

# St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster



## November Newsletter



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

# Good News

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November 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 Times

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9am (Sun. School 9am)

Sunday 10:30am

### Office Hours

9:00am-2:00pm

Mon-Thurs

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One of my favorite things is odd varieties of snack foods and pop. Every so often it seems like the snack food makers get a little wild and try something quite unusual. Often times these products don't last long, or perhaps they are limited release products for the holidays. I love trying out these odd ball items. Turkey gravy or pumpkin spice chips, cinnamon or coffee flavored Pepsi, sure I'll try it. It may be odd but these strange flavors always remind me to give thanks, let me explain. I am blessed enough that I can try foods for fun and curiosity. It's a relatively new phenomenon in this world that people could enjoy food in such a way, for most of human history food was entirely about survival. People worked their whole lives to ensure a constant supply of food and with a little luck they would have just enough. Now we have an abundance, and for that I thank God. But that blessing also brings with it a calling.

**Hebrews 13 Now may the God of peace who by the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, equip you with every good thing to do his will, working in us what is pleasing before him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever. Amen.**

God has equipped us with every good thing. God has given us an abundance and we are thankful for it. He then calls us to use the gifts that he has given us to do his work in this world. In other words as the old saying Goes we are blessed to be a blessing. We are to use the blessings given to us by God and use that abundance to help the world. There are people in our community, our country and our world who don't have enough. I don't simply mean food either, they don't have enough safety, security or enough people who love and care for them, or other needs. Blessed by God we are given what we need to heal the world, reach out in Gods name and help the people of God all around us. We truly are blessed to be a blessing.

Peace,

*Jamie*

# Prayer List

Known to be hospitalized or in need of prayers

Ian Nowicki

Gary Howell

Patrick Padula

June Salzer

Robert Scheifla

Cindy DellaSala

Jean Suchert

Andrew Baird

Tyler Stockman

# Mission Message

BREAKING DOWN WALLS

*“On Nov. 9, 2019, the world will commemorate the **30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall**. As we look back to remember this important moment in human history, we are reminded that there is much work to be done to tear down the walls that divide us today. We are called in this moment to advocate for an end to division and oppression in our own communities and throughout the world. My friends, I encourage you, your congregations and your communities **to join together in proclaiming this truth – that we are one human family.**”*

— The Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director for  
Global Mission, ELCA

One of the ELCA’s advocacy groups is “Peace not Walls.” It pertains primarily to the Israeli-Palestinian divisions and the walls being built to separate the two. We also hear a lot about a wall on our southern border—again in an effort to separate people. But there are invisible

walls too—walls of hunger, poverty, loneliness, mental illness. Those walls keep children of God from being full participants in society. Maybe you are behind one of those walls yourself. What can we do? The same admonition from Rev. Padilla (above) applies to invisible walls too. There is much work to be done, but we must tear down the walls that divide us. We must be advocates for those who suffer from the walls, reach out through the walls to break them down. If the Berlin Wall can come down, so can the rest!

ELCA Advocacy and Global Mission are supported through your congregation's Mission Support. ***Thank you!***

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

# November Schedule

DATE	DEACON	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD
				Amy Petrunyak Karen Freund
11/3	RaeAnn Jakubowski/ Sharon Keller	Virginia Graham/ Landyn Rogacki	Anna Priestester/ Russell Stranc	
				Gerry Nowicki RaeAnn Jakubowski
11/10	Sam Miller/ Carol Graham	Ceder Willadsen/ Anna Priestester	Virginia Graham/ Nicholas Jacobs	
				Sharon Walker Carol Graham
11/17	Kathy Konstabel/ Kathy Snyder	Mia Dembski/ Ceder Willadsen	Russell Stranc/ Regina Cimotti	
				Bunny Boteler Bev Hess
11/24	RaeAnn Jakubowski/ Sharon Keller	Landyn Rogacki/ Samantha Gierlinger	Virginia Graham/ Anna Priestester	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Chowder Fest 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Joysingers Rehearsal 10:30 AM Communion Service-Confirmation 11:30 AM Confirmation Class 5:00 PM Trunk-Or-Treat	28 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	29 9:30 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Council Meeting	30	31 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Choir	1	2 5:30 PM Communion Service
3 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:00 AM Joysingers Rehearsal 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Pie Bake Off 6:30 PM Youth Meeting	4 5:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	5 4:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner	6	7 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 30864 7:30 PM Choir	8 6:00 PM Whodunit? Mystery Dinner Theatre by Lutheran Charities WNY	9 5:30 PM Communion Service 6:00 PM Whodunit? Mystery Dinner Theatre by Lutheran Charities WNY
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# Announcements

## and reminders

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Group** is always looking for new members, and is also in need of donations of baby yarn. Check the church calendar for our meeting dates!

*November 3rd, January 5th, March 1st, May 3rd*

**Quilters** meet every Tuesday at 9:30am. New members always welcome-no experience needed!

Donations are also graciously accepted! New members are always welcome to join-no experience needed, and donations are graciously accepted. Quilts made benefit the Lutheran World



Lutheran World Relief

**JOYSINGERS** begin rehearsals- we welcome all interested singers ages 3 and up. This group is open to individuals and families who would like to help us sing praises to the Lord. We rehearse most Sundays from 10:00-10:30am and we sing in church at either 9 or 10:30 about once a month from October to May. Come when you can, we love to see new faces.

**Do you love music?!** Rehearsals for the St. John's



Choirs have started up again! Every Thursday we will have 2 rehearsals: 6:30pm for Handbell Choir, 7:30pm for Choir. All are welcome! Even if you haven't been a part of these

groups in the past everyone, no matter what musical experience, are welcome to give it a try!

**Save Around Coupon Book** If you purchase a 2020 Book you will receive a 2019 Book FREE with over \$1,000 in savings! This is a fundraiser for the International Police Association, please contact Greg Wildridge (863-6763) if interested in purchasing.

2019 Book good until 12/31/2019

2020 Book good until 12/31/2020

**Election Day Spaghetti Dinner** is being held Tuesday, November 5th from 4-7pm. Adult dinners are \$10, children (under the age of 12) dinners are \$6. Take out is available!



**The Arc Erie County Preschool** serves children with developmental disabilities. Part of their care is providing children with spare clothing, but they are running out! They are looking for donations of gently used clothing and sneakers that can be left in the church office.

## Whodunit Mystery Dinner Theatre by Lutheran Charities of WNY.

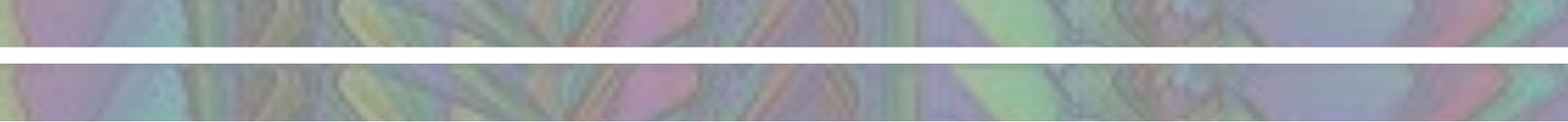
When: November 8th & 9th @ 6:00pm

Where: Ripa's Restaurant



A fun evening of great food, live theatre and a chance to help solve a "crime". Doors open at 6:00 p.m. \$49 includes the performance, dinner and beverages. Artisan desserts for sale, basket raffles and door prizes add to the fun! Seating is limited!

**The Young Men's Association** is hosting a fundraiser Monday, 11/18 from 4 to 8pm at Texas Roadhouse on Union Rd. in Cheektowaga. 20% of your total food purchase will be donated to St. John's LYMA group. Invitations are available where you pick up your bulletins, and **MUST** be presented at the time of purchase in order for the donation to be made.



SAVE THE DATE!



*175th  
Anniversary  
Celebration  
Dinner*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH @ 6:00PM**

**RIPA'S RESTAURANT**

**4218 WALDEN AVE, LANCASTER, NY 14086**

# Youth Group!

Attention youth and parents!!

**November 3rd** 6:30-8:30pm Youth Meeting-devos, discussion, project of redoing the Youth Room and setting up fundraisers. Bring a snack to share!

**November 5th** Youth & Confirmation helping with Spaghetti Dinner. Be on the look out for details.

**November 11th** Organic Youth Cosmic Bowling Night, more details to come. (Open to 6th-12th grades)

**December 8th** 2-8pm Youth and Family Caroling following Confirmation. Dinner served after caroling and then the Youth Christmas Party will start.

**December 20th** Organic Youth Sr. High Christmas Party, details to come. (Open to 9th-12th grades)

**If you have any questions or comments about the youth group here at St. John's, please contact**

**Kelly Sieracki at 716-868-3023.**

# Happy birthday

Time to celebrate



Danielle Dudowski	11/1	Erich Boersch	11/20
William Sieracki	11/1	Dylan Czarniak	11/20
Karis Domogala	11/2	Karen Deutschlander	11/21
Cheryl Keller	11/2	Samuel Friend	11/21
Cynthia Repec	11/2	Vanessa Andrzejewski	11/23
Gianna Cuttitta	11/3	Susan Valois	11/23
Matthew Russo Jr.	11/4	Linda Green	11/24
Tabitha Wechter	11/4	Randolph Krebs	11/24
Rachel Poss	11/5	Kevin Kruger	11/24
Nicholas Beckman	11/6	Jill Graff	11/25
Daniel DellaSala	11/6	Roy Stutzman	11/25
Dawn Gaczewski	11/6	Timothy Reif	11/26
Rebecca Landahl	11/6	John Cuttitta	11/27
Julia Rudz	11/6	Grace Voss	11/27
Edmund Sabatino	11/8	Ronald Kjeldgaard Sr.	11/28
Thomas McGuire	11/10	Olivia VanNortwick	11/28
Kaitlyn Petrunyak	11/10	Winifred Berns	11/29
Nicholas Petrunyak	11/10	Audrey Casper	11/29
Jamie Clark	11/11	Tyler Landahl	11/29
Karan Durkin	11/12	Russell Freund Jr.	11/30
Joseph Frost	11/12	Jeffery Miller	11/30
Anna Quillin	11/12	Jenna Pecky	11/30
Madison Rogacki	11/13		
Carole Brock	11/14		
Emily Grucella	11/14		
Michael Gillen	11/18		
Suzanne Miller	11/19		
Anita Schiavone	11/19		

# Anniversaries

Congrats to another year!

Diane & Ivan Stowbunenko 11/1

David & Stacey Friend 11/4

David & Shirley Maki 11/6

Allynn & Jean Siebert 11/12

Edward & Kim Miller 11/20

Bradley & Tina Kruger 11/21

# Yellow Pages

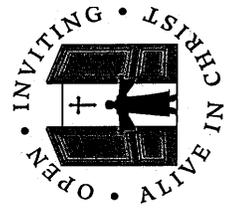
and staff

## 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	
Anthony Santucci <b>Walden Auto Sales &amp; Service</b>	683-2901

## Staff Members

Rev. Jamie Retallack <b>Pastor</b>	848-9683
Rev. John Swanson <b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	
Rev. John Scarafia <b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	
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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