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## May Newsletter



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# Good News

## May 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 needs of our congregation and community.

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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  
683-8972  
[stjohnslancater55@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslancater55@gmail.com)

#### Transition Pastor

Rev. Tim Madsen  
634-2330

#### Incoming Pastor

Rev. Jamie Retallack  
848-9683



**May 2019**

**Dear St. John's Friends—**

Transitions are, by definition, bound to come to an end. And so, as you rejoice in your calling of Pastor Jamie Retallack to be your new pastor, it's time for us to say goodbye. On behalf of Deacon Mary and Deacon Lance, I want to tell you what a privilege it was to serve as your transition team these past months. St. John's is an excellent

congregation, and it has been great to get to know so many of you. As you continue to celebrate your 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, my prayer is that you will begin to experience anew the ever-present love and mercy of God, as a new chapter in your long history begins to open up for you.

*Pastor Tim Madsen*

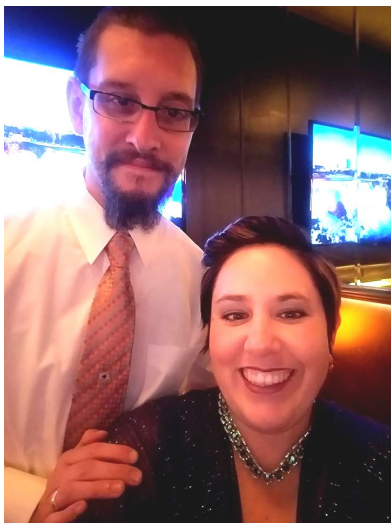
First and for most I want to say that I'm excited. I can't wait to get to know all of you and to get to better know the ministries of St. John's. For years I have gotten to know St. John's as a neighbor as I've lived in the parsonage and you've perhaps best known me as the owner of the excitable dog next door. Now we get to know each other in a new way, as partners serving God and being the body of Christ together. St. John's has stood as a beacon for 175 years reaching out to the community and the world spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Now we embark on the next chapter of who God is calling us to be.

It seems quite fitting that we begin this process of starting a new chapter in the history and ministry of St. John's at the same time that we finish our Lenten journey and move into the Easter season. This is a time in the Church year where we are compelled to look towards new chapters. There is simply no single moment that more clearly begins a new chapter than the resurrection of Christ. In the moment of the resurrection God's grace is made manifest. Once Children of a fallen humanity we are now saved by the grace of God. The world in that moment becomes transformed by God's redeeming power. There are other new chapters turned in the resurrection as well. A new chapter where death is not the end of the story, a chapter where we are no longer in bondage to sin, a chapter where light truly breaks the darkness. I've been reflecting a lot about one more new chapter that begins in the resurrection, a new chapter for what it means to do ministry. Up until this point to be a follower of Jesus meant to literally follow him. Jesus led

his disciples across the countryside of ancient Israel, teaching, healing and caring for those who they encountered. Jesus directly led them, taking them where they went, showing them what to do and teaching them all along the way. The resurrection was a new beginning, shortly in the Ascension Jesus would leave again and the disciples and followers of Jesus would have to follow him in a less literal way. God would still lead his people, through the teachings and examples of Christ and soon through the Holy Spirit. The disciples who once followed where Jesus led would take the Gospel and spread it to the four corners of the Earth. Beginning with the resurrection the ministry of the disciples transformed from learning from Jesus to a ministry of spreading what they had learned.

Our transition will of course not be quite that drastic. St. John's existed before any of us and will exist long after. The Holy Spirit does, however, compel us to explore where God is leading , to discern who God is calling us to be. This transition marks a new chapter in that discernment. I can't wait to get to learn about where St. John's has been , your strengths joys and desires for ministry. I see this as an opportunity for hope and enthusiasm, an opportunity to grow into our future together, guided by God. The Holy Spirit has brought you and I together and I eagerly await the opportunity to work with Council, committees and the whole congregation. To reiterate I am excited, and I pray you are too. I can't wait to get to know you better.

Peace,  
*Pastor Jamie*



# ELCA

## and disaster response

### HOPE IN SOUTH SUDAN

South Sudan is the newest country in the world, created by the separation of Sudan into two countries. But it is also one of the most volatile countries in the world. 1.5 million South Sudanese are internally displaced and many more have fled to other countries due to poverty, food insecurity, a lack of education and health care, and extreme violence against civilians. The United Nations formally declared that several regions of South Sudan are undergoing severe famine and more than 100,000 are reported to face imminent starvation.



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The ELCA is responding to the disastrous humanitarian toll across the region through Lutheran Disaster Response. Also, the ELCA is beginning to establish an Evangelical Lutheran Church Africa Mission in South Sudan, breaking ground in 2016 for a Lutheran center and health clinic. The center will offer English language lessons and computer training, and the clinic will give much needed health care. Learn more at [ELCA.org/globalministries](http://ELCA.org/globalministries).

Mawien Ariik and Wal Reat are South Sudanese who originally sought asylum in the US, and while here, became ELCA pastors. They have returned to South Sudan to coordinate and serve the new church. They are from rival tribes, but together they hope to grow the Lutheran church and bring healing to their country. Ariik says, "The message the church is conveying is that all tribes are children of God and we are supposed to remain as one." Hope is the common thread motivating them amid conflict, violence, and poverty towards a peaceful future.

Your mission dollars help this endeavor. **Thank you!**

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.

DATE	PASTOR	DEACON	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER
5/4	Pastor Serena Mollenkopf-Grill			
5/5	Pastor Jerilyn Brown	Sam Miller (9am) Carol Graham (10:30am)	Miia Dembski (9am) Joshua Traina (10:30am)	Aiden Carney (9am) Nicholas Jacobs (10:30am)
5/11	Pastor Tim Madsen			
5/12	Deacon Mary Wolf	Kathy Konstabel (9am) Kathy Snyder (10:30am)	Landyn Rogacki (9am) Regina Cinotti (10:30am)	Samantha Gierlinger (9am) Corrine Bartos (10:30am)
5/18	Pastor Jamie			
5/19	Pastor Jamie	RaeAnn Jakubowski (9am) Sharon Keller (10:30am)	Alex Kiener (9am) Michael Sheehan (10:30am)	Nicholas Reif (9am) Grace Sheehann (10:30am)
5/25	Pastor Jamie			
5/26	Pastor Jamie	Sam Miller (9am) Kathy Konstabel (10:30am)	Kayla Traina (9am) Nicholas Jacobs (10:30am)	Joshua Traina (9am) Miia Dembski (10:30am)

# Announcements

## and reminders

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”*

Just a note of THANKS for all your prayers and support during my surgery, chemotherapy and radiation! Blessings were received when we found out it all worked – no more cancer! We don't know where this journey will take us next; we do know that God will be with us each step of the way and we are thankful for all the support.

God's peace,

*Kathy & Glen Snyder*

**Save the date!!**

Sunday June 2nd there will be an ice cream social and basket raffle!

Oktoberfest is happening September 22nd at Bowen Road Grove.

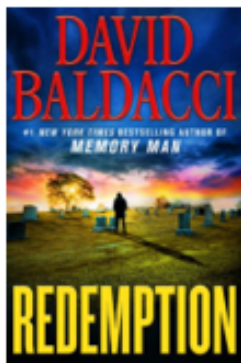
# Confirmation Class



May

5<sup>th</sup> – 130pm-300pm

19<sup>th</sup> – 130pm-300pm



Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM to discuss David Baldacci's novel, REDEMPTION.

Detective Amos Decker discovers that a mistake he made as a rookie detective may have led to deadly consequences.

Decker is visiting his hometown of Burlington, Ohio, when he's approached by a man named Meryl Hawkins. Hawkins is a convicted murderer. In fact, he's the very first killer Decker ever put behind bars. But he's innocent, he claims. Now suffering from terminal cancer, it's his dying wish that Decker clear his name.

It's unthinkable. The case was open and shut, with rock solid forensic evidence. But then Hawkins later turns up dead with a bullet in his head, and even Decker begins to have doubts. Is it possible that he really did get it wrong, all those years ago?

Decker's determined to uncover the truth, no matter the personal cost. But solving a case this cold may be impossible, especially when it becomes clear that someone doesn't want the old case reopened. Someone who is willing to kill to keep the truth buried, and hide a decades-old secret that may have devastating repercussions.... Read this action packed compelling puzzler, then come and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!

# **Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center**

## **Summer Camp Open House**

### **May 18, 2019, 10:00-3:00pm**

**Free Event: *Rain or Shine!***

Join us for a day of FUN that highlights everything Summer Camp has to offer!

#### ***Summer Camp Open House Includes:***

- Staff Led Camp Tours
- Crafts
- Archery
- Tree Fort
- Free Lunch
- Low-Ropes Course
- Q & A with our Directors
- Camp Games: GaGa Ball, 9-Square & More!

Bring the family, invite a friend and come on down to LCLC and see what makes camp so special! There will be exclusive Summer Camp discounts available for First-time campers\* and returning campers who bring friends that are NEW\* to LCLC! You won't want to miss out on this chance to play, pray and save!

\*New & First-time campers are children who have never attended an LCLC Summer program before. No other discounts can be applied.



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Call (716) 386-4125 to RSVP before May 10, 2019

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Come and enjoy a special presentation

## **Searching for God through Art**

**Sunday, May 19th at 7pm**

St. John's Lutheran Church will be offering a special presentation on Sunday, May 19th, when art history instructor, Alan Nowicki will go "**Searching for God Through Art.**" Part art history lesson and part theological discussion, Mr. Nowicki will weave stories of his personal travels, the creation of various masterpieces and how it offers a glimpse towards God. Historical information will be given on the artists and the pieces, starting with some of the earliest works of Christian art, through the Renaissance, and then hopping through the centuries on up to contemporary times. Those in attendance will be introduced to the likes of Michelangelo, Henry Tanner, the first African American artist to receive international acclaim, and a cartoonist named Sparky, to name just a few.



**Sunday Evening, May 19th**

**St. John's Lutheran Church  
55 Pleasant Ave.,  
Lancaster, NY, 14086**

**FREE and open to the public  
Coffee and refreshments at 6:30pm  
presentation at 7pm**

**For more information on this and other events happening at St. John's Lutheran Church  
visit please their website at [www.stjohnslanc.org](http://www.stjohnslanc.org)  
or call the church at 683-8972**

# Youth Group

## important dates and information

**On May 5** the youth will be helping out at the Aunt Robins for a fundraiser. 8-12 grade volunteers are welcomed! Meet at VFW on Walden Ave. in Lancaster at 11:30am.

**On May 5** there will be a youth meeting from 6:30pm to 9pm. We will have a brief meeting and enjoy some ice cream sundaes!!

**May 11th** join us for a Summer fun day at Como Lake Park! A short meeting will be held and then we will enjoy lots of time outdoors. We will play rain or shine! Event is happening from 4:30pm to 7pm.

### June Events:

On **Saturday June 8th** we will be volunteering at LCLC clearing trails with bagged lunches provided. We will plan to arrive at 10am, so be on the lookout for details about meeting times and carpooling. Plan to have the youth back by 4:30pm.

**If you have any questions or comments about the youth group here at St. John's, please contact Kelly Sieracki at 716-868-3023.**

# Council Corner

## A message from Council members

Hello and welcome to our second edition of Council Corner. Many thanks to those who have provided positive feedback to the council for our new forum for communication.

Notes from congregation council minutes will be posted monthly on our Council bulletin board for your review. As always, any member of Council is happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the business of the church.

We have had a very busy month and are pleased to share a few of our highlights-

On April 7, 2019 our congregation gathered for worship under the leadership of pastoral candidate Jamie Retallack. Following service a congregational vote was held and by an overwhelming majority Pastor Jamie was approved to be our Pastor at St. Johns. We are honored and very excited to welcome him, Olivia his wife and son Drake to our church family. We ask for prayers for Pastor Jamie, his family and for his current call Trinity South Newstead as they now begin the pastoral transition process.

Our Transition team under the leadership of Pastor Tim Madsen will continue to provide leadership, pastoral care and support, and continue to work with us during this time of transition until Pastor Jamie begins his call with us. Pastor Jamie's first day with us as our full-time Pastor will be Monday May 13, 2019 and he will lead worship on Saturday May 18 and Sunday May 19, 2019.

Lastly, at our last Council meeting the committee for the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration of St. Johns provided a very comprehensive presentation outlining the events for the remainder of 2019. The committee has been hard at work and we are grateful for all their efforts! Many activities are planned so be on the look-out for announcements with dates and times as we continue to celebrate the heritage of St. Johns.

# Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

James Crisp 5/1

Cole Fritzen 5/1

Avery VanNortwick 5/1

Karen Freund 5/2

Kathleen Weibel 5/2

Darlene Humphrey 5/3

Thomas Kramer 5/3

Katherine Thompson 5/4

Megan Miller 5/5

Jennifer Cuttitta 5/6

Eric Gillen 5/6

Christopher Hoffman Jr. 5/6

Hunter Snyder 5/6

Isabella Granata 5/7

Kenneth Kling 5/7

James Tomczyk 5/7

Katherine Walker 5/7

Ashley Frost 5/8

Christina Funk 5/9

Ashley Reiner 5/9

Mary Duggan 5/10

Andrew Engelbach-Schafer 5/10

Bailey Larson 5/11

Samantha Drewery 5/12

Geraldine Nowicki 5/12

Kimberly Orban 5/12

Carol Boteler 5/13

Melissa Cinotti 5/13

Alexander Sage 5/13

James Frost 5/15

Salvatore Spinuzza 5/14

Noah Bartos 5/15

Brennen Markowski 5/15

Eliana Porto 5/15

Connie Sabatino 5/15

Joshua Traina 5/15

Kayla Traina 5/15

Victoria Aldinger 5/16

Diana Przykuta 5/16

Genevive Studley 5/16

Aiden Wojtusiak 5/16

Rocco Stowbunenko 5/17



# Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

David Friend 5/19

Jeanne Hamann 5/19

Natalie Smith 5/20

Mikael Durkin Jr. 5/21

David Kraemer 5/21

Cameron Webber 5/21

Jeffery Buccieri 5/22

Marie Freund 5/22

Emma Jacobs 5/22

Mark Smith 5/22

Kelly Sieracki 5/23

Ella Weibel 5/23

Nicole Layer-Pardi 5/24

William Nantka Jr. 5/24

Audrey Fisher-Dippold 5/25

Annaliese Ziemann 5/25

Diana Carney 5/26

Riley Carney 5/26

Kelsey Krebs 5/26

Jacob Wojtusiak 5/26

David Friend 5/27

Marguerite Meyer 5/27

Kian Braun 5/28

Denise Krueger 5/28

Stacy Rogacki 5/28

Richard Terry 5/28

James Fredericks 5/29

Jackson Press 5/29

Megan Heine 5/30

Louise Saviola-Corbett 5/30

Lisa Gotts 5/31

Ryker Rudlong 5/31

Michael Ziemann 5/31



# Anniversaries

Congrats to another year!

DAVID & MARY DUDKOWSKI 5/5

JEROME & MADALYN MAYER 5/8

EDMUND & CONNIE SABATINO 5/10

BRADLEY & DENENE LARSON 5/18

GLEN & KATHRYN SNYDER 5/18

MELISSA & JEFFREY STUDLEY 5/18

SCOTT & CAROL BALCERZAK 5/20

WILLIAM & SARALYNN NANTKA Jr. 5/23

MARK & MICHELE FRONCZAK 5/24

TIMOTHY & SUSAN STRANC 5/25

ADRIAN & BARBARA WOJTUSIAK 5/26

DENNIS & GRETCHEN SNYDER Jr. 5/29

# Yellow Pages

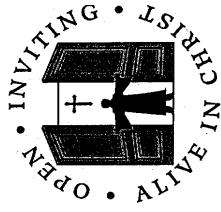
and staff

## Yellow Pages

Bunny Boteler <b>Bunny's Motor Sports (small engine repair)</b>	684-7650
Julie Buccieri <b>Lancaster Lady Monsters (youth lacrosse league)</b>	807-5732
Mike Durkin <b>HDE Electric</b>	674-7259
Darlene Kramer <b>Cleaning &amp; Laundry, Errands</b>	937-4179
David Nester <b>Handyman</b>	681-9716
Rachel Poss <b>Partylite Candles &amp; Gifts/Parties</b>	491-4393
Christine Ruffner <b>Usborne Children's Educational Books</b>	656-2056
Michael Sheehan <b>Computer &amp; Software Sales</b>	937-9815
Tim Stranc (TSAir) <b>Heating &amp; Air-Conditioning</b>	684-9854
Brian Makey <b>Thrivent Financial Representative</b>	714-9852
Brian.makey@thrivent.com	
Anthony Santucci <b>Walden Auto Sales &amp; Service</b>	683-2901

## Staff Members

Pastor Tim Madsen <b>Transition Pastor</b>	634-2330
Pastor Jamie Retallack <b>Incoming Pastor</b>	848-9683
Dr. Vicky Chang <b>Director of Music</b>	
Donna McGrew <b>Financial Secretary</b>	
Abby Mandris <b>Church Secretary</b>	860-7881



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