

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2024

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mahoning

826 Mahoning Drive West, Leighton Pa 18235

Church office: 570-386-9960 Email address: stjohns@ptd.net

Website: www.stjohnsmahoning.org and Facebook at StJohnsMahoning

"A Family of friends alive with God's love!"



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

2024 Church Council

Reverend Anthony Pagotto

Julia Schock, **President**

Allison Everett, **Vice President**

Keith Drummond	Geoff Ebbert	Drew Yenser
Kimberly Gerhard	Cheryl Kistler	Donald Freeman

Worship Schedule for April 2024 at St. John's

April 7 – 10:45 AM Sanctuary Worship Service with *Holy Communion* and Baptism

12:30 PM Confirmation Class (DM)

April 14 – 9:45 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Sanctuary Worship Service

April 21 – 10:45 AM Fellowship Hall Worship Service

12:30 PM Confirmation Class (SJ)

April 28 – 9:45 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Sanctuary Worship Service with *Holy Communion*

Geoff Ebbert and Pastor Tony are starting a faith discussion group, **Fermenting Our Faith**. The objective of this gathering is to create a relaxed, nonjudgemental space for people to bring questions about faith or scripture and then have group discussion about them. Our initial gathering will be:
Tuesday, April 9 from 7:00-8:30PM at St. John's. All are welcome!



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| 04/01 Lynn Koch | 04/02 Liz Ann Koch | 04/03 Vincent Trach |
| 04/05 Sarepta Willet | 04/08 Jo-Ann Hawk | 04/10 Bonnie Harley |
| 4/10 Cheryl Kistler | 4/13 Tinley Balliet | 4/13 Dylan Flexer |
| 4/13 Connie Reigel | 4/14 Ferne Berger | 4/14 Colleen Rudelitsch |
| 4/14 John Stafiniak | 4/15 Michael Merluzzi | 4/15 Logan Yaro |
| 4/19 Sandra Rehrig | 4/19 Barry Troutman | 4/20 Sheila Drummond |
| 4/20 Elyse Rubin | 4/22 Cassidy Snyder | 4/24 Roger Tyson |
| 4/25 Brenda Frey | 4/25 Dennis Scheckler | 4/25 Anne Yenser |
| 4/26 Mary Virginia Flyzik | 4/28 Marilyn Frey | 4/28 Bridget McFadden |
| 4/30 Dorothy Reinhart | | |

(If we missed your birthday for this month, it's possible we don't 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 **Monday, April 1st & April 15th at 6 PM.**

Book Club- will meet **Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM** with book *"Oceans Apart"* by Karen Kingsbury.

Dinner & Discussion- will meet **Thursday, April 18th at 6:30.** Questions? Please contact **Cheryl Kistler at 610-533-5723.**

Fundraising Committee- will meet **Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM.**

Fermenting Our Faith Discussion Group- will meet **Tuesday, April 9th at 7-8:30 PM at St John's.**

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.

Messages from the Fundraising Team:

- **Thank you** to everyone who helped make our annual Spring Bazaar a huge success.....from making candy, baking, preparing food, setting up, spreading the word, working a station during the event, & straight through clean up! It's always great to see the community returning to St John's.
- If your yard sign didn't blow away, kindly return it to church. We'll get the dates updated for our **Fall Bazaar**, which will be on **Oct 4th & 5th.**
- Our annual **Rummage Sale with Pet Shelter donation collection** will be held on **April 12th & 13th.** There's something for everyone.....spread the word!
- Our next donut sale will be on **May 1st,** so we'll be baking, icing, & packaging on **Tuesday, April 30th.** Stop by any time **between 3 & 6 pm** if you're able to help.



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.)

March Council Meeting – Items Discussed

The minutes from March Council Meeting and the Congregational Meeting were not available at the time of printing. They will be included in May’s Newsletter.

Prayers for our Congregation Members

Claudia Pagotto	Anne Yenser	Jim Yaro
Rebekah McFadden	Colleen Rudelitsch	Liz Koch
Robert Berger	Ferne Berger	Donna Horvath
Florence Duffy	Bart Cunfer	Jeanette Jennings
Marilyn Frey	Doreen Roth	Lana Balliet
Ruth Troxell	Emma Weaver	



Prayers for Our Friends

Frank Fisher	Gloria Knerr	Family of John Casolo
Dan Myers	Brenton Gruber	Warren Knerr
Helen Christman	Elaine Koons	Jillian Hessinger
Eileen Meiser	James Koons	Makayla Scott
Henry Long	Steve Stine	Deborah Ahner
Rev. Robert Reier	Shirley Long	Sarah Swartz

Please also pray for

The People of Israel and Gaza
The People of Sudan and those fleeing
The Children of Ukraine
Families of Victims of Mass Shootings

Prayers for Our Homebound and Long-Term Care Members

Judith Ahner	Willard Ahner	Rachel Bednar Marie Boyer	Doris Fronheiser
Lois Fisher	Mary Flyzik	Charles Frey	Carolyn Zacharias
Scott Heintzelman	Carol Houser	Mary Ann Kollar	Elaine Windbeck
Kathryn Leibenguth	Frank Mertz	Dorothy Reinhart	Terry Terray

Our Military Personnel at Home and Abroad

Daniel Berger	Dalton Berger	Sean Fisher	Aaron Cetnar
Jonathan Sheehan	Douglas Boyer	Dylan White	Austin Heilman

●*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 9:00 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
<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/376540617>
Meeting ID: 376 540 617
Call in: 1-929-205-6099

Ham & Dandelion Dinner

Ben Salem U.C.C.

Fellowship Hall

1965 Church Hill Road

Lehighton (near Andreas)

Saturday, April 20

3:00 - 6:30 P.M.

Adults \$15.00

Ages 5 - 10 \$7.00, Under 5 Free
Dessert and beverage included.

For more info call 570-386-3870

For directions visit www.bensalemucc.com



ST. PETER'S DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS

The Real Housewives of Cricket County



Welcome to Cricket County – the land that cool forgot. With characters named Bodean and Chigger, what's not to love? The gals think being a housewife is the highest callin' there is. They're happy with their cookin', gardenin', cleanin' lifestyle, with neighbor-spyin' and coon-huntin' on the side – until "richer'n clabbered cream" Monica Northcutt crashes their quilting bee with her women's rights spiel. Discontent brews faster'n a jar of sun tea, and suddenly cookin' frog legs don't look so appealing. Though the gals say if you offered their husbands a penny for their thoughts, you'd get back change, the good ol' boys have the last word as they show their wives the true meaning of beauty: contentment!

SHOW TIMES: (includes dinner & show)

Friday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m.

Friday (Meatloaf)

Sunday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday (Chicken)

Tickets: \$20.00 adults \$15.00 children 5-10

Ticket deadline April 14, 2024

For Tickets call the Church Office at 570-386-4388

The church is located on St. Peter's Road just off of route 443.

Proceeds benefit the Organ Fund

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Mahoning

March 28, 2024 – 7:00PM – Maundy Thursday Service at St John's

March 29, 2024 – 7:00PM – Good Friday Service at St Peter's West Penn

March 31, 2024 – 6:30AM – Easter Dawn Service at Dinkey Memorial Cemetery

7:00AM – Breakfast at Dinkey Memorial Church

9:00AM – Easter Worship Service at Dinkey Memorial Church

10:15AM – Easter Egg Hunt at Dinkey Memorial Cemetery

10:45AM – Easter Worship Service at St John's

April 12, 2024 – 8:00AM to 2:00PM – Rummage Sale Full Price

April 13, 2024 – 8:00AM to 12noon – Rummage Sale Pay \$3 and Fill your Bag

May 1, 2024 – Donut Sale – Orders are due by April 14, 2024

May 19, 2024 – 10:45AM – Confirmation Day

June 5, 2024 – Donut Sale – Orders are due by May 19, 2024

June 17, 18 & 19, 2024 – 6:00 to 8:30PM - Vacation Bible at Dinkey Memorial

August 25, 2024 – Community Picnic – 11:00AM to 2:00PM – St. John's

September 4, 2024 – Donut Sale – Orders are due by August 18, 2024

September 29, 2024 – 12noon – Blessing of the Animals

October 4, 2024 – 5:00PM to 7:30PM – Fall Bazaar at St John's

October 5, 2024 – 9:00AM to 2:00PM – Fall Bazaar at St John's



FURever Family

Slate & Sip

Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 from 5:30 - 8:30pm

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighton PA 18235**

\$40 per person | BYOB

For more info call 610-703-6558

Or Contact Liz Koch at 610-462-0876

Blue Mountain Animal Rescue Society

12th Annual

All you can Eat Spaghetti Dinner!

Hosted by: The Sword Tag Society

WHERE: Lehighton Recreation Center

WHEN: Saturday, April 13th from 4pm to 8pm

COST: \$10.00 for Adults
 \$5.00 for Children under 12

Takeout Available
 We will also be having a...

Basket Raffle & Bake Sale

Raffle Drawing to Begin at 7:30pm
 Proceeds to benefit the restoration of the Normal Square Chapel.
www.swordtag.com

Rummage Sale

Our Rummage Sale is fast approaching. We continue to take donations which can be placed in the back half of the Nursery Room.

Our Volunteers will be sorting and pricing in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 4th and Friday, April 5th, 2024.

Sale days are Friday, April 12th, 8AM – 2PM. This will be a full price day.

And Saturday, April 13th, 8AM to 12 noon. This will be a fill the bag day for \$3. Purchase an oversized bag for \$3 and have fun filling it. Jewelry will be excluded from the bag sale.

During our Rummage Sale we will be collecting for our furry friends at the Carbon County Animal Shelter and the Carbon County Friends of Animals Shelter.

Bring a donation and receive a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Walmart or Giant. Bring in a donation for each shelter and get two chances.

Questions? Please contact Cheryl Kistler at 610-533-5723.



CARBON COUNTY FRIENDS OF ANIMALS Wish List

Cleaning Items

Fabuloso
Lysol Cleaner, Lysol Spray & Lysol Wipes
Bleach
Hand Sanitizer
Dish / Hand Soaps
Top Performance Disinfectant

Paper/Bedding Items

Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Pillowcases
Towels / Small Blankets

Cat Items

Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
Nail Clippers
Wet Food – Friskies Preferred
Cat Litter (scoopable & non-scoopable)
Cat Towers / Toys / Wands, etc.
Treats
Kitten Bottles
KMR Milk

Maintenance Items

Mops
Dust Pans (stand up ones)
Brooms
Black & White Trash Bags

Stationary Items

Index Cards (any colors)
Printing Paper
Pens
Highlighters

Medical Items

Gloves (powder-free / non-latex)
any sizes
Thermometer
Heating Pads
Q-tips

ALSO:

*Fundraising Ideas
*Monetary Donations
*Volunteering

Please drop off all donations at the shelter facility between the hours of 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. If you need the items picked up, please contact the shelter for assistance.

Carbon County Friends of Animals
77 W 13th St
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
Phone: 570.325.9400

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!

Carbon County Animal Shelter (kennel lic. #1580)

WISH LIST

Alpo Snacks – Peanut Butter – Soft Treats – Faganzia

Pine Sol – Canned Dog Food – Purina Moist & Meaty

Laundry Detergent – Heavy Duty Leashes & Collars – Dog Toys

Thanks to all who support CCAS.

We could not do it without you!

Make an appointment to come visit!

Nesquehoning, PA • 570-325-4828



Donut Sale

Wednesday May 1

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Order by Sunday April 14
Call/Text/Email Anne Yenser 570-390-9108 or annyens@ptd.net

Name _____ Phone # _____

(1) Persian X \$2.00	\$ _____
(2) Iced Long Johns X \$4.00	\$ _____
(2) Coconut Long Johns X \$4.50	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Pick up 9:00-10:00 AM



Sunday School for April:

Sunday School starts at 9:45 AM

and will be held

April 14th & April 28th.

Spring Time Clothing Drive

We will be holding a Spring Time clothing drive for the months of April and May.

There will be a large box in the Narthex for items.

Items should be specific for the Spring and Summer months. Donations will be given to the area homeless and in need.

Spring Bazaar Raffle Ticket Winners

1. \$350 Ahner's Furniture gift card - Brenda Schaffer
2. \$100 cash - Ginger Outlaw
3. \$50 Giant gift card - Brandie Husar
4. \$50 Lowe's gift card - Art Zellner
5. \$50 cash - Steven Tyson
6. \$50 Tractor Supply gift card - Roger Tyson
7. \$50 cash - Kevin Rex
8. \$50 Cash - Mary Virginia Flyzik
9. \$50 Walmart gift card - Ginger Outlaw
10. \$50 cash - Sandra Guy
11. \$50 Pizza Como gift certificate - Cheryl Kistler
12. \$50 cash - Carol Mase

THE KITCHEN CREW HARD AT WORK! HERE THEY ARE PREPARING THE AMAZING EASTER CANDY!!



HERE ARE SOME PICTURES FROM THE SPRING BAZAAR. A LOT OF VOLUNTEERING, PLANNING AND HOURS OF WORK WENT INTO MAKING THIS A HUGE SUCCESS!



BAZAAR REPORT *Spring 2024*
On by 3/24/2024

	Expenses	Receipts	Profit
Bake sale	<u>329.60</u>	<u>1931.50</u>	<u>1601.90</u>
Basket raffle	<u>62.00</u>	<u>5090.00</u>	<u>5028.00</u>
Candy	<u>1496.59</u>	<u>5613.25</u>	<u>4116.66</u>
Filling	<u>10.76</u>	<u>954.75</u>	<u>943.99</u>
Kitchen	<u>400.14</u>	<u>2283.50</u>	<u>1883.36</u>
Outdoor/ Seasonal	_____	_____	_____
Plants	_____	<u>332.05</u>	<u>332.05</u>
Raffle ticket	<u>66.00</u>	<u>2446.00</u>	<u>2380.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>2971.09</u>	<u>18,657.05</u>	<u>16,279.96</u>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>**Hall Reserved for Rummage Sale April 1st – April 13th.</i></p> <p><i>**Pastor away from April 10th – April 16th.</i></p>	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>7 2nd week of Easter</p> <p>10:45 AM Sanctuary Service w/ <i>Holy Communion</i> and Baptism</p> <p>12:30 PM Confirmation Class (DM)</p>	8	9	10	11	12	13
	6 PM Grief Support	10 AM Pastor Tony at Palmer House	6:30 PM Fundraising Meeting		No Scouts	8 AM – 12 PM RUMMAGE SALE
		7-8:30 PM <i>Fermenting Our Faith</i> Discussion Group (Sj)				
	6:30 PM Council Meeting w/ Confirmation Class					
14 3rd week of Easter	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:45 AM Sunday School		3PM-10PM Hall Reserved – Blue Mtn Animal Society Fundraiser	9 AM Prayer w/ Pastor	9:30 AM Bible Study w/ Pastor	No Scouts	2:30 PM – 8 PM Hall Reserved – Leighton Bible Church Spring Fling Private Party
10:45 AM Sanctuary Service	Newsletter Article Deadline		7:30AM-6:30PM "Daniel" Bus Trip			
Donut Orders Due!!				6:30 PM Dinner & Discussion		
	6 PM Grief Support				5:30 PM Scouts	
21 4th week of Easter	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:45 AM Fellowship Hall Service		6:30 PM Book Club	9 AM Prayer w/ Pastor	9:30 AM Bible Study w/ Pastor		
12:30 PM Confirmation Class (Sj)						
28 5th week of Easter	29	30				
9:45 AM Sunday School						
10:45 AM Sanctuary Service w/ <i>Holy Communion</i>						

