

The Eagle



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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

a reconciling in Christ congregation

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From the Pastor

July, 2022

In the state of Oregon, a sponsored program exists that protects the irreplaceable trees of the area. The program is called the heritage tree program, and other states have since done the same. One tree on the Oregon coast was a just seedling at the time when Martin Luther was putting his *95 Theses* on the church door in 1517. The Cape Perpetua Giant Spruce could surely tell a story about things that happened in that area and the people who lived there.

This month in Easton, we will not point to a 200 foot tall tree but we could stand at the center square or even on the front lawn of the church and tell a few stories about things that happened in the area and the about the people who lived around Fourth and Ferry streets. Take the opportunity on Heritage Day (July 10) to explore the history of the area and especially the Lutherans who settled in our town. Our building speaks with the voices of many since the 1800's.

It is important to remember our heritage as Christians. The church is hope for the world. The teachings of the Holy Scriptures provide direction and promise. Voices and leaders are needed to spill this message out into the world! How are we training our youth and young people to be these leaders? How are we equipping our members and friends of St. John's to be the voices of hope? Worship, bible studies, groups, continue to help and ideas grow. Be inspired with Jesus teaching:

"You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."
Mark 10:43

We tell the message of hope often times in the one on one relationships we have in our daily lives. Keep up the work of the Lord! Celebrate heritage with others as a follower of the servant Jesus!

- God's Blessings, Pastor Sue

VBS—Register TODAY!

July 11-15, 2022



This year we are joining with Good Shepherd!!

For children aged 3 - 6th grade,

**6:00 pm-8:30 pm
2115 Washington Blvd, Easton, PA**

"Food Truck Party - On a Roll with God"

For more information or to register call 610.258.0081

*(links for digital registration were e-mailed out,
if you want the e-mail link, please call the church office.)*

VBS Volunteers needed . . .

If any members would like to help, we still need a Science Leader and 2 Crew Leaders. We also need assistants for Opening, Closing, Bible Story, Games, and Science.

Also . . .

If anyone wants to help build decorations, we meet every Monday and Wednesday 6-8 pm at 2115 Washington Blvd. United Fellowship (Good Shepherd)



Congratulations to all of our 2022 High School & College Graduates.

We pray for your futures . . .



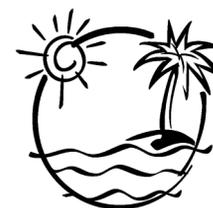
Tara Fogel—Easton High School
(Tara will be attending Penn State University studying Veterinary and Biomedical Science.)

Thomas Gilbert— Lehigh valley School for the Performing Arts

Jonas Orange—Easton High School
(Jonas will be attending Northampton Community College studying General Studies.)

L. Cole Transue—Easton High School
(Cole will be attending Lock Haven University studying Criminal Justice, and playing football.)

Summer is here, and with vacations the church office may be left unattended from time to time. Please call ahead. Phone messages and e-mails will be checked regularly.



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY—JULY 4TH**

**"GOD SHED HIS
GRACE ON THEE"**



In Proverbs 16:3 it is written:
 “Share your plans with the Lord, and
 you will succeed.”

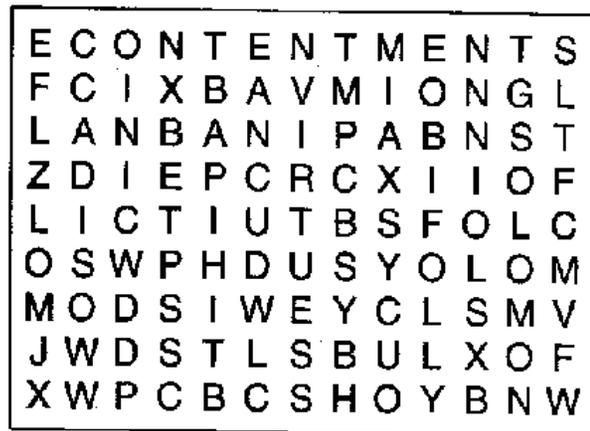
In 2021, the churches in the Northeast
 Pennsylvania Synod reviewed ways to
 take part in the renewal movement for
 churches.

Three topics emerged and St. John’s will
 focus on each one in time.

1. **Growing Young** – a focus on being and acting as a Jesus
 -centered community that engages all people, all ages,
 especially those in the 15-29 years.
2. **Gaining Strength** – helping the leadership of our church
 identify their strengths and link those strengths to our
 congregation and the community.
3. **Going beyond death to life** – our congregation will look
 at vital signs and plan out a future for all the ways we
 serve as God’s people. Partnerships with those with a
 common purpose is essential.

**Your ideas and comments about these topics are welcomed and
 appreciated! Let the renewal begin!**

Book of Proverbs Word-Find



- WISDOM
- OBEDIENCE
- BLESSINGS
- FAITH
- CONTENTMENT
- VIRTUES
- FOLLY
- SOLOMON



July ~ 9:30 am Worship

Altar Guild: Judi Kalapay / Linda Kalapay

July 3 Fourth Sunday after

Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green
Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Reader: Bob Black
Worship Assistant: Chris Orem
Comm. Assistants /Usher: Barbara Horinko / Joyce Petty

July 10 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green
Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Worship @ Riverside Park Amphitheatre

July 17 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green
Reading: Luke 10:38-42
Reader: Lynn Kutch
Worship Assistant: Jim Heck
Comm. Assistants /Usher: Chris Orem / Connie Garr

July 24 Seventh Sunday after

Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green
Reading: Luke 11:1-13
Reader: Wayne Docker
Worship Assistant: Joyce Petty
Comm. Assistants /Usher: Steve Moyer / Carolyn Moyer

July 31 Eighth Sunday after

Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green
Reading: Luke 12:13-21
Reader: Monica Weiss-Nolen
Worship Assistant: Roger Ruggles



JULY 2022

*Heritage Day is Sunday, July 10th,
On this day, we will be worshipping with the community
at the Riverside Park Amphitheatre at 9:30 am.*

Please join us.

**For those not wishing to worship outdoors, a prayer
service will be available at 8:30 am in the Chapel.*

Funny Oppor "tuna" ties . . .

Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?
(He just knew there was something fishy about it . . .)

Why didn't Noah ever go fishing!
(He only had two worms.)

How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman?
(By his net income)



**Altar flower dedications / memorial requests are
needed for August 10, 17, 31 & all September dates.**

**Please help us continue to beautify our church
with God's creation.**

~ In Remembrance ~

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

Douglas Powell
11/13/1926—5/30/22

*Remembering those members
who have passed . . .*



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

3 FOLLOWING WORSHIP: FINANCE—OFFICE	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 COUNCIL R
10 HERITAGE DAY WORSHIP @ RIVERSIDE PARK NO MEMBERSHIP TODAY	11 COUNCIL MEETING— CHAPEL 7:00 PM VBS @ GOOD SHEPHERD 6-8:30 PM	12 VBS @ GOOD SHEPHERD 6-8:30 PM	13 VBS @ GOO 6-8:
17 FOLLOWING WORSHIP: PROPERTY—OFFICE LIBRARY TEAM	18	19	20
24 FOLLOWING WORSHIP: RACHEL S CIRCLE	25	26	27
31			



WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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REPORTS DUE	7	8 IRON PIGS GAME 7:05 PM (FOR THOSE WHO PRE- PURCHASED TICKETS.)	9
GOOD SHEPHERD 3:30 PM	14 PRAYER GROUP 9:30 AM VBS @ GOOD SHEPHERD 6-8:30 PM	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE VBS @ GOOD SHEPHERD 6-8:30 PM	16
	21	22 NEWSLETTER FOLDING 9:30 AM	23
	28 PRAYER GROUP 9:30 AM	29	30
WORSHIP: @ 9:30 AM SCHOOL / LUNCH DURING SUMMER		AL-ANON MEETINGS: WEDNESDAYS @ 10:00 AM (FELLOWSHIP HALL)	NA MEETINGS: THURSDAYS @ 7:30 PM (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

~ ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S ~
~ YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ~

"GALLERY APPRECIATION MONTH"

SUNDAY JULY 17TH - AUGUST 21ST

THIS SHOW... IS JUST FOR US !

It's a time to Share something unique By OUR Members,
for OUR Members and with OUR Members!

Examples: Hobbies, Favorite Recipes, Old Family Photos,
Knitting, Crocheting, Collections, Artwork, Crafts, Poetry,
Old Toys, Games, Dolls, Model Cars, Vintage Clothes,
Records, Nostalgic Tools, etc . . .

SHOW AND TELL OR Something to Sell !

Drop off date will be July 12th from 11a.m. - 1 p.m.
*If you can't make that date and time please contact:
Charlie Hanson at 610-905-1767 to make other
arrangements.



Currently in the Gallery at St. John's . . .

The art of Stewart P. Lewis,
the grandfather of members Chuck and Howard
Lewis. He created a cartoon character in the 1920's-
1930's called, 'Father Easton' who appeared weekly
in the Easton newspaper during that time. The
Gallery is showcasing his art work, and will be open
to view after worship and during Heritage Day.

Church Picnic

We're firing up the Grill . . .

Join Us !

Sunday, August 28th

@ 10:30 am

Penn Pump Park

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

(Hosted by the Membership Committee)



Did you know . . .

Safe Harbor Easton is a program-driven, transitional shelter for homeless single men and women. It is also a drop-in program for low-income adults.

**SAFE HARBOR
EASTON**

Housed in a two-story building on Bushkill Drive in Easton, the shelter has the capacity to house 22 men and 28 women overnight. Last year, we housed 183 people in our shelter program. Each of those individuals were provided with an in-house case manager.

Safe Harbor also operates a Daytime Drop-In Program that is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Last year we served over 53,000 meals . We offer all members of the day program access to basic needs services, case management, and referrals to other community services and organizations.

Monthly St. John's donates one of the lunches for their lunch program (the 3rd Monday of the month). This project is headed by **Carol & David Faulkner**. If you would like to become involved, or want to donate a lunch or dinner to the shelter,

contact Carol Faulkner, the church office or

visit: safeharboreaston.com
and click on the link for "Donate a Meal"



A Quilt of Hope

The headlines say, 'Russia's War with Ukraine'. In February of this year, Russian troops launched an invasion. Throughout March, April, May, June and even today, the war is played out in our living rooms on TV and in the inboxes of our computers.

Many of us have experienced wars in our lifetime, some through serving in the US military and others learning and yearning for peace. Although some wars are not given as much national attention, people still suffer.

To remind us of those who continue to struggle with the war in Ukraine today, the Quilters of St. John's have made a beautiful quilt. The quilt depicts the colors of the Ukrainian flag and the sunflower, the National flower of Ukraine.

The sunflower has become a symbol of hope and peace.

As a reminder to the community that many still suffer, the quilt will be first displayed in the Sanctuary at St. John's and then will go on tour to other churches and places in the area with the idea to collect donations to go toward the crisis in Ukraine. If you are someone, or know anyone from another church or organization who would like to display the quilt, please contact the church office.

Thank you to the St. John's Quilters.



The Church would like to thank Chuck Lewis, and the Palmer Kiwanis Club for their Generous Donation to the crisis in Ukraine.

Including the Kiwanis Club donation the church has collected approx. \$2400.00

(Kiwanis Club donated \$1596.00)





St. John's has a history of participating in Easton's Heritage Day Events. This year on Sunday July 10th, St. John's will be a part of **The Chautauqua at the Forks of the Delaware's** "Festival of Faith", an assembly of diverse Faith Communities from around the Easton area. The Chautauqua is bringing this group together to share who they are with the Easton community, and provide dialogue between the group and visitors/attendees of Heritage Day.

St. John's will be part of the conversation with a tent/booth. Our booth will share a timeline of Lutherans in Easton along with a game for adults and a game for kids to share who we are and what we believe.

Visitors to the booth will also receive a ticket entitling them to a hot dog & sauerkraut back at St. John's, hopefully enticing them to see what else St. John's has to offer . . .

At St. John's :

- Tours of our Grave Cellar
- Tours of our Sanctuary / Worship Space
- Access to the Gallery where "Father Easton" political cartoons by Stewart Parnell Lewis are available for viewing . . .
- A photographic history of St. John's provided by the Archive Committee.
- Community Parking Lot Parking @ a cost
- proceeds supporting our youth . . .

Your help is needed for St. John's to make its presence known on Heritage Day. Please check out the sign-up poster in the Narthex. Find something that interests you, and sign-up for a time slot to help.

Thank you for being a part of Heritage Day 2022.



Birthdays

- 7/1**—Denise Cherry
- 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
- 7/22**—Diane Coker
- 7/23**—Alison Fink
- 7/24**—Addison Cressman
- 7/25**—Nancy Betts
- 7/25**—Alexa Kutch
- 7/28**—Donna Hoppey
- 7/29**—Judy Keen

Anniversaries

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



4TH of JULY Prayer

On this July 4th, Let us give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this nation and for all those who work to sustain them. Let us value our freedom and use it to benefit and uplift all people, especially those excluded, forgotten and oppressed. Amen.

PRIDE 2022

The 3rd ANNUAL PRIDE ON THE RIVERFRONT

will be held in Easton on

Sunday, August 14
@ Riverside Park
Noon to 7 PM



Organized by the Jackson Cafe.
There will be many booths and
live music with top performers,
and a parade.

St. John's will host an information booth
sponsored by the Outreach Committee to share
information with those attending.

Contact Nadine Anderson to volunteer—
(sign up for a 2 hour shift at our booth).

This is an important opportunity to share God's
love with a group of people that have often been
condemned by the church in the past.

LEHIGH VALLEY PRIDE

will be held at

The Jewish Community Center of the Lehigh Valley,

702 N. 22nd Street—Allentown

Sunday, August 21
noon to 6 PM ,

BE LOUD! BE PROUD!

Organized by the Bradbury-Sullivan
Community Center.



Activities include: Pre-Pride Interfaith Service, Opening
Ceremonies, All-day Stage Entertainment (*music and drag
performances from local and national headliners.*)

St. John's will have a booth joining with joined 3-5
other Lutheran churches from the area.

Contact Nadine Anderson to volunteer.
(sign up for a 2 hour shift at our booth).

* Volunteers get in free as there is a \$10 entrance fee
for those 14 and above.

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