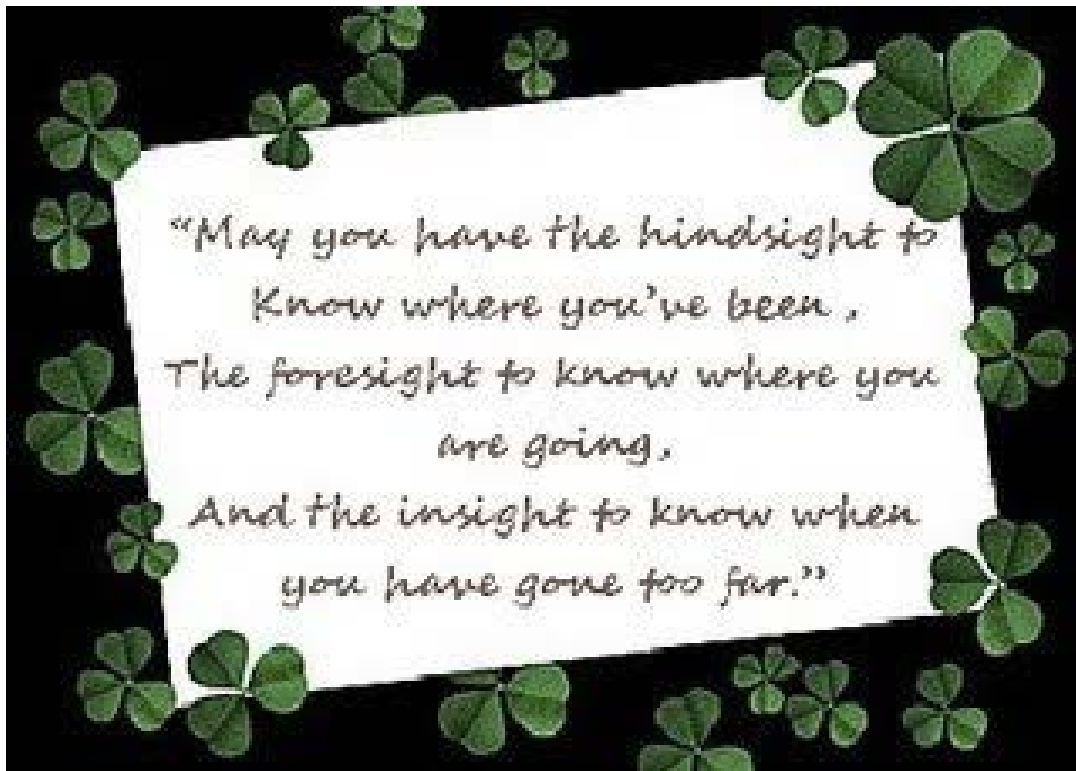


ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
RIDGE VALLEY  
EVANGELIST NEWSLETTER  
MARCH 2021



*St John's is a strong  
community.  
We will weather this together.  
Don't give up hope and keep  
the faith!*



## *Message from our Bridge Pastor*

Dear Friends,

Lent has begun and we are on our way toward Easter. During this season we prepare for the joy of resurrection while we concentrate on what our faith and our God mean to us. Each week we have the opportunity to meditate on God's tender mercies that are extended to us.

Have you recently taken the time to consider how much God loves you? It is amazing that God will continue to bless and care for us even though we may on occasion turn our backs on God. As a focus for this Lenten season, I chose to use St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, chapter 5, verses 1 and verses 13 – 25, to think about the ways in which our relationship with God leads to a transformed and blessed life.

Each week I will look at one of the nine fruit of the Spirit: self-control, gentleness, faithfulness, generosity, kindness, patience, peace, joy, and love. Join me in thinking about how our lives are transformed by God's presence with us.

Each Wednesday I will have prepared a meditation on each theme, electronic copies and paper copies for those who cannot access the internet. Let's think together about the way that God is expressing the Spirit in each of us.

Your servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Paul*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT:



Ah March: in like a lion out like a lamb. Of course, you're going to get the Vicki twist on this one! With a lion-like bite of COVID nipping at our heals and souls we are able to look forward to the Lamb of God unfolding His arms to help us. We need to keep steadfast in our faith that the vaccinations are here to help us, and God is guiding the workers hands. As we march through Lent: we reflect on the past year; look forward to warm days; and pray for peace in our hearts and everywhere in the world. Peace in our hearts will shine through us to everyone around and pass the peace along to others. It's a glorious warmth that needs to be shared! Call someone and pass the peace. Stop by someone's home, wave to them while passing the peace. Send a note in the mail whether it's snail mail or an email and pass the peace. Let everyone know that you are well, and you care about them.

I am getting better and would like to pass some inner peace to you all: Peace be with you!

***Be a light in someone's day***

*Vicki Guenst*  
**St. John's Church Council President**

# transitions

team updates

## The Five Focus Points of

Transition time. They are:

- 1) Heritage: *reviewing how the congregation has been shaped and formed.*
- 2) Leadership: *reviewing the membership needs and its ways of organizing and developing new and effective leadership.*
- 3) Mission: *defining and redefining sense of purpose and direction.*
- 4) Connections: *discovering all the relationships a faith community builds outside of itself.*
- 5) Future: *developing congregational and pastoral profiles*

## Call Committee Update

**Call Committee members are:**

Denise Rogers, Don Graham, Elsie Bartram, Sue Crouthamel, Kayla Ackerman, and Zack McLane.



## Outdoor Property - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for someone to spearhead the Outdoor Property committee and find volunteers to complete the many tasks that Chris Wall performed over the years.



For those who have Thrivent cards and have not used them yet; Chris Wall will be attempting to make soup again and needs some financial help to get them started. We are also discussing having other fundraisers in the future and the Thrivent cards can be used for that as well. Thank you. Denise Rogers is our liaison for Thrivent.

# NewsLetter DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for Submissions for

St. John's April 2021 Newsletter must be submitted by NO LATER than 12 noon Friday, March 26, 2021.

Submissions can be dropped off at the church office or emailed to: [stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com). Thank you!



## HELP US GROW THROUGH eGIVING

Through your contributions, we are able to continue our mission to do God's work and share our message, giving people strength and compassion needed to make it through difficult times like these. We hope you will continue to support

St. Johns in 2021.

For your convenience, our eGiving service, Vanco, provides tools to make giving simple even when you're unable to attend church. Their eGiving is safe and secure and can be accessed on your phone by downloading the [GivePlus](#) Mobile App on the App Store or on Google Play. Enter the zip code for our church [18960] and give. You can also easily enter your donation from our church website. To learn more about giving online, contact Barb Berberich at 215-258-0282. Thank you again for supporting St. John's and the church we've all worked so hard to nurture.

*"Help the life of one person and you can help the*

*community." Food Drive Benefitting Pennridge FISH*

*Drop off your donations at St John's during church office hours; Monday through Friday – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For a list of current needs visit [www.pennridgefish.org](http://www.pennridgefish.org)*

*FISH giving: 2020: 295 pounds (as of 11/23/2020)*

**Quakertown Food Pantry** maintains an Amazon wish list with its most needed items. Simply purchase the items and they'll be automatically shipped to their designated address. Visit [www.quakertownfoodpantry.org](http://www.quakertownfoodpantry.org) for more information

### Do You Shop on Amazon.com?



If so, please choose St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church in Sellersville, PA through your AmazonSmile account. There is no cost to you and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. John's. Just go to **smileamazon.com**, search for **St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church (in Sellersville, PA)** and then click on "select".

If you have questions, please contact the church office. This is a great way to support our ministry with no extra cost to you. Thank you for your support! **Visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) to register your account.**

*thank you!*

Thank You to everyone for all their hard work for Christmas Eve and ALL the on-line (virtual) worship services.

Your hard work is truly appreciated!

*Worship & Music Committee*



A Memorial was received in Loving Memory of **Robert & Jean McCluskey** from *Peter & Jean Loux*.

A Memorial was received in Loving Memory of **Richard Baxter** from *Joanne & Frank Turtola and Gerald, Nancy & Glenn Moyer*.

A Memorial was received in Loving Memory of **Ralph Heffendrager** from *James Marshbank, William & Barbara Cressman, Don & Dorothy Edmonds, Esther Clymer, and Kay Hofman*.

A Memorial was received in Loving Memory of **Ida Leister** from *Lee & Sue Felbinger*.



**When we pray together, we storm the gates of heaven. Please pray with one another for healing and the well-being of:**

**Please pray for a speedy recovery for the following people:**

*Arlette Frederick, Ed Galgon, Vicki Guent, Patrick Harrington, Laurie Hopkins, and Carl Knerr.*

**Please pray for the family of Fred Schirk.**

**Please keep our homebound members in your prayers -** *Francis Allem, Edna Barndt, Pauline Brensinger, William Clayton, Stella Crouthamel, Nancy Esposito, Carolyn Hafler, Bob Kulp, Blanche Matczak, Naomi Nase, Shirley Nase, Myrna Reppert, Mark Trauger, Elaine Turner, and Harriet Woehr.*

**Prayers for our Military –** *Jacob Baxter, Luke Dixon, Bryanne Kelly, and Steven Walter.*

If you know of someone that needs to be added to the prayer list please call the church office 215-257-9643 or email the office [stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com)



**Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on March 14, 2021.**



### **MARCH BIRTHDAY LIST:**

- 9th Mark Bruder*
- 13th Owen Spangenberg*
- 15th Cheryl Wagner*
- 17th Barb Berberich*
- 18th Dave Beck II*
- 19th Linda Trauger*
- 26th Courtney Klinger & Don Graham*
- 27th Walter Kolb*
- 28th Penny Markley*
- 31st Nicole Strain*

**Did we miss anyone else? Please let the church office know if we missed someone's birthday.**

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The new sign-up calendars for Flowers, Bulletins and Candles for 2021 are available in the Fellowship Coffee Area once the church is allowed to open its doors again. We are going to use the green potted plants on the altar instead of flowers during our virtual worship services.

If anyone wishes to sign up for flowers bulletins and candles, contact the church office or email [stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com).

A notice will then be put in the bulletin stating that the Virtual flowers were donated by \_\_\_\_\_ in memory or honor of \_\_\_\_\_.

This change will be beneficial in that no one has to go out and get flowers and not have to worry about how to disburse of the flowers after the service until the church is allowed to open for physical indoor worship services.

## Scripture Readings for March 2021

*March 7<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Lent*

*First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17*

*Psalm: Psalm 19*

*Second Reading: 1Corinthians 1: 18-25*

*Gospel: John 2: 13-22*

*March 14<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9*

*Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

*Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 1-10*

*Gospel: John 3: 14-21*

*March 21<sup>st</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*Psalm: Psalm 51: 1-12*

*Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10*

*Gospel: John 12: 20-33*

*March 28<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday*

*Processional Gospel: Mark 11: 1-11*

*First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a*

*Psalm: 31: 9-16*

*Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11*

*Gospel: Mark 14: 1-72 & 15: 1-47*



*It's time to order Easter Flowers as we prepare  
to celebrate the  
Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!*



**Lilies \$9.00**  
1 plant/4-6 blooms  
blooms  
in each 6" pot



**Tulips \$7.00**  
6 plants/6 blooms  
in each 6" pot



**Daffodils \$6.00**  
3 plants/5-7  
in each 6" pot

Order forms can be found in the bulletins through March  
and on our church website's home page at:

<https://www.stjohnridgevalley.com>

Please submit the order form and payment via USPS  
(mail):

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 910 Allentown  
Road, Sellersville, PA 18960. Or drop off during office  
hours – Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

***Be sure make checks payable to:*** St. John's  
Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**ALL ORDERS/PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY:**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2021**

# 2021 Easter Flowers Order Form

Lilies \$9.00; Tulips \$7.00; Daffodils \$6.00

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



**Lilies** (1 plant/4-6 blooms in each 6" pot)  
\_\_\_\_\_ QTY @ \$9.00 each      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Tulips** (6 plants/6 blooms in each 6" pot)  
\_\_\_\_\_ QTY @ \$7.00 each      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Daffodils** (3 plants/5-7 blooms in each 6" pot)  
\_\_\_\_\_ QTY @ \$6.00 each      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please mail order form and payment to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 910 Allentown Road, Sellersville, PA 18960.

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**MARCH 2021 WORSHIP ASSISTANT LIST  
10:15 AM VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

	<b>March 7</b>	<b>March 14</b>	<b>March 21</b>	<b>March 28</b>
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Marge Fitzgerald Barb Berberich Kathy Weirback	Marge Fitzgerald Barb Berberich Kathy Weirback	Marge Fitzgerald Barb Berberich Kathy Weirback	Marge Fitzgerald Barb Berberich Kathy Weirback
<b>BELL RINGER</b>	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
<b>**LECTOR/ WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	Don Graham	Linda Good Allen	Brenda Wall	Cornell Hopkins
<b>TELLERS (*Council Member)</b>	Vicki Guenst* Rick Croisette David Schirk	Penny Markley Don Graham Cheryl Fuhrman	Chris Wall* Brenda Wall Sue Crouthamel	Phyllis Kogel* Denise Rogers Greg Gilton

**\*\*The assigned Lector will also act as Worship Assistant and read the prayers. If you prefer, you may request the Pastor to do the prayers.**

**If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please arrange to switch with another person on the schedule, then contact the Church Office or Brenda Wall or Sue Crouthamel by the Wednesday of the week you had been scheduled. Thank you. Anyone wishing to volunteer for Worship Assistants for either service, please contact Brenda Wall or Sue Crouthamel. Thank You!**

**\*Tellers – please use the Sunday School room across the hall from the Pastor’s office to count the offerings. Thank you!**

## **Join the Card Shower**

***Simply pick up a “get well” or “encouragement” card or write a note, and send it to any or all of the folks listed below. They would love to receive your thoughts and prayers, and we know it would help to brighten up their day. Thank you for your time and care!***

Frances Allem  
2030 Old Bethlehem Pike  
Sellersville, PA 18960

Edna Barndt  
Parker at Stonegate  
443 River Road, Apt. 313 Highland  
Park, NJ 08904

Elaine Turner  
P.O. Box 254  
Tylersport, PA 18971

Pauline Brensinger  
12 Lutheran Home Drive  
Room 402 – Healthcare Pavilion  
Telford, PA 18969

Carolyn Hafler  
12 Lutheran Home Drive  
Personal Care Room 101  
Telford, PA 18969

Marguerite (Peggy) Rohl  
3250 State Rd.  
RL# 391, Apt 4  
Sellersville, PA 18960

Blanche Matczak  
205 Cleveland St  
Mullins, SC 29574

William Clayton #133  
Sacred Heart Senior Living  
4851 Saucon Creek Rd  
Center Valley, PA 18034

Myrna Reppert  
1621 South Shore Rd.  
Lot# 83  
Ocean View, NJ 08230

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Trauger & Family  
242 Telford Pike  
Telford, PA 18969

Naomi Nase  
2077 Hendricks Station Rd  
Harleysville, PA 19438

Harriet Woehr  
1504 Ridge Rd  
Sellersville PA 18960

Stella Crouthamel  
2849 Big Road APT 3113  
Zieglerville, PA 19492

Ruth Marx  
56 South 14th Street  
Quakertown, PA 18951

Shirley Nase  
12 Lutheran Home Dr.  
Telford, PA 18969

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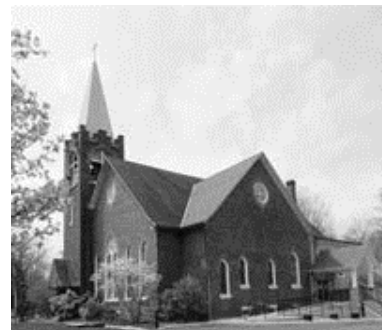
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***St. John's Council Members:***

Vicki Guent – Council President  
Chris Wall – Council Vice President  
Emily Dixon – Council Secretary  
Kathy Weirback – Treasurer  
Barbara Berberich – Financial Secretary  
Phyllis Kogel  
Lynn Crouthamel  
Zack McLane

Ministers: The People of St. John's

Bridge Pastor: Pastor Paul Townsend  
Bridge Secretary: Kim O'Riordan  
Organist & Music Director: Mark Gottesfeld  
Sexton – Christine Nyce

