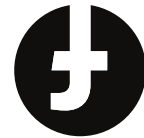




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ECCLSIASITES 3:14

*I know that whatever God does endures forever;
nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it;
God has done this so that all should stand in awe before him.*

THE GOOD NEWS

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster

September 2022



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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BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11TH

SAT. 5:30PM

SUN. 9:00AM

SUN. 10:30AM

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10:00AM-3:00PM

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Pastor's Message



I remember when I was in high school and the teacher had us read Beowulf. It's an epic poem about a heroic leader defeating various monsters. The reason it is significant is that it's one of the few pieces of literature that we have in Old English. If you are unfamiliar with Old English, don't let the word English fool you, it is basically an entirely foreign language. Here is an excerpt of Beowulf in Old English:

Hwæt. We Gardena in geardagum, þeodcyninga, þrym gefrunon, hu ða æþelingas ellen fremedon. Oft Scyld Scefing sceaþena þreatum, monegum mægþum, meodosetla ofteah, egsode eorlas.

Here is the modern English translation of that:

LO, praise of the prowess of people-kings of spear-armed Danes, in days long sped, we have heard, and what honor the athelings won!

It's amazing how much our language has changed over the last thousand years. It's entirely unrecognizable. Indeed, Beowulf was written about 1000 years ago. 1000 years is also about the time between the earliest books of the Bible being written down and the latest book of the Bible being written down.

We tend to think of our Bibles as a single document, and though we know it's a collection of writings, we don't often think about the writings individually. Each book of the Bible has its own story, its own time when it was written, place it was written and people it was written for. I think Beowulf can remind us of how much things change in the world of writing over a long period of time. Just as it is entirely foreign to our modern eyes, so too our Bible books are very different from one another when read in their original language. Yes, their original language, another thing we don't often think of. The Old Testament was written in Hebrew and the New Testament was written in ancient Greek. That means that the Bible was written a long time ago, in a language we can't read, for people far away and whose lives were very different. To me that is why slowing down and studying the Bible can be so rewarding. Study can help us find connections we've missed. It can help us better understand the scripture. We see how we import our modern sensibilities and perspectives into our reading of the Bible. By removing our own perspective, we see the Bible more as it was originally intended.

That is why I'm very excited about our next Bible study topic, Genesis. Genesis is the first book of the Bible (chronologically, but not the first written down). By looking at it we can expand our foundation of understanding, better understanding the relationship that God has with us, his people, from "The beginning". We will be beginning that Bible study on September 8th at 1:00, and I hope to see many of you there. We will go through Genesis, about 4 chapters per week, and look at how it is God's relationship with us began, and what God's intentions for us are. I hope to see you there.

Peace

Jamie





Council Corner



Being on council as church treasurer has been a privilege. I have been able to learn the “workings” of the church from a different perspective. I was baptized a Roman Catholic, attended religious instruction, and made my first communion and confirmation as a Catholic. When Glen & I were dating, I attended services at St. John’s every so often. He was lifelong member. I found services to be different in a good way from the Catholic masses I grew up with. Somehow the services had more meaning to me. So, when we got engaged, it made sense to become a member of St. John’s, and we were married on May 18th, 1996.

It seems that from there I wanted to find ways to get involved in things at St. John’s. Glen had been part of the church in many ways over the years and I wanted to find out how I fit in. I most certainly did not have the impressive singing voice he did to be part of choir, so I decided to try teaching Sunday school. I really enjoyed working with the children and believe it helped me grow in my faith as I was teaching them about Jesus.

It seems as I got involved in one thing at St. John’s, I wanted to do more. As my faith was growing, I wanted to give back in service. I firmly believe that as someone feels comfortable worshipping and gets fed by the holy spirit, they want to share that faith and give it back. My next involvement was to be a part of the Altar Guild. This was yet another way to learn more about the church from a unique perspective, preparing the church for services, and of course my faith continued to grow.

At some point along the way, I was asked if I would be interested in church treasurer, and thought this was yet another way to serve, and I said yes. It opened more doors as to how things are done in the church.

As I continued my involvement in serving, I was asked if I would be willing to serve as a deacon. Glen had been a deacon for many years, and I thought it might be something I wanted to try. It turns out, with some practice before service (Glen always helped me with the challenging words), I really enjoyed being part of worship service, and felt I was being spiritually fed as well. With some additional training, I was able to lead services, including proclaiming God’s word. So fulfilling!!

All this involvement and growing faith came into play in August 2018 when I was diagnosed with cancer. With Glen (my rock/ best friend), my family, my faith, and my church family support, we were able to survive surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation to fight the cancer. In April 2019 we found out I was cancer free and as of today, 3 years & 5 months later, I am still blessed!!

We do not know where our journey will lead us in life, personally or as a church; however, we do know that God will be with us each step of the way. Each of us are part of St. John’s, and together the possibilities are endless and we can overcome any obstacles in our path. Let us see where God will lead us, it will be awesome!

Faithfully,
Kathy Snyder
Church Treasurer





Mission Message

Marcia Brown, mission interpreter



VOTE!!

Your church wants you to vote. Your church wants everybody to vote! To work toward that goal, *ELCAvotes* is an initiative to encourage voter participation, to discuss and explain the issues, and to work for equal rights for all. Its mission statement is:

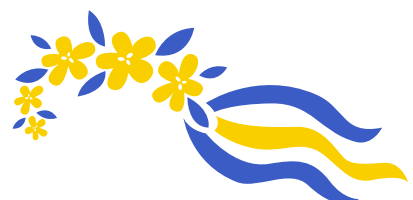
We are called to conversation and prayer around our role as U.S. residents and as people of faith in ensuring our election systems promote dignity and respect for all.

We are called to act by speaking out as advocates and engaging in local efforts to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens.

“[It is] resolved, that members, congregations, and synods of this church be encouraged to “promote public life worthy of the name” by speaking out as an advocate and engaging in local efforts such as voter registration and supporting legislation to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens ...”

Do you have a neighbor or relative who can't physically get to the voting booth? You can help by making sure they have the information to get an absentee ballot. You can volunteer to give rides on election day to people without transportation. You can work as a polling place observer. We cannot take the right to vote for granted. That is why ELCA Advocacy, a ministry of our national church body, encourages us to help keep that right available to all!

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





September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30am In Person/ Online Service	29 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes Mtg 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen Mtg	30 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	31 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	1 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study	2 7:30pm NA Meeting	3 11:00am Wheelchair Football 5:30pm In Person Service
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Upcoming Schedules

USHER SCHEDULE

09/04/2022
09:30:00 AM
BEVERLY HESS
RICH RICE

09/11/2022
09:00:00 AM
SAM MILLER
DAVID RICE

09/11/2022
10:30:00 AM
KATHY BURR
LINDA COSTA

09/18/2022
09:00:00 AM
RICH RICE
PAUL RUDZ

09/18/2022
10:30:00 AM
BEVERLY HESS
VIRGINIA GRAHAM

09/25/2022
9:00AM
CAROL GRAHAM
DAVID RICE

09/25/2022
10:30AM
RICK TOMASZEWSKI
GREG WILDRIDGE

DEACON SCHEDULE

09/04/2022 930AM
SAM MILLER

09/11/2022 9AM
RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI
09/11/2022 1030AM
KATHY SNYDER

09/18/2022 9AM
SAM MILLER
09/18/2022 1030AM
SAM GIERLINGER

09/25/2022 9AM
RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI
09/25/2022 1030AM
KATHY SNYDER

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

09/04/2022
SHARON WALKER
CAROL GRAHAM

09/11/22
KELLY SIERACKI

09/18/2022
CHERYL HELWIG
KATHY SNYDER

09/25/22
AMY PETRUNYAK
KAREN FREUND

Upcoming Events

"REGULAR" WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 5:30pm

Sundays @ 9:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School @ 9:00am

Resumes Beginning Sunday, September 11th, 2022

LYMA GOLF DAYS

5:15 pm Mondays through September 2022

@ Kis' n Greens Alden

BIBLE STUDY

Resumes @1pm Thursdays

Beginning September 8th, 2022

HANDBELL & CHOIR PRACTICES

Resume on Thursdays

Beginning September 8th, 2022

QUILTERS

Meetings resume on Tuesdays from 9:30am-1pm

Beginning September 20th, 2022

BOOK CLUB

Sept. 29th @ 7pm

SAVE THE DATE

Fellowship Event/Dinner Theater

October 23rd, 2022

More information to come



Book Club



Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 PM to discuss Christina Baker Kline's novel, *THE EXILES*.

Seduced by her employer's son, Evangeline, a naïve young governess in early nineteenth-century London, is discharged when her pregnancy is discovered and sent to the notorious Newgate Prison.

After months in the fetid, overcrowded jail, she learns she is sentenced to “the land beyond the seas,” Van Diemen's Land, a penal colony in Australia. Though uncertain of what awaits, Evangeline knows one thing: the child she carries will be born on the months-long voyage to this distant land.

During the journey on a repurposed slave ship, the *Medea*, Evangeline strikes up a friendship with Hazel, a girl little older than her former pupils who was sentenced to seven years transport for stealing a silver spoon. Canny where Evangeline is guileless, Hazel—a skilled midwife and herbalist—is soon offering home remedies to both prisoners and sailors in return for a variety of favors.

Though Australia has been home to Aboriginal people for more than 50,000 years, the British government in the 1840s considers its fledgling colony uninhabited and unsettled, and views the natives as an unpleasant nuisance. By the time the *Medea* arrives, many of them have been forcibly relocated, their land seized by white colonists. One of these relocated people is Mathinna, the orphaned daughter of the Chief of the Lowreenne tribe, who has been adopted by the new governor of Van Diemen's Land.

Read this novel about three women whose lives are bound together in nineteenth-century Australia and the hardships they weather together as they fight for redemption and freedom in a new society. Then, come (as your schedule permits) and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome.

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-exiles-christina-baker-kline/1136623467?ean=9780062356338>



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. 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:

September 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23

November 6, 13, 20, 27



Prayer List

We lift up: Elliana Meyers, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Debby Taylor, Bernie Lewis, Ed Monaco, Joann Thaesler, Edna Mann, Gary Basher, Richard, Marge Savash, Tom Morse, Brianna Wood, Doris Moranski, Janet, & for the family and friends of Melvin Girardin and Bob Gozdziaak.



HAVE A *Wonderful* BIRTHDAY



STACIE DUDKOWSKI, SEP 1
ALIVIA FUNK, SEP 2
COLT BURRY, SEP 3
HARVEY BEAL, SEP 4
JOANN THAESLER, SEP 4
TINA KRUGER, SEP 4
JAMES HEINE, SEP 6
ANNA PRIESTER, SEP 6
GARTH KRAEMER, SEP 6
BONNIE SCHRAUFSTETTER, SEP 6
MARCIANNA ROGACKI, SEP 6
JULIE KAWALERSKI, SEP 6
ANDREW GORDON, SEP 7
MARK HARDY, SEP 7
JAMES SCHRAUFSTETTER, SEP 8
LILA FECHER, SEP 8
FRANCESCA KOTOWSKI, SEP 9
CYNTHIA KRATHAUS, SEP 9
ALEXA MITOLA, SEP 9
ADAM WOJTUSIAK, SEP 10
MARYLYNN CAMERON-KEMNA, SEP 11
CAROL SMITH, SEP 11
ALEXANDRA ALDINGER, SEP 11
RAE ANN JAKUBOWSKI, SEP 12
MELVINEA BUMMER, SEP 13
RUSSELL GRANATA, SEP 13
SANDRA HAUSER, SEP 13
MELODY JONES, SEP 13
EMMA LUDWIG, SEP 13
AMANDA THORNTON, SEP 14
SAMANTHA GIERLINGER, SEP 14
LINDSAY MILLER, SEP 14
ARNO KONSTABEL, SEP 14
NICHOLAS REIF, SEP 15
J. RICHARDS, SEP 15
JOHN HAEFNER, SEP 16
JENNA DRAKE, SEP 16
JANET ENGELBACH-SCHAFFER, SEP 16
JULIE KRUGER, SEP 16

KYLE GRAFF, SEP 17
KAYLA ROSE, SEP 17
ZOEY HARRINGTON, SEP 17
PATRICK MCGUIRE, SEP 17
JAMES SALGE, SEP 18
KAYDENCE LAVIS, SEP 18
DANIEL RICE, SEP 19
KATHY KONSTABEL, SEP 19
KIRK LANGSET, SEP 19
RUSSELL GRANATA, SEP 19
RACHEL BRAUN, SEP 19
GREGORY KWACZALA, SEP 19
THOMAS FORBES, SEP 19
KAREN ROSE, SEP 19
MIIA DEMBSKI, SEP 20
JUDY FIORELLA, SEP 21
ERIN SHEEHAN, SEP 21
MELINDA FULLER, SEP 21
QUINN SALGE, SEP 21
KODIE BURNS, SEP 21
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GERALDINE LONG, SEP 22
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STEVEN III KOHLHAGEN, SEP 23
CHRISTINE HOFFMANN, SEP 23
JONATHAN GILLEN, SEP 24
KAREN MCGUIRE, SEP 24
SUSAN MCHALE, SEP 24
JOHN SWANSON, SEP 25
AMY SHEEHAN, SEP 25
ANTHONY MAKI, SEP 27
MADALYN MAYER, SEP 27
JEANETTE FUERST, SEP 28
KATHRYN SNYDER, SEP 28
ALEX LINDAUER, SEP 29
CORINNE RUDZ, SEP 29
CJ SNYDER, SEP 29
GENIE MADISON, SEP 30
CINDY WEIDMANN, SEP 30





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