

St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church Lancaster



March Newsletter



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Good News

March 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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March calendar insert

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—

First, let me say a big “Thank You” for the way you welcomed me to Sunday Worship on the day of the Annual Meeting. It was a real pleasure for me to see such a full church. It was the same feeling at the annual meeting itself. You turned out in numbers, and I could really feel your support, not only for myself, but for your Church Council.

Business was conducted in a congenial way, people stepped up for service on the Council, and we prayed specifically for St. John’s on the occasion of its 175th Anniversary. By next year, having settled in with your new pastor, things will look a lot different. These days of transition will have long gone.

The system we have for choosing a new pastor is far from perfect. Some say it takes too long. Some churches, notably the Roman Catholic and United Methodist Church, simply send a minister to the congregation. The members have very little input. The Episcopal Church begins the way we do, but there is no congregational vote. The Call committee recommends to the Church Council and if the Council approves, that’s it.

The system we have, whereby the bishop recommends a candidate to the Call Committee of a church, is meant to insure that the candidate is legitimate,

conforming to the standards the ELCA sets up for its clergy, trained in Lutheran theology and practice. The Call Committee and Council act to measure a candidate’s abilities with congregational expectations. Sometimes that’s a difficult balance to find. But, in the end, with both Call Committee and Council concurring, the candidate is presented to you. You get the final say. Your vote, with at least 67%

in favor, brings a new pastor to the congregation.

Nineteen years ago, when Wendy and I were installed as the new pastors at St. Paul’s in Williamsville, I remember saying to the congregation at the end of the installation service “I hope we don’t disappoint you. I know you started off looking for Jesus Christ, and had to settle for us!” That got some laughs, but it spoke the truth. When a new pastor comes, the graceful way you welcome that new representative of Christ will make all the difference.

Let us all use the upcoming season of Lent to pray that God’s will is done here, and that soon a new pastor will lead you into the future God has planned for you.

Pastor Tim Madsen



What is Advocacy?

a message from the ELCA

An advocate is someone who intercedes for someone else, often someone with little or no resource to do so for himself. God sent Jesus to be our advocate, and if, through our faith, we want to extend the hand of Jesus to others, then we will be their advocate. ELCA Advocacy identifies issues that affect the quality of life for people who may not be able to speak for themselves. Issues like minimizing the effect of the entertainment industry on youth smoking; training truck drivers to recognize and aid victims of sex trafficking; assessing the impacts of global warming; identifying socially responsible funds for investors. Surprised by the diversity of issues? There are vastly many more! This is how it works:

ELCA Advocacy works for change in public policy based on the experience of Lutheran ministries, programs and projects around the world and in communities across the United States. We work through political channels on behalf of the following biblical values: peacemaking, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people living in poverty and struggling with hunger and disease. Advocacy happens in both Albany and in Washington, DC, to strive for justice for all.

There is surely an issue that you, too, are concerned about. (To see all the work being done, visit ECLA.org, click on the “our work” tab, and you will find advocacy in the list under “publicly engaged church.”) Through ELCA Advocacy, your concerns become the church’s concerns, and action is being taken. You are part of this ministry through 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

Wordship Leaders for March

March 2	5:30pm	Pr. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill
March 3	9:00am	Pr. Jerilyn Brown
	10:30am	Pr. Jerilyn Brown
March 6	7:00pm	Deacon Mary Wolf
(Ash Wednesday)		
March 9	5:30pm	Pr. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill
March 10	9:00am	Deacon Mary Wolf
	10:30am	Deacon Mary Wolf
March 16	5:30pm	Pr. Tim Madsen
March 17	9:00am	Pr. Jerilyn Brown
	10:30am	Pr. Jerilyn Brown
March 23	5:30pm	Pr. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill
March 24	9:00am	Pr. Jerilyn Brown
	10:30am	Pr. Jerilyn Brown
March 30	5:30pm	Pr. Tim Madsen
March 31	9:00am	Deacon Mary Wolf
	10:30am	Deacon Mary Wolf

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For by grace you are 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

Acolytes/Crucifers for February

March 3	9:00am	Aiden Carney, Miia Dembski
	10:30am	Samantha Gierlinger, Alex Kiener
March 10	9:00am	Kayla Traina, Joshua Traina
	10:30am	Landyn Rogacki, Corrine Bartos
March 17	9:00am	Michael Sheehan, Grace Sheehan
	10:30am	Nicholas Reif, Nicholas Jacobs
March 24	9:00am	Miia Dembski, Alex Kiener
	10:30am	Aiden Carney, Regina Cinotti
March 31	9:00am	Landyn Rogacki, Corrine Bartos
	10:30am	Samantha Gierlinger, Kayla Traina

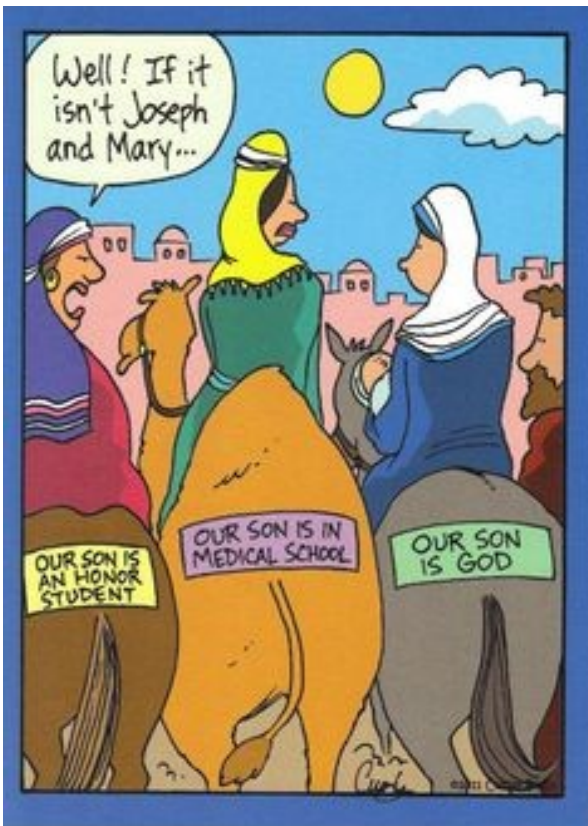
Deacons for March

March 3	9:00am	Sam Miller
	10:30am	Carol Graham
March 6th (Ash Wednesday) 7:00pm –Carol Graham		
March 10	9:00am	Kathy Konstabel
	10:30am	Kathy Snyder
March 17	9:00am	RaeAnn Jakubowski
	10:30am	Sharon Keller
March 24	9:00am	Sam Miller
	10:30am	Carol Graham
March 31	9:00am	Kathy Konstabel
	10:30am	Kathy Snyder

Announcements and reminders

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday worship service will be held **March 6th, at 7:00pm**. It will be lead by Deacon Mary Wolf. Come join us to start off the season of Lent.



Thank you!

A very belated thank you to all who provided cupcakes for the Christmas Eve Worship! Thank you so much for sharing your love in baking or purchasing these yummy treats!

-Pastor Jerilyn Brown

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.

Announcements

and reminders

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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Closings

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



WELCA Spring Luncheon

The WELCA Spring Luncheon will be April 27th at Noon. Tickets are \$12 each, and the A Capella group "Ladies First Quartet" will be performing. Questions or to reserve a ticket please contact the church office, or Kathy Snyder (681-7224).

Announcements and reminders

Youth Group Announcements!

Keep an ear out for more information about things the Youth Group will be doing in March and April! Here are some important dates to keep in mind:

MARCH 3rd, Youth Group Meeting at church. We will have a meeting, play games, and have an evening devotional. Bring a snack to share!

MARCH 10th, the youth will be helping out the LYMA with their meat raffle. Meet at the Polish Falcon at 11:30am.

MARCH 23rd, we are getting jumpy! We will be going to Get Air trampoline park. Cost is \$21.00 for 2 hours of jumping. More information to come on this event.

MARCH 24th, possible youth meeting! Stay tuned for more information



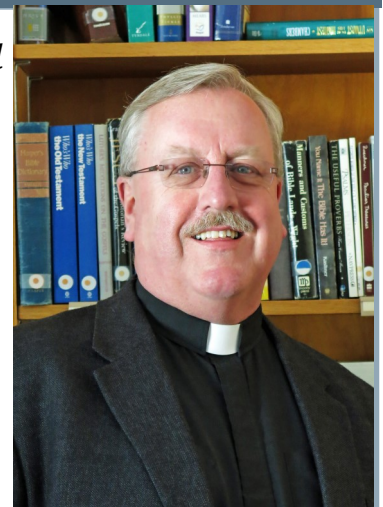
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A Visit From the Bishop

*In honor of our 175th Anniversary, Bishop John Macholz will be paying us a visit on **April 28th, 2019**. at 9:00am we will be celebrating our fellowship with a potluck breakfast and welcoming Bishop Macholz. Then we will worship at 10:30am and commune together as a congregation.*

Bishop Macholz obtained his Master of Divinity from Christ Seminary-Seminex in St. Louis, Missouri and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Concordia College in Bronxville, NY. He was ordained on November 23, 1980.

He served his first call as Pastor at Faith, Glenmont from 11/1980 to 8/1990 and was Dean of the Hudson Mohawk Conference from the Fall of 1988 to the summer of 1990. He then began serving as Pastor at Atonement Lutheran Church in Rochester from August 1990 to September 1, 2014 and served as Dean of the Genesee Finger Lakes Conference when he became Bishop of the Upstate New York Synod. Bishop Macholz married Linda Givens Hanna in 1976 and she is an equal partner in ministry, a strong supporter and a helpful critic. They have a daughter Barbara Grimaldi (Matthew) who lives in Pennsylvania and a son Zachary Macholz (Jasmin) who lives in Germany. Bishop Macholz has dabbled in pottery, enjoys writing poetry, reads in an attempt to keep up with changes and trends in the church and life and loves to cook and bake, among other things. An occasional game of golf also produces time apart and assists him in learning new ways to handle frustrations.



Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

Sarah Forbes	3/1
Betsy Kamphuis	3/1
Maxwell Salge	3/1
David Smith	3/1
Roger Guarino	3/2
Anthony Santucci	3/2
Katelyn Decaire	3/3
Beverly Fehr	3/4
Leah Myers	3/4
Alicia Rogacki	3/4
Matthew Sherman	3/4
Maraxus Mayer	3/5
Stephen Schottman	3/5
Michael Sheehan	3/5
Mikayla Durkin	3/6
Anja Schiavone	3/6
Elizabeth Sieracki	3/6
Dillon Snyder	3/6



Arianna Wechter	3/6
Aiden Carney	3/7
Kyle Ruffner	3/7
William Hardy	3/8
Irene Haefner	3/9
Katherine Sage	3/9
Anthony Santucci	3/9
Peyton Anthony	3/10
Miriel Jacobs	3/10
Bruce Meyer	3/10
Grace Sheehan	3/10
Michael Sheehan	3/10
David Anthony IV	3/11
Ella Boersch	3/11
Lillian Boersch	3/11
Matthew Martin	3/11
Sara VanNortwick	3/12
Sarah Gagliardi	3/15

Happy birthday

Time to celebrate

Darlene Kramer	3/15
David Sage	3/15
Thomas Wnek	3/15
Quintin Calhoun	3/16
Claire Buccieri	3/17
Ethan Galante	3/17
Brandon Ruffner	3/17
Gerard Corbett Jr.	3/18
Sonja Dembski	3/18
James Hale	3/18
Megan Powers	3/18
Jennifer Stachera	3/18
Elizabeth Walker	3/18
Ronald Kjeldgaard Jr.	3/19
David Kunselman	3/19
Matthew Orban	3/19
Jason Trommetter	3/19
James Engelbach-Schafer	3/20



Thomas Kramer	3/20
Mason Russo	3/20
Cedar Willadsen	3/20
Ashlie Kohlhagen	3/21
Jerome Mayer	3/21
Marie Russo	3/21
Paul Dykstra	3/22
Megan Kiener	3/22
Taylor Kiener	3/22
Megan Lindauer	3/22
Kenneth Reitmeier III	3/22
Kristoffer Schiavone	3/22
Timothy Stranc	3/22
Steven Branka II	3/24
Rowan Braun	3/24
Christine Ruffner	3/25
Leo Grucella	3/26
Bruce Jacobs	3/26

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Saralynn Nantka	3/26
Holly Smith	3/26
Edith Vallone	3/26
Casey Brock	3/27
Jean Conklin	3/27
Addison Cost	3/27
Norah Harrington	3/27
Candis O'Meara	3/27
Sara Bayer	3/28
Aubree LaCorte	3/28
Kathryn Wildridge	3/28
Sydney Brock	3/29
Julie Buccieri	3/29
Vicky Chang	3/29
Tracy Frost	3/29
Kevin McHale	3/29
Margaret Savash	3/29
Dorothea Konstabel	3/30



Debroah Mastrangelo	3/30
Gretchen Snyder	3/30
Danielle Zak	3/30
Allie Bashor	3/31
Diane Stowbunenko	3/31

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
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Rachel Poss Partylite Candles & Gifts/Parties	491-4393
Christine Ruffner Usborne Children's Educational Books	656-2056
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Donna McGrew Financial Secretary	
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