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Scrip orders are due every Sunday!

The order box is in the Lounge
along with order forms and a
list of participating retailers.

Mothers and Fathers Recognition

This will be done at St. John's again this year during a special combined program to be held in Luther Hall on Sunday, June 19th. At that time we will recognize our Mother and Father of the Year with a special program.

GRADUATES SUNDAY - MAY 22

We want to recognize our members on their special achievement in life, however, we need to know their names and accomplishment. Please contact the church office as soon as possible. **THANK YOU!!**

Members of the Adult Sunday School Class

The next assignment in our study of the women of the Bible is Dorcas (also known as Tabitha). She will be found in the 9th chapter of The Acts of the Apostles.

The next class will be Sunday, May 8th in Luther Hall.

DON'T FORGET!

The TEA SOCIAL will be held after the 2nd service on May 22 in Luther Hall. See the information included inside this newsletter!

There will be no **Relay for Life** team from St. John's this year. Our search for a coordinator was unsuccessful. All monies collected will go directly to the Berkeley County organization. **THANK YOU** everyone who supported our effort!

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Feed My Sheep Gifts

This month's gifts of food will go to Shenandoah Women's Center located on Raleigh Street. The center exists to assist women and children from abusive home situations. Temporary housing, clothing and food are provided to patrons.

Only gifts of canned or packaged foods can be accepted. Pasta is always in demand as are canned vegetables and soups. And never forget peanut butter and jelly and cereals.

EastRidge/Grove Center

Please continue to support this project of the church which attempts to offer financial support to this facility dedicated to aid the emotionally and physically challenged member of our community.

You can help through your gifts of financial aid and/or your used aluminum cans and other aluminum materials. We have a bin in the main room of Luther Hall for this purpose.

"Mother of the Year/ Father of the Year"

Coming on June 19th!

Watch for details!

TEA SOCIAL

Sunday, May 22 immediately following the 2nd service. See the insert in this newsletter for more information.

The Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day and will reopen on Tuesday, June 1.

The Sexton On Vacation

John Prytz will be away from the church the first week of May and will return to work on Monday, May 9

Lenten Coin Folder and Easter Lily Report

I realize that some of you will think that all we do is spend far too much time discussing monetary matters in the church and I can honestly see why that sentiment is present. There are days when it seems to me that all I hear are matters involving money.

However, I did want you to know the results of this year's coin folder project. I think it is important for you to know how generous you were and how meaningful that generosity will be to several local charities.

\$630.50 was given by those of you who didn't want to place a lily in the church, but who still wanted to contribute to a charity. That gift will be shared with **Relay for Life**.

\$1,165.50 was received through the coin folders and was split evenly between **Hospice (Indigent Drug Program)** and the **Union Rescue Mission**.

Again, thank you so much for your generosity in these difficult times!

"Raise the Roof" Report

So far \$16,640 has been raised to offset the cost of replacing the main roof of the church. The original total was \$18,500 so you see we are doing wonderfully well in meeting our goal.

Japan Tsunami Giving

\$460 was given to the Lutheran Church Disaster Fund and forwarded to our missionaries in Japan to meet local need. Currently the ELCA has 22 missionaries in Japan. Thank you again for your love and concern for the people of this devastated region of the world.

Confirmation Is June 12 - Pentecost Sunday

This year two of our young people will be confirmed at our single service at 10AM on June 12. This year's confirmation class members are: Zackary Blackall and Jenna Taylor. There are two remaining classes on May 2 and 16 with Pastor Riley! Once again special appreciation is extended to the parents of this year's class for your support and getting your family member to classes.

Graduate Recognition Sunday - May 22 (both services)

We are still in the process of developing a list of this year's graduates, so please contact the church office as soon as possible. Please remember that we want to recognize the members of St. John's who graduated from high school, college/university or graduate school. Thanks!

An Easter Cantata

The members of our combined worship choirs will present the Easter cantata *It is Well with My Soul* at both services on Sunday, May 8th. This is a very special piece of music and I hope you will want to be present!

Mother/Child Banquet on Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30PM

Please make your reservations now!

From the Parish Record The Sacrament of Holy Baptism



Ballantine Baptism

On Sunday, April 9th Brynn Ann Ballantine was baptized at St. John's. In the picture at left are: (l-r) Sponsors Marsha Anderson and Patrick Brennan, proud Mom Kathleen Nicole Brennan Ballantine, Dad Daniel Joseph Ballantine and "big brother" David.

It was a happy day, however, the Ballantines will be leaving us soon to journey to Reading, Pennsylvania where Daniel will begin three years of residency in internal medicine.

We wish them the very best!

Beautiful Easter Lilies

Again this year our Chancel area was beautifully enhanced with these wonderful Easter plants. Thank you to everyone who contributed a plant!

Gail Newman, chair of our altar guild had several helpers with this task. They were: Jennifer Moss, Buddy Newman, Brad Coffinberger and Ericka Link. **THANK YOU** everyone for your efforts.



Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks again member of our FLYTE group for stuffing and hiding our eggs this year! Almost 30 parents and young people were present to stuff the egg the Sunday before Easter. Thanks! I hope the faces of the kids made the work you did special.

