

The Good News

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OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

† ~Pastor Keilholtz

How do the people that you love know that you love them? Probably there are some very obvious things that you can think of - they know because you tell them you love them, you do special things for them, you provide for their needs, you spend time with them, maybe you even give them gifts. So many ways that we can show others that we care for them or even love them...usually, it's pretty obvious.

So would it be as obvious to the world that you love God? How do you show God that you love him? What do you do with your time and your life that shows others that you live your life for God?

It could be done in many of the same ways that you show others that you love them. You can tell them that you love God - pray to God and thank God for all that has been done for you. Give thanks for the blessings in your life!

We can also do special things in God's name - serving others and doing what we can with the gifts we have been given. We can do things simply because we are called to serve and we have the opportunities in many ways to do so.

We can provide for the needs of others - for their physical needs through things like the Little Pantry and for their spiritual needs by welcoming them to worship and into our church family.

We can spend time with God - by coming to worship each week! By reading the scriptures and spending time in prayer. Those simple marks of discipleship that we are striving to live by.

Finally, we can always give to God - give of our treasures and share what we have with others. Give to the church so that we can continue to do ministry together and share God's love with the world.

Being a good steward of what we have and what we have been given is the best way to show God that we love and want to be a disciple. How can you show God you love him this month?

A graphic featuring the text 'ASH WEDNESDAY' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with 'Worship' written below it in a red, cursive script. The text is set against a grey, brush-stroke-like background.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Worship

Wednesday, February 26th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our Lenten Journey to the cross. We have three opportunities to gather for worship that day - to receive ashes and remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

At 10am, we gather as the Children's Garden for a special service especially for children. There will not be communion at this service, and it is geared to children, but all are invited to attend.

At 12:15 our Wednesday Prayer and Communion service will also include ashes.

At 7:00pm, we will gather for our traditional Ash Wednesday worship with Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

We look forward to walking through Lent together and learning what it means to be good stewards of our faith and treasures.



DO JUSTICE ...

love kindness ...

WALK HUMBLY

with our God.

MICAH 6:8



Did you know that there are two ways to find out what's going on at St. John's? The first one can be found on the front page of your announcements, this has what's going on this week at St. John's. But, maybe you want to look further ahead. Just go to our website, stjohns1787.org and click on monthly calendar. This is a great site to view upcoming events, closings due to weather or to look up a member in our member directory.

FEBRUARY TEAM MEETINGS

Monday, February 10

6:30 PM

Finance Meeting—Conference Room

Tuesday, February 11

6:30 PM

Church Council—Library

December 2019- Financial Manager's Report

		Beginning Balance	Income	Disbursements	Ending Balance
CURRENT		-61,452.53	111,248.54	48,946.53	82.16
BENEVOLENCE	Benevolence	0.00	11,524.50	11,524.50	0.00
	World Hunger	0.00	1,615.50	1,615.50	0.00
ORGAN FUND		1,712.00	1,625.00	0.00	3,337.00
BUILDING		99,353.51	3,409.07	700.70	102,065.88
MEMORIAL		9,734.94	0.00	0.00	9,734.94
TOTALS		49,347.92	129,422.61	62,787.23	115,219.98

Income

1	1,265.00	Parsonage Rental
2	12,201.00	Daycare /Fac Use
3	122.50	Flowers
4	242.83	Business Designations
5	1625.00	Organ Fund

Disbursements

1	0.00	Church Maintenance
2	0.00	Educ. Bldg. Maint.
3	990.00	Flowers
4	199.32	Vanco fees
5	97.20	Parsonage
6	1294.56	Pastor Rick Mileage
7	500.00	Youth Ministry
8	225.00	Snow/Ice
9	500.00	Fees/Accounting Program
10	345.00	Piano Tuning
11	3017.00	Bell Tower—Complete

ST. JOHN'S QR CODE

The QR code displayed here will take you to St. John's secure eGiving web page. Once there, you'll see several options to donate to St. Johns.



**Sweet Remembrances and Rosemary House
Presentation on Herbs of the Bible
Monday, February 17, 2020
12:00 NOON**

Spend an afternoon enjoying a Sweet Remembrance luncheon and a Rosemary House presentation on “Herbs of the Bible”. Space is limited to 24 persons. (First come. First serve.) Cost is \$35/person. Checks should be made out to St. Johns Lutheran Church. Payment at the time of registration is appreciated. Registration ends on Sunday, February 9.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Food Allergies: _____

**Women’s Night Out
Dinner and a Movie
Monday, February 3
6:00 PM**

Dinner and a movie is always a fun evening. We’ll start in the Multi-Purpose Room with dinner (bring a potluck dish to share), then move to the Youth Lounge to watch the movie “Harriet”. Based on the life of Harriet Tubman this was a recent release and requested by several of our members. No reservations needed.

**Women’s Bible Study
Determined - Living Like Jesus in Every Moment
Study of the Book of Luke
Thursday, February 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, and 19
6:30 PM**

Education Building Library

Live intentionally and embrace the abundant life! Do you drift through the day not appreciating the gift of every moment? It’s easy to do. Learn how to make the most of each day by following in the footsteps of Jesus - the One who lived with a joy-filled determination, laser-focused on his mission to love the world.

Participant Book costs \$13. Payment made out to St Johns Lutheran Church appreciated at the time of registration.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Service Sunday
Intergenerational Morning of Service
Sunday, February 9
9:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Service Workshop Stations Include:

- Decorate Meals on Wheels delivery bags
- Letters to our Veterans
- Stuff Envelopes for the Lenten Coin Folders
- Make scarves for our Ecumenical Food Pantry
- No Bake Cookies for Shiremanstown Fire and Police
- Blessing Bags for Women’s Shelter
- Valentine’s for Shut-Ins
- Bird Seed Pinecones
- Flower Vases for Homebound

Instructions for E-giving

If you want to do electronic giving, you may contact your bank and set up **Bill Pay** through their services. Another option is to use our secure online giving site set up through **VANCO Services**. You have payment options that include using your routing and account number; your debit card; or a credit card. Bank routing and account number does not have any fees charged to the church while the debit card and credit card options do.

Our VANCO site can be found by going to our website

<http://www.stjohns1787.org/donate/> and clicking on the Donate button.

You’ll be redirected to the e-giving page.

I would like more information on e-giving. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Summer Camp Opportunities

It’s that time of year to begin thinking about summer plans. There are camping opportunities for all ages at Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirkenwald. Early registration deadline with full payment has a \$15 discount. St. Johns also has a CampPerson that includes an additional \$20 discount. Look for more information to come.

Communion and Prayer Service

Did you know we have a 12:15 PM communion and prayer service every Wednesday? We meet in the church parlor for a half hour. This is a time for confession, a lectionary reading, prayers and communion. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For Those in Need

From Sunday February 2nd through Sunday February 23rd the Social Ministry Team is collecting clothing to donate to the Ecumenical Food Pantry for people who are living in homeless shelters and on the streets and for people in need of warm clothes. The following items are needed:

- Gloves that can stretch (not leather), especially men’s large sizes
- Scarves
- Hats
- Warm socks
- Men’s and women’s jeans, all sizes (current shortage of men’s large sizes)
- Blankets

Gently used men’s sneakers, boots, or other men’s footwear and winter coats for both men and women have also been requested.

Please place all items in the box in the Narthex labeled “Social Ministry Clothing Collection.” A separate box will be available for footwear and coats. The generosity of the St. John’s congregation never ceases to amaze us, and we thank you in advance for your contributions and service to those in need.

Young Adult Ministry Letter Meeting
Wednesday, February 19
6:30 PM
Church Parlor

Our Lenten mailing to the Young Adults will go out on Thursday, February 20. This is a calendar for our young adults to follow during the season of Lent. Our team writes notes of encouragement to go with the calendar. All are welcome to join us.

SAGE—(Senior Adult Group Explorers)

This month, SAGE will be meeting at The Peppermill Family Restaurant at 1010 Wesley Dr., Mechanicsburg on Wednesday February 19 at 1 PM.

Contact: Mike Molin at (717) 691-1587 to make your reservations.

First Communion classes will begin Sunday, March 08. If you have a child in 2nd grade or older, watch for information to come from Pastor Sarah as we prepare for 1st communion on April 19th!

With Appreciation

Dear Pastor Sarah,

Thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers that I received while I was in the hospital. So many prayers, cards and visitors. I really appreciated this. My sincere thanks to all the church members. Thank you with blessings,
Yong G

Dear St. John's,

Thank you for the lovely poinsettia. It was placed by my apartment door and I am sorry to have missed the person who delivered it.

Thank you again. I appreciate being remembered.

Sincerely,
Henrietta M

To all my church friends,
Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia plant, and thanks to the deliverer too. It was so kind of you to remember me. St. John's has the kindest people. I'm so blessed Donna can bring me every Sunday. Thank you and God Bless everyone,
Ruth Z

To St. John's Family:

Pastor Sarah, thank you so much for your hospital visit and prayers during my recent illness. And to Beth Bard, thank you for the home visits with Communion. And to the church members who delivered altar flowers, food, poinsettias, much appreciation for your time and kindness. The many cards and prayers were so encouraging for me. Thank you St. John's for being such a wonderful, caring congregation.
Love thru Christ,
Debbie K

Dear St. John's,

I was away for the holiday and upon my return found a poinsettia waiting for me. It is a beautiful plant and I thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness.
God Bless,
Nancy W

Dear St. John's,

Many thanks to St. John's for the lovely poinsettia and to Stephanie who delivered it. Also, many thanks to my many friends and family for the cards, prayers and well wishes. They brightened my holiday season.
Marie R

*Dear St. John's family,
Thank you for the beautiful
poinsettia delivered by Wendy and
her husband, Jeff.*

*The poinsettia is so beautiful and
will last through the cold months
till spring. It will keep things bright
and cheery. Merry Christmas and a
healthy, happy new year to all.*

*Sincerely,
Joan and Paul V O*

*Thank you for the beautiful flower
and all the prayers.
God bless you all,
Doris K*

*St. John's Family,
Thank you so much for the
beautiful poinsettia. It is so nice
to be remembered.*

*Thanks for your kindness.
Peggy P*

*To all who donated muffin mixes to the Social Ministry Team, we thank you!
Because of you, the team was able to make 180 muffins for the men at Safe
Haven! The light of Christ shines brightly through the people of St. John's
and all you do for others. We are forever grateful.*

*Dear St. John's church,
Thank you so much for the help you
have given. It is greatly
appreciated. I was in a jam and you
helped me. Thank you from the
bottom of my heart.*

*In Christian love,
Lois R*

*St. John's members,
Thank you for all the Christmas
cards I received, for remembering
my birthday and for sending the
bulletin each week. I especially
appreciate the "Taking Faith Home"
page.*

*Bless you,
Janet H*

Call Team

The Call Team completed the Ministry Site Profile, and submitted it to the synod for review. The next step, as outlined by the ELCA Call Manual, is to receive names of candidates. We appreciate your prayers of discernment as we continue through the call process.

YOUR GIFT OF WORSHIP ELEMENTS

Altar Flowers, Bulletins and Sanctuary Lamp have been sponsored weekly in remembering or honoring special people or life occasions. We thank all those who have faithfully sponsored specific items each week. To give all persons a chance to do a sponsorship on any given date the church council has voted to have one inclusive

wording:

The flowers on the altar, the communion elements for each service, the bulletins and the sanctuary lamp candle that burns day and night as a symbol of God's abiding presence are all presented to the glory of God and ... [your wording for the sponsorship]

The cost of \$30 covers all these components: altar flowers, communion elements, bulletins and the sanctuary lamp candle. The payment should be made no later than the Sunday prior to the listing date. Checks should be made out to St. Johns Lutheran Church with "Worship Elements" in the memo line. We hope that by not limiting the number of sponsors we will allow more people to honor those they love.

To set up a sponsorship contact the church office or complete the form below and place it in the offering plate.

To be published on or near _____ (date desired)

Please have my posting read as follows:

In honor of:

In loving memory of:

We are also including sponsorship of the communion elements, the bread and wine, that we share at communion.

On Sunday February 9 we will have a Gathering in the Lounge from 6-8pm. These are relaxed evenings with snacks, games, and Bible study. Bring a friend!!

On Sunday February 23 we will have a Gathering in the Lounge from 6-8pm. These are relaxed evenings with snacks, games, and Bible study. Bring a friend!!

On Saturday morning, February 29, we will meet at Mission Central from 9:00-12pm for a morning of service work for our neighbors in need. This is a warehouse distribution center in Mechanicsburg that usually has our group helping to sort donated items or assemble disaster buckets. Come out ready to lend a helping hand!!

Save the date:

March 8-Gathering in the Lounge 6-8pm

March 20-22 Spring Retreat Mount Asbury

March 29-Gathering in the Lounge 6-8pm

VBS - Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be **July 6-10** this year! Want to help with the planning? Talk to Pastor Sarah and watch for more information to come!

Lutheran Hands Mission Trip

When: July 12th - July 18th

Who: Anyone entering High School in the 2020-2021 school year and older! We are an intergenerational experience, welcoming anyone who is willing to serve.

What to Expect: LutheranHANDS is going back to North Carolina to rebuild from Hurricane Florence. Participants can expect a week of serving in Wilmington with service projects including, but not limited to, painting, drywalling, landscaping, flooring, insulation, and demolition! Most importantly, our participants get to connect with locals showing God's love through service and relationship with others. Even though we are rebuilding from the same storm as last year, expect a different experience as we are rebuilding in a new location!

Deadline to Register with Stephanie: February 1st with a \$100 non-refundable deposit

Join us for worship!

Worship Schedule and Hours

Saturday Evening Service—Saturday—6 PM

Sunday Church Services—8 & 10:45 AM

Sunday Church School—9:15 AM

Associate Pastor—The Rev. Sarah Keilholtz

Seminarian—Susan Scott

Minister of Music—Thomas A. Notestine

Youth Director—Stephanie Alsvan

Discipleship Coordinator—Beth C. Bard

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9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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