

# St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster



## April Newsletter



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

# Good News

April 2019

## Mission Statement

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church provides an inviting environment for spreading God's Word through worship, teaching and fellowship to address the spiritual needs of our congregation and community.

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### Worship Services

SATURDAY 5:30pm  
SUNDAY 9:00am  
Sunday School 9:00am  
SUNDAY 10:30am

### Office Hours

9:00am-2:00pm  
Monday- Thursday  
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### Transition Pastor

Rev. Tim Madsen  
634-2330

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*I do not at all understand the mystery of grace, only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.*

–Anne Lamott



Dear St. John's Friends—

The month of April will be an exciting month for St. John's for at least 3 reasons. First progress is being made in the call process to secure a new, permanent pastor for St. John's. It's still in the confidential stage at this point. But, with prayer, grace, and persistence, we may reach the stage soon where knowledge can be made public! If it wasn't in the middle of Lent, I'd be tempted to shout "Alleluia!" (whoops, sorry about that). Please, please keep the Call Committee, Council, and Candidate in your prayers.

The second reason to count April as an exciting month, is that Bishop Macholz is scheduled to be with you on the Sunday after Easter, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Your 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is making plans for a special breakfast to be held that morning both to celebrate his visit and to enjoy the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What a special time that will be.

The third reason is really the reason behind everything we do here at St. John's: April is the month we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. His transition from the stone-cold tomb to risen life secures all the transitions we endure. The pattern of dying and rising is the pattern of Christian life. We die to self, and live in Christ. St. Paul put it this way in 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy:

"The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him."

A congregation like St. John's, with a rich history of 175 years, knows intuitively the truth of Paul's words. It breathes through the very wood and stone of the building. St. John's has transitioned many times over the years. The past has given way to the future, and the same God worshipped by the founders of this church, is the God you worship. Never doubt or deny the power of the resurrection on the life of your congregation.

For all these reasons, as I reflect on my own role as your Transition pastor, I look forward to the bright future God has in store for you, as a new pastor emerges, and new life begins!

Pastor Tim

## A Message About Global Mission

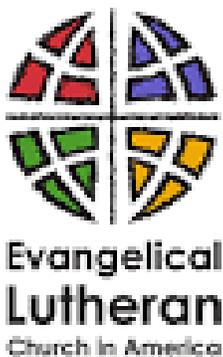
The ELCA supports over 240 missionaries in 40 countries around the world. Countries of every letter of the alphabet (except Q & X!) from Angola to Zimbabwe. Most of them don't have to raise their own funds to support their service, as missionaries in many other denominations do. Instead, their work is funded through the Mission Support that congregations send to their synods, as well as direct donations.

Rafael Padilla, executive director of ELCA Global Mission says, "What sets the ELCA apart from other denominations is the support system we have in place for people who serve on behalf of this church."

Both long- and short-term missionaries come back to the US on home assignment every two years. During this time, they travel to visit congregations to meet and thank the people whose offerings and gifts help support their ministries. To learn more, see [elca.org/globalchurch](http://elca.org/globalchurch).

Your offerings and Mission gifts support the Global Church. ***Thank you!***

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.



# God's work. Our hands.

# Acolyte/ Crucifer Schedule

## *APRIL 7*

10:00- Nicholas Jacobs (A)  
Nicholas Reif (C)

## *APRIL 14*

9:00- Aiden Carney (A)  
Miia Dembski (C)

10:30- Kayla Traina (A)  
Joshua Traina (C)

## *APRIL 21*

9:00- Corrine Bartos (A)  
Regina Cinotti (C)  
10:30- Alex Kiener (A)  
Landyn Rogacki (C)

## *APRIL 28*

10:30- Grace Sheehan (A)  
Michael Sheehan(C)

**“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.”**

**-John 12:26-**

# Clergy Schedule

April 6	5:30pm	Pr. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill
April 7	10:00am	Deacon Mary Wolf
April 13	5:30pm	Pr. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill
April 14	9:00am	Pastor Jerilyn Brown
	10:30am	Pastor Jerilyn Brown
April 18	7:00pm	Deacon Mary Wolf
April 19	7:00pm	Pastor Jerilyn Brown
April 20	5:30pm	Pr. Tim Madsen
April 21	9:00am	Pastor Jerilyn Brown
	10:30am	Pastor Jerilyn Brown
April 27	5:30pm	Pr. Tim Madsen
April 28	10:30am	Bishop Macholz

# Deacon Schedule

April 7	10:00am	Sharon Keller
April 14	9:00am	Sam Miller
	10:30am	Carol Graham
April 18	7:00pm	Sam Miller
April 19	7:00pm	Sam Miller
April 21	9:00am	Kathy Konstable
	10:30am	Kathy Snyder
April 28	10:30am	TBD

# Confirmation Class



## MARCH

17<sup>th</sup> – 130pm-300pm

31<sup>st</sup> – 130pm-300pm

## APRIL

7<sup>th</sup> – 130pm-300pm

## May

5<sup>th</sup> – 130pm-300pm

19<sup>th</sup> – 130pm-300pm

# Announcements

## and reminders

03/31/2019

### *Stewardship*

How do we respond to God's call to serve and love our neighbors? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Although some think of stewardship as only a financial response to God's love, stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our treasures — to love God and our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes.

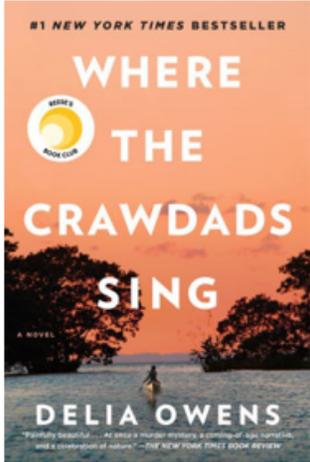
As we go through this transition period at St. John's, we ask you prayerfully consider how you are sharing your time, your talents and your treasures.

God's Peace,

*St. John's financial committee*

After service Palm Sunday (April 14<sup>th</sup>) there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday School kids 1 years old though 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Happening rain or shine, and if the weather is nice we will be having it outside!





Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00 PM to discuss Delia Owen's novel, WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING.

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Read this beautifully crafted novel about survival and love, then come and share your thoughts and ideas. You'll laugh, cry (only a little) and never guess the outcome of the mystery! Friends and guests are always welcome!

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: **WELCA Spring Luncheon** tickets are on sale now. The luncheon is on Saturday :  
: 27th at noon. Tickets are \$12.00 each and must be purchased in advance. Ticket :  
: proceeds will benefit camperships for Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. The :  
: Ladies First Quartet is the featured entertainment. Tickets will be available in :  
: the Memorial Lounge between services on Sunday and in the Chapel on Satur- :  
: day. Please refer any questions regarding ticket sales to Carol Graham, RaeAnn :  
: Jakubowki, or Donna McGrew  
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# Youth Group

## important dates and information

### FRIDAY APRIL 4th-VOLLEYBALL MARATHON

Time is 8pm to 7am. \$25 registration fee, register through the Organic Youth website. It will be held at the Buffalo-Niagara Court Center. Eat dinner beforehand, pizza and snack provided at 2:00am.

### SUNDAY APRIL 14th-YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Starting at 8:00am to 10:00am, the youth will be serving pancakes. After the Palm Sunday service they will also be helping with the Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt.

### SATURDAY APRIL 27th-WELCA LUNCHEON HELP

Youth are needed to help volunteer with the WECLA spring luncheon. Report to the church at 11:30am, and things will finish up around 2:00pm. Wear dark/black pants and a nice, solid colored shirt. Pizza will be provided for all of the volunteers.

### SATURDAY APRIL 27th-YOUTH LOCK IN

Saturday night the youth will meet at 8pm. Bring a snack to share and sleeping gear. The following Sunday morning the youth will help with welcoming the Bishop and making muffins for the potluck breakfast and attending the worship service.

Any questions at all about Youth Group, please contact

Kelly Sieracki at 868-3023

# Council Corner

## A message from Council members

Hello and welcome to the first edition of “**Council Corner.**” A forum for Congregation Council to communicate what we are working on and planning for St. Johns as we move forward through the year. As this is our first edition, we ask you to be patient with us but know we are excited for this opportunity. In addition, we will be using the bulletin board outside the memorial lounge to post additional communication throughout the month. We welcome your feedback and the opportunity to answer any questions.

### **Our Council officers have been elected for 2019 as follows:**

President- Samuel Miller

Vice President- Allan Quillen

Secretary- David Anthony

Treasurer- Kathy Snyder

We thank them for their willingness to serve and lead our Council.

Our **Transition team** under the leadership of Pastor Tim Madsen continues to provide leadership, pastoral care and support, and to work closely with our Call Committee during this time of transition. While it is imperative to keep the details of candidates and interviews within the committee, know that we are moving forward quickly now, and we pray our congregation will have the name of a pastoral candidate soon! We ask for your continued prayers for our Call Committee and Council as we move forward in this process.

**Bishop John Macholz** will be joining us for worship the weekend of April 28, 2019. Council is currently planning the worship services as well as time for everyone to meet and greet our Bishop maybe even a pot-luck “Breakfast with the Bishop” stay tuned for more details!!

Many thanks to the youth leaders, Sunday school teachers and all involved who worked tirelessly to make our “**Youth Sunday**” such a success! We appreciate all your efforts!

Lastly, plans are underway for the celebration of our **175<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. Our committee is hard at work planning activities throughout the coming year to help us celebrate. If you are interested in participating in the planning and fellowship, please consider attending the next meeting. Please look for dates and times in the weekly church bulletin and Good News.

# Calling All Members!



The Call Committee and Congregation Council have met with a **pastoral candidate** and after lengthy interview processes are recommending this candidate to the congregation for Pastoral call at St. John's.

On **Saturday April 6, 2019** please join us in the fellowship hall for light refreshments and the opportunity to meet our candidate. This will be an opportunity to introduce yourself and get to know a little bit about our candidate prior to the congregational vote on Sunday April 7, 2019.

On **Sunday April 7, 2019** our candidate will lead ONE worship service at 10:00 AM where immediately following service there will be a congregational vote to either accept or decline this candidate.

Please plan to join us on Saturday April 6 and Sunday April 7, 2019 as we take another step in the Pastoral call process.

# Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

Andrea Gordon	4/1
Tracy Guarino	4/1
Joseph Nicpon	4/1
Wade Tomaszewski	4/1
Justin Mangold	4/2
Timothy Preusch	4/4
Paul Rudz	4/4
Jessica Domogala	4/5
David Peita	4/6
Regina Cinotti	4/8
Devin Connolly	4/8
Kent Langerman	4/9
Tracie Tomczyk	4/9
Joshua Haefner	4/10
Sandra Gagliardi	4/11
William Helwig	4/12
Jenna Patterson	4/12
Dylan Trommetter	4/12
Erik Balcerzak	4/13
Nicole Galante	4/14
Brandon Webber	4/15
Annalisa Cuttitta	4/16
Michelle Valois	4/16
Thomas Morse IV	4/17
Gary Schwertz	4/17
Brandon Braun	4/18
Joshua Nantka	4/18
Robert Sharpe	4/18



Diane Woodill	4/18
Tara Ziemann	4/18
Lucas Mann	4/19
Michael Wawrowski	4/19
Alexander Freund	4/20
Gavin Kerwin	4/20
David Maki	4/20
Jennifer Scarafia	4/20
Ian Grant	4/21
Ellen Grucella	4/22
Lauren Dembski	4/23
April Press	4/24
Barbara Decaire	4/25
Beth Forbes	4/25
Kristen Kennedy	4/25
Steven Press	4/25
Teagan Braun	4/26
Christopher Burgio	4/26
Scott Priester Jr.	4/26
Hannah Wawrowski	4/26
Matthew Ritmeier	4/27
Emme Sheehan	4/28
Jill Drake-Scottman	4/29
Lakota Striker	4/29
Tara Salge	4/30

# Yellow Pages

and staff

## Yellow Pages

Bunny Boteler <b>Bunny's Motor Sports (small engine repair)</b>	684-7650
Julie Buccieri <b>Lancaster Lady Monsters (youth lacrosse league)</b>	807-5732
Mike Durkin <b>HDE Electric</b>	674-7259
Darlene Kramer <b>Cleaning &amp; Laundry, Errands</b>	937-4179
David Nester <b>Handyman</b>	681-9716
Rachel Poss <b>Partylite Candles &amp; Gifts/Parties</b>	491-4393
Christine Ruffner <b>Usborne Children's Educational Books</b>	656-2056
Michael Sheehan <b>Computer &amp; Software Sales</b>	937-9815
Tim Stranc (TSAir) <b>Heating &amp; Air-Conditioning</b>	684-9854
Brian Makey <b>Thrivent Financial Representative</b>	714-9852
Brian.makey@thrivent.com	

## Staff Members

Pastor Tim Madsen <b>Transition Pastor</b>	634-2330
Dr. Vicky Chang <b>Director of Music</b>	
Donna McGrew <b>Financial Secretary</b>	
Abby Mandris <b>Church Secretary</b>	860-7881



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