

# THE GOOD NEWS

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster

AUGUST 2024



## 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.

## WORSHIP TIMES

SAT. 5:30PM

SUN. 10:00AM

IN PERSON/ONLINE WORSHIP

## OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT

MONDAY-THURSDAY

10:00AM-3:00PM

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE



What do you look forward to in the summer? The warm weather? More opportunities to go outside? Do you like to take vacations during the summer months? Do you plan family activities? Do you simply find more time for rest and relaxation? The summer has a reputation as a time of R&R. It begins in many ways with the celebrations that happen on Memorial day; it's punctuated by the festivities of the 4th of July; and it ends with one final celebration of Veterans. I often times find myself with the expectation of finding more time to relax during the summer, but I never seem to. The reason for that is a funny thing that has happened in the world of the Church: it has become a time for the most faith development among our youth. The two main reasons for that are the National Youth Gathering and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM).

Every three years the youth from Lutheran churches across the world gather together. This year it was in New Orleans. Almost 20,000 youth joined together in worship, service, and hanging out just being kids together. In all of that, they grew in their relationship with and understanding of God. By all accounts it was an amazing experience that lasted just about a week, but will be remembered for a life time.

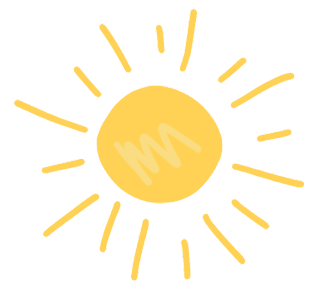
Lutheran Outdoor Ministries is the collection of camps and retreat centers that are a part of the Lutheran Church. It includes 118 outdoor ministry sites, 88 outdoor ministry organizations, 675 full time staff, 4,000 summer staff, 2,000 year-round volunteers, 30,000 acres of land, 150,000 summer campers, and 275,000 fall/winter/spring campers and retreat guests. Here in Western New York, LCLC is our LOM camp and retreat center. It truly is staggering how many youth (and adults) spend a week immersed in camp and living out their faith.

Sometimes we may wonder "where are the youth"? We often don't see them engaging in the Church, in worship life the way we grown-ups usually do. The reality is that they are with us. They are part of the church. They are growing in their faith; they are simply doing so in a way that we might not notice, that we might not be tuned into. So I always think I'll find some time to relax, but instead I find myself running, joking, praying, playing and worshipping with our youth as they grow in their faith.





## PASTOR'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)



I think it can be a reminder for all of us that the summer is also a time where we can grow in our faith too: by exploring God's creation; by having time to rest and listen for the still small voice of God; and by being able to truly remember the sabbath and keep it holy. As it says in 1st Thessalonians:

*16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

May the Summer be an opportunity to do just that.

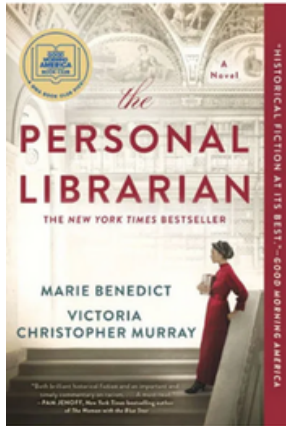
Peace,

*Pastor Jamie*





# BOOK CLUB



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall (using the ramp entrance) on Thursday, August 15th at 7:00 PM to discuss the novel, *THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City's society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection.

But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white—her complexion is dark because she is African American.

*THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN* is the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives. Read this compelling and important account, then come (as your schedule permits) and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-personal-librarian-marie-benedict/1137596641?ean=9780593101544>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 10:00am <del>Annular</del> Baptism 10:00am In Person/ Online Service	<b>29</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>30</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>31</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 6:00pm Wheelchair Football	<b>1</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30am - 11:30am Wheelchair Football 5:30pm In Person Service
<b>4</b> 10:00am In Person/ Online Service	<b>5</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>6</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>7</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 6:00pm Wheelchair Football	<b>8</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>9</b> 11:00am Altar Guild Meeting	<b>10</b> 9:30am - 11:30am Wheelchair Football 5:30pm In Person Service
<b>11</b> 10:00am In Person/ Online Service 11:30am Property & Grounds	<b>12</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>13</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>14</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 6:00pm Wheelchair Football	<b>15</b> Good News Articles Due 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30am - 11:30am Wheelchair Football 5:30pm In Person Service
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<b>25</b> 10:00am In Person/ Online Service	<b>26</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>27</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 6:00pm Council Meeting - Pot Luck 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>28</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 6:00pm Wheelchair Football	<b>29</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30am - 11:30am Wheelchair Football 5:30pm In Person Service

[HTTPS://WWW.STJOHNSLANC.ORG/CALENDAR](https://www.stjohnslanc.org/calendar)



# UPCOMING SCHEDULES & EVENTS

## USHERS

### ALTAR GUILD

08/04/24  
Timmy Gierlinger  
RaeAnn Jakubowski

8/4/2024  
Linda Costa  
Kathy Burr

### DEACONS

8/4/2024  
RaeAnn  
Jakubowski

08/11/24  
Sharon Walker  
Carol Graham

8/11/2024  
Janet Sincebaugh  
Bev Hess

8/11/2024  
Paul Rudz

08/18/24  
Kelly Sieracki

8/18/2024  
Greg Wildridge  
Janet Sincebaugh

8/18/2024  
RaeAnn  
Jakubowski

08/25/24  
Kathy Snyder

8/25/2024  
Janet Sincebaugh  
Rich Rice

8/25/2024  
Paul Rudz



## EVENTS / MEETINGS

8/15/2024: Book Club @ 7pm  
8/16/2024: Contra Dance @ 7pm-10:30pm  
8/27/2024: Council Picnic/Potluck @ 6pm



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## Lutheran Church Day Bus Trip into Buffalo Wednesday, September 18, 2024 Price per Person \$139.00 included the following:

A narrated tour of downtown Buffalo will be given by Jerry Waldkoetter. Followed by a stop at Tour of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and with a short recital perform by Vicky Chang on its large organ. Then off to have lunch at Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant. Our final destination will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery with a step-on guide to point out famous grave sites and other interesting stories!

- 9:30 am Bus report time at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church 55 Pleasant Ave., Lancaster
- 10:15am Arrive at Holy Trinity Luther Church
- 11:30am Leave Holy Trinity for an overview of Buffalo Medical Campus and Niagara Street Murals, other murals in the downtown area.
- 12:30pm Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant\* for a 4-course sit-down luncheon.
- 2:15-2:30 pm Arrive at Forest Lawn Cemetery
- 4:00pm Leave for St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lancaster
- 4:30pm Arrive at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lancaster

\*Lunch menu: Fresh Garden Salad, Penne Pasta with DiPaolo's Famous House sauce; Two Meats: Breaded Pork Chop & Chicken Marsala (You may have both), Vegetable, Potato, served w/ warm Italian rolls, Butter; Coffee & Tea; Dessert: Ice Cream with Chocolate.

-----CUT LINE-----

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Make check out for \$139 to: Way To Go Tours along with this completed form to**

**Pauline Bauer (716-901-4816) at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lancaster, NY.**

St John's of Elma please used the attached envelope along with (\*\*) in the Sunday collection basket.

*This price is based on 40 paying participants by Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>.*

A 56 passenger motor coach with a lavatory will be provided by Bedore's Tours with their professional driver.





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **WOMEN'S GROUP LUNCH**

St. John's Lancaster and Elma Women's lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th @ noon @ Olive Tree on Broadway in Lancaster. The cost is based on your order. Please contact Beverly Hess @ 716-868-5096 with any questions. Please sign up by Wednesday August 7th.

### **ALTAR GUILD IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS**

All are welcome to serve and help the church prepare for worship. Altar Guild service entails setting up communion for Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship, as well as filling the candles and changing the paraments as necessary. . If you are thinking of a way to get involved and serve, we would ask you to prayerfully consider joining the Altar Guild. If you are interested or have any questions, you may speak to Kathy Snyder or Pastor.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Worship & Music Committee is planning Music Sunday for September 29th. We are looking for any musicians who would like to share their talents. Please let us know if you are interested! You can contact Carol Schwertz from the committee or Pastor Jamie. Vicky Chang can also be contacted in September. We are looking forward to a special day!







# ALTAR FLOWER UPDATE



Arrangements for the altar are \$30 (for 2). You may request specific colors or flowers if desired, however there may be an additional charge if you would like larger arrangements or more expensive varieties of flowers. To dedicate flowers, please continue to use the envelopes provided at the church, Contact the church office by phone 716-683-8972 or by email at [stjohnslancaster55@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslancaster55@gmail.com). All dedications must be submitted and paid for by the Monday before the dedication date in order to provide time to notify the florist.



## AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWER DATES

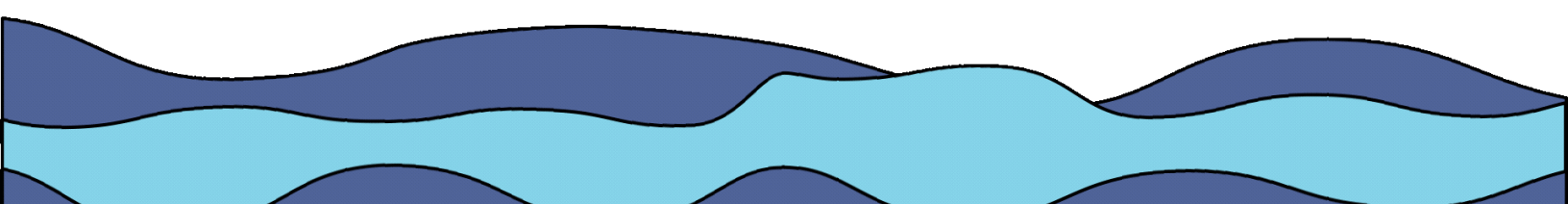
August 4, 11, 25

September 1, 8, 22, 29



## PRAYER LIST

We lift up: Beatrice Gill,  
Brianna Wood, Edna Mann,  
George Stubblebein, , Ron Bennett,  
Roger Stapleton Jr, Tom & Ruth Morse,  
Tracy Will, Sarah Hermsmeyer,  
Jim Kenline, Jackie Wolfram, Bruce  
Jacobs, Tim Joyce, Jamie Kloc, Larry  
Brown, Don Spanitz, Kaitlyn,  
the Dantzer family, Gus Alfano, Leon,  
Lisa & her son, and Kathy Snyder.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JEREMY NANTKA, Aug 2  
RENEE ANDRZEJEWSKI, Aug 3  
AMANDA CODY, Aug 3  
KATHLENE GILSON, Aug 5  
TIMOTHY GIERLINGER, Aug 5  
ANTHONY CERVI, Aug 5  
JACOB ZUPPELLI, Aug 6  
JACKIE SCOTT, Aug 7  
DEEGAN JOOST, Aug 7  
ALICIA KOHLHAGEN, Aug 8  
ALICIA COULTER, Aug 8  
JANE GRUCELLA, Aug 8  
NORMAN KLOC, Aug 9  
RYAN ANDREWS, Aug 9  
TRACY TOMASZEWSKI, Aug 10  
MORGAN MITOLA, Aug 11  
BARBARA BURR-NAGEL, Aug 11  
DAVID DUDKOWSKI, Aug 12  
JEFFREY ENGELBACH-SCHAFFER, Aug 13  
JAKE MILLER, Aug 14  
ELEANOR BEAL, Aug 14  
WILLIAM HEIM, Aug 15  
CHASE PARTRIDGE, Aug 15  
KYLE KJELDGAARD, Aug 16  
RUTH MORSE, Aug 16  
DAVID RICE, Aug 17

HARVEY NAGEL, Aug 17  
MARILYN FIORILLI, Aug 18  
JAMES HESS, Aug 18  
BROGAN ZAK, Aug 19  
SUE ANN COBURN, Aug 19  
ALEXANDRA QUILLEN, Aug 19  
CYNTHIA OSTROWSKI, Aug 19  
MILA GORDON, Aug 19  
GINNA CONNOLLY, Aug 20  
NATHAN BURRY, Aug 21  
PETER FRANGER, Aug 21  
JULIANNA FRONCZAK, Aug 21  
MARGUERITE MITCHELL, Aug 21  
JUSTIN MILLER, Aug 21  
DONALD HAUSER, Aug 24  
EVAN JACOBS, Aug 25  
KATHARINE KLING, Aug 26  
KEVIN TERRY, Aug 26  
ANTHONY MAKI, Aug 27  
JUSTIN SCOTT, Aug 27  
ELIJAH KWACZALA, Aug 28  
PARKER ZIEMANN, Aug 28  
ANTONIO FIORILLI, Aug 28  
ERIC HEINE, Aug 30  
NICOLE KWACZALA, Aug 30  
GARY RUDZ, Aug 31

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**Rev. John Scarafia, Pastor Emeritus**

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**Dr. Vicky Chang, Director of Music**

**Cindy Jo Speth, Housekeeping**

**Michael Walker, Sexton**

**Donna McGrew, Financial Secretary**

**Melissa Dwyer, Church Secretary**

**Congregation Council**

**Janet Sincebaugh (President)**

**Carol Graham (Vice-President)**

**Karen McClintock (Secretary)**

**Kathryn Snyder (Treasurer)**

**Sam Gierlinger**

**RaeAnn Jakubowski**

**Jamie Kloc**

**Marjorie Kruger**

**Jeff Miller**

**Samuel Miller**

**David Nester**

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**Kelly Sieracki**





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