

# THE GOOD NEWS

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster

SEPTEMBER 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



I can't believe that it's almost fall again, and that as I write this kids are getting ready to go back to school. We did our school supply shopping last week, and will do the back to school clothes shopping in a few days. It feels like we were just preparing for the school year to end, and now it's all starting back up. That of course means that activities at church will be starting up again: Sunday School, our 3 Choirs, and both Bible Studies. September really is one of the most active times of the year. It reminds me of a well-loved and oft recited Bible reading from the old testament:

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.*

Ecclesiastes 3

It's a reminder to us that these seasons of life keep going. Fall will leave, only to come back again. It also seems that each cycle of the seasons goes quicker than the last. Perhaps this can serve as a reminder that there is no time like the present to get involved.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

With things resuming and restarting, now is the time to get involved; to participate in bible study; to help with Sunday school; to be a deacon, reader, communion assistant; to participate in youth group, the women's group or LYMA. This is the season to join in. I invite you to consider finding a new way to participate in Church. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: make this the season of renewed participation.

Peace,

*Pastor Jamie*



# BOOK CLUB



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall (using the ramp entrance) on Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 PM to discuss the novel, JANE EYRE, by Charlotte Brontë. First published in 1847, JANE EYRE is an extraordinary coming-of-age story featuring one of the most independent and strong-willed female protagonists in all of literature. ✕

Poor and plain, Jane Eyre begins life as a lonely orphan in the household of her hateful aunt. Despite the oppression she endures at home, and the later torture of boarding school, Jane manages to emerge with her spirit and integrity unbroken. She becomes a governess at Thornfield Hall, where she finds herself falling in love with her employer—the dark, impassioned Mr. Rochester. But an explosive secret tears apart their relationship, forcing Jane to face poverty and isolation once again.

Read this blend of passion, romance, mystery, and suspense... then come (as your schedule permits) and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/jane-eyre-charlotte-bront/1100068702?ean=9781411433861>

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:00am In Person/ Online Service	<b>2</b> 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf	<b>3</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>4</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>5</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:30pm In Person Service
<b>8</b> 9:00am Bible Study 10:00am In Person/ Online Service 11:30am Property & Grounds	<b>9</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>10</b> 9:30am Quilters 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm Lancaster Garden Club 7:30pm LYMA Mtg.	<b>12</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30am LYMA - Mem Breakfast 5:30pm In Person Service
<b>15</b> <b>Good News Articles Due</b> 9:00am Bible Study 10:00am In Person/ Online Service 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	<b>16</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>17</b> 9:30am Quilters 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>19</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30pm In Person Service
<b>22</b> 9:00am Bible Study 9:30am Joysingers 10:00am In Person/ Online Service 10:00am Sunday School 11:30am Worship & Music Committee	<b>23</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>24</b> 9:30am Quilters 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>26</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30pm In Person Service
<b>29</b> <b>MUSIC SUNDAY</b> 9:00am Bible Study 9:30am Joysingers 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service/McHale Baptism	<b>30</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>1</b> 9:30am Quilters 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>2</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>3</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:30pm In Person Service

# UPCOMING SCHEDULES

## USHERS

### ALTAR GUILD

9/1/24  
Amy & John Petrunyak

9/8/24  
Timmy Gierlinger &  
RaeAnn Jakubowski

9/15/24  
Sharon Walker  
& Carol Graham

9/22/24  
Kelly Sieracki

9/29/24  
Kathy Snyder

9/1/2024  
Linda Costa  
Kathy Burr

9/8/2024  
Bev Hess  
Rich Rice

9/15/2024  
Janet Sincebaugh  
Rick Tomaszewski

9/22/2024  
Linda Costa  
Rich Rice

9/29/2024  
Janet Sincebaugh  
Rick Tomaszewski

### DEACONS

9/1/2024  
Paul Rudz

9/8/2024  
RaeAnn Jakubowski

9/15/2024  
TBD

9/22/2024  
RaeAnn Jakubowski

9/29/2024  
Paul Rudz



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## GROUPS RESUMING IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday Bible Study: 9/8 @ 9am

Quilters: 9/10 @ 9:30am

Thursday Bible Study: 9/12 @ 1pm

Hand Bell Rehearsal: 9/12 @ 6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal: 9/12 @ 7:30pm

Sunday School: 9/15 @ 10am

Joysingers: 9/22 @ 9:30am

## EVENTS / MEETINGS

Property & Grounds: 9/8 @ 11:30am

Lancaster Garden Club: 9/11 @ 7pm

LYMA: 9/11 @ 7:30pm

LYMA Breakfast: 9/14 @ 8:30am

Coffee Hour: 9/15 @ 11:30am

Book Club: 9/19 @ 7pm

Worship & Music: 9/22 @ 11:30am

Council: 9/24 @ 7pm

Contra Dance: 9/27 @ 7pm

Music Sunday: 9/29 @ 10am

Youth Meeting: 9/29 @ 6-8pm





## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### WOMEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST

St. John's Lancaster and Elma Women's lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th @ 9am @ 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, September 4th.

### BIBLE STUDY

Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin again on Sunday, September 8 at 9 am in the Memorial Lounge. We will be continuing our study of the Gospel of Luke. Come join us each Sunday morning!

Thursday afternoon Bible Study will begin again on Thursday, September 12th at 1:00 pm. This fall we will be studying the Books of First and Second Corinthians. These were St. Paul's letters to this city in Greece where he had founded the congregation but had a number of issues with their ability to keep the faith. Come join the discussion in the area adjacent to the Chapel downstairs.

### 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

September 1, 8, 22

October 6, 13, 20, 27



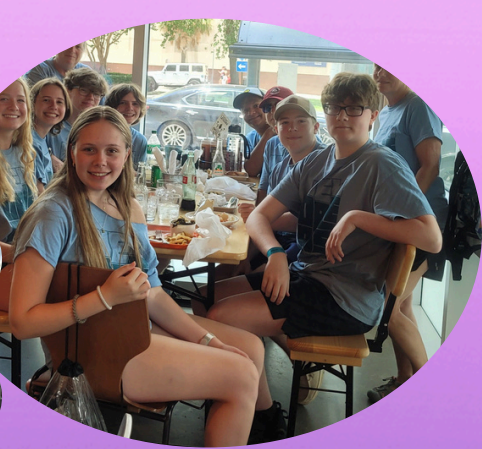
## PRAYER LIST

We lift up:

Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood,  
Edna Mann, George Stubblebein,  
Sarah Hermsmeyer, Ron Bennett,  
Roger Stapleton Jr, Tom & Ruth Morse,  
Tracy Will, Jim Kenline, Jackie Wolfram,  
Bruce Jacobs, Tim Joyce, Gus Alfano,  
Leon, Lisa & her son, Tim Kelly, Dave,  
Molly, Tully, Mary, & the family and  
friends of Doug Roland.



# ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2024



# LAKE CHAUTAUQUA LUTHERAN CENTER





# Happy Birthday



**JANET ENGELBACH-SCHAFFER, SEP 16**

**KYLE GRAFF, SEP 17**

**ZOEY HARRINGTON, SEP 17**

**PATRICK MCGUIRE, SEP 17**

**KAYDENCE LAVIS, SEP 18**

**JAMES SALGE, SEP 18**

**RUSSELL GRANATA, SEP 19**

**THOMAS FORBES, SEP 19**

**DANIEL RICE, SEP 19**

**KATHY KONSTABEL, SEP 19**

**GREGORY KWACZALA, SEP 19**

**MIIA DEMBSKI, SEP 20**

**KODIE BURNS, SEP 21**

**ERIN SHEEHAN, SEP 21**

**QUINN SALGE, SEP 21**

**JUDY FIORELLA, SEP 21**

**GERALDINE LONG, SEP 22**

**CHRISTINE HOFFMANN, SEP 23**

**STEVEN III KOHLHAGEN, SEP 23**

**KAREN MCGUIRE, SEP 24**

**JONATHAN GILLEN, SEP 24**

**SUSAN McHALE, SEP 24**

**AMY SHEEHAN, SEP 25**

**JOHN SWANSON, SEP 25**

**MADALYN MAYER, SEP 27**

**ANTHONY MAKI, SEP 27**

**KATHRYN SNYDER, SEP 28**

**CORINNE RUDZ, SEP 29**

**GENIE MADISON, SEP 30**

**STACIE DUDKOWSKI, SEP 1**

**ALIVIA FUNK, SEP 2**

**COLT BURRY, SEP 3**

**JOANN THAESLER, SEP 4**

**HARVEY BEAL, SEP 4**

**GARTH KRAEMER, SEP 6**

**BONNIE SCHRAUFSTETTER, SEP 6**

**ANNA PRIESTER, SEP 6**

**JAMES HEINE, SEP 6**

**MARK HARDY, SEP 7**

**ANDREW GORDON, SEP 7**

**LILA FECHER, SEP 8**

**ALEXA MITOLA, SEP 9**

**CYNTHIA KRATHAUS, SEP 9**

**ADAM WOJTUSIAK, SEP 10**

**ALEXANDRA ALDINGER, SEP 11**

**MARYLYNN CAMERON-KEMNA, SEP 11**

**RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI, SEP 12**

**EMMA LUDWIG, SEP 13**

**SANDRA HAUSER, SEP 13**

**MELODY JONES, SEP 13**

**MELVINEA BUMMER, SEP 13**

**RUSSELL GRANATA, SEP 13**

**SAMANTHA GIERLINGER, SEP 14**

**ARNO KONSTABEL, SEP 14**

**LINDSAY MILLER, SEP 14**

**NICHOLAS REIF, SEP 15**

**J. RICHARDS, SEP 15**

**JOHN HAEFNER, SEP 16**

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**Carol Graham (Vice-President)**

**Karen McClintock (Secretary)**

**Kathryn Snyder (Treasurer)**

**Sam Gierlinger**

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**I will instruct you and teach you  
in the way you should go; I will counsel  
you with my loving eye on you.**

*Psalm 32:8*