

St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster



March 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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Worship Times

9:00am Drive in Worship
10:30am In Person/
Online Worship



Phone Office Hours

In person office hours by appointment only
Mon. 9am to Noon
Mon to Thurs 9am-2pm
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Pastor's Message

From Pastor Jamie

Traditionally Lent has been known as a time to give things up. Giving up sweets, coffee, spending at some shops, and the list goes on. Pastor's for years have had all sorts of messages about giving things up for lent, both pro and con and offering alternative ways to remember God during lent. But this year offers a new and different way to talk about this traditional Lenten practice. First though let's look at where the tradition comes from.

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'^[b]**"Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands,**

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’¹” Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’¹” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’¹” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

When we give up things for lent we are emulating Jesus. We are following his example and walking in his footsteps, hopefully in an effort to learn to be more like him and to learn from him. We give things up because he fasted in the desert. There is also the idea that Jesus was tempted after his fast, perhaps our faith could grow through the challenges of our fast, of our giving something up. So by giving something up we walk in the footsteps of Jesus struggles and perhaps the challenge will provide an opportunity to grow in our faith.

This year puts an interesting spin on that. We have all given up so much, we have spent a year walking those footsteps. Given up in person activities including work, school, family gatherings, eating out, vacations, travel, summer camp and even in person Church. On top of that we’ve had plenty of opportunity for our faith to grow through those sacrifices. I’ve seen the effects of that

growth in the generosity people have shared with one another. I've also seen it in our worship life, in the adjustments to parking lot worship and online worship.

This year you are free to give something up for lent, if you do I wish you well. But I also encourage you to reflect on the past year, the challenges you've faced and to explore the way that God has flourished in you, explore the ways your faith has grown. I hope that in doing so you can see in real time and in real life how it is that God can bring life, even out of the challenges we've faced.

Peace,

Jamie

Council Corner

A Message from Council

Hello and welcome to Council Corner,

Last month we updated you on our newest Council members and this month we are pleased to share names of our newly elected officers. Please join us in welcoming and congratulating David Anthony, President; Kathy Konstabel, Vice President; Karen McClintock, Secretary and Kathy Snyder, Treasurer. We share a great big thank you to Linda Dean our outgoing president for her leadership and a job well done during 2020!

As we continue to navigate our way through a pandemic and the associated challenges we are taking some steps forward and are pleased to share that our Sanctuary doors are open for in-person worship. Beginning Sunday February 28, 2021 we will welcome up to forty individuals into the sanctuary for worship. We ask that you continue to contact the church office to let Abby know if you plan to attend so we can continue to plan for safety. We will continue to stream our service on-line and offer our 9 AM parking lot "drive-in" style service as

well assuring that we are offering as many worship opportunities as possible during this challenging time. We are also very happy to announce that our Saturday worship service will be returning effective Palm Sunday weekend March 27, 2021. Please stay "tuned in" for additional updates not only for our Saturday worship service but for Easter weekend as well.

We are thrilled to announce the return of the Bud Burkhardt Annual Fastnacht Festival on Sunday March 28, 2021!! Our Young Men's group and Youth have been busy planning how to hold a safe, fun event as we honor our dear friend and member in this St. John's tradition. We will share updates along the way but please mark your calendar for this very special event!!

Until next month stay safe and we will "see" you in church!

Congregation council

Announcements

Updates and Information

Current Worship Schedule on Sundays:

9:00am- Drive in Worship Service

10:30am- In Person/ Online Streamed Service

In Person services are limited to 40 people and you must reserve your seats before Sunday morning. Please call or email the church, or fill out the google form on our website.

Confirmation Dates:

All meetings at 11:30am

Sunday March 14th

Sunday May 9th

Sunday March 28th

Sunday May 23rd

Sunday April 11th

Sunday June 6th

Sunday April 25th

Sunday June 20th

In lieu of **Easter Flowers** this year, any extra donations to the church in honor or memory of someone will go towards communion supplies. Names of loved ones you would like to honor will still be included in the Easter Bulletin.

We will be resuming **Saturday Worship Services** on Saturday, March 27th @ 5:30pm in the sanctuary.

Follow us on Facebook! Find us on Facebook @stjohnslancaster to keep up to date with information and connect with other members of our congregation!

2021 Envelopes are available for pick up

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.

If you would like to receive **communion elements** the sanctuary will be open Wednesday evenings by appointment only. Contact Pastor Jamie at 716-848-9683 if you are interested.

Please note, starting Monday April 5th, we will be returning to **regular office hours** 9 to 2 Monday through Thursday



See below for the Easter Sunday Worship Schedule:

7:00am In Person/Online church service inside the sanctuary

9:00am Drive in service in the parking lot

10:30am In Person/Online church service in the Sanctuary

You do not need to make reservations beforehand, but we do remind you that physical distancing and masks are required at all times.

Youth Group

Updates and Information

It was great to see you in person this past Sunday, looking forward to the next 2 weeks:

-Friday 3/19 at 4:00pm please wear a mask and bring potato peeler if able. We will be preparing for the soup fundraiser. I will order pizza and have water.

-Sunday 3/21 please arrive by 9:30am to help sell (cold) soup after the 9am and 10:30 services. I will have your Thrivant tshirts available. If you are able to arrive by 9:00am to fill eggs for the easter egg hunt.

-Sunday 3/28 please arrive by 9:20am we will be delivering bags of Fastnachts to cars in the church driveway. We are helping the Men's group with Fastnachts and the easter egg hunt.

Any questions call Miss Kelly 716-868-3023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Drive-In Service 10:30 AM In Person/ Streamed Service 11:30 AM Confirmation Class	1	2 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	3	4 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal	5 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	6
7 9:00 AM Drive-In Service 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting 10:30 AM In Person/ Streamed Service	8	9 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	10	11 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Lutheran Charities Virtual Beer Tasting 7:30 PM Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal	12 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	13
14 9:00 AM Drive-In Service 10:30 AM In Person/ Streamed Service 11:30 AM Confirmation Class	15 Good News Articles Due	16 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	17	18 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal	19 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	20
21 9:00 AM Drive-In Service 10:00 AM Youth Soup Sale 10:30 AM In Person/ Streamed Service	22	23 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	24	25 7:00 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal	26 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	27 5:30 PM In Person/ Streamed Service
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April 2021

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Birthdays

March Birthdays

Mar 1	SARAH FORBES	Mar 19	JASON TROMMETTER
Mar 1	BETSY KAMPHUIS	Mar 20	TOM BURGIO
Mar 1	Maxwell SALGE	Mar 20	James ENGELBACH-SCHAFER
Mar 1	DAVID SMITH	Mar 20	THOMAS KRAMER
Mar 2	ROGER GUARINO	Mar 20	Mason RUSSO
Mar 2	ANTHONY SANTUCCI	Mar 20	Cedar WILLADSEN
Mar 3	KATELYN DECAIRE	Mar 21	ASHLIE KOHLHAGEN
Mar 3	MICHELLE RICE	Mar 21	JEROME MAYER
Mar 4	BEVERLY FEHR	Mar 21	MARIE RUSSO
Mar 4	Leah MYERS	Mar 22	PAUL DYKSTRA
Mar 4	Alicia ROGACKI	Mar 22	MEGAN KIENER
Mar 4	Matthew Sherman	Mar 22	TAYLOR KIENER
Mar 5	Maraxus MAYER	Mar 22	MEGAN LINDAUER
Mar 5	STEPHEN SCHOTTMAN	Mar 22	KENNETH, III REITMEIER
Mar 5	MICHAEL SHEEHAN	Mar 22	Kristoffer SCHIAVONE
Mar 6	MIKAYLA DURKIN	Mar 22	TIMOTHY STRANC
Mar 6	Anja SCHIAVONE	Mar 24	STEVEN BRANKA
Mar 6	ELIZABETH SIERACKI	Mar 24	Rowan BRAUN
Mar 6	Dillon SNYDER	Mar 24	KURT STUTZMAN
Mar 6	ARIANNA WECHTER	Mar 25	CHRISTINE RUFFNER
Mar 7	DANIEL BOOTH	Mar 26	LEO GRUCELLA
Mar 7	Aidan CARNEY	Mar 26	BRUCE JACOBS
Mar 7	KYLE RUFFNER	Mar 26	SARALYNN NANTKA
Mar 8	WILLIAM HARDY	Mar 26	Holly SMITH
Mar 8	THOMAS PORTO	Mar 26	EDITH VALLONE
Mar 9	IRENE HAEFNER	Mar 27	CASEY BROCK
Mar 9	KATHERINE SAGE	Mar 27	JEAN CONKLIN
Mar 9	ANTHONY SANTUCCI	Mar 27	Addison COST
Mar 10	Peyton ANTHONY	Mar 27	Norah HARRINGTON
Mar 10	Miriel JACOBS	Mar 27	CANDIS O'MEARA
Mar 10	BRUCE MEYER	Mar 28	Sara BAYER
Mar 10	Grace SHEEHAN	Mar 28	Aubree LACORTE
Mar 10	Michael SHEEHAN	Mar 28	KATHRYN WILDRIDGE
Mar 11	David ANTHONY	Mar 29	SYDNEY BROCK
Mar 11	Ella BOERSCH	Mar 29	JULIE BUCCIERI
Mar 11	Lillian BOERSCH	Mar 29	VICKY CHANG
Mar 11	MATTHEW MARTIN	Mar 29	TRACEY FROST
Mar 12	SARA VanNortwick	Mar 29	KEVIN McHALE
Mar 15	SARAH GAGLIARDI	Mar 29	MARGARET SAVASH
Mar 15	DARLENE KRAMER	Mar 30	DOROTHEA KONSTABEL
Mar 15	DAVID SAGE	Mar 30	DEBORAH MASTRANGELO
Mar 15	THOMAS WNEK	Mar 30	GRETCHEN SNYDER
Mar 16	Quintin CALHOUN	Mar 30	DANIELLE ZAK
Mar 17	Claire BUCCIERI	Mar 31	Diane MENICHELLI
Mar 17	Ethan GALANTE	Mar 31	DIANE STOWBUNENKO
Mar 17	BRANDON RUFFNER		
Mar 18	GERARD CORBETT		
Mar 18	SONJA DEMBSKI		
Mar 18	JAMES HALE		
Mar 18	MEGAN POWERS		
Mar 18	JENNIFER STACHERA		
Mar 18	ELIZABETH WALKER		
Mar 19	RONALD JR. KJELDGAARD		
Mar 19	DAVID KUNSELMAN		
Mar 19	MATTHEW ORBAN		
Mar 19	JACOB* PUDLEWSKI		

Prayer List

Known to be hospitalized or in need of prayers

Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Bob Simonson, Zach, Alice Kryszczynski, Joan, Beatrice Gill, Philip Roth, Jillian Grapp, The Friends and Family of Molly Allen, The Family and Friends of Bob Kraus, The Family and friends of Paul Wotherspoon

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
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Christine Ruffner Usborne Children's Educational Books	656-2056
Michael Sheehan Computer & Software Sales	937-9815
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Rev. John Scarafia Pastor Emeritus	
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