

# St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster



## July Newsletter



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

# Good News

July 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

SUMMER WORSHIP  
Saturday 5:30pm  
Sunday 9:30am

### Office Hours

9:00am-2:00pm  
Monday- Thursday  
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### Incoming Pastor

Rev. Jamie Retallack  
848-9683

I've had a lot of people stop into my office over the past month and comment on how I've decorated it. People ask about my record player, my shot glass collection, my hats and the bronze medal I display. If you haven't stopped in yet feel free to do so. What struck me is that each item in my office has a story to it, where it came from what it means to me, what it reminds me of. I suppose I had lost sight of that fact at some point but it makes sense that the things you surround yourself with should say something about you. If you wanted to learn about me by using the things in my office you could take two approaches. The first was stop by while I'm around I could tell you the stories and what things mean to me. From there you could draw some conclusions for yourself about me. The other approach you could take would be to stop in when I wasn't there. You could look at the items and figure out like a detective what they say about me. You could make some inferences, put some pieces together and from there you could draw some conclusions. Both of these approaches have some value but most would agree that the first approach is the best. You get first hand information, incorrect assumptions can be corrected and you get the story from the horses mouth so to speak. The conversation will give you more info than the clue gathering. So the question This brings to mind is how can we use this same principal to learn more about God?

We are surrounded by God's "office". All of creation tells us about God, from forests and mountains, to city's and space stations and of course the people around us. All we see was made by God and gives us insight to who God is, what God desires for us and why God loves us. But of course that is the same as looking at the empty room, we can make mistakes, not see the whole picture, draw incorrect conclusions. So how do we "have the conversation?" The obvious answer is of course to read the scripture. Scripture contains God's words, in the form of God's commands, Jesus' teachings and God's expressions of love towards his people. You could lock yourself away in a room study scripture and come out years later knowing more than when you went in. But that is like having the conversation without entering the office in the first place. You may not know all the questions to ask or where you should look more closely. The key is to do both, to experience God's creation and God's word.

To learn about God we study the scripture and interact with God's people and creation. That is what makes the Church so special its a place where you can do both of those at the same time. Church is where we live as the body of Christ, doing God's work together. It's also where we can study the scripture and get to know more about God through God's word. To me that is why Bible studies are so important. They are the equivalent coming into my office and getting to know me by looking at what you see and talking to me about it. In study we can interact with people, hear their experiences of God, and at the same time take a deeper look at scripture.

In the months ahead I will begin the work of bribing Bible Study back to St. John's. Figuring out the best time to hold them, the best approach to take and looking for input on what people want to focus on. If you have an opinion about when to hold the study and what part of the scripture you'd like to learn more about please stop by and let me know. I'm looking forward to bring this important opportunity back to St. Johns.

Peace,  
Jamie

***Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.***

# Message from ELCA Mission School's Out

How long does it take for the kids to get bored after school lets out? “Moooom, there’s nothing to do!” Well, there are two quality places for them to go where they can also travel along the road of their faith journey. Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center and Vandercamp are ministries of our Upstate New York Synod, and they are right in our backyard (for the Southwest and Crossroads Conferences, literally so!). Parents can be secure in knowing their kids are being supervised by responsible counsellors, having fun, and making new friends. In a lot of congregations, teens don’t have many friends their own age, peers they can share stuff with. At camp, there will be dozens! Lifelong friendships sometimes happen. For kids who might find traditional church irrelevant, camp is a place to worship under the stars by a fire, to be themselves without any judgment, to find community, to be able to discover their gifts. Love of camp now might foster a wish to become a counsellor later. To read more about camps in general, visit [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org), click on “our work” and you will see outdoor ministry listed. For more information about LCLC or Vandercamp, go to [Upstate New York Synod.org](http://Upstate New York Synod.org), scroll down to “Faith formation”, and scroll again to “confirmation and summer camps.”

Both camps are supported by your congregation’s mission support to the Synod. ***Thank you!***

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

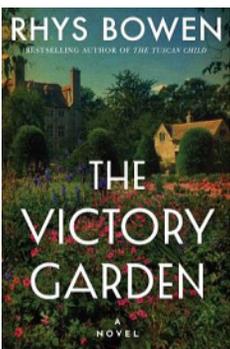
**Marcia Brown**, Mission Interpreter

DATE	DEACON	ACOLYTE	CRUCIFER	ALTAR GUILD
7/6				Bunny Boteler Bev Hess
7/7	Kathy Konstabel (9:30am)	Joshua Traina (9:30am)	Kayla Traina (9:30am)	
7/13				Cheryl Helwig Kathy Snyder
7/14	Kathy Snyder (9:30am)	Samantha Gierlinger (9:30am)	Mia Dembski (9:30am)	
7/20				Amy Petrunyak Karen Freund
7/21	Sharon Keller (9:30am)	Nicholas Jacobs (9:30am)	Regina Cinotti (9:30am)	
7/27				Gerry Nowicki RaeAnn Jakubowski
7/28	RaeAnn Jakubowski (9:30am)	Corrine Bartos (9:30am)	Landyn Rogacki (9:30am)	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 AM Communion Service	1 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	2	3 6:30 PM Youth Lock-In	4 Youth Fundraiser	5	6 5:30 PM Communion Service/ Pastor Jamie's Installation
7 9:30 AM Communion Service	8 4:30 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 5:30 PM Communion Service
14 9:30 AM Communion Service	15 Good News Articles Due 6:00 PM Guiding Eyes Meeting	16	17	18	19 7:00 PM Lutheran Night at Bison's Game	20 5:30 PM Communion Service
21 9:30 AM Communion Service	22	23	24	25 7:00 PM Book Club	26 6:30 PM Youth Lock-In (Drive- In!)	27 5:30 PM Communion Service
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

# Announcements and reminders

The rite of installation for Pr. Jamie will be held during our Saturday service on July 6th. Service will be held in the sanctuary rather than in the chapel that day. All are invited to attend.



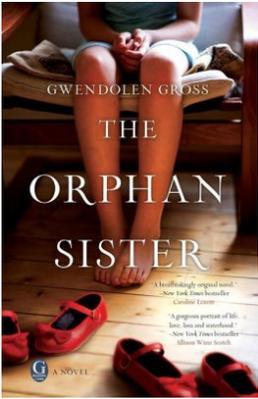
Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, July 25th at 7:00 PM to discuss Rhys Bowen's novel, [THE VICTORY GARDEN](#).

As the Great War continues to take its toll, headstrong twenty-one-year-old Emily Bryce is determined to contribute to the war effort. She is convinced by a cheeky and handsome Australian pilot that she can do more, and it is not long before she falls in love with him and accepts his proposal of marriage.

When he is sent back to the front, Emily volunteers as a "land girl," tending to the neglected grounds of a large Devonshire estate. It's here that Emily discovers the long-forgotten journals of a medicine woman who devoted her life to her herbal garden. The journals inspire Emily, and in the wake of devastating news, they are her saving grace. Emily's lover has not only died a hero but has left her terrified—and with child. Since no one knows that Emily was never married, she adopts the charade of a war widow.

As Emily learns more about the volatile power of healing with herbs, the found journals will bring her to the brink of disaster, but may open a path to her destiny.

Read this beautiful and heart-rending novel of a woman's love and sacrifice during the First World War, then come and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!



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!

## Join the Lutheran Herd!



Friday July 19 is Lutheran Family Night at the Bisons at Sahlen Field! \$10 gets you a great evening of baseball, fun and prizes beginning at 7:05 p.m. with fireworks to follow! New this year: Avoid the concession lines and join us in the outfield pavilion for a pre-game burgers & hots picnic meal—just \$20 additional.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Greg Wildridge at 716-681-2820 with what type of ticket (general or picnic included) and how many you would like by Sunday, July 7th! WELCA is sponsoring a bus for transportation, be on the look out for more information!

# Youth Group

important dates and information



Our youth worked hard clearing trails at LCLC (Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center) and set up a bench for people to enjoy the beautiful sights of nature! Many of our youth attend summer camp at LCLC and it means so much to be able to give back!

**July 3rd** there will be a lock-in! Please bring sleeping gear and snacks to share. The following day we will be preparing for our fundraiser.

**July 4th** the youth will be having a fundraiser selling water and freeze-pops.

**July 26th** save the date for a drive-in lock-in night.

**July 30th** tentative youth meeting at 6:30pm.

**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 Council Corner!

Pastor Jamie and his family have arrived and we are so grateful for their presence!

This month we are pleased to announce the addition of “Spotlight of St. Johns” a place where we will highlight member’s of our staff, council and congregation as we all take a step forward in getting to know each other better! This month our “Spotlight” highlights Pastor Jamie. We hope you enjoy this latest and greatest feature!

Our Council Secretary, David Anthony continues his efforts at gathering data for updating our membership contact information. Forms are still being accepted so if you haven’t completed yours then please see an usher in church or contact our church office to speak to Abby. We will continue to keep you updated on this process. We are grateful to David for all his efforts!

Our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee continues to update their activity calendar, please be on the look-out for updates so you don’t miss out on the fun!

Lastly, our first Council meeting with Pastor Jamie was held on Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> and was a positive and productive evening full of great discussion and planning as we move forward in to a bright and promising future together. We will continue to update our congregation along the way and look forward to sharing our successes!

Until next month—

God’s blessings to all from your congregation Council

# Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

- 
- Dylan Miller 7/1  
Heidi Popek 7/1  
Michael Graham 7/2  
Andrew Mitchell 7/2  
Betty Rosenthal 7/2  
Shirley Maki 7/3  
Megan Reukauf 7/3  
Kendall Decaire 7/4  
Victoria Fredricks 7/4  
Rachel Mazurek 7/4  
Michael McGuire 7/5  
Christopher Wisniewski 7/5  
Timothy Carney 7/6  
Matthew Russo IV 7/6  
Helen Diebel 7/7  
Laurie Granata 7/7  
Greyson Beckman 7/8  
Felicia Valvo 7/8  
Ian DeWald 7/9  
Patrica Sieracki 7/9  
Kevin Kennedy 7/10  
Bradley Reitmeier 7/10  
Linda Stapleton 7/10  
Nicholas Wawrowski 7/10  
Pierce Anderson 7/12  
Chris Brunea 7/12  
Douglas Kawalerski 7/12  
Bailey Dembski 7/13  
Frank Kotowski 7/13  
Karen McClintock 7/13  
Jennifer Anthony 7/14  
Jacob Cervi 7/15  
Cheryl Reukauf 7/16  
Cynthia Smith 7/16  
Mary Ann Powell 7/17  
Richard Rice 7/17  
Gloria Richards 7/18  
William Schoenthaler 7/18  
Amy Graham 7/20  
Felicia Rosenthal 7/20  
Michele Fronczak 7/21  
Carter Guarino 7/21  
Allen Quillen 7/21  
Wayne Lavis III 7/22  
Andrea Rogacki 7/22  
Raelyn Stranc 7/22  
Ellen Hardy 7/24  
Zenith Tomaszewski 7/24  
Rachael Langerman 7/24  
Carolanna Reiner 7/25  
Particia Spanitz 7/25  
Susan Stranc 7/25  
Scott Gilson 7/26  
Rebecca Terry 7/26  
Jason Kappan 7/27  
Larona Kunselman 7/27  
Lindsay Porto 7/27  
Brandi Bashor 7/28  
Thomas Burgio III 7/30  
Logan Beckman 7/30  
Jason Burry 7/31  
Shawn Nowak 7/31  
Kathleen Peters 7/31  
Michael Walker 7/31

# Anniversaries

Congrats to another year!

Daniel & Rachel Braun 7/1

Mark & Crystal Trudell 7/1

William & Deanna Webber 7/1

Russell & Laurie Granata 7/3

Kevin & Kristin Kruger 7/5

Kent & Rachael Langerman 7/6

Gerard Corbett Jr. & Louise Saviola-Corbett 7/7

Charles & Laron Kunselman 7/9

Kevin & Jennifer Jacobs 7/11

David & Carol Smith 7/11

Thomas & Sami Wnek 7/12

Karen McClintock & Douglas Peita 7/13

John & Denise Krueger 7/18

Judith & James DeWald 7/23

Richard & Karen Burry 7/25

Michael & Lisa Nowak 7/25

Gary & Carol Schwertz 7/25

James & Marie Heine 7/26

Norman & Shirley Kloc 7/27

# 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

Rev. Jamie Retallack <b>Pastor</b>	848-9683
Rev. John Swanson <b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	
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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