



ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH

"You belong here."

The Parish Post

Monthly Newsletter

St. John's is in a season of change, but our congregation continues to gather in worship and in service to our community. The Council has invited Rev. Michael Lozano, Bishop of the Northwest Pennsylvania Synod, to our regular Council meeting on Wednesday, June 14. We expect to learn more about the process of calling a pastor, and we anticipate that it may take some months to accomplish. In the meantime, we are pleased to welcome ordained clergy and lay preachers to share the Word and to join us in praise. We also honor our members who assist during worship in many roles. In May, Rev. Jerry Gray, a retired Methodist minister preached two Sundays, bringing with him his wife, Cheryl. Rev. Ralph Mineo will lead worship on four upcoming weekends. He will preach for both the Saturday 5 pm services and the Sunday 10 am services on June 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, and July 1-2. Rev. Mineo's Facebook page reveals that he has Western PA roots, attending St. John Kanty Prep and Union City High School. He attended St. Joe's Seminary at Princeton and studied Philosophy and Math at Niagara University. Before retirement, he served churches in Ohio, and most recently, has been a supply pastor for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Erie. Ralph and wife Jo Mineo love music and theater, and they perform their own story in "Butterflies and Penguins: The Ralph and Jo Show." Ask them about their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and perhaps they can share pictures. On Saturday and Sunday, June 24 and 25, we will welcome lay worship leader Jacque Holmberg to our pulpit—or to the altar steps, if she prefers to be closer to our members in the far pews. Jacque is an active member of Abiding Hope Lutheran Church and serves on synod council. Jacque's Facebook posts show that she has both a sense of civic awareness and a sense of humor! St. John's member, Darlene Smith is a researcher of her own Holmberg roots—she and our guest preacher's husband are related.

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† ST JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT †

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John's unconditionally serves God's people and shares Christian love.

Visitors toured St. John's "Sacred Space"

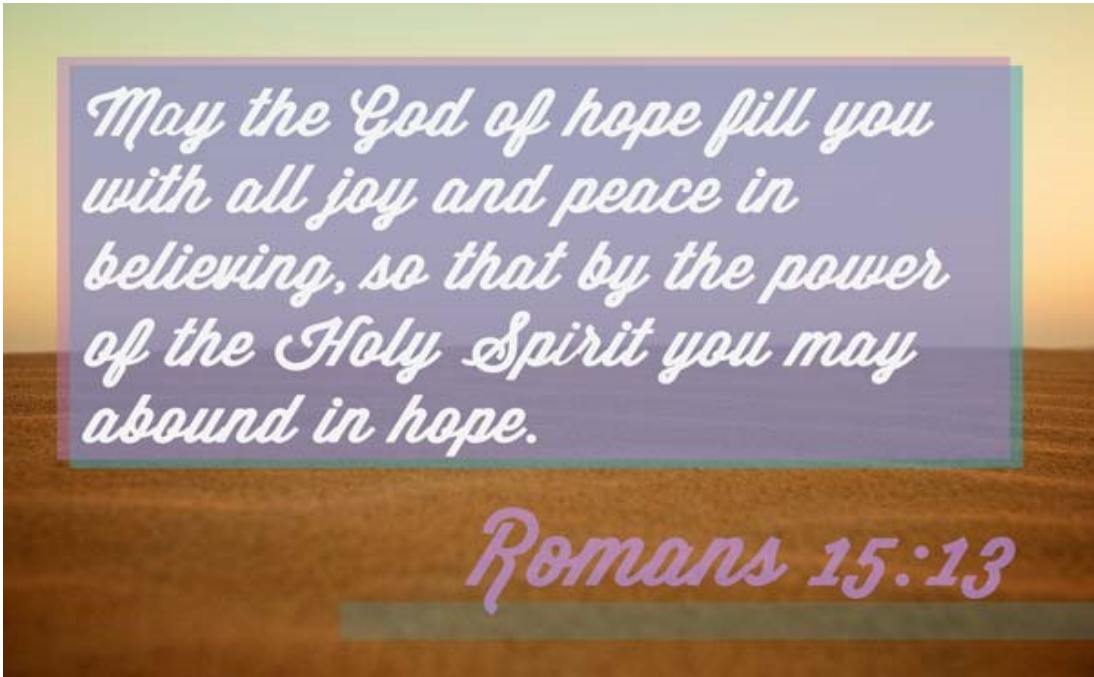
On Saturday, May 13, St. John's opened its doors to almost thirty participants in the Hagen History Center's "Sacred Spaces Tour." We thank Julie Boam, Paul Rapela, and Hagen History volunteer, Beverly Kelly-Thomas for greeting our guests. Our visitors appreciated seeing all six of the stained-glass windows, thanks to the temporary lowering of the screens. Kathy Swanson, who regularly practices her music on Saturdays, treated some of the visitors to a look behind the choir loft, where the inner workings of the pipe organ are visible. Participants also viewed photos of earlier versions of St. John's buildings from our Archives Room, and they received printed handouts outlining highlights in our church's history.

Houses of Faith: Beyond the Brickwork ends with Part 3

The WQLN Chronicles series production team wrapped up their stories of Erie churches with the third and final episode in mid-May. All three episodes include clips from the original interviews of Pastor Young and member Carolyn Sturtevant. Part three ends with photos of Elaine and Claude Sturtevant, and daughter Carolyn, representing the deep connections that families have with their home churches. The Chronicles series typically airs on Thursday nights at 8 pm, but episodes occasionally show up in other time slots. It is possible to find stories about Erie churches and many other topics by opening the WQLN website and searching for Videos. Recently, WQLN received Emmy nominations for their Chronicles series! St. John's is honored to have been featured in this highly regarded documentary.

Appreciation for the Contemporary Service

For several years, Michelle Flaherty has shared her enthusiasm and her musical gifts in leading the Contemporary Worship Service, assisted by many others, including Pastor Young, Erika Harper, Emma Carlson, and musicians in Michelle's circle. We are grateful for the spirit and effort of all who led and all who attended this expression of corporate worship at St. John's. It is with regret that we discontinue the service at the end of May. We send our best wishes to all who helped us praise the Lord with a new song.

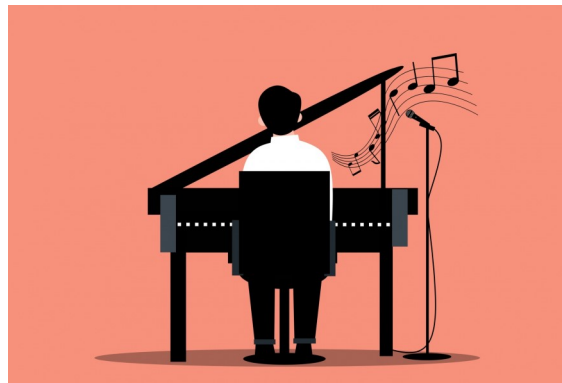


*May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in
believing, so that by the power
of the Holy Spirit you may
abound in hope.*

Romans 15:13

If anyone would like to request a favorite hymn for the 10:00 AM Traditional Service, please contact Kathy Swanson (kathy@stjohnserie.org) or contact Rachel in the church office (office@stjohnserie.org) with the particular hymn. We ask that the hymn be in the red ELW hymnal.

We are always looking for Special Music in the summer (or anytime really). If any individual or group would like to share their musical talents during the Sunday, 10:00 am Traditional Service, please contact Kathy Swanson (kathy@stjohnserie.org) or let Rachel know in the Church Office (office@stjohnserie.org). We look forward to hearing from our talented parishioners.



ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: The American Guild of Organists is offering Organ Scholarships for anyone interested in learning to play the pipe organ. There is a growing need for organists in America right now. All expenses will be underwritten by the Erie Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Successful applicants will receive a method book and ten lessons with a local organ teacher. Brochures are available in the Church Narthex or contact Kathy Swanson.



Gem City Concert Band
invites you to attend their
Summer Concert

at St. John's Lutheran Church
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
at 7:00 pm

*Concert will be outdoors on the 22nd Street parking lot if
weather permits.*

*In the case of inclement weather, concert will be moved into
the Parish Center.*

Prayer Requests: Do you have someone or something to pray for? Use the “Prayer Request” link on our church website (<http://stjohnserie.org/prayer-request/>). Enter your request and we will publish it in the Parish Post as well as be able to petition it during the prayers in worship. Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the “Prayer Request” link on our church website, email or phone the church office.

Just a Reminder: If you would like anything put in the *Parish Post*, please have it submitted to the church office no later than the 20th of the month prior. The office email is: office@stjohnserie.org or call the office at (814) 456-7596.

Check In for Worship: As you attend worship with us virtually or in person, please remember to check in. Record your attendance through the app on our “Worship With Us” web page. Or you can check in via email, letting us know where you were, who you were with, and what worship you attended, by texting or emailing that information to attendance@stjohnserie.org.

Check in for WORSHIP >

Indoor Yard Sale Bake Sale



Saturday June 24th
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Vendors Needed

\$10 per 8 foot long table (or floor space)
Contact: Janet Heubel (814)873-5271

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St. John's Lutheran Church FAMILY PICNIC!

THURSDAY, JULY 20TH, 2023

PICNIC GROVE HEADQUARTERS:
WEST LAKEVIEW SHELTER

REGISTRATION-12:00 PM
DINNER-Starting at 6:00 PM

-Hot dogs, Chips, Table Setting, & Soda/Water will be provided-
~Please bring a dish to share~

Discount Combo Pass: Only \$25.00 each!

(Church subsidizes \$6.00 of discount rate—combo pass regularly priced at \$52.00 ea.)

Combo Passes will be sold at the picnic and in advance after the 10AM service on Sunday, June 25th, July 2nd, July 9th, and July 16th or anytime in the office

WALDAMEER RIDES: 12:00 TO 9:00 PM
WATER WORLD: 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM (*Swimwear Required*)
*YOU MUST HAVE A COMBO PASS TO ENTER
THE GATE AT WATER WORLD!*

RIDES~FOOD~GAMES~REFRESHMENTS
RAIN OR SHINE
PLENTY OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!

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SUNDAY BRUNCH



FREE

Sunday, June 11th at 11:45am

Eggs, Sausage,
Sweet Rolls, Coffee & Juice

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Green Corner NWPASynod Green Team

ELECTRIC VEHICLES: THE FUTURE

Upfront, the best advice we can provide about electric vehicles (EV) is to read an overview article, such as one published by Consumer Reports (CR) in February, 2023. Much of the following information is obtained from that article.

EVs are part of attempts to reduce climate change. The decision to purchase is complicated for many reasons, but well worth the effort.

In general, EVs still cost more in dollars than comparable fossil fuel (FF) vehicles. That price difference is shrinking. One question to ask is whether the dollars alone tell the story. What price do we put on saving the earth? Saving lives affected or lost due to climate change is just as important.

Following are some of the factors to consider regarding EVs.

Reliability: "A 2020 CR study found that EVs cut repair and maintenance costs by 50 percent over similar gas cars."

Fuel savings (including cost of electricity for charging): "The cost of the electricity to charge an EV is almost always hundreds of dollars less per year than the fuel expense for a similar gas-powered vehicle."

Tax credits by federal and state government: Depending on price, point of manufacture, and income of the buyer, credits of up to \$7,500; used EVs can also get a tax credit of up to \$4,000.

Rebates: In addition to federal tax credits, EV buyers can potentially save thousands thanks to state tax breaks for car buyers, lower electric rates for EV owners to charge at home at certain times, or discounts on installing an at-home charger.

Private industry offers: examples include "a \$500 rebate from a utility company if consumers buy or lease their car from a local dealership; a \$600; rebate and discounted electric rates depending on which charger they buy and when they plug in.

The range (miles) per full charge: even large vehicles are now achieving ranges greater than 300 miles.

Yes, it is a rather complex combination of factors – if you make cost the only criteria. Our challenge is to look beyond the cost in dollars to see how much is saved in terms of the health of all creation: humans, animals, plants, air, water – every thing!

June 2023 St. John's Lutheran Church Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wed. | Thursday | Fri. | Saturday |
|---|--------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------|---|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 5PM WORSHIP |
| 4 10AM WORSHIP 11AM Bell Choir Rehearsal | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 11:30AM WELCA | 9 | 10 5PM WORSHIP |
| 11 10AM WORSHIP 11AM BRUNCH 11AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 12PM Brew Crew | 12 | 13 | 14 7PM CONG. COUNCIL | 15 | 16 | 17 5PM WORSHIP |
| 18 10 AM WORSHIP 11 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal | 19 | 20 7PM Dufford Terrace Board | 21 7PM GEM CITY BAND- CONCERT | 22 | 23 | 24 10AM INDOOR YARD/BAKE SALE 5PM WORSHIP |
| 25 10AM WORSHIP 11AM Bell Choir Rehearsal | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

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