

St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster



February Newsletter



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

Good News

February 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
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Transition Pastor

Rev. Tim Madsen
634-2330

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

–Anne Lamott

Dear St. John Friends—

What a wonderful history you have had over the past 175 years! *“The opening of the Erie Canal in the 1820's had triggered the growth of the area after Buffalo was incorporated in 1832. The Germans came with their religious heritages and ties”* In 1844 Germans of both the Lutheran and Reformed traditions came together to worship and to incorporate themselves as a worshipping community. In 1877 the present church was built, the Reformed Christians went their separate ways, and by 1918 St. John's was ready to join the United Lutheran Church in America, one of the predecessor church bodies of the present Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. ELCA. It's important to keep that perspective of 175 years as we begin to wrap up this current time of transition. It will not be long before you will have called a new pastor to lead you, and St. John's will go on to enjoy it's future. So my purpose in reminding you of your Anniversary, is to remind you that St. John's has been through a lot in the past, and to ask you to be patient and kind to each other as the transition team winds up its work.

One of the issues the church is confronting in this time of transition is the precipitous drop in the amount of income pledged to the church. There could be a number of reasons for that. Over the past several years, some people left St. John's without transferring their membership. This was happening before your previous pastor left, and

there were others who left the congregation without transferring after your previous pastor left. We don't have a clear sense of who is or isn't a member. Will some return as your new pastor settles in among you? Unknown. Some are still wrestling with your previous pastor's departure. You want to know things that we are not permitted to tell you, as is often the case with personnel issues anywhere. The pastor resigned his call after consultation with the bishop and the dean, and salary and housing were continued for an agreed-upon period of time. It was a fair settlement, and the pastor is in a new call, closer to his family home, which is what he wanted. Some of you are just taking a “wait-and-see” attitude, and may return to your giving pattern when your new pastor is here.

Personally, I don't like to talk about money. But if we are to continue to have an effective congregation doing the work of God, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, it takes money. In this sense all of you hold the future of St. John's in your hands. An anniversary year is a good opportunity to remember all that has been accomplished here. And a good opportunity to remember that YOU are part of the future God has in mind both for St. John's, and for the Lancaster community.

Pastor Tim Madsen



Peaceful Coexistence

a message from the Upstate New York Synod

In the East African country of Tanzania, 61% of the population is Christian. But the offshore island of Zanzibar is almost entirely Muslim. Nevertheless, there is a Lutheran church there. Anglicans, Catholics and Lutherans work on the island in the mainly tourist economy. Sectarian violence is not unknown, but the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania plays a large role in maintaining harmony. One ministry on Zanzibar sews apparel with Christian and Muslim women working side by side; the Zanzibar Interfaith Centre offers workshops in interfaith dialogue; an interfaith soccer team begins each game with both Christian and Muslim prayers. Local peace committees bolster amicable relations at times of stress or transition, such as during elections, by offering seminars, and by communicating with candidates, police officers and government officials.

The Tanzanian tradition of tolerance emphasizes taking time to understand the “other.” It is a lesson that Christians on Zanzibar, who are a very small minority, can share with Muslims in the US and Europe, where they are the minority.

The ELCA funds a variety of the Tanzanian Lutheran national and regional ministries. There are also 20 ELCA synods that have companion synod relationships with Tanzania. **YOU** are part of this partnership, through your Mission Support. ***Thank you!***

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

Wordship Leaders for February

Feb. 2	5:30pm	Pr. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill
Feb. 3	9:00am	Pr. Jerilyn Brown
	10:30am	Pr. Jerilyn Brown
Feb. 9	5:30pm	Pr. Tim Madsen
Feb. 10	9:00am	Pr. Jerilyn Brown
	10:30am	Pr. Jerilyn Brown.
Feb. 16	5:30pm	Pr. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill
Feb. 17	9:00am	Pr. Rich Neal
	10:30am	Pr. Rich Neal
Feb. 23	5:30pm	Pr. Tim Madsen
Feb. 24	9:00am	Deacon Mary Wolf
	10:30am	Deacon Mary Wolf

Deacons for February

Feb. 3	9:00am	Raeann Jakubowski
	10:30am	Kathy Konstabel
Feb. 10	9:00am	Carol Graham
	10:30am	Sharon Keller
Feb. 17	9:00am	Sam Miller
	10:30am	Kathy Snyder
Feb. 24	9:00am	Raeann Jakubowski
	10:30am	Kathy Konstabel

Acolytes/Crucifers for February

Feb. 3	9:00am	A-Aiden Carney, C-Regina Cinotti
	10:30am	A-Alex Kiener, C- Landyn Rogacki
Feb. 10	9:00am	A-Miia Dembski, C-Samantha Gierlinger
	10:30am	A- Michael Sheehan, C-Grace Sheehan
Feb. 17	9:00am	A-Corrine Bartos, C-Nicholas Jacobs
	10:30am	A-Kayla Traina, C- Joshua Traina
Feb. 24	9:00am	A-Grace Sheehan, C-Michael Sheehan
	10:30am	A- Regina Cinotti, C-Nicholas Reif

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For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

-Ephesians 2:8-9

Announcements and reminders

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



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 674 6293 or Bev Hess at 868-5096.

Attention Crafters:

St. John's will be hosting it's 6th annual Holiday Craft Show on OCTOBER 5th, from 10am-3pm. Applications are available in the hallway by the office, and the bulletin boards in the side stairwells.



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SOUP FEST!



Soup Fest is Saturday March 2nd - 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an opportunity to savor a variety of homemade delicious soups and support the general life of our congregation at St. John's. Volunteers are asked to sign up to bring a crock of their favorite soup with any necessary toppings. Bread, crackers, and beverages will be provided. Donations of something "sweet" to finish the evening's meal are also encouraged. For additional fun, cast your ballot for your favorite soup and dessert. A nominal prize will be awarded to the winners. Share your recipe in advance and we will compile the submissions and make complementary copies available to any interested attendees. Given the wonderful assortment of flavorful soups last year, we request that you make every effort to provide your recipes to the committee by February 24th. Sign-up sheets are available in the church office. To ensure that we have a sufficient supply of electrical outlets, please sign up as soon as possible. To avoid unnecessary confusion, it is very important that all soups be delivered to the Fellowship Hall by 4:30 PM on the day of the event. It would be most helpful, for planning purposes, if you could provide us with an estimated family attendance count as well. Entrance fees will be collected at the door. Adults - \$7.00 each; Children ages 8 to 12 - \$5.00 each; Children under 8 are free. Thank you for your support of our church. Any questions, contact Donna McGrew (685-1146), Laura Rudz (683-1846), or Cindy Jo Speth.



For weather related closings be sure to check WGRZ, Channel 2.

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Celebrating 175 Years!

We are beginning to plan for our 175th Anniversary of St. Johns. If you are interested in joining the planning committee please let any of your council members know. This is a great way to learn more about the history of St. Johns, share your stories and memories and be an active part of our celebration!



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Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

Stephen Andruchowskyj	2/1
Robert Priester	2/1
Colleen Santucci	2/1
Eliza Kerwin	2/2
Richard Burry	2/3
Daniel DellaSala	2/3
Barbara Schmidt	2/3
Brinley Fuller	2/4
Michael Hammann	2/4
Marie Heine	2/4
Angelia Boggs	2/5
Aaron Trudell	2/5
Deanna Webber	2/5
William Webber	2/5
Kathleen Kasniak	2/6
Ann Mensies	2/6
Daniel Rudz	2/6
Linda Stuber	2/6



Kathryn Hammann	2/7
Adela Haurik	2/7
Katelyn Poss	2/7
Donald Suarez	2/7
Kevin Dudkowski	2/8
Nicholas Jacobs	2/8
Edward Miller	2/8
Amber Burkhardt	2/9
Mitchell Forbes	2/9
Wendy Fritzen	2/9
Jonathan Otto	2/9
Preston Payne	2/9
Emily Rice	2/9
Robert Viles	2/9
Mark Payne	2/10
Susan Burgio	2/11
Donna Orland-Martin	2/11
Joshua Press	2/11

Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

Jacob Balcerzak	2/12
Eric Orban	2/12
Brian Aldinger	2/14
Corrine Bartos	2/14
Racheal Kreher	2/14
Dennis Przykuta	2/14
Mikayla Connolly	2/15
Dylan Kopera	2/15
Abigail Ludwig	2/15
Rachel Schwertz	2/15
Jace Bauer	2/16
Alyssa Markowski	2/17
Jamie Marsh	2/17
Samuel Miller	2/17
Joshua Fuerst	2/18
Charles Joost Jr.	2/18
Leila Swanson	2/18



Kendall Wolff	2/18
Thomas Morse Jr.	2/20
Ann Marie Kjeldgaard	2/21
Malaina Granata	2/23
Ann Marie Roll-Payne	2/23
Karie Stutzman	2/23
Andrew Bashor	2/24
Jill Sage	2/24
Owen Cinotti	2/25
Natalie Wechter	2/25
Barbara Wojtusiak	2/25
Joshua Gagliardi	2/26
Eric Cline	2/27
Michael Trommetter	2/27
Joel Patterson	2/28

Yellow Pages

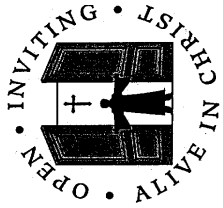
and staff

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
Brian.makey@thrivent.com	

Staff Members

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Dr. Vicky Chang Director of Music	
Donna McGrew Financial Secretary	
Abby Mandris Church Secretary	860-7881



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