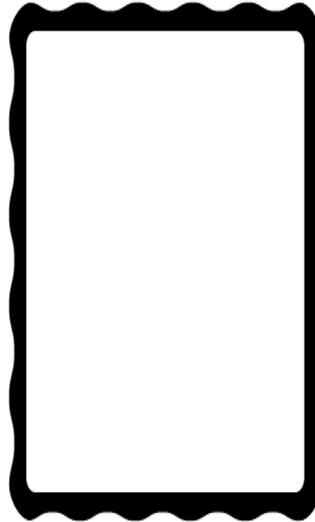


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Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted.

Luke 4:1-2

It is that time of year when we look to Lent. What is it? What can we do about it? As you are no doubt aware, Lent is the time of the church calendar that is 40 days starting with Ash Wednesday (March 6th this year) and ends on Holy Saturday or the day before Easter Sunday (April 20). The 40 days does not count Sundays because Sundays are always a celebration of Easter. In the 40 days of Lent, you are encouraged to repent, fast and reflect on those things that have pulled you away from God (sin) and how you want to change.

The Blind Side is a movie from 2010 about a Christian family who gave a homeless young man a chance. Sandra Bullock won an Academy Award for her portrayal of the mother, Leigh Tuohy. The movie is based on a true story and told of a boy, Michael Oher who was homeless and nurtured by Leigh's family. Michael grew up to be a first-round National Football League draft pick for the Baltimore Ravens. The transformation of Leigh's family and of Michael's began with two words. The family was in their car driving along when they saw Michael walking on a cold November morning in his shorts and T-shirt. Leigh muttered two words to her husband, "Turn Around". They turned around, took Michael home with them ultimately adopted him into their family.

Lent asks us to 'turn around'. To change in whatever ways we need so we make God first and our actions reflect that God is first in our lives. Sometimes it is something drastic. Sometimes it is something simple. Lent allows us the time to reflect on what our journey can look like for ways to change directions.

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I invite you to participate in one of many choices of study or worship this Lent to open your eyes to ways to participate in a turn around journey. Every Tuesday night, the Soup and Scripture study will meet in Vicar's apartment for a light supper and study of the Word. On Wednesday evenings, members of the Easton cluster of Lutheran churches will gather around Holden's evening prayer service after a brief meal. This beautiful prayer service brings reflection. Don't miss Sundays during these weeks as we count down for Lent. Vicar Danielle and I are planning special Sundays too! Meanwhile, Turn Around this Lent! There are only 40 days to do it!

In peace,

Pastor Sue Ruggles

Youth and Family News

March 5 also called Shrove Tuesday (day before Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent)

CAN BUILD beginning at 5:00

Teams of 3 youth (with a recruited adult or a family unit can be a team) are invited to recruit family/friends to bring canned and packages of food. Each team will be assigned 5 bags (or they can bring their own bags-at least 5 grocery bags).

Beginning at 5:45 (after dinner) the CAN BUILD will start. Teams have one hour to build a structure out of the food items. Voting takes place at 6:00 pm. All are invited to come and watch! Youth friends can participate! Prizes!

Register with Pastor or Vicar in Sunday school!



SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM - Redner's is committed to the communities that we are a part of, and we want to help out the non-profit organizations whose members shop in our stores. In this interest, Redner's developed our 1% Save-A-Tape program.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Your group must be a non-profit organization. Each member must stop at Customer Service to get a Save-A-Tape card. By using this card each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's Warehouse Markets, your receipt will be designated as a Save-A-Tape customer receipt.

*Bring your receipts to Church and put in the box marked "Redner's Receipts" Once we have \$5,000.00 of receipts, we can cash them in .

RACHAEL CIRCLE

Thanks for your help with the newborn kits! Group will continue sending cards to lift everyone's days and beginning a pen pal to persons in jail.

March 10th and 31st will be available in the Sunday school room to teach crochet to the Sunday school children. Special project in the future!

Mark your calendar and stayed tuned for a special May Day Tea Shower - on May 5th.



St. John's will not be Cancelled. . . .

If you can walk, join us., if not, know we are still worshipping and praising God together in our hearts .

Benevolence for Lent

ELCA Immigration and Refugee Services

We are a church that does God's work in the world and in local communities pursuing justice, peace and human dignity for and with all people.

In partnership with congregations and Lutheran social ministry organizations, **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service** has welcomed more than 379,000 refugees to the United States since 1939. This ongoing partnership and work is driven by God's love for all people and a vision for congregations to be welcoming and generous centers for mission and ministry.

The work of the ELCA through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service includes responding to people caught in conflict and facing persecution, advocating for their needs and interests, helping people access resources for basic human needs, working with foster care programs for minors, legal assistance, developing new and innovative service programs and partnerships, and much more.

***During Lent, envelopes will be available in the narthex.
Monies given in the Lent envelopes will support the
ELCA Immigration and Refugee Services.
Thank you! the Outreach Committee**

*Happy
Birthday!*

3/4 Lee Wisner-Greger
3/5 Shawn Fink
3/6 Ian Heck
3/17 Stefanie Weber

3/18 Jeanette Wilkins
3/22 Mike Thompson
3/27 Mia Ruggles

3/28 Steve Moyer
3/30 Kevin Sirotnak

*Happy
Anniversary*

John and Sharon
Fritchman 3/3

Charles and Julia
Cortright 3/28



**Congratulations to Trinity Episcopal Church
As they celebrates 200 years in downtown Easton!**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

March - 10:30 AM

March Altar Guild: Lois Anne Calloway / Susan Glenn
March Fellowship Hour: Choir

Mar. 3 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Acolyte: Tara Fogle
Ushers: Lois Anne Calloway / Charles Hanson
Worship Assistant: Christopher Orem
Reader: Victory Unks
Communion Assistants: Roger Ruggles / James Heck
Gallery Attendants: Pam and Joe LaDuca

Mar. 6 Ash Wednesday

Acolyte: Eva Seiple
Ushers: Wayne Docker / Phyllis Schurz
Worship Assistant: Vicar Danielle Bosdell
Reader: Ian Heck
Communion Assistants: Jacob Ruggles / Joyce Petty
Gallery Attendants: Linda Kalapay / Steve Remel

Mar. 10 First Sunday of Lent

Acolyte: Abby Cressman
Ushers: Bob Black / Victor Unks
Worship Assistant: Joyce Petty
Reader: Monica Weiss-Nolen
Communion Assistants: Barbara Horinko / Vicar Danielle Bosdell
Gallery Attendants: MariAn & Curtis Olson

Mar. 17 Second Sunday of Lent

Acolyte: Aaron Howey
Ushers: Patsy Woodson / Loretta Heck
Worship Assistant: Tom Neel
Reader: Vicar Danielle Bosdell
Communion Assistants: Robert Smith / Victor Unks
Gallery Attendants: Ilse von Lang

Mar. 24 Third Sunday of Lent

Acolyte: Aaron Howey
Ushers: Patsy Woodson / Loretta Heck
Worship Assistant: Tom Neel
Reader: Vicar Danielle Bosdell
Communion Assistants: Robert Smith / Victor Unks
Gallery Attendants: Ilse von Lang

Mar. 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Acolyte: Aaron Howey
Ushers: Patsy Woodson / Loretta Heck
Worship Assistant: Tom Neel
Reader: Vicar Danielle Bosdell
Communion Assistants: Robert Smith / Victor Unks
Gallery Attendants: Ilse von Lang

Liturgical Colors and Gospel Readings

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

Mar. 3 Transfiguration Sunday!
 Color: White
 Luke 9:28-36
 Last Sunday before Lent

Mar. 6 Ash Wednesday
 Color: Purple
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Mar. 10 First Sunday of Lent
 Color: Purple
 Luke 4:1-13



Mar. 17 Second Sunday of Lent
 Color: Purple
 Luke 13:31-35

Mar. 24 Third Sunday of Lent
 Color: Purple
 Luke 13:1-9

Mar. 31 Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Color: Purple
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

A Note from Safe Harbor . . .



OUR SUCCESS STORIES ARE BECAUSE OF YOU!

Safe Harbor had an incredible 2018 thanks to you! We provided over 14,000 nights of shelter in our ARISE program, reduced program recidivism by 87% since 2015, and served over 120 unduplicated individuals in our emergency winter sheltering program.

Other highlights include securing the funds and space to add ten female shelter beds in Spring of 2019. Safe Harbor and its staff are working hard to meet the rising need for shelter in our community. We continue to invest in our current staff and our residents with 51% of our salaries and benefits in 2018 paid to employees who were formerly residents of our shelter program.

We hope you enjoy the following stories of success from our residents, and thank you for making each and every one of them possible!

Sarah Massaro

Director of Development | Safe Harbor Easton

Need a ride to Church?

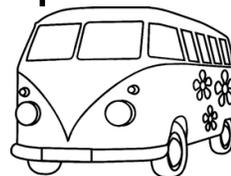
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Yolanda Atwood @

484-714-2795



**“Souper Bowl” of Caring Sunday . . .
Thank you!**

Sincere thanks to all who helped make the Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday a success. Through your generosity and support, \$445.38 was raised, which will be split between Safe Harbor, Easton, and The United Lutheran Seminary’s Food Bank. Also, thank you to all who made soup, chili, helped to set up, serve and clean up.

A special thank you to Pearly Baker Ale House, and 3rd & Ferry Fish Market for their donations.



**Terry
Kitchen
&
Mara
Levine**

The Gallery at St. Johns' Presents . . .

Award-winning Boston singer/songwriter (and Easton native) **Terry Kitchen** and New Jersey folksinger **Mara Levine** will be performing their unique brand of folk music in The Gallery at St. John's on Sunday March 17. The concert begins at 1 PM and there is a suggested donation of

\$10. Terry and Mara have been making beautiful music together since 2008, combining his guitar and songwriting skills with her exquisite vocals and ear for harmony to perform both Terry's compositions and original interpretations of traditional and contemporary folk songs. They released a duo EP in 2012 and appear on each other's solo albums, including Mara's new CD *Facets of Folk* and Terry's 2017 CD *The Quiet Places*. For their concert they'll blend songs from their recordings with folk favorites by Paul Simon, John Denver and Joni Mitchell. More at terrykitchenmaralevine.com



The Gallery at St. John's

Art for your Appreciation and Purchase

The fourth annual *Artists Without Walls* will open with a reception on Sunday, March 3rd from 12:00 - 3:00 pm with Artists' Talks at 12:30 pm. All twelve exhibitors are members of ACE (Arts Community of Easton) who do not have studios of their own. The Opening Reception is an excellent opportunity for us to meet the artists and welcome them to St. John's. The variety of artwork will include miniatures, jewelry, oils, acrylics, pencil, watercolors, collages, pastels, floor cloths and photography.

In conjunction with this show, the gallery will dedicate one wall to the annual ACE *Small Works Show* in which all artwork will be no larger than 8 x 10 inches. Maryann Riker will curate the small works exhibit.

WHAT IS THE ORGAN RENOVATION ALL ABOUT?

At the Annual Congregational Meeting in January, the Congregation approved \$131,000 renovation of the organ by Emery Brothers, Inc. So what is going to happen to our organ?

A pipe organ consists of four major parts: (1) the console, where the keyboard and pedals are found (2) the pipes, that produce the sound (our organ has 1,890 pipes) (3) mechanics, to produce forced air and (4) a wind chest to release the forced air to a pipe when a note is played (our organ has four divisions, thus 4 wind chests).

The mechanics to produce forced air are working fine and are not in need of renovation at this time. The console was renovated in 2015 thanks to two special gifts for that purpose. That leaves the pipes and the wind chests. It is these two parts of the organ that will be renovated over the next couple of years.

Pipe work: Each pipe when provided with forced air provides a tune. The pipes in our organ are made of zinc. Over time, due to weather changes, even in the building, the pipes expand and contract, causing the pipes to be out of tune. Each pipe has a tuning slide that allows for minute adjustment in the tuning process that under regular maintenance occurs twice a year. After many years of wear on the pipes, they need to be refurbished. The refurbishing will include removing all the pipes, re-coating each pipe with protective solution, new slides fitted to the pipes, and all pipes put back and the organ retuned.

Wind chest work: The four divisions known as the Great, Swell, Positiv, and Pedal each has its own wind chest. This allows the work to be spread out over a number of years, renovating one division at a time. Since the role of the wind chest is to prevent wind from going to a pipe when that note is not being played and releasing air when played, a tight fit is required for each pipe. The work on each wind chest will include the disassembly of the wind chest, removing the original leather and felt pouches, installing new pouch assemblies, testing process, and reinstallation of the wind chest.

It is easy to see this work is a big and a time consuming process. In the end we will have an organ to continue to enhance our worship for another generation.

ORGAN RENOVATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
KICKS OFF

St. John's is blessed with a "well designed and well constructed" pipe organ, enhancing our worship experience and providing opportunities for sharing music in the community. The organ was installed in 1974 and now requires renovations to ensure continued service for decades into the future.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on 27 January 2019, the Congregation approved the renovation of the organ by Emery Brothers, Inc. costing \$131,000 (see previous page). The money to pay for the renovation work will come from St. John's Memorial Fund (\$21,000), the Organ Renovation Account (\$30,000), the present and next five year annual budgets (\$30,000) and a Capital Campaign (\$50,000).

A Steering Committee of Pat Bradt, Jim Heck, Karla Lake, Steve Moyer, and Pastor Ruggles will oversee an in-house Capital Campaign to raise \$50,000 toward the renovation work. Pledges in support of the Campaign are sought from now until Easter 2019. Pledges can be for a one-time gift or for a yearly gift to be shared over the next five years. No gift is too small or too large. A brochure including the Pledge Form has been mailed to each member of St. John's. Additional Pledge Forms can be found in the Narthex or obtained by calling the Church Office. Please return your pledge in the offering plate or mailed to the Church Office by Easter 2019.

This Campaign is a special funding for financial support of the Organ Renovation. Any pledges should be considered an additional gift to the ministry of St. John's and be subtracted from your regular financial support. Your prayerful consideration for this undertaking and the blessing we have in our organ is appreciated.



*Altar Flower Donations are still needed
for the following Sundays:
March 3rd, March 10th,
March 31st. April 21st
Cost \$30.00*

**Outreach Committee
asks for your help... Thank you!**



For ProJeCt of Easton:

- St. John's the "Rice"
Church
- ⇒ Any Type of Rice
 - ⇒ Other items needed:
 - ⇒ Instant Potatoes
 - ⇒ Hamburger Helper
 - ⇒ Condiments
 - ⇒ Low Sodium Soups / Stews
 - ⇒ Jelly and Preserves
 - ⇒ Canned Vegetables
 - ⇒ Lunchbox Sized Items

MEALS ON WHEELS
Northampton County:

- Lap Robes
- Scarfs
- Gloves
- Stamps
- Woolen Hats
- Stationary
- Socks
- Toiletries (Lotions)

Family Connections:

- New Packaged Socks (Child)
- New Packaged Underwear (Child)

For SAFE HARBOR:

- 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)

Back Pack Buddies:

- Ravioli
- Canned Pastas (Individual and Large Cans)
- Macaroni + Cheese (w/ Pop-Top Lids)

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The ministries of St. John's are accomplished because of the work of the Committees of the church. Why not join a committee during Lent to see how you can live your faith? See the church calendar when Committees and ministries gather. If you have questions or don't find what fits your schedule, contact the committee chair listed below or Pastor Sue or Vicar Danielle. Let's see if 40 people participate during Lent!!

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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 |

Mark the dates...

March 3—24 every Sunday, special Sunday school program and adults talking in adult forum!

April 14th is Palm Sunday—brunch after church and Easter egg hunt after the brunch!

April 21st is Easter— Sunday school special craft and worship includes special music!

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