

THE GOOD NEWS

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster

JULY 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



The staff at LCLC has gathered together and begun their training to care for and teach the many children who will take part in Summer camp. JJ and Sam are both a part of the staff this year, which is a good sign that we are doing our part supporting young leaders in the Church. Both Elma and Lancaster have supported these two along their journey. One part of staff training is building lines of communication among the staff. Helping them to work together as well as possible, so that they can do the best job possible. I think that we can all agree that communication is a fundamental part of the human experience, and plays a role in the highs and lows of our lives. How many workplace struggles are a result of challenging communication? You can even see this play out on the sidelines of a football game. When Allen and Diggs started arguing on the sidelines this year, you could tell that the end was near for Diggs' time in Buffalo. Again, communication is fundamental to all the things we do with others. That being said, we need to remember that communication is also central to our relationship with God and the living out of our call. Jesus spoke often about prayer, and regularly attempted to find time to pray. It was Jesus who taught us how to pray:

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. “This, then, is how you should pray:” ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’ Matthew 6: 5-13

In prayer we can bring our hopes and fears to God. We can seek guidance or direction. Through our prayer we offer forgiveness and seek forgiveness. It is not a performance, we don't need to use specific words or phrases. We simply talk to God, and listen with our hearts. It is also something that we develop and grow in, just as any communication in any relationship. I encourage you to pray daily, to grow in your prayer life, to find new ways to pray.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)

At both Elma and Lancaster we will be offering a new way to pray and join in the prayers of the Church. We will have magnet boards (the Narthex at Elma, the Memorial lounge at Lancaster) and index cards, simply write a prayer concern or celebration on a card and put it on the board. They will be collected during the passing of the peace and read as one of the prayer petitions. When you hear "Lord in your mercy" and respond with "hear our prayer," you will know that it is your prayer being uplifted with the others. Again, grow in your communication with God. Pray without ceasing.

Peace,

Pastor Jamie



BOOK CLUB



Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, July 18th at 7:00 PM to discuss *THE GIRLS ARE GONE*, a nonfiction title written by Michael Brodkorb and Allison Mann.



On the evening of April 19, 2013, Samantha and Gianna Rucki disappeared. Two of five children born to David Rucki and Sandra Grazzini-Rucki, the teenage sisters vanished in the midst of their parents' divorce.

The girls' father, David Rucki, worked tirelessly with law enforcement to search day and night for his two missing daughters, following every lead while raising three remaining children at home. Their mother, Sandra Grazzini-Rucki, used her newfound freedom to vacation around the world, abandoning her children. And as the investigation intensified, catching the attention of the media, Sandra also disappeared.

Where are Samantha and Gianna? Are they alive? Were they ever found? Read this true story of two sisters who went missing, the father who kept searching, and the adults who conspired to keep the truth hidden. Then, come (as your schedule permits) and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-girls-are-gone-michael-brodkorb/1129769197?ean=2940156097128>



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00am In Person/ Online Service	1 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	2 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	3 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 6:00pm Wheelchair Football	4 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	5	6 9:30am - 11:30am Wheelchair Football 5:30pm In Person Service
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14 10:00am In Person/ Online Service 11:30am Property & Grounds	15 Good News Articles Due 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	16 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	17 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 6:00pm Wheelchair Football	18 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm Book Club	19	20 9:30am - 11:30am Wheelchair Football 5:30pm In Person Service
21 10:00am In Person/ Online Service	22 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen	23 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	24 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 6:00pm Wheelchair Football	25 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	26	27 9:30am - 11:30am Wheelchair Football 5:30pm In Person Service
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UPCOMING SCHEDULES & MEETINGS

USHERS

ALTAR GUILD

07/7/24
Sharon Walker
Carol Graham

07/14/24
Kelly Sieracki

07/21/24
Kathy Snyder

07/28/24
Amy & John
Petrunyak

7/7/2024
Linda Costa
Rich Rice

7/14/2024
Janet Sincebaugh
Sam Miller

7/21/2024
Carol Graham
Rick Tomaszewski

7/28/2024
Linda Costa
Kathy Burr

DEACONS

7/7/2024
Kathy Snyder

7/14/2024
RaeAnn

7/21/2024
Sam Miller

7/28/2024
Paul Rudz

MEETINGS

Women's Lunch @ Denny's - July 10th @ noon

Intern Committee - July 11th @ 7pm

Property & Grounds - July 14th @ 11:30am

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 18th.

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, July 10th @ noon @ Denny's @ 4757 Transit Rd, Depew. The cost is based on your order. If you have an AARP card, there may be a discount. Please Contact Beverly Hess @ 716-868-5096 with any questions. Please sign up by Sunday, July 7th.



ALTAR GUILD IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS



All are welcome - women, men & families - 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. This preparation is normally done on Saturday morning, however, it can be flexible to suit your schedule, but all must be ready for Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. Each pair of members serves on the scheduled rotation once every 4 or 5 weeks, depending on how many members we have. 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. Thank you!



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.

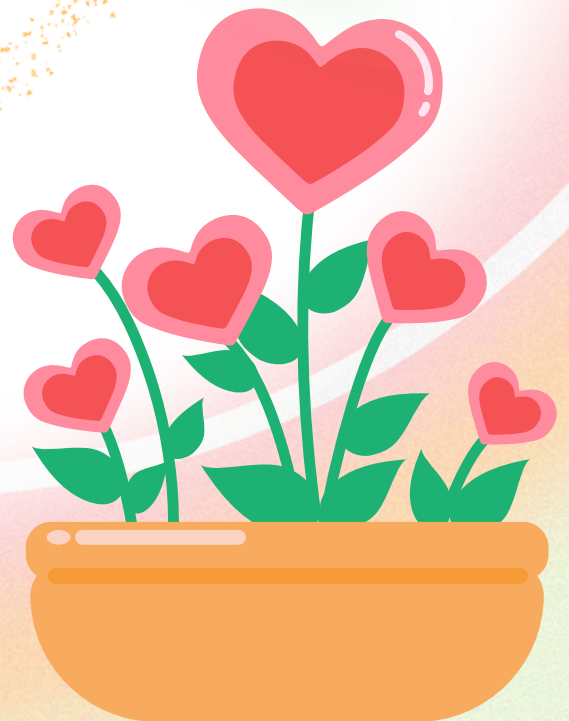
AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWER DATES

July 7, 14. 21. 28

August 4, 11, 18, 25

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,
Jaime Stopinski, Gus Alsano,
Grace Voss, Saylor, Gary Worthington,
the Dantzer family and Denise
Szymusiak & Family.





DYLAN MILLER, JUL 1
MICHAEL GRAHAM, JUL 2
BETTY ROSENTHAL, JUL 2
BRIDGET WILLADSEN, JUL 3
SHIRLEY MAKI, JUL 3
MEGAN REUKAUF, JUL 3
KENDALL DECAIRE, JUL 4
VICTORIA FREDERICKS, JUL 4
CHRISTOPHER WISNIEWSKI, JUL 5
MICHAEL MCGUIRE, JUL 5
MAGNOLIA KWACZALA, JUL 5
TIMOTHY CARNEY, JUL 6
LAURIE O'NEILL, JUL 7
FELICIA VALVO, JUL 8
GREYSON BECKMAN, JUL 8
IAN DEWALD, JUL 9
PATRICA SIERACKI, JUL 9
KEVIN KENNEDY, JUL 10
NICHOLAS WAWROWSKI, JUL 10
LINDA STAPLETON, JUL 10
PIERCE ANDERSON, JUL 12
DOUGLAS KAWALERSKI, JUL 12
KAREN McCLINTOCK, JUL 13
BAILEY DEMBSKI, JUL 13
HUDSON MARSH, JUL 14
JACOB CERVI, JUL 15
CHERYL REUKAUF, JUL 16



CYNTHIA SMITH, JUL 16
TODD VERDI, JUL 17
MARY ANN POWELL, JUL 17
RICHARD RICE, JUL 17
GLORIA RICHARDS, JUL 18
FELICIA ROSENTHAL, JUL 20
AMY GRAHAM, JUL 20
CARTER GUARINO, JUL 21
MICHELE FRONCZAK, JUL 21
RAELYN STRANC, JUL 22
ANDREA ROGACKI, JUL 22
WAYNE III LAVIS, JUL 22
ELLEN HARDY, JUL 24
SUSAN STRANC, JUL 25
RACHAEL LANGERMAN, JUL 25
SCOTT GILSON, JUL 26
REBECCA TERRY, JUL 26
JASON KAPPAN, JUL 27
LINDSAY PORTO, JUL 27
BENJAMIN BAYERBACH, JUL 29
THOMAS BURGIO, JUL 30
SHAWN NOWAK, JUL 31
KATHLEEN PETERS, JUL 31
JASON BURRY, JUL 31
LOGAN BECKMAN, JUL 31
MICHAEL WALKER, JUL 31



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Kathryn Snyder (Treasurer)

Sam Gierlinger

RaeAnn Jakubowski

Jamie Kloc

Marjorie Kruger

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Samuel Miller

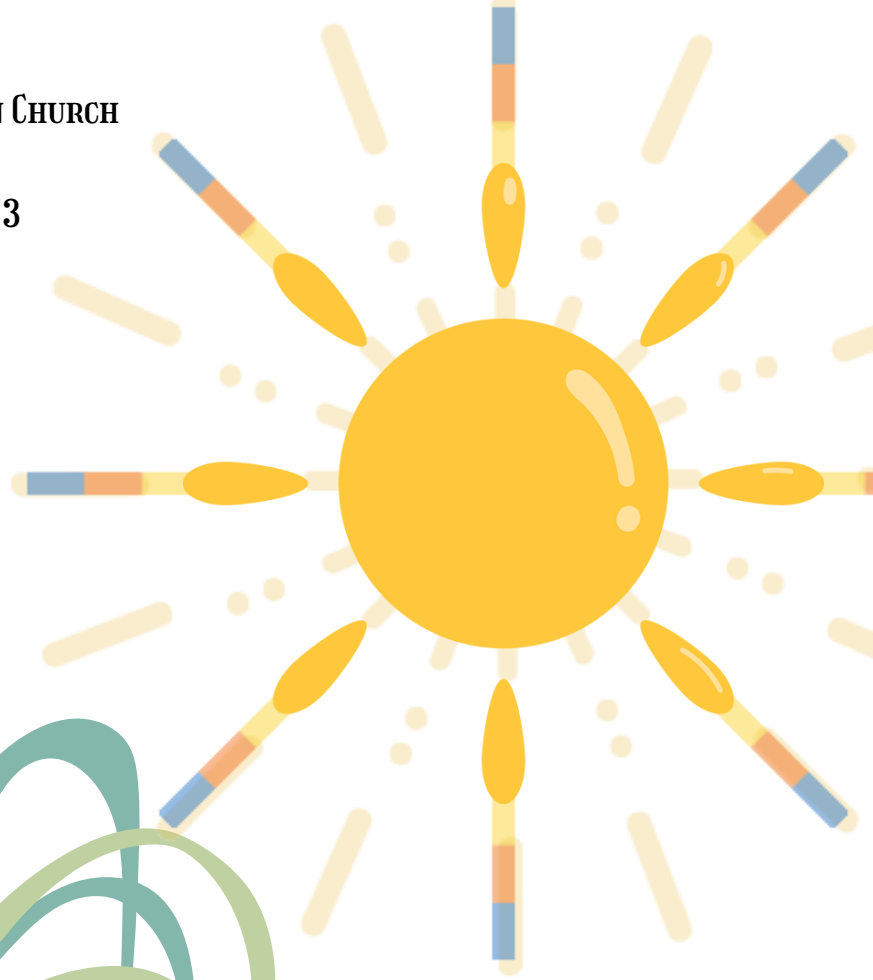
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