

# St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster



## September Newsletter



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

# Good News

September 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 Times

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 10:30am



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Another Bills football season is almost here. I've been a fan as long as I can remember and every season without fail I get excited for the action to start. I keep track of player transactions, watch the preseason games and read about how training camp is going. All in the hopes of having a better idea of how well the team will do when the season starts. A funny thing happens while I'm preparing for the season to start, I always become quite optimistic about their chances to have a good year. It doesn't matter the players that have left or the struggles that the team is facing I find reason to bill-eve. Far, far more often than not however my optimism is misplaced, the team struggles, loses more games than they win and my self and other fans are left hoping that next year is better. I have a feeling that a lot of the things we place our hope in have their limitations as well. Everything here on Earth has its limits and when we put our faith in those things then we find those limits sooner or later and end up disappointed. God is truly the only one we can put our faith into and not be disappointed. Isaiah 40:

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

God is always there for us. God is always loving us, caring for us, saving us and freeing us from the chains that bind us. Because of that God is always giving us things to be hopeful about, to be optimistic about. God is doing amazing things in this world. Healing the sick, feeding the hungry, bringing new life out of death those are real reasons to be optimistic. So while the things in this world will eventually all let us down (Even the Bills) God never will. That doesn't mean we can't find joy in the day to day things of life but it does mean that those things aren't what we pin our hope on.

So when the Bills season kicks off I'll be watching. I'll be cheering for the team and hoping for the best. But I'll also try to remember it's just a game, and not to get too upset when things don't work out. I suppose that is one of those hidden gifts of God, that those things that disappoint us in this world are small compared to all the ways in which God never lets us down. So run with perseverance the race set before you, with God by your side you have reason to be optimistic.

Peace,

*Jamie*

# Mission Message

Migrant Solutions

Perhaps you heard that the ELCA pronounced itself a sanctuary denomination at the recent churchwide assembly. That means that we are committed to walk with migrants and assist them in any way we can. However, what if life weren't so cruel back in their home countries? What if they had a secure job and steady income? Maybe they wouldn't have to leave home at all. And what about the many who are being sent back to the place from which they tried to escape gang violence, domestic abuse, poverty?

Though the migration crisis is daunting, there is hope. In Honduras, the ELCA supports the Lutheran World Federation and the Mennonite Social Action Committee to assist returned migrants with vocational support. A kiosk at a bus terminal where many migrants arrive provides them with humanitarian aid, hygiene kits, and other essential resources. The Mennonite organization

gives mental health care, educational training and life-skills workshops, such as business plans, investments, and human rights. Over 900 people have been helped through this program. A few examples: One man who was unsuccessful in reuniting with his family in the US was given seed money and education to start a pig farm; a young woman was trained in cosmetology and given resources to start a home business; another man was able to expand his woodworking business, obtaining new equipment and registering his home business so he could sell goods beyond Honduras.

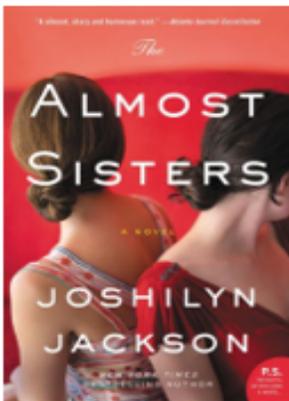
Your mission support to the ELCA helps programs like this to walk with the migrants and provide sanctuary, right in their own home towns. ***Thank you!***

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Communion Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:30 PM Communion Service
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting 10:30 AM Worship Service	<b>9</b> 5:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Lancaster Garden Club 7:00 PM 175th Anniversary Planning Meeting 7:30 PM LYMA Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:30 AM Memorial Breakfast 5:30 PM Communion Service
<b>15</b> <b>Good News Articles Due</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Communion Service 11:30 AM Confirmation Parent's Meeting	<b>16</b> 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30 PM Communion Service
<b>22</b> Oktoberfest! 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Worship Service	<b>23</b> 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM Book Club	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30 PM Communion Service
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Communion Service 10:30 AM Communion Service	<b>30</b> 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM Paint Night	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Craft Show 5:30 PM Communion Service

DATE	DEACON	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD
9/1	RaeAnn Jakubowski	Corrine Bartos	Nicholas Reif	Gerry Nowicki RaeAnn Jakubowski
9/8	Sam Miller/ Carol Graham	Miia Dembski/ Landyn Rogacki	Alex Kiener/ Joshua Traina	Sharon Walker Carol Graham
9/15	Sam Miller/ Kathy Snyder	Grace Sheehan/ Samantha Gierlinger	Michael Sheehan/ Corrine Bartos	Bunny Boteler Bev Hess
9/22	Kathy Konstabel/ Sharon Keller	Nicholas Jacobs/ Joshua Traina	Nicholas Reif/ Kayla Traina	Cheryl Helwig Kathy Snyder
9/29	RaeAnn Jakubowski/ Carol Graham	Aiden Carney/ Alex Kiener	Regina Cinotti/ Landyn Rogacki	Amy Petrunyak Karen Freund

# Announcements and reminders



Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 PM to discuss Joshilyn Jackson's novel, **THE ALMOST SISTERS.**

Superheroes have always been Leia Birch Briggs' weakness. One tequila-soaked night at a comics convention, the usually level-headed graphic novelist is swept off her barstool by a handsome and anonymous Batman.

It turns out the caped crusader has left her with more than just a nice, fuzzy memory. She's having a baby boy—an unexpected but not unhappy development in the thirty-eight year-old's life. But before Leia can break the news of her impending single-motherhood (including the fact that her baby is biracial) to her conventional, Southern family, her step-sister Rachel's marriage implodes. Worse, she learns her beloved ninety-year-old grandmother, Birchie, is losing her mind, and she's been hiding her dementia with the help of Wattie, her best friend since girlhood.

Leia returns to Alabama to put her grandmother's affairs in order, clean out the big Victorian that has been in the Birch family for generations, and tell her family that she's pregnant. Yet just when Leia thinks she's got it all under control, she learns that illness is not the only thing Birchie's been hiding. Tucked in the attic is a dangerous secret with roots that reach all the way back to the Civil War. Its exposure threatens the family's freedom and future, and it will change everything about how Leia sees herself and her sister, her son and his missing father, and the world she thinks she knows.

Read this powerful, emotionally resonant novel of the South that confronts the truth about privilege, family, and the distinctions between perception and reality...then come and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Group

Prayer Shawl will start meeting on Sunday September 8th after the 9am worship service. We are always looking for new members, and are also in need of donations of baby yarn. Check the church calendar for our meeting dates!

*September 8th, November 3rd, January 5th, March 1st, May 3rd*



I would like to personally thank the 42 people that attended the **Lutheran Charities Night at the Bison's Baseball Game**. Out of the 196 people that through Lutheran Charities, St. John's purchased the most! If you were not in attendance you missed a good ballgame, spectacular fireworks, and an opportunity to enjoy fun and friendship with other members of St. John's. Let's try to double or triple the response next year! ~Greg Wildridge

The Sunday School students and teachers participated in raising funds for the ELCA's "God's Global Barnyard" program. They were able to donated enough to gift 2 chickens, 1 piglet, and 1 goat to communities around the world! Thank you so much to all who donated, and check out the ELCA's website for more information about "God's Global Barnyard."



# Whodunit Mystery Dinner Theatre by Lutheran Charities of WNY.

When: November 8th, 2019 @ 6:00pm

Where: Ripa's Restaurant

4218 Walden Ave  
Lancaster, NY 14086



A fun evening of great food, live theatre and a chance to help solve a "crime". Doors open at 6:00 p.m. \$49 includes the performance, dinner and beverages. Artisan desserts for sale, basket raffles and door prizes add to the fun! Seating is limited!

**The Quilters wanted to share some of the amazing work that has been done through their ministry.** 16 Lutheran churches in the area were able to put together 899 quilts, 205 personal care kits, 137 baby care kits, 100 school kits, 14 blankets, 57 pounds of soap and a total 247 boxes. All of these are donated to families across the world who are in need through the Lutheran World Relief organization. The wonderful quilters here at St. John's were able to complete 112 quilts, which resulted in 18 boxes packed, and 330lbs of fabric. Our quilters worked tirelessly to make this happen and love the work that they do. If you are interested and able to join in the quilters as they start the quilts for NEXT year, any help and donations are greatly appreciated—no experience needed!

# EVENTS for SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

9:00 Church service at St John's

9:00 Sunday school

## OCTOBERFEST PICNIC

10:30 Church at Bowen Rd Grove located on Bowen Rd near Broadway –Please Bring a chair

12:00 Lunch - menu listed below

12:00-3:00 Music by the Auslander German Band

Dancing, Games & playground for children, Basket raffle, Specialty Octoberfest Beer, Hot Pretzels & snacks

## MENU

### DINNERS

Weinerschnitzel with sauerkraut, red cabbage & German potato salad	\$12
Bratwurst with sauerkraut, red cabbage & German potato salad	\$12
Pork loin with sauerkraut, red cabbage & German potato salad	\$12

### SANDWICHES

Bratwurst with sauerkraut & German potato salad	\$10
Pork loin with sauerkraut & German potato salad	\$10
Hot dog	\$ 2
Cake, Coffee, Pop, Water	\$ 1
Octoberfest Beer specially brewed by the Terry Family Brewers	\$ 2 donation
Can Beer	\$ 1 donation

All prices are based on cost and not to raise funds. Music is paid for by the Young Men's Association.

**PLEASE REACH OUT TO ALL FORMER MEMBERS & MEMBERS THAT  
HAVE NOT RECENTLY BEEN ACTIVE.**

**INVITE FRIENDS & MEMBERS FROM ALL LUTHERAN CHURCHES IN  
THE AREA TO COME & CELEBRATE WITH US**

ON REACHING 175 YEARS OF SERVING *OUR LORD*

**Please volunteer to serve the church by helping make this event  
successful. Help is needed to set up, assist the caterer in serving food,  
basket raffle, children's games, cook hot dogs, & clean up. *Please select  
one area* that you can help with then e-mail Donna Terry at  
[donnaterry1@verizon.net](mailto:donnaterry1@verizon.net) or call after 6pm 829-9621. All hands are  
needed to make this picnic a success. Just give us an hour of your time.**

# Council Corner

## A message from Council members

The summer continues to be as full of activity as it is hot. We are happy to let you know about some of what's been going on. We are continuing our "spotlight" of St. John's and this month we are pleased to shine the spotlight on Sexton Mike Walker. Please take time to read our "spotlight" and get to know more about Mike.

Our online presence has received a welcome face-lift. Abby built a new website which is both beautiful and easy to follow. You should check it out when you get a chance. Also we have begun to stream our services live on the internet. You can watch them live as they happen or later on. Now you can continue to be a part of Church even when you are away.

We are also happy to say "pardon our dust". There are lots of projects happening in and around St. John's. The office is moving along with its remodel, it's been painted, the furniture arrived and we are just waiting on carpet installation. The old church sign has been removed in preparation for the new one to be installed. Landscaping work is underway at the parsonage and more work is set to be done there as well including a long overdue new roof. Our "dust" is a sign that we are busy and we are happy to be busy maintaining the gifts God has given us.

There is of course more activity on the way so stay tuned to this space to keep up to date. Until next month  
God's blessings to all from your congregational council

# Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

Stacie Dudkowski 9/1

Alivia Funk 9/2

Harvey Beal 9/4

Joann Thaesler 9/4

James Heine 9/6

Garth Kraemer 9/6

Anna Priester 9/6

Marcianna Rogacki 9/6

Bonnie Schraufstetter 9/6

Grant Domogala 9/7

Andrew Gordon 9/7

Mark Hardy 9/7

Lila Fecher 9/8

Francesca Kotowski 9/9

Cynthia Krathus 9/9

Alexa Mitola 9/9

Adam Wojtusiak 9/10

Alexandra Aldinger 9/11

Marilynn Cameron 9/11

Carol Smith 9/11

Rae Ann Jakubowski 9/12

Melvinea Bummer 9/13

Russell Granata 9/13

Sandra Hauser 9/13

Melody Jones 9/13

Emma Ludwig 9/13

Samantha Gierlinger 9/14

Arno Konstabel 9/14

Lindsay Miller 9/14

Amanda Thornton 9/14

Marjorie Heim 9/15

Nicholas Reif 9/15

J. Richards 9/15

Jenna Drake 9/16

Janet Engelbach-Schafer  
9/16

John Haefner 9/16

Kyle Graff 9/17

Zoey Harrington 9/17

Patrick McGuire 9/17

Kayla Rose 9/17

Kaydence Lavis 9/18

James Salge 9/18

Thomas Forbes 9/19

Russell Granata 9/19

Kathy Konstabel 9/19

Gregory Kwaczala 9/19

Daniel Rice 9/19

Karen Rose 9/19

Miia Dembski 9/20

Kodie Burns 9/21

Judy Fiorella 9/21

Melinda Fuller 9/21

Quinn Salge 9/21

Erin Sheehan 9/21

Jamie Larson 9/22

Geraldine Long 9/22

Christine Hoffmann 9/23

Steven Kohlhagen III 9/23

Gayle Schrutt 9/23

Jonathan Gillen 9/24

Karen McGuire 9/24

Susan McHale 9/24

Amy Sheehan 9/25

John Swanson 9/25

Anthony Maki 9/27

Madalyn Mayer 9/27

Jeanette Fuerst 9/28

Kathryn Snyder 9/28

Alex Lindauer 9/29

Corrine Rudz 9/29

Charles Snyder 9/29

Genie Rohl 9/30



# Anniversaries

Congrats to another year!

Roger & Tracy Guarino 9/1

William & Ellen Hardy 9/1

Anthony & Jolene Cervi 9/2

Charles & Cynthia Krathaus Jr. 9/3

Donald & Sandra Hauser Sr. 9/4

Michael & Karan Durkin Jr. 9/6

Anthony & Heidi Popek 9/10

David & Kelly Sieracki 9/10

Robert & Diane Woodwill 9/11

Thomas & Gail Petschke 9/12

Roy & Marlene Stutzman 9/12

Katherine & Ethan Thomas 9/15

Paul & Corrine Rudz 9/17

Gerald & Rebecca Landahl 9/18

Arno & Dorthea Konstabel 9/19

Jeffrey & Suzanne Miller 9/19

Steven Kemna & Marilynn Cameron 9/20

John & Irene Haefner 9/25

Alan & Christine Ruffner 9/25

John & Jennifer Cuttitta 9/30

# 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
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