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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

a reconciling in Christ congregation

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Hebrews 13:15 *Through Jesus therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that profess his name.*

Schedules can keep us busy and when the schedule is too full, it means we have to choose which events to attend. Sometimes the summer months provide a relief from “busy”. At church, some committees take a break, choir doesn’t meet, Sunday school stops. However, remember that worship on Sunday mornings does not take a break! Remember that the work of the church does not stop! Remember to make personal time for prayer and reading scripture. Don’t forget to continue to find time to praise God.

Need help with the busy . . . or just need a change? Come join, Vicar Danielle and I for an informal time of summer worship at Hugh Moore park beginning on Wednesday evenings in June at 7:00 pm. Hugh Moore Park is two miles from the church along the Lehigh River (GPS address is 2750 Hugh Moore Park Road). Bring a lawn chair, wear your comfy clothes, if needed, we will set up a tent (or bring your umbrellas) in case of rain.

Wednesday worship will include: prayers, bible readings, a sermon message and fellowship. (Note: this will be the same message as preached on Sundays.) An offering will be collected, but Communion will not be offered every week.

We hope this extra opportunity to worship will give you a time in your busy schedule that includes gathering together to praise God!

Pastor Sue



Summer Worship Hours
Begin—June 2, 2019
9:30 am

For Your Information . . . Praise God!
Former Vicar—Heidi Link will be ordained on
June 6, 2019, 7:00pm
The Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick, NJ

Join us for a **“ROAR”**
VBS Safari Adventure
July 15-19, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Come let kids discover that even when life is wild, God is Good! Each night they experience meaningful relationship building through adventurous Bible lessons, fun crafts, exciting games and interactive cinema sessions. Through learning cool Bible songs and talking about God sightings, they will come away from the experience with a better idea of how God works in their lives.

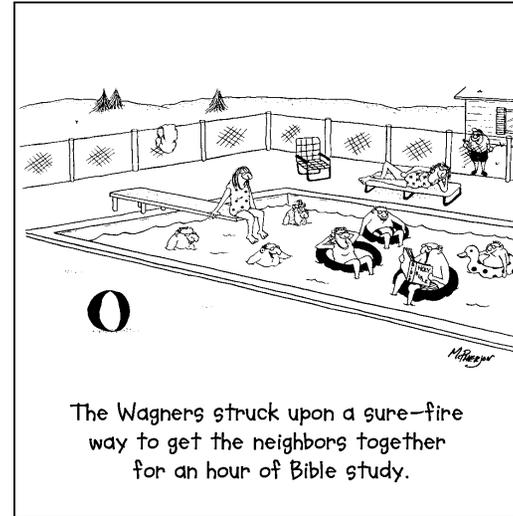


Registration forms available in the church office or online at:
vbspro.events/p/stjohnsroar2019

Volunteers are encouraged to register as well!

For more information please contact Vicar Danielle Bosdell,

610-258-6119 or
e-mail vicarstjohseaston@gmail.com



The Wagners struck upon a sure-fire way to get the neighbors together for an hour of Bible study.

Need a ride to Church?
Shuttle Service Available . . .
Please Call:
Yolanda Atwood
@ 484-714-2795



From the Outreach Committee:

Thank you to all who supported the events in April, which benefitted The Center for Animal Health and Welfare, a local animal shelter. \$520 was raised from the bake sale and many items were donated which will help the animals at the shelter. Eight animals received a blessing at the Blessing of Animals event.



A Word From Your Director of Music . . .

It is with sincere sadness that I plan on retiring from my position as your Director of Music effective September 1, 2019. I have truly enjoyed these last 5 years (over 20 years counting other times I had served in this same position at St. John's), but it is time to retire, indulge in more time for myself and family and move on to the next step in this wonderful life I have been blessed with.

I thank you the people of St. John's for your continued support and care. Most of all I appreciate your openness to new music and what that can actually bring to our worship services. Both Pete and I plan on remaining contributing members of St. John's so I'll actually get to meet and greet more folks each week. Remember to sing heartily since that helps all organists to know what verse we are singing!! God Bless, Karla Lake



June Birthdays . . .

- 6/1 Janel Ruggles
- 6/2 Sydney Hammerstone
- 6/4 Connie Garr
- 6/5 Hilda Kalapay
- 6/10 Roger Ruggles
- 6/10 Carolyn Moyer
- 6/15 Chris Swan
- 6/19 Judy Fenical
- 6/22 Stephen Remel
- 6/25 Barbara Robinson
- 6/26 Lois Anne Calloway
- 6/27 Beverly Lewis
- 6/27 Petra Taub
- 6/28 Victoria Petty

June Anniversaries . . .

- 6/7 Rob & Darlene Smith
- 6/24 Peggy & Tony Pitt
- 6/24 Alison & Curtis White
- 6/26 Steve & Carolyn Moyer



I would like to thank the congregation and staff at St. John's for your prayers and wonderful cards of sympathy regarding the sudden passing of my father. Your thoughts and prayers for my family and I have indeed brought great comfort. I could not be more proud to work for St. John's.

Sincerely, Tyler VanAllen
Property Manager



The Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Ingathering December 4th

Even though summer is just beginning, we would like to begin thinking about the Christmas Ingathering.

St. John's has been asked to donate:
100 cans of Shaving Cream
100 Disposable Razors

If you would like to make a donation, a box will be available in the narthex.

This year the ingathering will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, Tatamy.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS June 9:30 AM

June Altar Guild: Barbara Horinko / Sylvia Orem
June Fellowship Hour: Church Council

June 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acolyte: Jahsai Mack
Ushers: Bob Black / Jonas Orange
Worship Assistant: Chris Orem
Reader: Sean Hartman
Communion Assistants: Vicar Danielle Bosdell / Rob Smith
Gallery Attendants: MariAn & Curtis Olson

June 9 Pentecost

Acolyte: Logan Weber
Ushers: Jacob Ruggles / Roger Ruggles
Worship Assistant: Vicar Danielle Bosdell
Reader: MariAn Olson
Communion Assistants: Joyce Petty / Sue Glenn
Gallery Attendants: Chris Swan / Linda Kalapay

June 16 First Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Abby Cressman
Ushers: Shirley Kressler / Victor Unks
Worship Assistant: Jim Heck
Reader: Larry Transue
Communion Assistants: Danielle Bosdell / Chris Orem
Gallery Attendants: Ruth Thomas / Steve Remel

June 23 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Eva Seiple
Ushers: Phyllis Schurz / Loretta Heck
Worship Assistant: Katie Frichman
Reader: Wayne Docker
Communion Assistants: Jacob Ruggles / Jim Heck
Gallery Attendants: Pam & Joe LaDuca

June 30 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte: Tara Fogle
Ushers: Lois Anne Calloway / Charles Hanson
Worship Assistant: Sean Hartman
Reader: Monica Weiss-Nolen
Communion Assistants: Joyce Petty / Bob Black
Gallery Attendants: Ilse Von Lang / Carol Faulkner

Liturgical Colors and Gospel Readings

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected.

June 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter—Ascension
Color: White
John 17:20-26

June 9 Pentecost
Color: Red
John 14:8-17



June 16 First Sunday after Pentecost—
The Holy Trinity Sunday
Color: White
John 16:12-15

June 23 Second Sunday after Pentecost
Color: Green
Luke 8:26-39

June 30 Third Sunday after Pentecost
Color: Green
Luke 9:51-62

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become “children of God” and “joint heirs with Christ.” By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.



Psalm 9:2 *says that we will be glad and exult in God, we will sing praise to God's name.*

Since the earliest times, singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs has been an important part of worship to God. Martin Luther regarded music as essential in worship. Throughout the year, the staff works hard to select hymns from our hymnal that reflect the readings from the day. We also try not to repeat hymns and show variety. What are your favorite hymns?

On July 28, the staff will gather a selection of favorites to be part of a hymn sing. Some of the verses will be used as the hymn of praise, response to the readings, dismissal, to name some examples. Please help by picking one or two hymns from the hymnal that are your favorites and write the titles/hymn number on a paper and put in the box in the narthex!

Baseball Anyone . . .



Thursday, July 25, 2019, 7:05 pm—

Iron Pigs vs. Norfolk Tides

Group tickets sell out fast,
please sign up in the Narthex by June 25th!

(Note: \$11.00 / ticket is due to Vicar Danielle when signing up.)

In the gallery...

Current Show...

'Radiate Happiness' is the first public exhibit of works of art created by adults from VIA of Bethlehem who have severe disabilities. Through the *Creative Expressions* program at VIA they are given an opportunity to learn skills that enhance the quality of their lives. We are proud to exhibit their artwork which will remain in the gallery through June 30.

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Summer Art Show...

'In the Good Old Summer Time' will be the title of the July - August show. If you have paintings or photographs with a summer theme – i.e. flowers, trees, water, sky - you are invited to display them in the gallery during July and August. Three-dimensional art of any kind: (pottery, jewelry, fabric/textile, sculpture, etc) is also desired. Please contact the church office or a member of the Fine Arts Committee for details, including dates. There is no charge to be in this show.

Synod News:

If you would like to read the Synod News.

Please find it online at:

www.nepasynod.org/publications/synod

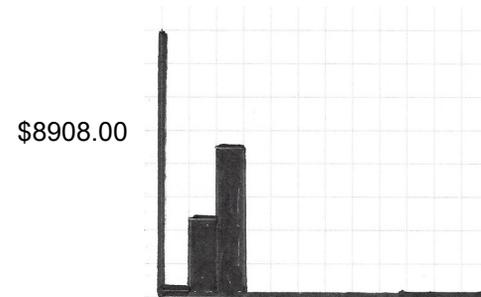
ORGAN RENOVATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

It's a Marathon not a Sprint . . .

Easter ended the **Pledge Period** and has begun the five year period to raise the money for Capital Campaign. 30 pledges were submitted, pledging \$41,360 or 82.7% of our goal of \$50,000 Some of the pledges were for a one time gift. Some of the pledges were for a yearly gift over the next five years. Thank you to those who pledged. Your pledge has been a huge help in guiding us forward with the Organ Renovation Project.

Gifts have also been made that were not pledged. As we move forward unpledged gifts will determine our success with the Capital Campaign. We will need just short of \$2000 of unpledged gifts each year to reach our goal. A very doable target as we all keep the Capital Campaign in our prayers and in our focus. Thank you to those who have made gifts and continue to make gifts without a pledge. Your gift will bring our Campaign to a successful conclusion.

The graph below shows the actual dollars received through April. Our benchmark for the end of 2019 is to receive \$14,000. Thank you for your support.
The Steering Committee



Note:

Coffee & Conversation is on Summer Break .

Flower Sponsor Procedure Change: For many years we have had flower sponsors commit to the same day from year to year. This way sometimes got messy with missed payments and forgotten days. Several months ago we implemented the “Flower Chart”. This system seems to be running smoothly. To participate in flower sponsor donations, please see the openings on the chart, and mark your name for that day. Open days will also be noted in the bulletins and in the newsletter.

Current open dates: July 14th, July 21st, July 28th, August 11th, and August 18th.



Attention 2019 Graduates & Families of Graduates
- Please contact the church office or drop a note in the plate with their information (name, school, graduate level) so we can congratulate and recognize them . . .

June 30th is :

“Thank—You” Sunday

Please plan on attending as we thank all of our Volunteers for what they have done this year.

Benevolence for June . . . Safe Harbor E.A.S.T.O.N Homeless Today, Hopeful Tomorrow



The mission of Safe Harbor as an organization is to empower and educate homeless adult men and women so that they are able to achieve a life of fulfillment and independence. There are hundreds of homeless individuals living among us in the Lehigh Valley, struggling to survive every day, not knowing where they are going to find their next meal or warm bed. As an emergency/transitional

shelter, Safe Harbor Easton provides clean and safe housing while residents reclaim their lives and acquire the life skills needed to gain employment and permanent housing. Residents learn problem solving skills, stabilize their income, assess job skills, enroll in job training, access medical care, and locate suitable, permanent housing during their stay at Safe Harbor.

Safe Harbor also operates a Day-Time Drop-In Program. They provide a hot and nutritious breakfast and lunch every day of the week, that is open to anyone in need in the community.

While Safe Harbor Easton is partly funded by government grants, it cannot sustain its much-needed programs without support from the community. Donations received from community members help them to continue to operate Safe Harbor.

Safe Harbor is looking for donations of the following:

- Sugar
- Pancake Mix / Syrup
- Ice Tea Mix
- Paper Cups (8oz. Hot and Cold)
- Paper Napkins
- Heavy-Duty Paper Plates
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Silverware
- Air Freshener Sprays
- Laundry Detergent
- Boxes of Tissues
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- White Copy Paper
- Men's T-shirts (size L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- New Packaged Socks (Adult)
- New Packaged Underwear (Adult)
- Backpacks and Duffle Bags (used /good condition)





Note:

The Church Newsletter and Calendar are available online for your viewing. If you would like to discontinue your paper copy delivery, please contact the church office. (610-258-6119)



“God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does . . .” - Martin Luther

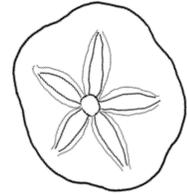
St. John’s Committee’s—Think about joining . . .

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| Altar Guild | Lois Anne Calloway |
| Coffee and Conversation | Vicar Danielle |
| Finance Committee | Rob Smith |
| Fine Arts Committee | MariAn Olson |
| Membership Committee | Monica Weiss-Nolen |
| Mutual Ministry | Joyce Petty |
| Newsletter | Melissa Dean, office |
| Outreach Committee | Patsy Woodson |
| Prayer Group | Phyllis Schurz |
| Property Committee | Roger Ruggles |
| Rachel Circle | Dee Caul |
| Spiritual Life Committee | Victor Unks |
| Tuesday Bible Class | Ruth Thomas |

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