

St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster



October 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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September is one of those very busy months in the Church year. We go back to two services on Sunday morning. Sunday school starts again. Confirmation starts up. Youth activities begin in earnest again. The Choirs begin practicing and performing again. And as I'm writing this we have Oktoberfest, confirmation, chowder, Spaghetti and more all on the horizon. It sure is a lot of activity coming our way. That's on top of all the work projects that have been done recently or are on the docket to be done. Its amazing how much activity is going on. It feels good to be a busy Church. Being busy means work is being done, God's work. It means ministry is happening it means people are being cared for it means that the Gospel is being lived out and shared with others. It's a sign that we are being successful with the mission that God has called us to. I think that we often approach our lives the same way, that busy means we are doing well or working hard enough. Often times if you ask someone how they are doing they will answer "busy". I think that sometimes people find their self worth in how busy they are. Now of course there is nothing wrong with staying active and having things to do but God tells us its important to take time to not be so busy as well.

There is a few places in the Bible where we can find God's message to us to slow down from time to time. The first is in the ten commandments, God commands us to remember the sabbath and keep it holy. Those following Moses understood this to be a day of rest, a day

away from work. By taking a break from work they were better able to reflect on what God had done for them and perhaps more importantly appreciate the blessings of God all around them. By taking a break they were better able to appreciate the beauty and wonder of God and God's creation.

The second place we can see this is when Elijah goes up the mountain. **God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."** Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. It is in that silence that Elijah hears God's voice. Not in the fire or wind or any of the big activity but in the absolute silence is when he hears God's voice. It's a reminder for us to take quiet moments as well so that we too can hear God's voice in those moments, to feel the spirit, to discern God's call for us.

The final example I'll share is Jesus before the crucifixion. Throughout Jesus' ministry we often hear of him going to a quiet place to pray or taking time to try to get a moment away from the crowds. Often times this does not work out, those quiet moments are interrupted or the crowds follow him. But before the crucifixion Jesus finds a moment to go to the Garden of Gethsemane and

pray. Jesus takes this quiet moment to prepare for the world changing events that are soon to come. Even Jesus exemplified the need to take some quiet moments, there is no better example to follow than Jesus.

So we celebrate the busy times, the activity. We celebrate God's work being done in this world. At the same time, however, we are reminded to take breaks, take quiet moments, take a sabbath. I pray that each of us is able to find those quiet moments in our lives.

Peace,

Jamie

Prayer List

Known to be hospitalized or in need of prayers

Ian Nowick

Lissa Yanak

Tyler Stockman

George B. Wildridge III

Barbara Maslowski & family

Dorothea Konstabel

Cindy Coons

Robert Scheifla

Cindy DellaSala

Dell Robey

John Boland

James Steinwander

Tyler Stockman

Gary Howell

Patrick Padula

June Salzer

Mission Message

Friends in High Places

The ELCA has a connection to the global Lutheran church through the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). The ELCA maintains an office at the UN headquarters in New York City to help support the church's outreach on global social issues. It's called the Lutheran Office for World Community, formed in 1973. The director and his assistant attend the UN General Assembly and the Security Council meetings to convey the social policy views of the ELCA and the LWF to the UN, including human rights, justice, respect for international law, and better standards of living for all people. Recently global migration has been a major topic. One of the most gratifying projects has been working with the UN Commission on the Status of Women, which is dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The Lutheran Office for World Community is rooted strongly in the ELCA's heart for humanity, focusing on regions where human rights have been violated. Its mission echoes the UN charter, which mentions respect for the dignity of the individual. "Each person is created in the image of God, regardless of their background or nationality. We all need to be given respect and dignity."

You help accomplish this through your mission support to the synod. ***Thank you!***

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Communion Service 11:30 AM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>30 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting</p>	<p>1 9:30 AM Quilters</p>	<p>2 6:30 PM Paint Night</p>	<p>3 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Craft Show 5:30 PM Communion Service</p>
<p>6 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>7 5:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting</p>	<p>8 9:30 AM Quilters</p>	<p>9 6:00 PM Lancaster Garden Club 7:30 PM LYMA Meeting</p>	<p>10 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5:30 PM Communion Service</p>
<p>13 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Communion Service 11:30 AM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>14 Office Closed 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting 7:00 PM WELCA Meeting</p>	<p>15 Good News Articles Due 9:30 AM Quilters</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 5:30 PM Communion Service</p>
<p>20 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>21 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting</p>	<p>22 9:30 AM Quilters</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:00 PM Book Club 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>25 Laserton Lock In</p>	<p>26 Laserton Lock In 5:30 PM Communion Service</p>
<p>27 Chowder Fest Trunk-Or-Treat 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Communion Service-Confirmation 11:30 AM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>28 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting</p>	<p>29 9:30 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Council Meeting</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 5:30 PM Communion Service</p>

October Schedule

DATE	DEACON	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD
10/6	Kathy Konstabel/ Kathy Snyder	Miia Dembski/ Michael Sheehan	Samantha Gierlinger/Grace Sheehan	Gerry Nowicki RaeAnn Jakubowski
10/13	Sam Miller/ Sharon Keller	Corrine Bartos/ Kayla Traina	Nicholas Jacobs/ Joshua Traina	Sharon Walker Carol Graham
10/20	RaeAnn Jakubowski/ Carol Graham	Grace Sheehan/ Regina Cinotti	Michael Sheehan/ Nicholas Reif	Bunny Boteler Bev Hess
10/27	Kathy Konstabel/ Kathy Snyder	Aiden Carney/ Samantha Gierlinger	Miia Dembski/ Alex Keiner	Cheryl Helwig Kathy Snyder

Announcements

and reminders



Holiday Craft Show
October 5, 10-3



St. John's Lutheran Church
55 Pleasant Ave., Lancaster

\$1 Donation at door

Many crafters!

Auction table

Lunch Available

For further information,
please call St. John's at 683-8972





Please join our St. John's Book Club, along with the Lord of Life Book Club, and the Elma Page Turners on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 PM to discuss Lissa Marie Redmond's newest novel, **A MEANS TO AN END.** This is a very special evening as our featured guest will be the author herself! Please use the

ramp entrance (55 Pleasant Ave.) as we will be meeting downstairs to accommodate a larger group. Refreshments will be served.

Lissa Marie Redmond is a retired cold case homicide detective from Buffalo, NY. She handled a number of high-profile cases and appeared on numerous television shows including Dateline and Murder by Numbers. Her short fiction has appeared in Buffalo Noir, Down & Out: The Magazine and other publications.

Lissa Redmond was born in Buffalo and grew up in a compact little neighborhood south of the city called Woodlawn, squashed between the massive Bethlehem Steel plant and Ford Stamping plant. Growing up she rode her bike, played on the shores of Lake Erie and never dreamed she'd someday be a cop.

During her days at the University of Buffalo she took the exam to be a city of Buffalo police officer and got the job. At the age of twenty-two they gave her a gun, a badge, a bullet proof vest, and put her on patrol. Twenty-two years, a detective's badge, a fellow detective husband and two kids later, she retired to pursue a "normal" life... She decided to become a writer instead.

She still lives in Buffalo with her husband, raises her kids, feeds and pampers her ungrateful cat, and writes about the things that kept her up at night, staring at the ceiling in the dark, asking herself, "What if?"

And she invites you to come along. Lissa's previous novels introducing Buffalo cold case detective, Lauren Riley, include **A COLD DAY IN HELL** and **THE MURDER BOOK**. Now back to the book, **A MEANS TO AN END...**

Buffalo police detective Lauren Riley risks her life to close the book for good on a killer who's never paid for his crimes. When cold case detective Lauren Riley returns to work after being stabbed by a fellow police officer, it's clear that her troubles are far from over. The body of a young woman has been found in the same woods as a murder victim from one of Lauren's most horrifying cases. It doesn't take long for Lauren to be back at square one confronting David Spencer, the quietly deranged man she could never prove was a killer. Lauren convinces the police chief to put together a task force to uncover the connections between the brutal slaying of both women and the murder of two cops. But things go south quickly, forcing Lauren into a deadly game that she can't afford to lose. Read this police procedural combined with a psychological thriller packed with suspense and featuring a detective who relentlessly—and with morbid humor—gets the job done. Then come and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome! This novel is available for pre-order and becomes available in paperback on September 8th.

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!

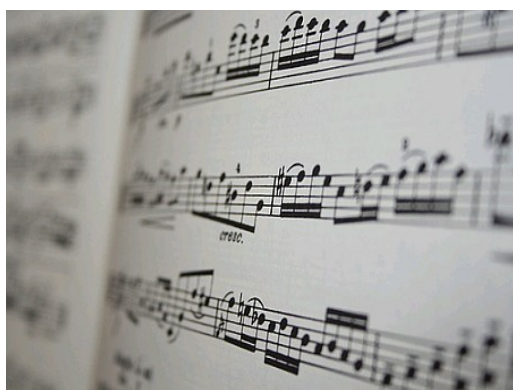
November 3rd, January 5th, March 1st, May 3rd

Quilters have started up their meetings! The St. John's quilting group has begun! They meet every Tuesday morning at 9:30am! New members are always welcome to join-no experience needed, and donations are graciously accepted. Quilts made benefit the Lutheran World Relief.



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!

Whodunit Mystery Dinner Theatre by Lutheran Charities of WNY.

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

Where: Ripa's Restaurant

4218 Walden Ave
Lancaster, NY 14086



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 Quilters wanted to share some of the amazing work that has been done through their ministry. 16 Lutheran churches in the area were able to put together 899 quilts, 205 personal care kits, 137 baby care kits, 100 school kits, 14 blankets, 57 pounds of soap and a total 247 boxes. All of these are donated to families across the world who are in need through the Lutheran World Relief organization. The wonderful quilters here at St. John's were able to complete 112 quilts, which resulted in 18 boxes packed, and 330lbs of fabric. Our quilters worked tirelessly to make this happen and love the work that they do. If you are interested and able to join in the quilters as they start the quilts for NEXT year, any help and donations are greatly appreciated—no experience needed!



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!!

Craft Show is October 5th at St. John's. The youth will help serve lunch to the crafters and attendees. Arrive by 9:30am and we should be done by 2pm

Lasertron Lock In is October 25th. Arrive at St. John's by 8:30pm. Bring a snack to share and \$20.00 for the registration fee. We will arrive at St. Paul's Eggertsville by 9pm for games, devos and food. We will arrive at Lasertron by 12:30am and return to church between 7 and 7:30am on the 26th. Registration is online through the Organic Youth website.

Trunk or Treat is happening Sunday October 27th. Cars can come set up at 4pm and the event will run from 5-7pm. Anyone participating is encouraged to decorate their cars and bring candy to hand out to the kids. Following the event the Youth will be having a Halloween Pizza Party!

Save the Dates!!

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.

Council Corner

A message from Council members

Hello and welcome to Council Corner!

It has been another busy month and as we get back into our routine's of school, activities and change of seasons we can't help but think and reflect about how far we have come and what we have accomplished in the last five months since we welcomed Pastor Jamie, Olivia and Drake in May.

Continuing in that spirit this month our "Spotlight of St. John's" will shift focus and highlight our accomplishments and the many hands who have made them possible.

While it seems like just yesterday our large parking lot was paved, sealed and striped it was time for the regular upkeep and maintenance to keep our investment in top condition. Many thanks to Property and Grounds for their efforts with this project as we prepare for the change of seasons and another Buffalo winter.

As you walk in our front door we are sure you have noticed our new LED sign that was provided by Memorial Funds from the Burkhardt and Burns Families. We are so grateful for their gifts which enable us to have an additional forum for communicating our church life with our community.

As you continue into our sanctuary you will notice that we now have two large screen monitors which were installed for display of announcements and worship services. The display is brighter and easier for all to see throughout worship. Speaking of worship, we are streaming our services LIVE on YouTube! How wonderful for our shut-ins, our travelers and for those who simply can't get to a service to know that they can listen and be part of worship every week! Many thanks to Pastor Jamie for his vision and hard work as we got St. John's "up and running" online. Speaking of online, our church website has a brand new look and has been updated to include resources, church calendar, newly updated contact information and tools as well as a link to our weekly LIVE stream worship service. We encourage everyone to visit our site and let us know what you think! www.stjohnslanc.org

The renovation and update on our church office is now complete. We have updated the workspace for Abby making better use of the space for a more "user friendly" approach. We have added a small reception/welcome area for visitors as well including comfortable seating, coffee bar and most important a warm and welcoming environment.

Property and Grounds committee have been hard at work as we assess and begin to repair and freshen the parsonage for Jamie, Olivia and Drake. The landscaping around the house is under way as well as plans for outdoor storage, roofing and windows. We will continue to keep everyone updated on our efforts as we continue our work.


Lastly, we are so grateful for the ongoing contributions to our Memorial and Renovation funds which make this necessary and long overdue work possible. We give thanks for all the hands who have helped with each project and for the vision and positive spirit of Pastor Jamie who guides and supports us each step of the way.

Until next month—

God's blessings to all from your congregation Council

Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

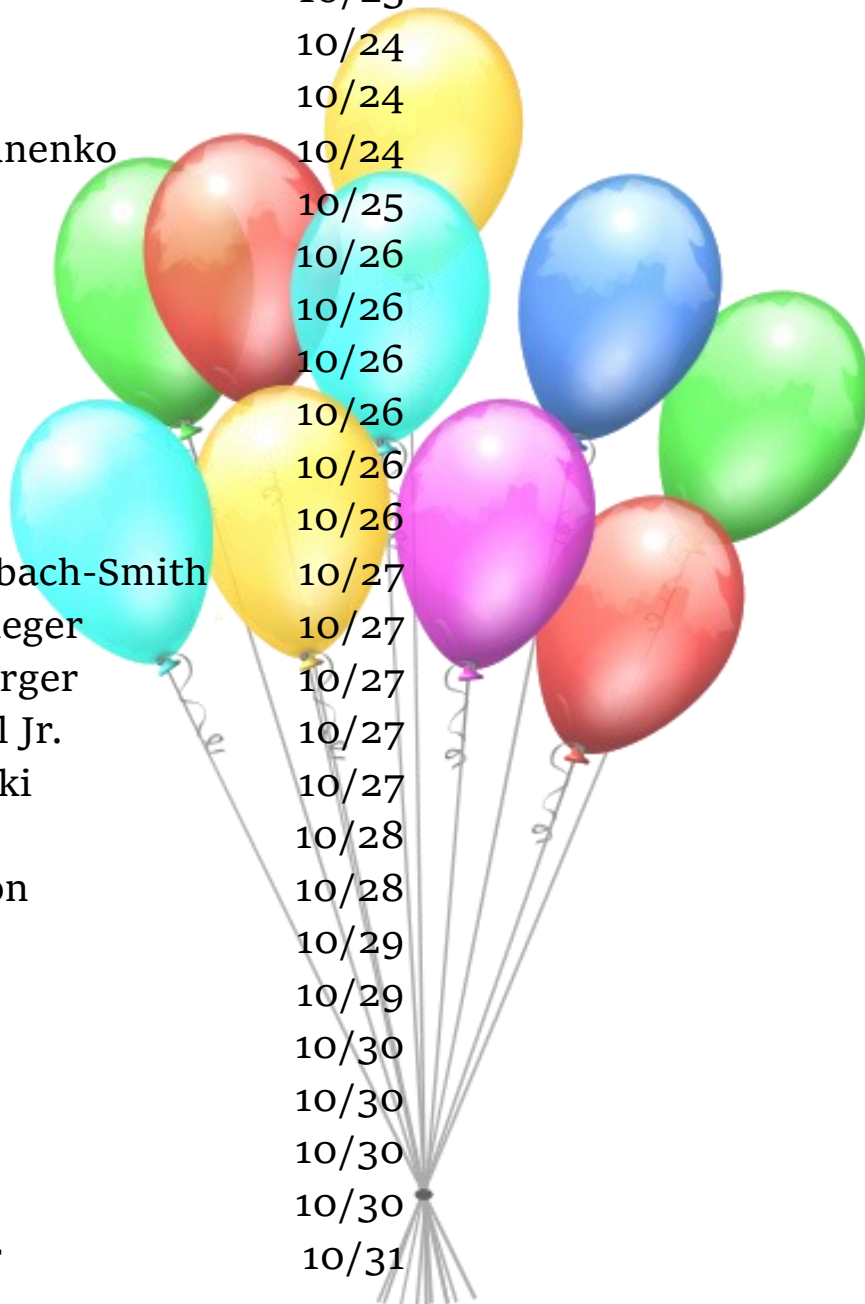


Roxann Esford	10/2	Crystal Trudell	10/13
Kristine Train	10/2	Connor Krawczyk	10/14
Cheryl Helwig	10/3	Aaron Wawrowski	10/14
Jason Rogacki	10/3	Jeremy Whitbeck	10/14
Joshua Ruffner	10/3	IrisAurora Leuer	10/15
Thomas Petschke	10/4	Suzanne Miller	10/15
Tammy Quillen	10/4	Shad Stachera	10/15
Allison Tomaszewski	10/4	Harry Boettcher	10/16
Myah Tomczyk	10/4	Dana Hineman	10/16
Elaina Trudell	10/4	Philip Kloc	10/16
Mary Dudkowski	10/5	Gordon Voss	10/16
Marjorie Kruger	10/5	Ellayna Ziemann	10/16
Jessica Nantka	10/5	Sharon Keller	10/17
Taylor Swan-Smith	10/5	Molly Patterson	10/17
Scott Balcerzak	10/7	Martin Peters	10/17
Patrick Mitola	10/7	Brenden Burry	10/18
Kayla Saulter	10/7	Brennah DeWald	10/18
Judith DeWald	10/8	Laurie Stutzman	10/18
Brenna Buccieri	10/9	Leah Fuerst	10/19
Cindy Crawford	10/9	Sharade Aldinger	10/20
Caleb Stoldt	10/9	Daniel Braun	10/20
Mia Maki	10/10	Steven Kerwin	10/20
Richard Kruger	10/11	Donna Terry	10/21
Deborah Turley	10/11	Frank Maddock	10/23
Gregory Bunn	10/12	Brianna Popek	10/23
Thomas Porto	10/12	Karl Popek	10/23
Russell Stranc	10/12	Margaret Popek	10/23
Christine Maki	10/13		

Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

Susan Thaesler	10/23
Shanna Nowak	10/24
Diana Sieracki	10/24
Daniella Stowbunenko	10/24
Jacob Klinger	10/25
Jennifer Jacobs	10/26
Dustyn Maki	10/26
Robin Mitola	10/26
Elizabeth Russo	10/26
Paul Taylor	10/26
Sharon Walker	10/26
Jacquelyn Engelbach-Smith	10/27
Christopher Krueger	10/27
Nancy Mildemberger	10/27
Matthew Russell Jr.	10/27
Christian Sieracki	10/27
Gail Petschke	10/28
Sloane Thompson	10/28
Cole Friend	10/29
Alex Kiener	10/29
Carol Balcerzak	10/30
Colby Bashor	10/30
John Petrunyak	10/30
Cynthia Speth	10/30
Peggy Sue Layer	10/31



Anniversaries

Congrats to another year!

Robert & Alanah Rzeznik 10/3

David & Jill Sage 10/4

Thomas & Karen McGuire 10/8

Kevin & Jennifer Murtha 10/11

Kathleen & Kenneth Weibel 10/12

Andrea & Andrew Rogacki 10/23

Norman & Betty Rosenthal 10/25

Nicholas & Sarah Beckman 10/26

Yellow Pages

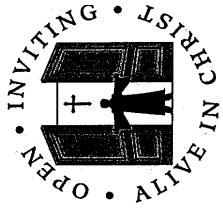
and staff

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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