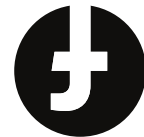




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*Just as one man's trespass
led to condemnation for all,
so one man's act of righteousness
leads to justification
and life for all.
Romans 5:18*

THE GOOD NEWS

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster

March 2023



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

SUN. 10:30AM

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10:00AM-3:00PM

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Pastor's Message



One of the first things we learn in this world is rules. We learn rules to keep us safe, like look both ways before you cross the road. We learn rules to keep others safe, such as don't hit. We also learn rules that are unique to us and simply support the family dynamic, such as Saturdays are family days. I think we often know and understand the rules, but still we push those boundaries. I think a normal part of being young is testing those rules both big and small. We do that for a number of reasons, such as wanting things our own way, or feeling like the rule need not apply in a specific situation. Perhaps you still push against some rules for those or similar reasons. Of course God gave us rules too, most notably the ten commandments. The question sometimes is why did God give the Law? Was it to limit the destructive nature? Was it to control his creation? Or was it for some other reason?

16 "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah. 17 You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you. 18 And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. (Deuteronomy 6 16-18)

God says here that the law is so that things may go well for his people. God's intention is for our lives to be rich and full and to go well. The commandments that God gives us seek to achieve that end. Imagine a world where people follow these commandments perfectly. Where no one breaks trust in relationships, no one hurts anyone, children and parents respect each other and vice versa. If the world were like that, where God's commands were perfectly followed, it would be quite an amazing world, a perfect world, a Godly world. We shouldn't think of the commandments as simply rules, but as a gift of God: a gift of what the world could be, a gift of what God created the world to be. The commandments are an invitation to do our part to make this world that much closer to how God intended.

This Lent is an opportunity for us to reflect on God's commands; an opportunity to adjust ourselves to behave more in line with God's commands; an opportunity to do our part and make this world a little bit more in line with God's intentions for us. Thank God for those commands. May we endeavor to follow them diligently.

Peace

Jamie





Mission Message

MISSION FORMATION



Living in the global church challenges inherited notions of ministry and faith. A mission trip to a companion church or a meal with a congregation across town can prompt questions: What is mission? Who is our neighbor? Who is the Other?

These questions invite us into formation — the Christian response to Jesus' call toward a lifelong faith journey. This process calls us to form, and reform, our faith through experiences and actions. Formation happens everywhere. There are always “borders” to be crossed, visible and invisible. As we cross them, we open our heads, hearts and hands to be formed and reformed, with, in, and to Christ. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together.

Mission Formation provides tools to help ELCA members integrate and grow their faith while engaging globally. Through **Glocal Mission Gatherings** and other events and resources, the team seeks to empower people to:

- actively engage in and reflect on cross-cultural relationships using a shared language and set of tools;
- become aware of the social and cultural contexts of Scripture and the realities of today's world;
- give and get the most from relationships with global partners, and to see those experiences as formation;
- learn to see and live “glocally” by applying what is learned globally to congregations and local ministry.

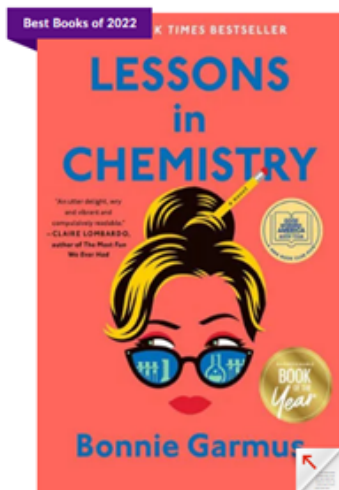
Come join the conversation, grow in faith, and be equipped for God's work in a “glocal” world. <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Mission/How-We-Work/Mission-Formation>



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



Book Club



Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 PM to discuss Bonnie Garmus' novel, LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY.

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show, *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

Enjoy this feel-good read, then come (as your schedule permits) and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/lessons-in-chemistry-bonnie-garmus/1139798102?ean=9780385547345>

MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>9:00am In Person/ Online Service 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Joy/singers 10:30am In Person/ Online Service</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am - 3:00pm Church office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes Mtg 7:30pm Chordsmen Mtg</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30am Quilters 10:00am - 3:00pm Church office Hours 7:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am - 3:00pm Church office Hours</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am - 3:00pm Church office Hours 1:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30pm In Person Service</p>
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Upcoming Schedules

USHER SCHEDULE



DEACON SCHEDULE	3/5/2023 9AM LINDA COSTA SAM MILLER	ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE
3/5/23 9AM RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI	3/5/2023 1030AM RICK TOMASZEWSKI VIRGINIA GRAHAM	03/05/2023 SHARON WALKER & CAROL GRAHAM
3/5/23 1030AM KATHY SNYDER	3/12/2023 9AM RICH RICE DAVID RICE	03/12/2023 KELLY SIERACKI
3/12/23 9AM SAM MILLER	3/12/2023 1030AM LINDA COSTA KATHY BURR	03/19/2023 CHERYL HELWIG & KATHY SNYDER
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3/19/23 9AM RAEANN JAKUBOWSKI	3/19/2023 1030AM BEVERLY HESS CAROL GRAHAM	
3/19/23 1030AM KATHY KONSTABEL	3/26/2023 9AM RICH RICE DAVID RICE	
3/26/23 9AM SAM MILLER		
3/26/23 1030AM KATHY SNYDER		
	3/26/2023 1030AM RICK TOMASZEWSKI VIRGINIA GRAHAM	

Upcoming Events

ST. PATTY'S DAY DINNER

Corned Beef/Cabbage/Vegetables/Bread & Butter

Sunday, March 19th @ Noon

\$5 Dinner Reserve

Takeout Only - Must Have Ticket!

Limited to 100 Tickets

Sales ends March 12th or Sold Out

Contact: Gary Rudz – 716-829-9618

ST. JOHN'S OPEN STAGE EVENT

Back by popular demand!

Non-competitive, no-judging showcase.

Thursday, March 25th @ 7pm

All Talents Welcome.

3-Song Limit per Act.

Please Sign up.

FASTNACHT SUNDAY

Sunday, March 26th @ 8am

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Palm Sunday, April 2nd @ 8-10am

EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday, April 2nd @ 11:30am

Upcoming Events

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 2nd
Youth Breakfast Prep @ 7:30am
Pancake Breakfast 8am-10am
Worship @ 10:30am
Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:30am

HOLY DAYS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday
Worship April 2nd @10:30am
Maundy Thursday
Worship April 6th @ 7pm
Good Friday
Worship April 7th @ 7pm
Easter Vigil - Saturday
Worship April 8th @ 5:30pm
Easter Sunday
Worship April 9th
9am & 10:30 am

CHOWDER SALE
Sunday, April 23rd



Altar Flower Update



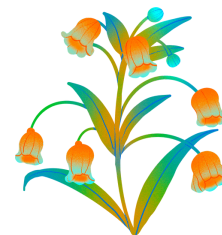
Arrangements for the altar are \$30 (for 2). You may request specific colors or flowers if desired, however there may be an additional charge if you would like larger arrangements or more expensive varieties of flowers. To dedicate flowers, please continue to use the envelopes provided at the church, 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:

March 5, 12, 19, 26

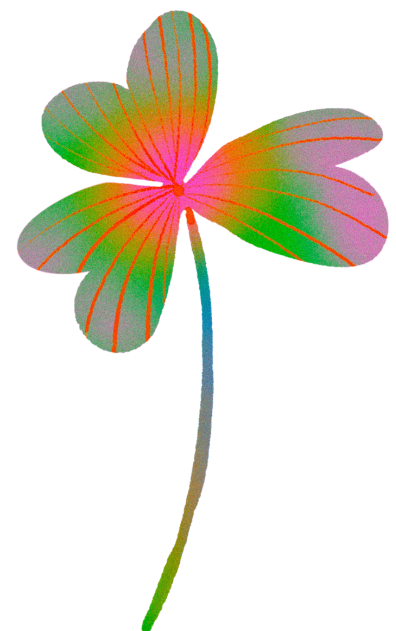
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

May 7, 14, 21, 28



Prayer List

We lift up: Elliana Meyers, Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood, Edna Mann, Jackie Engelbach-Ugale, George Stubblebein, Brad Hueseke, Roberta Anzelone, Sarah Hermsmeyer, Bernie Lewis, Ron Bennett, Jon Drosendahl, and the family and friends of Flip Roth and Jim.





Happy Birthday!



BDAVID SMITH, MAR 1
BETSY KAMPHUIS, MAR 1
SARAH FORBES, MAR 1
MAXWELL SALGE, MAR 1
ROGER GUARINO, MAR 2
ANTHONY SANTUCCI, MAR 2
KATELYN DECAIRE, MAR 3
MICHELLE RICE, MAR 3
ALICIA ROGACKI, MAR 4
MATTHEW SHERMAN, MAR 4
BEVERLY FEHR, MAR 4
LEAH MYERS, MAR 4
STEPHEN SCHOTTMAN, MAR 5
MICHAEL SHEEHAN, MAR 5
MARAXUS MAYER, MAR 5
MIKAYLA DURKIN, MAR 6
ANJA SCHIAVONE, MAR 6
ARIANNA WECHTER, MAR 6
ELIZABETH SIERACKI, MAR 6
DILLON SNYDER, MAR 6
KYLE RUFFNER, MAR 7
DANIEL BOOTH, MAR 7
AIDAN CARNEY, MAR 7
THOMAS PORTO, MAR 8
WILLIAM HARDY, MAR 8
IRENE HAEFNER, MAR 9
KATHERINE SAGE, MAR 9
ANTHONY SANTUCCI, MAR 9
BRUCE MEYER, MAR 10
GRACE SHEEHAN, MAR 10
MICHAEL SHEEHAN, MAR 10
MIRIEL JACOBS, MAR 10
LILLIAN BOERSCH, MAR 11
ELLA BOERSCH, MAR 11
MATTHEW MARTIN, MAR 11
SARA VANNORTWICK, MAR 12
THOMAS WNEK, MAR 15
SARAH GAGLIARDI, MAR 15
DARLENE KRAMER, MAR 15
DAVID SAGE, MAR 15
QUINTIN CALHOUN, MAR 16
CLAIRE BUCCIERI, MAR 17
BRANDON RUFFNER, MAR 17
ETHAN GALANTE, MAR 17
JAMES HALE, MAR 18
JENNIFER STACHERA, MAR 18
MEGAN POWERS, MAR 18
SONJA DEMBSKI, MAR 18
GERARD CORBETT, MAR 18
ELIZABETH WALKER, MAR 18

JAMES ENGELBACH-SCHAFFER, MAR 20
TOM BURGIO, MAR 20
ASHLIE KOHLHAGEN, MAR 21
MARIE RUSSO, MAR 21
JEROME MAYER, MAR 21
KENNETH, III REITMEIER, MAR 22
MEGAN KREHER, MAR 22
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PAUL DYKSTRA, MAR 22
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ROWAN BRAUN, MAR 24
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EDITH VALLONE, MAR 26
BRUCE JACOBS, MAR 26
LEO GRUCELLA, MAR 26
SARALYNN NANTKA, MAR 26
CANDIS O'MEARA, MAR 27
NORAH HARRINGTON, MAR 27
JEAN CONKLIN, MAR 27
CASEY BROCK, MAR 27
ADDISON COST, MAR 27
KATHRYN WILDRIDGE, MAR 28
AUBREE LACORTE, MAR 28
SARA BAYER, MAR 28
EMILIA REFERMAT, MAR 28
MARGARET SAVASH, MAR 29
JULIE BUCCIERI, MAR 29
SYDNEY BROCK, MAR 29
VICKY CHANG, MAR 29
KEVIN MCHALE, MAR 29
TRACEY FROST, MAR 29
DEBORAH MASTRANGELO, MAR 30
DANIELLE ZAK, MAR 30
GRETCHEN SNYDER, MAR 30
DIANE MENICHELLI, MAR 31
MATTHEW ORBAN, MAR 19
JACOB* PUDLEWSKI, MAR 19
RONALD JR. KJELDGAARD, MAR 19
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