

ST. JOHN'S HEARTBEAT

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
40 S. SECOND STREET, SLATINGTON, PA 18080
610-767-6361

E-MAIL: stjohnslatington@gmail.com; Website: stjohnslatington.org.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024
REV. HALLE KLUEVER, PASTOR

VOLUME 2024

SHARON A. STEHLY, PARISH SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER

ISSUE 02/03

MAIL DATE 1/31/2024

INSIDE:

Altar Guild	Pg. 9
Anniversaries	Pg. 12
Ash Wednesday	Pg. 5
Bear Creek Camp	Pg. 10
Best/Sell Scholarships	Pg. 11
Birthdays	Pgs. 16&19
Breakfast Bunch	Pg. 4
Calendars	Pgs. 9,22,&23
Church Council	Pg. 11
Community Lunch	Pg. 6
Congregational Meeting	Pg. 8
Easter Flowers	Pg. 6
Easter Play	Pg. 9
Egg Hunt	Pg. 8
Electronic Giving	Pg. 12
Envelopes (2024)	Pg. 8
Financial Information	Pg. 17
Food Bank Needs	Pg. 3
Giving Statements	Pg. 9
Ham & Dandelion Dinner	Pg. 9
Help Needed	Pgs. 3,4,6,8,9,&10
Holy Communion-Youth	Pg. 13
Holy Week Events	Pgs. 2&8
Memorial Gifts	Pg. 13
On-line Service	Pg. 3
Palm Sunday Squares	Pg. 8
Pancake Dinner	Pg. 4
Pastoral Acts	Pg. 13
Participant Schedules	Pg. 21
Penny Party	Pg. 10
Sauerkraut Supper	Pg. 4
Second Chance Shoppe	Pg. 4
Sewing Group	Pg. 3
S.O.A.P. Project	Pgs. 3&18
Soup & Sandwich Sales	Pgs. 5&7
"Souper" Sunday	Pgs. 4&18
Sponsors Needed	Pg. 3
Stuffing for Easter	Pgs. 3&18
Sunday School Pulse	Pgs. 18-20
Synod News	On-line at Godslove.org
Thank You Notes	Pgs. 14&15
Thinking of You Baskets	Pg. 8
Vacation Bible School	Pgs. 10&18
Winter Weather	Pg. 6
W.I.S.H. Meeting	Pg. 7
Worship Schedule	Pg. 2

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, our savior and redeemer.

In a few short weeks, the Church will, once again, embark on its annual Lenten journey. The splendor of the Epiphany season will fade away as the somber nature of Lent fills our sanctuary. Lent is a humbling time that begins with us marking ashes on our foreheads—remembering that we are dust and to dust we shall return—and it ends with Jesus' sacrificial death at Calvary.

This season invites us to turn inward and reflect on our relationship with God. The Gospel calls us, over these forty days, to draw nearer to Christ in order to more intentionally live as he commands—to more faithfully reflect his love and mercy in our words and actions.

Lent is a time for honesty, for repentance, and for "naming a thing what it is." It can be uncomfortable to confront the ways we stray from our Lord, but this act of turning back to God is not intended to be filled with guilt and shame. Rather, recognizing our shortcomings is merely recognizing our own humanity and our need for a savior. Our Lord never calls us to be perfect, but our Lord does call us to be faithful—always striving to live as Christ in body, mind, and spirit.

During this season, it is the tradition of many Christians to give up something, to sacrifice something, as Christ sacrificed his daily comforts during his own forty days in the desert. While this practice is well intentioned, often, the sacrifices we adopt have little impact on our spiritual lives. For example, when I would give up soda in college, it was more of an excuse to pursue a healthier lifestyle, especially because others were giving up chocolate, sugar, and carbs. Thoughts of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross were rarely, if ever, on my

mind when I placed the soda back in the refrigerator.

Sacrifice, however, *is* important to our faith, not only during Lent, but each and every day as a Christian. We're asked to sacrifice our tendencies to place ourselves over the needs of others. We're asked to sacrifice what we have for the benefit of the world. We're asked to sacrifice our feelings of jealousy, envy, and vengeance for actions rooted in grace, mercy, and forgiveness. And none of these sacrifices are easy.

Therefore, I invite all of us—myself included—to pursue a Lenten sacrifice that aligns us more with the identity of Christ. How might our community change if we "give up" the money we spend on our daily coffee and, instead, save and donate it to a local organization? How would our relationships change if we "give up" our tendency to overwork and, instead, reinvest that time with our loved ones? How might our church change if we "give up" watching that sports game and, instead, participate in the many service ministries that benefit our youth, homebound members, and neighbors in need? It is these types of sacrifices, dear friends, that truly make an impact, not only within our hearts but within the world.

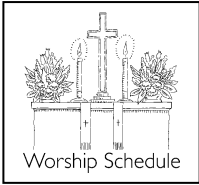
This time of Lent is a special time to pause and reflect on our own faithfulness and to recommit to walking with Christ. Wherever this journey leads you, it is my prayer that you feel Jesus beside you, strengthening your mind and encouraging your spirit. May whatever sacrifice you make, large or small, reveal the goodness of the Lord and remind you of the eternal, life-giving love that God has for you. A love shown to us on the cross.

With you in Christ,

Halle Kluever

Pastor Halle Kluever +.

**FEBRUARY & MARCH
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



To help you prepare for worship, we print the lectionary texts. If you are helping a child prepare for worship, look up the texts and read them together.

Below is the schedule of services and lessons for the months of February and March.

February 4 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation /

Lessons: Coffee Hour
Isaiah 40:21-31 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Psalm 147:1-11, 20C Mark 1:29-39

February 11 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

“Souper Bowl Sunday”
8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of the Word
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation

Lessons:
2 Kings 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Psalm 50:1-6 Mark 9:2-9

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

7:00 P.M. – Communion Service
Lessons:
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Psalm 51:1-17 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 18 – First Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation
Lessons:

Genesis 9:8-17 1 Peter 3:18–22
Psalm 25:1-10 Mark 1:9-15

February 21 – 6:30 P.M. – Midweek Service

February 25 – Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of the Word
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation
Lessons:

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Romans 4:13-25
Psalm 22:23-31 Mark 1:9-15

February 28 – 6:30 P.M. – Midweek Service

March 3 – Third Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation /

Lessons: Coffee Hour
Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Psalm 19 John 2:13-22

March 6 – 6:30 P.M. – Midweek Service

March 10 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Service of the Word
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation

Lessons:
Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 John 3:14-21

March 13 – 6:30 P.M. – Midweek Service

March 17 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School / Confirmation

Lessons:
Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10
Psalm 51:1-12 John 12:20-33

March 20 – 6:30 P.M. – Midweek Service



PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 24

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Communion Service with distribution of Palms
9:00 A.M. – Sun. School-Palm Sunday Squares

Lessons:
Mark 11:1-11 Psalm 31:9-16
Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11
Passion Narrative from Mark 14:1–15,47

MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 28

7:00 P.M. – Holy Communion/Stripping of Altar
Lessons:

Exodus 12:1-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29

12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross service.
7:00 P.M. – Tenebrae – A combined Tenebrae service at Slatington Baptist Church.

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31

8:00 & 10:15 A.M. – Easter Service with Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. – Sunday School-Easter Play
Lessons:
Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Mark 16:1-8

CHURCH SERVICE ONLINE



You can watch our Sunday church service "Live" every Sunday at 10:15 A.M. on Facebook. If you are not our Facebook friend, just "like" St. John's Lutheran

Church and watch the service "Live" at 10:15 A.M. or at whatever time you want.

St. John's also has a YouTube channel! To visit the channel go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search "St. John's Lutheran Church, Slatington". Special prayer videos and worship services will be shared on the YouTube account in addition to the Facebook page and website.

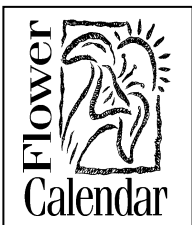
SEWING GROUP



The Sewing Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M., weather permitting, on the following Friday dates:

February 2 & 9 and March 1 & 8. Anyone is invited to join us. New sewers are welcome.

SPONSORS NEEDED



Bulletin and flower sponsors are needed for each Sunday or special service. To sponsor bulletins or flowers, simply sign your name on the appropriate chart posted on

the bulletin board outside the church office or call the church office at 610-767-6361. Payment can be mailed into the church office or placed in your offering envelope on a Sunday.

Flower sponsors are needed for the following dates this winter: February 18 & 25 and March 3, 24 (Palm Sunday), 28 (Maundy Thursday) & 31 (Easter). The cost to sponsor flowers is \$35.00 per date.

Bulletin sponsors are needed for the following winter dates: February 4 & 14 (Ash Wed.), and March 3, 24 (Palm Sunday), & 28 (Maundy Thursday). The cost to sponsor bulletins is \$25.00 per date.

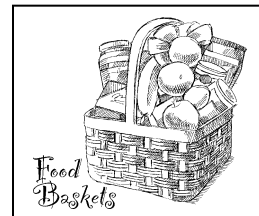
NORTHERN LEHIGH FOOD BANK

February is S.O.A.P. closet month for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. S.O.A.P. stands for Save Our Appearance Please! This program was started by one of Slatington's Boy Scouts as his Eagle Scout project. It involves the churches in the community committing to provide items other than food for the food bank families for one month during the year. St. John's Lutheran has committed to providing these items to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank for the month of February each year. Please bring non-food donations each Sunday to church as follows:

- Week 1 (February 4) – Toilet Tissue
- Week 2 (February 11) – Bars of Soap
- Week 3 (February 18) – Toothpaste
- Week 4 (February 25) – Detergent

March is St. John's month to support the Northern Lehigh Food Bank with needed food items or monetary donations. At this time, the food bank is in need of the following items:

- Cereal
- Jelly
- Pasta
- Soup
- Spaghetti sauce
- Individual snack packs (cookies, crackers, & snacks)



STUFFING NEEDED FOR EASTER! St. John's Lutheran has been asked to collect stuffing for the Easter holiday baskets that will be distributed for

Easter to the clients of the food bank. There are about 200 families that will be receiving meals for Easter. Please bring all stuffing donations to the church by Thursday, March 14. Baskets will be distributed to food bank clients on Saturday, March 16. Thank you for your help!

Non-perishable food or monetary donations to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank are welcome and greatly appreciated any time throughout the year! Donations that come in through offering are mailed to the food bank quarterly.



BREAKFAST BUNCH



A planning meeting for this summer's Breakfast Bunch will be held on Wednesday, February 7, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Anyone interested in helping to plan for this important ministry is invited to attend. If you are interested in helping, but are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Pastor Halle or Ruthann Mantz to let us know of your interest.

**SAUERKRAUT
SUPPER
SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 10
3:30 to 6:00 P.M.
Eat in or Take out**

Cost: \$12.00 per meal

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Catering Committee or from the church office during the week.

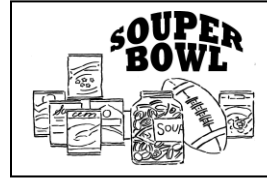
Menu:

- Pork & Sauerkraut Hot Dogs
- Mashed Potatoes Buttered Lima Beans
- Bread & Butter Homemade Desserts

DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED AND WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Please have baked good donations to church by 3:00 P. M.

SOUPER SUNDAY



Help wind up the NFL football season in a really "souper" way. On Sunday, February 11 "Souper Bowl Sunday,"

please bring boxes or cans of soup to church for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Monetary donations may also be made to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. You can cheer for your team, knowing you have provided some warm food for the needy during the cold weather. You can wear your team apparel to church on "Souper Bowl Sunday."

SECOND CHANCE SHOPPE

Second Chance board meetings will be held in the church Fellowship Hall at 11:00 A.M. on the following Tuesdays:

- February 13 April 9
- March 12 May 14



Clothing Needed – Second Chance Shoppe needs your assistance. Have your children,

or are your children outgrowing their clothing? Do you have extra clothes in your wardrobe? If so, please consider donating the clothing to "The Second Chance Shoppe". We are low on adult and children's clothing. Since Kmart closed their doors, it is difficult for families to shop close to home for clothing.



The pancake dinner is free. We will accept donations at the pancake dinner that will go towards the summer Breakfast Bunch program.



Lent begins

WITH ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent, when we remember Christ's suffering and death for our sakes, begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We will have a soup dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M. prior to the Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the church at 7:00 P. M. The service will offer Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.



Ash Wednesday is the start of the forty-day season (not including Sundays) of Lent as we confess our sins and await our forgiveness on Maundy

Thursday. A reminder that during the Lenten season we put away the joyful Alleluias during this penitential time. They will come out again for the Easter season.

During Lent we will have a soup dinner at 5:45 P.M. followed by a midweek service at 6:30 P.M. The dates of these services are February 21 & 28 and March 6, 13, & 20.

FEBRUARY SOUP & SANDWICH, SALE



The Catering Committee is sponsoring a soup and sandwich sale on Saturday, February 24. Pick-up times will be between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. in the

Fellowship Hall. The menu for the February sale is: (Take Out Only)

o *New England Style Lobster Roll* – Lobster, diced celery, lemon juice, black pepper, Dijon mustard, and mayonnaise combined and placed on a New England roll.

Price – \$7.00 each.

o *Triple Stacker Sandwich* – Thinly sliced roast turkey, roast beef, baked ham, crisp bacon, and provolone cheese sliced tomato, lettuce and stacked on a pretzel roll with Ranch dressing.

Price – \$6.50 each.

o *Home-Style Cream of Mushroom Soup* – A blend of diced onions and mushrooms sauteed in butter. Thicken with flour. Blend in hearty chicken broth and half & half cream. Season with black pepper, salt, and sherry.

Price – \$7.50 per quart.

o *Jambalaya Soup* – Diced onions, diced green bell peppers, diced celery sauteed with chunks of chicken, smoked sausage, country sausage, shrimp, and garlic. Add chicken broth, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, and long grain rice.

Price – \$7.50 per quart.

o *Old-Fashion Chicken Rice Soup* – A blend of diced celery, diced onions, and shredded carrots sauteed in butter. Blend in a hearty chicken broth. Add diced tender chunks of chicken and long grain white rice. Season with black pepper and parsley for a delicious chicken rice soup.

Price – \$7.50 per quart.

To order sandwiches or soup, please fill out the order slip below and either mail or drop off to the church by Sunday, February 18. You can also call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361, call Harrison Williams at 610-216-4284 or e-mail the order to Harrison at williamshj2514@msn.com.

February Soup & Sandwich Sale Order Blank

(soup pints are available upon request)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

New England Style Lobster Roll
_____ @ \$7.00 each = _____

Triple Stacker Sandwich
_____ @ \$6.50 each = _____

Home-Style Cream of Mushroom Soup
_____ @ \$7.50 quart = _____

Jambalaya Soup
_____ @ \$7.50 quart = _____

Old-Fashion Chicken Rice Soup
_____ @ \$7.50 quart = _____

Total Due \$ _____

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH WITH FLOWERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY



The Altar Guild is again planning to decorate the church with Easter flowers for Easter Sunday, March 31. You have a choice of flowers – lilies (4-5 blooms) or tulips (5 blooms-varied colors). We need 36 lilies to fill the cross. We will have a sheet available on Easter Sunday so people get the correct plants ordered. Easter flowers will cost \$12.50 for lilies and \$9.00 for tulips. Forms, *with payment, placed in a sealed envelope*, can be given to any of the Altar Guild members (Stephanie Beers, Fianna Christman, Sue Freed, Linda Humanick, Denise Miller, Devon Sabene, Erin Snyder, or Sharon Stehly), placed in the offering plate in a sealed envelope, or mailed to the church office. There will be no telephone orders. The deadline to order Easter flowers is **Sunday, February 25.** *The grower cannot accept any orders after their February 26 deadline.*

You can use the form below when making your donation to the decoration fund:

LILY/TULIP ORDER FORM

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Courtesy Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Given By: _____

Lilies _____ @ \$12.50 each = \$ _____

Tulips _____ @ \$9.00 each = \$ _____

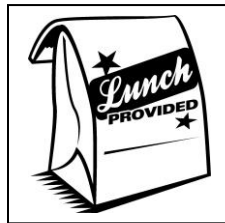
TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Plants may be picked up any time after the 10:15 A.M. service on Easter Sunday, March 31. A list of who ordered which flowers will be available on Easter morning so you can take the flowers you ordered. The grower will probably have pink, purple, and yellow tulips but there is no guarantee of the colors until Easter.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

After postponing the luncheon for a week due to wintry weather, we served 185 meals on January 14. It was great to see the social hall filled and full of conversation.

We want to thank Margaret Blose, Fianna Christman, Josh Kluever, Ruthann Mantz, Joanne March, Chase Moyer, Elaina Ray, Dennis Rehrig, Nancy Rehrig, Bruce Sipos, Meadow Sly, Sharon Stehly, and Kylee Truett for their help. A big thank you to all the bakers who provided a nice selection of desserts.



Our next luncheon will be on Sunday, March 3, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M as an eat-in or take-out meal.

We will be serving spaghetti with meatballs and chicken cacciatore, salad, rolls, and dessert. Hope to see you there!

Brian & Debbie Geiger

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

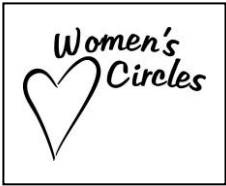


In the event of bad winter weather, St. John's Lutheran Church will make every effort to conduct our normal Sunday worship

services. Check the church Facebook page, church website, WFMZ.com, and the WFMZ Channel 69 news for cancellations. Please make your safety a priority in the bad weather.



W.I.S.H. CIRCLE MEETING



W.I.S.H Circle will meet after the 10:15 A.M. church service on Sunday, March 10, to discuss plans for a graduation dinner this spring.

Snow date for the meeting is Sunday, March 17. All women of the congregation are welcome!

MARCH SOUP, SANDWICH, AND CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER SALE



The Catering Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church is sponsoring a soup, sandwich, and PA Dutch chicken pot pie dinner sale on Saturday,

March 23. Pick-up times will be between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. The menu is: (Take Out Only)

o *Heat & Eat Dinner* – Home-made PA Dutch chicken pot pie dinner with three-bean salad, dinner roll with butter, and chocolate cream cheese cupcakes for dessert.
Price – \$12.00 per meal.

o *Grilled Chicken Ranch Club on a Kaiser Roll* – Grilled marinated chicken breast with strips of bacon, sliced provolone cheese, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, and ranch dressing all stacked on a Kaiser roll.
Price – \$6.50 each.

o *Chicken Bow Tie Soup* – A mixture of diced celery, diced onions, and shredded carrots sautéed in butter. Blend in a hearty chicken stock. Add tender chunks of chicken, corn, and tender bow tie pasta. Season with black pepper, parsley, and Worcestershire sauce.
Price – \$7.50 per quart.

o *Crab Bisque* – Sauté diced celery, diced onions, and crab meat in butter. Thicken with flour. Add whole milk and cream. Blend in good seafood stock, black pepper, salt, paprika, parsley, sherry, and tomato sauce.
Price – \$8.50 per quart.

o *Three Cheese Soup* – Start with diced onions and shredded carrots sautéed in butter. Blend together hearty chicken broth, heavy cream, shredded white potatoes, shredded cheddar cheese, grated parmesan cheese, and shredded Monterey jack cheese. Add crispy bacon bits.
Price – \$7.50 per quart.

To order soup, sandwiches, or chicken pot pie dinner, please fill out the order slip and either mail or drop off at the church by Sunday, March 17. You can also call your order into the church office at 610-767-6361, call Harrison Williams at 610-216-4284, or e-mail the order to Harrison at williamshj2514@msn.com.

March Soup, Sandwich, & PA Dutch Chicken Pot Pie Dinner Sale Order Blank

(soup pints are available upon request)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Home-made PA Dutch Chicken Pot Pie Dinner (Heat & Eat)
_____ @ \$12.00 each = _____

Grilled Chicken Ranch Club
_____ @ \$6.50 each = _____

Chicken Bow Tie Soup
_____ @ \$7.50 quart = _____

Crab Bisque
_____ @ \$8.50 quart = _____

Three Cheese Soup
_____ @ \$7.50 quart = _____

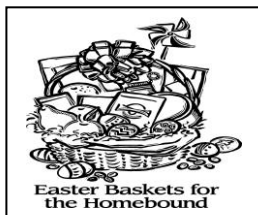
Total Due \$ _____



OFFICIAL NOTICE

**Annual
Congregational
Meeting of St. John's
Lutheran Church
will be held on Sunday,
March 17, at 10:00 A.M.
to review the annual
financial reports for 2023.
(Snow date is March 24)
Annual Report copies will be
handed out on Sunday,
March 10 (after the services)**

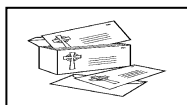
THINKING OF YOU BASKETS



Social Ministry will be putting together the "thinking of you" baskets on Saturday, March 23, at 9:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone

willing to help with putting together the baskets and delivering the baskets is welcome to come help us on March 23.

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES



The 2024 church envelopes are on a cabinet in the front of the Fellowship Hall for pick up. The envelopes are expensive to mail, so please pick up your envelopes or those of a friend, neighbor, or relative.

EGG HUNT



On Saturday morning, March 23, at 10:00, we will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The egg hunt is for all children of our church up to and including grade 6.

The egg hunt will be held rain, shine, snow, or wind. Weather permitting, it will be outside; otherwise we will hunt eggs in the Sunday School rooms.

PALM SUNDAY SQUARES



Do you know how much Judas charged the high priest for his betrayal of Jesus? How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus before the rooster

crowed? To find out the answer to these questions and other Holy Week facts join the Sunday School on Palm Sunday (March 24) at 9:00 A.M., as we present a game show called "Palm Sunday Squares". This is a program based on the T.V. game show "Hollywood Squares" – complete with two Secret Squares.

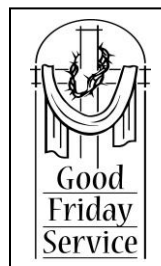
MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION



We will have a service of Holy Communion and stripping of the altar in the church here at St. John's at 7:00 P.M. on Maundy

Thursday, March 28.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES



A Good Friday *Taizé Service* will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church at 12:00 P.M. on Friday, March 29. This service will be a time of meditation and reflection as we pray *The Stations of the Cross*.

A Good Friday **Tenebrae Service** will be held at the Slatington Baptist Church at 7:00 P.M. and is open to all three congregations. Pastors Halle Kluever and James LeVan will lead worship.

ALTAR GUILD FLOWER SET-UP



The Altar Guild will decorate the church with Easter flowers (lilies and tulips) on Saturday March 30, at 9:00 A.M. for

Easter Sunday. All Altar Guild members are asked to attend. New members are welcome!

EASTER PLAY



The Sunday School students will present a recounting of the Easter story from 9:15 to 10:00 A.M. on Easter Sunday (March 31) in the church

auditorium. Everyone is invited to join us for the play. What better way to spend Easter morning than seeing the Good News through the eyes of children!

YEARLY GIVING STATEMENTS



Yearly giving statements for 2023 are being mailed to each member of the congregation on Tuesday, January 30.

The statement is a summary of what you gave to St. John's in 2023. This summary statement can be used for income tax purposes.

If you want a detailed print out of your week-to-week giving, you may request the more detailed statement by calling the church office at 610-767-6361. The detailed statements will need to be picked up from the church office on a Sunday morning or during normal business hours (Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M).

E-MAIL FOR CHURCH



Make sure to check your e-mail every Friday for the weekly e-update from St. John's. If you do not receive our

weekly e-update, give us your e-mail address and we will add you to the list. Send information to stjohnslatinton@gmail.com.

HAM AND DANDELION DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

3:30 to 6:00 P.M.

Eat in or Take-Out

Cost: \$12.00 per meal

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Catering Committee or from the church office during the week. (Tickets will go on sale in mid-February.)

Menu:

- Baked Ham
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Chopped Dandelion with Bacon Dressing
- Vegetables Bread & Butter
- Homemade Desserts

DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED AND WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

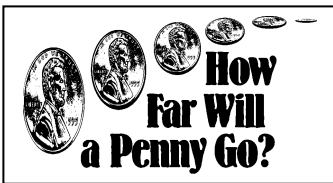
Please have baked good donations to church by 3:00 P. M.

MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A master calendar of all events held on the church premises is retained in the church office to avoid double booking the available rooms in the church and ensure the building is unlocked. Please make sure all meetings that your committee/group/organization holds in the church are reserved with the office.

Contact Sharon in the church office at 610-767-6361 (Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.) to reserve space in the church for your meeting.

PENNY PARTY/MINI BASKET SOCIAL



IT'S PENNY PARTY TIME!
Saturday, April 13,
is the St. John's
Lutheran Church

Penny Party. Doors open at 12:00 Noon, the fun begins at 1:00 P.M. The kitchen will be open. There may be a 50/50 drawing as well as a mini-basket social/Chinese auction.

Penny Party – We need auction items. This list may vary from food /baking mixes, soup, tissues, candy, soda, paper towels, personal care items, household items, etc. Items need not be food related. The list is endless; any items would be greatly appreciated. Please make sure items donated are not out of date.

Baked Goods – Individually wrapped baked goods for a bake sale are needed and can be brought that morning to the church.

Mini-Basket Social/Chinese Auction – Larger items will be needed as well – afghans, home craft items, gift baskets, gift cards, etc.

All donations will be needed by Wednesday, April 3. This will allow us time to organize and mark all the items.

Youth, we could use your assistance to help as runners. We will also need help in the kitchen and to sell tickets.

If you have further questions or want to help with the penny party, please contact Myra Handwerk at 610-826-4945 or Anne Saylor at 610-767-1285.



BEAR CREEK CAMP



Bear Creek Camp is the Lutheran church's outdoor ministry in Eastern Pennsylvania (with 3,000 acres on the Pocono

Plateau). The summer camp experience is packed full of adventure and discovery for every age group from first grade through senior high. Registration materials are now available for 2024 summer camp. Learn more or register online at www.bearcreekcamp.org. Financial aid is available.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School – Monday, July 8, through Friday, July 12, from 6:00 P.M. to

8:30 P.M. A closing program and hot dog roast will be held on Friday, July 12, at 8:00 P.M.

This year's theme "Scuba – Diving into Friendship with God" will prove to be a swimming good time. Please watch future newsletters, the church website, and weekly bulletins for more information.

CHURCH BUILDING HOURS



The church office is open daily Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (except for holidays or vacation times). The church

building will also be unlocked on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., in the evenings when there are meetings, and on Sunday mornings for the church services and Sunday School. Anyone needing to get into the church building other than the above times, should call the church office (610-767-6361) to make arrangements.

When Sharon or Pastor Halle are alone in the office during normal office hours, the church doors may be locked. Please ring the doorbell outside the brown doors to gain entry into the building.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES



On January 17, 2024 the St. John’s Church Council held their monthly meeting. January is the re-organization meeting for council. Below are elections from that meeting:

1. The following officers were elected for 2024:

President	Erin Snyder
Vice President	Devon Sabene
Secretary	Kayleigh Snyder
Treasurer	Denise Miller

2. Committee heads were appointed as follows:
 - A. Christian Education – Erin Snyder
 - B. Evangelism – Devon Sabene
 - C. Property – Brian Geiger/Scott Raber
 - D. Social Ministry – Jessica Rehrig
 - E. Worship and Music – Kayleigh Snyder
 - F. Finance – Chad Miller
 - G. Catering – Bobbi Jo Kline
 - H. Mutual Ministry – Devon Sabene/
Erin Snyder
 - I. Second Chance – Sue Freed
 - J. Stewardship – Erin Snyder
 - K. Youth – McKenzie Chruschal
 - L. Nominating – Sue Freed & Erin Snyder

There are still a few openings on Church Council. Anyone who would be willing to serve at least one three-year term on the church council can contact the church office at 610-767-6361 or any of the officers listed above. Anyone wanting to help with a committee can contact the committee chairperson.

REDNER’S TAPES

Thank you to everyone who turns in their tapes from Redner’s Markets for the Sav-A-Tape program. The money earned from this program has funded the cost of supplies for our coffee hours. If you do not have a Sav-A-Tape card, you can pick up a Sav-A-Tape card on your next visit to any Redner’s store. The card can be scanned anytime during your checkout process. Please support the Sav-A-Tape program by turning in your entire Redner’s receipts.

BEST/SELL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



The Florence A. Sell Scholarship has been awarded annually to St. John’s Lutheran Church youth who have completed at least one semester at an institution of higher learning. Money from the Martha Best estate and the former Florence A. Sell estate was combined to make the Best/Sell Scholarship. This scholarship is in honor of both Martha Best and Florence Sell who endowed our church money from their estates and felt strongly about the education of our youth. The 2023 Best/Sell Scholarship recipients are:

<u>Student</u>	<u>School Attending</u>
Egan Bellesfield	Rocky Mountain College
Alexandra Feifel	Temple University
Madison Kocher	Bloomsburg University

Applications for the 2024 Best/Sell Scholarship will be available in November. Watch your fall newsletters for details.

Ringer Scholarship applications will be available in early April. Watch the April/May newsletter and bulletins for more details.

ALUMINUM TABS



Aluminum tabs that are collected here at St. John’s Lutheran Church benefit the Shriners Hospital for Children which provides free medical care. No child

is turned away because of the inability to pay at a Shriners Hospital. If you know of a child that needs medical care, contact any Shriner for more information.

Thank you and continue to bring the tabs to St. John’s for pick up. Clarence Smith collects the tabs for the Shriners Hospital.



HOSPITALIZATIONS



Please call the church office (610-767-6361) whenever a family member, friend, or a member of St. John's is hospitalized or moves from

one hospital to another or to a rehab facility. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital. Please give the hospitals our church code of "290" when being admitted.

Since the hospitals have become so big, even when calling with our code we are told that there is no one with our code hospitalized. Please call the church (610-767-6361) to keep us informed of any hospitalizations so Pastor Halle can call, visit, and keep people in our prayers.

Please tell us if you do not want your name published. The prayer list in the bulletins each week will be emptied periodically. Please call the church office (610-767-6361) if you would like yourself or a loved one to remain on the prayer list.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Enjoy the convenience of electronic giving which allows you to make donations on a scheduled automatic basis. If you are writing checks and preparing envelopes every week, you will enjoy electronic giving. It is convenient for you and provides much needed donation consistency for St. John's. To get started, simply scan the QR code with your smart phone. It will take you to our mobile online giving page. Create a profile and log in to set up automatic donations from a checking/savings account or credit/debit account.





February
anniversaries

- Edwin and Mary Ann Stephen
61st on February 23
- Larry and Margaret Blöse
53rd on February 14
- Christy and Vicki Haydt
49th on February 15
- Brian and Debbie Geiger
44th on February 23
- Dennis and Natalie Green
40th on February 11
- James and Heather Rauch
29th on February 25
- Brandon and Jodee Humanick
9th on February 21
- Brenton and Christine Kovash
8th on February 14
- Brent and Katherine Barhight-Herzog
3rd on February 13

march
anniversaries

- Raymond and Stephanie Beers
50th on March 23
- Larry and Judy Moyer
50th on March 31
- Christopher and Mary Ann Berger
48th on March 20
- Stephen and Sharon Stehly
46th on March 18
- Robert and Cindy Cunfer
43rd on March 28
- David and Debbra Herman
23rd on March 10
- Robert and Jamie Reph
18th on March 24
- David and Devon Sabene
6th on March 17

HOLY COMMUNION FOR YOUTH



The following students were instructed in November or December in the meaning and practice of Holy Communion. They were

admitted to the Lord's Table on December 17: Ethan Henritz, Maddie Humanick, Mia Humanick, Kylee Truett, and Layla Truett.

PASTORAL ACTS



Freya Mae Gross

Daughter of Jacob Gross and Alanda Gross was baptized on December 3, 2023

Ethan William Henritz and Victoria Rose Henritz

Son and daughter of Lisa Jeffries were baptized on December 10, 2023

Gabriel Peter-Sebastian Ziegler, Summer Rose-Marie Ziegler, and Chloe Ember-Lee Ziegler

Children of Johnathan Daniel Ziegler and Brandy Marie (nee Meitzler) Ziegler were baptized on January 7, 2024



Barbara J. (nee Benovich) Harry
12-15-2023

MISSION SUPPORT OFFERING



Part of your weekly offering can be designated for Mission Support by indicating that on the "For:" line on your

envelope. The church mails Mission Support/World Hunger/special appeal donations to the synod office quarterly.



Donations to Current Fund

In Memory of the following loved ones:

Carl Cunfer from the following:

Debbie Cunfer

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cunfer

Barbara Kitson

Kathleen Merluzzi

Peter Stinson

Curtis Kistler from Janet Dorshimer

Isabel Ringer from the following:

Barbara Cassell

Mary Ann Sellers

CHURCH EQUIPMENT SIGN-OUTS



Anyone wanting to borrow church equipment (tables, chairs, coffee pots, etc.) for any outside events must sign

out the borrowed equipment in the church office.

Call the church office at 610-767-6361 prior to your event to make sure the church equipment is available for the dates you would like.

When returning the equipment back to the church, please sign your name and the date the equipment was returned on the sign-out sheet in the church office. Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDRESS CHANGES



If you are moving, or have just moved, please notify

the church office of your new address and phone

number so that our records are accurate. We do receive

address corrections from the post office *at a fee*. Help us keep our mailing costs down by

notifying us of address changes before you move. Please keep us updated on contact

numbers also as people are going to cell phones only.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to everyone who donated instant potatoes for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday baskets for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank clients. We collected 200 bags/boxes of instant potatoes for Thanksgiving and 147 bags/boxes for Christmas.

Thank you also to Debbie Geiger for delivering the instant potatoes to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate and also undecorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

Best/Sell Scholarship Committee,

I would like to express my gratitude to the Best/Sell Scholarship committee and St. John's as a whole, for their continued support throughout my college career. I could not have been as successful without your generosity.

Thanks,
Egan Bellesfield

Dear St. John's,

I want to thank you for the plastic basket with all the items in it that I received. Everything tasted so good and I appreciated it very much. I am 92 years old and don't get out except when my daughter comes to take me to the store every two weeks to get my groceries. Thank you so much for thinking about me.

Yours truly,
Eleanor Eschbach

Dear St. John's Social Ministry

Thank you for the treats at Thanksgiving.

Harriet Felguieras

Dear St. John's Sunday School,

Thank you for the Christmas treats. God bless you for your caring thoughts.

Harriet Felguieras

I want to thank everyone who participated in our midweek Advent services this year:

- Thank you to Fawn and the choir for providing music.
- Thank you to Cheryl Burke and Sandy Maurer for serving as soloists.
- Thank you to Brian Geiger and Harrison Williams for making the soup dinners.
- And thank you to everyone who attended the services.

Pastor Halle

Congregation of St. John's and the Sunday School members & their teachers,

Thank you for thinking of us at Thanksgiving and Christmas with food, cards, and tree decorations.

We should pray for everyone in the countries where there are wars, hunger, and lack of shelter, fuel, water, and medical supplies.

We are so fortunate to have what we need and to be part of a caring church.

Peace & Love,
Lee & Nancy Henninger

Dear St. John's Sunday School,

Thank you for the wonderful cards from the Sunday School friends.

Violet Jones

Dear Best/Sell Scholarship Committee,

I would like to thank you again for awarding me the Best/Sell Scholarship. It really does help me with my expenses for nursing school. I have two more semesters at Bloomsburg and then I'll be finished. I truly appreciate the support of St. John's.

Maddie Kocher

Dear St. John's,

Thank you so much for the lovely gift basket filled with so many delicious goodies. Certainly made my day. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Etoile Mack

THANK YOU NOTES (continued)

Dear St. John's,

Thank you very much for the Christmas bag of goodies. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Certainly brightens my holiday.

Sincerely,
Etoile Mack

To My St. John's Family & Sunday School friends,

Thank you for the beautiful baskets and the hand-made ornaments. I appreciate being thought of on these special occasions.

I started Sunday School here when I was five years old, the same time I started school That's a l-o-n-g time.

Started using my Christmas blanket I got last year around the end of October. I carry it around from room to room (like Linus). I love it. It's so warm and cozy.

Thank you again,
Gloria Martin

St. John's,

Thank you very much for the Thanksgiving basket! I enjoyed the fresh fruit and of course the delicious banana bread and all the other goodies! Thank you again!

God Bless you,
Carole Meagher

Dear St. John's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donations of \$402.00 this fall. We are a non-profit charitable organization. We serve the needy individuals and families living in the Northern Lehigh and surrounding areas of Lehigh County. Thanks to your generosity we will be able to continue serving people in our area.

Thank you,
Northern Lehigh Food Bank

Dear Members of St. John's Lutheran Youth Fellowship,

Thank you for your generosity in buying gifts for several children of the Children's Christmas Gift Program of the Northern Lehigh Pastoral Association. With your support, this program continues to provide Christmas gifts for children whose families are served by the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Because of your generosity, 104 children in our community were able to receive gifts this year. Thank you again, and best wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year 2024.

Francine Potters
Christmas Gifts Committee

Members of St. John's,

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Thanksgiving basket preparation and delivery of the baskets for our special concerns' members. All help was greatly appreciated.

Social Ministry Committee

St. John's Sunday School,

Thank you for all the holiday cards and treats you make for me. I wanted you to know how much your remembering me makes me happy.

Edwin Stephen

Members of St. John's,

Thank you to all who helped our Youth Fellowship class with the Adopt-a-Child program through the Children's Christmas Gift Program. We adopted five children for a total of 15 gifts that we delivered to Friedens U.C.C. Thank you to all the St. John's members for purchasing the gifts for the children. God bless you for putting a smile on these children's faces.

St. John's Youth Fellowship



GREETINGS ARE EXTENDED TO OUR "80 & OVER" MEMBERS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Mrs. Violet Jones, Media ** Celebrating her 96th birthday on February 3.

Mrs. Conni Jones, Slatington ** Celebrating her 91st birthday on February 11.

Mrs. Doris Weaver, Walnutport ** Celebrating her 95th birthday on February 19.

Mrs. Betsy Rauch, Walnutport ** Celebrating her 80th birthday on February 21.

Mrs. Judy Shiner, Galloway, NJ ** Celebrating her 89th birthday on February 23.

Mrs. Judy Lorah, Walnutport ** Celebrating her 84th birthday on February 26.

Mr. Clarence Smith, Slatington ** Celebrating his 85th birthday on February 28.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

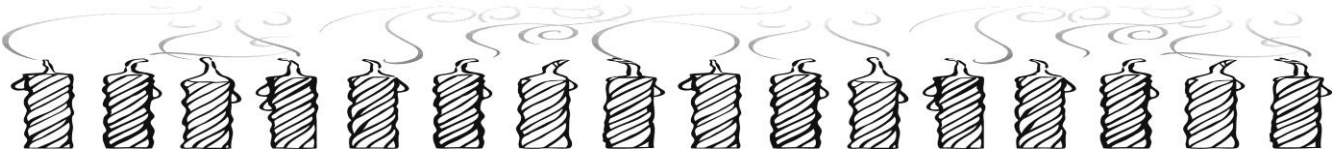
Mr. Francis Frantz, Slatington, PA ** Celebrating his 85th birthday on March 7.

Mrs. Kay Mack, Walnutport, PA ** Celebrating her 84th birthday on March 9.

Mrs. Julia Zellner, Lehighton, PA ** Celebrating her 93rd birthday on March 14.

Mrs. Harriet Felguieras, Slatington, PA ** Celebrating her 81st birthday on March 15.

Ms. Gloria Martin, Slatington, PA ** Celebrating her 92nd birthday on March 17.



If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary and are not included in our regular listing each month, it is because we do not have the information. Please call the church office (610-767-6361) or e-mail us the information at stjohnslatington@gmail.com to keep us informed.

\$\$\$FINANCIAL INFORMATION\$\$\$

NOVEMBER 2023					
DATE	CHURCH ATTENDANCE	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND *
11-5	29 + 40	\$ 1,587.97	October 31 Balance	\$ 209.34	\$ 889.59
11-12	21 + 64	1,981.09	November Income	16,177.36	10,060.00
11-19	22 + 58	5,759.72	November Expenses	14,508.28	7,645.08
11-26	18 + 82	1,845.45	November 30 Balance	\$ 1,878.42	\$ 3,304.51
	Totals	\$ 11,174.23			

* \$5,000 was put into the Current Fund to help with bills and \$10,000 was put into the Building Fund to pay for fencing at the parsonage in November. Income came from the Mildred Hetzer Fund.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through November 2023	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,700.10
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,096.99 / \$ 3,826.15
Budgeted to Date	\$ 177,604.80
Received to Date	\$ 100,655.42 / \$ 183,655.42
Expenses to Date	\$ 187,113.41
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 86,457.99) / (\$ 3,457.99)

**** Two sets of figures for "Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date" above indicate the following:

(1) the left side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, excluding \$67,000 from Mildred Hetzer Fund interest + \$16,000 from Second Chance Shoppe.

(2) the right side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, including \$67,000.00 from Mildred Hetzer Fund interest + \$16,000 from Second Chance Shoppe.

DECEMBER 2023					
DATE	CHURCH ATTENDANCE	OFFERING		CURRENT FUND	BUILDING FUND
12-3	27 + 70	\$ 2,238.00	November 30 Balance	\$ 1,878.42	\$ 3,304.51
12-10	21 + 64	2,748.06	December Income	***21,195.40	50.00
12-17	27 + 98	3,378.50	December Expenses	17,444.10	0.00
12-24*	46 + 153 + 45	6,966.25	December 31 Balance	\$ 5,629.72	\$ 3,354.51
12-31**	21	862.00			
	Totals	\$ 16,192.81			

* December 24 had one service in the morning and two Christmas Eve services in the evening.

** December 31 had one service at 9:00 A.M.

*** \$5,000 was put into the Current Fund to help with oil bills. Income is from the Mildred Hetzer Fund.

Offering for Operational Expenses Through December 2023	
Needed Each Week	\$ 3,700.10
Average Weekly Received	\$ 2,247.13 / \$ 3,939.44
Budgeted to Date	\$ 192,405.20
Received to Date	\$ 116,850.82 / \$ 204,850.82
Expenses to Date	\$ 204,557.51
Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date	(\$ 87,706.69) / \$ 293.31

**** Two sets of figures for "Income-to-Date vs. Expenses-to-Date" above indicate the following:

(1) the left side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, excluding \$72,000 from Mildred Hetzer Fund interest + \$16,000 from Second Chance Shoppe.

(2) the right side is the difference between offering received and expenses paid to date, including \$72,000.00 from Mildred Hetzer Fund interest + \$16,000 from Second Chance Shoppe.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

February 4 – Monthly Munchies.

9:00-9:45 A.M. – Preschool – Regular lesson.

Kindergarten – Lord’s Prayer class.

Grades 1-3 – Ten Commandments class.

Grades 4-6 – Martin Luther class.

Confirmation class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship –Various projects.

February 11 – “**Souper Bowl Sunday**” – Bring a can or box of soup to donate to the Northern Lehigh

Food Bank. Wear your team colors-jerseys-t-shirts – any team, any sport.

Preschool-Youth Fellowship – All About Lent – Bury our Alleluias.

Confirmation class with Pastor Halle.

February 18 – 9:00-9:45 A.M. – Preschool – Regular lesson.

Kindergarten – Lord’s Prayer class.

Grades 1-3 – Ten Commandments class.

Grades 4-6 – Martin Luther class.

Youth Fellowship –Various projects.

9:45-10:00 A.M. – Practice songs for February 25.

9:00-10:00 A.M. – Confirmation class with Pastor Halle.

February 25 – 9:00-9:45 A.M. – Preschool – Regular lesson.

Kindergarten – Lord’s Prayer class.

Grades 1-3 – Ten Commandments class.

Grades 4-6 – Martin Luther class.

Youth Fellowship –Various projects.

9:45-10:00 A.M. – Practice songs for today.

9:00-10:00 A.M. – Confirmation class with Pastor Halle.

10:15 A.M. – Children sing in church.

Sunday, February 11 is “Souper Bowl Sunday”. Please bring cans or boxes of soup to be donated to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

February is S.O.A.P. Closet Month. Please bring donations of toothpaste and toothbrushes to donate to the children served by the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Bring these items to Sunday School any Sunday in February.

Stuffing donations are needed for Easter food baskets for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Please bring donations to church by Thursday, March 14.



Mark Your Calendar – Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, July 8, to Friday, July 12, from 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. daily. Hot dog roast and closing program will be on Friday night at 8:00 P.M. This year’s theme is “Scuba – Diving into Friendship with God”.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE (cont.)



Looking Ahead:

- Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 23, at 10:00 A.M.
- Palm Sunday Parade and Palm Sunday Squares – March 24, 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.
- Easter Play, March 31, 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.
- Bible Olympics – April 21, 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.
- Youth Sunday / Mother’s Day – May 12 – We sing in church during 10:15 A.M. service.
- Bible Challenge – Pentecost Sunday – May 19, 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.
- Raffle Sunday – June 2.
- Promotion Sunday – June 9 – during 9:00 A.M. service; End-of-Year Picnic after 9:00 A.M. service.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Wyatt Ziegler	February 9	Annabelle Tomsic	February 19
Chase Moyer	February 12	Maci Balliet	February 23
Ethan Rhoda	February 12	Hannah Moyer	February 26
Vanessa McWilliams	February 14	Casey Hanson	February 28
Cailynn Trainer	February 18	Jaxson Moser	February 29

MARCH Birthdays

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS

Kylee Truett	March 10	Joel Snyder III	M
Maximilien Carleton	March 20	Tessa Scanlon	March 30

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO OUR CRADLE ROLL MEMBER

Chloe Keinert on March 31 (3 years old)

SUNDAY SCHOOL PULSE (cont.)

MARCH SCHEDULE

March 3 – Monthly Munchies.

9:00-10:00 A.M. – Preschool – Regular lesson.

Kindergarten-Grade 6 – Lent Lesson, practice Easter play, and try on costumes.

Confirmation class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship – Help with Easter play prep.

11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. – Community Luncheon.

Saturday, March 9 – Turn your clocks ahead.

March 10 – 9:00-10:00 A.M. – Preschool – Regular lesson.

Kindergarten-Grade 6 – Lent Lesson, practice Easter play, and try on costumes.

Confirmation class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship – Help with Easter play prep.

March 17 – 9:00-10:00 A.M. – Preschool – Regular lesson.

Kindergarten-Grade 6 – Lent Lesson, practice Easter play, and try on costumes.

Confirmation class with Pastor Halle.

Youth Fellowship – Help assemble egg hunt items.

Saturday, March 23 – 10:00 A.M. – Egg Hunt – Rain, snow, wind, or sun.

March 24 (Palm Sunday) – Preschool – Palm Sunday Parade.

Kindergarten-Grade 4 – Palm Sunday Parade and Palm Sunday Squares.

March 31 (Easter Sunday) – 9:00-10:00 A.M. – Easter Play.

KIDS HELPING KIDS!!!!

March is Food Bank month here at St. John's. It is the month when our church donates food and money to the Northern Lehigh Food Bank. Please bring donations of juice and/or cereal to church to share with the children in our area.

Stuffing donations are needed by Thursday, March 14, for Easter baskets for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank.

Looking Ahead:

Bible Olympics – April 21, 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.

Youth Sunday / Mother's Day – May 12 – We sing in church during 10:15 A.M. service.

Bible Challenge – Pentecost Sunday – May 19, 9:00 to 10:00 A.M.

Raffle Sunday – June 2.

Promotion Sunday – June 9 – during 9:00 A.M. service; End-of-Year Picnic after 9:00 A.M. service.

Vacation Bible School – “Scuba – Diving into Friendship with God.” Monday, July 8, through Friday,

July 12, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. daily. Hot dog roast and closing program will be on Friday night at 8:00 P.M.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (FEBRUARY 2024)

Date	Service	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Lector	Ushers
February 4 (C)	8:00 A.M.	Dawson Newhard			Devon Sabene (DIC) & Jessica Smoyer
February 4 (C)	10:15 A.M.	Izabella Snyder	Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Chad Miller	Chad Miller (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Ron Humanick
February 11 Transfiguration	8:00 A.M.	Elaina Ray			Erin Snyder (DIC) & Lynne Fedorcha
February 11 Transfiguration	10:15 A.M.	Connor McWilliams	Sue Freed	Jill Schaffer	Bobbi Jo Kline (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly
February 14 (C) Ash Wednesday	7:00 P.M.	Kylee Truett	Denise Miller	Jodi Kocher	Scott Raber (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, & Jodi Kocher
February 18 (C)	8:00 A.M.	Jayden Rehrig			Kayleigh Snyder (DIC) & Fianna Christman
February 18 (C)	10:15 A.M.	Chase Moyer	Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Ruthann Mantz	Jessica Rehrig (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, & Ken Staller
February 25	8:00 A.M.	Cameron Chruscial			Sue Freed (DIC) & Ron Kuntz
February 25	10:15 A.M.	Meadow Sly	Stephanie Beers	Cheryl Burke	Chad Miller (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Ron Humanick

**It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you cannot serve on a Sunday/
Special Service and notify the church office (610-767-6361) or e-mail at
stjohnslatington@gmail.com of the change by Thursday.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS (MARCH 2024)

Date	Service	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Lector	Ushers
March 3 (C)	8:00 A.M.	Cole Chruscial			Bobbi Jo Kline (DIC) & Lynne Fedorcha
March 3 (C)	10:15 A.M.	Izabella Snyder	Devon Sabene & Sharon Stehly	Jackie Kuba	Devon Sabene (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly
March 10	8:00 A.M.	Dawson Newhard			Chad Miller (DIC) & Jessica Smoyer
March 10	10:15 A.M.	Kylee Truett	Erin Snyder	Jill Schaffer	Erin Snyder (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, & Jodi Kocher
March 17 (C)	8:00 A.M.	Elaina Ray			Scott Raber (DIC) & Ron Kuntz
March 17 (C)	10:15 A.M.	Chase Moyer	Sue Freed & Denise Miller	Jodi Kocher	Kayleigh Snyder (DIC), Dennis Rehrig, & Ken Staller
March 24 (C) Palm Sunday	8:00 A.M.	Jayden Rehrig			Devon Sabene (DIC) & Fianna Christman
March 24 (C) Palm Sunday	10:15 A.M.	Connor McWilliams	Fianna Christman & Linda Humanick	Lynne Fedorcha	Sue Freed (DIC), Debbie Cunfer, & Ron Humanick
March 28 (C) Maundy Thursday	7:00 P.M.	Meadow Sly	Stephanie Beers & Erin Snyder	Ruthann Mantz	Bobbi Jo Kline (DIC), Ruthann Mantz, & Sharon Stehly
March 31 (C) Easter	8:00 A.M.	Cameron Chruscial			Jessica Rehrig (DIC) & Jessica Smoyer
March 31 (C) Easter	10:15 A.M.	Kylee Truett	Devon Sabene & Sharon Stehly	Cheryl Burke	Chad Miller (DIC), Lynne Fedorcha, & Jodi Kocher

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1/28 4th Sunday after Epiphany <i>Annual Reports Due</i> 8:00 Service of the Word 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation 10:15 Service of the Word 11:30 Rock-a-thon 8:00 A.A.	1/29	1/30	1/31 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	1 5:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	2 Groundhog Day 9:30 Sewing Group	3
4 5th Sunday after Epiphany <i>Boy Scout Sunday</i> <i>S.O.A.P. Closet for Food Bank</i> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation/ Coffee Hour 10:15 Holy Communion 8:00 A.A.	5	6	7 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:30 Breakfast Bunch Meeting 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	8 6:30 Christian Ed. Meeting 8:00 A.A.	9 9:30 Sewing Group	10 3:30-6:00 Pork & Sauerkraut Supper
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord <i>"Souper Bowl Sunday"</i> <i>S.O.A.P. Closet for Food Bank</i> 8:00 Service of the Word 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation 10:15 Service of the Word 8:00 A.A.	12 7:00 Finance Meeting	13 Shrove Tuesday 11:00 Second Chance Shoppe Board Meeting 5:00-7:00 Pancake Dinner	14 Ash Wednesday/ Valentine's Day 10:00 Chair Yoga 6:00 Soup Dinner 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion	15 5:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A.	16	17
18 First Sunday in Lent <i>S.O.A.P. Closet for Food Bank</i> <i>Soup & Sandwich Orders Due</i> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation 10:15 Holy Communion 8:00 A.A.	19 President's Day 6:30 Slatington Women's Club	20 7:30 Cemetery Meeting	21 10:00 Chair Yoga 5:45 Soup Dinner 6:30 Lenten Service / Girl Scouts 7:00 Church Council/ Choir	22 8:00 A.A.	23	24 9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up 1:00 Zimmerman/ Sigley Wedding
25 Second Sunday in Lent <i>S.O.A.P. Closet for Food Bank</i> <i>Easter Flower Orders Due</i> 8:00 Service of the Word 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation 10:15 Service of the Word 4:00 High School Bible Study 8:00 A.A.	26	27	28 10:00 Chair Yoga 5:45 Soup Dinner 6:30 Lenten Service / Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	29 8:00 A.A.	3/1 9:30 Sewing Group	3/2

MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2/25 Second Sunday in Lent <i>S.O.A.P. Closet for Food Bank</i> <i>Easter Flower Orders Due</i> 8:00 Service of the Word 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation 10:15 Service of the Word 8:00 A.A.	2/26	2/27	2/28 10:00 Chair Yoga 5:45 Soup Dinner 6:30 Lenten Service / Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	2/29 8:00 A.A	1 9:30 Sewing Group	2
3 Third Sunday in Lent 8:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation Coffee Hour 10:15 Holy Communion 11:30-1:00 Community Lunch 8:00 A.A.	4	5	6 10:00 Chair Yoga 5:45 Soup Dinner 6:30 Lenten Service / Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	7 8:00 A.A	8 9:30 Sewing Group	9 <i>Turn Clocks Ahead</i>
10 Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>Girl Scout Sunday</i> <i>Annual Reports Handed Out</i> 8:00 Service of the Word 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation 10:15 Service of the Word 11:15 W.I.S.H. Meeting 8:00 A.A.	11	12 11:00 Second Chance Shoppe Board Meeting	13 10:00 Chair Yoga 5:45 Soup Dinner 6:30 Lenten Service / Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	14 <i>Stuffing Due for N.L. Food Bank</i> 5:00 IMPACT 8:00 A.A	15 April/May Newsletter Deadline	16
17 Fifth Sunday in Lent <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> <i>Soup & Sandwich Orders Due</i> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School / Confirmation 10:00 Congregational Meeting 10:15 Holy Communion 8:00 A.A.	18 6:30 Slatington Women's Club	19 First Day of Spring	20 10:00 Chair Yoga 5:45 Soup Dinner 6:30 Lenten Service / Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	21 8:00 A.A	22	23 9:00 Basket Prep. 9:00-11:00 Soup & Sandwich Pick-up 10:00 Egg Hunt
24 Palm Sunday 8:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Palm Sunday Parade & Squares 10:15 Holy Communion 8:00 A.A.	25	26 7:30 Cemetery Meeting	27 10:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Collate April/ May Newsletter 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir	28 5:00 IMPACT 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service 8:00 A.A	29 12:00 Taize Service 7:00 Tenebrae Service at Baptist Church	30 9:00 Altar Guild- Easter Flower Set-up
31 Easter Sunday 8:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Sunday School-Easter Play 10:15 Holy Communion 8:00 A.A.	4/1 April's Fools Day	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6



Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Permit No. 717
Lehigh Valley, PA 18002