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ST. BARTHOLOMEW
Lutheran Church

JOIN US DURING FALL WORSHIP

SUNDAY'S 11AM

1746 S. CLINTON AVE, TRENTON NJ 08610




BLESSING OF ANIMALS

ALL ANIMALS ARE WELCOMED

OCTOBER 4TH 11AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I think about the beginning of fall at St. Bart's the way I think about a good rhythm section finding the groove. At first, everyone is settling back in, listening for one another to find the beat again. Then, almost without noticing, the groove begins to come alive.

You can hear it in the laughter in the church. You can feel it in friendships being renewed as people return from their summer travels and routines begin to shift. This is the sound of a congregation finding its fall rhythm yet again. And this fall, St. Bart's is finding ours.

The psalmist knew about this kind of energy. Psalm 100:1-2 says, *"Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth. Worship God with gladness and come into God's presence with singing."* That is not exactly a quiet invitation, but a call to show up with joy and with one another. And this month, there are plenty of opportunities for us to show up!

Beginning in September, we begin Wednesday Spanish worship services at **7 PM**. You read that right—a new service led by Pastor Nate. Maybe you've always wanted to give the Spanish service a try? Either way, we hope the new service will be easier to remember and more accessible to newcomers.

To celebrate our new fall rhythm, we are having a **Blessing of the Animals** on **October 4th**. Feel free to bring a pet and bring some joy as we catch up with one another. Also, if you saw in the parking lot, we were gifted with the banana-colored box truck! We are able to save our personal vehicles and cut the work in half!

As we approach fall, look for a specific opportunity this week to give in a way that truly stretches your faith. You might feel called to support a family in need, increase your regular church offering, or dedicate significant time to serve your community. As we nurture our spiritual growth together, let us encourage one another to step out with bold generosity. Trust that God intimately knows your needs and will safely carry you as you pour out God's love to others. When you choose to give sacrificially, you open your heart to experience the profound joy of God's abundant, endless provision!

The beautiful thing about a good rhythm section is that nobody has to play the same part. Nobody is forced to take a solo, but everybody listens. Everybody contributes by showing up in one way or another. And somewhere along the way, all those different voices and rhythms come together to make something beautiful in the presence of God. And through that beauty, God just might transform us yet again.

Blessings,
—Pastor Erich



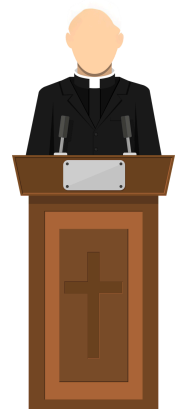
Please contact **Pastor Erich** whenever you are in need of pastoral care or are aware of others who may be in need – Church office, 609-393-6060.

THIS INCLUDES:

- If you want to talk
- Emergencies
- Sickness
- Hospital
- Time of crisis when things are out of control or down time
- When someone is near death
- When there has been a birth
- When contemplating marriage

Vision Statement

"Little Church With A
BIG HEART"



MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Fall is here and it is almost the end of my first year as council president. I have been blessed to be in this position and have taken it very seriously. The church council has been very busy this year planning activities that go hand and hand with the community, movie nights, bingo, and yard sales to name a few. We have also made a few changes to the way the church operates. We haven't had enough volunteers to create "committees" like I planned but we have been rearranging the duties of officers and the pastor so that we may work more efficiently and achieve more success in all our endeavors.

The next three months are going to be busy as we prepare for our fall activities and the holidays. Halloween candy giveaway, food pantry, Thanksgiving turkey giveaway, toys for the children in the school next door will need many volunteers to work successfully. It is my hope everyone can give a little of their time to help ease the work of just a few.

"Volunteers" are always needed and are what helps make the church successful in its ministries. Whether helping at pantry, pulling weeds or showing up to clean flood water, it is the responsibility of the congregation to keep things moving. I ask that each of you give prayerful consideration to ways you can help St. Bart's become strong in its ministries and help to keep our church building strong for many more years.

I would like to say thank you to all who have volunteered in this past year and to those who have offered their time and talents to begin new activities around the church. One of the new activities/ministries is an ESL class led by Gay Egan. She feels very strong about giving our community the chance to learn English and has offered to organize and run this ministry which begins this month.

It is with thoughtful prayer and God's help that I am able to help this church grow and fulfill God's word into this next year. It is my mission to help St. Bartholomew thrive and not just exist. Please help with your prayers, time and talents to keep us here for a very long time.

Yours through Christ,

Jackie

THANK YOU

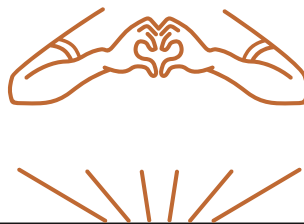
Thank you to our dedicated members who have served meals and packed grocery bags for our community in providing thousands of meals and bags of food: **Jackie, Kristen, Emely, Jim, Gay, Jamie, Virgie, Brandon, Walt, Lisa,, Don, and St. Paul's**



Thank you to ALL of our church partners for helping with the Backpack Drive – TCNJ, Princeton Rotary Club; Abiding Presence, Prince of Peace, and St. Paul's!

Keep in Prayer Our Homebound Members

Bob Farr, Billy T.,
Carol Black



Are you receiving our weekly e-news?

If not, please send a message to:

officestbartlutheran@gmail.com

CONGREGATIONAL BIRTHDAYS

Apologies for any omission of dates.



SEPTEMBER

- 1 – Pastor Erich Kussman
- 6 – Zelinne Rivera
- 12 – Chris Rivera
- 14 – Brandon Plantier
- 19 – Virginia McNulty
- 22 – Emely Tecum

OCTOBER

- 1 – Lisa Schendlinger
- 9 – Kaiden Arcos
- 11 – Katrina Dillon
- 28 – Kathy McNulty
- 28 – Jim Egan

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/10 – Ashley & Erich Kussman



STAFF AND OFFICERS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW

Reverend Erich Kussman, Pastor

Jo-Ann Sciarrotta, Music Administrator

Emely Tecum, Financial Secretary/Media

Kristen Arcos Sexton

Brandon Plantier, Musician

Jackie Prekop, Enid's Pantry Coordinator

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Jackie Prekop, President

Debbie Formoso, Vice President

Kristen Arcos, Secretary

Emely Tecum

Chris Rivera



CHURCH NEWS

UP COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

27th – Bell Choir



9:30AM

OCTOBER

4th – Blessing Of The Animals

11:00AM

25th – Reformation Sunday

NOVEMBER

1st – Daylight Savings

21st – Turkey Drive

10:00AM

Frequent Event

Sunday Worship Every Sunday at 11:00AM

RAWTools Shop Hours: Saturday at 1:00PM
(Weather permitting)

Spanish Service: 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month 9:00AM

Spanish Service: Every Wednesday at 7PM

English Classes: Every Wednesday 6PM

Donations Can Be Given Online!

Go to www.stbartlutheran.net and click on the donate tab!

BIBLE STUDY

EVERY SUNDAY **9:45AM**

ST. BARTHOLOMEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

ENID'S PANTRY

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH **10AM**

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WORSHIP

IN SPANISH

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE POSSIBILITIES

Enid's Food Pantry

Open every 2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10AM /
Farmer's Market Tuesday & Fridays @ 10AM
(must go through volunteer training 9/19)

Pantry Date

September: 12th & 26th
October: 10th & 24th
November: 14th & 21st (Turkey)
December: 12th

Wednesday Truck Unloading

September: 9th & 16th
October: 7th & 14th
November: 4th & 11th
December: 2nd & 9th

Bag Packing

September: 10th & 11th 1-4 PM | 24th & 25th 1-4PM
October: 8th & 9th 1-4PM | 22nd & 23rd 1-4PM
November: 12th & 13th 1-4PM | 19th & 20th 1-4PM
December: 10th & 11th 1-4PM

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church is a community of believers that is rooted in God's unconditional grace and love, striving to share God's light of hope and salvation to scatter the darkness wherever it is found, through word and deed.

Call to Serve at St. Bart's!

Scan the QR code below



to open our quick online form, select your role (Deacon or Usher), and share your availability.

Fellowship – Small Groups

Martha's Breakfast

The women of St. Bart's are welcome to join our table at Pat's Diner the last Monday of every month at 9 a.m.

Bell Choir

It's September and time for the bell choir to start practicing again. Our first practice will be Sunday, September 27 at 9:30AM. We hope to have our practices on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month before church. If you are interested in playing bells, please speak to Barb before that day. We always welcome new members. You don't have to be able to read music, we will help you learn. The biggest thing we ask is that you are committed to the practices and playing in church. All our current ringers are eager to start ringing again. Look for us in church on the 27th.



ENID'S PANTRY AND FOOD MISSIONS

Message From Our Pantry Coordinator

Summer is ending and Fall will soon be upon us. Everyone involved with our food ministries are now gearing up for a busy next few months. As we continue our Saturday pantry we find that our numbers are increasing again. We have also seen growth in the number of community members taking advantage of our Farmers Markets. Food insecurity is still a major issue in our area as well as across the country.

We at St. Bart's are blessed to be partnered with Mercer Street Friends Food Bank. Enid's Pantry has been able to serve so many due to the amount of food and produce we received since joining them. Many of our community friends have also expressed how grateful they are to be able to come and take part.

St. Bart's was also blessed to be gifted a truck to use for food pickup. It has been a long time that a few of us used our own vehicles to transport the food we received from Mercer Street Friends. We have only used the truck twice but it is so much easier than loading 3 vans. Unloading is much easier as well, no one is hitting their head on the doors of the van as we reach in to unload the boxes.

The months of June, July and August we were able to help feed just over 3,000 men, women and children. Each of our pantry totals average anywhere from 135 to 150 people picking up food. Each pantry week we give each of the people at least 3 bags of food. That seems like a lot of food and if stretched can feed a family for a few weeks, It is still not enough to feed a family for the entire month but it does supplement what they need.

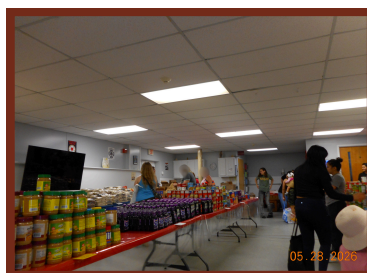
Our Farmer's Market through the summer served anywhere from 65 to 86 people any given produce day. This is not a total of family members but of the adults picking up. We are so happy to provide fresh produce to families that may not otherwise get it.

I know we are blessed by the good Lord for all we are able to do but we are also grateful for each and every volunteer God sends our way. Enid's Pantry has a great team and without the help from each and every person we could not pull this off. I want to thank our team and responders that show up to help watch for I.C.E.

Please keep an eye out for our upcoming dates for pantry as well as for our Turkey drive. There will be many opportunities to participate by volunteering any amount of time you can.

God's continued blessings to all and heartfelt thanks to everyone.

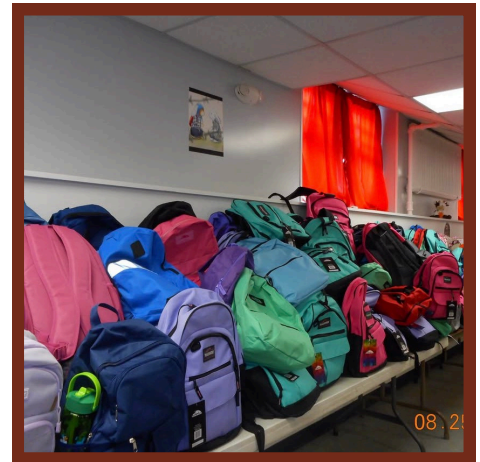
**Yours through Christ,
Jackie Prekop**



UPCOMING EVENTS



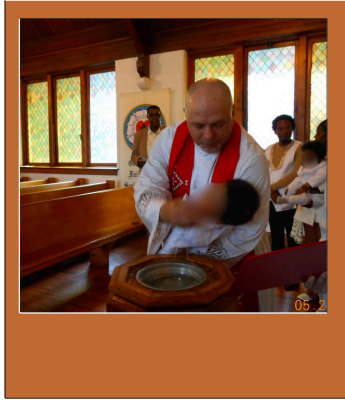
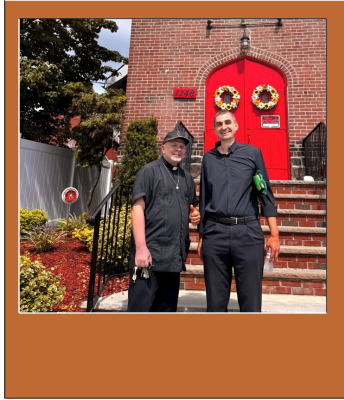
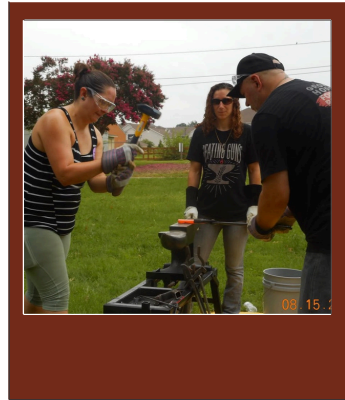
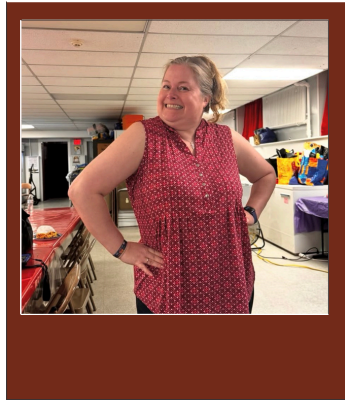
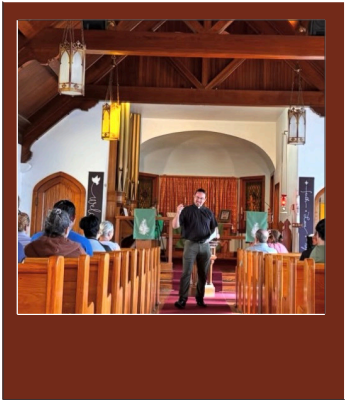
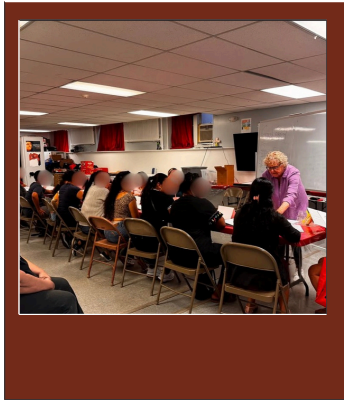
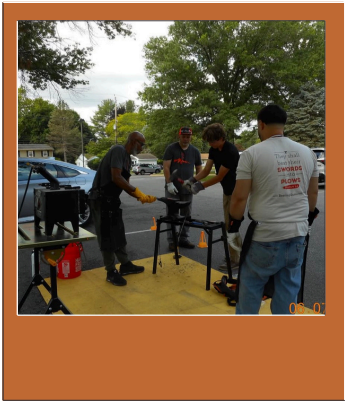
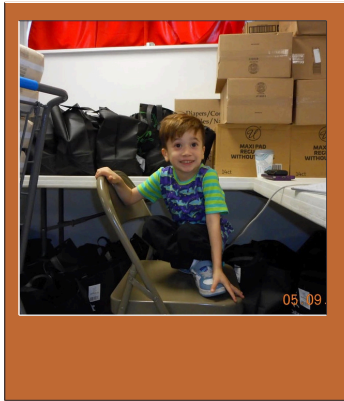
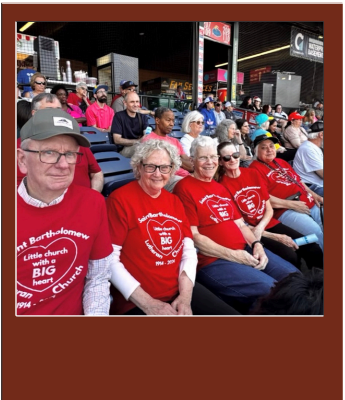
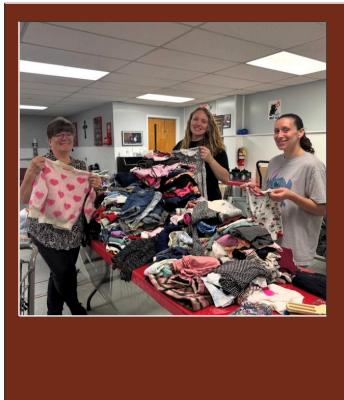
BACKPACK DRIVE



Thank you to ALL our partners and “Angels” who helped provide 523 children with new backpacks and school supplies, ensuring they have the necessary tools to succeed in school. You donated items, made monetary contributions, and organized to be a blessing!



HIGHLIGHTS





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DATED MATERIAL
