

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Easton, PA

Organ Renovation Capital Campaign

I / We _____ (Name) pledge a one time gift of \$ _____ or a yearly gift for five years beginning in 2019 of \$ _____

(Signature)

(Date)

Return to St. John's 330 Ferry Street, Easton, PA 18042 or in the Offering Plate

THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT of OUR ORGAN RENOVATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Campaign Steering Committee—Patricia Bradt, James Heck, Karla Lake,
Steven Moyer, and The Reverend Susan Ruggles



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The Easton Express headline on Monday October 21, 1974 heralded “Church Invests in Easton’s Future”. The article that followed lifted up “a major investment in downtown Easton’s religious and cultural future” with building of a new organ by the Casavant Freres, Ltd., of St. Hyacinthe, Quebec Canada and installed at St. John’s Lutheran Easton. The organ cost \$72,000 in 1974 and was valued at \$490,000 in 2008. St. John’s has been blessed by this wonderful instrument and by the people over the years who have shared their talents playing the organ.

Over time all valued possessions are in need of repair and renovation. St. John’s organ is no exception. As early as 2011, Emery Brothers, who maintain and tune the organ, shared their concern of wear and tear. Thanks to two large gifts (\$75,000), an Organ Renovation Fund was begun in 2014 and Emery Brothers in 2016 started the first step in the renovation process. They rebuilt and updated the console with computer memory during the summer of 2016 at a cost of \$57,116.

We are still looking at two major portions of work to be completed. First is the pipework restoration, in which the organ’s pipes are thoroughly cleaned and refurbished, including complete cleaning of the organ chamber area. Second is the mechanical rebuild, in which the wind chests and wind regulators are rebuilt. The cost of this work by Emery Brothers is \$131,000. These repairs and renovations occur every 40 to 50 years and become this generations support of music in our worship and daily life.

Funds to pay for these repairs and renovations will come from the Organ Renovation Fund, the Memorial Fund, and the Congregation’s budget over the next five years. We still need to raise \$50,000. It is hoped we can do that through a Capital Campaign. Each of us asked to consider how we can support this project with a pledge for a yearly gift over the next five years or a one-time gift. The chart below gives some suggested gifts. The pledge card is on the reverse side of this brochure. Please complete and return to the office or place in the offering plate by Easter Sunday 2019. Your prayerful consideration is greatly appreciated as we start a new future.

St. John’s Congregation Council

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL \$50,000.00

How do we reach our goal? With....

2 gifts of \$1000 per year for 5 years or 2 one time gifts of \$5,000 and
4 gifts of \$500 per year for 5 years or 4 one time gifts of \$2,500 and
5 gifts of \$400 per year for 5 years or 5 one time gifts of \$2,000 and
10 gifts of \$200 per year for 5 years or 10 one time gifts of \$1,000 and
20 gifts of \$100 per year for 5 years or 20 one time gifts of \$500 for
a total of \$50,000.00

What pledge to the Campaign will you make?