

THE GOOD NEWS

JULY 2021

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster



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.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person-- questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

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WORSHIP TIMES

SAT. 5:30PM

SUN. 9:00AM TAILGATE CHURCH

**SUN. 10:30AM IN PERSON/ONLINE
WORSHIP**

OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY

9:00AM-3:30PM

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Pastor's Message

by: Pastor Jamie

My house is officially a construction site. My father and I are putting in the work for a full kitchen remodel. New tile floors, new counter top, some new cabinets, new backsplash and more. We began by trying to get the cabinets where the countertop would go ready for the new counter top, but when we began it became apparent that those cabinets would need to be replaced./ Since we were pulling up the cabinets we decided we may as well begin the process of pulling up the old floor. What we discovered was that there were actually four floors on the ground, the, newest particle board floor was sitting on top of 3 linoleum floors so we pulled them all out, took out all the nails and got the floor down to the floor boards. What I didn't realize going into the process was how labor intensive getting the old floors out would be. At the same time however it was clearly a very important process. By taking things apart down to the base we will be able to build from a sturdy base, from the ground up. I think a lot of people know that feeling from projects they have been a part of, sometimes you need to go all the way down to the foundation of something, to build back up on that sturdy base. I think that Jesus knew that we would relate to that image, to that feeling.

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

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by: Pastor Jamie

Jesus, and his teachings are the foundation upon which we should build all other aspects of our lives. Our job? Jesus is the foundation, our family? Jesus is the foundation, our problem solving? Jesus is the foundation. When we build our lives on the foundation of Christ all we build will be solid and sturdy. To use family as an example, what better foundation is there than the Gospel? A family built on love, forgiveness, compassion, grace and even sacrifice. That is the recipe for a family that can weather all of life's storms. Then at the end when people in that family begin to pass, the promises of resurrection are the foundation that family is built on, a foundation sturdier than even life itself.

Oftentimes we build on other foundations such as, our own self reliance, wealth, our own abilities, those we admire or aspire to emulate and so many more foundations, they will all crack, they will let us down. But the trick is we can rebuild, we can identify those places where we have built on earthly foundations, we can tear down and build back up on God. None of us are immune, we all pick the wrong foundation from time to time, my challenge to you is to find an area where you can build on Christ, where you can set Christ as your foundation, tear down if need be and rebuild on a foundation that will not falter.

Peace

Jamie



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Mission Message

by: Marcia Brown, Mission Interpreter

Chhani Marandi used to be a domestic worker. She is 24, lives in Nepal, and always dreamed of being a health care professional, inspired by her father's health problems. He died when she was 5, and her older siblings had to leave school and work to support the family. Chhani herself started to do domestic work in third grade to pay for her own education, eventually graduating from 10th grade. Then she heard about a scholarship program from the Lutheran Community Welfare Society, a partner of Lutheran World Federation in Nepal. This is one of many projects supported by ELCA World Hunger that create opportunities for women.

After 18 months of study, Chhani completed her training as an auxiliary nurse midwife, and now works at Anjali Hospital. She plans to also provide health services to her community by phone, and to continue her training so she can provide free care to families in poverty. "It was my dream to be a health worker since the time my family could not afford proper treatments for my father," Chhani said. "I got the opportunity to fulfill my dream from the Lutheran World Federation in Nepal. I realized that it was 'God's grace to me and my dreams.'"

You helped make Chhani's dreams come true through your Mission Support. Thank you!

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



July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9:00 AM Drive-In Service 10:30 AM In Person/ Online Service	4:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting 7:30 PM Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal	7:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	9:00 AM Church Office Hours	9:00 AM Church Office Hours	9:00 AM Church Office Hours 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	5:30 PM In Person/ Streamed Service
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9:00 AM Gathering for Prayer 10:00 AM Online Service	7:30 PM Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal	7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	9:00 AM Church Office Hours	9:00 AM Church Office Hours	9:00 AM Church Office Hours 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	5:30 PM In Person/ Streamed Service
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Council Corner

by: Kathy Konstabel, St. John's Council Vice President



Hello and welcome to Council Corner!

Council continues to meet to address the ongoing needs of our church and our members. First, if you or a loved one is in need of pastoral care including scheduling a visit with Pastor we are asking that you please contact the church office at 716-683-8972 to speak with Abby or to leave a VM for Abby/Pastor. If you have a pastoral emergency or would like to speak directly to Pastor about scheduling an appointment with him we encourage you to contact him at his direct number 716-848-9683 as well. As Pastor indicated in his recent call- we need to update our list of members who are home-bound and unable to attend church. If you are aware of a member or if you would like to add your name to the list we ask that you please let Abby know as soon as possible.

We continue to look for volunteers for our Altar Guild- please let us know if you are interested in being part of the team! This is a great way to help the church without a large time commitment. Lastly, as our community continues to open and resume regular activities we also began discussion on how St. Johns will move forward with activities as well which is very exciting. We will be organizing a planning committee soon for our Annual Oktoberfest- we thought this would be a great way to gather- have fun and enjoy some fellowship with each other as we move forward! If you are interested in helping please reach out to Pastor or to Abby or any Council member.

Council will continue to meet during the summer months to address the ongoing needs of the church. In the meantime, please continue to reach out with any questions, concerns or ideas to Pastor or any Council member.

Until next time--

Congregation Council



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Follow us on Facebook!



Find us on Facebook
@stjohnslancaster to keep up
to date with information and
connect with other members of
our congregation!

Youth Group News!

SUMMER POOL PARTY!

Saturday Aug 15th from noon
to 3pm. Bring swimsuit and
towel. Please let Miss Kelly
know if you are able to attend.
392 Terrace Blvd.



JUNE DEACON SCHEDULE

7/4/2021
SAM MILLER

7/11/2021
SAM GIERLINGER

7/18/2021
RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI

7/25/2021
KATHY KONSTABEL

SUPPORT FOR LCLC

This year marks the 10th anniversary of my ordination. I'd like to celebrate by supporting Lake Chautauqua Lutheran center, the camp that helped me discern my call to ordained ministry. It is a tremendous camp and I know it has helped many young people figure out where God is calling them in their lives. Specifically I'd like to collect money to send kids to camp if you would like to join me in celebrating I encourage you to add a special donation to send kids to camp in with your offering, just make a note that it is for sending kids to camp, that money will then be used to help as many of our St. John's kids go to camp as possible. Thank you for joining me in celebrating.

**PLEASE NOTE: BOTH PASTOR JAMIE AND
ABBY WILL BE AT LCLC THE WEEK OF
JULY 25TH.**

**IF THERE IS A PASTORAL EMERGENCY
PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR'S CELL AT
716-848-9683.**



Altar Flower Update



The florist we got our altar flowers from is no longer doing flower arrangements for altar flowers for churches. We have switched to County Crossroad in Marilla. Arrangements are \$30 (for 2) and you can request specific colors/ flowers if desired. You may pay more if you would like bigger arrangements or more expensive flowers. To dedicate flowers please continue to use the envelopes provided at the church, contact the church office either by phone 716-683-8972 or by email at stjohnslancaster55@gmail.com. All dedications must be submitted and paid for by the Monday before the dedication date in order to notify the florist.

AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWER DATES:

Sept 12th, Sept 19th

Oct 3rd, Oct 10th, Oct 17th, Oct 24th, Oct 31st

Nov 7th, Nov 14th, Nov 21st, Nov 28th

Dec 5th, Dec 12th, Dec 19th, Dec 26th

Prayer List

Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Annette Drescher, Todd Potter, Kimberly Stribing, Floyd Addison, Kathy Peters, Dorothea Konstabel, Christine Make, Friends and Family of Michael Altenberg



Happy Birthday!

Jul 1 Dylan MILLER
Jul 1 HEIDI POPEK
Jul 2 Michael GRAHAM
Jul 2 Andrew MITCHELL
Jul 2 BETTY ROSENTHAL
Jul 3 SHIRLEY MAKI
Jul 3 MEGAN REUKAUF
Jul 3 BRIDGET WILLADSEN
Jul 4 KENDALL DECAIRE
Jul 4 VICTORIA FREDERICKS
Jul 4 Rachel MAZUREK
Jul 5 MICHAEL McGUIRE
Jul 5 CHRISTOPHER WISNIEWSKI
Jul 6 Beau BURRY
Jul 6 TIMOTHY CARNEY
Jul 6 Matthew IV RUSSO
Jul 7 HELEN DIEBEL
Jul 7 LAURIE GRANATA
Jul 8 Greyson BECKMAN
Jul 8 FELICIA VALVO
Jul 9 IAN DeWALD
Jul 9 PATRICA SIERACKI
Jul 10 KEVIN KENNEDY
Jul 10 BRADLEY REITMEIER
Jul 10 LINDA STAPLETON
Jul 10 NICHOLAS WAWROWSKI
Jul 12 Pierce Anderson
Jul 12 CHRIS BRUNEA
Jul 12 DOUGLAS KAWALERSKI
Jul 13 BAILEY DEMBSKI
Jul 13 FRANK KOTOWSKI
Jul 13 KAREN McCLINTOCK
Jul 14 JENNIFER ANTHONY
Jul 14 JEREMY TRIPP
Jul 15 Jacob CERVI
Jul 16 CHERYL REUKAUF
Jul 16 CYNTHIA SMITH
Jul 17 MARY ANN POWELL
Jul 17 RICHARD RICE
Jul 18 GLORIA RICHARDS
Jul 18 WILLIAM SCHOENTHALER

JUL 18 DAVID SPETH
JUL 19 ARCADIO KAWALERSKI
JUL 20 MICHELE BURT
JUL 20 AMY GRAHAM
JUL 20 FELICIA ROSENTHAL
JUL 21 MICHELE FRONCZAK
JUL 21 CARTER GUARINO
JUL 21 ALLEN QUILLEN
JUL 22 WAYNE III LAVIS
JUL 22 ANDREA ROGACKI
JUL 22 RAELYN STRANC
JUL 24 ELLEN HARDY
JUL 24 ZENITH TOMASZEWSKI
JUL 25 RACHAEL LANGERMAN
JUL 25 CAROLANNA REINER
JUL 25 PATRICIA SPANITZ
JUL 25 SUSAN STRANC
JUL 26 SCOTT GILSON
JUL 26 REBECCA TERRY
JUL 27 JASON KAPPAN
JUL 27 LINDSAY PORTO
JUL 30 THOMAS BURGIO
JUL 30 MATTHEW HINEMAN
JUL 31 LOGAN BECKMAN
JUL 31 JASON BURRY
JUL 31 SHAWN NOWAK
JUL 31 KATHLEEN PETERS
JUL 31 MICHAEL WALKER

St. John's Yellow Pages

SERVICES AND COMPANIES

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
Rachel Poss **Partylite Candles & Gifts/Parties** 491-4393
Christine Ruffner **Usborne Children's Educational Books** 656-2056
Michael Sheehan **Computer & Software Sales** 937-9815
Tim Stranc (TSAir) **Heating & Air-Conditioning** 684-9854
Brian Makey **Thrivent Financial Representative**
Brian.makey@thrivent.com 714-9852
Anthony Santucci **Walden Auto Sales & Service** 683-2901

STAFF MEMBERS

Rev. Jamie Retallack **Pastor** 716-848-9683
Rev. John Swanson **Pastor Emeritus**
Rev. John Scarafia **Pastor Emeritus**
Dr. Vicky Chang **Director of Music**
Cindy Jo Speth, Lucy Krupa **Cleaners**
Donna McGrew **Financial Secretary**
Abby Mandris **Church Secretary**

