

# The Eagle



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## ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*a reconciling in Christ congregation*

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## From *the* Pastor

Happy New Year! That is a wish that happens for our part of the world in January. We don't say those wishes in March, August or September but often this month. Perhaps you watch the tradition that began in 1907 with a glimmering ball dropping in Times

Square on December 31 and thousands of people braving the weather to wish each other 'Happy New Year'. Try to explain to a child why everyone is very excited and happy at that occasion with the repeated wish for a 'Happy New Year'. It is like a new year brings belief that we can start again and begin with promises of brighter days. I can't help but be reminded that in our liturgical worship service with confession and forgiveness that promise of moving forward with hope and better times is also realized.

New Year's doesn't really make anything new. It is simply another day turning into another. We have to remember to write a different number as the year (2020) but much else is the same. People will have the same problems with their family members, the same financial difficulties, the same resolves to change a habit. What is helpful is affirming that any day is a day to remember that Christ brings us the promise, "I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

**That means what is made new is really within us on New Year's Day and every day after that. We are forgiven for past mistakes and we are renewed to make changes or have the chance to be what God is calling us to be. We continue to work on what needs changing with resolutions to ourselves. We change with the echo in our ears of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. The hope of strength to forgive, the hope of resources to manage, the hope of love that supersedes every other thing in every other day is given to us with Jesus Christ.**

So Happy New Year! Happy every day, knowing that Christ is revealed as a baby on Christmas. Happy New Year, knowing Christ gives us light to make our dark ways visible. Happy New Year, knowing Christ makes every day new for us!

- Pastor Ruggles



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Note: The Church Newsletter and Calendar are available online for your viewing @ [WWW.STJOHNSEASTON.ORG](http://WWW.STJOHNSEASTON.ORG)  
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## 2020 Congregational Council



**President**—Nadine Anderson  
**Vice President**—Ian Heck  
**Secretary**—Chris Orem  
**Treasurer**—Steve Moyer  
**Finance Secretary**—Rob Smith

**New Council Members**—  
Carol Faulkner & Diane Coker

**Take the Challenge!**  
**The Bethlehem-Easton Mission**  
**District First Annual NFL Playoffs Canned Food Challenge!**

**What's the challenge?** Each Congregation in the Mission District is challenged to donate at least one canned good for every point scored in this year's NFL playoff games. Last year there were 470+ points scored.

**Where is the food going?** You as a congregation decide where the cans of food you collect are donated.

**How does the competition work?** Each congregation keeps track of the number of cans of food it collects. At the end of the competition, each congregation donates the food to their food bank of choice and reports the total to the Mission District Dean (Pr. Dan Brettell—[pastordanbrettell@ptd.net](mailto:pastordanbrettell@ptd.net))

**How long does the challenge run?** It starts on January 1, 2020 and ends on Super Bowl Sunday.

**What's the prize?** That's a surprise.

Let's get competitive and see how many total cans of food we can collect as a Mission District!

Please join us on January 26th, 2020 for our annual congregational meeting. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held immediately after worship.



## Worship Schedule – January 10:30 AM

January Altar Guild: Joyce Petty / Substitute

<u>Jan. 5</u>	<u>Second Sunday of Christmas</u>
Liturgical Color:	White
Acolyte:	Erin Seiple
Reading:	John 1:1-18
Ushers:	Cliff Rose / Charles Hanson
Worship Assistant:	Victor Unks
Reader:	Cindy Black
Communion Assistants:	Rob Smith / Sue Glenn
Gallery Attendants:	Carol Faulkner / Bucky Keyser
Fellowship Hour:	Membership Committee

**Annual committee reports for the meeting are due by Monday, January 6th, 2020.**

There will be a “Pot-Luck” Lunch following the congregational meeting. Bring your favorite dish to share . . .



Need a ride to Church?

St. John’s would like to welcome Lenny Fredericks as our new van driver. Please take a moment to say hello and introduce yourself . . .

Shuttle Service Available . . .  
Call Lenny Fredericks @ 484-541-6824

<u>Jan. 12</u>	<u>First Sunday of Epiphany</u>
Liturgical Color:	White
Acolyte:	Paulie Kovac
Reading:	Matthew 3:13-17
Ushers:	Logan Weber / Wayne Docker
Worship Assistant:	John Fritchman
Reader:	Lynn Kutch
Communion Assistants:	Roger Ruggles / Chris Orem
Gallery Attendants:	Chris Swan / Linda Kalapay
Fellowship Hour:	Membership Committee

<u>Jan. 19</u>	<u>Second Sunday of Epiphany</u>
Liturgical Color:	Green
Acolyte:	Eva Seiple
Reading:	John 1: 29-42
Ushers:	Victor Unks / Loretta Heck
Worship Assistant:	Roger Ruggles
Reader:	Chuck Lewis
Communion Assistants:	Joyce Petty / Jim Heck
Gallery Attendants:	Ruth Thomas / Diane Coker
Fellowship Hour:	Membership Committee



2020  
Offering  
Envelopes

**Are now available in the Narthex. Please take time to stop by and pick them up.**

Jan. 26

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Liturgical Color:

Green

Acolyte:

Abby Cressman

Reading:

Matthew 4:12-23

Usher:

Jacob Ruggles / Jonas Orange

Worship Assistant:

Chris Orem

Reader:

Ian Heck

Communion Assistants:

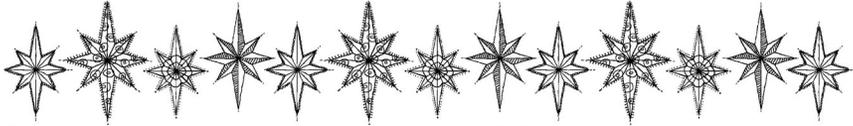
Vicar Matthew / Bob Black

Gallery Attendants:

Pam & Joe LaDuca

Fellowship Hour:

Membership Committee



**Just a reminder—In case of inclement weather . . .**

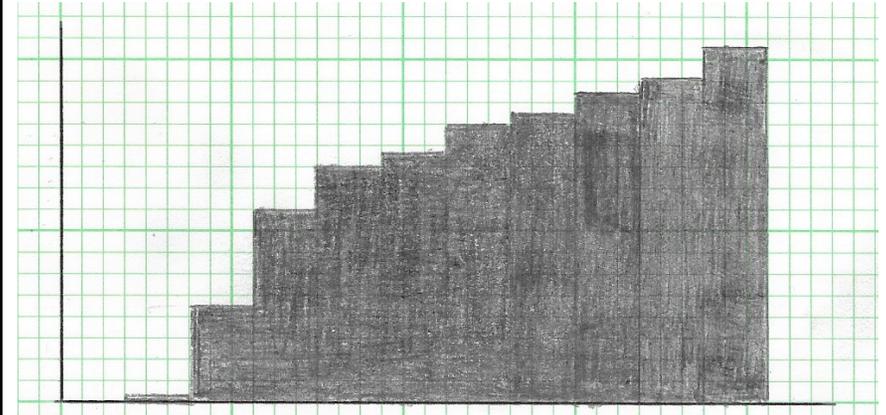
**Church will NOT be cancelled. If you can walk, join us. If you do not feel safe driving, stay home and join us with your prayers knowing we are still worshipping and praising God together.**



Do you have a Change in Address?  
Phone Number? E-Mail Address?

Please make sure you update the church office. We are working on the 2020 updates to the Church Directory . . .

## ORGAN RENOVATION UPDATE



Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

At the Congregational Meeting on 1 December, the Congregation approved a \$143,000 contract with Emery Brothers, Inc. to complete the renovation and renewal of our pipe organ begun in 2016. The work will begin the second week of January and is planned to be completed by Pentecost 2020 (31 May). The project means that all of the pipes and wind chests will be removed from the organ, transported to Emery Brother's shop in Allentown, cleaned, serviced, re-leathered, and reinstalled and tuned. This is a once in a generation project to keep our organ in tip-top sounding order.

When we originally looked at completing the organ project, the cost quote was \$131,000. At contract signing the cost is \$143,000. We will need to raise an additional \$12,000. The plan is to do this with additional gifts to our Capital Campaign and with budget resources over the next few years.

The Capital Campaign was started to raise \$50,000 of the amount needed to fund the project over five years. We are nearing the end of the first year and as of 30 November the Campaign has raised \$16,641, one-third of our goal. Thank you to the many who have made a contribution to the Campaign and have built a great start. If you have not participated in the Campaign, please consider a year end gift.

Steven Moyer, Treasurer

The Gallery at St. John's presents

## BRIAN'S DOTS

January 19 through February 23, 2020

**OPENING on SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**  
**RECEPTION from 12:00 to 3:00 pm**  
**ARTIST'S TALK at 12:30 pm**

**BRIAN DELOZIER** grew up an active and adventurous kid in eastern Pennsylvania. In 2002 at the age of sixteen everything changed when he suffered a traumatic injury on a ski slope that left him paralyzed. Not letting that slow him down, with determination and spirit he is currently able to walk again with the use of crutches.

A few years after the accident, Brian left for Hawaii in search of something more. On his journey through the islands he discovered a passion for making art using dots, which developed into his own unique style of pointillism. He fills the canvas by using fine point markers to make one painstaking dot at a time, which eventually produces colorful images. Prior to the accident Brian never would have dreamed that he would one day be an artist. The joy of this discovery shines through each piece.

Learn more about Brian at  
[www.briansdots.com](http://www.briansdots.com)

Art for your Appreciation and Purchase



*Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday will be held on February 2, 2020. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletins in January.*

In  
Remembrance

Give thanks to the God of Heaven, for God's steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:26

*Remembering those members who have passed...*

◇ Joyce H. Brinker-Hartz,  
5/10/28—10/12/19

◇ Joyce A. Powell,  
10/11/28—11/11/19

**Thank you** to all who made donations of shaving cream and razors to support the Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Ingathering. Through your generosity, 10 agencies, benefitted, including *Safe Harbor - Easton, Third Street Alliance, ProJeCt of Easton, and Bright Hope (formerly Care-Net)*. Also, a **Thank You** to the three volunteers who helped at the Ingathering.

- Outreach Committee

### Thanksgiving Basket Project



On behalf of the 46 families and members of the Outreach Committee, our sincere thanks to all who responded to our request for donations to fill the baskets, which were greatly needed and appreciated. All the ingredients needed for a family Thanksgiving dinner, and more, were made possible by your very generous donations, and funds received from Thrivent's Team action program, and turkeys donated by Giant Food Store and Shoprite. Thank you to all who helped sort, shop for additional items, picked up turkeys, helped assemble the baskets, and helped in many other ways. Again, we express our deepest appreciation and thanks to all who responded.

- Outreach Committee



## BIRTHDAYS & Anniversaries

### January Birthdays . . .

- 1/2—Jahsai Mack
- 1/7—Blasé Horinko
- 1/8—Helen Fritzo
- 1/13—Kiana Glenn
- 1/14—Anthony Pitt
- 1/15—Anne Fritchman
- 1/17—Wayne Docker
- 1/19—Kathryn Kessler
- 1/19—Keyara Rabuck
- 1/20—E. Louise Ward
- 1/22—Monica Weiss-Nolen
- 1/23—Rob Smith
- 1/23—Karl Von Lang
- 1/25—Danielle Howey
- 1/28—Allison Cressman

(\*If you were missed, please contact the church office.)

Please sign up for  
Altar Flowers for  
the new year . . .

All dates are  
open!



“He’s Today’s Greeter.”

To my church family:

I would like to thank you all for your concern, prayers, cards, flowers, and calls during my surgical eye procedure last month. All these gestures were well appreciated. God’s grace and blessings.

Sincerely, Lois Anne Calloway

**Thanks,  
Everyone!**



## RIC Sunday January 19, 2020

As Lutherans, we believe that every human being reflects the Divine, and that each of us is a child of God, beloved and wonderfully made, just as we are. Christ calls us to work with all of God’s people. Christ also calls us to work for justice.

RIC Sunday is celebrated in January each year by the ecumenical community which welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. RIC or Reconciling in Christ is a program of ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation.

ReconcilingWorks has provided a safe space, a ministry of education, and advocacy toward moving the Lutheran church to be a more welcoming place. Currently, ReconcilingWorks has recognized over 895 ministry settings (synods, seminaries, and colleges) as publicly and intentionally welcoming.

Additional information about RIC is available at:  
[www.reconcilingworks.org](http://www.reconcilingworks.org).

## Outreach Committee January Benevolence

Project of Easton

Collecting:

We are the “Rice” Church – Any Type of Rice.

(Churches in the area are ‘assigned’ a food item for donation to the food bank from their congregation.)



**Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is a prescription medicine that blocks the effects of opioids which include heroin and prescription pain killers such as morphine, codeine, and oxy-condone. When administered in a timely fashion, Narcan can block the effects of opioids and reverse an overdose.**

Come join us for a hands-on lesson to learn how to administer the life saving drug Narcan to an overdose victim. Narcan (naloxone) is available at pharmacies in Pennsylvania and New Jersey without needing a doctors order.

**January 12, 2020 — 12:00-12:30 pm**

**in the Chapel . . .**

*Please remember to support the following other Organizations that are also in need. . . .*

**Meals on Wheels of Northampton County  
Safe Harbor  
Back Pack Buddies  
Family Connection**

*As always, Outreach Thanks you for your support of these programs.*

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