

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2026

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mahoning

826 Mahoning Drive West; Lehighton Pa 18235 • Church office: 570-386-9960 • Email address: stjohns@ptd.net
Website: www.stjohnsmahoning.org • Facebook at StJohnsMahoning • "A Family of friends alive with God's love!"

Like good stewards of the
manifold grace of God,
serve one another with
whatever gift each of
you has received.

— >> - 1 Peter 4:10 << —



Church Staff

Pastor	Reverend Anthony Pagotto (610-377-4242)
Music Director	Colleen Rudelitsch
Bookkeeper	Cathy Smith
Sexton	Sherry Stafiniak
Church Admin	Anne Scott
Church Office	570-386-9960
Church Office hours	M-W-F 9 AM-2 PM

2026 Church Council

Reverend Anthony Pagotto		
Donald Freeman, President	Allison Everett, V. President	
Keith Drummond	Geoff Ebbert	Julia Schock
Ronald Fried	Kimberly Gerhard	Cheryl Kistler
Colleen Rudelitsch		

Worship Schedule for JUNE 2026 at St. John's

June 7 – 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School **11 AM** Fellowship Hall *with Holy Communion*
Congregational Meeting following worship

June 14 – 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School **11 AM** Fellowship Hall Worship

June 21 – 9 AM Joint Service at Dinkey Memorial with VBS Program (no service at St John's today)

June 28 – 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School **11 AM** Fellowship Hall Worship



6/2 Neal Ebbert	6/4 Amanda Trach
6/6 Elijah Pagotto	6/6 Clair Breiner
6/10 James Malloy	6/15 Paisley Buss
6/17 Tia Tyson	6/17 Joyce Walters
6/18 Deborah Kintz	6/23 Patricia Ebbert
6/26 Marla Lawson	6/26 Betty Frey
6/29 Andrew Ebbert	6/29 Marlin Frey
6/30 LaMar Rehrig	

(If we missed your birthday for this month, it is possible we do not have it in our membership database. Please give us a call at the office (570-386-9960) so we can update our files.)

Grief Support- will meet on **Monday, June 1st at 6 PM.**

Book Club- will meet **Tuesday, June 23rd at 6 PM** with book *"The Lies They Told"* by *Ellen Marie Wiseman.*

Dinner & Discussion- will meet on **Thursday, June 25th at 6:30 PM.** Please contact **Cheryl Kistler at 610-533-5723** with any questions.

Fundraising Committee- will meet next on **Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30 PM.**

Community Cupboard- Dinkey Memorial has a food cupboard available to those in need of supplemental food resources. It is **available to members of Dinkey Memorial and St. John's, and to residents of East Penn Township.** The distribution is the **third Thursday of every month from 3:30-5:00 PM** in Dinkey's Social Room, located below the sanctuary. If you or anyone you know would benefit from receiving food from the Community Cupboard, please speak with Pr. Tony.

Message from the Fundraising Team:

- ◆ We will be baking, icing & packaging the donuts on Tuesday, June 2nd. If you're able to help, stop by anytime between 9:30 AM & 1PM. This is our last fundraiser until Fall.
 - ◆ Thank you to everyone for your help throughout the year. It's great spending time with our church family. Enjoy your summer!
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Council Meetings are held the second Monday of every month unless otherwise noted.
(Complete copies of the minutes may be obtained from the church office.)

May Council Meeting – Items Discussed

- The Annual Church Picnic is August 16, 2026, starting at 12 PM. Joint worship will start at 11:00 AM.
 - There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, June 7th, after worship. This will be held in Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and approve deep cleaning of the Narthex and Sanctuary.
 - Kevin Kleintop will be installing the grab bars in the downstairs bathrooms and also attaching the bench outside, that the Rudelitch family donated to the church.
 - The next scheduled meeting is: **Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM.**
- ****A reminder to everyone that council meetings are open to all members of St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.**
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Prayers for our Congregation Members

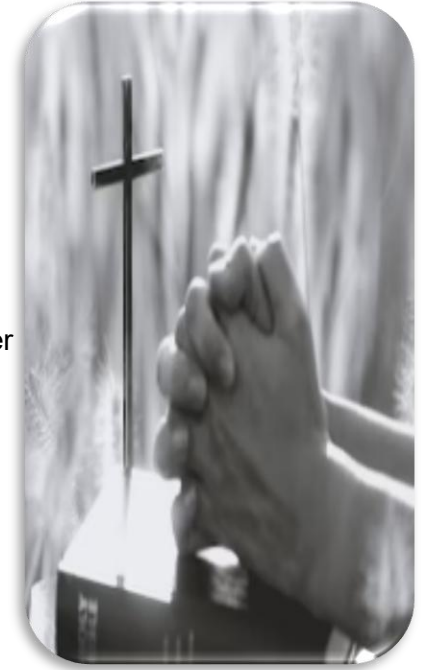
Matt Fisher	Joan Fontana	Rolf Hohenstein	Roger Tyson
Marla Lawson	Kathleen Merluzzi	Marilyn Frey	Lisa Moyer
Jeanette Jennings	Neil Gilbert	Connie Christman	Mike Andrews
Marlin Frey	Betty Frey	Arthur Rudelitsch	Stacy Freeman
Cliff Gledhill	Florence Duffy	Diane Gould	Liz Koch
Allane Kistler	Timothy Gerhard	Brenda Lasky	Bart Cunfer
Donna Horvath			

Prayers for Our Friends

Richard Elinich	Adam Elinich	Orpha Nothstein	Kyle Strohl
Cathy Smith	Ardith Huesz	Geo DeAngelo	Makayla Scott
James Keller	Nichole Hydro	Joanie Radler	Jen Nielsen
Jackie Strauss Everet	Adrian Davis	Kathy Steigerwalt	Randy Semmel
Richard Koch	Nicole Rowles	Lyman Grube	Barbara Kerschner
Wesley King	Fern Miller	Dolores Solt	Chris Green
Stewart Henritz	Shirley Long	Dan Myers	

Please also pray for

Doctors without Borders.	Global Refuge.
Those struggling with mental health.	The People of Israel and Gaza.
Refugees all over the world.	The Children of Ukraine.
The Homeless.	



Prayers for Our Homebound and Long-Term Care Members

Judith Ahner	Willard Ahner	Rachel Bednar	Ferne Berger
Marie Boyer	Myrtle Creitz	Mary Flyzik	Carolyn Zacharias
Joan Heintzelman	Scott Heintzelman	Carol Houser	Mary Ann Kollar
Kathryn Leibenguth	Dorothy Reinhart	Ruth Troxell	Betty Willet
Elaine Windbeck			

Our Military Personnel at Home and Abroad

Dalton Berger	Daniel Berger	Douglas Boyer	Aaron Cetnar
Sean Fisher	Austin Heilman	AJ Light	Ryan McArdle
Dustin McCarroll	Noah Rodgers	Alexis Scott	Jonathan Sheehan
Dylan White			

•If you wish to put yourself, a friend or loved one on the church prayer list, please call the church office at 570-386-9960 or email stjohns@ptd.net. The name is placed on the list for 30 days unless we receive a monthly update. Please feel free to let the office know if someone should be removed as well. Thank you!

Morning Prayer Zoom
Wednesdays at 9 AM
<http://zoom.us/j/187911224>
Meeting ID: 187 911 224
Call in: 1-929-205-6099

Bible Study Zoom
Thursdays at 9 :30 AM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/586370219>
Meeting ID: 586 370 219
Call in: 1-929-205-6099

From the Fundraising Committee:

Profit from the recent **Donut Sale** was **\$2,244.30**. A detailed report is displayed on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Our constitution states that an active member is someone who has communed or made a contribution of record to the congregation within the current or preceding year.

We encourage you to fill out a communion card or make a contribution of record each year to be sure to keep the membership current.

If you haven't done so this year, please do so at your next visit with us. This will allow us to keep the records up to date and better support one another in life and ministry. Thank you!

Smith Scholarship

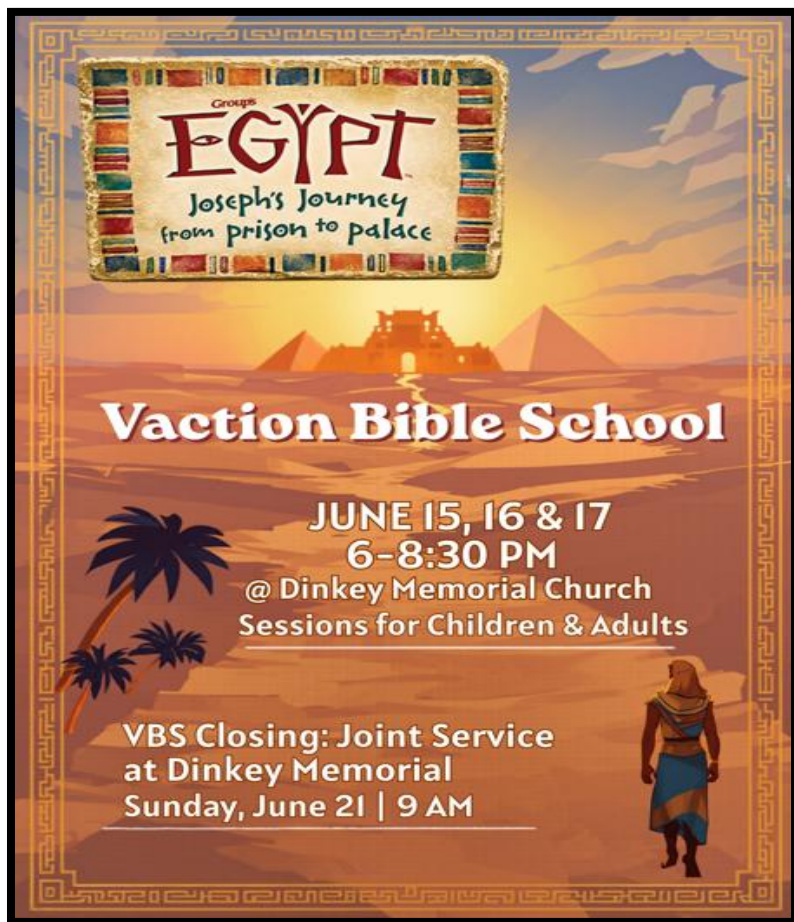
We are now accepting applications for the Smith Scholarship Fund. St. John's has been blessed with donations that we can use to assist **our members** who will be attending college/trade schools. To apply, please write a one-page letter telling us where you plan to attend school, what type of degree you are working towards and how you will use the scholarship money. This is not a one-time scholarship. If you have received scholarship money in the past, you may apply again. A deadline in June will be announced, but you may start sending your information in now. Smith Scholarship Sunday is July 19, 2026. Please address your letter to: St. John's Lutheran Church of Mahoning; Attention Donald Freeman, Council President; 82 Mahoning Drive West; Lehigh, PA 18235.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

Members, if you graduated in Winter of 2025 or will be graduating May-August 2026, we would like to know! Please contact Anne S. in the church office by emailing stjohns@ptd.net. Include your name, address, name of high school, trade school, college, etc., where you will/have completed your diploma or degree, the type of degree and the plans that you have for the future. Graduation Recognition Sunday is July 19, 2026.

Trinity Food Pantry 2026

June Canned Vegetables



Groups
EGYPT
Joseph's Journey
from prison to palace

Vaction Bible School

JUNE 15, 16 & 17
6-8:30 PM
@ Dinkey Memorial Church
Sessions for Children & Adults

VBS Closing: Joint Service
at Dinkey Memorial
Sunday, June 21 | 9 AM

FERMENTING OUR FAITH

Join us as we gather to explore faith together in a relaxed format.

Share your questions, ponderings, and even doubts.

June 10th • 6:00 PM

Beacon 443 Diner

35 Blakeslee Blvd Dr E
Lehigh PA 18235

Contact Pr. Tony if you have any questions

@ 570-386-9960 or prdrinkc@ptd.net

ALL ARE WELCOME

THANK YOU

To the members of

St. John Lutheran Church, Mahoning

from the

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
In grateful appreciation for giving

\$11,187.00

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Thank you for your support, partnership, and leadership in the name of Christ! God is doing a new thing through you. And we are congregations together, we are synod together, we are church together – all blessed to be a blessing. With the good news of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are growing young, gaining strength, and going beyond death to life – so we can love like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engage like Jesus, more and more each day. Thank you for your bold and joyous giving and sharing! To God be the glory!

Family Promise of Carbon County is selling cash raffle tickets:

1st prize - \$1,000 2nd prize - @250

3rd prize - \$100

Donation is \$5.00 Drawing is Sept. 5th

Tickets are available in the office. Please see Anne S. during office hours or a member of Council after church.

June 2026 Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, June 01, 2026: Psalm 29; Job 38:39-39:12; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3
Tuesday, June 02, 2026: Psalm 29; Job 39:13-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
Wednesday, June 03, 2026: Psalm 29; Job 39:26-40:5; John 14:25-26
Thursday, June 04, 2026: Psalm 33:1-12; Genesis 13:1-18; 2 Peter 2:17-22
Friday, June 05, 2026: Psalm 33:1-12; Genesis 14:17-24; Acts 28:1-10
Saturday, June 06, 2026: Psalm 33:1-12; Genesis 15:1-20; Matthew 9:27-34
Sunday, June 07, 2026: Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Monday, June 08, 2026: Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 16:1-15; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:2
Tuesday, June 09, 2026: Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 17:1-27; Hebrews 13:1-16
Wednesday, June 10, 2026: Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 12:1-8
Thursday, June 11, 2026: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 3:1-6
Friday, June 12, 2026: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:1-9; Acts 7:35-43
Saturday, June 13, 2026: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:10-52; Mark 7:1-13
Sunday, June 14, 2026: Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
Monday, June 15, 2026: Psalm 126; Genesis 23:1-19; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5
Tuesday, June 16, 2026: Psalm 126; Genesis 25:7-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Wednesday, June 17, 2026: Psalm 126; Nehemiah 9:1-8; Luke 6:12-19
Thursday, June 18, 2026: Psalm 86:1-10; Exodus 12:43-49; Hebrews 2:5-9
Friday, June 19, 2026: Psalm 86:1-10; Genesis 35:1-4; Acts 5:17-26
Saturday, June 20, 2026: Psalm 86:1-10; Ezekiel 29:3-7; Luke 11:53-12:3
Sunday, June 21, 2026: Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39
Monday, June 22, 2026: Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 16:1-15; Revelation 2:1-7
Tuesday, June 23, 2026: Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 25:12-18; Revelation 2:8-11
Wednesday, June 24, 2026: Psalm 86:11-17; Jeremiah 42:18-22; Matthew 10:5-23
Thursday, June 25, 2026: Psalm 13; Micah 7:18-20; Galatians 5:2-6
Friday, June 26, 2026: Psalm 13; 2 Chronicles 20:5-12; Galatians 5:7-12
Saturday, June 27, 2026: Psalm 13; Genesis 26:23-25; Luke 17:1-4
Sunday, June 28, 2026: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
Monday, June 29, 2026: Psalm 47; Genesis 22:15-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
Tuesday, June 30, 2026: Psalm 47; 1 Kings 18:36-39; 1 John 4:1-6

PLEASE CONSIDER SPONSORING THE WEEKLY BULLETIN. WE NEED A SPONSOR EVERY WEEK. IT'S ONLY \$8.00. WE ALSO HAVE ALTAR FLOWERS \$30 AND MEMORIAL/HONOR BOWLS \$25 AVAILABLE. FORMS ARE ALL OVER THE CHURCH AND DUE IN THE OFFICE BY MONDAY OF THE WEEK YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR. THANK YOU!



Strawberry Social

Bake Sale



Face Painting & Kid Games



Ben Salem U.C.C.

1965 Church Hill Road
Lehighton (near Andreas)

Sunday, June 14

11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Music by Daybreak
and Lost & Found

Basket Raffle



Quilt Raffle & Crafts

For directions visit www.bensalemucc.com
Visit us on Facebook
For more information call (570)386-3870



MAHONING TOWNSHIP
LIONS CLUB



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Wednesday, June 10, 2026
from
4:30 ~ 7:30 PM
at
Chapel Grove Pavilion
at Normal Square
(Route 443 & Fritz Valley Road)



Variety of Sundaes, Waffles & Ice Cream,
Hand-dipped Vanilla & Chocolate Ice Cream



Also available:
**Hot Dogs, Hamburger Bar-B-Q,
Chicken Bar-B-Q, Bean Soup,
Potato Salad,
Water, Soda, Ice Tea, Orange Drink,
Lemonade, Chocolate Milk**

Come join us for a mid-week, relaxing time!

St. John's Congregational Meeting

A Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 7, 2026** following morning worship in the social hall. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and approve professional cleaning of the Narthex and Sanctuary by ServPro. Please join us for this meeting and share in the conversation.

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Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS

Madison DeLuca

Ordained by the Bishop at
Little Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in
Telford, Pennsylvania, on May 2, 2026.

*Celebrated in the presence of Pastor Pagotto and
many beloved Pastors who gathered in joyful witness.*

*May God's grace guide your ministry
as you answer this holy calling.*



Congratulations on your
Confirmation Day!



Kiersten Diehl
&
Tristan Balliet

Confirmed in Faith

Thank You, Volunteers!

Another Successful Church Clean-up Day!

A big shout out *Thank You* to all who participated in our yearly church clean-up day.

There was a total of 21 church members (20 adults and 1 youth) who came out to help.

We had a fun filled morning of fellowship while we washed windows and cleaned glass, vacuumed, dusted, hung banners (check them out in the fellowship hall), picked up litter along the road, set up the picnic tables under the pavilion, painted, and replenished the church pew holders with communion cards.

Once our work was complete we all enjoyed a lunch of hoagies and wraps.

Again, Thank You for helping to make our church shine!
And we look forward to seeing you on clean-up day next year!

DINKEY MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER

ISLAND EXPRESSIONS HOAGIES

Italian • Turkey • Roast Beef • Tuna

\$6.00 each

ISLAND EXPRESSIONS PIZZA KITS

3 - 12" Cheese Pizzas

\$15.00

3 - 12" Pepperoni Kits

\$16.00

3 - 12" Sausage Kits

\$16.00

ORDER DEADLINE:

JUNE 14, 2026

PICKUP:

JUNE 24, 2026 | 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Order form outside of Fellowship Hall - Community Board
or call Dinkey's church office at 377-4242



Graduate Recognition & Smith Scholarships

Sunday, July 19th • 11 AM
During our Fellowship
Hall Worship Service

• Members, please see the posts in the bulletins and newsletters to send us the required information before the end of June. If you have questions, call the office at 570-386-9960.



Zion's Stone Church
presents

Country, Church, and Community

Celebrating America's 250th!

What to Expect:

- Patriotic Band Concert 7-8:30pm
- Antique Tractor Display
- American Picnic Favorites
- Guest Speakers
- Family-Friendly Activities

**June 19, 2026
5:00-9:00pm**

Everyone Welcome!

West Penn Park
698 Zions Stone Church Rd
New Ringgold



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

JOIN US AS WE HONOR OUR NATION'S
HISTORIC MILESTONE!

PARTNER WITH US FOR OUR 250TH CELEBRATION ON JUNE 19TH. YOUR SPONSORSHIP COVERS ENTERTAINMENT COSTS, AND ALL SURPLUS FUNDS WILL GO TO VALOR TO SUPPORT THEIR MIS FOR VETERANS.

SPONSORSHIP TIERS:



ALL GENERAL DONATIONS WILL BE LISTED UNDER OUR FRIENDS OF THE EVENT CATEGORY.
GET NOTICED! SPONSORS WILL BE RECOGNIZED THROUGH SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT



HOW TO BECOME A SPONSOR:
PLEASE CONTACT DWANE MILLER AT (570) 778-7137.
CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO ZIONS STONE CHURCH WITH "AMERICA'S
250TH" IN THE MEMO.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 Pentecost 2</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>11 AM Fellowship Hall with Holy Communion</p> <p>Congregational Meeting</p> <p>*Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6 PM Grief Share</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 AM – 1 PM Making Donuts</p> <p>3:30-5 PM Donut Pickup</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 AM Prayer with Pastor</p> <p>9-10 Donut Pickup</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM Bible Study with Pastor</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Office open 9AM-12PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 AM-6 PM Memorial Service & Hall Rented</p>
<p>14 Pentecost 3</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>11 AM Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School at Dinkey</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>9 AM Prayer with Pastor</p> <p>6-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School at Dinkey</p>	<p>18 Pastor off →</p> <p>3:30-5 PM Dinkey Comm. Cupboard Dist.</p>	<p>19 →</p> <p>Juneteenth</p> <p>Office open 9AM-2PM</p>	<p>20 →</p>
<p>21 Pentecost 4</p> <p>Happy Father's Day!</p> <p>10 AM Joint Service at Dinkey Memorial with VBS Program (No service at St John's today)</p>	<p>22 →</p> <p>6-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School at Dinkey</p>	<p>23 →</p> <p>6-8:30 PM Vacation Bible School at Dinkey</p>	<p>24 →</p>	<p>25 →</p> <p>6:30 PM Dinner & Discussion</p>	<p>26 →</p>	<p>27 →</p>
<p>28 Pentecost 5</p> <p>9:30 AM Adult Sunday School</p> <p>11 AM Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>29 →</p>	<p>30 →</p> <p>6:30 PM Book Club</p>				

▶ **Pastor is off June 18th-July 1st.**

▶ **The office will close early on June 12th and will reopen**

June 19th for regular hours 9 AM-2 PM.

