



MESSENGER NEWSLETTER
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
 "The small church with a BIG heart: Ordinary people
 With an extra ordinary message!
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Schubert and Babbtown Newsletter
Calendar for February, 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

BABBTOWN

Sunday Worship

8:00 A.M. Worship

(Holy Communion 2nd & 4th Sunday)

SCHUBERT

Sunday Worship

Sunday school 9 A.M. &
9:15 A.M.

Bible study 9:30 A.M.

10:00 A.M. Worship with
(Holy Communion)

Also Streaming on Facebook

February at a Glance

- Feb 2 Pastors Conference 9 am
- Feb 3 Confirmation 6-7:30 pm,
 Elders 7:30 pm
- Feb 4 Ladies Aid 6:30 pm
- Feb 6 Saturday Evening Worship
 (Mask Only) 6 pm
- Feb 7 Basement Reserved
- Feb10 Confirmation 6-7:30 pm
- Feb13 Saturday Evening Worship
 (Mask Only) 6 pm
- Feb14 Valentine's Day
- Feb16 Clergy Meeting 12 noon
 Capital Region
- Feb17 Ash Wednesday, Confirmation
 6 pm, worship 7 pm
- Feb20 Saturday Evening Worship
 (Mask Only) 6 pm
- Feb21 Newsletter Items Due
- Feb22 Babbtown Bible Class 7 pm
- Feb 24 Confirmation 6 pm,
 Worship 7 pm
- Feb27 Saturday Evening Worship
 (Mask Only) 6 pm

Dear Friends and Members of St. John's Congregations, Brothers and Sisters in Christ Fellow Redeemed,

We are in the middle of the Epiphany Season, yet the beginning of Lent is fast approaching, Ash Wednesday is February 17. While we mark the different seasons on the Church Calendar, one thing is evident: you cannot divide up the act of Salvation. When we preach, or teach, or witness about Jesus, we proclaim His entire work of redemption from His conception to His death and resurrection and ascension! We must hear, believe and share the entire story of our salvation.

As I was sitting down to write this newsletter article, my mind was filled with the message that was delivered yesterday on Life Sunday. As the history of the cultures of the dominating world powers is studied, we see a common, alarming, similarity to the world in which we live and the Godless thinking that so blinds the hearts and minds of the so-called learned people and those who think that they are so wise.

Unfortunately some of God's own people are also led astray by the foolishness of the world. This happens when they stop listening to God's word or quit believing the truth of the scriptures.

This reminds me of the words that Jesus spoke as He was nailed to the cross: "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 2:34)

As we see ungodly behavior, evil actions, hatred, ill will, anger, and twisted corrupted values, we turn to these words of Jesus our Savior.

We live in a fallen world and we have been called out of it and called to proclaim the word of the cross to everyone.

Only in Jesus and through Jesus do we have hope and only Jesus can change people's hearts and lives.

Stand strong and stand firm on Christ Jesus and be at peace.

In Christ's Love
Pastor

SPEAKING FOR LIFE

“For the Christian, the crucifixion is the center of the whole, the event that gives voice to a broken, dark, and dying world, and the paradoxical suggestion of life somehow within it. This is why the church calendar sets apart forty days to prepare for the cross. This is why the church marks steeples and graves in memory of the crucifixion. The death of Christ is the occasion that makes way for the last to be first, the guilty to be pardoned, the creature united again to its creator.” *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries*
– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Over the last 10 months we have been working toward keeping the ministry here at St John’s available to everyone. We currently have worship in person on (Saturday-(Mask required) and on Sunday—in person and online—live stream (Facebook) or audio (sent by email) and Bible study online and in person.

Sunday school is in session.
Confirmation instruction is being provided.

I also offer to bring communion to those who cannot attend as well as offer private communion here at church.

Please take advantage of these opportunities.

Call me and we will discuss your needs.

My cell number is 573-353-9540.

We are privileged to be able to share the greatest treasure—Jesus Christ. We need to stay connected to Him.

God’s Blessings
In Christ, Pastor

Friendly Reminders

These are two small reminders that everything that we do is a witness.

We have received these two notes along with a gift to help keep the cross lighted.

We preach Christ Crucified.

Wishing you and your congregation a blessed 2021!

Thank you for keeping the cross lit. It continues to provide hope.

Pastor Schepeler,

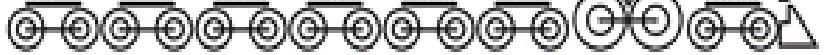
I can't tell you how much I enjoy the lighted cross you have displayed on your church.

Especially in these times when I see it, it gives me a sense of comfort reminding me that God will always be there for us.

Thank You!



PUZZLE



A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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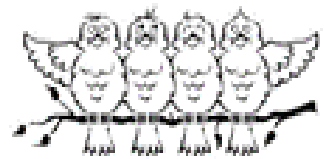
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RUTH 1:16, NIV



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Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV



LET THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINE THROUGH YOU

From St. John's Evangelism Committee

Have you ever heard the word evangelism at church and felt your palms begin to sweat? Is it time to go “knocking on doors” you wonder; or tremble thinking, how can I possibly be a good witness for Christ? Have you been afraid to share your faith because you don't know what to say; or you've tried to share the Gospel, and nothing happened...people just didn't “get it?”

The truth is that being a witness for Christ is something we all should do all the time. The danger is thinking that the effort has to be perfect, or not even trying because you don't want to make a mistake.

By now, of course, we know that we're not the one actually doing the heavy lifting. We know that we *alone* can't open someone's heart to the truth of the Gospel—but that God can! The Apostle Paul wasn't a great speaker, but God used him all the same because Paul depended on the Holy Spirit to guide him along the way.

As Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:

“And I, when I came to you brothers, did not come to you proclaiming the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in *weakness* and in *fear* and much *trembling*, and my speech and my words were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

Remember that God does not call the equipped; He equips the called — and as Christians, we are each called to share what Christ has done. In fact, Christ's last words on earth were, Go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19). This wasn't just a suggestion, it was a command. And God is always with us when we obey His command.

The wonderful thing is that you can witness Christ's love in many ways. One of the best ways to share your faith is to live a godly life. Non-Christians often see Christians as hypocritical because we say one thing and do another. Show those close to you that you care. Spend time with them in some way, help meet their needs, and offer to listen when they have problems.

Reflect Christ through your kind words, patience, gentle temperament, choosing to love even difficult people and treating others with respect. You might not be able to answer each and every question someone has about God or a particular passage of scripture, but they can't deny the reality of what Christ has done in your life when they see you in action!

Another way to share your faith is to pray for those you interact with. If you can't think of anyone who isn't a Christian, pray for God to place someone in your life who needs Him.

And, of course, make a habit of reading the Bible, attending Bible Study and actively going to church in person or via livestream.

Ultimately, though, in addition to all these things, people need to hear the Gospel—to hear that God loves them, that Christ died for them, and that they can have eternal life if they believe in Him.

Romans 10: 13-14 says, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?”

We pray that God will use each one of us to make this so.

Amen. Be strong in Christ. Amen.



This article is a mix of thoughts and ideas from St. John's Evangelism Committee compiled with various articles and Christian instruction found on the worldwide web.



LENT BEGINS
ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
7 P.M.

THEME—“The Hands of the Passion”

The overall theme for the 2021 Lenten sermons is “The Hands of the Passion.” When we Consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can’t help but think of their hands- The hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, petulantly swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praised, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can’t help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace.

Services

- Ash Wednesday/Midweek 1, Feb 17, Hands of Repentance (Tax Collector) ...Luke 18:9-14**
- Midweek 2, Feb 24.....Hands of Betrayal (Judas).....John 13:21-30**
- Midweek 3, Mar 3.....Hands of Misguided Zeal (Peter).....John 18:4-11**
- Midweek 4, Mar 10.....Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas).....Mark 14:55-65**
- Midweek 5, Mar 17.....Hands of Brutality (Soldiers).....Matthew 27: 27-31**
- Midweek 6, Mar 24.....Hands of Self-Preservation (Pilate).Matthew 27:15-26**

Join Us for Worship

BABBTOWN NEWS

**CLEANING FOR
PARISH HOUSE
FEBRUARY, 2021**
Arthur and Donna Mueller

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY, 2021**
Feb 4, Jeremiah
Schubert I
Feb 12, Donna Mueller
Feb 27, Bailey Jean
Buschjost

Calendars Date
Feb 18, Blood, 2-6 pm, Meta
Citizens Civics League Hall
Please call 1-800-733-2767
(Appt. Required)
Feb 21, Argyle VFW (Drive
Thru) Breakfast 7:30-11:30
Feb 25, Bible Class

SCHUBERT

USHER SCHEDULE

Feb 7 Kurt Boeckmann
Andy Beach
Silas Luetkemeyer
Gary Lofton

Feb14 Kurt Boeckmann
George Kuhlman
Eric Lofton
Dale Schmutzler

Feb21 Kurt Boeckmann
Mike Forbis
Dave Mueller
Dale Ludwig

Feb28 Kurt Boeckmann
Kevin Lohraff
Berry Wiggin
Sherrie Russell

Feb21 Isabelle Marble
Feb23 Jim Kemmer
Feb28 David Bartel
Rebecca Welschmeyer



MARCH, 2021
**Newsletter Items are
due**
FEBRUARY 21, 2020
Newsletter items may be
placed in either Pastor's or
Jan's mailbox.

Or they may be e-mailed to
Pastor Scheperle—
st.jschubert@outlook.com
Any announcement:
Weddings, birthdays,
anniversaries, personal
notes, pictures or church
related business are
welcome.

FEBRUARY, 2021
**CLEANING
CHURCH**
Lofton Family
Kevin Lohraff
ALTAR GUILD
Linda Brenner
Ronda Williams



Feb 1 Carol Pleus
Feb 3 Sarah Spurgeon
Feb 6 David Mueller
Feb15 Emmitt Carver
Feb18 Kathryn Grothoff
Feb20 Martha Kleindienst