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IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Often people celebrate even when there is no specific reason to do so, just because. It's time for us to celebrate, but with plenty of reason. Consider just a few of God's words to us:

Miriam the prophetess took a hand drum, and all the women followed her with drums and dancing. Miriam sang to them, "Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea" (Exodus 15:20-21).

The trees of the forest will sing for joy before the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Say, "Save us, O God of our salvation...to give thanks to your holy name, to glorify you by praising you" (1 Chronicles 16:33-35).

I will rejoice greatly in the LORD.
My soul will celebrate because of my God,
for he has clothed me in garments of salvation
(Isaiah 61:10).

Sing out, daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, you daughter of Jerusalem.... the LORD, is in your midst! You no longer need to fear disaster....Do not be afraid....Do not give up. The LORD your God is with you as a hero who will save you. He takes great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing" (Zephaniah 3:14-17).

Praise the LORD. Praise, you servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from now to eternity. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised (Psalm 113:1-3).

Without delay, he and all his family were baptized.... He rejoiced because he and his whole household had come to believe in God (Acts 16:33-34).

...we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces patient endurance.... (Romans 5:3).

The one who sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice (Philippians 4:4)!

Get it? From one end of Scripture to the other God wants us and his created world to celebrate, in good times and bad, and in a variety of ways – just because he is God!

So as we bring to its conclusion our B.O.L.D S.T.E.P.S initiative, we have abundant reason to celebrate, and that's just what we will do next Sunday, November 1, in both services and in between!

"Nothing of this world means anything without the sure conviction of salvation through Christ's resurrection." Terry Sieker

150th Anniversary Breakfast



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Just one week from today, Sunday November 1, let's make it a special point in our family life to gather with fellow believers in rejoicing, in celebrating, in sharing with one another encouragement for the impactful project that lies excitingly before us.

"Let our village know that god loves them, and we at St. John do, too. We are making plans for the future because we / I know God is blessing us at St. John and will bless Wrightstown through us, too!" Aura Lee Gehl

Celebration Sunday Schedule:

Worship at 7:45 and 10:15 will focus on both the Reformation and our B.O.L.D S.T.E.P.S initiative. The Choir and live organ will be there. And a Testimonial will be given.

In either service, as you come forward to partake of our Lord's Supper, you and **your entire family** are urged to come forward together to place your promise sheet in a special receptacle. **In this symbolic way the entire congregation of God's people will act together to make our B.O.L.D S.T.E.P.S commitment before God.**

For those who are not communing, the receptacle will be placed at the back of church so that you can participate as you leave. Those who previously submitted their promise sheet have been provided with an alternate form. We want everybody to comfortably join in this act of worship.

Then enjoy Fellowship, food, and brief program between services downstairs.

"And then God tumbles another blessing upon us—that we launch this project in the midst of one of the strongest economies we can remember. And now interest rates are at an all-time low—a huge blessing." Ron Zahn

It is our prayer that the gifts given through our B.O.L.D S.T.E.P.S stewardship emphasis will signal us to move forward with the construction of ministry buildings, enabling us to reach more souls in our community.

"As I put my faith and trust in Him, I know that he will guide me and give me the resources that I need." Tammy Olp

WHY A PROMISE SHEET?

Yes, church buildings have been built without promise sheets, but consider this:

- We are a church family, members of one body. Under God, we are in this together.
- Both the Finance Committee and the Building Committee are hamstrung in their work if they do not know the level of financial support that exists.
- There will be deep joy in the very act of participation in this grand effort.

NEWS UPDATE

Twenty-one families submitted their Promise Sheet already. Their commitments total just under \$300,000! Praise God!

"If Jesus takes care of the birds, surely I will be taken care of too." Jean Brandt

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