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THE GOOD NEWS

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster

April 2022



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.



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

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person--questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

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WORSHIP TIMES

SAT. 5:30PM
SUN. 9:00AM & 10:30AM
IN PERSON/ONLINE WORSHIP
SUN. 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

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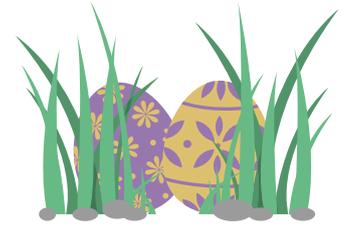
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Pastor's Message



Perhaps the hardest part about this time of year is not jumping ahead to Easter morning. Easter morning is of course a high point of the church year. It is the moment that we celebrate the power of resurrection breaking into our world and creating life where there once was death. It is so enticing to skip ahead to that moment, especially when the week beforehand is such a difficult moment for us. Holy week is about Jesus' journey to the cross: entering in glory, washing the feet of the disciples, and then facing trial and execution. Holy week of course prepares us for Easter morning. It is by walking that path to the cross (the anxiety, the trepidation and the sadness) that we can truly feel the joy of Easter morning. In essence we are walking in the footsteps of the disciples that week. The disciples faced the same struggles we do, they didn't want to journey to the cross either.

Then [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and that He must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke this message quite frankly, and Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. (Mark 8: 31,32)

Peter rebukes Jesus. Peter doesn't want Jesus to die. Peter wants to avoid the crucifixion. The next verse though, Jesus is pretty clear about that not being a possibility.

But Jesus, turning and looking at His disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." (Mark 8:33)

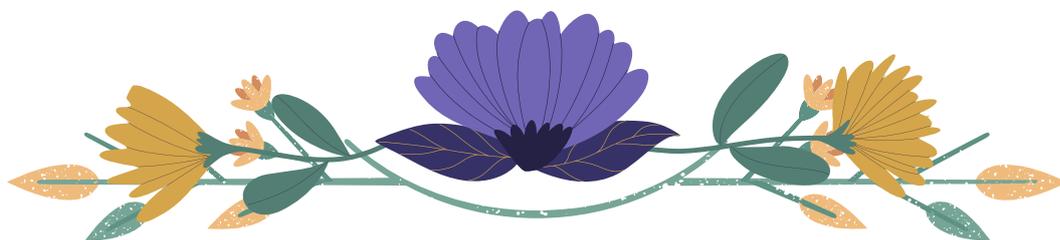
So I guess our reluctance to walk that path is just another way in which we follow in the disciples path. All that being said, this year feels different. This year it feels in some way like Easter morning is already here.

I felt that Easter-morning feeling on Ash Wednesday, traditionally a day for repentance, confession and humility. I felt Easter morning when Ash Wednesday service started and I looked out at the congregation and saw... a congregation, not normally a surprising sight, but after the last two years it was. For two years we have been through quite an ordeal. Without even getting into the other ways life has changed, things were so very different here at Church. We've had empty sanctuaries with the congregation entirely online, parking lot services, blocked off pews, social distancing and more. Even when we began worshiping in person it was clear that we were a congregation that was spread out in three locations: outside, inside and home. But on Ash Wednesday, you were here, in the pews, in person. I know some are still worshiping in other forms, and please do... for as long as you need, but to have so many of you back here at church... I felt the power of the resurrection. I admit, I got choked up. I wasn't expecting to, but I was overwhelmed. So it was, on the first day of Lent I jumped ahead to Easter morning and I don't regret it one bit.

The way I see it, Lent 2020 just kept going. We experienced a Lenten wilderness in one way or another for so long, and now with Easter approaching, the resurrection is dawning. I encourage you to join me in feeling that feeling. The wilderness was real, the resurrection we are experiencing is real, and I encourage you to feel every bit of that new life breaking through. Perhaps at no point in our lives will we get to see a more real example of God's resurrection power, until the day when our baptismal promises are complete and we enter into the kingdom of God. So live every moment of it. Feel the power of the resurrection and know that our God is a God of new life.

Peace

Pastor Jamie





Council Corner



by: *Dave Anthony*

At this month's council meeting it was suggested that members of council begin to take turns reporting in the "Council Corner." As I leave council, I thought I would take this opportunity to share my experience on council over the past three years.

I will start by saying that I had NO IDEA what went into running a church, or what to expect going on to council. Despite my being conservative minded, overly opinionated, and too outspoken (yes, that is a confession), the current council was very welcoming. I learned from them what needed to be done, and I never once in three years felt that my opinion was dismissed or disrespected, even the few times that nobody shared my point of view. It was often refreshing to listen to each other's ideas and thought processes for making decisions for the church.

It seems SO long ago, but we were in transition when I started, which is a difficult time for any church. It was "eye-opening" to learn the work that had been done leading up to finding a new pastor. In the time before I started, we had a call committee diligently searching for a pastor, and a hard-working council carrying our church through transition, until just what we needed was found right next door (literally next door on our own property).

Since then, I was blessed to be part of a strong and diverse council under the leadership of Pastor Jamie. You could feel the positivity/optimism at the table in each meeting, and a lot of progress was being made. The experience and new ideas Pastor brought to the church were a godsend, and thank God for the timing of that, because a short time later COVID hit. Pastor Jamie had already gotten us on-line with YouTube. During Covid he quickly mastered "ZOOM" meetings for us and he was (proudly) the FIRST to introduce a parking lot service. At this point, there was an entire new set of decisions to make and unknowns to deal with. I am not sure what we would have done without a good council and Pastor Jamie.

I cannot speak for everyone, or for what it may have been like to be on Council in the past, but for me it was much more rewarding than it was a responsibility. Of course my initial intention was just to do the best I could for my church, but I feel I took more from it than I gave. One, being involved provided a greater sense of being a part of something. Two, I have learned much more on council than I could have anticipated. And three, I have gotten to know more of our congregation, and it has been an honor to feel like I've served them. The annual meeting has passed for this year, but I would encourage anyone thinking of council to run for a position next year. Thank you to the congregation and council and especially Pastor Jamie for the guidance and experience.

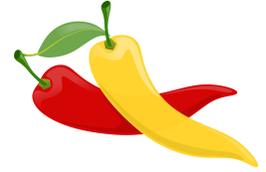
For the current council - I am very excited for another year of progress.

Respectfully,

Dave Anthony III



Mission Message



RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS

by Marcia Brown, mission interpreter

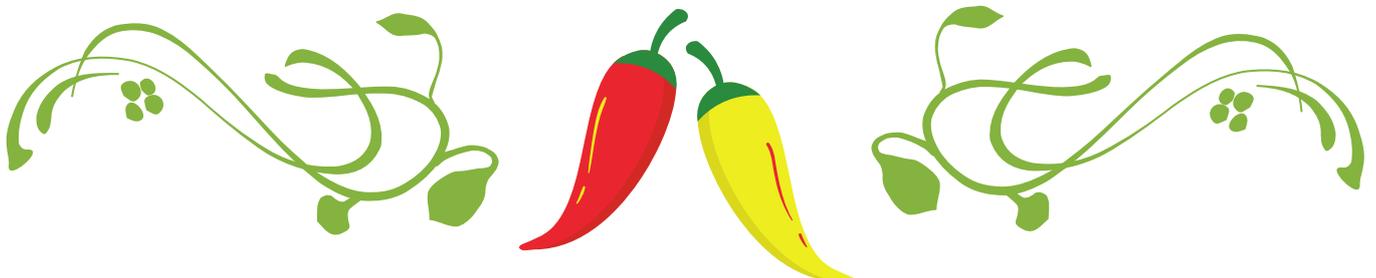
Yaatulo and Mariata grow bananas on a half-acre in Indonesia. With only one harvest per year, their income is very limited, and cannot support their family. Then Yaatulo heard about a community program supported by ELCA World Hunger that allowed him to borrow enough money to buy chili seeds. Over the next two months, Yaatulo and Mariata cleared the land and planted 1000 chili bushes.

Chilis are harvested multiple times a year, and grow quickly, giving farmers more opportunity to sell at the market. Yaatulo and Mariata have doubled their income! He is paying back the loan, and looking forward to being able to afford good education for the two children. He is an inspiration for others in the community, and has offered his experience to those looking to start their own farms.

The ELCA accompanies our neighbors like Yaatulo and Mariata around the world as they work to end hunger and poverty. Thanks to gifts to ELCA World Hunger, farmers have improved access to the tools, training, livestock, seeds and more that will help their families increase farm production and have more to eat and to sell on the market.

Your congregation's mission support helps finance these goals. Thank you!

*We are church together for the sake of the world.
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April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Fastnacht Sunday 9:00 AM In Person/ Online Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM YOUTH Soup Fundraiser 10:30 AM In Person/ Online Service	28 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Church Office Hours 4:30 PM Guiding Eyes Mtg 7:30 PM Chordsmen Mtg	29 9:30 AM Quilters 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Church Office Hours 7:00 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM NA Meeting	30 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Church Office Hours	31 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Church Office Hours 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Handbell Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	1 7:30 PM NA Meeting	2 5:30 PM In Person/ Streamed Service
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Upcoming Events

BIBLE STUDY

1pm Thursdays

During Lent

YOUTH MEETING

Sunday, April 3rd

6:30pm-8:00pm

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 10th

Pancake Breakfast 8am-10am

Worship @ 10:30am

Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:30am

HOLY DAYS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Worship

April 10th @10:30am

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 14th @ 7pm

Good Friday Worship

April 15th @ 7pm

Easter Sunday Worship

April 17th @ 9am & 10:30am

CHOWDER SALE

Sunday, April 24th

APRIL DEACON SCHEDULE

04/03/2022 9AM
RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI
04/03/2022 1030AM
SAM GIERLINGER

04/10/2022 1030AM
KATHY KONSTABEL

04/14/2022 7PM
KATHY KONSTABEL

04/17/2022 9AM
RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI
04/17/2022 1030AM
SAM MILLER

04/24/2022 9AM
SAM MILLER
04/24/2022 1030AM
SAM GIERLINGER

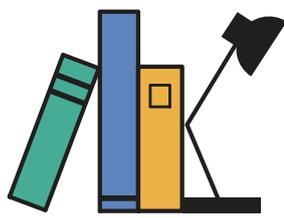
APRIL ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

04/03/22
AMY PETRUNYAK
KAREN FREUND

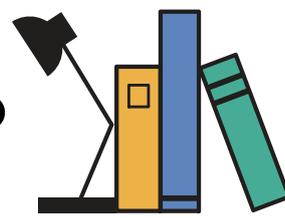
04/10/2022
TIMMY GIERLINGER
RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI

04/17/22
SHARON WALKER
CAROL GRAHAM

04/24/2022
KELLY SIERACKI



Book Club



Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on **Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 PM** to discuss Jennifer Dupee's novel, *The Little French Bridal Shop*.

"Is a lie of omission still a lie? Larisa Pearl didn't think so and it got her into a heap of trouble.

When Larisa Pearl returns to her small seaside hometown in Massachusetts to manage her beloved great aunt's estate, she's a bit of an emotional mess. She's just lost her job and her boyfriend and she's struggling to cope with her mother's failing health.

When she passes by the window of The Little French Bridal Shop, a beautiful ivory satin wedding gown catches her eye...

Now, to the delight of everyone in town, Larisa is planning her wedding. She has her dress, made floral arrangements, and set the date. The only thing missing is the groom. How did this happen? All she did was try on a dress and let her fantasy take flight. But word about her upcoming nuptials has reached the ears of Jack Merrill. As teenagers, they spent time together on her great aunt's estate, building a friendship that could have become something more had they chosen different paths.

Lost in a web of her own lies, Larisa must first face some difficult truths, including her mother's fragile future, before she can embrace her family, straighten out her life, and open her heart to finding love."

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-little-french-bridal-shop-jennifer-dupee/1136846426?ean=9781250271525>

Read this delightful story about discovering your authentic self when things get hard, and the joys you can find when you live from your heart. Then come (as your schedule permits!) and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!



“The Love List”
by Norm Foster

St. John’s Fellowship Event
Desiderio’s Dinner Theatre @ Bobby J’s

**Sunday, May 1, 2022 (Doors Open at 12:30 PM; Dinner Served @ 1:00 PM) –
Performance: 2:30 PM
204 Como Park Blvd.**

In this side-splitting and thought provoking comedy, Leon and Bill concoct a top ten list of attributes that make the ideal-perfect mate. When this allegedly “Ideal Woman” actually arrives on the scene, the men quickly learn that their list could use a few revisions. Be careful what you wish for – especially in choosing a mate. This old adage leads to hilarious results in Foster’s sparkling hit.

Price: **\$63.00 Per Person (Includes tip and sales tax)**

Dinner Selections Include Salad, Bread, Coffee/Tea and Dessert. Choose from the following selections:

- Chicken Parmesan - with a Side of Pasta
- Italian Style Haddock - Baked with Bruschetta, Italian Bread Crumbs and Imported Cheese. Served with House Risotto and vegetable.
- Homemade Lasagna – Layers of Italian Beef, Ricotta Cheese and Flat Pasta Baked in Homemade Sauce

Contact Donna McGrew @ 716-949-2483 for Reservations/Questions or Look for the Reservation Forms Available near the Weekly Bulletins. Friends and family are welcome to attend!

- Reservations due by Easter Sunday, April 17th
- Payment due by Sunday, April 24th. Please make checks payable to St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Altar Flower Update



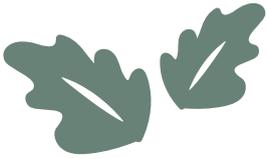
Arrangements for the altar are \$30 (for 2). You may request specific colors or flowers if desired, however there may be an additional charge if you would like larger arrangements or more expensive varieties of flowers. To dedicate flowers, please continue to use the envelopes provided at the church, Contact the church office by phone 716-683-8972 or by email at stjohnslancaster55@gmail.com. All dedications must be submitted and paid for by the Monday before the dedication date in order to provide time to notify the florist.

AVAILABLE ALTAR FLOWER DATES:

April 3rd, 17th, 24th

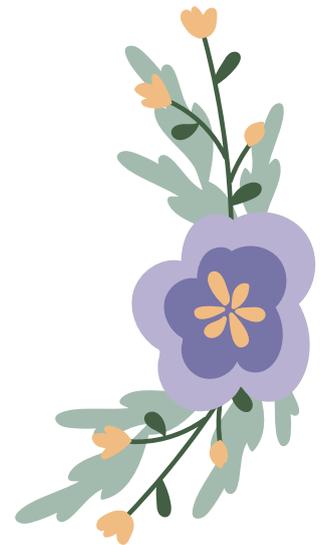
May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th



Prayer List

We lift up: Elliana Meyers, Zach, Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Todd Potter, Debby Taylor, Hans Kiener, Kimberly Stribing, Jacob Marshall, Karen Manny, Louis Knobloch, Richard Radel, & Melvin Girardin.





TRACY GUARINO, APR 1
ANDREA GORDON, APR 1
JOSEPH NICPON, APR 1
WADE TOMASZEWSKI, APR 1
MARY KREBS, APR 2
JUSTIN MANGOLD, APR 2
ANNE REITMEIER, III, APR 3
TIMOTHY PREUSCH, APR 4
PAUL RUDZ, APR 4
JESSICA DOMOGALA, APR 5
MELISSA BEATTIE, APR 5
BRADLEY KRUGER, APR 5
DAVID PEITA, APR 6
BAILEE KREHER, APR 8
REGINA CINOTTI, APR 8
JASON NICPON, APR 8
DEVIN CONNOLLY, APR 8
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TRACIE TOMCZYK, APR 9
GRAYSON MAYER, APR 10
JOSHUA HAEFNER, APR 10
SANDRA GAGLIARDI, APR 11
JENNA PATTERSON, APR 12
DYLAN TROMMETTER, APR 12
WILLIAM HELWIG, APR 12
ERIK BALCERZAK, APR 13
NICOLE GALANTE, APR 14
MARLENE BONAROWSKI, APR 15
BRANDON WEBBER, APR 15
ANNALISA CUTTITTA, APR 16
BEVERLY BRATEK, APR 16
MICHELLE VALOIS, APR 16
THOMAS MORSE, APR 17
GARY SCHWERTZ, APR 17

TARA ZIEMANN, APR 18
BRANDON BRAUN, APR 18
ROBERT SHARPE, APR 18
DIANE WOODILL, APR 18
JOSHUA NANTKA, APR 18
LUCAS MANN, APR 19
MICHAEL WAWROWSKI, APR 19
HANS KIENER, APR 19
AIDEN BUSH, APR 19
ALEXANDER FREUND, APR 20
GAVIN KERWIN, APR 20
DAVID MAKI, APR 20
JENNIFER SCARAFIA, APR 20
IAN GRANT, APR 21
ELLEN GRUCELLA, APR 22
LAUREN DEMBSKI, APR 23
ANGELIQUE VALOIS, APR 23
APRIL PRESS, APR 24
CHRISTOPHER HOFFMAN, APR 24
BARBARA DECAIRE, APR 25
STEVEN PRESS, APR 25
BETH FORBES, APR 25
KRISTEN KENNEDY, APR 25
CHRISTOPHER BURGIO, APR 26
TEAGAN BRAUN, APR 26
HANNAH WAWROWSKI, APR 26
SCOTT PRIESTER, APR 26
MATTHEW REITMEIER, APR 27
TAMMY LAVIS, APR 28
EMMA SHEEHAN, APR 28
JILL DRAKE-SCHOTTMAN, APR 29
LAKOTA STRIKER, APR 29
TARA SALGE, APR 30





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