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April Newsletter



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God's work. Our hands.

Good News

Rev. Jamie Retallack 848-9683

April 2021

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

Sat. 5:30pm In person/Online Worship
Sun. 9:00am Drive in Worship
Sun. 10:30am In Person/Online Worship

Office Hours

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Pastor's Message

From Pastor Jamie

This past year has been an exercise in changing expectations. When we first had to transition to remote services I thought it would last a few weeks, my expectations changed. When it became clear that we would be remote for Easter I started planning a drive in service, but the county said no to that idea and my expectations changed. When it became clear that this was going to go on for quite some time I had hoped that when we opened we could open all at once, welcome everyone back, have a grand celebration and things would be like normal; expectations changed. Eventually the reality sunk in, that this would be gradual. Different people would have to decide for themselves when it was safe and wise to return to everyday activities like returning to church. I realized that for those who were ready we needed to be ready too and for those not yet ready we needed to offer the best remote options we could and patiently await their return to in person. In other words our reopening plan couldn't be one size fits all. All of us find ourselves in different situations with different

considerations. Easter was the most open we've been in a year. We have pews blocked off to maintain distance, we wore masks and we didn't move around for the peace but we were open. At the end of the 10:30 service the processional cross, which had been mounted in the narthex since our last service before the pandemic processed back into the sanctuary and took its spot in the chancel. It wasn't what I had originally set my expectations on but it was a truly moving moment. Rather than welcome everyone back all at once we have prepared our space, even if everyone who was regularly attending before the pandemic returned all at one we can still worship and maintain social distance. I shifted my expectations and god provided. I feel like these experiences can help us to reinforce lessons taught to us through scripture.

Matthew 6: 9-13

**“This, then, is how you should pray:
“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.’**

The Lord's Prayer is a series of petitions, or things we ask for (We ring the steeple bell for each petition during the service). Each petition asks for God to be in control, for God's will to be done, for God's kingdom to come, for God to forgive and provide. Instead of asking for our own wants and desires we ask for God's. There is an admission in this, which is God's will and way is more perfect than our own. That's not a controversial or bold proclamation but it is an important one that can be clouded over in a world built around wants and desires. Just as this past year taught us that in the face of a pandemic we have to adjust our expectations so to must we with God. God will exceed our expectations but in God's way not our own. Just as my changing pandemic expectations resulted in the cross being front and center so to should we live our lives. We should live our lives in prayer, seeking God's will, building God's kingdom, welcoming God's forgiveness and preparing for God to provide the things that God knows we truly need. So set your expectations aside and instead look to the cross.

Peace,

Jamie

Mission Message

A Message from the ELCA

CHANGING LIVES IN BANGLADESH

In Bangladesh, Farida works as a housekeeper, and her husband is a field laborer. They live near the Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh Hospital, which offers self-help groups for women that provide an opportunity for savings, small business development, economic and financial training, and relational support. When Farida joined the group, she received training in homestead vegetable gardening. She now tells her neighbors how her life has changed. In addition to her cleaning work, she now has an extra income source selling her vegetables at the local weekly market. Her economic status has improved, and her children have their basic needs met. “I will always be grateful to Almighty God and to the Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh.”

As you plan your garden this spring, think of Farida and her vegetable garden. It wouldn't happen without your gifts to Mission Support and to ELCA World Hunger, which support families as they grow food to nourish themselves and build safer, healthier communities for the long term, helping to put an end to hunger—for good. Thank you!

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

Announcements

Updates and Information

Current Worship Schedule:

Sat. 5:30pm -In person/ online Service

Sun. 9:00am- Drive in Worship Service

Sun. 10:30am- In Person/ Online Streamed Service

Confirmation Dates:

Sunday April 11th

Sunday April 25th

Sunday May 9th

Sunday May 23rd

Sunday June 6th

Sunday June 20th

April/ May Deacon Schedule

Date	Deacon
4/11/2021	Sam Miller
4/18/2021	Kathy Konstabel
4/25/2021	Sam Miller
5/2/2021	RaeAnn Jakubowski
5/9/2021	Kathy Konstabel
5/16/2021	RaeAnn Jakubowski
5/23/2021	Sam Miller
5/30/2021	Kathy Konstabel

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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.

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28						
Bud Burkhardt Fastnachts Sale				1	2	
Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt		30		7:00 PM Handbell Choir	7:00 PM Good Friday Service	3
9:00 AM Drive-In Service	29	7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	31	7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	5:30 PM In Person/ Streamed Service
10:30 AM In Person/ Streamed Service				7:30 PM Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal		
11:30 AM Confirmation Class						
4						
7:00 AM Easter Service		6		8	9	10
9:00 AM Easter Service	5	7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	7	7:00 PM Handbell Choir	7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting	5:30 PM In Person/ Streamed Service
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7:00 PM Council Meeting

7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

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7:00 PM Handbell Choir

7:30 PM Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal

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7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

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5:30 PM In Person/ Streamed Service

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9:00 AM Drive-In Service

3

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting

10:30 AM In Person/ Streamed Service

4

7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

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7:00 PM Handbell Choir

7:30 PM Queen City Chordsmen Rehearsal

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7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

8

12:00 PM LYMA Chicken BBQ

5:30 PM In Person/ Streamed Service

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9:00 AM Drive-In Service

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10:30 AM In Person/ Streamed Service

11:30 AM Confirmation Class

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7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

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5:30 PM In Person/ Streamed Service

Birthdays

April Birthdays

Apr 1	ANDREA GORDON	Apr 25	STEVEN PRESS
Apr 1	TRACY GUARINO	Apr 26	Teagan BRAUN
Apr 1	JOSEPH NICPON	Apr 26	CHRISTOPHER BURGIO
Apr 1	Wade TOMASZEWSKI	Apr 26	SCOTT PRIESTER
Apr 2	MARY KREBS	Apr 26	HANNAH WAWROWSKI
Apr 2	JUSTIN MANGOLD	Apr 27	MATTHEW REITMEIER
Apr 3	ANNE REITMEIER, III	Apr 28	TAMMY LAVIS
Apr 4	TIMOTHY PREUSCH	Apr 28	EMMA SHEEHAN
Apr 4	PAUL RUDZ	Apr 29	JILL DRAKE-SCHOTTMAN
Apr 5	MELISSA BEATTIE	Apr 29	Lakota STRIKER
Apr 5	JESSICA DOMOGALA	Apr 30	TARA SALGE
Apr 5	BRADLEY KRUGER		
Apr 6	DAVID PEITA		
Apr 8	Regina CINOTTI		
Apr 8	Devin CONNOLLY		
Apr 8	Bailee KREHER		
Apr 8	JASON NICPON		
Apr 9	KENT LANGERMAN		
Apr 9	TRACIE TOMCZYK		
Apr 10	JOSHUA HAEFNER		
Apr 10	Grayson MAYER		
Apr 11	SANDRA GAGLIARDI		
Apr 12	WILLIAM HELWIG		
Apr 12	Jenna PATTERSON		
Apr 12	DYLAN TROMMETTER		
Apr 13	ERIK BALCERZAK		
Apr 14	NICOLE GALANTE		
Apr 15	Marlene BONAROWSKI		
Apr 15	BRANDON WEBBER		
Apr 16	BEVERLY BRATEK		
Apr 16	Annalisa CUTTITTA		
Apr 16	MICHELLE VALOIS		
Apr 17	Thomas MORSE		
Apr 17	GARY SCHWERTZ		
Apr 18	BRANDON BRAUN		
Apr 18	JOSHUA NANTKA		
Apr 18	ROBERT SHARPE		
Apr 18	DIANE WOODILL		
Apr 18	TARA ZIEMANN		
Apr 19	Aiden BUSH		
Apr 19	HANS KIENER		
Apr 19	LUCAS MANN		
Apr 19	MICHAEL WAWROWSKI		
Apr 20	Alexander FREUND		
Apr 20	Gavin KERWIN		
Apr 20	DAVID MAKI		
Apr 20	JENNIFER SCARAFIA		
Apr 21	IAN GRANT		
Apr 22	ELLEN GRUCELLA		
Apr 23	LAUREN DEMBSKI		
Apr 23	ANGELIQUE VALOIS		
Apr 24	CHRISTOPHER HOFFMAN		
Apr 24	APRIL PRESS		
Apr 25	BARBARA DECAIRE		
Apr 25	BETH FORBES		
Apr 25	KRISTEN KENNEDY		

Prayer List

Known to be hospitalized or in need of prayers

**Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers, Bob
Simonson, Zach, Debra Wilczak,
Flip Roth, Beatrice Gill, Ann
Hoffman, Carol Graham, Alice
Kryszczynski, Mohit, Debbie,
Heather Booth**

Yellow Pages

and staff

Yellow Pages

Bunny Boteler Bunny's Motor Sports (small engine repair)	684-7650
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Christine Ruffner Usborne Children's Educational Books	656-2056
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Rev. John Scarafia Pastor Emeritus	
Dr. Vicky Chang Director of Music	
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