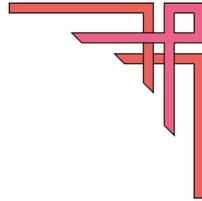


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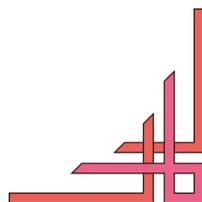
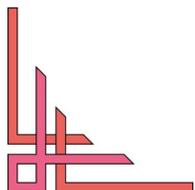
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Vicar's Corner

*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose confidence is in the Lord.
Jeremiah 17:7*

This past summer, someone asked me if there has ever been a time I felt God calling me to do something and I ignored the call. I immediately remembered a time I was in a rental car store in Texas. I was in line waiting to get the keys for the car I had previously registered to rent. While standing in line, I saw a small boy frantically looking for his parents. The boy was running around and crying out for his loved ones, in this strange and large building. I could feel God calling me to help this boy, and I froze. At that moment, I told myself that someone else would probably help him reunite with his guardians. This memory haunts me as a reminder of how hard it is to say yes to God's call in our lives.

We spend our lives planning how we think our lives will go. Sometimes the plans we have for ourselves come to fruition, and sometimes they do not. Society then makes us feel like we have failed if we do not live up to the external pressures put upon us. For some reason though, it is easier to follow the status quo than to allow ourselves to be vulnerable to God in our lives. In Matthew 10:39 Jesus says, "*Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.*" Jesus is calling us to live in opposition to the status quo. Jesus is calling us to trust in the work of God in our lives. Jesus is calling us to not only listen to what God is calling us to do but then to answer the call.

Our lives are to be a continual discernment journey, much like that of a labyrinth. Throughout all of the many twists and turns in life, we are to be listening for God's call. We must not become complacent with our lives and what we have accomplished or not. Let us be mindful of the fact that God's love and call in our lives never ceases. (con't)

(con't) The month of November often leads to conversations about being thankful. We all have things for which we are thankful. Let us lift up in prayer and be thankful for the ways that God calls us daily. Let us be gracious to ourselves when we are hesitant to say yes to God.

Blessings to you,

Vicar Danielle

Birthdays and Anniversaries for November

Linda Kalapay 11/8	Anniversary wished to...
Les McCoy 11/11	Ed and Anne Kovac 11/1
June Smith 11/11	
Douglas Powell 11/13	
Jacob Ruggles 11/14	
Charlene Fredericks 11/25	
Susan Ruggles 11/28	
Danielle Bosdell 11/30	



Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed in our database in the computer. This year we are attempting to update the computer and list your special days in the newsletter. If the information was never put into the computer database, it is not listed in the newsletter. We are sorry some of you have been left out but we only have certain information. Please help us by making sure to email the church office if your information was left out and Feel free to send information in advance to make sure it gets in the newsletter!



We welcome Bishop Samuel Zeiser to our church on November 25th. As Bishop of Northeast Penn Synod, he is very busy and we welcome this time as he visits St. John's!

Worship this month and Gospel reading

Nov. 3 (Sat.) Turn your clock back!

**Nov. 4 liturgical color-red
All Saints Sunday
John 11: 32-44
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship!**

**Nov. 11 liturgical color-green
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 12: 38-44
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship!**

**Nov. 18 liturgical color-green
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 13: 1-8
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship!**

**Nov. 25 liturgical color-green
27th Sunday after Pentecost
John 18: 33-37
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship**

Sunday, large print bulletins are available and earphones to help amplify sound.
Need a ride to church? Contact the church office.

The New stewardship 2018.

Stewardship means fellowship, conversation, and serving; bringing the people of St. Johns together in ways to serve God who is already at work in our lives and our community.

There are many ways you can serve St. Johns. One way is to list your time and talents in the 2018 Stewardship inventory. If you have not filled a paper copy out already, there is now an online version you can use.

There are many ways you can give your time: cooking meals, bringing snacks for fellowship hour, picking up food to take to Safe Harbor, helping on altar guild, serving at worship, joining a committee, helping in Sunday school or vacation bible school, and other things that make the church run effectively.

Stewardship is important to all of us. Joining in fellowship and conversation can help St. Johns to celebrate the ways in which God is at work. This is why we invite all of you to help in ways to serve God and pass the word around to share in lo God's love for all.

1 Corinthians 12, Verse 4—12: *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. The spirit gives one person a message full of wisdom, while to another person the same Spirit gives a message full of knowledge. One and the same Spirit gives faith to one person while to another person he gives the power to heal. The Spirit gives one person the power to work miracles, to another, the gift of speaking God's message; and to yet another, the ability to tell the difference between gifts that come from the spirit and those that do not. To one person he gives the ability to speak in strange tongues, and to another he gives the ability to explain what is said. But it is one and the same Spirit who does all this; as he wishes, he gives a different gift to each person. Christ is like a single body, which has many parts: it is still one body, even though it is made up of different parts.*

If you haven't filled one out as of yet, please take the online survey and fill it out:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9JC9BXV>

If you would like a paper copy, please see Barb Horinko or Monica Weiss-Nolen or look in the narthex.

Thank You,
St Johns Membership committee

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for November
10:30 AM**

November Altar Guild: Patsy Woodson, Dee Caul
November Fellowship Hour: Rachel's Circle

Nov. 4 All Saints Sunday

Acolyte: Tara Fogle
Ushers: Robert Black, Charles Hanson
Worship Assistant: Sean Hartman
Reader: Chuck Lewis
Communion Assistants: Joyce Petty, Christopher Orem
Gallery: Steve Remel, Curtis Olson

Nov. 11

Acolyte: Jonas Orange
Ushers: Victor Unks, Lois Anne Calloway
Worship Assistant: Vicar Danielle Bosdell
Reader: Ian Heck
Communion Assistants: Steve Moyer, Carolyn Moyer
Gallery: MariAn Olson, Ilsa Von Lang

Nov. 18

Acolyte: Logan Weber
Ushers: Patsy Woodson, Shirley Kressler
Worship Assistant: Jim Heck
Reader: Joyce Petty
Communion Assistants: Barb & Les McCoy
Gallery: Pamalee LaDuca, Joseph LaDuca

Nov. 25

Acolyte: Aaron Howey
Ushers: Phyllis Schurz, Loretta Heck
Worship Assistant: Steve Moyer
Reader: Roger Ruggles
Communion Assistants: Sue Glenn, Victor Unks
Gallery: Chris Swan, Linda Kalapay



Please note: The church office will be closed on Thanksgiving (Nov. 22) and the day after Thanksgiving as the staff enjoys the holidays with family. If you have an emergency, contact Pastor Sue Ruggles at 610-253-7878.

WHAT IS IN ST. JOHN'S CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS?

By Nadine R. Anderson for the
Constitution Committee that also included Chris Orem and Rev.
Curt Olson

What do you believe? That is something a congregation has to answer to belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the national Lutheran group of which St. John's is a part. And we have to answer that question in a particular, ELCA Lutheran way. The first chapter of the constitution gives our name and related information. The second chapter is our Confession of Faith. This is expanded on in chapters 3 and 4, Nature of the Church and Statement of Purpose. What these say is specified by the ELCA which a congregation must accept to belong to the ELCA.

We will review the constitution and the changes in detail at meetings four different times. A dinner of pizza or the likes will be provided at 6 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 30 and Monday Nov 5. We will also meet to discuss it at about 12 on Sunday afternoons, November 4 and 11. Please plan on attending one of these meetings.

There are a total of 19 chapters. Of them 6 speak of our specific practices and we can change them to reflect how we like to do things. For instance they give our name, congregation meetings, officers, Council, committees, and organizations and we can do those according to how we want things to be done. The others are things related to larger concerns such as powers of the congregation, how we call a pastor, affiliating with the ELCA, and how to do bylaws and amendments. These sections we have to pass as written.

Council will decide on the details where we have choice and forward a copy of the constitution to the congregation for voting in January. The membership will decide on any points where we have choice in what they pass at the congregation meeting in January.



MARK THESE DATES to learn more about the changes in the constitution/by-laws: Oct 30 at 6 p.m. Nov. 4 at 11:45 p.m Nov. 5 at 6 p.m., Nov. 11 at 11:45 p.m.

The Gallery at St. John's

Art for your Appreciation and Purchase

HOLIDAY ART SHOW

November 4 - December 16, 2018

OPENING: Sunday, November 4, 12-3 pm

CLOSING RECEPTION: Sunday, December 16, 12-3 pm

The HOLIDAY ART SHOW will feature fine art and fine art crafts by several local artists and artisans. You will find original works of art and assorted handcrafts, as well as gift baskets. Here is an opportunity for you to select unique Christmas gifts for those very special people on your gift list - family, friends, teachers, hostess gifts and more.

Coming in January/February 2019: An exhibit featuring unusual and beautiful abstract photography of Bethlehem Steel rust and watercolor paintings of the Steel Stacks and Historic Bethlehem.

Visit the gallery Sundays from 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Weekdays by appointment.

Closed November 25 for Thanksgiving weekend

The Outreach Committee will work on Thanksgiving Baskets on November 17th-

We need your support for Thanksgiving baskets. Items needed: boxes of stuffing mix, canned fruit and vegetables, boxed dessert/dessert mix, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, and anything else to fill a Thanksgiving basket. Items must be received by Sunday, **November 11th**. They can be placed on the tables located in the Hospitality Room. To help support this event, funds will be received through the Team Action Program of Thrivent.

PROJECT FOOD PANTRY: **St. John's the "Rice" Church** –encouraged to bring any type of rice.

Other items needed:

Instant Potatoes Hamburger Helper Condiments

Low sodium soups and stews

Jelly and Preserves

Canned vegetables

Lunchbox sized items

Personal Care Items (Soap, Shampoo/conditioner/deodorant, Feminine hygiene products)

We continue to collect donations of NEW packaged socks and underwear for adults and children. These donations will be given to Safe Harbor Easton and to Family Connections.

Thank you for your support of these programs.

ARE YOU AWARE?

Are you aware of the extent of human trafficking throughout our country.....within the Lehigh Valley?

Are you aware of the number of women, teenagers and children that suffer from this abuse?

Are you aware of the amount of danger they have to survive every day and how difficult it is to escape?

The Outreach Committee is currently exploring this issue and is planning an Awareness Campaign to be held in the near future. Announcements will be made for you to plan to attend the event.

If you would like more information now or if you would like to be involved with the planning, please contact the Outreach Committee. Thank you.

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