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Good News

Rev. Jamie Retallack 848-9683

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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

9:00am Drive in Worship

10:30am Online Worship

(10:30am In person services will resume on
February 21st)



Phone Office Hours

In person office hours by appointment only

Mon. 9am to Noon

Mon to Thurs 9am-2pm

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Pastor's Message

From Pastor Jamie

Back in 2019 Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center (LCLC) built a new climbing tower and zip line. It had a rock climbing wall, a repelling wall, a cargo net and of course a zip line. It was the source of a lot of excitement. The kids were eager to give it a try and the staff was eager to learn how to lead activities with it and to help the kids experience it. Standing at forty feet tall it was easy to see and easy to get excited for. I was fortunate enough to be one of the people trained to instruct and lead the campers on the equipment. I was eager to get to try it out myself, I knew I'd love climbing up the tower, repelling down and taking the 150 foot journey down the zip line. But what caught me off guard was what ended up being the most memorable part of the experience for me. Getting to the top of the tower and looking out at the camp and the lake. I've spent a lot of time at LCLC and seen just about every breathtaking view the place has to offer, but this was a new view for me looking out from that tower over the trees and down at the lake was just so cool. In many ways the pandemic has been like that tower for me, giving me new views of the Bible

even lessons I've read hundreds of times, and even helping me to see meaning in verses I've paid little attention to.

1st Corinthians 1: 1-5

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthene. To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

It seems like a boilerplate letter opening. Sure Paul uses more words but he's essentially just saying dear Corinthians, right? *It seemed that way to me, just a Churchy way of opening a letter, reading past it and getting to the information about who God is, what God has done for us and how God would have us respond. The pandemic has helped me to see this verse in a different way. Paul was a traveling evangelist. He would go to an area, spread the gospel, help plant a church, get them running well and then move on. This meant that he spent lots of time with these people but then traveled away leaving them behind. He had to have missed them terribly. They had to have missed him too. In the church we care about one another, are invested in one another's lives and we like to gather together often to see each other while we praise God.*

Over the past few months I've felt a bit like Paul myself. I started here at St John's back in Midway through 2019 and was the Pastor here for about 9 months until the pandemic hit. 9 Months isn't a long time but it is enough for you and I to get to know one another a bit and to become invested in one another. But since March of last year I've been the pastor in exile, pandemic pastor, parking lot pastor and online pastor. I've missed you. I realized just how much when I was excited for the annual meeting so I could see some people in the building again, and it was great getting to catch up just a bit. I felt the words Paul wrote in his opening to the Corinthians.

I think this pandemic will teach us a lot. But I hope one of the take-aways for the Church is how much community matters to us. How much we need one another as we live into our Gospel calling. I'm sure when we can fully open again the outpouring of enthusiasm will be unparalleled. But until then, Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

Peace,

Jamie

Council Corner

A Message from Council

Hello and welcome to Council Corner,

Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of Council Corner for 2021. Council is very excited to continue to work closely with Pastor as we move forward into a fresh year taking care of the business of the church.

Our annual meeting was held on January 24, 2021 and under the guidance of Pastor we were able to offer attendance options for both in person and via Zoom enabling all of us to stay safe all while catching up and taking care of important church business. What a wonderful thing to "see" so many of our church family and to be able to smile, wave and laugh a little as we attended to the business of the church. As you can imagine coordinating this event via Zoom with our "in person" attendees is a lot for one person so many thanks to Olivia Retallack and Abby Mandris for their assistance with set-up, monitoring on-line questions, communicating back and forth with Pastor all of which contributed to the success of our meeting. Your efforts are appreciated!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Council members for their many years of service and support. Please join us in thanking Karan Durkin, Kim Wawrowski and Allen Quillen for their dedicated service. We are pleased to welcome the following individuals to Council including Kelly Sieracki, Karen McClintock and Janet Sincebaugh.

As we head into 2021 we continue to be dedicated to St. Johns and all our members. While 2020 may not have ended how we would have liked we are looking forward to what 2021 has in store for us knowing that together we are ***Open, Alive and Inviting in Christ!***

See you at church!

Congregation council

Announcements

Updates and Information

On Sunday, February 21st we will be resuming in person worship at our 10:30am service. You **MUST** call or email the office to RSVP each Sunday. Masks are required and temperatures will be taken at the door. We will still be live-streaming as well.

WINE AND CHOCOLATE PAIRINGS

PARTNERED WITH



Lutheran Charities of Western New York is hosting a Virtual Wine and Chocolate Pairings event on Thursday, February 11th! There is one more week to register for the event and we have decided that in order to make it easier for the folks at St. John's who want to participate, we will be providing a mass pick up order for anyone who registers. Pastor Jamie and Abby will be doing one mass pick up on Tuesday, February 9th and bringing all the orders to the church. You would then be available to pick up your order from the church anytime on February 10th or 11th before the event. Please register by the 8th and let the office know your name and order information.

VIRTUAL BEER TASTING

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SAVE THE DATE!
THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH
7:30PM
\$49.00

Beer lovers unite! Give your taste buds a unique and exciting experience! For \$49 join us and a Master Brewer from Community Beer Works for an evening of fun you won't want to miss! Includes six beers (three flagship and three seasonal), house-made chips, and beer cheese.

Register at www.wnylutherancharities.org.

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Birthdays

January Birthdays

Jan 1	JARED DEMBSKI	Jan 29	Ella Mae BOOTH
Jan 1	KENNETH RUDZ	Jan 30	Abigail FREUND
Jan 1	Caroline SCHAFF	Jan 30	MARK LINDAUER
Jan 2	FREDERICK GREANOFF	Jan 30	Nathaniel VORWERK
Jan 2	BONNIE WOLF	Jan 31	Hayley LANDAHL
Jan 2	ROBERT WOODILL	Jan 31	COOPER ZAK
Jan 4	ALEXIS GRANT		
Jan 4	CHARLES KUNSELMAN		
Jan 4	BENJAMIN RUSSO		
Jan 4	Scarlette STOLDT		
Jan 5	JOYCE BOETTCHER		
Jan 5	Peyton Richards		
Jan 5	JOHN YARRINGTON		
Jan 6	CHARLES KRATHAUS		
Jan 8	CONNOR DONHAUSER		
Jan 8	JOSHUA MILLER		
Jan 10	KATHY BURR		
Jan 10	GARRETT GRANT		
Jan 10	KARLA PRIESTER		
Jan 10	RICHARD SCHAFFER		
Jan 10	MARK SCHERER		
Jan 11	MATTHEW CINOTTI		
Jan 11	Madison POSS		
Jan 12	MICHAEL COULTER		
Jan 12	Charlotte KRAWCZYK		
Jan 13	STEVEN II KOHLHAGEN		
Jan 13	DAVID SIERACKI		
Jan 15	RONALD FUERST		
Jan 16	Amethyst VOLL		
Jan 17	BARBARA LITZ		
Jan 17	AARON SCHRUTT		
Jan 18	EDNA MANN		
Jan 18	JOYCE WOLANSKE		
Jan 19	ALEXANDER POWERS		
Jan 20	GABRIELLE GACZEWSKI		
Jan 20	JEFFREY KOSTECKY		
Jan 20	SUSAN SPINUZZA		
Jan 21	SAMUEL FIORELLA		
Jan 23	MATTHEW ENGELBACH-SMITH		
Jan 23	Wyatt LAVIS		
Jan 23	DENNIS SNYDER		
Jan 23	DAVID WALKER		
Jan 24	Stephen KLINGER		
Jan 24	Theresa SABLE		
Jan 25	LINDA COSTA		
Jan 26	Davina JACKSON		
Jan 26	JOHN KRUEGER		
Jan 26	SHANNON* PATTERSON		
Jan 27	RONALD AST		
Jan 27	JAMIE KLOC		
Jan 27	KIMBERLY WAWROWSKI		
Jan 28	KATIE BOERSCH		
Jan 28	Francesca FRONCZAK		
Jan 28	ALICE KRYSZCZYNSKI		
Jan 28	Maximilian SAMULSKI		
Jan 28	GLEN SNYDER		

Feb 1	STEPHEN ANDRUCHOWSKYJ	Feb 25	Natalie WECHTER
Feb 1	ROBERT PRIESTER	Feb 25	BARBARA WOJTUSIAK
Feb 1	COLLEEN SANTUCCI	Feb 26	JOSHUA GAGLIARDI
Feb 2	Eliza KERWIN	Feb 27	ERIC CLINE
Feb 3	RICHARD BURRY	Feb 27	MICHAEL TROMMETTER
Feb 3	DANIEL DellaSala	Feb 29	MEGAN HARDY
Feb 3	BARBARA SCHMIDT		
Feb 4	Brinley FULLER		
Feb 4	MARIE HEINE		
Feb 5	ANGELIA BOGGS		
Feb 5	DEANNA WEBBER		
Feb 5	WILLIAM WEBBER		
Feb 6	KATHLEEN KASNIAK		
Feb 6	ANN MENZIES		
Feb 6	DANIEL RUDZ		
Feb 7	KATHRYN HAMMANN		
Feb 7	ADELA HAURIK		
Feb 7	Katelyn POSS		
Feb 7	DONALD SUAREZ		
Feb 8	KEVIN DUDKOWSKI		
Feb 8	Nicholas JACOBS		
Feb 8	CHIP MILLER		
Feb 9	AMBER BURKHARDT		
Feb 9	MITCHELL FORBES		
Feb 9	WENDY FRITZEN		
Feb 9	JONATHAN OTTO		
Feb 9	Preston PAYNE		
Feb 9	Emily RICE		
Feb 9	Robert VILES		
Feb 11	SUSAN BURGIO		
Feb 11	DONNA ORLANDO-MARTIN		
Feb 11	Joshua PRESS		
Feb 12	JACOB BALCERZAK		
Feb 12	JAMIE MARSH		
Feb 12	ERIC ORBAN		
Feb 12	Aiden Valois		
Feb 13	JULIANNE BARTOS		
Feb 14	BRIAN ALDINGER		
Feb 14	Corrine BARTOS		
Feb 14	DENNIS PRZYKUTA		
Feb 15	Mikayla CONNOLLY		
Feb 15	DYLAN KOPERA		
Feb 15	ABIGAIL LUDWIG		
Feb 16	Jace BAUER		
Feb 17	Alyssa MARKOWSKI		
Feb 17	SAMUEL MILLER		
Feb 18	JOSHUA FUERST		
Feb 18	LEILA SWANSON		
Feb 18	Kendall WOLFF		
Feb 20	THOMAS MORSE		
Feb 21	ANN MARIE KJELDGAARD		
Feb 23	Malaina GRANATA		
Feb 23	KARIE LACORTE		
Feb 23	ANN MARIE ROLL-PAYNE		
Feb 24	JILL SAGE		
Feb 25	Owen CINOTTI		

Anniversaries

January Anniversaries

While we are updating the church records we will not be printing anniversaries in the newsletter.

Prayer List

Known to be hospitalized or in need of prayers

Robert Scheifla, Elliana Meyers,
Bob Simonson, Zach, Marjorie
Murphy, Richard (Dicky) Sack, Jim
Moon, Ann Garbutt, Ron Starke,
Grace Braun, Molly Allen, Asa
Simpson, Greg and Bunny
Wildridge, the Friends and Family
of Jabreela

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
David Nester Handyman	681-9716
Rachel Poss Partylite Candles & Gifts/Parties	491-4393
Christine Ruffner Usborne Children's Educational Books	656-2056
Michael Sheehan Computer & Software Sales	937-9815
Tim Stranc (TSAir) Heating & Air-Conditioning	684-9854
Brian Makey Thrivent Financial Representative	714-9852
Brian.makey@thrivent.com	
Anthony Santucci Walden Auto Sales & Service	683-2901

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Rev. John Swanson Pastor Emeritus	
Rev. John Scarafia Pastor Emeritus	
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Donna McGrew Financial Secretary	
Abby Mandris Church Secretary	860-7881



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