

# THE GOOD NEWS

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster

OCTOBER 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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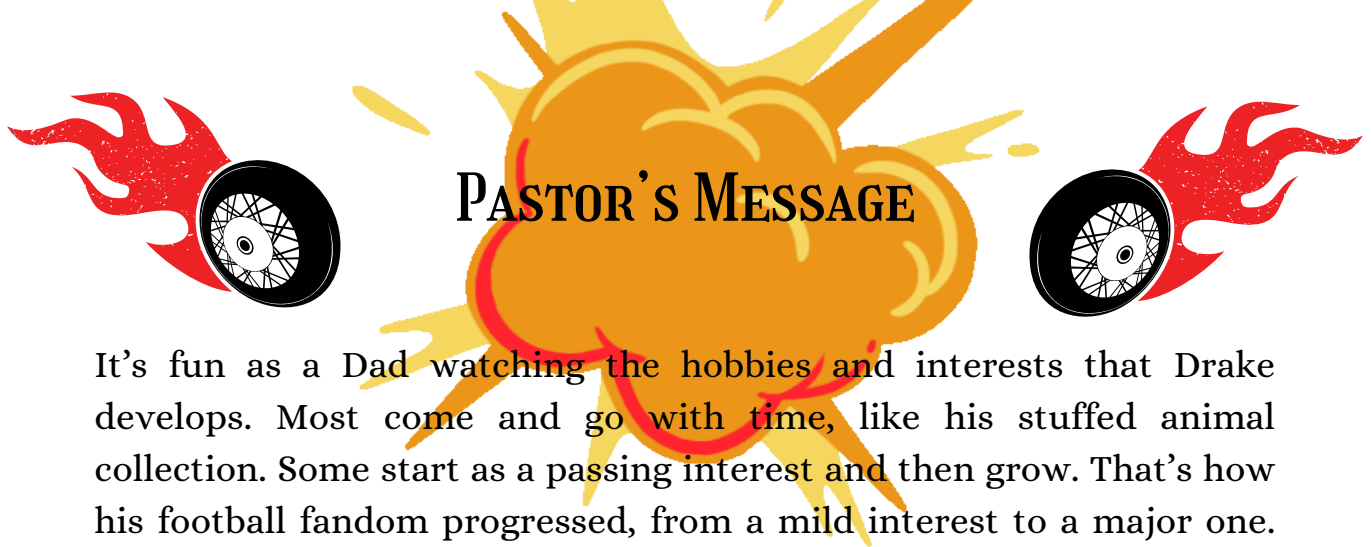
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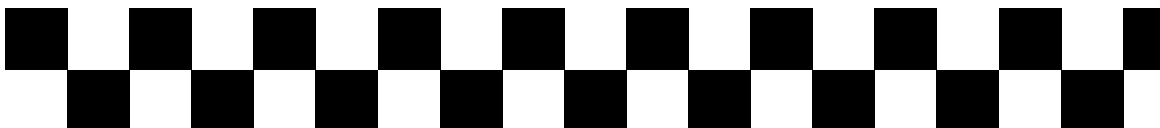
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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It's fun as a Dad watching the hobbies and interests that Drake develops. Most come and go with time, like his stuffed animal collection. Some start as a passing interest and then grow. That's how his football fandom progressed, from a mild interest to a major one. It's the hobbies that start as a major interest and continue to hold his interest for a stretch of time that make me wonder if this will be a life-long piece of who he is. He's only ever had two interests that fit into that category: the first has been making videos for YouTube, and the second began last year and hasn't slowed down since, hot wheels hunting.

You are probably familiar with hot wheels, the little toy cars that have been around since the 60's, but hot wheels hunting is different than just collecting the cars. Hunting is about seeking out valuable cars and preserving and displaying them. There are cars that have a little added value because of their make and model being popular; then there are treasure hunts, cars that have a limited production run and are worth 5-10 times more than a regular car, and finally there are super treasure hunts which are special paintjobs that are very limited and fetch 70-100 times the value of a regular car. He's got all the makes and models, paint schemes and production runs memorized; can sort through hundreds of cars in minutes and pull out the ones that have some value; then he'll go home, put them in protective covers, and display them. He has even convinced store managers to give him the displays the cars are on in the store so he can use those displays in his room. It really has been interesting watching him develop the interest, knowledge, skill and confidence to pursue this hobby, not to mention the discipline to save his allowance to pursue it.





## PASTOR'S MESSAGE (CONT'D)



We all have those things that we pursue in that same way, with knowledge, discipline, skill and confidence. Perhaps for you it is a hobby, your garden, your car, Disney or any other number of things. But what I hope for all of us is that we pursue our relationship with God in that same way. The Bible encourages us to do so over and over:

*Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Chronicles 16:11*

*God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. Acts 17:27*

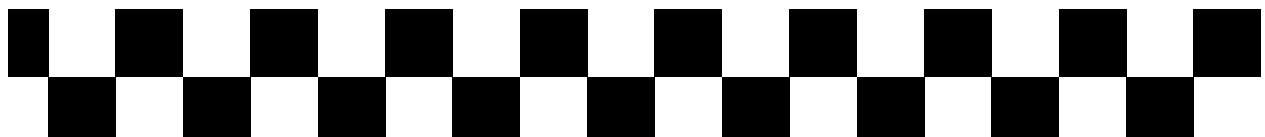
*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:14*

*The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Psalms 34:10*

I could go on with many more verses. God calls us to seek him out, to grow in our relationship with God. We all have a desire within us to seek out things: knowledge, our interests, love and more. At the heart of this seeking is God, the source of love, knowledge and all creation. May we seek out God with the same energy we seek these other things, with discipline, passion and confidence. May we grow in prayer, discernment and understanding, and in doing so better know the love and the peace of God.

Peace,

*Pastor Jamie*





# BOOK CLUB



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall (using the ramp entrance) on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 PM to discuss the novel, **ALL THE FLOWERS IN PARIS**, by Sarah Ji.

Two women are connected across time by the city of Paris, a mysterious stack of love letters, and shocking secrets sweeping from World War II to the present.

When Caroline wakes up in a Paris hospital with no memory of her past, she's confused to learn that for years she's lived a sad, reclusive life in a sprawling apartment on the rue Cler. Slowly regaining vague memories of a man and a young child, she vows to piece her life back together—though she can't help but feel she may be in danger. A budding friendship with the chef of a charming nearby restaurant takes her mind off her foggy past, as does a startling mystery from decades prior.

In Nazi-occupied Paris, a young widow named Céline is trying to build a new life for her daughter while working in her father's flower shop and hoping to find love again. Then a ruthless German officer discovers her Jewish ancestry and Céline is forced to play a dangerous game to secure the safety of her loved ones. When her worst fears come true, she must fight back in order to save the person she loves most: her daughter.

When Caroline discovers Céline's letters tucked away in a closet, she realizes that her apartment harbors dark secrets—and that she may have more in common with Céline than she could have ever imagined.

Read this is emotionally captivating novel rooted in the resiliency and strength of the human spirit, the steadfastness of a mother's love, and the many complex layers of the heart—especially its capacity to forgive. Then come (as your schedule permits) and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/all-the-flowers-in-paris-sarah-jio/1129912583?ean=9781101885079>



# October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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
<b>6</b> 9:00am Bible Study 9:30am Joysingers 10:00am In Person/ Online Service 10:00am Sunday School	<b>7</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>8</b> 9:30am Quilters 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>9</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm Lancaster Garden Club 7:30pm LYMA Mtg.	<b>10</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5:30pm In Person Service
<b>13</b> 9:00am Bible Study 9:30am Joysingers 10:00am In Person/ Online Service 10:00am Sunday School 11:30am Property & Grounds	<b>14</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>15</b> Good News Articles Due 9:30am Quilters 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>16</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>17</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30pm In Person Service
<b>20</b> 9:00am Bible Study 9:30am Joysingers 10:00am In Person/ Online Service 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	<b>21</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>22</b> 9:30am Quilters 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>23</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>24</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:00pm Book Club 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>25</b> 6:00pm Spooky Sleepover	<b>26</b> 5:30pm In Person Service
<b>27</b> REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am - 12:00pm Chowderfest 9:30am Joysingers 10:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship/Confirmation 11:30am Gathering Sponsor Reception 5:00pm - 7:00pm Trunk or Treat 7:00pm - 8:30pm YOUTH - Clean-up and Party	<b>28</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes 7:30pm Chordsmen	<b>29</b> 9:30am Quilters 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm NA Meeting	<b>30</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	<b>31</b> 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30pm In Person Service

<https://www.stjohnslanc.org/calendar>

# LYMA Chowder Fest

St. John's Lancaster  
55 Pleasant Ave  
716-683-8972

October 27th  
9:00am  
'til Sold Out



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT OCTOBER 27TH FROM 5-7PM

St. John's Lutheran in Lancaster  
55 Pleasant Ave \* 716-683-8972



# SPAGHETTI DINNER

November 5th @ 4-7 pm



**Dine in/Take-out  
St. John's Lancaster  
55 Pleasant Avenue  
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# UPCOMING SCHEDULES

## DEACONS

### ALTAR GUILD

10/06/24

Amy Petrunyak  
John Petrunyak

10/13/24

Timmy Gierlinger  
RaeAnn Jakubowski

10/20/24

Sharon Walker  
Carol Graham

10/27/24

Kelly Sieracki

10/6/2024

Paul

10/13/2024

RaeAnn

10/20/2024

Paul

10/27/2024

RaeAnn



### USHERS

10/6/2024

Bev Hess

Rick Tomaszewski

10/13/2024

Janet Sincebaugh  
Linda Costa

10/20/2024

Janet Sincebaugh  
Rich Rice

10/27/2024

Linda Costa  
Kathy Burr

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

Lancaster Garden Club: 10/9 @ 7pm

LYMA: 10/9 @ 7:30pm

Property & Grounds: 10/13 @ 11:30am

Coffee Hour: 10/20 @ 11:30am

Book Club: 10/24 @ 7pm

Contra Dance: 10/25 @ 7pm

Chowderfest: 10/27 @ 9am-12pm

Confirmations: 10/27 @ 10am

Trunk-or-Treat: 10/27 @ 5-7pm

Council: 10/29 @ 7pm

Youth Meeting: 9/29 @ 6-8pm



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



10/25-26, **Spooky Sleep Over.**

Nativity church, E. Aurora NY. 6pm-9am. This is also Lancaster vs Depew game at Depew NY. I may attend game to hear some of our Youth then head out to Lock In. More info to follow. Please let Kelly know if your interested in either event or need transportation. This is run by Lutheran Youth

10/27, **Congratulations to all being Confirmed!**

Youth arrive at 9am to help Men's group sell chowder. Gathering Youth speak briefly in service about "New Orleans". Following service we are holding a reception during Coffee hour as a thank you to all sponsors. We will have pictures on boards to share. I will reach out separately to each of you. We've discussed singing/playing "Oceans" along with Tim to honor our Confirmands & Congregation during service. Trunk or Treat sponsored by our Youth 5-7pm: Youth arrive at 4pm for set up/decorate. Clean up 7pm. Party for Youth & more discussion of Youth room. Bring yourself & friends for a fun evening.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WOMEN'S GROUP LUNCH

St. John's Lancaster & Elma Women's lunch is scheduled on Wednesday, October 9th @ 9am @ Olive Tree on Broadway in Lancaster. The cost is based on your order. Please call or text Bev Hess @ 716-868-5096 to sign up by Wednesday, October 3rd.

## REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

Bible Study @ 9am

Joysingers @ 9:30am

Chowder Sale @ 9am-12pm

Worship & Confirmations @ 10am

Gathering Sponsor TY Coffee Reception after Worship

Youth: Trunk or Treat Set-up @ 4pm

Trunk or Treat 5pm-7pm

Youth: Trunk or Treat Clean-up @ 7pm

Youth Party (after clean-up) 'til 8:30pm

## ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

IT'S SPAGHETTI TIME !!!! St. John's Council "elected" to hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday, November 5th from 4-7pm. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall so we can share each other's company while enjoying a delicious meal. Take-out will also be available. The cost is \$10 per meal. Many hands make light work, so we would very much appreciate your help to prepare and serve, or to package take-out meals. Sign-up sheets will be available if you are able to join us that day, and/or, donations of pies or other easily-served desserts are always welcome and appreciated.



## 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

October 6, 13, 20,  
November 3, 10, 17, 24

### PRAYER LIST

We pray with confidence for:  
Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood,  
Edna Mann, George Stubblebein,  
Sarah Hermsmeyer, Ron Bennett,  
Roger Stapleton Jr, Tom & Ruth Morse,  
Tracy Will, Jackie Wolfram,  
Bruce Jacobs, Tim Joyce, Dave, Rose,  
Salvatore Mattina, and the family  
& friends of Jim Kenline,



# happy birthday

ROXANN ESFORD, Oct 2  
CHERYL HELWIG, Oct 3  
JOSHUA RUFFNER, Oct 3  
MATILDA MADISON, Oct 4  
TAMMY QUILLEN, Oct 4  
MARY DUDKOWSKI, Oct 5  
MARJORIE KRUGER, Oct 5  
JESSICA NANTKA, Oct 5  
SCOTT BALCERZAK, Oct 7  
PATRICK MITOLA, Oct 7  
JANET SINCEBAUGH, Oct 7  
KAYLA SAULTER, Oct 7  
JUDITH DEWALD, Oct 8  
KARA REFERMAT, Oct 9  
CINDY CRAWFORD, Oct 9  
BRENNA BUCCIERI, Oct 9  
MIA MAKI, Oct 10  
OWEN PORTO, Oct 12  
RUSSELL STRANC, Oct 12  
GREGORY BUNN, Oct 12  
CHRISTINE MAKI, Oct 13  
JANET POWERS, Oct 14  
AARON WAWROWSKI, Oct 14  
CONNOR KRAWCZYK, Oct 14  
SUZANNE MILLER, Oct 15  
HARRY BOETTCHER, Oct 16  
PHILIP KLOC, Oct 16  
DANA HINEMAN, Oct 16

SMARTIN PETERS, Oct 17  
HARON KELLER, Oct 17  
BRENDEN BURRY, Oct 18  
BRENNAH DEWALD, Oct 18  
SHARADE ALDINGER, Oct 20  
STEVEN KERWIN, Oct 20  
DONNA TERRY, Oct 21  
LYNN HOFFMAN, Oct 21  
ROBBIE HENDERSHOT, Oct 21  
SUSAN THAESLER, Oct 23  
FRANK MADDOCK, Oct 23  
SHANNA NOWAK, Oct 24  
DANIELLA STOWBUNENKO, Oct 24  
DIANA SIERACKI, Oct 24  
ONNOLEE ORBAN-PAULSEN, Oct 24  
JACOB KLINGER, Oct 25  
ROBIN MITOLA, Oct 26  
DUSTYN MAKI, Oct 26  
JENNIFER JACOBS, Oct 26  
SHARON WALKER, Oct 26  
CHRISTIAN SIERACKI, Oct 27  
CHRISTOPHER KRUEGER, Oct 27  
COLE FRIEND, Oct 29  
ALEX KIENER, Oct 29  
CYNTHIA SPETH, Oct 30  
CAROL BALCERZAK, Oct 30  
JOHN PETRUNYAK, Oct 30  
PEGGY SUE LAYER, Oct 31





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**Rev. John Scarafia, Pastor Emeritus**

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**Dr. Vicky Chang, Director of Music**

**Cindy Jo Speth, Housekeeping**

**Michael Walker, Sexton**

**Donna McGrew, Financial Secretary**

**Melissa Dwyer, Church Secretary**

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**Carol Graham (Vice-President)**

**Karen McClintock (Secretary)**

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**RaeAnn Jakubowski**

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**Do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be afraid, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you; I will help you;  
I will uphold you with my victorious  
right hand. Isaiah 41:10**