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# THE GOOD NEWS

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster*

February 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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**SAT. 5:30PM**

**SUN. 9:00AM & 10:30AM**

**IN PERSON/ONLINE WORSHIP**

**SUN. 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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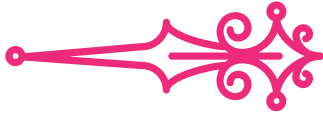
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# Pastor's Message



Pastor's Annual Report  
Submitted January 2021

Another year managing our way through a global pandemic. Hard to believe that we are still in the midst of these trying times. We found many ways to adjust our day-to-day operations as a result: masks, limited seating, parking lot services, online services, and the list goes on. I feel good about the way we've managed through all of this. We have continued to be the Church; we have continued to be St. Johns. As weddings and baptisms resume, it is starting to feel like things are slowly returning to "normal", like we are in pandemic recovery. My hope is that when I write this report next year, I can write about the pandemic in the past tense. I believe that moving past something isn't simply a passive activity. I believe God calls us to take part by moving forward, so that is what we will do as a community, as the Church, as the people of St. John's. To talk about how we might do that, I want to start with a story.

After a wind storm a bit ago, some of you noticed that we had a broken window on our steeple, and that the lightning ball on the tip top was crooked. Council discussed ways to get it fixed and we tasked Gary Rudz with getting in touch with a steeple repair expert. As it turns out, steeple repair is a specialized skill, and it also turns out we have the tallest steeple in Western New York. That means we would need out-of-state (and expensive) equipment rental, and expensive specialized "steeplejacks" (the title of a steeple repair expert - who knew?). Final estimated cost... 140,000\$. This wasn't a repair that could be put off; we needed to move ahead, but it also was a huge expense. Fortunately the steeple expert believed this was an expense that we could cover through our insurance policy. Insurance sent an adjuster and was willing to send 95,000\$ for the repair, far short of what we needed.

Finally, after some back and forth, insurance was willing to pay enough to cover the cost of the entire project. Even more, the repair company said they may be willing to donate the cost of our insurance deductible (1,000\$). In the end, a necessary and expensive repair will be done without costing the Church anything. I share this story for two reasons: first, its a great story worth highlighting; second, it may be the best example of stewardship that I've encountered. Through the donation of time, talent, and patience a 140,000\$ expense eventually became a 0\$ expense, with work set to begin in the spring.

Moving forward past the pandemic and other recent challenges will take the work and effort of all of you. I can't do this alone, and council can't do it on their own either. This can look like donating time towards a project. It can look like donating your skills to help out. It can look like sharing the resources you have to help out St. John's. It can look like inviting your friends and family to join you for Church some Sunday. There are plenty of ways to help out: Sunday school, choir, altar guild, ushers will be returning soon, deacons, quilters, youth... or perhaps you have an idea of a ministry you'd like to head up. On top of that, there are always projects to be done. For instance, I think that St. John's is due for some spring cleaning to get rid of things we no longer need, and clean out some of the long-neglected nooks and crannies. Perhaps you'd be willing and able to help. Your efforts may not save us from a 140,000\$ bill, but it is all of our efforts together that make up the ministry of St. John's, sustain our facilities, and cover our expenses.

Its time to begin thinking of ourselves not as a Church in the midst of a pandemic, but as a Church in recovery from a pandemic. The effects still linger. Our struggles aren't over, but we are recovering. I need all of your help in this, and I want to thank you in advance for all you have done and will do. We trust in God to guide us into our future together.

Peace

*Pastor Jamie*





# February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 9:00 AM In Person/ Online Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM In Person/ Online Service	<b>27</b> 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Church Office Hours 4:30 PM Guiding Eyes Mtg 7:30 PM Chordsmen Mtg	<b>28</b> 9:30 AM Quilters 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Church Office Hours 7:00 PM Council/Budget Meeting 7:00 PM NA Meeting	<b>29</b> 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Church Office Hours	<b>30</b> 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Church Office Hours 6:30 PM Handbell Practice 7:00 PM Budget Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	<b>31</b> 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>1</b> 5:30 PM In Person/ Streamed Service
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# Council Corner

by: Karen McClintock, St. John's Council Secretary



Hello, and Welcome to Council Corner,

As I sit here with our annual congregational meeting on the horizon, I am aware that it is the one-year anniversary of my service on the church council. Being on council is something that I have wanted to do for some time, but it always seemed like life was just too busy to make it happen. Wisdom comes with age (not that I am aging!). Life will always be busy with something. We can make choices within that “busyness” to be a part of something we hold meaningful. I have always felt that it is important to be involved and active in something that you value – if not you, who? Being a part of council connects me to the church and to this congregation, holds me accountable to put in the effort it takes to sustain something I love and value, and gives me an opportunity to utilize the gifts God has granted me. And yes, some weeks are still too busy, or (at the moment) it is dark and cold at night and I don’t want to have to go out to a meeting! But when I arrive, there is always a group of people with the same level of commitment to our church who I have been fortunate enough to get to know better – working, sharing, laughing, and praying. And all of a sudden, the thing I was working to sustain is now sustaining me – and that is a beautiful thing!

God Bless and Sustain you,

*Congregation Council*



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@stjohnslancaster to keep up to date with information and connect with other members of our congregation!

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 17th

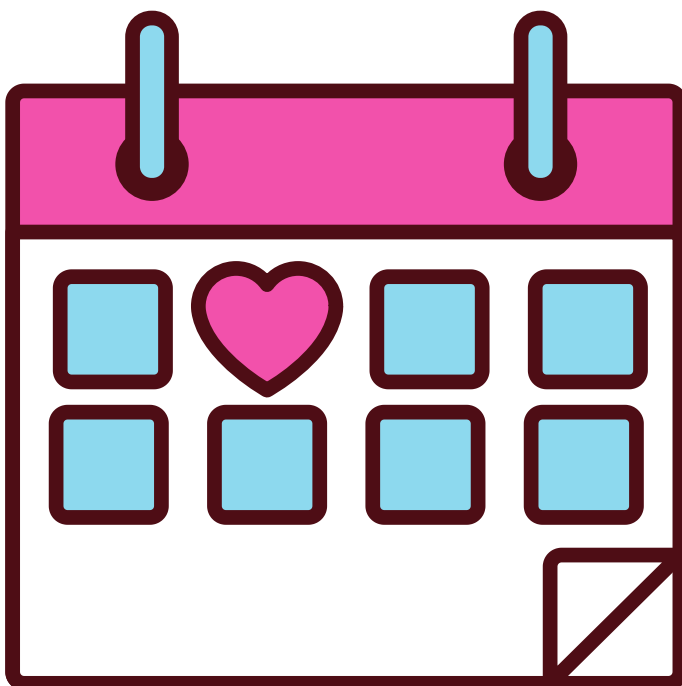
7:00pm in Memorial Lounge

Book Club meeting

Sunday, February 27th

10:30am Colt Burry

Baaptism



### FEBRUARY DEACON SCHEDULE

**02/06/2022 9AM  
KATHY KONSTABEL  
02/06/2022 1030AM  
SAM MILLER**

**02/13/2022 9AM  
RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI  
02/13/2022 1030AM  
KATHY KONSTABEL**

**02/20/2022 9AM  
RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI  
02/20/2022 1030AM  
SAM GIERLINGER**

**02/27/2022 9AM  
SAM MILLER  
02/27/2022 1030AM  
SAM GIERLINGER**

### FEBRUARY ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

**02/06/22  
SHARON WALKER  
CAROL GRAHAM**

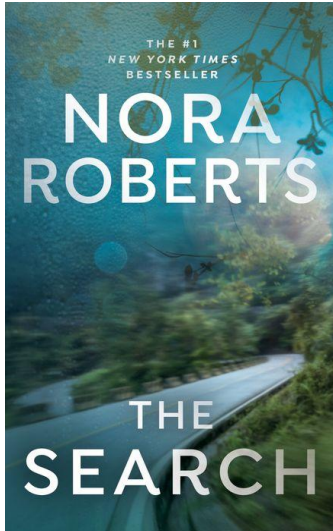
**02/13/2022  
KELLY SIERACKI**

**02/20/22  
CHERYL HELWIG  
KATHY SNYDER**

**02/27/2022  
AMY PETRUNYAK  
KAREN FREUND**



## Book Club



Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on **Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 PM** to discuss Nora Roberts' novel, *The Search*.

"To most people, Fiona Bristow seems to have an idyllic life—a quaint house on an island off Seattle's coast, a thriving dog-training school and a challenging volunteer job performing Canine Search and Rescue. But Fiona got to this point by surviving a nightmare: an encounter with the Red Scarf Killer, who shot and killed Fiona's cop fiancé and his K-9 partner.

On Orcas Island, Fiona has found the peace and solitude necessary to rebuild her life with her three loyal Labs. But all that changes on the day intensely private wood artist Simon Doyle barrels up her drive with an out-of-control puppy, desperate for her help.

As Fiona embarks on training Jaws, and Simon begins to appreciate both dog and trainer, the past tears back into Fiona's life. A copycat killer has emerged out of the shadows, a man whose bloodlust has been channeled by a master with one motive: to reclaim the woman who slipped out of his hands..." (Barnes and Noble "Overview," <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/search-nora-roberts/1100316737>)

Search-and-rescue dogs are a focal point of this wonderful tale of love and adventure. Read this novel featuring the perfect blend of character drama, realistic romance, and chilling suspense. Then come (as your schedule permits!) and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!



# 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:

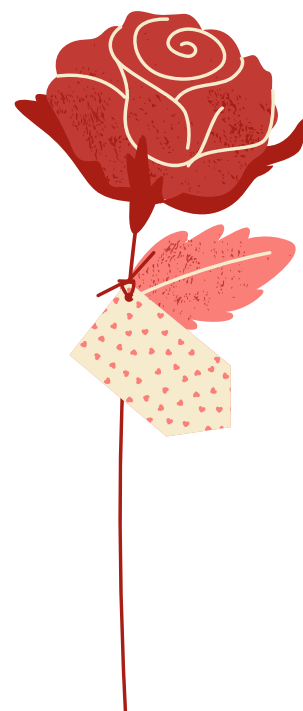
February 13th, 20th, 27th

March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

## Prayer List

We lift up: Elliana Meyers, Zach, Debra Wilczak, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Todd Potter, Debby Taylor, Hans Kiener, Glen Sternish, Marge Savash, Jessica & Scott Wander, George & Peg Tichy, Nance Baranowski, Bernie Lewis, Kimberly Stribing, Dennis Garry, Mary Ann Dossinger, and the friends & family of Dorothea Konstabel





# Happy Birthday!



STEPHEN ANDRUCHOWSKYJ, FEB 1  
COLLEEN SANTUCCI, FEB 1  
ROBERT PRIESTER, FEB 1  
ELIZA KERWIN, FEB 2  
BARBARA SCHMIDT, FEB 3  
RICHARD BURRY, FEB 3  
MICHAEL HAMMANN, FEB 4  
MARIE HEINE, FEB 4  
BRINLEY FULLER, FEB 4  
ANGELIA BOGGS, FEB 5  
AARON TRUDELL, FEB 5  
DEANNA WEBBER, FEB 5  
WILLIAM WEBBER, FEB 5  
DANIEL RUDZ, FEB 6  
KATHLEEN KASNIAK, FEB 6  
KATELYN POSS, FEB 7  
KATHRYN HAMMANN, FEB 7  
DONALD SUAREZ, FEB 7  
KEVIN DUDKOWSKI, FEB 8  
ETHAN THOMPSON, FEB 8  
CHIP MILLER, FEB 8  
NICHOLAS JACOBS, FEB 8  
MITCHELL FORBES, FEB 9  
ROBERT VILES, FEB 9  
EMILY RICE, FEB 9  
WENDY FRITZEN, FEB 9  
AMBER BURKHARDT, FEB 9  
PRESTON PAYNE, FEB 9  
JONATHAN OTTO, FEB 9  
DONNA ORLANDO-MARTIN, FEB 11  
SUSAN BURGIO, FEB 11  
JOSHUA PRESS, FEB 11  
JACOB BALCERZAK, FEB 12  
JAMIE MARSH, FEB 12

RERIC ORBAN, FEB 12  
AIDEN VALOIS, FEB 12  
RYAN LACORTE, FEB 12  
JULIANNE BARTOS, FEB 13  
CORRINE BARTOS, FEB 14  
BRIAN ALDINGER, FEB 14  
DENNIS PRZYKUTA, FEB 14  
RACHEAL KREHER, FEB 14  
MIKAYLA CONNOLLY, FEB 15  
RACHEL SCHWERTZ, FEB 15  
DYLAN KOPERA, FEB 15  
ABIGAIL LUDWIG, FEB 15  
JACE BAUER, FEB 16  
ALYSSA MARKOWSKI, FEB 17  
SAMUEL MILLER, FEB 17  
JOSHUA FUERST, FEB 18  
CHARLES JOOST, FEB 18  
LEILA SWANSON, FEB 18  
KENDALL WOLFF, FEB 18  
AARON BUSH, FEB 19  
THOMAS MORSE, FEB 20  
ANN MARIE KJELDGAARD, FEB 21  
MALAINA GRANATA, FEB 23  
KARIE LACORTE, FEB 23  
ANN MARIE ROLL-PAYNE, FEB 23  
JILL SAGE, FEB 24  
NATALIE WECHTER, FEB 25  
BARBARA WOJTUSIAK, FEB 25  
OWEN CINOTTI, FEB 25  
JOSHUA GAGLIARDI, FEB 26  
MICHAEL TROMMETTER, FEB 27  
ERIC CLINE, FEB 27  
JOEL PATTERSON, FEB 28  
MEGAN HARDY, FEB 29





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