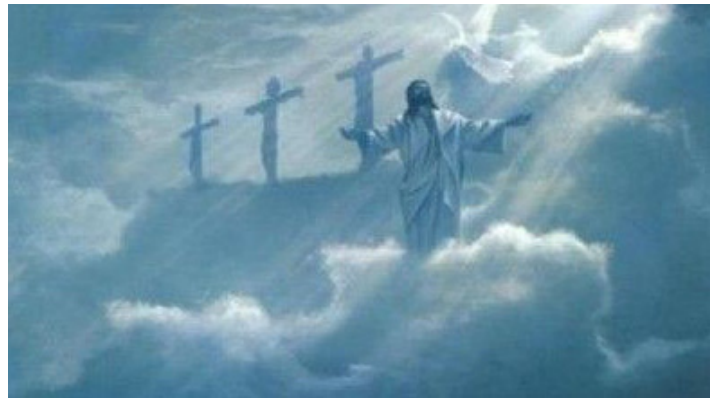


# NEWSLETTER

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## Feed My Sheep Gifts

This month's gifts will go the Children's Shelter located on Compassion Way off of Paynes Ford Road. The shelter was opened to offer housing to children of all ages who have been placed in foster care.

As always, when thinking of food, think of the staples of life. Think about kids and most likely you will have a pretty good idea about what to buy.

## Friends Feeding Friends Volunteers are needed!

Contact the church office or Kandi Ruth! Thanks!

Over sixty-five meals were served in March at the last meeting of this food program of the church. This Social Ministry program of the church is intended to help provide food and a meal to members of our neighborhood. One of the results of the worsening economy is the decrease in available food for low-income families. Often taken for granted, food is now suddenly becoming very important. Meals will be served on the fourth Saturday of April (23rd) from 11AM to 1PM.

## Our New Choir Director HEATHER WATKINS

Mrs. Watkins began her duties on Wednesday, March 30 and is busily preparing music for our Easter worship.

If you are interested in joining one of our choirs, please contact the church office or see Mrs. Watkins.

## The 9th Grade Confirmation Will Meet on April 3rd and 17th!

The alley door lock continues to work well! If you need the code and instructions, contact the church office!

## Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule

**Maundy Thursday**, April 21 - Noon in the Chapel; 7:30PM in the Nave  
Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services.

**Good Friday**, April 22 - 7:30PM in the Nave

A **Tenebrae** Service will be offered (a service of light and shadows)

**Sunrise Service for Easter Day**, April 24 - 6:30AM in the Nave

**Holy Communion will be celebrated!**

**The Festival Service for Easter Day** (The Resurrection of our Lord)

Sunday, April 24 - 10AM in the Nave

Holy Communion will be celebrated!

**8:15AM Easter Breakfast will be served by FLYTE followed by an Easter Egg hunt in the parking lot.**

**SPECIAL NOTE:** *There will be not Lenten service on Wednesday, April 20!*

## Raise the Roof Fund

The fund has received \$11,908 in gifts from the congregation. Thanks to each of you for your continuing generosity. Every third Sunday is "Raise the Roof" Sunday and we hope you will continue to remember this fund in your giving.

## Summer Camp Season

Summer is rapidly coming and so is the camping season. In the church office we have information on the programs available at Camp Caroline Furnace located near Edinburg, Virginia. It is a Lutheran facility that operates a camping program throughout the summer season.

## St. John's Scrip Program

Please remember that the church is sponsoring a gift card program called St. John's Scrip. Gift cards are available to all our local stores and restaurants and through your use of these cards the church will receive a percentage of the purchases for our general fund. It is very easy and forms are available in the Lounge in Luther Hall. If you have questions, you may call the church office or contact Lori Taylor (263-9912) or Jennifer Moss (262-6708).

**New Church Directories Are Available in the Church Office!**

**Please Remember to Read Your Lenten Devotional Booklet!**

We are about halfway through Lent and, as your pastor, I can truthfully say that the devotions in our booklet have been outstanding and a wonderful source of inspiration. Thank you writers for opening up your lives and faith to others!

WV/WMD Synod Convention - June 3, 4

St. John's is eligible to send three delegates to the convention which will meet at Snowshoe Resort in Pocahontas County. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office. Thank you!

# From the Parish Record

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

### Hannah Rowan Wangerin

On Sunday, March 6 Hannah Rowan was baptized in St. John's. She is the daughter of our members Shannon and Micah Wangerin the sister of Rachel Naomi. Sponsors for the baptism were Tiffany and Benjamin Millar. Micah is a sales representative for Verizon and Shannon is a stylist with The Haircuttery of Winchester and they live on Ripe Berry Lane in Martinsburg.

On this Sunday Rachel, Shannon and Micah joined St. John's by a Letter of Transfer from Bethel Lutheran Church in Winchester. So please take a few moments to welcome this lovely family to St. John's.



### FLYTE's Dinner Theater

On Sunday, March 13th high school members of our youth group FLYTE presented a dinner theater at St. John's along with high school youth from St. Peter's and St. James' Lutheran Churches in Shepherdstown and Trinity Lutheran Church in Arden. The play was entitled The Case of the



Mysterious Benefactor and was a comedy and mystery in one.

The youth prepared the meal of spaghetti and salad and starred in the play. About 100 people attended the performance and seemed to enjoy the evening. And by the way, the dude behind the cool shades is our own Colin Banks.

The two pictures with this article were supplied by photographer Don Smith. Thanks again Don for the pictures.

### Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

The women of the church provided their annual St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner on Sunday, March 20th immediately following the 11AM service. About 70 people attended and were treated to their choice of corned beef or chicken along with green jello and various desserts with a St. Patrick's Day theme. The picture shows the kitchen staff for the day of the meal and they are to be commended for all the work and cleanup following the event.

Pictured are: (l-r) Betty Lou Boynton, Becky Roberts, Kandi Ruth and Linda Riley.



### Just a Nice Picture of our Chancel

On March 13 the sun was streaming through the windows of the Nave and it lit up the chancel in just the right way for a beautiful picture. Since we cannot copy the newsletter in color, something is lost in black and white but here is the picture anyway. Even with this problem I hope you will notice how well the cross was spotlighted by the morning sun. It is a moving reminder of the coming glory of Easter.

### Future Building Projects at the Church

Plans are now under way to construct a storage building in the rear of the parking lot to enable us to remove all of our gasoline-powered equipment from the church and educational building and reduce our concern of fire. The building will also enable us to remove a considerable amount of other items from the church. Additionally we will be constructing more fencing to ensure the safety of our youngsters from wondering out into traffic on the street or in our parking lot. Buddy Newman and Ned Feltner have been in charge of this project. Thank them both for all the time and energy used in this area.



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## Holy Week and Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday Services** - April 1 Noon in the

Chapel 7:30PM in the Nave

Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service** April 2 - 7:30PM in

the Nave

This services uses light and shadows to help symbolize the sadness of  
Golgotha

**Easter Day** - April 4 Sunrise Service 6:30AM and

Festival Service 10AM

Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services!

## Remember Confirmation Students

Classes in April will be held on  
the 3rd and 17th!

## Japanese Tsunami and Earthquake Relief

On the tables in the Narthexes are leaflets with information from the ELCA about how you might help bring relief to this terrible tragedy. The ELCA supports 22 missionaries in Japan and all aid will be distributed through them.

You can contribute through St. John's by making your check out to the church with a **memo** to "Japan." We will forward your gift. We will also attempt to match our gifts through Thrivent.