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**THE COMMUNICANT  
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**A Letter from Pastor Tom Taylor, Our Interim Pastor**

Dear Members of St. John's ,

**The Violinist**

Those who go into Penn Station often know that musicians set-up and play near one end of the station near the Red line (1, 2, 3 & 9 trains). They are usually quite good playing a host of instruments or singing various styles of songs. These singers and instrumentalists also play on the subway platforms and tunnels throughout the city. . Most of the time people seem to just ignore these free lance entertainers. Some will take a moment to listen and toss in a dollar or some change in gratitude for the performance. Others will just accept it as part of the background noise of the city.

On one humid summer day I encountered one of them. It was on the E train that a violinist was entertaining going car to car. People were talking, reading, or in their own world with headphones on. I don't have very good "subway legs" which to me is the ability to stand and not stumble while the train jerks and stops along the tracks. But when this violinist walked into our car and planted his feet, it seemed as if he were standing on solid ground. I watched the virtuoso who with passion and determination struck the strings with the bow. I looked around the car and noticed a shift in attention. For a few brief minutes people stopped talking. They paused in reading. They slide off their iPod headphones. Even the two young lovers across from me interrupted their fixation on each other. This maestro was very good, playing mostly classical pieces. I was tempted to ask him to play "Amazing Grace" but refrained. Instead I closed my eyes and let the serenade wash over me. It was wonderful.

After three pieces, he packed up and ventured to another car. People began to talk. The lovers again stared into each others eyes. The reading resumed and the headphones went back in the ears. But for a few minutes the world seemed to stop. All of our collective concerns took a back seat. The pace and craziness of life for a moment faded into the background. A time of respite had come and I was grateful.

It may not have been amazing, but it was grace that tapped me on the shoulder that day. I think that's how God often intervenes.....with a tap, a wink and many times just a subtle nudge. I give thanks for that violinist and for the visitation that I often recall. It was another reminder to me to open my eyes and ears and take that time to just be still.

I hope you have some time this summer to be refreshed, relax and to let God wash over you. See you in church.

Blessings,  
Pr. Tom Taylor

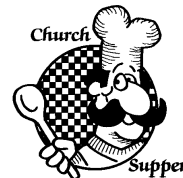


**Spend quality time with  
Your family & Church family  
this summer!**

**SUMMER WORSHIP: June 20th—Sept. 6th**

**Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Contemporary  
Worship Service**

**Sundays: 8:30 a.m. Matins Service  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
with music and  
Communion**



**FELLOWSHIP & OTHER:**

**Community Supper  
on Fri. @ 5:00 p.m.**

Dear St. John's Family,

I want to thank everyone who attended the Congregational meeting this year. It was so good to see folks involved both in the discussion and in the election of new Council members. We are your voice and the congregation has spoken electing four new members. Committee liaisons will be determined at the July meeting. The following folks are your congregational officers and council members for 2010-2011.

Council President – Chris Schmid  
Council Vice-President – Lou Neuman  
Secretary – Kathy Pidkameny  
Treasurer – Kay Herringer  
Financial Secretary – Helga Krug

Council Members

Martha Beaudrot	Anna Jaeger
Darlene Freund	Jim Kaisser
Chris Geackel	Colleen McDonnell
Phyllis Gozley	Joe Perez
Scott Gumpert	Bob Stein

I know that many of you have been wondering what is happening with respect to the vacancy. At the June meeting the Church Council selected the call committee. All of the members have accepted and I anticipate that they will begin their work in earnest in early September. The following members of the congregation will make up the call committee:

George Bonn  
David Ehlers  
Darlene Freund  
Joe Masciello  
Alice McDonnell  
Herman Oswald  
Nedra Poehlman

The committee was chosen to represent a cross section of the congregation and I think that we have selected an excellent group to work towards choosing our next pastor. The Call Committee will interview and select a candidate to be brought to council. Upon a successful vote the candidate will then be brought in to preach on a Sunday to be followed by a congregational vote. Please be patient as we move forward through this process. It is far better to spend the extra time to be sure than to select someone in haste. I also ask that you respect the confidentiality that the group must keep during this process.

**PICTURES ARE AVAILABLE** from Pastor Paul's Farewell on Saturday, May 1st. If you want to view these pictures on in go to:

spelmanstudios.com then click on:

online event, go to Pastor Paul St. John's.

You will be required to put in your email address and the password is **stjohns**. To order any pictures you want please call Suzanne Piard who took the photos. She can be reached at: 631-661-9489. Suzanne is donating the money to St. John's. If you order through the website this money will not come back to the church.

**A THANK YOU LETTER FROM ELCA WORLD HUNGER AND DISASTER APPEAL.**

The following is from a letter we received. "Thank you for your gift of \$2,290 received on June 4, 2010 to ELCA International Disaster Response: Haiti Earthquake Relief. Gifts like yours are helping the Lutheran Church in Haiti provide the thousands who took refuge on church grounds with shelter, food and water, health care, and spiritual and psychological care. Your faithful generosity makes it possible for us to accompany our brothers and sisters in Haiti over the long haul. From: The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal". This year ***Lutheran Disaster Response to Haiti*** was the recipient of our Lenten Denial folders.

**Summer hours for the church office are: 9 A.M.—12 NOON**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 4: Campfirmation starts  
July 5: Church Office closed in observance of July 4th  
July 18: Healing Service  
Aug. 15: Pincrest  
Aug. 23—27: VBS week  
Sept. 19: Americanafest

## CURTIS BUSINISKI EARNS HIS EAGLE SCOUT BADGE

Curtis R. Businski, of Great River, and a member of St. John's, successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review on Friday, June 11, 2010, now officially making him an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. Curtis' Eagle Court of Honor will be on September 19, 2010 at the Great River Fishing park – the location where he implemented and completed his Eagle Service Project this last November, 2009,

On his "road to Eagle," Curtis has served the troop as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Bugler. Curtis is also a member of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scout Honorary Camping Society.

To become an Eagle Scout, the Scout must earn 21 Merit Badges, of which 12 are specifically Eagle required, progress through six rank advancements – from Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, then Eagle, and also plan, develop, and implement a major Service Project to the Community. The Service Project that Curtis developed, planned, and implemented, along with his fellow Troop Members, was building and installing two hexagonal picnic tables and an Adirondack bench, along with various plantings at the Great River Fishing Park on Great River Road in Great River, Long Island, NY.

Curtis comes from a very active Scouting family! He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Businski, Great River, NY. His Mother, Bonnie, is the Jr. Choir Director at St. John's and has been a faithful supporter to Troop 205 where she has assisted in many events and activities. Curtis' Father, Mark Businski, also an Eagle Scout, has been the Troop 205 Scoutmaster for the past five years and Assistant Scoutmaster for five years prior. Curtis' brother, Ryan is also an Eagle Scout from Troop 205.

**AN AUTHOR AMONG US!!!! Joseph Masciello**  
**ST. JOHN'S VERY OWN** 20 year old debut author presents his first novel!!!!  
Joe Masciello's "Clairvoyant Yarn"  
Go to: [www.publishamerica.com](http://www.publishamerica.com)  
Or: [www.facebook.com/clairvoyant.yarn](http://www.facebook.com/clairvoyant.yarn)

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak with a council member. Better yet, attend a council meeting. All meetings are open to the congregation and we meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in Hager Hall.

Yours in Christ,  
Chris Schmid  
Council President

## St. John's Nursery School

Do you have a child or know of someone that will be 3 or 4 before December 1st? If you do, come check out St. John's Nursery school!



We offer a 2-day a week program for 3-year olds and 3-days a week for 4-year olds. Sessions are 2.5 hours 9:15-11:45 AM OR 12:30-3:00 PM.

Call 631-226-1440 or email us at [stjohnsnurseryschool@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsnurseryschool@gmail.com) for more information.

**IN HONOR OF BEVERLY'S RETIREMENT AS THE FOUNDER OF OUR NURSERY SCHOOL AND THE DIRECTOR for the past 30 years, A DOGWOOD TREE HAS BEEN PLANTED!** It is located in the corner of our Nursery School playground next to the John St. House. Please stop by and see it when you have a chance. In upcoming weeks a small plaque will be placed in front of it and a garden will be planted around the tree. Thank you everyone for your donations to make this tree possible.



## HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION—ALL HANDS ON DECK!!! Exploring the Mighty Love of God

It's time again for VBS. Join us for some High Seas Adventures, August 23rd—27th from 9 AM—12 Noon. Cost is \$25 per child. Children 4 years old by December 1st through 5th grade. Call the church office at 631-226-1274 or Katy Neuman at 631-225-2561 for registration information. Registration forms can be picked up at the Usher Stations or the Church Office.



Join Anna Jaeger & Pastor Paul  
for a trip to

## Hawaii

**January 29 - February 5, 2011**

Let's go to Hawaii!

**Ship: Pride of America**  
**Norwegian Cruise Line**

### Itinerary includes:

Board in Honolulu  
2 Days in Maui  
1 Day in Kona  
2 Days in Kauai  
Depart from Honolulu

### Cost: (per person)

Inside Cabin - \$1180  
Obstructed view - \$1286  
Balcony - \$1680  
Suite - \$2580

Airfare should be about  
\$800 to \$900 per person.

(Includes port charges & taxes)

### Does not include airfare

We land in Honolulu and board ship at 7 p.m. Many people plan to spend one or two nights there before, or one night before the cruise and one night after the cruise.

### Pre Cruise stay (optional)

#### Aqua Palms & Spa

The Aqua Palms & Spa (one block from the beach) is a calming oasis celebrating the splendor of the Hawaiian Islands. From the moment you step into the well-appointed tropical lobby you are transported to a tranquil island vacation where every amenity and every service is there to relax one person-you. \$80 per person per night

#### Hilton Hawaiian Village (on the beach)

Take in the view of Diamond Head from the best part of Waikiki Beach. Choose from ocean view or garden view accommodations. Set on 22 acres of lush tropical gardens, with exotic wildlife and a cascading waterfall, this resort hotel has it all including pools, restaurants, shops, lounges, and deluxe accommodations. \$145 per person per night.

To read more about the trip, go to the following computer link:  
<http://www.ncl.com/nclweb/booking/cruisedetails.html?packageId=1912773>

**Reserve your spot: \$250 deposit per person or \$500 per cabin**

**For more information and to register:**

Please contact Mary Ann Popper at 732/830-8019 or 732/644-4091  
Email her at: [sandandsea@optonline.net](mailto:sandandsea@optonline.net)

### St. John's Announces the 28th Annual Barn Dance

St. John's Lutheran Church is sponsoring the 28<sup>th</sup> **Annual Barn Dance** on Saturday, November 13, 2010, at the Lindenhurst Fireman's Memorial Park Pavilion, on Heling Blvd., off of Wellwood Avenue and Hartford Avenue, Lindenhurst, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm.



This year's Barn Dance, open to the public, 16 years and over, will include the Square Dance Caller, Don Coy, the Line Dance Instructor Dot Coy, and the popular James Reams and the Barn Stormers Country Band.

Back by the popular demand of the St. John's members, the original Barn Dance fare of Hero Sandwiches and salads will be on each table to enjoy throughout the evening, complete with chips, soda, beer and wine, cake and coffee will be provided. The Barn Dance will be from 7pm to 11pm. The festivities include a Sheriff, jail, mock wedding ceremonies, door prizes, and raffles.

Advanced donations and tickets are \$25. per person and will be available soon through the St. John's Church office at 631-226-1274 or by contacting Mark Businski, Barn Dance Chairman at 631-277-4402 or via email at [businski@optonline.net](mailto:businski@optonline.net). Checks may be written out to St. John's Lutheran Church and sent to: Mark Businski, P.O. Box 926, Great River, NY 11739-0926. **There will be no ticket sales at the door.**