

Dear Friends,

Advent, as you all know, marks the beginning of the church year (check out page 6). It's a bit different than our January to December calendar, offering a different foundational purpose. During Advent, the church teaches, preaches, and contemplates the blessed work of **'Holy Preparation.'** We want to model our planning and design for ministry so that it is consistent with the teachings of the Bible. Our preparation is getting closer to the heart of Holy Preparation because we focus on providing learning opportunities, worship opportunities, missional outreach opportunities and service that connects us to God and to our "neighbors."

The first Advent wasn't noticed or announced by a colorful change in the paraments, the beautiful fabric we find on our altar, table, and pulpit. An angel sent by God announced to Mary, a young girl who found herself in a remarkable, magnificent, and perhaps a little bit unenviable position, that she would bear a child conceived by the Holy Spirit. How marvelous for the world, and yet how terribly confusing it must have been for that young couple — pregnant and unwed. How did they handle this challenging blessing? Faith!

Where you would have expected angels, the only wings were on flies. Where you would have expected rulers of kingdoms, there were donkeys, cows, sheep, maybe a camel, and for certain, mice. There was no doctor, just Joseph, to share Mary's pain (and her joy). Yes, there were angels announcing the Savior's arrival, but only to the shepherds. And yes, a magnificent star shown in the sky to mark his birthplace, but only three foreigners bothered to look up and follow it. The royal birth of God's son quietly came to pass as the world slept.

This Advent and Christmas season the leaders of St John's want everyone to take notice and not get lulled to sleep from too much food, too many parties, too much distraction from the heart of what matters. The birth of Jesus, intersecting our timeline 2,000 years ago, was a necessary corrective measure taken by God to reveal, yet again, God's desired intimacy with God's creation. Thank you, God! The incarnation, the birth of Jesus Christ, is the most dynamic love letter ever written. It's the message about the radical nature of extreme love. As members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are committed to loving fully — God and all people. As we begin a new church year let's stay focused on our commitment to the hard work of transformation and necessary alignment of our lives with God's purpose.

Be blessed!
Pastor Bob

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ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Holy Darkness

DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 @ 7:00 PM

Embrace the darkness of these long Advent nights as a place to encounter the beauty and mystery of God.

Sing with us this Christmas in worship filled with beautiful music!

CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00 pm - Instrument ensemble, and Hal Pysher, organist

7:00 pm (candlelight) - Brass quartet and Hal Pysher, organist

9:00 pm (candlelight) - String duet and Hal Pysher, organist

CHRISTMAS DAY

congregational singing

LESSONS & CAROLS

Hal Pysher, organist; Mason Emmert, vocals, piano; and Sam Kulp guitar

Christmas Worship

DECEMBER 24 3:00, 7:00, 9:00PM
(7:00 LIVESTREAMED)

DECEMBER 25 10:30AM

DECEMBER 26 9:30AM

LESSONS & CAROLS

MASKS
REQUIRED
AT ALL
SERVICES

THE SECOND-BEST TIME

By: Jen Friz, Congregation Council President

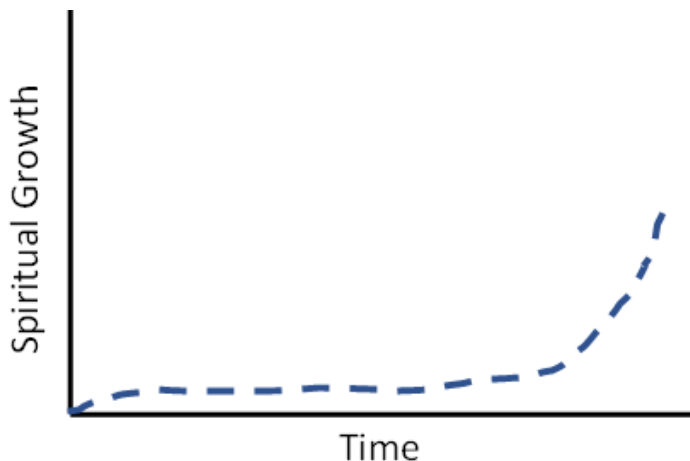
An old Chinese proverb says, “The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second-best time is now.” Even as we are approaching the end of fall and will be moving into a cold, dark winter, now is still the second-best time to plant a tree.

During a recent worship service Pastor Bob showed graphs on St. John’s historical membership numbers, number of baptisms and church attendance. Most of those graphs show numbers declining over time, as is the case with most churches, but our losses were significant. St. John’s baptized nearly 100 people a year in the 1980s and if we assume that most of those baptisms were infants, those 1,000 individuals would now be 30-39. Currently, we have 18 active members in the 30-39 age range. What happened to those trees that were planted?

While this reality may be painful, sad, regretful, and many would prefer not to make this visible or talk about it, I believe it’s important to acknowledge the failure to cultivate a deeply rooted membership 30+ years ago. Maybe the trees were planted, but the ground was rock, wasn’t fertile, maybe there was no rain. Whatever analogy you believe best fits that resulted in the significant active membership decline (over 3,000) – that’s the reality. The acknowledgment and understanding of our past are critical for our future. With this acceptance, I believe every one of our members must believe that transformation and reformation is required for the survival of St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Boyertown.

That’s our corporate history, the story we can tell with numbers, but each one of us has our own experience throughout our lives. I would like to ask you to create a graph of your own. What does a graph of your spiritual growth over time look like? Below I’ve shared what mine looks like: very little change throughout my life, until about 6 years ago.

Does your graph show growth or does it remain flat and stagnant? What is preventing your spiritual growth from expanding exponentially?



I don’t blame my lack of spiritual growth throughout my life on anyone but myself. I believe growth and development in any aspect of one’s life is up to that individual. I don’t believe that growth can happen by just attending a worship service each week. Building a relationship with God has to happen on a daily, almost constant basis, not just one hour a week. But that hour a week can spur, stir up, stimulate, encourage and inspire one to grow their faith.

The gift of eternal salvation is difficult to fathom and comprehend. As the author of A New Reformation, Rob Fuquay describes, “neither Martin Luther nor [John] Wesley [the founder of Methodism] found peace because someone told them God loved them. They both had to work at it. They discovered they didn’t have to earn God’s love by engaging in the work of study and prayer.”

Fuquay goes on to say that Luther’s breakthrough came when he was given an assignment to teach scripture. St. John’s is building a priesthood of believers who are studying scripture and teaching others. Reading of scripture, prayer and holy conversation! That’s the formula to transform our faith as individuals and as a body, with a purpose of building disciples aligned with God’s mission of reconciling all people through Jesus Christ.

If your faith is stagnant and you are ready for it to flourish and grow, I have a few suggestions. First, pray. Ask God for help. And then listen. (I’ll admit, this is a struggle for me!) But try it, ask God for guidance. Maybe God will lead you toward our People Caring for People ministry where we pray and reach out to and connect with our members. Maybe it will lead you to try a small group learning opportunity in the new year. One thing is for sure, if you want to change, reform, grow your faith, you have to do something different. Such is true for St. John’s, if we want to build a congregation – no matter what size – of totally devoted disciples that are committed to serving and loving God and one another – we have to change and reform. And it starts with each one of us – planting a tree – and NOW is the second-best time!

WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS

Our ‘Inclement Weather’ policy at St John’s states that when the Boyertown Area School District is closed, we follow their lead and cancel all meetings and events.

For weather related closings, check Channel 69 News or www.wfmz.com.



Christmas Day Meal

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. John's Christmas Day Meal will again be offered as a take-out meal similar to our Come to the Table ministry.

Donations of insulated grocery bags as well as monetary gifts for the purchase of food and supplies will be accepted. Checks noting "Christmas day meal" can be mailed to the office. Bags can be dropped off in the office by calling ahead to make arrangements or brought to Sunday worship and placed on the donation cart.

Questions can be directed to Noelle Erb at noelledierolf@gmail.com.



SHOP WITH A COP

Shop with a Cop is a national program pairing police officers with children to afford them a better Christmas. The program allows children to view police officers in a different atmosphere to promote positive relationships. This program is organized by East Berks Regional Police and focused on Boyertown Area School District children at the elementary levels who are faced with life challenges such as a parent losing a job, homelessness, military deployment, economic shortcomings, and other hardships.

On December 12, after shopping, children are invited to St. John's where volunteers assist with gift wrapping and providing a meal for the children and their families.

Questions about this event can be directed to Lori Carnes at lcarnes@dejazzd.com.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING SPONSORSHIPS

Deadline - Friday, December 10

Adorning the church with poinsettias and greenery is a special part of the celebration of Christmas at St. John's. We invite you to share in the experience through a memorial or gift. Each plant is \$10. Please complete this form, place your check made payable to St. John's in an envelope marked "Christmas Decoration Sponsorship" and drop it in the offering plate or church drop box, or mail directly to St. John's.

Name _____ Total # of plants _____ at \$10 each = _____

Please select one:

_____ Please donate my plant to Come to the Table recipients after December 26.

_____ I will pick up my plant from church on January 2.

Given in **memory** of: _____

Given in **honor** of: _____

Given in **celebration** of: _____

PRESCHOOL NEWS

By: Amy Willson

It's the most wonderful time of the year! December is magical, wonderful, hectic and just a bit crazy at the preschool! The hustle and bustle of the season infiltrates the classroom, as the kiddos anxiously await the big day! The preschool elves, aka the staff, embrace the magic of the season by creating special moments each day and lots of surprises for both the kids and the parents. It is extra special for us to be able to share the true meaning of Christmas with the children, and also how Christmas around the world is celebrated. From St. Nicholas leaving treats in their shoes, to La Befana, to the Grinch's bah humbug – each experience offers a tidbit of fun and chance to learn.

One of my absolute favorite things is to create special keepsakes that capture this moment in time for many years to come. I know when I decorate for the holidays and I pull out the special ornaments and crafts my own children made over the years, it always brings a smile to my face, and lately a tear or two as well. Especially as my children grow, I long for the days when they were just itty bitties and every little thing brought moments of awe. The first snowflake, the briskness of a cool winter day all bundled up with a cup of cocoa, the thrill of seeing Santa at the mall. The sheer wonder and delight on their faces was always so contagious. It is still there, just in a different way than their younger years. With that in mind, it is an extra joy and blessing to experience all of those moments of delight and wonder with our preschool children, and create preschool magic and lasting memories.

We hope that during all of the hustle and bustle, you also get to experience moments of peace. From all of us at the preschool, we wish you a season of blessings from heaven above. May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you all through the New Year.

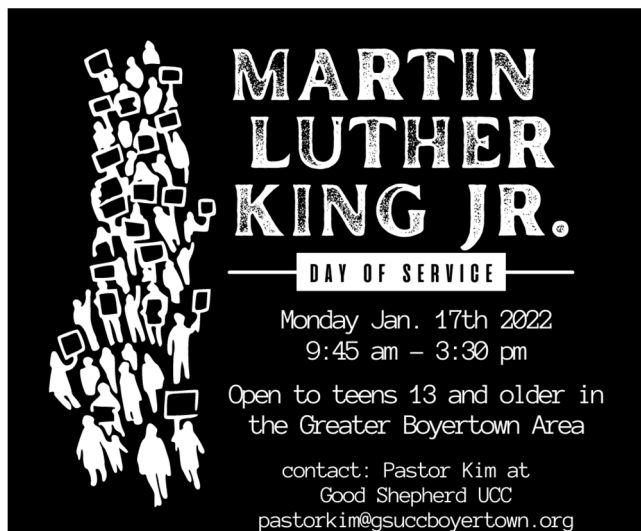


Introducing Mrs. Amanda Ehst

My name is Amanda Ehst, and this is my second year at St. John's Preschool. I teach the two-year old playgroup classes, facilitate the Mommy & Me class, and lead music and gym classes with the 3's, 4's, and Transitional Kindergarten classes. I also serve as the assistant to the director of the preschool. Truly, no two days are alike!

When I'm not at the preschool, you'll find me with the Boyertown High School marching band or driving the mom taxi. I have two daughters, ages 16 and 13, and two sons, ages 11 and 9. All four of my children are involved in some aspect of music — singing, dancing, playing instruments, as well as various sports. Our family owns and operates Butter Valley Harvest, a hydroponic greenhouse just north of Bally.

On the rare occasion I have free time, I enjoy time spent with my family, especially if it involves the beach. Books, music, board games, and fireside chats with friends are also favorites. I enjoy running, though making time for that is more challenging during marching band season! If you do find me sitting still, you're likely to find me watching a Hallmark Christmas movie, drinking a hot cup of tea or coffee, with a cat snuggled up next to me.



Observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. We will be starting and ending our day at Good Shepherd UCC and participating in projects all within walking distance of the church. Lunch will be served at St. John's and a tee shirt will be provided. All teens 13 years of age and older are welcome.

Eagle Messenger Article Deadlines

Monday, December 6 for January issue

Monday, January 10 for February issue

Monday, February 7 for March issue

ADVENT, AND THE LONGING FOR HOME

Kenneth L. Carder (Retired Bishop, United Methodist Church)

Longing for home is deeply embedded in the human psyche. It is an innate hunger, buried deeper even than our memories or imaginings. It is a yearning for the best of what has been and the anticipation of what can be. We hunger for the home we remember and long for the home of which we dream. That longing for home is more than a desire for a place or a pleasant memory or a dreamed-of future. Home is a state of being, of belonging, of becoming. The longing for home is the deep need to be anchored in a secure, restored past and pulled toward a transformed, fulfilled future. That yearning for home is God beckoning us toward wholeness, belonging and participation in God's present and coming reign.

Advent means "coming," and it is the season of remembering and preparing for home. We remember God coming to those in exile, declaring through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1b NRSV). The prophet pointed toward home and admonished, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3). God came to those in exile, announced that their wait was almost over and said to prepare for homecoming.

God entered humanity's exile as a vulnerable baby, whose birth home was a cattle stall. God enters our waiting, "tabernacles" among us and claims even smelly stables as home. In Jesus Christ, God assures us that wherever we are, we are home in the divine presence.

Advent is the season of remembering God's coming among us in Jesus the Christ. It is also the season of expectancy, as we anticipate the coming of God's final victory over all that threatens home. God has entered our exiles, our lonely places, reminding us, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ... Do not fear, for I am with you" (Isaiah 43:1b, 5a).

STEPPING FORWARD TOWARD TOGETHER

Woody Jenkins Biographical Background

Lynwood B. (Woody) Jenkins is the author of *The Role of the Minister in a Dying Congregation* (Smyth & Helwys Publishing, Inc., 2011). An active layperson throughout his life, Woody has served in leadership capacities in local Church of the Brethren, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and Baptist congregations. Woody spent 30 years working in a variety of non-profit organizations including fair housing, higher education, and the lifecare industry.

Heeding a lifelong call to ministry, he entered seminary, earning Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry degrees from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. He subsequently served as a pastor and part-time seminary professor. In addition to his pastoral duties and teaching responsibilities, he served as a volunteer EMT and chaplain in his local community. After retirement from the pastorate in 2015, he continues to serve as lead chaplain in his home county.

Woody served as pastor of Elk Creek Baptist Church, a small country church situated in a resort community in central Virginia. Woody previously served as pastor of Southampton Baptist Church, a small, urban Richmond, VA church. This church provided the genesis for his book.

Woody and his wife, Penny, share four grown children, and five grandchildren. They enjoy travel and spending time with their family, especially their grandchildren. They are presently members of Tabernacle Baptist Church, in Richmond, where Woody serves as a deacon and Penny is church clerk.

WOODY JENKINS WORKSHOP

register online or call the office

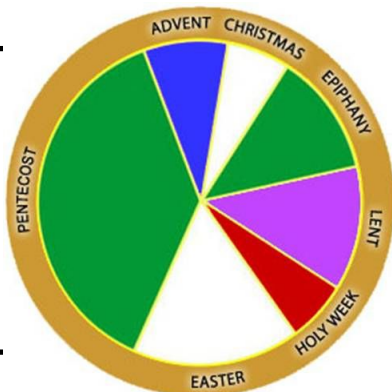
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Lower Level
dinner provided



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 am - 1:00 pm | Lower Level
light breakfast provided



A new liturgical year began on November 28 with the start of Advent. The church year is cyclical; seasons flow one to another. There are 6 seasons in the liturgical calendar: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Each season has its own theme, color and symbol. The church year is a never-ending circle beginning with Advent.

Dear Siblings in Christ,

On Saturday, October 23, Robert D. Machamer, Sr. departed this life with a sign of faith. Pastor Bob has been sharing updates on the health of his father on occasion during Sunday worship services since his father entered a long-term care facility. It's been clear over the last couple of weeks that the family wasn't expecting Bob Sr.'s time on this earth to go on much longer.

And less than 12 hours later, Pastor Bob was leading St. John's worship service, where he announced his father's death to the approximately 70 members present in person and about 20 viewing on YouTube. As council president I failed to make the announcement to the entire congregation, through a letter and email, that Pastor Bob's father had died, so only those who were present or watched the service online were aware. With this news, I hope that Pastor Bob was flooded with love, support, condolences and prayers for those of you who were aware of the news. But I also missed the opportunity to share with the congregation what expectations of behavior would be during this time, to give Pastor Bob some space, some time away from the office. It's our responsibility to set those boundaries and expectations to allow Pastor Bob the time needed to prepare for the funeral. The same thing applies for his preparation for weddings, funerals, and worship service every Sunday. We should be aware of the timing of our communications and our expectations for Pastor Bob's attention and care during these times where it is critical for him to have time and space to prepare his message and listen to God. I am sorry and regret the stress that I caused and failed to prevent during the week following Pastor Bob's father's death.

I would like to share some details of the funeral, which I was privileged to attend. Bob, Sr. was a dedicated, hard-working man, an army veteran, a devoted husband, father and an especially loving grandpa, whose time on this earth came to life through the stories his family shared.

We all know Pastor Bob has the highest expectations and you could be certain that he would want to honor his father in this way. Pastor Bob was the presiding minister for the funeral service, but he asked our staff, Becky Scheiry and Shannon Omlor to assist in the service. Two women who have been trained and equipped as servants and disciples of Jesus. They were confident, wonderful and had a peaceful and calming presence. Their delivery, poise, and demeanor created an environment in which Bob Sr. could truly be honored and Pastor Bob could focus on doing just that. The calmness and safety Pastor Bob felt in having Becky and Shannon lead the service was clear. So, thank you Becky and Shannon, well done! And thank you Pastor Bob, for training and using your team, and trusting in your staff. It was quite beautiful.

All of this happened the week before Reformation Sunday, and I believe this is an example of one of the key pieces of the Protestant Reformation.... *The Priesthood of All Believers*. The idea, that any of us, common people, can do the work of priests. I think this is the hope and future of St. John's, building a learning community, a priesthood, totally devoted disciples of Christ, committed to God's mission of reconciling all people through Jesus Christ. I pray that you are committed to this journey at St. John's.

Be blessed,
Jen Friz

THE DIRECTOR'S BIG BAND

*Christmas
Concert*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 7:00 PM
ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
45 READING AVENUE | BOYERTOWN

Free Admission  Masks Required



Alex Forsyth's recent baptism took place in the Manatawny Creek. Welcome and congratulations Alex!



WHAT DO YOU FIND IRRESISTIBLE?

By: Michele Eidle

Ice cream? A good book? Puppies? Your favorite dessert? Babies? Chocolate? **JESUS?**

What if someone told you that you could have the most wonderful gift in the world, and you didn't have to do anything at all to get it? Could you imagine RESISTING something that amazing? What if I told you that you already have it? God's love is unmeasurable, unimaginable, so incredibly great and brilliant; it's Irresistible! Jesus sacrificed his life for YOU, he died and was resurrected to pay the price for your sins and my sins and my neighbor's sins; everyone's sins. Can you imagine a greater or more powerful act of love?

I had the pleasure of joining with seven others to study a book and video series by Andy Stanley titled *Irresistible*. I had no idea what to expect when Pastor Bob invited me to co-teach the Irresistible small group. To say the book was thought-provoking and eye opening is an understatement. Until I joined a small group here at St. John's, I never understood what Holy conversation was and how essential it would become in growing my faith. Andy Stanley's book *Irresistible* had so many lightbulb moments, jaw dropping revelations, and inspired so many personal conversations that it had my family members, who were not class participants, fully engaged.

My takeaway from the lessons in *Irresistible* is that if we are to love one another as Jesus loved us then we should always ask ourselves, "What does love require of me to do right now so that they would recognize Jesus in me?"

Congregation council, worship team members and small group leaders have been utilizing different tools to learn what Jesus' instructions mean for us. Even though we have individual relationships with God, it's our love of our neighbor and support of one another that God wants.

I can't save you. I can't repent for you. I can't believe for you. That's on you and your relationship with God. I should not judge you. I should not ignore you. I should not withhold love from you. I should help you see that you are loved. I should help those around me know that they already have God's love. They need to know they don't have to do anything to get it, they already have it. As disciples we must help them see God's love and assist them in recognizing where God is at work in their lives.

God does not love one person more than any other. There's no one that loses God's love or has God's love taken away because they live in a way that may be judged harshly by others. You can't steal God's love away from someone else to get more for yourself. That's not how it works. We are supposed to help others to be reconciled with God. Help them see that there is light and hope and love among all of us. Living the way Jesus taught will make a better life for your neighbor whether that neighbor sits in the pew in front of you in church, is a stranger you just crossed paths with, someone you met during a crisis, or is someone who is a part of your everyday life.

Faith is irresistible when you live your life understanding how incredibly blessed you are, and you love others as Jesus loved you.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

ANNUAL CONGREGATION BUDGET MEETING

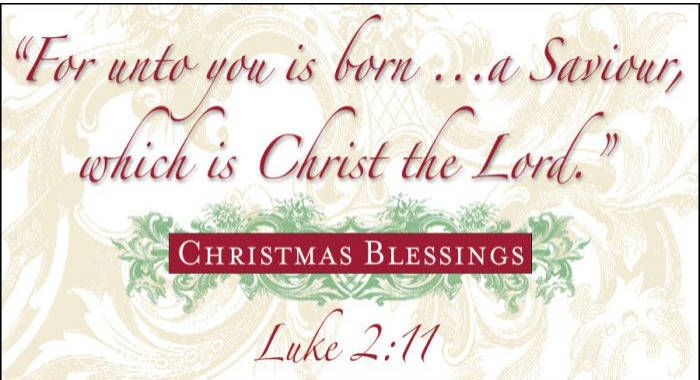
December 12
immediately following 9:30 am worship

In accordance with Article C.10.01.01 of our constitution, the Annual Congregation Budget Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2021, immediately following 9:30 am worship. The agenda consists of the following items:

- 1) presentation of the 2022 Ministry Action Plan for approval
- 2) election of Congregation Council Members

REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS

The IRS provides clear guidelines with regard to the date of posting contributions, which we follow carefully. All contributions received or postmarked by December 31 will be included in that year's contribution statement. If the contribution is received or postmarked after December 31, it will be included in the contribution statement of the year in which it is received/postmarked, regardless of the date on the check.



DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:45a Preschool Staff Meeting 2:00p Homelessness Task Force 7:00p Midweek Advent Service	2 Operation 143 Delivery 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	3 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 4:00p Historical Holiday Tour 6:30p Woody Jenkins Workshop 7:00p Unity Tree Lighting in Boyertown	4 9:00a Woody Jenkins Workshop 4:30p Come to the Table
5 Advent 2 9:30a Sunday Church School 9:30a Worship Celebration	6 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:00p Joint Parking Lot Committee	7	8 7:00p Congregation Council 7:00p Midweek Advent Service	9 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Cub Scouts 512 8:00p Worship Broadcast	10 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	11 4:30p Come to the Table
12 Advent 3 9:30a Sunday Church School 10:45a Annual Congregation Budget Meeting 9:30a Worship Celebration 4:30p Shop with a Cop	13 5:00p Newsletter Submission 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	14	15 9:30a Pottstown Soup Kitchen 7:00p Midweek Advent Service	16 Operation 143 Delivery 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 6:30p Troop Committee 7:00p Boy Scouts 7:00p Cub Scouts 512 8:00p Worship Broadcast	17 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study 12:30p Staff Christmas Luncheon	18 4:30p Come to the Table 7:00p Director's Big Band Christmas Concert
19 Advent 4 9:30a Sunday Church School 9:30a Worship Celebration 10:45a Come to the Table Meeting	20 6:30p Girl Scouts	21 7:00p Finance Team	22 Preschool Closed	23 Preschool Closed 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	24 Christmas Eve Office & Preschool Closed 3:00p Worship Celebration 7:00p Worship Celebration 'Candlelight' 9:00p Worship Celebration 'Candlelight'	25 Christmas Day 10:30a Worship Celebration 11:00a Christmas Day Meal
26 Lessons & Carols 9:30a Worship Celebration	27 Office & Preschool Closed 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	28 Office & Preschool Closed	29 Office & Preschool Closed	30 Office & Preschool Closed 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 8:00p Worship Broadcast	31 Office & Preschool Closed 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Day	Special Service	Lector	Prayer	Sound	Ushers	Video
12/1/2021	Wednesday	7:00 PM		Midweek Advent		NA	Brianna Rohrbach	Ben Rohrbach, Bill Rohrbach	Sarah Eidle
12/5/2021	Sunday	9:30 AM	Advent 2		Nancy Edwards	Andy & Susan Varzally	Chase Sennott	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer, Darin Moyer, Kevin Moyer	Abbe Grofe
12/8/2021	Wednesday	7:00 PM		Midweek Advent		NA	Chase Sennott	Martha Bentley, Terry Wadsworth	Nyla Omlor
12/12/2021	Sunday	9:30 AM	Advent 3		Charles Haddad	Mel Roth	Myles Omlor	Mike Gilbert, Barbara Houp, Gerry Krause, Carol Sematis	Jason Eidle
12/15/2021	Wednesday	7:00 PM		Midweek Advent		NA	Ashley Gheer	Jay Herbert, Scott Schiery	Aiden Martin
12/19/2021	Sunday	9:30 AM	Advent 4		Missy Endy	Michele Eidle	Chase Sennott	Barry & Becky Erb, Ron & Bunny Riffle	Scott Scheiry
12/24/2021	Friday	3:00 PM	Christmas Eve	Afternoon	Phyllis Kershner	Martha Bentley	Myles Omlor	Martha Bentley, Jay Herbert, Scott Scheiry, Carol Sematis	NA
12/24/2021	Friday	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve	Candlelight	Ben Rohrbach	Lauren Frey	Brianna Rohrbach	Darin Moyer, Kevin Moyer, Ben Rohrbach, Bill Rohrbach	Nyla Omlor
12/24/2021	Friday	9:00 PM	Christmas Eve	Candlelight	Sarah Eidle	Ros Moatz	Ashley Gheer	Brian & Ros Moatz, Terry Wadsworth	NA
12/25/2021	Saturday	10:30 AM	Christmas Day		Terry Wade	Terry Wade	Chase Sennott	Terry & Sandy Wade	Abbe Grofe
12/26/2021	Sunday	9:30 AM	First Sunday after Christmas	Lessons and Carols	NA	NA	Brianna Rohrbach	Brian & Ros Moatz	Sarah Eidle

Interested in assisting with worship? Contact the office for available opportunities.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Terry Wade	2 Emily Groff Michael Houck Joan Kessler Rochelle Morrell Sandie Ritschard	3	4
5 Nathan Vogt	6 Richard Eidle	7 Gregory Daub Brian Shoemaker Hope Silverman	8	9 Nora Stahlnecker	10 Linda Auman Betty Lou Hess Mary Schnable	11 Leon Schlegel
12 Margaret Funk Gavin Yingling	13 Courtney Dierolf Mabel McCord	14 Evelyn Heimbach Kyle Lee Sherry Mendez	15 Connie Babb Noelle Erb Gloria Weller	16 Shane Johnson	17 Sharon Leister Alyssa Stahlnecker	18 Ros Moatz
19 Thomas Nester Becky Scheiry	20	21 Chris Hoagey Serena Salenga	22 Russ Foss Timothy Krause Susan Varzally	23 Betty Miller Darin Moyer	24 Corrie Shaner	25 Nick Frey Jeff Linden
26 Jen Friz John Karver	27 Vicki Davidheiser	28 Martha Bentley	29 Cody Rhoads	30 Lori Leister Ronald Shankweiler Elaine Smith	31 Virginia Harze Jane Spade	



Happy Birthday!



EAGLE MESSENGER

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We believe God's purpose for the people of
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to develop
joy-filled children of God who love the Lord
and share God's Word.

We do this by:

- Maintaining a trusting and welcoming environment.
- Praying daily.
- Reading scripture regularly.
- Sharing our faith through action-based service.
- Encouraging holy conversations.
- Feeding our faith with music.

With a focus on:

- Activities that build relationships.
- Worship that is relevant.
- Meeting the needs of the vulnerable in our community.

Return Service Request - Dated Material
Mailed November 23, 2021

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SUNDAY 9:30 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
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