

# St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church



## January Newsletter



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

# Good News

January 2019

## 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

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### Worship Services

SATURDAY 5:30pm

SUNDAY 9:00am

Sunday School 9:00am

SUNDAY 10:30am

### Office Hours

9:00am-2:00pm

Monday– Thursday

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### Transition Pastor

Rev. Tim Madsen

*I do **//** not at all  
understand the  
mystery of  
grace, only that  
it meets us  
where we are  
but does not  
leave us where*

Dear St. John Friends,

The transition process is moving forward, I know many of you are longing to get back to the notion of having your own pastor here, leading worship each Sunday, getting to know you, and assuming the pastoral ministry. We may have news for you soon. So I simply ask you to continue to be patient and let the process work its way to completion. One of my regrets has been my inability to worship with you on Sunday mornings. It was a real joy for me to come down on All Saints Sunday for the Confirmation Service. I'm planning to be there at the end of January for the Sunday of the Annual Meeting. I've managed to lead worship quite a few times on Saturday evening, and feel like I've established a good relationship with the folks who attend.

As we come nearer to the end of this transition, I want to say

clearly that each and every one of you holds the future of this congregation in your hands. If you still feel some hurt or resentment because we ARE in transition, I urge you to let the passage from 2018 to 2019, be a reason to let it go. Your new pastor, whomever he or she will be, needs to have your support to move forward with strength.

Personally, I am enjoying each day I get to work with the folks that you elected to be your leaders. They have really stepped up to the task, and done so with faith and with a good spirit. I will cherish the friendships I have made over the course of this year. One of the greatest gifts St. John's has, are its youth. I appreciate all the hard work that has gone on this year to see that they are provided opportunities for fun and faith building and service to you and to others. I've enjoyed the time I've spent with many of them in the



## Wordship Leaders for January

Jan. 5            5:30pm Pr. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill

Jan. 6            9:00am Pr. Jerilyn Brown  
                     10:30am Pr. Jerilyn Brown

Jan. 12          5:30pm Pr. Tim Madsen

Jan. 13          9:00am Pr. Rich Neal  
                     10:30am     Pr. Rich Neal

Jan. 19          5:30pm Pr. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill

Jan 20           9:00am Deacon Mary Wolf  
                     10:30am     Deacon Mary Wolf

Jan. 26          5:30pm Pr. Tim Madsen



“Faith isn't about having everything figured out ahead of time; faith is about following the quiet voice of God without having everything figured out ahead of time.”

## Deacon Schedule for January

Jan. 6	9:00am	Sam Miller
	10:30AM	Kathy Snyder
Jan. 13	9:00am	Raeann Jakubowski
	10:30am	Sharon Keller
Jan 20	9:00am	Carol Graham
	10:30am	Kathy Kon-
		stabel

## Acolyte/Crucifer Schedule for January

Jan. 6	9:00am	A-Corrine Bartos, C-Robert Bashor
	10:30AM	A-Regina Cinotti, C-Aiden Carney
Jan. 13	9:00am	A-Miia Dembski, C-Alex Kiener
	10:30am	A-Katelyn Poss, C-Jenna Drake
Jan 20	9:00am	A-Grace Sheehan. C-Michael Sheehan
	10:30am	A-Samantha Gierlinger, C-
		Samantha Morse

## Message from the Upstate New York Synod

As we celebrate the season of Epiphany, we remember the gifts the wise men brought to the baby Jesus. If you could give Jesus a gift, what would it be? You can, you know, and you actually already do. Because your congregation sends a portion of your offering to the Synod, you give gifts to Jesus all over the world. Jesus, in the form of a teenager from Central America who is in the United States because he fears for his life at home (Accompanying Mi-grant Minor with Protection, Advocacy, Representation, and Oppportunity). Jesus, in the form of a family in California who just lost everything in the wild fires (Lutheran Disaster Relief). Jesus, who lives in Zimbabwe and has a school to go to thanks to you (World Hunger). Jesus, a student at college who is lonely and looking for guidance (Campus Ministry). Jesus, a refugee at the border (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services). Jesus, a seminary student who can't pay her tuition (Fund for Leaders). All these ministries, and many more, are funded by Mission Support. If you'd like to learn more, go to [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org) and click on the "Our Work" tab.

# Announcements

and remind-

## Offering Envelopes

If you are a member and do not have offering envelopes please place your name and contact information on the list in the narthex. Once you place your information on the list then our financial team will contact you to set up your envelopes.

Any question please feel

## Annual Meeting

SUNDAY 1/27 there will be one worship service at 10am.

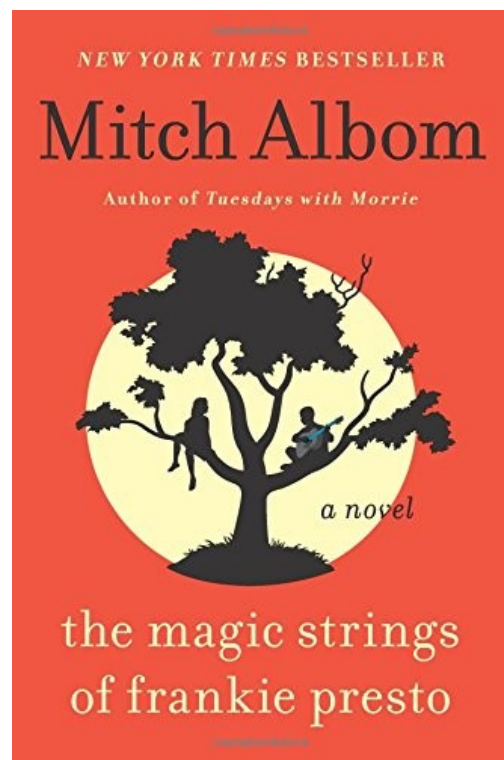
Afterwards will be the annual meeting.

## Angel Tree Project

Many thanks to everyone from St. John's who gave generously for the Salvation Army Angel Tree project. Our church members donated over 100 gifts and gave monetary donations for this special cause. A big thank you to those who donated for the last-minute special collection. As a result, we were able to purchase gifts for the final 3 tags that were still on the tree! Thanks for sharing your blessings with others and assisting The Salvation

## BOOK CLUB!

Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st AT 7:00PM** to discuss Mitch Albom's novel "The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto." A Spanish war orphan born in a burning church and raised by a blind guitar teacher, Frankie Presto was gifted with extraordinary musical abilities that shape not only his life

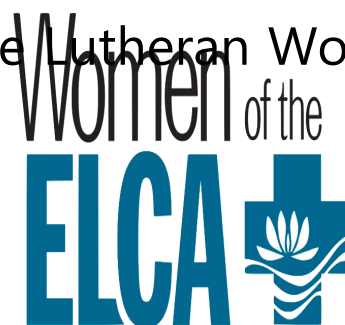


but the lives of those around him. At not only 9 years old, Frankie meets the love of his life, Aurora; that same day, civil war tears them apart his home and he is sent to Ameri

## Soap Sunday– Feb. 17th

We are asking everyone to bring in a bar of new and wrapped soap; any kind or size. This is Family Church Sunday as well so even the Sunday School children will be participating. Let's all remember to bring in a bar of soap and see how much we can collect for the Lutheran World Relief that will be sent with the quilts!

Kathy Snyder, WELCA president





## YOUTH GROUP!!

Hello youth and parents!

Mark down January 11th in your calendars because we are having a LOCK-IN! Get ready for an amazing night! It will run from 8pm to 9am the next morning. Please bring a snack to share and any sleeping gear you will need! A snow date is set for January 18th in case the weather takes a turn for the worse. If you have any questions contact Kelly Sieracki at 868-3023

### IMPORTANT INFO:

What: Youth Lock-In

When: January 11th (snow date January 18th) 8pm-9am



## Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold a meeting March 3rd. Knitters and crocheters needed as well as donations of yarn, especially baby yarn. Please contact Cindy Jo Speth at

# Happy birthday!

Time to cele-

Michael Coulter 1/1

Eleanor Paulson 1/1

Peyton Richards 1/1

Richard Schafer 1/1

Garrett Grant 1/2

David Sieracki 1/2

Joyce Wolanske 1/2

Bonnie Wolf 1/2

Gabrielle Gaczewski  
1/4

Alice Kryszczynski 1/4

Renneth Rudz 1/4

Susan Spinuzza 1/4

Katie Boersch 1/5

Jeffrey Kostecky 1/6

Ronald Fuerst 1/7

Jared Dembski 1/8

Edna Mann 1/8

Ella Mae Booth 1/10

Alexis Grant 1/10

Mark Grucella 1/10

Alexander Powers 1/10

Maximilian Samulski 1/10

Caroline Schaff 1/10

Kathy Burr 1/11

Jason Poss 1/11

Linda Costa 1/12

# Happy birthday!

Time to celebrate contin-

Norma Paulson 1/14

Connor Donhauser 1/23

Madison Poss 1/14

Hayley Landahl 1/23

Francesca Fronczak 1/15

David Smith 1/23

Jo Ann Streit 1/16

Nathaniel Vorwerk 1/23

Mark Lindauer 1/17

Davina Jackson 1/24

Mark Scherer 1/17

Benjamin Russo 1/24

Kimberly Wawrowski 1/17

Matthew Cinotti 1/25

Barbara Litz 1/18

Christopher Gulas-Karaszewski

Steven Weidmann 1/18

1/26

Abby Powell 1/19

Charlotte Krawczyk 1/26

Gertrude Fursback 1/20

Joshua Miller 1/26

Steven Kohlhagen II 1/20

Abigail Freund 1/27

Glen Snyder 1/20

Stephen Klinger 1/27

Matthew Engelbach-Smith

David Walker 1/27

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Time to celebrate contin-

John Krueger 1/28

Theresa Sable 1/28

Dennis Snyder Jr. 1/28

Cooper Zak 1/28

Dorothy Ziegler 1/28

Joyce Boettcher 1/29

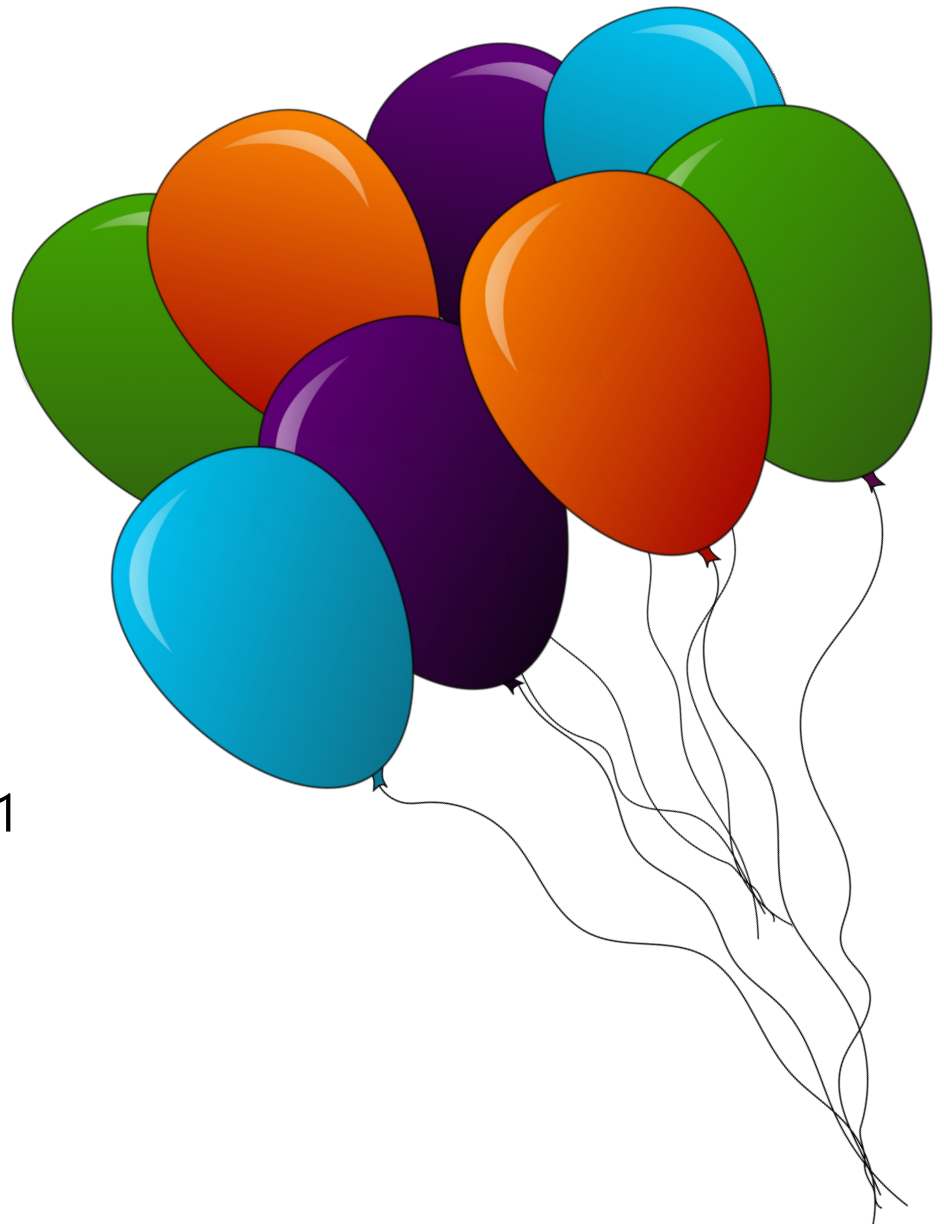
Samuel Fiorella 1/30

Wyatt Lavis 1/30

Amethyst Voll 1/30

Charles Kunselman 1/31

John Yarrington 1/31



# Yellow Pages

and staff mem-

## Yellow Pages

Bunny Boteler **Bunny's Motor Sports (small engine repair)** 684-7650

Julie Buccieri **Lancaster Lady Monsters (youth lacrosse league)** 807-5732

Mike Durkin **HDE Electric** 674-7259

Darlene Kramer **Cleaning & Laundry, Errands** 937-4179

David Nester **Handyman** 681-9716

Rachel Poss **Partylite Candles & Gifts/Parties** 491-4393

Christine Ruffner **Usborne Children's Educational Books** 656-2056

Anthony Santucci **Walden Auto Sales & Service** 683-2901

Colleen Santucci **Avon Products** 683-

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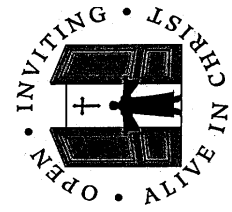
## Staff Members

Pastor Tim Madsen **Transition Pastor** 634-2330

Dr. Vicky Chang **Director of Music**

Donna McGrew **Financial Secretary**

Abby Mandris **Church Secretary** 860-7881



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