline Gleim

120 Townsend Drive

Hummelstown, PA 17036

St. John's Annual Corn Soup Sale



Thank you to everyone who helped with the soup sale Saturday, October 3rd, your time and donations are much appreciated. We made a profit of \$2900.00 – one of our best sales ever in spite of all the wind and rain. Ten percent of this sale, plus the profit from the two Election Day sales, will go to the Hummelstown Ministerium to be used for the local food bank.



With the donations of our members time to cook chicken, make and stir soup, donate baked goods, help on the sale day and donate cash to help purchase chicken, we could not do this with our small group! Thank you! Starting in November, we will donate a monthly check to the church for \$400 to help with the heating oil. This will continue thru March 2016.



Council Minutes–September 8, 2015

Present: Dwight Bretz, Marge Baranowski, Joyce Potteiger, Irma Mengel, Pat Ignatosky, Gloria Mader. Guest: Deb Fisher. Absent: Pastor Boyd (vacation), Marge Plouse, Keith Kahley, Lauren Leshak-Espenshade.

Call to Order: at 7:00 p.m. by President Dwight Bretz. Adoption of Agenda: as presented, with addition of guest's comments.

Devotions: Reading was omitted, due to absence of reader. Marge Plouse will present at October meeting.

Guest: Deb Fisher stated that she was present to inquire about the status of the air conditioning units in the sanctuary. It was her observation that the units did not come back on for 30 minutes into the service and that the sanctuary was uncomfortably warm. President Dwight stated that he was looking into the AC situation and a technician would be consulted.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of meeting of Aug. 11, 2015 approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: August report approved as submitted.

Pastor's Report: Approved as submitted.

Council President's Report: no report.

Committee Reports:

Worship & Music: (Marge Plouse) - no report.

Learning/Youth: (Gloria Mader) - Sunday School session for youth ages 5 - 12 will begin September 13. Sessions will be during worship service time frame. Children will depart from sanctuary following the children's sermon. Teacher coverage is established through December 2015.

Social Ministry: (Pat Ignatosky) - backpacks program was again supported by congregation. Bars of soap will be collected for Lutheran World Relief.

Shepherding-Evangelism-Stewardship: (Gloria Mader) – Congregational picnic is planned for Sunday, September 20, following the worship service.

Altar Guild: (Pat Ignatosky) - Met on September 1. Plans are finalized for corn soup sale on October 3. A chicken "cook-off" will be held on Thursday, October 1 to prepare chicken for soup. A \$400.00 monthly donation, November 2015 – March 2016, will be made to assist with fuel oil costs.

Long Range Planning - Facilities : (Dwight Bretz) - Irma Mengel stated that an area of the Fellowship Hall wall needs to be painted, hopefully before the Installation service reception. Dwight reported that there are several items requiring action and/or special funding:

- AC - A technician will be consulted to determine if the units can work through one thermostat instead of two.
- Exterior door locks - A quote for replacement cost will be sought.
- Exterior door security audio/video monitor - Special funding would be needed for project.
- Microphone upgrade in sanctuary would also require additional funding.

Swatara Creek Lutheran Community: (Mary Jo Hanley)- no report.

Safe Child Policy: (Mary Jo Hanley) - no report.

Old Business:

Web Site / Facebook: no report.

2016 Budget: work in progress.

Building Committee: Inactive at present time. John Ignatosky is willing to continue as chair person.

Installation Update: (September 27, 4:00 pm) people needed to assist in service - Council president plus two others.

New Business:

Mutual Ministry Committee : needs to be appointed. Deb Leshak has volunteered (past call committee chair). Two other members needed (not council members).

Building Use Request: An area resident requests use of church to practice 3 days /week with instructor. Action tabled - more information needed.

Other Business:

Secretary Wanda Perry's 30 years of employment with St. John will be recognized during worship service on October 18, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.

Adjournment: Motion by Joyce Potteiger, seconded by Marge Baranowski. 8:05 p.m.

Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Mader, acting secretary for Mary Jo Hanley.

Preview of Budget Proposal 2016

While the budget will be reviewed and voted on during our annual congregation meeting to be held November 15th, council wanted to provide a preview of the proposed 2016 budget changes as recommended by church council.

The 2015 approved spending proposal was \$152,412.00, with an expected off-set of \$2,000.00 from the Altar Guild for fuel and \$780.00 from the congregation for bulletin covers. With these off-sets, the adjusted spending proposal for 2015 was \$149,632.00. The proposal for 2016 is showing a net decrease of \$3,204.00 for a total 2016 spending proposal of \$149,208.00. With the same off-sets listed above, the adjusted proposal is \$146,428.00. Below are the line item changes with the corresponding budget impact.

Council voted to add a new line item called "Capital Improvement". The funds will be set aside to be used to address the need for handicapped facilities. The option and direction on how the need will be addressed will be discussed and voted on by the congregation at a later date.

This information is provided in the hope that prayerful consideration will be given to the recommendations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Dwight Bretz, Council President.

Submitted by: Marge Baranowski, Treasurer

Budget Notes 2016:	Budget Impact
Grounds Maintenance - Lawn Care (Actual below estimate)	(1,000.00)
Decrease in salary for Pastor (Newly ordained vs Years of service)	(9,928.00)
Decrease in social security for Pastor	(823.00)
Decrease in pension based on Pastor's salary	(1,290.00)
Salary increase for Secretary 2.0%	275.00
Social Security (Secretary) - Based on percentage of salary	21.00
Disability - Change in 2016 from 4.0% to 4.5%, offset by reduction in salary	(159.00)
Continuing Education for Pastor	400.00
Capital Improvement Fund	10,000.00
Removal of Youth Gathering Expense from 2014 & 2015	(700.00)
Decrease in budget compared to 2015	(3,204.00)

Technology and Faith: Did you know that you can use your mobile device to access the Bible and many different kinds of devotions and commentaries?

Each month, we'll publicize a resource available to you for faith formation. This month, why not try signing up for a FREE daily devotional called God Pause from Luther Seminary?

Sign up at www.luthersem.edu/godpause/

Each day, you will receive an email with the lectionary text for the following Sunday with reflection and prayer. Reflecting on these verses before you come to worship on Sunday will enhance your worship experience and bring the focus of Christ to your life.

Book Suggestion from the Pastor:

The Art of Neighboring
by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon

I have been reading this book and invite you to join me. It speaks to building relationships with those that live around us in straightforward language, addressing today's society and one of Jesus' greatest commandments: **Love your neighbor as yourself.** One of the chapters is called *Time Barriers*, where the author talks about lies we tell ourselves when our lives are out of balance:

"Things will settle down someday. The truth is that things will only settle down when you die or when you get intentional about adjusting your schedule. We tell ourselves things like, 'if I can just get through next Wednesday, then everything's going to be fine.' But Wednesday comes, and things aren't fine. There's a new pressing deadline after that. And another after that."

Happy Reading!

Pastor Martha

Our Stewardship for November

Altar Guild

Karen Burk and Carol Hamm

Assisting Ministers

1—Kim Balog
8—Brenda Kahley
15—Marge Plouse
22—Louise Bretz
29—Deb Leshak

Ushers and Greeters

1—Jerry Boyd
8—
15—
22—
29—

Bulletin Sponsors

1—in celebration of the birthday of Thirzeh Reichert by Marge and Tony Baranowski
8—in memory of Loved Ones by Jo Ann Smith
15—placed by Louise and Fred Bretz
22 – in honor of Claire and Cole Espenshade, and Andrea Leshak's birthdays
25 – placed by Louise and Fred Bretz
29—in memory of Mom, Blanche Grow, by Keith and Brenda Kahley.

Flowers

1—in celebration of the birthday of Thirzeh Reichert by Marge and Tony Baranowski
8— in memory of Isabell Cassel
15— in memory of Viola Frye
22—placed by Jim and Deb Lambert
29—in memory of Kathy Smith

Benevolence Update

Giving thru September \$5968.15

Needed thru September \$8250.03

SHORT - \$2281.88

God

Loves a
Cheerful
Giver

As of September 30, 2015	September	January through August	Year to Date
	GENERAL INCOME	9,308.00	84,726.76
BANK INTEREST	0.24	1.50	1.74
NET OPERATING INCOME	9,308.24	84,728.26	94,036.50
LESS NET BUDGET EXPENSES	9,941.57	75,365.03	85,306.60
NET LOSS/GAIN	(633.33)	9,363.23	8,729.90

In September, expenses exceeded giving, however, the year to date financial position continues to be strong with year to date giving exceeding expenses.

-Submitted by Marge Baranowski, Treasurer.

The 2016 flower chart will be posted in November. Altar flowers are \$30.00 for two vases per Sunday. There are many open dates available. Check to see if a date is available for you. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Balog.

Looking Ahead

Epiphany Lutheran Church is pleased to host
a

Fair Trade Holiday Shop
in partnership with **SERRV International**

Do your holiday shopping and help to eradicate poverty at the same time!

- Gifts for all ages and price ranges
- Fair trade chocolates and coffee

Saturday, December 5 - 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday, December 6 - noon to 4 pm

Epiphany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

1100 Colonial Road

Harrisburg, PA

Light lunch will be available each day

Call the church office for more information: 657-8959

Save the date for December 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Mark Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg is bringing their choir on the road and presenting a Christmas program at St. John's! All are invited to this 40 minute musical offering. Mark your calendars for this free musical and enjoy fellowship afterwards.

Altar Guild Is Looking For Some New Members: We are low in membership. A few more ladies will make a huge difference. The time commitment in the Altar Guild is minimal. Really! We meet 5-6 times per year on a Tuesday evening at church at 7pm. If you already have attended a Sunday worship, helped a member clean up after a service, came to help out on election day or soup sale, donated a baked good or chicken/broth, you are 90% there...don't be shy, come join us! Let any member know you want to join! Thank you.

Hummelstown Food Pantry: Please remember to bring non-perishable food items to church and place them in the basket in the hallway for the Hummelstown Food Pantry. **They especially can use spaghetti, spaghetti sauce cans of tuna, jelly—all kinds, and cans of pasta.**

John 18:37b

"You are right in saying that I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 All Saints' Sunday 9 am Communion Worship 1:30 Luther Study at Palm Lutheran	2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Secretary's Vacation</div>	3 Election Day Food and Bake Sale Office Closed <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">through November 4</div>	4 5 PM Dinner (bring your own) 5:30-7 PM Bible Study	5 Annual Reports Due Today!	6	7 9am—12 noon Workshop at Zion Lutheran in Union Deposit	
8 9 am Communion Worship	9	10 7 PM Council <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Pastor Martha at First Call Theological Education October 10-12</div>	11	12	13	14	
15 9 am Communion Worship Congregational Meeting follows worship	16	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 5 PM Dinner (bring your own) 5:30-7 PM Bible Study	19	20	21 11 am Service of Remembrance for Robert Garrison	
22 Christ the King 9 am Communion Worship 7 PM Community Thanksgiving Service at Zion U.D.	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	27	28	
29 Advent 1 9 am Communion Worship	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Quilting Tuesdays 8 to noon </div>	<h1 style="margin: 0;">November 2015</h1>					
			Secretary's Vacation through December 7				