

# St. John Herald

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## From Pastor Cox

**Holy Week.** Holy Week is a very special time for Christians. It is a time when we gather together several times in a single week to concentrate on the great Redemption our Lord won for us on the Cross. It is also a week that ends with the most joyful celebration of the Church Year – Easter! The following is a schedule of Holy Week services:

<b>Lenten Mid-week</b>	(March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13) Services 7:00pm with meal at 6:00pm
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	April 21 <sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm A celebration of our Lord's Last Supper and the Lord's Supper that we celebrate today
<b>Good Friday</b>	April 22 <sup>nd</sup> at noon The Way of the Cross – a meditation on the sufferings of Jesus as he carried his cross 7:00pm The Good Friday evening service
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> 8:00pm The Easter Vigil – A celebration of Baptism while anticipating Easter
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	April 24 <sup>th</sup> 8:30am & 11:00am Easter Sunday Celebration!

Please plan on attending as many Holy Week services as possible. They are all different. I believe that you will benefit from each of these services as you continue your walk with Jesus.

***He is risen!  
He is risen indeed!***

### Times of Change at St. John.

1) **On Sunday, March 27, 2011 the Voters of St. John Congregation met in Assembly and voted not to reopen the Christian Day School for the next school year.** This has obviously been an emotional and painful issue for everyone involved. Many other Lutheran Day Schools have been closing around the country due to economic conditions, but that is little comfort for us, our teachers, and the school families. As we mourn the passing of the familiar, we must look forward and seek God's will for future programs and ministries. *Please keep our teachers, students, and their families in your prayers.*

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2) It was announced that our church (and school) secretary will be leaving us for a full time position at YTI. Again, economic issues caused us to reduce her hours and benefits as secretary here. While we are sad to see her go, we are delighted that she will have a full-time position with benefits etc. Our loss is their gain! The Board of Elders will be responsible for filling our secretary position; of course, Denise and I will be working with the Elders in filling this very important position.

**My Office Hours.** Depending on the speed at which we find a new church secretary, my office hours may be fluctuating due to my responsibilities with publishing the Sunday bulletins and other office responsibilities. I will try to maintain the office hours of 9:00am till noon, Tuesday through Friday during our time of transition. I may be struggling to do the extra secretarial work and make my afternoon visits. However, meeting and being of assistance in spiritual matters and matters of crisis is my first priority. Please do not hesitate to call on me because of the office situation. Also, please remember you can call me to set up an appointment at any time.

**The Rite of Confirmation.** The Rite of Confirmation will occur on Sunday, May 22, 2011 at the 11:00am service. Young people completing their second year of confirmation instruction this spring will be confirmed at this service.

**Prayer Requests in Church.** Please help me by filling out prayer request cards at the beginning of the service for any need or thankfulness that you want to be shared with the Lord during the prayer time at Sunday morning worship. Please don't assume that your prayer will be remembered if you don't submit a card. I sometimes don't remember while I'm praying for other needs. I want to be sure to include all prayers, so I need your help.

### **Communications.**

#### **Church Council Meeting March 8, 2011 (Summarized)**

**Members Present: John Tverberg, Kathy Weiss, Bev Shellenberger, Dave Rhan, Mike Singley, Walt Jeffers, Eric Gunnet, Lana Schafer, Denise Wright, Lisa Schreiber, Jeb Schreiber and Jen Harlacher**

**Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm  
Denise opened with devotions**

#### **Director of Spiritual Growth:**

- "The Hands of a Woman" was held of February 26<sup>th</sup> with women attending from 6 different churches.
- "The Art of Marriage" looking for couples to have small studies in their home to share the material. Follow up letters and pictures going out to participants.
- During Lent there will a special time for prayer 15 minutes prior to service
- No meetings for boards or committees during Holy Week.

**Boards which require Action**

- Stewardship and School Board

**Stewardship:**

- The board of Stewardship drafted a policy regarding the issuing of offering envelopes. "All confirmed or transferred members of St. John will receive a set of offering envelopes upon being admitted to membership. Married couples will receive a single set of offering envelopes unless they request separate ones. Confirmed children members who are living with parent members or living separately will receive their own set of envelopes. Non-members who request a set of envelopes will be given a box. Specific requests from members who do not wish to receive envelopes will be honored."
- Motion from Stewardship to institute the envelope policy as above and seconded by Dave Rhan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- WE are slightly behind in offerings for the fiscal year.
- No celebration of Ministries during Lent

**School Board:**

- Based [partially] on SSAC findings the school board is recommending that we do not reopen the 2011/2012 school year. We do not have enough students to support the school. We have played out many different scenarios and the lowest the tuition would be \$7200/year given the current response to returning students with interest. Currently tuition is \$4300/year.
- Motion from School Board to take following to the Voter's Assembly for approval: **"The St. John Lutheran School will not re-open for the 2011/2012 school year as the St. John Lutheran Church prayerfully seeks God's guidance."** Motion seconded.
- Special Voter's Meeting scheduled March 27<sup>th</sup> immediately following late service to vote on this motion.
- When should the school be closed? The end of the School Year on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- How long will payroll be carried for the teachers? August 15<sup>th</sup> will be the last payroll date.
- Currently the school is about \$2800 short for the year (which does not account for any upcoming tuition which may become delinquent.)
- Parents with outstanding tuition balances are given 3 notices and if no payment received (payment plan can be implemented), then they are asked not to return to school.
- People who are late on payments are having financial aid taken away
- Church families who don't attend church regularly will not be receiving the 25% discount.
- All supplies/projects have been generously donated but the school is still falling short.
- Currently there is interest from only 12 preschoolers and kindergarten students. We would need to bring in 20 more children to keep the present tuition. There are 40 children currently enrolled in the school and 3 families who are going to be receiving a letters regarding outstanding tuition balances.
- Lisa Schreiber presented an informational presentation on information collected and formed through the SSAC which assisted the School Board in making the current recommendation to not re-open St. John Lutheran School. This will be presented March 20<sup>th</sup> immediately following 11:00 service which is open to all congregational members.
- Copies after hours to be completed in the church office.
- Teachers are required to obtain the emergency contacts for the children. A letter was sent home to the parents.
- Summer Enrichment program has been discontinued.
- Families were given more financial aid than initially voted. Tracey will do a complete audit.
- One family was asked not to attend school after receiving 3 past tuition notice/letters. The

family made a threat on the phone and they will not be allowed to attend school even if they pay the delinquent amount. Police were at school for security reasons..

- Still seeking \$17, 341 in delinquent tuition and \$3120 in delinquent before and after school care.
- Kathy Weiss is taking over the SCRIP program

### **President's Report:**

- Problem with Trustee in that no one will come to the meetings. There is 1 spot open on the Trustee Board. This representative doesn't have to do the repairs they just need to come to Council meetings and field phone calls, emails and sign paper work. PennDOT has offered \$28,000 for some of our land. Eric can't sign the paperwork – it needs to be the Trustee, preferably the chair. All land sales have to go before Voter's. We have an agreement with the township not to improve sidewalk on Mt. Rose Ave. We need to verify that will not change with land sale to PennDOT.
- If a sidewalk is installed, we will be responsible for maintaining it.
- Boards can't hire any [new position] staff without Voter's approval.
- Need to find financially gifted people who can do a self audit. This person cannot currently manage finances. There will be a complete self audit of all financial accounts.
- Openness of information. Eric doesn't want confidential emails thus to make sure lines of communication are open.
- Special Voter's Meeting scheduled March 27<sup>h</sup> at immediately following 11:00 service on the School Board's recommendation. This will be the only subject to be discussed. All those who wish to obtain information should attend the informational meeting schedule March 20<sup>th</sup> immediately following 11:00 service.

### **Christian Education:**

- Ken is meeting with the kids after Sunday School for a song to be sung on Palm Sunday

### **Elders:**

- Question raised regarding Tracey and benefits since she is picking up school hours. If you don't go back to full time status for more than 3 months then benefits don't resume.
- Finance made the recommendation to have a reconciliation of the bank accounts against the checkbook to look for correctness, and to allow for the finances to be kept up to date sooner. This will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Annual May Voter's Meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Everyone in the congregation received the Church Constitution electronically.
- For those who are not currently eligible to vote they must talk or meet with pastor or an elder prior to the Voter's Meeting. They will give you a copy of the constitution and at the next meeting Pastor will present you and then you will be voted upon and then sign the constitution.

### **Youth:**

- Sold 54 coupon booklets for the Bon Ton Community Day Sale.
- Spaghetti dinner this Sunday. Jerry Cook will be sharing his experience in Africa. Requesting monetary donations to help cover costs.
- Plan to assist Evangelism in hanging door hangers.
- Lana would like to put together a list of service opportunities for confirmed Youth to perform so they [become more involved in] the church.

### **Fellowship:**

- Lenten Dinner begin from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The meals are simple consisting of soup and bread.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Women's Bible Study
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Social Concerns and Evangelism
- March 30<sup>th</sup> Christian Ed and Ed and Youth
- April 6<sup>th</sup> Elders
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Finance and Carry out to Campus
- Soup to feed 70-80 people

### **Evangelism:**

- Putting door hangers in the local community
- Putting together budget for next fiscal year
- The crosses have to be put up on Saturday
- Purchased bibles for the confirmands with Christian Education

### **Finance:**

- April 1<sup>st</sup> Finance is asking all responsible Boards to submit their budgets.
- We would like to have the budget for the Annual May Voter's Meeting.
- Joyful Response giving-There should be a rededication to this because there are so few people who participate.

## **Spuds & Splits Movie Night**

The "Men of Purpose" men's ministry is sponsoring a "Spuds & Splits Movie Night" on Saturday, April 9. For a light meal and dessert we are planning to have baked potatoes (Spuds) with all the toppings and for desert we will serve banana "Splits" with numerous toppings as well. Since several people have mentioned that they did not get a chance to see the movie "Facing the Giants" at our last movie night, we will be showing it again. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church narthex to give us an idea of how many to prepare for. The cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12. We will start dinner at 5:30 and plan to show the movie around 7:00. Make your plans now to attend a fun filled evening of fellowship and entertainment. If you have any questions you can call Jerry Cook, Rick Dellinger, Tom Wolfgang, Phil Snyder, or Mike Pearl. Thank you.

### **Worship Schedule Sunday Worship Service**

8:30am & 11:00am

### **Sunday School**

9:45am for children

10:00am for adults

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## Director of Spiritual Growth—Denise Wright

Dear Friends,

We find ourselves at this time coming into the very deepest part of Lent. It seems that as these new days of spring grow brighter the mood of our evening services grows darker. Each year we move through this season of Lent; we take time to remember Jesus' last days leading up to His suffering and death. We keep going to work and taking care of our homes and families, but hopefully the cross of Jesus is forefront in our minds. The large wooden cross in the front of our sanctuary this year is placed there so that it is clearly in our line of vision. It may even appear to be a bit "in the way" of anyone who assists near the altar. Isn't that where the cross needs to be in our daily lives? Always right in front of us? The redeeming work of Jesus always on our minds?

This large cross has been draped with different things as we have moved through Lent, reminders of people who had encounters with Jesus. We started with ivy to represent the Garden of Eden, the setting of the fall into sin . . . the beginning of our need for a Savior. The next week we saw a drape representing the prayer shawl of Nicodemus, the Pharisee who secretly became a disciple of Jesus. Then a black cloth and noose to remind us of Judas, the disillusioned disciple who betrayed the One who came to save him. Rough burlap will remind us of Barabbas, the murderer sentenced to death who received his freedom when the angry crowd shouted for Jesus to be crucified instead. A toga will represent Pontius Pilate the one who washed his hands and let his silence condemn Jesus to death.

If a drape were to be put on the cross to represent you and me, what would it look like? What do you bring to the foot of the cross? Think about that as you are sitting in the sanctuary waiting for worship to begin or during a quiet time or maybe during communion. Remember that Jesus' work on that cross was for you personally and for me personally. No matter what our drape looks like, or how many sins and burdens we bring to the foot of the cross, Jesus died for us so that we might be forgiven and might live with Him forever! There is no better news! I so look forward to celebrating that good news with you on Easter morning!

In Christ our Savior,

*Denise Wright*

### Vacation Bible School plans begin with a date!

SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible School 2011 is scheduled for the week of June 20th through 25th from 6-8pm. We hope that as you're planning your summer schedule you'll reserve this week to join us and see "Where Jesus' Love Flows." *Mahalo!*

### FREE Pilates Mat Class

You are invited to participate in a FREE Pilates mat class here at St. John with Jen Harlacher, a certified Pilates instructor and licensed physical therapist. Pilates is an exercise regimen targeted for every fitness level and age which integrates principles of relaxation, concentration, control, breathing and stamina to strengthen the overall core of your body resulting in increased strength and overall muscle tone. This class is being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Please look for "release forms" in the narthex or on the web site ([www.StJohnYorkPA.com](http://www.StJohnYorkPA.com)). Thank you!

## **Music Notes - Ken Sanders, Minister of Music**

Our Lenten journey is almost over. We have the Holy Week services and then Easter Sunday.

Good Friday is “good” due to the redemptive work of Jesus. This Good Friday the adult choir will help to lead the congregation in a Tenebrae service (service of darkness). This year's service is titled: “Stations of the Cross.” The choir will have about six anthems and the congregation about three hymns. As the service progresses, candles are extinguished until the church is in darkness. The Christ candle is then taken out. Everyone whispers the Lord's Prayer and then leave in silence.

The Easter Vigil usually begins outside with a fire and the preparing of the new Christ candle. The candle is lit from the fire and then the congregation's candles are lit from the Christ candle. Everyone processes into the church during the “Exultant,” a special song about the “light of Christ.” There are usually several scripture readings that recount the old testament history of God's chosen people. Baptism can also be a part of the service. The church lights come on and the worshipers get to see how the church is transformed into the resurrection garden with all the flowers displayed.

Easter Sunday then is a continuance of the vigil service as we acknowledge that “Christ is Risen!” “He is Risen indeed!” The alleluias return to the worship service as well as other parts of the liturgy that were “put away” during Lent. The music takes on a more joyful sound, as well it should. We certainly have something to sing about, salvation won for us through Christ's death and resurrection.

## **Help for Japan**

A Pancake Breakfast was held on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, to raise money for aid to Japan during this difficult time. We were so very encouraged to have 124 people attend and that we were able to raise just over \$1219.00! Many thanks to Diane Imler and the Social Concerns committee for organizing this project for us. The Men of Purpose did an outstanding job once again of cooking and we are deeply grateful for their willingness to help! Thanks to all who came and to all who contributed; we pray that this gift of money will help in showing the love of Christ to people who so desperately need to know Him. One of the blessings of this event was the visit that we received from some Japanese women who had seen the sign out on our property. They came out of deep gratitude that we were doing something to help their country. If you were in church on March 27<sup>th</sup>, you may have seen the beautiful vase of flowers that one of them brought to us as an expression of her appreciation. God used our church to give them some encouragement and love! We have been reminded recently that only about 1% of the population of Japan is Christian. What a good time this is as we hear that country mentioned more often in the news to pray that God's love will be shared and that many Japanese will come to know Him.

## **Thank You from Social Concerns**

A BIG Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and all the volunteers that helped on short notice with the Japan Relief Pancake breakfast. What a great turn out we had!! Thanks to the men for cooking great pancakes!! You have now become the pro's! Most of all, Thanks be to God for his blessings on this event! It was a great time of fellowship and reaching out to those in need.

Like cold water to a weary soul, is good news from a distant land. Proverbs 25:25

# Prayer Vigil—April 16th

This most holy and special week of the church year begins with Palm Sunday on April 17<sup>th</sup>. It has been our tradition for the past three years to have a Prayer Vigil on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. This year's date is April 16<sup>th</sup> and we will hold a 12 hour vigil from 7:00am until 7:00pm. This day of prayer can help to set the tone for the following week as we contemplate Jesus' suffering and death on the cross for us.

## What is a Prayer Vigil?

Just what is a **prayer vigil**? The idea is many centuries old. "**Vigil**" indicates a time of "vigilance", wakefulness, a watch, originally "kept on the night before a religious feast with **prayer** or other devotions." The hope is to have as many people in our congregation as possible spending time in prayer, interceding for each other as well as the community and world around us. A vigil could mean a devotional watching, or keeping awake, during the customary hours of sleep. Our vigil will take place during customary waking hours.

## Why a Prayer Vigil at this time?

When Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane He asked his disciples to stay awake and pray with Him, to keep vigil. As we follow Jesus to the cross, it is good for us to keep vigil, to be watchful in prayer. We are invited to come to Him with our burdens and the burdens of our loved ones and our church. What better time of year than this when we think of His great sacrifice for us?

## How do we do it?

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex encouraging people to sign up for different times throughout the Vigil. The goal is to have at least one person in the sanctuary praying at all times. You can come into the church and pray quietly by yourself or you can bring your family and pray together. It is a wonderful opportunity to teach children about praying! There will be prayer suggestion guides in the narthex that can help to guide you in your prayers.

## How long should we pray?

You are encouraged to stay for an hour and pray. An hour goes by very quickly once you start praying!

## Will I have to pray out loud or in front of people?

No, unless you want to do this with your family or friends?

## Why can't I just pray at home?

Of course, you can always pray at home, but for a Vigil we encourage you to come into church to spend an hour. The specialness of praying in the sanctuary can lift this time of prayer above the sometimes routine or discouraging experiences of daily prayer. At home there can be so many interruptions as we look around and are reminded of all of the things that need to be done. In the sanctuary as we look around we have reminders everywhere of God's love for us. Being in a quiet sanctuary by yourself or with just a couple of other people can provide a very meaningful prayer experience.

## Is there anyone who could pray with me if I would like that?

Denise Wright will be available throughout the day and would be more than happy to pray with you or for you.

# Holy Week at St. John

## No Meetings During Holy Week

We refrain from scheduling meetings during Holy Week so that we can more fully devote our thoughts and minds to focusing on the cross.

## Special Worship Opportunities

Plan to come for worship on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday! Each service is distinct and meaningful. The following is a brief explanation of each service.

### Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

The people of Jerusalem waved palm branches and shouted these words at Jesus, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" They welcomed Him as their King only to shout "Crucify him" a few short days later. Our service begins with wonderful worship music and palm branches as we remember that day. The Scripture readings and music then move us into the Passion story as the service continues.

### Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm

On the night when Jesus was betrayed, He shared His last supper with His disciples in an upper room. He got up from the table, tied a towel around His waist and washed the feet of His disciples, showing them how he wanted them to love and serve each other. Through the simple forms of bread and wine, He shared with them the forgiveness of sins. On this day as we receive the bread and wine of communion, we remember His sacrifice and receive His forgiveness.

### Good Friday, 12:15 and 7:00

This is the day that we quietly come and remember the suffering and death of our Savior. Our music and voices are subdued as we listen again to the story of His great love and sacrifice. The service at 12:15 focuses on the Stations of the Cross. The Adult Choir has been preparing to help us focus on Christ's Passion in Scripture and Song during the evening service.

### Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, 8:00pm

This ancient service was primarily a means of preparing new converts for baptism into the Christian faith which was normally done on Easter Sunday as the focal point of the entire year. It consists of a number of Bible readings from the Old Testament that tell the story of God's dearly loved people. The service begins in darkness as a flame is lit. The Christ candle then gives light to the individual candles of all of the worshippers. The return of the light symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus from the grave and the light of salvation and hope God brought into the world through the resurrection, the triumph of the light of God's grace and salvation over the darkness of death and sin.

In the early church, the Easter Vigil concluded with the baptism of new converts, celebrating not only Jesus' resurrection, but also the new life that God has brought through the death and resurrection of Jesus to individual believers. Those who had been baptized changed into new white clothes to symbolize their new life in Christ. This is the origin of buying new clothes to wear for Easter.



## *In the Garden*

Tired of high prices at the grocery store?  
Looking for some time outside in the good weather?  
Looking for a fun project with your kids?  
Why not try gardening?!

Join us on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 11:30 am to learn gardening techniques and tips that will increase your likelihood of a bountiful harvest! Considering the rising cost of food and the satisfaction that can come from growing your own food . . . this might be the best year ever to plant a vegetable garden! Whether you've never gardened before or are a seasoned veteran, there will be something new to learn! St. John's own expert gardeners: Jerry Cook, George Kindon, and Al Oesterreich, will share their tips of the trade while we snack on delicious results from successful gardening. It doesn't matter if you have a garden the size of an acre or of one pot on a porch - there's something for everyone!



### Grief Support Group at St. John

If you know someone who is grieving and might be helped by our GriefShare program, please invite them and come with them for the first time. Come to the Fellowship Hall either on Monday at 7:00 pm or Tuesday at 1:30 pm. Please see Denise Wright with any questions.

**The MOP men's ministry** will be starting several focus groups beginning in March. The groups will be studying the book "Being God's man . . . . in Tough Times." The groups will meet on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM and Saturday March 5th at 8:00. The Tuesday class will be held at Rick Dellinger's house and the Saturday class will be held at the church and they will meet every other week. If you have something scheduled on Tuesday evening you can catch the same lesson on Saturday or vice versa. If you are planning to attend, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex so we know how many books to order. If you have any questions, you can call Jerry Cook at 266-1918. Hope to see you there.

## Fellowship Committee Plan Events

**Spring Fling Trip – May 28<sup>th</sup>**. The Fellowship committee is planning a trip to see the circus in Hershey. Mark your calendars now and look for more details in the coming months. This will be a fun family event!!

## Farewell to our Church Secretary

It is with great sadness that we come to this time of saying farewell to Tracey Utermahlen, our church secretary for the past 15 years. You may remember that due to budgetary limitations Tracey's position changed from full-time to part-time last June. Sadly, that meant that she no longer received health benefits. We are very grateful that she stayed with us and served so faithfully for the people of St. John while taking on another part-time job and continually seeking one full-time position. We have always appreciated Tracey's hospitality to people on the phone and to people coming to our door; she has truly helped people to feel comfortable here . . . she has welcomed the stranger so well. Her creative gifts and willingness to help with all kinds of publications has been much appreciated and will be greatly missed. Her understanding for any of us who might have been late with our articles for the Herald or weekly announcements has been more than we deserved – thank you for your graciousness, Tracey! The financial responsibilities of Tracey's job grew over the years and she willingly learned to take care of those areas very competently also. More than anything we have appreciated her love and care for the people of St. John . . . and her love and care for those with whom she worked every day!



On Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, Tracey will begin her new position as the Administrative Assistant for the Career Services Department at YTI. We know that God will use her in that place and we pray God's best blessings on her and her family. Please keep Tracey in your prayers as she makes this transition . . . we can be very grateful that God shared her with us these past 15 years!



The Youth Group is open to our St John Lutheran youth in grades 5 - 12. We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 6-8 pm, with special service and fundraising events tossed in between. As always, friends are welcome to any event.

**April 10, 2011 – Bowling at Colony Park East – Meet at the church at 5: 30 p.m. then head over to the bowling alley to bowl from 6-8 p.m. Please bring \$5.00 for shoes and bowling**

**May 15, 2011 – Party and T-Shirt Making - 4 – 8 p.m. – Meet in the Fellowship Hall**

**June 5, 2011 – Car Wash – Metro Bank on Mt. Rose Ave. (11a.m. – 4p.m.)**

Youth Leaders/contacts:

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## Summer Programs and Schools

The following is a list of several Church's and School's in the area that are offering Summer Camp Programs for the little ones.

- 1) Christian School of York, 907 Greenbriar Rd. 717-767-6842—Summer Camp available
- 2) Eastminster - Summer Camp, 311 Haines Rd., York - ages 4 -12—  
[www.eastminsterpreschool.org](http://www.eastminsterpreschool.org) 717-755-0543
- 3) Explorer's Camp, 320 E. Market St., York - ages 5,6 &7 — [www.ywcayork.org](http://www.ywcayork.org)  
717-845-2631
- 4) JCC , 2000 Hollywood Dr., York 717-843-0918 — [www.yorkjcc.org](http://www.yorkjcc.org)
- 5) KidzCamp @ Heritage Hills, 2700 Mt. Rose Ave., York - ages 5 - 14—[www.kidzcamp.com](http://www.kidzcamp.com)  
717-755-0123, option 8
- 6) Red Lion – Summer Day Camp , ages 5 – 12 Fairmount Park and Red Lion Community Building  
717-244-6896
- 7) Robin's Nest Daycare and Preschool , 2498 W. Phila. St., York  
[www.robinsnestpreschool.com](http://www.robinsnestpreschool.com) 717-792-6700
- 8) Temple Christian Academy and Preschool, 717-741-6892  
2550 Pine Grove Rd., York , ages 2 through Grade 6  
[www.templebaptistyyork.com/tcap](http://www.templebaptistyyork.com/tcap)
- 9)U – Gro Learning Centers, Summer Camp 717-757-5900  
1321 North Sherman St., York [www.u-gro.com](http://www.u-gro.com)

## April's Door Offering

An expression of our faith and of God's love for all, the Lutheran Malaria Initiative educates Lutherans about malaria, advocates for global health initiatives, and raises funds to help combat malaria.

We are committed to raising \$45 million for malaria education, treatment and prevention. Our fundraising campaign is a bold effort that engages all parts of the Lutheran community—from congregations and their members to schools, colleges and universities, from children's classrooms to youth groups, from women's groups to senior groups

Does this sound like something you can and will support? Please join with your church family members in love and reach out to this organization with your caring generosity.

*The Lutheran Malaria Initiative is an unprecedented campaign to mobilize U.S. Lutherans to help end malaria deaths in Africa.*

The ushers will be in the narthex after worship on the **second Sunday of each month** with baskets for you to place your offering. Throughout the rest of the month you are in-

ited to use the "Multi-purpose" envelopes located in the pew racks. Please be sure to mark the envelope "Door Offering" so that it is credited correctly.

## April Birthdays

01 Wayne Winemiller  
02 Sherry Burks  
03 Todd Schaefer  
06 Jackie Paasch  
06 Bob Hinckley  
13 Marg Hershey  
13 Laurie Naumann  
14 Louise Staub  
14 Stephanie Looks  
15 Olive Rogers  
16 Marty Horlebein  
16 Juanell Mueller  
18 Darryl Smeltzer  
18 Barbara Nazmack  
18 Craig Frey  
18 Emma Abendschoen  
19 William Neidhammer Jr  
19 Sarah Gray

20 Louis Caralle Jr.  
20 Brenda Youngman  
20 Brady Brenner  
21 Bill Smith  
21 Sue Burwick  
22 Rob Keough  
22 Bud Gray  
23 Sarah Conaway  
23 John Robinson  
24 Cyndi Sindlinger  
28 Patrick Giuffrida  
29 Roxann Rhan  
29 Jerry Dubbs  
29 Allison Ross  
30 Jonathan Kline

## Market Basket Needs

Your contributions and donations to the **Market Basket** are especially appreciated for Easter. The boxes of food we give to those less fortunate are an outreach ministry. Please remember us when you are shopping. The most immediate need for the basket is:

- ♦ All canned goods—especially fruits, vegetables, soups, sauces, gravies.
- ♦ Boxed or bagged potatoes, rice, noodles.
- ♦ Cake mixes, frosting, dessert mixes.
- ♦ Pasta-macaroni, spaghetti, rigatoni, tomato sauces.
- ♦ Cereals-boxed, instant oatmeal, etc.
- ♦ Pancake mixes and syrup.
- ♦ Jelly, peanut butter, jello.
- ♦ Canned meats-tuna, salmon, chicken, turkey, spam.
- ♦ Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, bath bars, dish
- ♦ Detergent, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo.
- ♦ Salt, sugar, flour.

Please place your grocery contributions in the basket located in the narthex.

Also, for those who wish to donate frozen turkey's and/or ham's, please contact Karen Frey, Diane Imler or the church office to make those arrangements.

You generosity touches many lives.

## Stewardship Notes - Al Oesterreich

### Offering Envelopes

Concerns were raised by some parents that we were neglecting our confirmed children by not issuing them offering envelopes upon their confirmation. The Board of Stewardship looked into the matter and found that there was no written policy concerning offering envelopes. The board agreed that by not distributing offering envelopes to confirmands we were treating them as incomplete members. We were also missing the opportunity to help them grow in their stewardship life. The following policy was presented to and adopted by the Church Council.

“All confirmed or transferred members of St. John will receive a set of offering envelopes upon being admitted to membership. Married couples will receive a single set of offering envelopes unless they request separate sets. Confirmed children members who are living with parent members or living separately will receive their own set of envelopes. Non-members who request a set of envelopes will be given one. Specific requests from members who do not wish to receive envelopes will be honored.”

We will present offering envelopes to this year’s confirmands. We will also seek out young adult members who have been missed over the past several years.

### Joyful Response

Many of us take care of our utility bills, insurance payments, mortgage installments, and other commitments through electronic transfers. Our congregation offers a convenient way to give our offerings through the Joyful Response program. It is a free voluntary electronic offering service. It saves us time and insures that our regular offerings continue as long as we desire them to. Changes are also easy to make. An enrollment form is included on the last page of this bulletin. Additional forms are available in the narthex. For more information on this program see Al Oesterreich or Lisa Schreiber. After filling out the enrollment form please place it in a sealed envelope and hand it to Al or leave it for him in the church office.

### Report of Offerings

Total general offerings for February: \$22,345  
 Estimated total general offerings needed for February: \$25,584  
 February door offerings to support the work of Servants, Inc.: \$138  
 February memorial donations: \$50  
 February building donations: \$96  
 February financial aid for school: \$206  
 Total general offerings for July 1 – February 28: \$204,035  
 Estimated total general offerings needed for July 1 – February 28: \$218,448  
 Estimated total general offerings needed for March: \$25,584

The estimated monthly need for general offerings for the second half of fiscal year 2011 is \$25,584 for 4-Sunday months and \$31,980 for 5-Sunday months. Offerings for the fiscal year are \$14,413 (6.6%) less than the estimated need and \$9,201 (4.3%) less than last fiscal year.

*“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”*

*1 Corinthians 6: 19&20*

# Serving You in April 2011

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Altar Guild	Jackie and Fred Bahr	Jackie and Fred Bahr	Jackie and Fred Bahr	Jackie and Fred Bahr
Offering Counters	Paul and Joan Grove	Knox and Delight Massengale	Bob and Jean Grube	Marie Gruendler Jackie Paasch
Acolyte (8:30)	Brad Weiss	Brooke Snyder	Seth Caralle	Courtney Ross
Acolyte (11:00)	Kari Stayman	Ted Youngman	Tyler Himes	Alex Schafer
Lector (8:30)	Jen Harlacher	Cindy Ward	Mike Pearl	Fred Bahr
Lector (11:00)	Robert George	Dave Rhan	Lisa Cox	Amy Chidester
Greeters (8:30)	Rick and Anna Dellinger	Rick and Anna Dellinger	Rick and Anna Dellinger	Rick and Anna Dellinger
Greeters (11:00)	Cliff and Inger Arndt	Cliff and Inger Arndt	Cliff and Inger Arndt	Cliff and Inger Arndt
Ushers (8:30)	George Garrett Lisa Little Bern Little Rebecca Little	George Garrett Lisa Little Bern Little Rebecca Little	George Garrett Lisa Little Bern Little Rebecca Little	George Garrett Lisa Little Bern Little Rebecca Little
Ushers (11:00)	Tom Wolfgang Beth Graybill Robert George Kollinn George	Tom Wolfgang Beth Graybill Robert George Kollinn George	Tom Wolfgang Beth Graybill Robert George Kollinn George	Tom Wolfgang Beth Graybill Robert George Kollinn George
Guest Receptionist (8:30)	Shirl Fink	Nancy Kilgore	Mike Pearl	Anna Dellinger
Guest Receptionist (11:00)	Sib Barley	Dave Rhan	Jean Grube	Jerry Cook
Nursery (8:30)	Katelyn Caralle Marie Gruendler	Teresa Jeffers Brooke Snyder	Roberto and Jennifer Rivera	Bev Shellenberger Marie Bodien
Nursery (11:00)	Open but not staffed	Open but not staffed	Open but not staffed	Open but not staffed

# April 2011

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May 2011

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 27 - Apr 2	Mar 27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2
							8:00am Men's Study
Apr 3 - 9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	8:30am & 11:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 6:00pm Ist. St. John's B-ball	7:00pm Grief Share 8:15pm Men's Group b-ball	1:30pm Grief Share 7:00pm Fellowship Meeting	8:30am Chapel 5:00pm youth sports practice 6:15pm Lenten Meals 7:00pm Lenten Worship 8:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	10:30am 50 Plus! Bible Study 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting		9:30am Gardening Information 5:30pm Spuds and Splits
Apr 10 - 16	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Door Offering 8:30am & 11:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 6:00pm Ist. St. John's B-ball	7:00pm Grief Share 8:15pm Men's Group b-ball	1:30pm Grief Share 5:30pm School Art & Soc. St. Fair 7:00pm Church Council 7:00pm Men's Study at Rick's	8:30am Chapel 5:00pm youth sports practice 6:15pm Lenten Meals 7:00pm Lenten Worship 8:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal		Herald Article Deadline	Prayer Vigil 8:00am Men's Study
Apr 17 - 23	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Palm Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 6:00pm Ist. St. John's B-ball 6:30pm Private Party	7:00pm Grief Share 8:15pm Men's Group b-ball	1:30pm Grief Share	8:30am Chapel 5:00pm youth sports practice 8:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	Maundy Thursday 9:00am Fellowship Breakfast 10:30am 50 Plus! Bible Study	Good Friday No School	Saturday Vigil
Apr 24 - 30	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Easter Day 8:30am & 11:00am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 6:00pm Ist. St. John's B-ball	No School 6:30pm Pilates Mat Class 8:15pm Men's Group b-ball	No School 7:00pm Evangelism Committee 7:00pm Men's Study at Rick's 7:00pm School Board	8:30am Chapel 5:00pm youth sports practice 7:15pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm Elders Bld		8:00am Men's Study