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JOHN 1:17

*The law indeed was given through Moses;
 grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*



THE GOOD NEWS

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster

July 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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WORSHIP TIMES

SAT. 5:30PM

SUN. 9:30AM

IN PERSON/ONLINE WORSHIP

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MONDAY-THURSDAY

10:00AM-3:00PM

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Pastor's Message



I've mentioned before that as far as famous or notable people go Mr. Rogers is someone I truly admire. There are several people that often get mentioned in the upper echelon of historical people to admire: Gandhi, George Washington, Mother Theresa and Martin Luther King Jr., to name a few. The thing is, all of those people have some notable character flaws. People we know were harmed by some of their actions. Not so with Mr. Rogers, as far as I'm aware, and I've looked into it. No one who interacted with Fred Rogers has a negative thing to say about him. The happy, kind and loving character he portrayed on TV was in fact who he was in real life as well. I find it amazing that with all the people he interacted with over his life, not a single negative story has come out. I've often wondered how this could be. How is it that he is so universally well regarded? While rereading a well known verse, I think I found my answer.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13: 4-13*

All of these great individuals endeavored to some notable end, such as freedom, equality or charity, but Fred Rogers endeavored to love God's people. As Paul tells us, all of those other noble pursuits have their limits. They will fade and fail. In fact, he tells us that those noble pursuits without love are just noise. Mr. Rogers spent his life spreading the gospel (he was an ordained pastor) by way of spreading love and telling children and adults that they were loved "just the way you are". Perhaps Mr. Rogers is a real life example of the lesson that Paul was trying to teach us. Perhaps we best live into God's call, when we love others and love God.

What truly makes this so remarkable is that not only is this love world-changing, it is attainable. I'll never be George Washington fighting for the freedom of my people, but I can lead with love, making sure that Christ's love is at the forefront of all my interactions with others. I can do that at home, at work, in my community and at Church. I can practice that love and get better at it. I can take that love with me into difficult situations and mundane ones. In all we do we can lead with love, just like Paul taught.

Peace
Pastor Jamie





Council Corner



Dear fellow Lutherans,

Saint John's LYMA (Lutheran Young Men's Association) has proudly served our church for 149 years. We are looking forward to celebrating our 150th anniversary soon. By the way, the word "Young" was inserted in the 1950s to encourage all men to consider membership, and it stays with us today in that spirit. Our Men's Association is the oldest chapter in New York.

Any male 18 years old or over can join our ranks, sharing some laughs, fellowship, fun events, and help serve our congregation. We understand people are very busy, so we do not require a great deal of your time. All we ask is that you stop in to one of our meetings or inquire of one of our officers or members to find out what we are about. We have a display case on the left wall as you enter church which contains our event information, announcements, applications and other items of note.

Over the past 50 years we have given over \$50,000 back to our church through money we have raised from our fundraising events and donations. With our members help we have been able to give to those in need, proudly support our youth and other activities within our church.

There are veterans display plaques on the walls to honor our servicemen, and we have teamed up with the Boy Scouts to create the American Memorial Garden and flagpole on our south lawn. LYMA supports the youth in Sunday school programs and Vacation Bible school, as well as purchases items needed for our facility. The kitchen refrigerator, dishwasher, coffee makers, and kitchen supplies are just a part of what we have contributed. We also support Lutheran Charities, the Ride for Roswell, and events at The GreenFields Continuing Care Community.

This year we plan to clean and paint the Pastor's shed, and to have hand railings installed on the ramp entrances of our facility to better and more safely allow access to our sanctuary and hall.

We have a spring Founder's Day breakfast at the Olive Tree to celebrate our anniversary, and we have a fall memorial breakfast to recognize and remember our past brothers in Christ. Our Monday evening golf league started in May, and anyone is invited. It's at Kis' N Greens golf course beginning at 5pm. All skill levels welcome! We also have Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres game parties scheduled for this fall. Plan on attending our Oktoberfest 2023, details to follow.

We meet the second Wednesday every month at 7:30pm, either at our church or at the Walden Avenue VFW. (We do not hold July and August meetings)

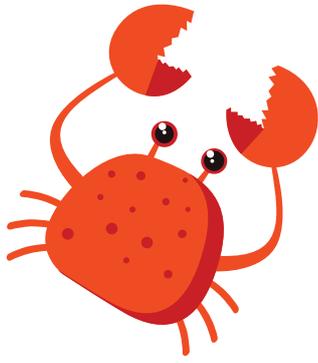
In conclusion, please continue to support us in our service to the Church. We look forward to a great year and an even bigger 2023!

God Bless!

The St. John's LYMA

"Were on a mission from God"





July



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30am In Person/ Online Service	27 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes Mtg 5:15pm LYMA Golf 7:30pm Chordsmen Mtg	28 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm NA Meeting	29 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	30 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study	1 7:30pm NA Meeting	2 5:30pm In Person/ Streamed Service
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Upcoming Events and Schedules

BIBLE STUDY

1pm Thursdays

LYMA GOLF DAYS

5:15 pm Mondays

@ Kis' n Greens Alden

Buffalo Bisons

Baseball Night

July 22 @ 7:05

[www.WNYLutheran](http://www.WNYLutheranCharities.org)

Charities.org

ALTAR GUILD

SCHEDULE

07/03/2022
KELLY SIERACKI

07/10/2022
CHERYL HELWIG
KATHY SNYDER

07/17/22
AMY PETRUNYAK
KAREN FREUND

07/24/2022
TIMMY GIERLINGER
RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI

07/31/22
SHARON WALKER
CAROL GRAHAM

DEACON SCHEDULE

7/3/2022
KATHY SNYDER

7/10/2022
SAM MILLER

7/17/2022
SAM GIERLINGER

7/24/2022
RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI

7/31/2022
KATHY SNYDER

USHER SCHEDULE

9:30AM SUNDAY

7/3/2022
SAM MILLER
BEVERLY HESS

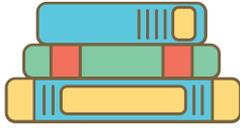
7/10/2022
CAROL GRAHAM
GREG WILDRIDGE

7/17/2022
LINDA COSTA
RICH RICE

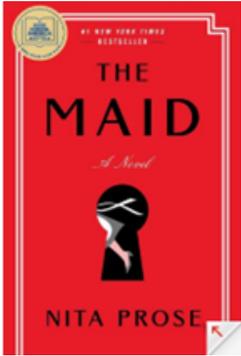
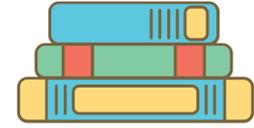
7/24/2022
SAM MILLER
BEVERLY HESS

7/31/2022
CAROL GRAHAM
GREG WILDRIDGE





Book Club



Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, July 21st at 7:00 PM to discuss Nita Prose's novel, *THE MAID*.

Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misreads the intentions of others. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, codifying it into simple rules that Molly could live by.

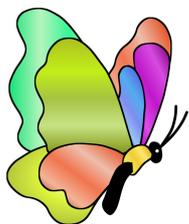
Since Gran died a few months ago, twenty-five-year-old Molly has been navigating life's complexities all by herself. No matter—she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid. Her unique character, along with her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette, make her an ideal fit for the job. She delights in donning her crisp uniform each morning, stocking her cart with miniature soaps and bottles, and returning guest rooms at the Regency Grand Hotel to a state of perfection.

But Molly's orderly life is upended the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black, only to find it in a state of disarray and Mr. Black himself dead in his bed. Before she knows what's happening, Molly's unusual demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect. She quickly finds herself caught in a web of deception, one she has no idea how to untangle. Fortunately for Molly, friends she never knew she had unite with her in a search for clues to what really happened to Mr. Black—but will they be able to find the real killer before it's too late?

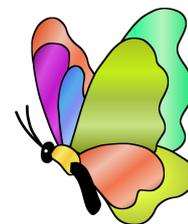
A Clue-like, locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, *THE MAID* explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different—and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.

Let imperturbable Molly take you by the hand as you solve this fun, fast and endlessly sweet mystery together! Then come (as your schedule permits) and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-maid-nita-prose/1139190372?ean=9780593356159>



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 3, 17, 24

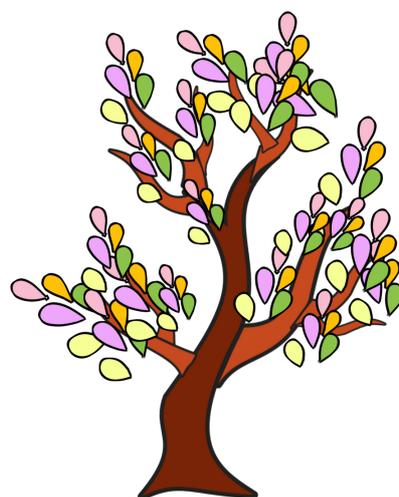
August 7, 14, 28

September 4, 11, 18, 25



Prayer List

We lift up: Elliana Meyers, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Debby Taylor, Hans Kiener, Don Spanitz, Joann Thaesler, Bill, Janet, Bernie Lewis, Edna Mann, Gary Basher, Jackie Engelbach-Uqale, and the family and friends of Kimberly Stribing.

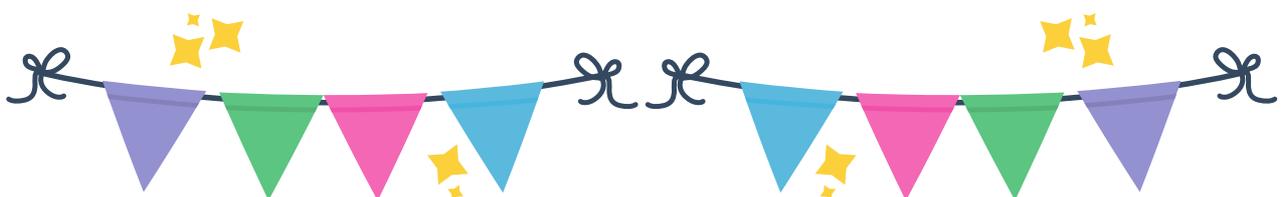


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BIRTHDAY

DYLAN MILLER, 07-01
HEIDI POPEK, 07-01
MICHAEL GRAHAM, 07-02
ANDREW MITCHELL, 07-02
BETTY ROSENTHAL, 07-02
BRIDGET WILLADSEN, 07-03
SHIRLEY MAKI, 07-03
MEGAN REUKAUF, 07-03
KENDALL DECAIRE, 07-04
VICTORIA FREDERICKS, 07-04
RACHEL MAZUREK, 07-04
MICHAEL MCGUIRE, 07-05
CHRISTOPHER WISNIEWSKI, 07-05
MATTHEW IV RUSSO, 07-06
BEAU BURRY, 07-06
TIMOTHY CARNEY, 07-06
LAURIE O'NEILL, 07-07
HELEN DIEBEL, 07-07
GREYSON BECKMAN, 07-08
FELICIA VALVO, 07-08
IAN DEWALD, 07-09
PATRICA SIERACKI, 07-09
LINDA STAPLETON, 07-10
BRADLEY REITMEIER, 07-10
KEVIN KENNEDY, 07-10
NICHOLAS WAWROWSKI, 07-10
PIERCE ANDERSON, 07-12
DOUGLAS KAWALERSKI, 07-12
CHRIS BRUNEA, 07-12
KAREN MCCLINTOCK, 07-13
FRANK KOTOWSKI, 07-13
BAILEY DEMBSKI, 07-13
JENNIFER ANTHONY, 07-14
JEREMY TRIPP, 07-14

JACOB CERVI, 07-15
CYNTHIA SMITH, 07-16
CHERYL REUKAUF, 07-16
RICHARD RICE, 07-17
MARY ANN POWELL, 07-17
GLORIA RICHARDS, 07-18
DAVID SPETH, 07-18
ARCADIO KAWALERSKI, 07-19
AMY GRAHAM, 07-20
FELICIA ROSENTHAL, 07-20
MICHELE BURT, 07-20
MICHELE FRONCZAK, 07-21
ALLEN QUILLEN, 07-21
CARTER GUARINO, 07-21
WAYNE III LAVIS, 07-22
ANDREA ROGACKI, 07-22
RAELYN STRANC, 07-22
ZENITH TOMASZEWSKI, 07-24
ELLEN HARDY, 07-24
CAROLANNA REINER, 07-25
RACHAEL LANGERMAN, 07-25
SUSAN STRANC, 07-25
PATRICIA SPANITZ, 07-25
SCOTT GILSON, 07-26
REBECCA TERRY, 07-26
JASON KAPPAN, 07-27
LINDSAY PORTO, 07-27
MATTHEW HINEMAN, 07-30
THOMAS BURGIO, 07-30
LOGAN BECKMAN, 07-31
KATHLEEN PETERS, 07-31
SHAWN NOWAK, 07-31
MICHAEL WALKER, 07-31
JASON BURRY, 07-31





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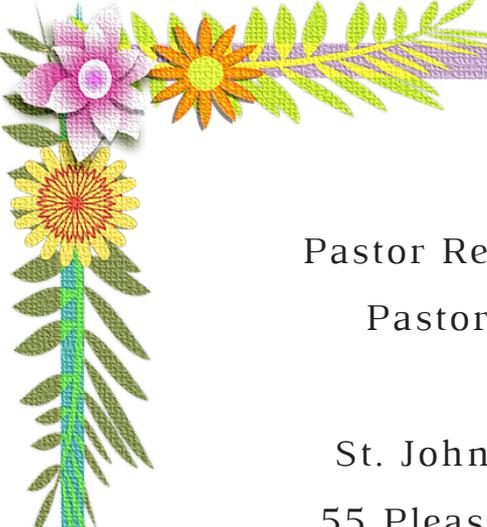
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