

Welcome to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster



Sunday Worship

Rev. Jamie Retallack
716-848-9683

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 10, 2024

The Prelude
The Greetings



Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

For the Fruit of All Creation

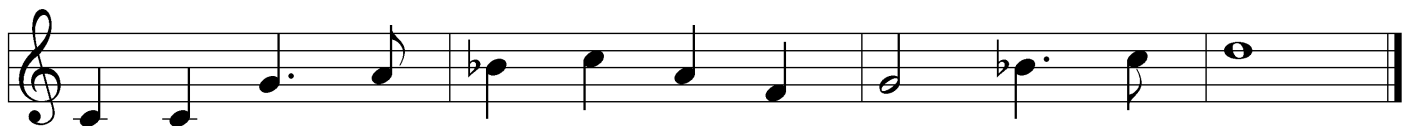
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...**O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The First Reading
1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to [Elijah], saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Psalm 146 (NRSV)

Read Responsively

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the captive free.

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

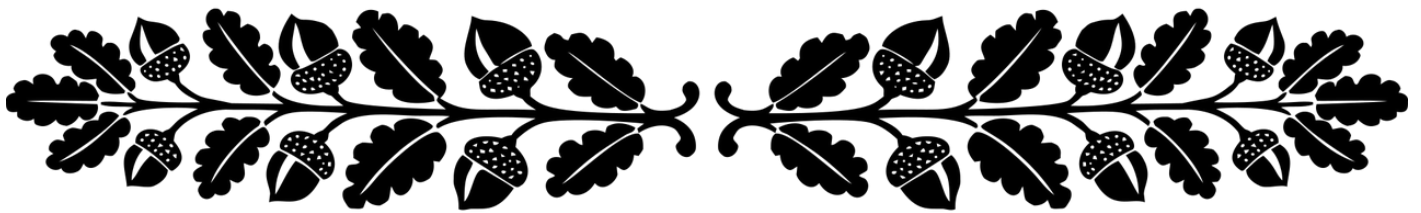
The Lord cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion,
throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

The Second Reading
Hebrews 9:24-28
(NRSVUE)

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



The Alleluia

Musical notation for the first line of the Alleluia. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of notes: a quarter rest, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a half note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?" are written below the notes.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Musical notation for the second line of the Alleluia. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of notes: a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G, a half note A, a half note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Reading
Mark 12:38-44
(NRSVUE)
Glory to you, O God.

As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the market-places and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



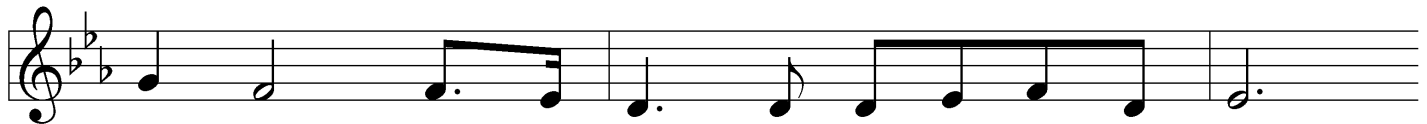
The Sermon
Pastor Jamie Retallack

Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my



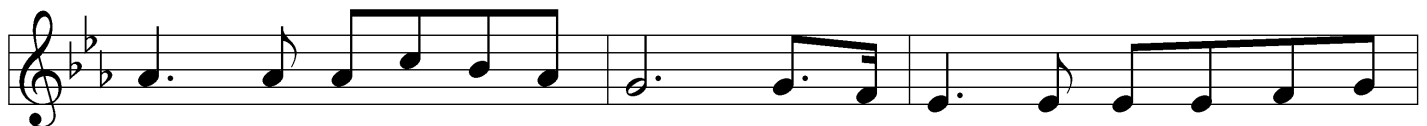
com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
 serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
 bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



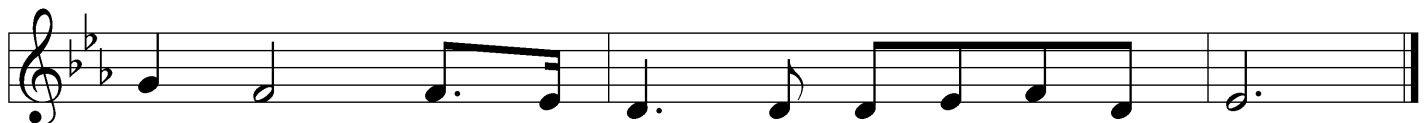
send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will



naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
 trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
 hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



tre - a - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders (local church leaders may be named). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts (current places of war and conflict may be named) and pursue peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill (especially Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood, Edna Mann, George Stubblebein, Sarah Hermsmeyer, Ron Bennett, Roger Stapleton Jr, Tom & Ruth Morse, Tracy Will, Jackie Wolfram, Bruce Jacobs, Dave, McKenzie, Saylor, Jay, Eoin Mast, and the family & friends of Diane Langerman). Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Church

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God,
trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

The Offertory Music

The Offertory Hymn



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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The Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.



The Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Invitation

The Lamb of God



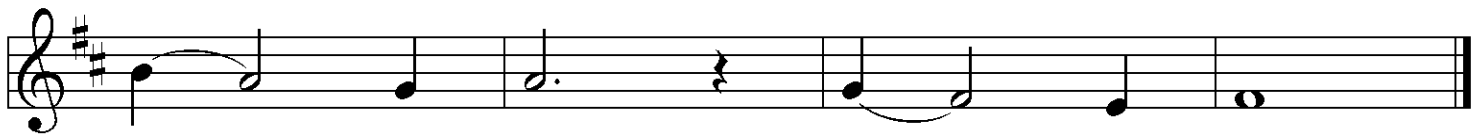
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Music

The Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Lord remember us in your kingdom
and teach us to pray...*

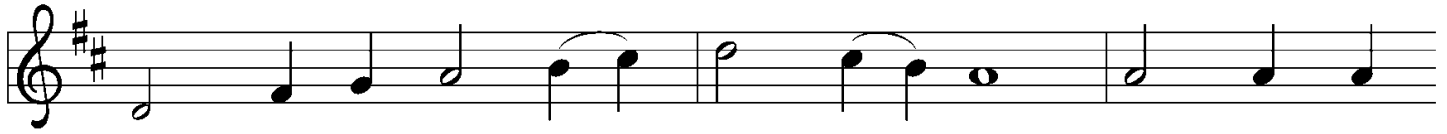
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory;
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Sending Prayer

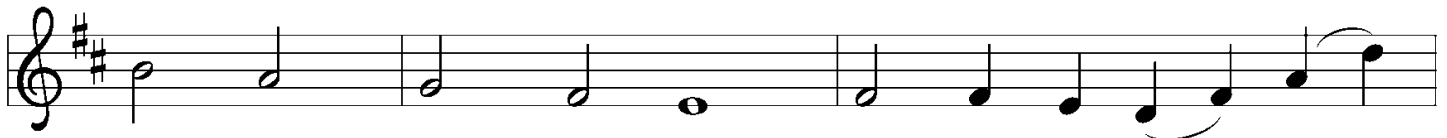
Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Benediction

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793



The Sending

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The People of St. John's Welcome You to Worship Today!

If you would like a **pastoral visit** for any reason, please call the office or call Pastor directly on his cell @ (716) 848-9683.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday	11/10	9:00am	Bible Study
Sunday	11/10	9:30am	Joysingers
Sunday	11/10	10:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Sunday	11/10	11:15am	Worship & Music Committee
Sunday	11/10	11:30am	Property & Grounds Committee
Monday	11/11	4:30pm	Guiding Eyes
Monday	11/11	7:30pm	Chordsmen
Tuesday	11/12	9:30am	Quilters
Tuesday	11/12	7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Wednesday	11/13	9:00am	Women's Breakfast
Wednesday	11/13	7:00pm	Communion Class @ Elma
Wednesday	11/13	7:00pm	Lancaster Garden Club
Wednesday	11/13	7:30pm	LYMA Meeting
Thursday	11/14	1:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	11/14	6:30pm	Hand Bell Rehearsal
Thursday	11/14	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	11/16	5:30pm	Worship
Sunday	11/17	9:00am	Bible Study
Sunday	11/17	9:30am	Joysingers
Sunday	11/17	10:00am	Worship & Sunday School
Sunday	11/17	11:15am	Coffee Hour

QR Code for Offering

Using your camera app you can scan the QR code to go to **St. John's donation page** where you can make a one-time or recurring **offering!** Thank you for giving!



Altar Flower Dates Available:

11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 - \$30 for two bouquets

Ushers

Linda Costa
Kathy Burr

Deacon

Paul
Rudz

Altar Guild

Amy & John
Petrunyak

Offering: 11/10/24: \$2885.27

Grape juice & gluten free wafers are available for **Communion**

GOT SNEAKERS??? Guiding Eyes for the Blind is having a sneaker drive with a sneaker recycling organization called GotSneakers. If you would like to help, please bring in your used/old sneakers and deposit them in the receptacle in the Fellowship Hall marked GotSneakers? Thank you!

Collecting Dash's Register Receipts: Save your Dash's receipts and deposit them in the boxes in the Sanctuary or the Chapel to benefit Niagara Lutheran Health Services. Thank you!

Book Club: There is no Book Club meeting in November. The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 5th @ 7pm to discuss the novel, THE ECHO OF OLD BOOKS, by Barbara Davis.

St John's Elma & Lancaster Women's Fellowship Breakfast

is Wednesday, November 13th @ 9am @ Olive Tree.

Please sign up by Thursday, November 7th.

Contact Beverly Hess with any questions @ 716-868-5096.

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Communion Classes (Grades 5 & up): November 6th, 13th, 20th from 7-8pm @ St John's Elma, 2131 Woodard Ave.

Confirmation Classes (8th & 9th Grade): October 20th; November 3rd, 17th; December 1st, 15th; January 12th, 26th; February 9th, 23rd; March 9th, 23rd; April 6th; May 4th, 18th; & June 1st, 15th from 11am -12:45pm. @ St John's Lancaster.

It's **Angel Tree** time!

Let's assist The Salvation Army in bringing some joy to children in our area during this Christmas season. Tags will be available on trees both upstairs and downstairs, **starting November 9th**. Please take a tag from one of the trees and replace it with a star. You can purchase the gift listed (or something similar) and then place unwrapped presents in a gift bag with the tag securely attached to the outside. Additional gifts can be purchased, if desired. **Gifts should be returned to church by Sunday, Dec. 8th**. There are also envelopes hanging on the trees to donate cash or check (made payable to Salvation Army). Please place your envelope in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. Thank you for your generosity! If you have questions, call the church office or Carol Schwertz at 716-861-1619.

Council seats are available in 2025. If you are interested in serving, please submit your name to the office, or let Pastor, Janet Sincebaugh, or Carol Graham know.

YOUTH

Upcoming Events

Friendsgiving: 11/30 3pm-8pm

Bring Friends and a Dish to Share.

3PM - Dinner and Games to follow

6PM - Walk in to Lancaster for Fire Truck Parade

8PM - Pick-up @ St John's

RSVP Kelly 716-868-3023

White Elephant Christmas Party: 12/15 4pm-7pm

Bring a \$5-\$10 Unisex Wrapped gift

Snacks & beverages provided

Decorate Cookies, Carols, Play Games

Congratulations to all Confirmands of 2024, very proud of you! A heartfelt thank you to all who have supported our Youth throughout 2024, several Youth enjoyed The National Gathering and camp at LCLC. Picture boards are still in The Memorial Lounge throughout November. Thankful for our Youth at St. John's of Lancaster, they helped to put on a wonderful coffee hour reception as a Thank you for all the support from our Congregation!



Very special Thank you to our Youth, parents & all adult volunteers who helped run a great spaghetti dinner! Thank you for all who supported the dinner.

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9 am in the Memorial Lounge.
We will be continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke.

Thursday afternoon Bible Study meets at 1:00 pm.
We will be studying the Books of First and Second Corinthians. Come join the discussion in the area adjacent to the Chapel downstairs.

Sunday School! Ages 3- grade 8 and our Youth, may join us for learning, fun and fellowship! We begin in church @ 10am and then move across the hall for lessons and more. On a few selected Sundays, we will attend the church service and help out in various ways. If you can't make it today, join us when you can, and bring family and friends any time.

Joysingers! Sundays from 9:30-9:55. We are looking for singers from age 3 to 99+! We sing about once a month. Join us when you are able!

If you would like to add a name to the **prayer list**, you may drop a request in the collection basket or contact the church office by phone or email. If you have a more specific concern/prayer, and would like it added to the **prayer page**, you may fill out a card in the Memorial Lounge, and put it on one of the **prayer boards**. Names and “special requests” will be read during the Prayers of the Church and will appear on the Prayer Page in the bulletins.

For all the Saints



Maria Paciejonek
Chase Ference
Carol Leonardi
Tiana La Rock
Jan Blackwell
Robert Beers
Michael Quinn
Jody Kotowski
Richard Tomaszewski
Allison Tomaszewski
James & Brian Graney
Scott & Jack Graney
John Appenheimer
Sharon Schoenthaler
Bill Schoenthaler
Mark Wnek

Tina Hughs
Florence Merritt
Ray & Ruth Fries
Betty & John Scarafia
Emma Krawczyk
Bill Vachon
Trevett Hooper
John Conley
Cliftor & Mary Young
Robert & Elli Kemna
Maggi Ventura Kemna
Carol Young
Daemon
Melvinea Bummer
Cherry Clark



LYMA CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11TH
6PM COCKTAILS * 7PM DINNER



@ **Skoob's Village Grille**
50 Central Ave, Lancaster



DINNER: THREE MEATS, SIDES, SALAD

\$30 PER PERSON - ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONTACT GARY RUDZ FOR TICKETS

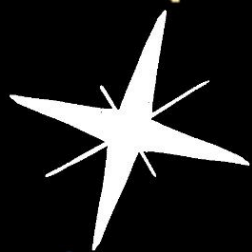
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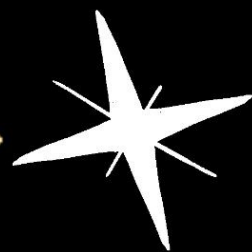


Women's Christmas Fellowship

Wednesday, December 11th @ 6pm



Fellowship: All Are Welcome!
Pot Luck: Bring a Dish to Share



Gift Exchange: Bring a Wrapped \$10 Gift

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'TIS THE SEASON

Salvation Army

Angel Tree



**November 9th
thru December 8th**

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.
Open - Inviting - Alive in Christ!*

Pastor Rev. Jamie Retallack (716-848-9683)

Pastors Emeriti -Rev. John Swanson -Rev. John Scarafia

Vicar Teresa J. O'Connor

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