

St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster



March Newsletter



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Good News

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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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Pastor's Message

From Pastor Jamie

When we spring our clocks ahead on March 8th it will mark the 103rd year that we in America have been adjusting our clocks due to daylight savings time. It was a change adopted during WWI to save coal and oil on the home front and divert those resources to the war effort. By shifting the clock a bit we were able to have people wake up closer to sunrise meaning less need for artificial light and that people would be awake after the sun started warming up the day so less need to use artificial heating. After the war many countries reverted to only using standard time but the US and others continued turning our clocks back and then springing them forward. For as long as any of us can remember this has simply been the way of things. Most people probably haven't thought much about if the benefits of the time change continue to be meaningful in this day in age. Life seems to happen around the clock these days, so much has changed about the world and how we live, work and use energy and yet we keep on changing our clocks like we have for the past 100 years. Maybe the benefits still exist, maybe they don't but the reality is I simply haven't

thought much about it, and I'm guessing neither have most people. Changing our clocks is simply a part of life we don't think much about. I would guess that there are a lot of aspects of our lives that we don't think much about. Things we do just because we always have, things we continue doing because of routine, momentum or familiarity. I see Lent as a time to be more intentional, to think about our daily routines, to see where God meets us in those routines and to be more aware of new ways we can focus on God in the midst of our lives.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

God calls us to be intentional in our daily lives and mindful of what we are doing. When God encourages us to pray without ceasing God is calling us to pay attention in all moments to what we are doing and where God is in that moment. This leads us to increased thankfulness as we give thanks for God's presence in each moment of our lives. This is a challenging thing to do. Our lives are filled with so much and the demands on our time and energy only seem to increase. Our brains need rests and breaks just to make in through the day. I feel like that's where Lent can help. Some people give something up, others try to start something new, others try to give more and the list goes on. But no matter how you commemorate lent those activities help us to be more

mindful, more intentional. They provide a moment during the day where you slow down, think about what you are doing and give yourself an opportunity to see God. I would encourage everyone to do something during Lent that encourages you to be more intentional.

This year when you spring your clock forward I want you to think about God. To think about God's presence during every moment of your day. To Be mindful of the fact that God is with you all the time. Even in the midst of those moments when we are in cruise control and going through our lives without much thought God is with us, loving us, supporting for us and caring about us. Let us be more mindful of God with us no matter what time we set our clocks to.

Amen

Peace,

Jamie

Mission Message

International Woman's Day!

Did you even know there was one? I didn't. It's been March 8th ever since 1913. And here's how the ELCA is involved:

Sarah Abendanon is from Suriname. The ELCA International Women Leaders initiative gave her and five other women scholarships to Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. *Minnesota*, from *Suriname*, a tropical country on the north shore of South America! One of the first things she did was buy a winter coat!

This initiative seeks to open doors for women, who are often not afforded the same access to education by the social and political structures in their home churches and countries. Since 1988 more than 900 potential leaders have completed academic degrees and have returned to serve their churches and communities as bishops, teachers, pastors, doctors, and more. Sarah, who was

active in her congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname, is working on a business degree and is looking forward to being hired by her denomination “to manage and organize things for them.” And as for winter in Minneapolis, she says, “Bring it on!”

The ELCA has pledged to raise \$4 million to help equip more than 200 women. You help this initiative with your mission support. ***Thank you!***

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

Prayer List

Known to be hospitalized or in need of prayers

Robert Schielfa

Katie Swanson

Hannah Wawrowski

Lihn Thi

Phillip Roth

Deacons

March 1 st	RaeAnn Jakubowski/Sam Miller
March 8 th	Mike Wawrowski/ Kathy Snyder
March 15 th	RaeAnn Jakubowski/Kathy Konstabel
March 22 nd	Sam Miller/Kelly Sieracki
March 29 th	Mike Wawrowski/ Kathy Snyder

Acolytes

March 1 st	Miia Dembski/Samantha Gierlinger
March 8 th	Virginia Graham/Anna Priester
March 15 th	Russell Stranc/Cedar Willadsen
March 22 nd	Landyn Rogacki/Regina Cinotti
March 29 th	Miia Dembski/Samantha Gierlinger

Crucifers

March 1 st	Russell Stranc/Cedar Willadsen
March 8 th	Nicholas Jacobs/Landyn Rogacki
March 15 th	Regina Cinotti/Miia Dembski
March 22 nd	Samantha Gierlinger/Nicholas Jacobs
March 29 th	Virginia Graham/Anna Priester

Altar Guild

March 1 st	Cheryl Helwig/ Kathy Snyder
March 8 th	Amy Petrunyak/ Karen Freund
March 15 th	Gerry Nowicki/ RaeAnn Jakubowski
March 22 nd	Sharon Walker/ Carol Graham
March 29 th	Bunny Boteler/ Bev Hess

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:00 AM Joysingers Rehearsal 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting 10:30 AM Communion Service</p>	<p>2 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting</p>	<p>3 9:30 AM Quilters 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study</p>	<p>4 12:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Lunch Service</p>	<p>5 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 SoupFest! 5:30 PM Communion Service</p>
<p>8 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:00 AM Joysingers Rehearsal 10:30 AM Communion Service 11:30 AM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Youth Group Meeting</p>	<p>9 5:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting 7:00 PM WELCA Meeting</p>	<p>10 9:30 AM Quilters 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study</p>	<p>11 12:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Lunch Service 7:30 PM LYMA Meeting</p>	<p>12 6:00 PM Lancaster Garden Club 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 30864 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 5:00 PM LYMA Meat Raffle-Youth to help 5:30 PM Communion Service</p>
<p>15 Good News Articles Due 9:00 AM Communion Service-Family Sunday 10:00 AM Joysingers Rehearsal 10:30 AM Communion Service</p>	<p>16 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting</p>	<p>17 9:30 AM Quilters 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study 6:00 PM Buffalo Burrito Project</p>	<p>18 12:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Lunch Service</p>	<p>19 11:30 AM Devotion at Greenfields 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Book Club 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 5:30 PM Communion Service</p>
<p>22 9:00 AM Communion Service 9:00:00 AM Joysingers Rehearsal 10:30 AM Communion Service 11:30 AM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>23 5:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting</p>	<p>24 9:30 AM Quilters 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study 6:00 PM Buffalo Burrito Project</p>	<p>25 12:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Lunch Service</p>	<p>26 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 30864 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>27 Volleyball Marathon</p>	<p>28 5:30 PM Communion Service 7:00 PM Talents on Stage</p>
<p>29 8:00 AM LYMA Bud Burkhardt Fastnacht Day 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:00 AM Joysingers Rehearsal 10:30 AM Communion Service</p>	<p>30 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting</p>	<p>31 9:30 AM Quilters 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study 7:00 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>1 12:00 PM Ecumenical Lenten Lunch Service</p>	<p>2 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 5:30 PM Communion Service</p>

Announcements

and reminders

Mark your calendars for these events!

March 14th Saturday – Meat Raffle Starting 6pm – 10pm
Polish Falcons – \$5 Tickets - Open to All!

March 29th Sunday – Bud Burkhardt Fastnacht Day -
Open to All! 8:00 AM – Noon - Church Hall

WELCA will be collecting items for The Foster Love Closet until March 29th. This is a community ministry housed at Town Line Lutheran Church. This ministry provides foster families with free items such as new and used clothing and various children's items free of charge. At this time, WELCA will be collecting the following items to give to this cause: new underwear and socks for children-teenagers, disposable diapers sizes 4-6, and new pajamas sizes preemie through 3x.



ALL ARE INVITED! Pastor Jamie and our St. John's Lancaster Congregation will be helping to lead a worship service at Greenfield Manor (5953 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086) on Thursday March 19th at 11:30am. All are welcome to join us! We are also in need of donations of desserts for this event. Sign Up sheets are in the Memorial Lounge and in the Chapel.

Lenten Services at St. Johns:

Ash Wednesday Service- February 26th at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service- April 9th at 7:00pm

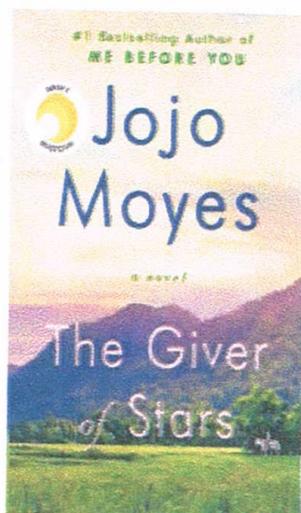
Good Friday Service- April 10th at 7:00pm

Lenten Bible Studies will be held Tuesdays at 10:30am throughout Lent, all are welcome!

3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7

2020 Lenten Lunch Series Wednesdays at noon!

Date	Location	Homilist	Topic
March 4	Lancaster Presbyterian Church 5461 Broadway Lancaster, NY 14086	Bishop John Mack	Salt and Light
March 11	Blessed Mother Teresa Parish 496 Terrace Blvd Depew, NY 14043	Rev. Jamie Retallack	Prayer and Fasting
March 18	Our Lady of Pompeii Church 129 Laverack Lancaster, NY 14086	Father Mario Racho	Do Not Worry
March 25	Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church 55 Pleasant Ave Lancaster, NY 14086	Pastor Stephen Manion	Judge Not
April 1	Holy Mother of the Rosary Polish National Catholic Cathedral 6298 Broadway Lancaster, NY 14086	Fr. Paul Steller	Build on Rock



Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 PM to discuss Jojo Moyes' novel, THE GIVER OF STARS, a story set in Depression-era America about five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky and beyond.

Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically.

The leader, and soon Alice's greatest ally, is Margery, a smart-talking, self-sufficient woman who's never asked a man's permission for anything. They will be joined by three other singular women who become known as the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky.

What happens to them—and to the men they love—becomes an unforgettable drama of loyalty, justice, humanity and passion. These heroic women refuse to be cowed by men or by convention. And though they face all kinds of dangers in a landscape that is at times breathtakingly beautiful, at others brutal, they're committed to their job: bringing books to people who have never had any, arming them with facts that will change their lives.

Read THE GIVER OF STARS, a funny heartbreaking, enthralling, and richly rewarding novel of women's friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond...then come and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!



Soup Fest: Saturday March 7th - 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an opportunity to savor a variety of homemade delicious soups and support the general life of our congregation at St. John's. Volunteers are asked to sign up to bring a crock of their favorite soup with any necessary toppings. Bread, crackers, and beverages will be provided. Donations of something "sweet" to finish the evening's meal are also encouraged. For additional fun, cast your ballot for your favorite soup and dessert. A nominal prize will be awarded to the winners. Share your recipe in advance and we will compile the submissions and make complementary copies available to any interested attendees. Given the wonderful assortment of flavorful soups over the years, we request that you make every effort to provide your recipes to the committee by March 1st. Sign-up sheets are available in the church office as well as the Chapel. To ensure that we have a sufficient supply of electrical outlets, please sign up as soon as possible. To avoid unnecessary confusion, it is very important that all soups be delivered to the Fellowship Hall by 4:30 PM on the day of the event. It would be most helpful, for planning purposes, if you could provide us with an estimated family attendance count as well. Entrance fees will be collected at the door. Adults - \$7.00 each; Children ages 8 to 12 - \$5.00 each; Children under 8 are free. Thank you for your support of our church. Any questions, contact Donna McGrew (685-1146) or Laura Rudz (683-1846).

Youth Group

Attention youth and parents

Important dates and reminders!

March 8th @ 6:30pm Youth Group Meeting- bring a snack to share

March 14th Youth at LYMA Meat Raffle- meet at Polish Falcon in Lancaster at 4:50pm.

March 27th-28th Lutheran Youth WNY Volleyball Marathon

For questions or more information contact Kelly Sieracki at 716-868-3023

Council Corner

A message from Council members

Hello and welcome to Council Corner,

Our first Council meeting of 2020 has been held and marks the start of a fresh new year with new members, new ideas and a positive path for our future. This month's Council Corner will be devoted to sharing some highlights from our first meeting.

We have welcomed two new members to Council, Jamie Kloc and Sharon Keller. Both Jamie and Sharon are life long members of St. Johns and have served St. Johns in many different ways including call committee, Sunday school teachers, Deacon and Council under previous Pastors. We, the Council and Pastor are thrilled to welcome them and look forward to their fresh insights and ideas as we move forward into 2020.

As Pastor reviewed at our Annual Meeting we have received two bequests from previous members. Our first bequest was for \$40,000 and our second for \$98,000 and with Pastor's guidance Council is now working to make plans for how to best utilize these funds to meet the ongoing needs of our church into the future. As we develop plans we will be sharing them with our congregation for discussion and feedback. One thing is for

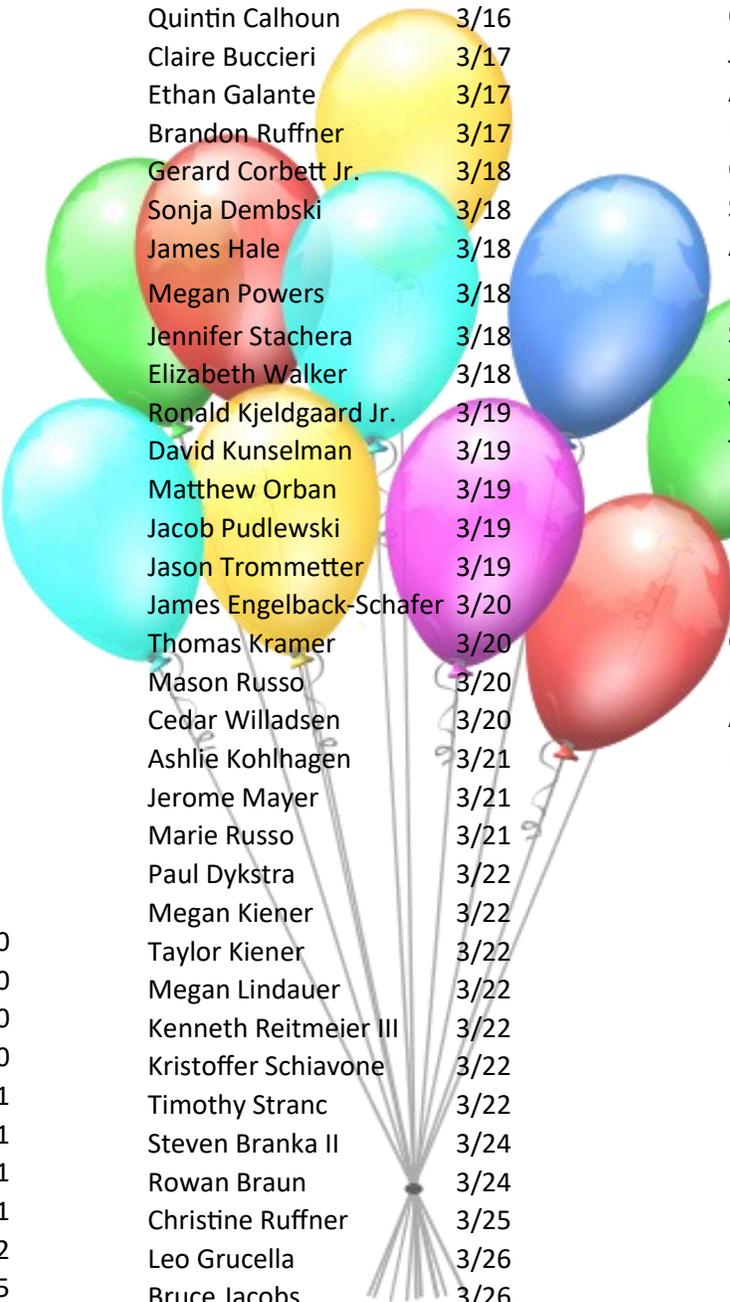
sure—we are blessed with the generosity of these two members and we're sure that our congregation shares in our gratitude for their gifts.

We will continue to update our congregation as we move forward and look forward to and value all your feedback.

Until next month,
Congregation Council

Happy birthday

Time to celebrate



Sarah Forbes	3/1	David Sage	3/15	Holly Smith	3/26
Betsy Kamphuis	3/1	Thomas Wnek	3/15	Edith Vallone	3/26
Maxwell Salge	3/1	Quintin Calhoun	3/16	Casey Brock	3/27
David Smith	3/1	Claire Buccieri	3/17	Jean Conklin	3/27
Roger Guarino	3/2	Ethan Galante	3/17	Addison Cost	3/27
Anthony Santucci	3/2	Brandon Ruffner	3/17	Norah Harrington	3/27
Katelyn Decaire	3/3	Gerard Corbett Jr.	3/18	Candis O'Meara	3/27
Beverly Fehr	3/4	Sonja Dembski	3/18	Sara Bayer	3/28
Leah Myers	3/4	James Hale	3/18	Aubree LaCorte	3/28
Alicia Rogacki	3/4	Megan Powers	3/18	Kathryn Wildridge	3/28
Matthew Sherman	3/4	Jennifer Stachera	3/18	Sydney Brock	3/29
Maraxus Mayer	3/5	Elizabeth Walker	3/18	Julie Buccieri	3/29
Stephen Schottman	3/5	Ronald Kjeldgaard Jr.	3/19	Vicky Chang	3/29
Michael Sheehan	3/5	David Kunselman	3/19	Tracy Frost	3/29
Mikayla Durkin	3/6	Matthew Orban	3/19	Kevin McHale	3/29
Anja Schiavone	3/6	Jacob Pudlewski	3/19	Margaret Savash	3/29
Elizabeth Sieracki	3/6	Jason Trommetter	3/19	Dorothea Konstabel	3/30
Dillon Snyder	3/6	James Engelback-Schafer	3/20	Deborah Mastrangelo	3/30
Arianna Wechter	3/6	Thomas Kramer	3/20	Gretchen Snyder	3/30
Aiden Carney	3/7	Mason Russo	3/20	Danielle Zak	3/30
Kyle Ruffner	3/7	Cedar Willadsen	3/20	Allie Bashor	3/31
William Hardy	3/8	Ashlie Kohlhagen	3/21	Diane Stowbuneko	3/31
Irene Haefner	3/9	Jerome Mayer	3/21		
Katherine Sage	3/9	Marie Russo	3/21		
Anthony Santucci	3/9	Paul Dykstra	3/22		
Peyton Anthony	3/9	Megan Kiener	3/22		
Miriell Jacobs	3/10	Taylor Kiener	3/22		
Bruce Meyer	3/10	Megan Lindauer	3/22		
Grace Sheehan	3/10	Kenneth Reitmeier III	3/22		
Michael Sheehan	3/10	Kristoffer Schiavone	3/22		
David Anthony IV	3/11	Timothy Stranc	3/22		
Ella Boersch	3/11	Steven Branka II	3/24		
Lillian Boersch	3/11	Rowan Braun	3/24		
Matthew Martin	3/11	Christine Ruffner	3/25		
Sara VanNortwick	3/12	Leo Grucella	3/26		
Sarah Gagliardi	3/15	Bruce Jacobs	3/26		
Darlene Kramer	3/15	Saralynn Nantka	3/26		

Anniversaries

Congrats to another year!

Harvey & Ann Menzies Jr. 3/16

Jeffery & Julia Buccieri 3/18

Samuel & Judy Fiorella 3/27

Yellow Pages

and staff

Yellow Pages

Bunny Boteler Bunny's Motor Sports (small engine repair)	684-7650
Julie Buccieri Lancaster Lady Monsters (youth lacrosse league)	807-5732
Mike Durkin HDE Electric	674-7259
Darlene Kramer Cleaning & Laundry, Errands	937-4179
David Nester Handyman	681-9716
Rachel Poss Partylite Candles & Gifts/Parties	491-4393
Christine Ruffner Usborne Children's Educational Books	656-2056
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Rev. John Scarafia Pastor Emeritus	
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Donna McGrew Financial Secretary	
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