

St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster



August Newsletter



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Good News

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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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In 1844 James K. Polk was elected president. He was a surprising candidate, the first dark horse to receive a major nomination and the first dark horse to win the presidential election. The main issue at play in the election was that Texas, a newly declared independent nation, wanted to become part of the United States. The trick was that this would stoke the divides between north and south. Polk won the election by promising to bring Texas and Oregon into the union thereby maintaining the balance of states between north and south. His single term in office saw the US expand from a country that ended at about the Mississippi to the entire continental US that we know today. He added the Western US from Texas all the way north to Oregon. In doing so he provoked and won the Mexican-American war and some argue he exacerbated divisions that would lead to the civil war. His single term set the stage for the US to become a global super power and continued us down the path to the Civil war. The greatest technical advancement of his presidency was the Telegraph and Morse code.

I bet you didn't know you were going to jump right into a history lesson about James K. Polk. The reason I started with that was to set the stage regarding how different the world was 175 years ago when St. John's began. Its quite startling to think of all the changes that have occurred over that time frame. It seems that time is moving faster now than it used to. Advancements and changes just happen at an increasingly rapid pace, but through it all this community has persevered and lived out the Gospel in this community. It reminds me of Revelation 21:5

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Too often congregations are identified as not wanting to change but if celebrating 175 years reminds us of anything its that time and again God has made us new. The center of who we are has remained but how we fulfill our calling has no doubt changed. In order to continue we've adjusted as the world has changed around us making sure that were were still able to proclaim Christ no matter how the world shifted. This ability to relate to the world we reside in has been a hallmark of our history, God has made us new time and again. It's safe to say that in another 175 the world will look quite different than it does today and that God will have made us new all over again. We are a people that believe that out of death comes resurrection. We know that when the old passes away the new is born. The truth is that resurrection is our legacy, and our future.

I know people get nervous when Pastors talk about change. People worry about unnecessary overhauls, change for the sake of change and losing familiarity with their church. I promise that sort of thing is not what I'm talking about here. Sure there is some new coats of paint and some updated equipment here and there but the real changes are the ones God is working in each of us. God is making us new, each of us. Leading us to deeper understanding of who God is in our world and in our own lives. That is how we have persevered, because the Church is the people and we change as God changes us. And so I encourage you all to be open to the spirit, and to the ways God is changing you and making you new. I encourage you to dream about the future and celebrate the great things that God is sure to bring.

Peace

Jamie

Mission Message

“HOME AWAY FROM HOME”

Do you have a teen going away to college for the first time? Or a returning student who felt out at sea and lonely last year? Or even a local student who is just looking for more peer relationships and opportunities for service? College is a huge enough transition without having to also leave your church family behind. ELCA Campus Ministry fills that void. The mission of campus ministry in the ELCA is to invite people in academic settings to engage more deeply with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples.

ELCA campus ministry is a Lutheran ministry for students, faculty, staff and others on campus, not just a ministry for Lutherans. It provides an ELCA presence at more than 180 state and private colleges and universities with cooperating congregations in campus ministry at an additional 400 campuses nationwide.

Drawing on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, campus ministry bears witness to God's amazing grace within the context of higher education. Sensitive to the pastoral needs of those on campus and engaged in the intellectual discourse of the university, cam-

pus ministry strives to communicate the gospel in fresh ways.

Through worship, study, fellowship and service, members of the academic community taste the fullness of God's grace. As expansive as Christ's love, campus ministry reaches out to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus.

We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. Lutheran campus ministries promote community, discipleship and service. You can refer a student, find a ministry or find contact information for campus ministry staff at LuMin-network or ELCA/LuMin.

This ministry is supported by your Synod Mission Support. **Thank you!**

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

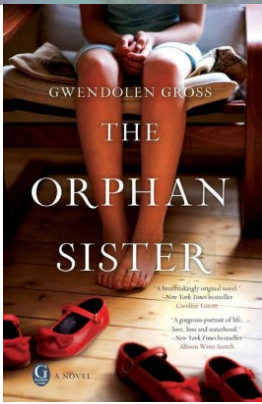
DATE	DEACON	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD
8/3				Sharon Walker Carol Graham
8/4	Sam Miller (9:30am)	Nicholas Reif (9:30am)	Aiden Carney (9:30am)	
8/10				
8/11	Carol Graham (9:30am)	Kayla Traina (9:30am)	Joshua Traina (9:30am)	Bunny Boteler Bev Hess
8/17				Cheryl Helwig Kathy Snyder
8/18	Kathy Konstabel (9:30am)	Nicholas Reif (9:30am)	Aiden Carney (9:30am)	
8/24				Amy Petrunyak Karen Freund
8/25	Kathy Snyder (9:30am)	Grace Sheehan (9:30am)	Michael Sheehan (9:30am)	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Communion Service	29 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	30 6:30 PM Youth Meeting? 7:00 PM Council Meeting	31	1	2	3 5:30 PM Communion Service
4 9:30 AM Communion Service	5 4:30 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	6	7	8	9 8:30 PM Family Movie Night	10 5:30 PM Communion Service
11 9:30 AM Communion Service	12 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	13	14	15 Good News Articles Due	16	17 5:30 PM Communion Service
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Announcements

and reminders



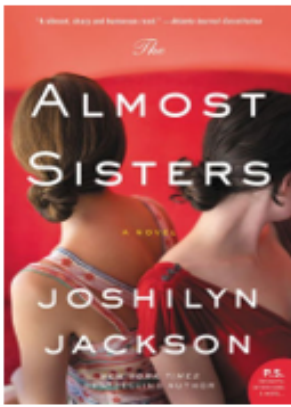
Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, August 22nd at 7:00 PM to discuss Gwendolen Gross' novel, **THE ORPHAN SISTER.**

Clementine Lord is not an orphan. She just feels like one sometimes. One of triplets, a quirk of nature left her the odd one out. Odette and Olivia are identical; Clementine is a singleton.

Biologically speaking, she came from her own egg. Practically speaking, she never quite left it. Then Clementine's father—a pediatric neurologist who is an expert on children's brains, but clueless when it comes to his own daughters—disappears, and his choices, both past and present, force the family dynamics to change at last. As the three sisters struggle to make sense of it, their mother must emerge from the greenhouse and leave the flowers that have long been the focus of her warmth and nurturing.

For Clementine, the next step means retracing the winding route that led her to this very moment: to understand her father's betrayal, the tragedy of her first lost love, her family's divisions, and her best friend Eli's sudden romantic interest. Most of all, she may finally have found the voice with which to share the inside story of being the odd sister out...

Read this thought provoking novel which questions the intricacies of nature and nurture, and the exact shape of sisterly love...then come and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!



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

Council Corner

A message from Council members

Hello and welcome to Council Corner!

We have had a busy and productive month and are pleased to update you on some of our progress below.

We are continuing our “Spotlight of St. John’s” and this month we are pleased to shine the spotlight on our secretary, Abby Mandris. Please take some time to read our “spotlight” and get to know Abby a bit better and next time you’re in the area drop in and say hello!

In case you missed it! Pastor Jamie and Drake were the stars of the St. Johns Float for the village of Lancaster’s Fourth of July Parade! What a wonderful way to highlight our anniversary year, our history and our presence in the community! Many thanks to the 175th committee for their hard work and organization! A great time was had by all.

On July 6 we celebrated the installation of Pastor Jamie during worship with Dean Lee Miller presiding. Dean Miller was joined by Pastor John Scarafia, Pastor Tim Madsen and Pastor Eric Madsen all who assisted during the worship and installation. The festivities continued after as we gathered together for a Pot-Luck meal full of amazing food and fellowship! Special thanks to Tom Kremer who worked hard to make sure our hot dishes were “hot” and transported them to the tables for all to enjoy! Thanks Tom!


Our Property and Grounds committee have been hard at work with Pastor and Abby as we begin some much needed updates to our church office. It’s amazing how a fresh coat of paint, new carpet and some streamlined furniture can change an office into a warm and welcoming work space. We are grateful for all the donations to our Renovation Fund that make this update possible and for the helping hands who are completing the work. We are blessed to have such talent in our midst!

Until next month—

God’s blessings to all from your congregation Council

Happy birthday

Time to celebrate



David Anthony III	8/1	Lexy Klinger	8/14	Elijah Kwaczala	8/28
Corey Fuerst	8/1	Jake Miller	8/14	Parker Ziemann	8/28
Kylie White	8/1	Allynn Siebert	8/14	Ivan Stowbunenko	8/29
Jody Kotowski	8/2	William Heim	8/15	Eric Heine	8/30
Jeremy Nantka	8/2	Kara Valvo	8/15	Nicole Kwaczala	8/30
Renee Andrzejewski	8/3	Kyle Kjeldgaard	8/16	Piper Fuller	8/31
Amanda Cody	8/3	Ruth Morse	8/16	Gary Rudz	8/31
Ashley Haefner	8/3	Harvey Nagel	8/17		
Anthony Cervi Jr.	8/3	Travis Valvo	8/17		
Timothy Gierlinger	8/5	Marilyn Fiorilli	8/18		
Kathlene Gilson	8/5	James Hess	8/18		
Emily Kush	8/6	Sue Ann Coburn	8/19		
Jacob Zuppelli	8/6	Cynthia Ostrowski	8/19		
Deegan Joost	8/7	Alexandra Quillen	8/19		
Donna Kopera	8/7	Sharon Taylor	8/19		
Jackie Scott	8/7	Brogan Zak	8/19		
Alicia Coulter	8/8	Gianna Connolly	8/20		
Jane Grucella	8/8	Harvey Menzies Jr.	8/20		
Alicia Kohlhagen	8/8	Nathan Burry	8/21		
Joel Marsh	8/8	Peter Franger	8/21		
Anthony Popek	8/8	Julianna Fronczak	8/21		
Melissa Studley	8/8	Justin Miller	8/21		
Nathan Traina	8/8	Marguerite	8/21		
Ryan Andrews	8/9	Donald Hauser Sr.	8/24		
Norman Kloc	8/9	Evan Jacobs	8/25		
Tracy Tomaszewski	8/10	Dexter Spanitz	8/25		
Morgan Mitola	8/11	Katherine Kling	8/26		
David Dudkowski	8/12	Matthew Russo III	8/26		
Joshua Rogacki	8/12	Kevin Terry	8/26		
Penny Striker	8/12	Renee Tripp	8/26		
Jeffery Engelbach-Schafer	8/13	Anthony Maki	8/27		
Logan Mayer	8/13	Justin Scott	8/27		
Eleanor Beal	8/14	Antonio Fiorilli	8/28		

Anniversaries

Congrats to another year!

Steven & April Press	8/1
David & Elizabeth Walker	8/5
Thomas & Ruth Morse	8/7
Frank & Jody Kotowski	8/8
Jason & Rachel Poss	8/8
Kevin & Valerie Kennedy	8/10
James & Tara Salge	8/11
Michael & Amy Sheehan	8/12
Michael & Sharon Walker	8/12
Wayne & Tammy Lavis	8/16
Antonio & Marilyn Fiorilli	8/17
Dennis & Diana Przykuta	8/17
Timothy & Michele Burt	8/18
Thomas & Tracey Frost	8/18
Eric & Kimberly Orban	8/19
Martin & Kathleen Peters	8/19
Anthony & Colleen Santucci	8/19
John & Leila Swanson	8/21
Lawrence & Arlene Arth	8/25
Harvey & Eleanor Beal	8/26
Thomas & Beth Forbes	8/27
Gregory & Nicole Kwaczala	8/27
Steven & Anita Schiavone	8/27
Michael & Rhonda Trommetter	8/29

Yellow Pages

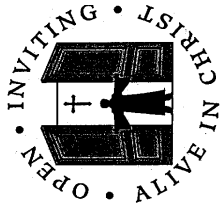
and staff

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
Michael Sheehan Computer & Software Sales	937-9815
Tim Stranc (TSAir) Heating & Air-Conditioning	684-9854
Brian Makey Thrivent Financial Representative	714-9852
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Anthony Santucci Walden Auto Sales & Service	683-2901

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Rev. John Swanson Pastor Emeritus	
Dr. Vicky Chang Director of Music	
Donna McGrew Financial Secretary	
Abby Mandris Church Secretary	860-7881



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