

JUNE NEWSLETTER 2025

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!"



This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

(John 14:17)

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

2025 Church Council

Reverend Anthony Pagotto

Julia Schock, President	Allison Everett, Vice President		
Keith Drummond	Geoff Ebbert	Donald Freeman	
Ronald Fried	Kimberly Gerhard	Cheryl Kistler	Tia Tyson

Worship Schedule for JUNE 2025 at St. John's

JUNE 1st – 9:30 AM – Sunday School

10:45 AM - Fellowship Hall Worship with *Holy Communion*

JUNE 8th – 10:45 AM – Sanctuary Worship with *Holy Communion* – **Day of Pentecost**
Confirmation Day

JUNE 15th – 9-10 AM - **Father's Day** Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:45 AM - Sanctuary Worship with *Holy Communion* – **Holy Trinity Sunday**

JUNE 22nd – 10:45 AM – Fellowship Hall Worship *Holy Communion*
Peace of Mind Seminar after worship

JUNE 29th – 9:00 AM – Joint Service held at Dinkey Memorial – VBS Program



6/2 Neal Ebbert
6/6 Elijah Pagotto
6/10 James Malloy
6/17 Tia Tyson
6/18 Deborah Kintz
6/26 Betty Frey
6/30 LaMar Rehrig

6/4 Amanda Trach
6/6 Clair Breiner
6/15 Diane Berner
6/17 Joyce Walters
6/26 Marla Lawson
6/29 Marlin Frey

(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 2nd & June 16th at 6 PM.**

Book Club- will meet **Tuesday, July 1st at 6:30 PM** with book *"The Summer Book club"* by Susan Mallory.

Dinner & Discussion- will tentatively return on **Thursday, July 17th at 6:30 pm.** Please contact Cheryl Kistler at 610-533-5723.

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:

We will be baking, icing, & packaging donuts on Tuesday, June 3rd.

The weekly one call will include the times. If you're able to help, stop by anytime.

St John's Congregation


There will be a meeting on June 5th at 6:30 PM (at the church) to discuss the celebrating of St. John's 175th Anniversary. Please attend this meeting and get involved!

The Fundraising Committee currently has 14 pans of filling. The cost is \$7.50 per pan. Please see one of the committee members if you are interested.



Strawberry Social

Bake Sale





Ben Salem U.C.C.
1965 Church Hill Road
Lehighton (near Andreas)
Sunday, June 15
11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**Music by Daybreak
and Lost & Found**

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

Basket Raffle





good food

Quilt Raffle

Special Father's Day Breakfast

will be held on June 15th from
9-10 AM. Worship will be held at
10:45 AM in the Sanctuary.

Prayers for our Congregation Members

Arthur Rudelitsch	Roger Tyson	Allane Kister	
Jacob Merluzzi	Robert Berger	Joan Heintzelman	
Diane Gould	Timothy Gerhard	Brenda Lasky	
Liz Koch	Florence Duffy	Lana Balliet	
Donna Horvath	Emma Weaver	Ruth Troxell	Bart Cunfer
Jeanette Jennings	Ferne Berger	Mike Andrews	Marilyn Frey

Prayers for Our Friends

Kathy Steigerwalt	Stewart Henritz	Marion "Mem" Roberts
Danadee Miller-Boyle	Jesse Rudelitsch	Nicole Mazenko Rowles
Nichole Hydro	Tina Mertz	Jim Hourican
Cliff Gledhill	Vince Rodgers	Frank Fisher
Warren Knerr	Rev. Robert Reier	Brenton Gruber
Jillian Hessinger	Bridgette Gorman	Elaine Koons
Sarah Swartz	Gloria Knerr	Deborah Ahner
Dan Myers	Barbara Kerschner	Steve Stine
Ernest Christman	Shirley Long	Dr. Mike Nelson
Eric Waksmunski		

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.

Prayers for Our Homebound and Long-Term Care Members

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

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
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!





New instrumentalists are welcome to join our current players as we show our love to the Lord through music. If interested in sharing your talents, please see me after any Sunday worship.

Peace+ to you,

Your music director, Colleen



We welcome new choir members to join our current team. Sing praise to the Lord, our God! If interested, please see your music director, Colleen, any Sunday after worship.

The Chair Lift was approved at the Congregational Meeting held Sunday, May 4th. We are moving forward with this project. Anyone wishing to make a donation should comment 'chair glide' in the memo section on your check. Larger donations, please see Pastor or a Council Member.

Vacation Bible School

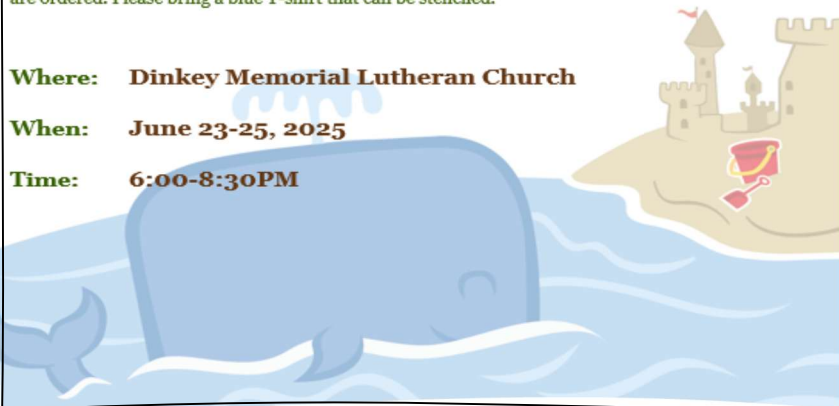
Dinkey Memorial, Ashfield and St. John's, Mahoning Lutheran Churches are cohosting Summer VBS 2025. From preschool to adults there will be something for everyone – including snacks! Register by calling Dinkey's office at 610-377-4242 by June 13 so we can make sure enough supplies are ordered. Please bring a blue T-shirt that can be stenciled.



Where: Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church

When: June 23-25, 2025

Time: 6:00-8:30PM



YOU'RE INVITED

Peace of Mind Seminar

We invite you to learn how planning for your final wishes may shield your family from unnecessary emotional and financial burden. Join us and learn more about pre-arrangements, veteran benefits, cremation, burials, and more.

June 22nd after church service at St. John's

Family and Friends are welcome!
Sign-up or RSVP (570)778-0554

We look forward to seeing you!

WE WILL DISCUSS

- Cremation & Burials
- Traditional Funerals
- Veteran Benefits
- Payment Plans
- Pre-arrangements

PRESENTED BY
Robert S. Nester
Funeral Home

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

Dear church,

We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America join with people around the world in praying for the ministry of Pope Leo XIV. We rejoice with the people of the Roman Catholic Church, especially those in our communities, as they joyfully receive their new shepherd.

Today we witnessed the historic election of the first Augustinian and the first U.S.-born pope — only the second to come from the Americas. Thus we share with him both context and theological roots (Martin Luther was also an Augustinian). We pray that this will provide us, as Catholics and as Lutherans, with an opportunity to strengthen our visible unity in Christ through dialogue and cooperation for the life of the world.

In his first appearance on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, the new pope extended the blessing of Pope Francis, saying: "God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace."

We pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain Pope Leo XIV for the ministry to which he has been called, and will strengthen us all in our vocations as bridge-builders and as witnesses to God's love for all people and creation.

In Christ, Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Would you like to take part in our worship services or help with the preparation? New volunteers are always welcome. Please fill out the info below and place this insert in the Offering plate. We will contact you to set up a Sunday that works for you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Colleen at 570-952-1669. To those who already are volunteering, we say THANKS for everything you do!!!

Your name: _____

Phone #: _____

Would you like to:

Greet the people _____

Read the Scriptures (Lector) _____

Collect the Offering _____

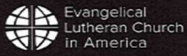
Serve Holy Communion _____

Usher Holy Communion _____

Be part of the Altar Prep Team (set up the Altar and prepare Communion) _____

Thanks in advance to our new volunteers!

THANK YOU



MISSION SUPPORT 2024

THANK YOU

To the members of
St. John, Mahoning
from the
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod

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

\$10,843.00

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!

Christopher deBevoise

Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you graduated in December 2024 or will be graduating May-August 2025, 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.

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. Please address your letter to: St. John's Lutheran Church of Mahoning; Attention Julia Schock, Council President; 826 Mahoning Drive West; Lehigh, PA 18235.

FREE ITEM FOR SOMEONE IN NEED

BlueLog Sliding Transfer Bench with Swivel Seat. Brand new. Looking for a good home. Please contact the office if interested.



Trinity Food Pantry Food of the Month Spotlight

June: Canned Vegetables

July: Pasta

August: Macaroni & Cheese

FERMENTING OUR FAITH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025

CIRCA 1898

7:00 – 9:00PM

570-386-9960

prdrinkl@ptd.net

All are welcome to gather and explore our faith together in a relaxed format where we can share our questions, ponderings, and even doubts. Contact Pr. Tony if you have any questions.

From the Fundraising Committee:

Profit from the recent **Donut Day Sale** was **\$1,568.14**. A detailed report is displayed on the bulletin board outside the church office.

From our friends at Dinkey Memorial

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested (610)377-4242.

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase Giant gift cards please contact Kathy Steigerwalt at (540)250-6539. Cards are in \$100, \$50 and \$25 denominations. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Clothing Bin: Dinkey is sponsoring a clothing bin to collect clothing, stuffed animals, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, drapes & pillowcases. They ask that NO rags, pillows, fabric scraps, toys or household goods be put in the bin. The bin is located in the parking lot of Dinkey Memorial Church.

Dinkey Memorial Church Pierogi Fundraiser

Potato & Cheese \$9

Potato, Cheese & Bacon – Potato, Cheese & Sauerkraut – Jalapeno Cheddar – Dill Pickle – Broccoli Cheddar – Buffalo Chicken \$10

Cheese Steak \$15

Apple – Cherry – Blueberry \$10

Deadline to order is 7/13 (order form on bulletin board by Fellowship Hall) or call Dinkey Memorial Office at 610-377-4242.

Pick up is 7/23 from 1-5 PM.

MAHONING TWSP. LIONS

ICE CREAM SOCIALS AT Lions Grove



CHAPEL FIELD

JUNE 11 4PM

JULY 9 4PM

AUGUST 13 4PM

COMPLETE HAM DINNER AT MAHONING AMBULANCE

SEPTEMBER 16 4PM

Rummage Sale

Our 2025 Rummage Sale was a huge success. Our sales totaled **\$2301.30**.

In addition, we collected **\$709** in cash along with items listed on the wish lists to distribute between the two animal shelters.

I would like to thank everyone who helped and contributed to making this rummage sale a huge success.

On a personal note, I have decided that this 2025 Rummage Sale is the last rummage sale I will be organizing. **If anyone is interested in taking over, please contact me at 610-533-5723.**

Not to worry, I have been brainstorming and have come up with something slightly different. It will not include a rummage sale but will still bring the community to our church and continue with our animal shelter collections. Plus, more. Stay tuned.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF MAHONING
UPCOMING EVENTS**

Date	Time and/or Place	Event
June 4	9-10 AM – Fellowship Hall	Donut pick up (order due 5/18)
June 15	9-10 AM – Fellowship Hall	Father's Day breakfast
June 23-25	6-8:30 PM – Dinkey Memorial	Vacation Bible School
July 20	10:45 AM – During worship	Smith Scholarship & Grad recognition
August 24	12-3 PM – Fellowship Hall and Pavilion	Annual Community Picnic
Sept 4	9-10 AM – Fellowship Hall	Donut pick up (order due 8/17)
Sept 21	10:45 AM – During worship	Harvest Home Sunday
Oct 3	5-7:30 PM – Fellowship Hall	Fall Bazaar
Oct 4	9 AM – 2 PM – Fellowship Hall	Fall Bazaar
Oct 12	2 PM	Crop Walk
Oct 19	12 PM – Pavilion	Blessing of the Animals
Nov 6	9-10 AM – Fellowship Hall	Donut pick up (orders due 10/19)

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!

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!

June Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, June 01, 2025: Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;
John 17:20-26

Monday, June 02, 2025: Psalm 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40;

Tuesday, June 03, 2025: Psalm 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29;

Wednesday, June 04, 2025: Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27;

Thursday, June 05, 2025: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25;

Friday, June 06, 2025: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10;

Saturday, June 07, 2025: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17;

Sunday, June 08, 2025: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17 ;
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Monday, June 09, 2025: Psalm 48; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 2:1-11;

Tuesday, June 10, 2025: Psalm 48; Ezekiel 11:14-25; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16;

Wednesday, June 11, 2025: Psalm 48; Numbers 24:1-14; Luke 1:26-38;

Thursday, June 12, 2025: Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:13-18; Ephesians 1:17-19;

Friday, June 13, 2025: Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:19-26; Ephesians 4:1-6;

Saturday, June 14, 2025: Psalm 8; Proverbs 4:1-9; Luke 2:41-52;

Sunday, June 15, 2025: Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Monday, June 16, 2025: Psalm 124; Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16;

Tuesday, June 17, 2025: Psalm 124; Proverbs 8:4-21; Ephesians 5:15-20;

Wednesday, June 18, 2025: Psalm 124; Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55;

Thursday, June 19, 2025: Psalm 42 and 43; Genesis 24:1-21; Romans 2:17-29;

Friday, June 20, 2025: Psalm 42 and 43; Job 6:14-30; Galatians 3:15-22;

Saturday, June 21, 2025: Psalm 42 and 43; Proverbs 11:3-13; Matthew 9:27-34;

Sunday, June 22, 2025: Psalm 22:19-28; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Monday, June 23, 2025: Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:1-13; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;

Tuesday, June 24, 2025: Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:14-26; Ephesians 2:11-22;

Wednesday, June 25, 2025: Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:30-37; Luke 9:37-43a

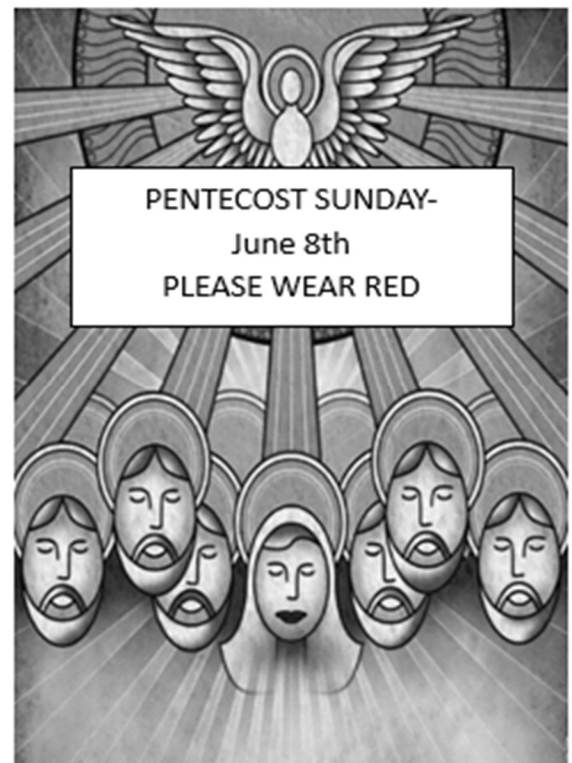
Thursday, June 26, 2025: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53;
2 Corinthians 13:5-10;

Friday, June 27, 2025: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:1-12; Galatians 4:8-20;

Saturday, June 28, 2025: Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5; Luke 9:21-27;

Sunday, June 29, 2025: Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Monday, June 30, 2025: Psalm 75; 2 Kings 2:15-22; 1 John 2:7-11



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>7th Week of Easter</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Fellowship Hall Worship with Holy Communion	2 6PM Grief Support	3 9 AM Donut Bakers 10 AM Donut icers	4 9AM Prayer with Pastor 9-10 AM Donut Pick Up	5 9:30 AM Bible Study with Pastor 6:30 PM 175 th Anniversary meeting	6	7
8 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 10:45 AM Sanctuary Service with Holy Communion Confirmation Day	9 10 AM Pastor at Palmer House 6:30 PM – Council Meeting	10	11 9AM Prayer with Pastor	12 9:30 AM Bible Study with Pastor	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i> 
15 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> Father's Day 9-10 AM Father's Day Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 10:45 AM Sanctuary Service with Holy Communion	16	17	18 9AM Prayer with Pastor	19 <i>Juneteenth</i> 9:30 AM Bible Study with Pastor 3:30-5 PM Comm. Cupboard Food Dist. @ Dinkey	20	21
22 <i>Pentecost 2</i> 10:45 AM Fellowship Hall Service with Holy Communion Peace of Mind Seminar after worship	23 6PM Grief Support	24 (*Book Club is moved to July 1 st at 6:30)	25 9AM Prayer with Pastor	26 9:30 AM Bible Study with Pastor	27	28
29 <i>Pentecost 3</i> 9:00 AM – Joint Service at Dinkey Memorial – VBS Program	30 VBS Dinkey Mem. 6-8:30 PM	VBS Dinkey Mem. 6-8:30 PM	VBS Dinkey Mem. 6-8:30 PM			

