

The Eagle



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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

a reconciling in Christ congregation

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Hello! My name is Jamie Edelman. I attended United Lutheran Seminary, and am on my intern year. I am a life-long resident of the Lehigh Valley. I grew up in West Allentown with my two sisters, my parents, a basset hound named Sally and a variety of rabbits. I graduated from Parkland High School and attended Lebanon Valley College, where I double majored in mathematics and economics. I met my husband, Brian, on a blind date set up by his sister, my co-worker at the time. We have been married for 21 years and currently live in Laurys Station, a small rural community just north of Whitehall. We have two wonderful boys. My older son, Dylan, 19, is a junior at West Chester University, majoring in mathematics and minoring in journalism. My younger son, Logan, 17, just graduated from Parkland High School. Logan will be attending North Carolina State, majoring in statistics. I have enjoyed attending the various activities they have been involved in over the years – baseball, basketball, marching band, jazz band, ultimate Frisbee, and cross country to name a few.

We have two dogs and a cat. Dogs; Oliver and Cooper, 14, are brothers and litter mates. Oliver is an Australian Shepherd and German Shepherd mix, while Cooper is an Australian Shepherd and pointer mix. George, 15, is an independent, quirky, and lovable tabby cat.

I enjoy reading and crocheting and spending time outside in our yard on the swing, especially this time of year. There I can appreciate and admire the beauty of nature that God has surrounded me with as I watch the variety of wildlife travel through the property and listen to the song birds and the owls





from the trees. I enjoy spending time with friends and family. I am blessed to have a great relationship with both of my sisters. Each year we spend time together over a long weekend just hanging out and enjoying each other's company away from the rest of the world. I am a decent cook and baker, though I must confess, as much as I wish I did, I don't particularly enjoy it!

I have been involved in congregational ministries as both a volunteer and staff member for a combined 25+ years. I enjoy working with youth and adults alike. I served as a youth advisor for 5 years prior to getting married and having children. I served as the Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries at Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church in Orefield, PA from 2006 until this past May, where I enjoyed working with the youth in various programming areas, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, confirmation classes and youth group. I have taken 8-10 youth to the last four ELCA youth gatherings. Music ministry brings me great joy. At Jordan, I was a long time choir member, played the flute occasionally and rang with the bell choir.

I am looking forward to the next chapter of my life in ministry as Vicar at St. John's, and look forward to meeting and working with you all during my time here.

Thank you all so much for the very warm welcome that has been extended to me, especially on June 6th!

In Christ,
Vicar Jamie



GOOD NEWS

Updated Plans for Worship!!!

Church council voted at its June meeting to adopt the following changes to Worship beginning July 4th, 2021:

- If you have been VACCINATED, you may remove your mask as per the CDC and PA guidelines.
- Social distancing divisions will be removed.
- We will continue to "LIVE-STREAM " worship on Sundays.

You can find the service "live" on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am— through YouTube: search for St. John's Lutheran Church, Easton, PA. (If your sound is low, you need to go to your computer setting and under system, change the master volume.)

- We will continue to offer communion in the pews until the end of summer.
- We will continue to offer committee meetings in person or using the "Zoom" platform.
- Children will be encouraged to wear masks as most of them are not vaccinated.
- Hand sanitizer and masks will still be available for use in the church.
- Room sanitation following use will continue until further notice.
- If you have any special concerns or needs, please contact the pastor.



VBS IS AUGUST 2ND - 6TH, 2021

FROM 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

AGES: COMPLETED

KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE

**JOIN US AS WE EMBARK ON AN
EPIC QUEST THROUGH HIDDEN RUINS, ANCIENT CAVES,
AND DENSE JUNGLES. AT TREASURED VBS, YOU WILL DIG
INTO ACTION-PACKED, FAITH-FILLED ADVENTURES.
DISCOVER GOD'S GREATEST TREASURE ISN'T DIAMONDS,
GEMS OR GOLD - IT'S YOU!**

Nightly registration & dinner will take place
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration forms are available at St. John's, online at
www.vbspro.events/p/stjohns-easton, or on the church
website, www.stjohnseaston.org.

BONUS! Register by July 15th, and receive an early
Music CD or Music Download Card!

Volunteers are needed for the following areas:
Registration, Dinner Coordinator, Crew Leaders &
Assistants, Station Leaders & Assistants and
Volunteers at large (Runners).

Volunteer at www.vbspro.events/p/stjohns-easton
or contact Vicar Jamie at 610-258-6119
or vicar@stjohnseaston.org.

**Do you like History? Do you want to learn more about
the History of the Church? Come Join us . . .**

**Archive Committee Meeting—
Saturday, August 28th, 10:00 am**



July 9:30 am Worship
Altar Guild: Sue Glenn / Carolyn Moyer

<u>July 4</u>	<u>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</u>
Liturgical Color:	Green
Reading:	Mark 6:1-13
Reader:	Mike Thompson
Worship Assistant:	Jim Heck
Comm. Assistants / Usher:	Joyce Petty / Bob Black

<u>July 11</u>	<u>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</u>
Liturgical Color:	Green
Reading:	Mark 6:14-29
Reader:	Nadine Anderson
Worship Assistant:	Joyce Petty
Usher:	Barb Horinko / Wayne Docker

<u>July 18</u>	<u>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</u>
Liturgical Color:	Green
Reading:	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Reader:	Wayne Docker
Worship Assistant:	Roger Ruggles
Comm. Assistants / Usher:	Linda Kalapay / Connie Garr

<u>July 25</u>	<u>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</u>
Liturgical Color:	Green
Reading:	John 6:1-21
Reader:	Cindy Black
Worship Assistant:	Chris Orem
Comm. Assistant / Usher:	Judy Kalapay / Jacob Ruggles



Your help is needed . . .
Church Work Day
July 18th
- following Worship



Independence Day Prayer:

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all our people the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



ARNDT'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1851 ARNDT ROAD, EASTON, PA
"OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING"
AUGUST 18TH, AT 5:30 PM



Altar flower dedications / memorial requests are currently being accepted for the following dates:

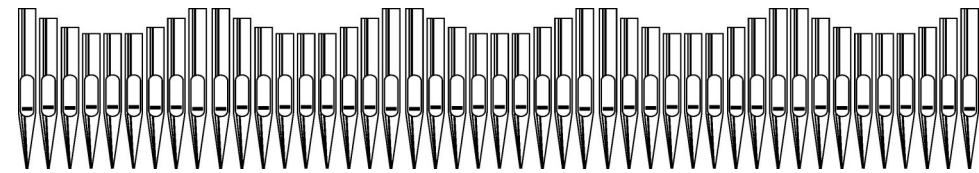
**July 11th,
August & September Dates**

Please consider sponsoring one of these dates.

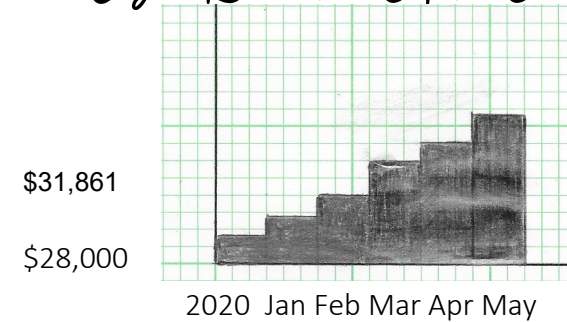
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
Church Worship: 9:30 am Sundays	NA Meetings: Thursday @ 7:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)		
4 Fourth of July Finance Mtg: Following Worship	5 Office Closed	6	7 Council Meeting Du
11 Pastor's Summer Dialog 11:00 am Heritage Day	12 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14
18 Church Workday	19	20	21
25	26	27	28 Bethlehem Mission Ingath 11:00

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ed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3
Reports e	8 Prayer Group 9:30 am	9 Newsletter Deadline	10
	15	16	17 "My Sister's Closet" - Shopping Day 3-5 pm
	22 Prayer Group 9:30 am	23	24
/ Easton District ering am	29	30	31 Lebanese Fest



Organ Renovation Capital Campaign



From The Treasurer . . . You are reading this article the last days of June or the first days of July. The first of July marks the half way point of our five year organ renovation campaign. We are right on pace to reach and possible exceed our goal. A number of you have been asking me, "Where am I in regards to my pledge?" A helpful question. The Finance Committee has decided to provide each giver to the Campaign a letter at his / her half way point to share with you how much was pledged and how much has been given. Watch for the letter in the next couple of weeks. The purpose of the letter is to let everyone know individually where they are with their giving to the Campaign at the half way point. The purpose is not to make anyone feel guilty or ashamed if they have not been able to keep pace with their pledge. We have been through an unusual year with Covid 19. For some that has meant a big economic change that has caused the reevaluating of expenses and financial priorities. That is understood. No guilt to be felt. The Campaign is on track and continues at a nice pace. May the letter be one piece of information for you to make your needed wise choices as we enter the second half of the Campaign. Thank you for your continued support!

Steve Moyer, Treasurer



2021 LEHIGH VALLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL,

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUG. 15, (12-6:00 PM)

WHERE: JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY
(702 N. 22ND ST., ALLENTOWN, PA 18104)

PRESENTED BY: BRADBURY-SULLIVAN LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

THIS EXCITING COMMUNITY EVENT PROVIDES A SPOTLIGHT ON LGBTQ ARTS AND CULTURE, CONNECTS THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO LOCAL RESOURCES, AND CELEBRATES THE DIVERSITY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

*ST. JOHN'S WILL HAVE A BOOTH AT THE EVENT WHICH THEY WILL SHARE WITH OTHER CHURCHES FROM THE AREA AND THE NEPA SYNOD.

AT ST. JOHN'S WE ARE PROUD WE ALREADY BOAST THIS YEARS PRIDE THEME:

"EVERYONE IS INCLUDED"

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT NADINE ANDERSON

*Reminder: My Sister's Closet Private Shopping Event:
July 17th, from 3-5pm.*

3400 Bath Pike, Suite 103, Rt. 512

*Please contact Judi Kalapay
for directions if needed. Or call,
610-866-5755. To learn more about My
Sister's Closet or donating, visit their website
at www.shopmysisterscloset.com.*

Hope to see you there!



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Don Johnson our **Driver** can be reached through the church office @ 610-258-6119, or if you need a ride to church, please call 610-360-5268.

**The Bethlehem/
Easton Mission
District**

INGATHERING

Wednesday, July 28, 2021,
10:00 a.m. @

**New Jerusalem
Lutheran Church,**
3233 Apples Church Road,
Leithsville, PA
(outside of Hellertown).

We met our

SHAMPOO

goal!!!!

Are you interested in
helping at the Ingathering?

Please contact

Patsy Woodson.

Thank you for your
support. - **Outreach**



*Please
Join us . . .*



*Summer Brunch
&
The Bible
Dialogue*

*July 11th —
Following Worship*

*August 8th —
Following Worship*

*Come snack and
study!*



Birthdays:

7/1—Karen Ruggles
7/2—Mary Ealer
7/6—Charles Hanson
7/9—Claire Hammerstone
7/9—Arlene Heimbach
7/9—Judi Kalapay
7/10—Shirley Collins
7/10—Maggie Weber
7/13—Charles Cortright
7/14—Rosemary Howey
7/17—Tera Burnett
7/17—David Faulkner
7/17—Joyce Petty
7/18—Denise Cherry
7/22—Diane Coker

Anniversaries:

7/6—Sylvia & Charles Orem
7/18—Cindy & Bob Black
7/24—Pastor Sue &
Roger Ruggles

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



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

*Joan Fulmer
9/28/32 — 5/31/21*

*Remembering those
members who have
passed . . .*



Contributions can
always be mailed to
the Church @
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Thank you to all who donated items to the –Animal Awareness Month event in April. Your generous donations were greatly appreciated and were donated to the Center for Animal Health and Welfare.

Outreach will resume collecting items for “Back-Pack” Pals in August.

Some items being Collected:

cereal	canned fruit
oatmeal	applesauce
granola bars	baked beans
pancake mix	canned or dried beans
syrup	refried beans
shelf stable milk	sloppy joe sauce
soup	canned chili
peanut butter	tuna fish
jelly	
canned vegetables	
canned diced tomatoes / crushed tomatoes	
meal helpers - hamburger helper, tuna helper	
taco kits	
pasta	
pasta sauce	
boxed mac & cheese	
instant potatoes	
stuffing	
noodles	
rice	
raisins	
crackers	
chips, pretzels	
microwavable popcorn	
brownie or cake/muffin mix	



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