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ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

a reconciling in Christ congregation

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From the Pastor

July, 2010

“God’s work. Our Hands. Around the corner and around the world.” was the theme for the Northeast Penn Synod Assembly in Wilkes Barre at the end of June. (check out any notes at www.godslove.org) I attended it with your two delegates – Sharon Gunsten and Roger Ruggles. I especially appreciated the view of the assembly through their eyes - Sharon’s enthusiasm for the ministries taking place throughout our synod and Roger’s eyes for detail in the proceedings and justice questions.

What did we hear? We were challenged by Rev. Steven Bowman who said that many church members in the ELCA have lost the know-how and the enthusiasm to tell others about God’s gracious and wonderful love. That said when help was needed in Haiti, the NE Penn, including St. John’s, responded. Many church denominations are declining as is church membership. 41 new churches were planted in the ELCA so far this year. So we heard there are challenges and many continue to work towards the spreading of God’s word but perhaps we can do better.

The future months at St. John’s are typically filled with summer vacations and different schedules. We will not be taking a break on spreading the Gospel of Christ. The opportunities present themselves and we will be ready! On July 11, Heritage Day once again comes to the historic downtown area of Easton.

The Heritage ecumenical service with Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's at 9:30 AM. Many guests will come in the afternoon to visit the church, especially the grace cellar! Who will be here to witness our belief in Christ's love for all people as we welcome the stranger?

Children will meet the week after that from 6-8 PM to paste, paint and pray during Vacation Bible School (VBS).

Always an exciting time of activities and sharing, the evening begins with a small meal, worship and lessons. Who will be here to feed the children, pray with them and make things with them?

What a gift from God to have the **opportunity** to share the Gospel and to share love with others. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve this summer at your church! Pray that God's work be accomplished with our hands around the corner and around the world.

In HIS name,

Pastor Sue

the Reverend Susan Ruggles

Welcome, Jason

Jason Glombicki will join us July 1st for one year of work as our Intern. Welcome him on Sunday, July 4th, at a reception following the worship service. We are glad to have you here, Jason.



From the Organ bench

Last month I visited Niagara Falls. The American side is very peaceful and hosts a beautiful park setting. Walking and sitting together, side by side, in the power of God's beautiful nature were Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Amish and likely multitudes of others not as visibly obvious. We had come together in the harmony of nature, in the awesome wonder of God's beautiful earth.

People were respecting each other, helping each other and treating the earth with great respect. We had come from cultures and countries throughout the globe and together we experienced the waters of God's love. We shared this kingdom...and with one voice were awed. The thunderous sounds of the falls were like the heavens rejoicing in God's wondrous creation.

We felt the immense power even more when we took the Maid of the Mist boat ride at the bottom of the falls. We were taken past the American Falls and into the basin beneath the Canadian Horseshoe Falls where the invigorating drenching of mist and spray left smiles radiating from the souls of all. What an ecumenical baptismal font!

One can only imagine that this is what heaven is all about-oneness in God's glory.

May we all walk in community with God's blessings.

Sincerely,

Jessica Madow
Director of Music

Daily Bible Readings

July 2010

This list of Bible references is offered as an aid to your daily devotions.

1. Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43
2. Galatians 4:8-20
3. Psalm 140
4. **6th Sunday after Pentecost**
Isaiah 66:10-14
5. Jeremiah 6:10-19
6. Jeremiah: 4-13
7. Luke 9:1-6
8. Joshua 23:1-16
9. Acts 19:21-41
10. Psalm 119:73-80
11. **7th Sunday after Pentecost**
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
12. Genesis 41:14-36
13. Genesis 41:37-49
14. John 3:16-21
15. Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37
16. James 2:14-26
17. Psalm 25
18. **8th Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 18:-1-10a
19. Exodus 18:1-12
20. Proverbs 9:1-18
21. Luke 8:4-10
22. Deuteronomy 12:-1-12
23. Colossians 1:27 - 2:7
24. Psalm 119:97-104
25. **9th Sunday after Pentecost**
Genesis 18:20-32
26. Esther 3:7-15
27. Esther 7:1-10
28. Luke 8:22-25
29. Job 22:21 - 23:17
30. Colossians 2:16 - 3:1
31. Psalm 55:16-23

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

at St. John's Lutheran

Listen! Here is a story Jesus told...
Jesus was a story teller -
a really good one

July 12th (Monday)

through

July 16th (Friday)

6:00 pm (opening with light supper)
to 8:00 pm
for ALL Children
{at least 3 years old to teen}

Are your kids ready to
Grow In Faith,
Have Fun, and
Change the World?

Get ready for ReNew: The Green VBS!

Register at the Church

OR

Call the church office: 610-258-6119

The Gallery at St. John's Presents

**LIFE CELEBRATIONS
BY FAMILY & FRIENDS
OF ST. JOHN'S**

July 11 thru August 29, 2010

Opening Reception:
Sunday, July 11, 11am to 1pm
{Heritage Day}

{The Gallery will be closed on July 4th}

Artists' Talk:
Sunday, August 15 at 11:00 am

Gallery Summer Hours: Sundays Only: 11am to 1pm

Heritage Day

Sunday, July 11th

The Heritage Ecumenical Service with Holy Communion
will be held here at St. John's at 9:30 am. ...

...Followed by Brunch

The Church will be open for visitors, and tours will be given
through 4:00 pm.

An informal and enjoyable way to celebrate our rich and vibrant
history in historic downtown Easton.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Lower Northampton County Chapter

ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON

Sunday, **August 1, 2010** at 1:00 PM at
Bar-Don Lanes, Nicholas St., Palmer Township.

This year's recipient is **Habitat for Humanity**.
If you can participate, a sign up sheet is available
in the narthex or you may call the church office.



Safe Harbor is in continuous need of coffee,
sugar, creamer and hot-cups. Please put your
donations in the Safe Harbor Box in the narthex.

PROJECT FOOD BANK

The **PROJECT FOOD BANK** provides supplementary food
service to thousands of hungry people who are experiencing
a variety of emergency situations.

HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS FOR JULY

JELLY (12-15 oz. preferred)
PEANUT BUTTER (12-15 oz. preferred)
PERSONAL CARE ITEMS
(soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)

Please bring these donations to St. John's. Your
contributions will be forwarded to the Food Bank, which is
open Mondays and Thursdays. If you would like to volunteer
in any way, please call 610-258-4361, ext. 11.

The Outreach Committee
FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Volunteer to: Run a game booth, prepare and bring food
(Desserts, iced tea, lemonade), cook or serve food,
Set up and/or clean up - Strength Helpful!

Donations needed: children's pajamas, tooth brushes and tooth paste

Plan to come for an enjoyable evening of food and games

17th ANNUAL FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13TH 5:00 - 8:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church
Historic Downtown Easton
(4th and Ferry Sts.)

In case of rain, we will move inside.

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NAME _____

PHONE _____

What will you do?

Give to any member of the Outreach Committee or bring to the church office.

The Piecemakers will meet

Tuesdays, July 13th and July 27th

at 9:00 am

Questions ??? Call Sandy, 610-867-2111

SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S July 2010

<u>July 4</u>	SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION	green
<u>July 11</u>	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION	green
<u>July 18</u>	EIIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION	green
<u>July 25</u>	NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST 9:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION	green

HERITAGE DAY JULY 11TH

9:30 AM ECUMENTICAL SERVICE

FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH



Publication Deadline

The deadline for the August
Eagle is Monday, July 19th