

The Eagle



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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

a reconciling in Christ congregation

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Driving down the road, the billboard read 'NOW HIRING' and had details of who to contact. Perhaps like me, you have seen the 'now hiring' signage in windows of small businesses, outside on banners of larger companies and I've even read the 'help needed' on

my store receipts and seen it on a truck passing me on the highway. There are numerous experts (and non-experts) who explain the 'why we have an employee shortage' and unfortunately, I've heard derogatory comments about 'lazy people' and 'people only want benefits without work'. Most economist I've read point to a 16-month pandemic effecting the economy.

The Tuesday morning Bible group is reading Luke and in chapter ten we hear the words "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers." (Luke 10:2) In November, we see the plentiful harvest with the apples, pumpkins, squash, turkeys, ham, cranberries, etc. Many of our tables are weighed down in celebration of a feast or two. Even with the plentiful in our midst there is still a shortage. Why is it that some cannot afford to put food at their table? Is it because there is no work suitable for them?

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send the laborers. . ." We experience the harvest, according to Benjamin Corey, whenever we get paid for our work, whenever our family/friends shows us love, each time we feel closeness to God, we experience a plentiful harvest. We experience the harvest because of God's love and grace.

To those who lack jobs, love and even knowing God, let our hands reach out to help them. Let our prayers be that the laborers get hired, that the laborers be sent by God to give the harvest to everyone.

Let us give thanks for what is fruitful in our lives. *Pastor Sue*



**NOVEMBER IS
DIABETES
AWARENESS
MONTH**

Hi my name is *Melissa Dean*, and I am the Administrative Assistant here at St. John's. For those of you who don't know, November is Diabetes Awareness Month. I can't tell you that I was

aware of this last November, but I know now, because it hits closer to home. Last December, my son Eli (he was 7 years old) was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes, formerly called Juvenile Diabetes. This is a disease where a persons Pancreas stops working. People with Type 1 Diabetes are insulin dependent, and will require insulin treatment either through injections, or insulin pumps, for the rest of their lives.

As the Mother in a family who is dealing with a new part of life, I looked for support and information. I joined many different Facebook groups, and Support Channels and through the help of these groups life got easier and Diabetes gets more manageable.

Recently I became aware of people in the Diabetes Community that recognize "Diabetes Awareness Month" as something to support or celebrate, and I thought, "I can do that too!" I am blessed to work in a place where we support people, and we support ideas . . . Thanks to them, I am proud share this cause with you. Beginning November 7th, and all through November, there will be a table in the Narthex for "Diabetes Awareness". I will share facts about all Type of Diabetes, and what symptoms to look for to help better educate ourselves, and loved ones around us.

I look forward to seeing everyone on November 7th, and hearing about how Diabetes affects you and your family. We will be collecting donations for the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), which is supports finding a cure, improving lives, and funding research for Type 1 diabetes.

God's Blessings—Melissa

It's That Time of Year!
Please make time to Join Us !!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

December 5th, 2021

Following Worship.

"Zoom" option will also available . . .

(Contact the Church Office with Questions.)



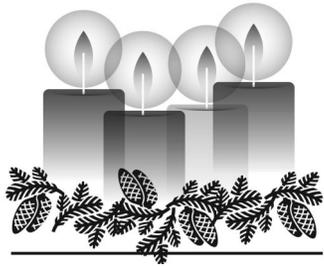
**Contributions can always be
mailed to the Church
330 Ferry Street, Easton, 18042
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The Gallery at St. John's is pleased to announce
the "Re-Opening" of the Art Gallery.

**Holiday Show Begins
November 7th, 2021**

The Gallery is also in need of Gallery attendants.
If you are
interested, please contact Charles Hanson.





Advent Soup and Scripture

*Please Join Pastor Sue,
Vicar Jamie, and the
Congregations of St. Paul /
Good Shepherd for a Joint Advent Bible Study.*

*Tuesday—November 30th.
December 7th, and 14th, 2021*

6:00 pm, @

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
610 W. Berwick Street—Easton, PA*

- A Light Supper of Soup is provided . . .

(Please call Pastor or Vicar Jamie with questions.)

November - 10:30 am Worship

Altar Guild: Linda Kalapay / Judy Kalapay

November 7 *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Liturgical Color: Green
Reading: Mark 12:38-44
Reader: Lynn Kutch
Worship Assistant: Chris Orem
Comm. Assistants /Usher: Bob Black / Cindy Black

November 14 *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Liturgical Color: Green
Reading: Mark 13:1-8
Reader: Monica Weiss-Nolen
Worship Assistant: Jim Heck
Comm. Assistants /Usher: Connie Garr / Barbara Horinko

November 21 *Christ the King Sunday*

Liturgical Color: White
Reading: John 18:33-37
Reader: Mike Thompson
Worship Assistant: Roger Ruggles
Comm. Assistants / Usher: Sue Glenn / Carolyn Moyer

November 28 *First Sunday of Advent*

Liturgical Color: Blue
Reading: Luke 21:25-36
Reader: Steve Moyer
Worship Assistant: Joyce Petty
Comm. Assistant / Usher: Roger Ruggles/ Jacob Ruggles

Thank You . . .
The Outreach
Committee would like
to Thank all those who
donated candy or
snacks to the
Miracle League
"Trunk or Treat"



**Please remember to turn your
clocks back when you go the bed
on Saturday November 6th,
so you are not late for church on
Sunday, November 7th . . .**



PREPARING FOR
Advent

The Season of Advent will
soon be upon us . . .

*WATCH, WAIT,
WONDER...*



Coats . . .

Winter is coming, and we received word that the Northampton County Prison, Volunteer Coordinator is looking for "COAT" donations.

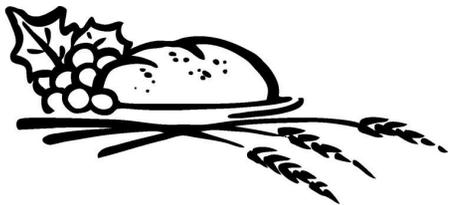
- ☑ All Coats must be in "like new" condition, and be freshly laundered, or dry cleaned.
- ☑ All sizes Women's and Men's coats will be accepted.



There is more happiness in giving than in receiving. . . Acts 20:35

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

*November 21st &
December 5th, 12th & 26th*



Are you looking to receive Holy Communion, or know someone who would? Please give the church office a call. Times are available to accommodate you. Pastor will also make home visits if interested or necessary. 610-258-6119

November

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	We
<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Church Worship: 10:30 am Sundays </div>	1	2 <i>Bible Study @ Thomas Residence 11:00 am</i>	3 <i>Council M Du</i>
7 "BaconFest" <i>Following Worship: -Intern Comm. Mtg. "Diabetes Awarness Month Kickoff"</i>	8 <i>Council Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	9 <i>Bible Study @ Thomas Residence 11:00 am</i>	10
14 <i>Following worship: -Membership Mtg. - Rachels Circle - Spiritual Life</i>	15	16 <i>Bible Study @ Thomas Residence 11:00 am</i>	17 <i>Wedne Evening Fellowsh 6:30</i>
21 "Christ the King" <i>Following worship: -Outreach Mtg. -Property Mtg.</i>	22	23 <i>Bible Study @ Thomas Residence 11:00 am</i>	24
28 "Advent 1"	29	30 <i>Bible Study @ Thomas Residence 11:00 am</i> <hr/> <i>Advent Soup & Scripture @ St. Pauls, 6:00 pm</i>	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">3 1 Sun</p> </div>

2021

Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Reports e	4	5	6 "BaconFest"
	11 Prayer Group 9:30 am	12 Newsletter Deadline	13
esday Mixer - hip Hall pm	18	19	20
	25 Thanksgiving	26 Church Office Closed	27
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> Sunday School - Join us—Sundays Breakfast—8:15 am day School—9:00 am </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Al-Anon Meetings: Wednesdays @ 10:00 am (Fellowship Hall) </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> NA Meetings: Thursday @ 7:00 pm (Fellowship Hall) </div>	

Thanksgiving is almost here. We would like to continue helping those families who are in need within our congregation and in the community to have a nice *Thanksgiving* meal.



Just as in past years, we will be giving away gift cards from a local grocery store to help purchase food items for their meal. If you would like to support this project, you may do so with a monetary donation, which will be used to purchase the gift cards. We are limiting the amount of request we receive to 40 families.

We thank you for your support.

The Outreach Committee



Wanted: BaconFest

Parking Attendants

November 6th & 7th

Between: 10:00 — 5:00 pm

*See the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

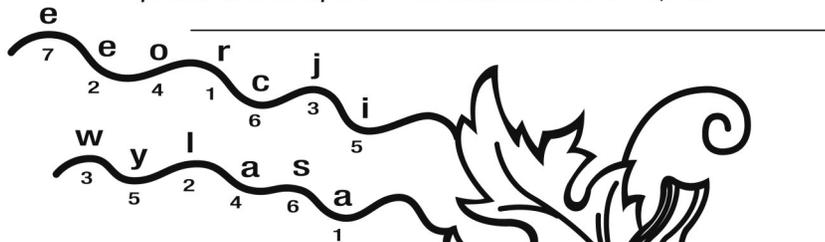
*The church office will be closed:
November 25th & November 26th
for the Thanksgiving Holiday ...*



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

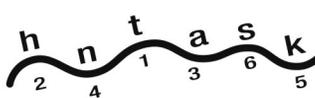




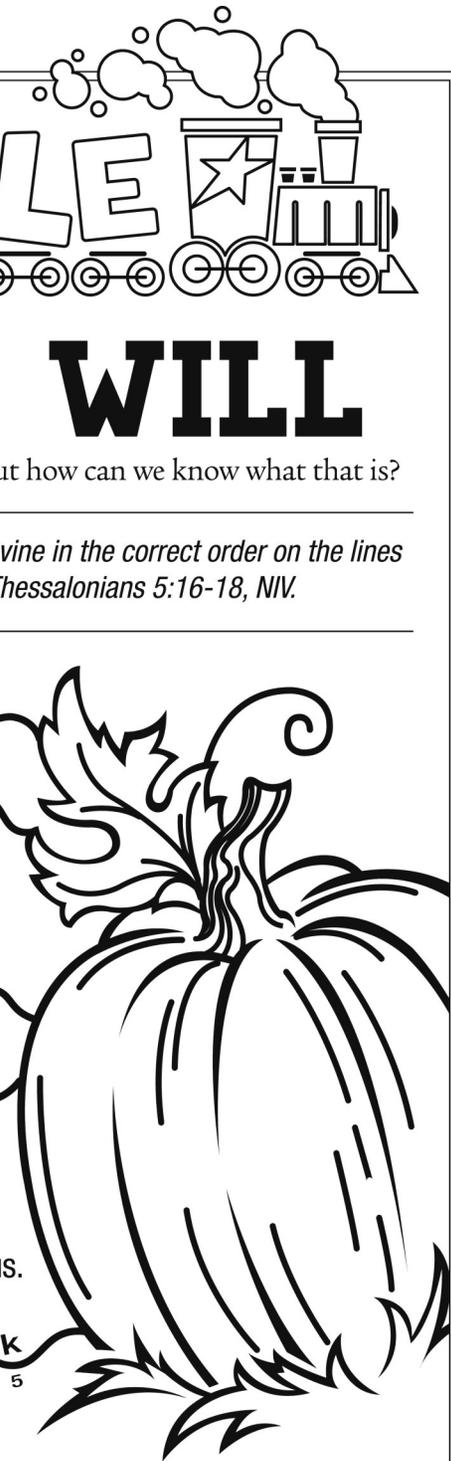
continually,



in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV



Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



Join Us at Sunday School

Breakfast begins @ 8:15 am

Classes start @ 9:00 am

Adult Forum @ 9:00 am

- in the Gallery



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THANK YOU

How many ways are there to say thank you?
If we knew, we'd say them all.

The Outreach Committee would like to express our sincerest thank you to the members of St. John's for your support of all of our outreach programs. The pandemic hit our nation hard, some people harder than others, but your generosity never stopped. Whether it was through financial support, time volunteered, donations or prayers, your commitment to others only grows stronger.

Here are some of the groups you helped:

- Safe Harbor
- Project of Easton
- Third St. Alliance
- Meals on Wheels
- Reconciling in Christ
- Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley
- The Center for Animal Health & Welfare
- My Sister's Closet
- Back Pack Buddies
- Sunday School
- Youth
- Families of Inmates
- United Lutheran Seminary
- The Project Food Bank
- Mission District In-gatherings
- Family Connections
- Community Thanksgiving meals
- Miracle League,
- ELCA World Hunger,
- The St. John's Blessing Box
- The Homeless Community
- Ect . . .

You probably didn't even know how many lives you have touched.....but they do. Everyone who has received a meal, shelter, etc. thanks to you, have felt your love and God's love through you. For that, we applaud you and are grateful for you.

Thank you,

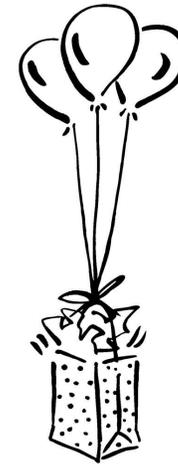
The Outreach Committee



November

Birthdays

- 11/1—Matthew Szatmary
- 11/3—Landry Fink
- 11/8—Linda Kalapay
- 11/10—Susan Campbell
- 11/11—Les McCoy
- 11/11—June Smith
- 11/12—Sylvia Orem
- 11/13—Doug Powell
- 11/14—Jacob Ruggles
- 11/16—Nancy Dicker
- 11/16—Neal Gilbert
- 11/25—Charlene Fredericks
- 11/28—Pastor Sue Ruggles



Anniversaries

- 11/1—Anne & Edward Kovac
- (If you were missed, please contact the church office.)



We are Thankful For . . .

Our Pastor

Thank you for the early Sunday Mornings,
and the late Weekday nights.

Thank you for the seeds you plant and the
disciples you nourish.

Thank you for the sermons you preach, and
the prayers you lift up.

Thank you for the wise council and the words
of encouragement.

Benevolence for November

ProJeCt of Easton

ProJeCt was founded in 1968 by a unique interfaith coalition of Protestant, Jewish, and Catholic community leaders who believed that our community could be better and that each of us has a responsibility for taking action. Since 1968, ProJeCt has been an advocate for the at-risk population in the Lehigh Valley. It is a nonprofit organization with a mission of building a better community by helping people help themselves. Education is key to their mission and they offer a system of education support services to help clients break the cycle of poverty.

With support from the community, they are able to continue helping thousands of people and families through their food pantry, emergency assistance, youth development and educational programs.



Donations to ProJeCt can be made through the church, or directly to:

320 Ferry Street, Easton, PA 18042

St. John's also collects items for Project which include:

- RICE—(St. John's is the "Rice" church, any kind of rice.)
- Other non-perishable food items for the ProJeCt Food Pantry.



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