

THE GOOD NEWS

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lancaster

August 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. 10:00AM

IN PERSON/ONLINE WORSHIP

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MONDAY-THURSDAY

10:00AM-3:00PM

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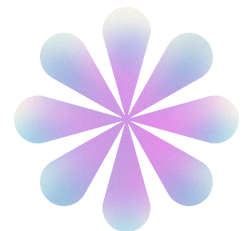
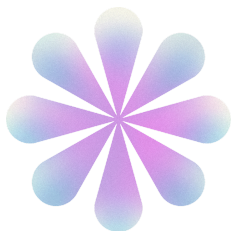
Intern's Introduction

My name is Teresa O'Connor, and I'm a seminarian preparing for ordination as a pastor in the ELCA. It is with great joy and thankfulness that I will be working with you all as an intern here at St John's starting in September.

I am originally from Maine, and have lived as a "Mainer in exile" here in Buffalo for more than 15 years. I have a husband and 3 young-adult daughters, and a dog named Pip.

One of the things I love best about the ELCA is our open invitation to communion at each service. This resonates with me deeply, as the profound grace received in this sacrament has been essential in my own life. It seems important that as many of God's people as possible should hear this invitation to the table, as there are so many in desperate need of a warm welcome to a place in which they can connect with God's unending and unconditional love for them. I want to be able to extend that invitation and to be able to welcome people into a church that will show them that they are indeed beloved by God.

I look forward to getting to know St John's and working with you all as we continue to find and share all the signs of God's grace and love among us!





Mission Message

FROM "BOUNDLESS" SUMMER 2023 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN LEADERS "PAVING THE WAY FOR FUTURE LEADERS"



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Eduarda Stein Christ didn't always see herself as a leader — but that didn't stop her from becoming one.

Eduarda is from a small town in Brazil and attended a church that is part of the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil. When she was growing up, her church's leadership included few young people and even fewer women. Still, Eduarda was very involved in church life. "I have always had a desire to help people — not just in church but in general," she explains. Eduarda assisted at services along with her mother and grandmother, taught Sunday school and helped in any other way she could. She always enjoyed it, but she thought of herself as more of a servant than a leader. When the time came for Eduarda to explore options for college, her pastor suggested that she apply for a scholarship through the ELCA's International Women Leaders (IWL) program. IWL provides full scholarships to emerging leaders from the ELCA's companion churches around the world to study at ELCA colleges and universities. No one from Eduarda's congregation or town had participated in the program before. The scholarship appealed to Eduarda because it would allow her to focus on her education but also give her the chance to make a greater impact in her community and beyond. "Why not?" she remembers thinking. "Let's take the shot."

Eduarda received a full scholarship to Texas Lutheran University, but the COVID-19 pandemic forced her to wait a year to begin her studies. In 2021 she finally made it to the United States, and recently she completed her sophomore year at her university.

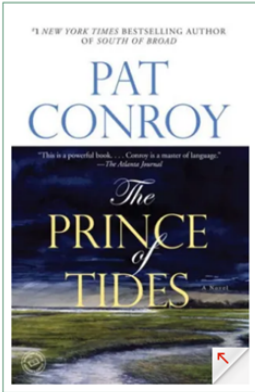
In addition to being the first IWL scholar from her church and her town, Eduarda is the first IWL scholar to attend Texas Lutheran. She says she always felt supported by her teachers and friends there, as well as by the IWL community: "There was never a time when I felt alone." Still, she is excited by the prospect of welcoming a second IWL scholar to Texas Lutheran while she is still studying there. "I think I would be a good mentor," she says. She thinks she knows what that person will be going through, and she wants to be the resource she wishes she'd had when she arrived.

Since becoming an IWL scholar, Eduarda has grown in more ways than she can name. She studies math and biochemistry, and she's starting to think about earning a master's degree or doctorate. Beyond her studies, her confidence has grown and her dreams have only gotten bigger. "I feel like, no matter what I do, I'm going to find my way ... because God has my side, and if he gave me this opportunity, I know he has greater plans for me."

Eduarda lacks the words to express her gratitude for the donors who have supported IWL. Your gifts, she says, reach IWL students "on a deeper level." Because of support from donors such as you, she has been completely changed. "I feel like I've grown so much," she says. "Not only education-wise and in my career, but with my relationships, how I want to be received, how I want to share my strengths with other people and how I want to change the world." Eduarda wants IWL supporters to know that their generosity will continue to impact her for years to come. For her that generosity "is a step further to a better future."

With your help Eduarda can better understand her potential as a leader — and she's ready to help other women see that potential in themselves. Your gifts to International Women Leaders enable emerging leaders from our global companion churches, such as Eduarda Stein Christ, to attend ELCA colleges and universities. Eduarda is the first IWL scholar to attend Texas Lutheran University and hopes to pave the way for others to follow.

Book Club



Please join us in the Memorial Lounge on Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 PM to discuss Pat Conroy's novel, THE PRINCE OF TIDES.

Spanning forty years, Conway takes the reader through an incredible and eloquent journey through the passions and many turmoils of the Wingo family. Filled with the vanishing beauty of the South Carolina Low Country as well as the dusty glitter of New York City, THE PRINCE OF TIDES showcases an American original at his very best.

Read this brilliant novel that ultimately affirms, life, hope, and the belief that one's future need not be contaminated by a monstrous past; then come (as your schedule permits) and share your thoughts and ideas. Friends and guests are always welcome!

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/prince-of-tides-pat-conroy/1100214128?ean=9780553381542>

Sunday School - Thank You

We hope all our friends from Sunday school are enjoying their summer vacation, and we are thankful for each of our students and the support of their families.

We also want to say a big thank you to all of our Sunday school teachers who help us every week. The contributions of each teacher are greatly appreciated, as they plan and lead the lessons, and provide and lead the crafts. They reflect the love of God, respect, and caring for all of our students.

We want to thank Kelly and Jamie and all of our Youth helpers who come every week, and have been a very important part of our program, as they are willing to help with anything we ask of them on a particular Sunday. Sometimes they help make copies, set up the room, or help the younger students with activities or games. Sometimes they have a lesson of their own. They find time to help and socialize and provide a positive example to our younger students of how each of us are important parts of our church family.

Thank you to all who donate crafts or snacks or time to make our Sundays more enjoyable. We are thankful for the support of our congregation church council.

As the summer continues, we wish for all - plenty of sunshine, time to enjoy family and friends, some rest, relaxation and renewal, remembering God is always watching over and traveling with us. We are looking forward to September when we resume Sunday school and get back together.

We are always looking for more teachers, youth helpers and students. If you are interested in participating at any level please contact our church secretary, Melissa, or Pastor Jamie, or just come and join us in September!

Thank you to ALL who are part of our Sunday school program, we could not do it without you!

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00am In Person/ Online Service 11:00am Music Committee Mtg	31 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 4:30pm Guiding Eyes Mtg 5:15pm LYMA Golf 6:00pm Wheelchair Football 7:30pm Chordsmen Mtg	1 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours 7:00pm NA Meeting	2 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	3 10:00am - 3:00pm Church Office Hours	4 7:30pm NA Meeting	5 11:00am Wheelchair Football 5:30pm In Person Service
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<https://www.stjohnslanc.org/calendar>

Upcoming Schedules

ALTAR GUILD

08/06/2023

Cheryl Helwig
Kathy Snyder

08/13/2023

Amy Petrunyak
John Petrunyak

08/20/2023

Timmy Gierlinger
RaeAnn Jakubowski

08/27/2023

Sharon Walker
Carol Graham

USHERS

8/6/2023

Carol Graham
Rich Rice

8/13/2023

Beverly Hess
Sm Miller

8/20/2023

Carol Graham
Rich Rice

8/27/2023

Linda Costa
Kathy Burr

DEACONS

8/6/2023

Paul Rudz

8/13/2023

Kathy Snyder

8/20/2023

RaeAnn Jakubowski

8/27/2023

Sam Miller

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who contributed to World Hunger in my honor. The amount raised was fantastic! Also, thank you to all who helped celebrate my 65th ordination year at worship and at the lovely reception. It was a beautiful celebration day for me.

Pastor Swanson

Congregational Meeting

On August 27th at 11 AM we will be having a special congregational meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on two proposals. The first proposal is the Elma Partnership and the second proposal is to set up the Kruger endowment fund. Copies of these proposals are available in the sanctuary or office if you wish to review them ahead of time. Both of these are very meaningful pieces of business so we don't want to delay. We hope you all attend. Thank you.

Peace Pastor

Oktoberfest



St. John's, Lancaster
Lutheran Young Men's Association
150th Anniversary Celebration

September 10th ~ Noon-6pm

@ Bowen Rd. Pavilion, Lancaster

Music all day

Live German Band 2pm-5pm

German Food available

Snacks, Large pretzels

Dessert Contest - Prizes!

Soda, Water, Coffee

Beer/Wine provided (Donation)

MUST BE 21 !!!



All are Welcome!





CELEBRATING

10

YEARS

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10, 2023

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,700 congregations participating in **“God’s work. Our hands.”** Sunday, on Sept. 10. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God’s love. Join us as we do God’s work with our hands! Contact us for more information:

St John’s Lutheran Church in Lancaster

Will be assembling Winter Essentials Kits to be distributed to those in need

If you are interested in supporting this ministry we will be accepting donations

of winter hats, gloves, and socks until September 1, 2023

Drop off at 55 Pelasant Ave (10-3 M-Th)

or Contact RaeAnn @ 474-1873 for pick up



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:

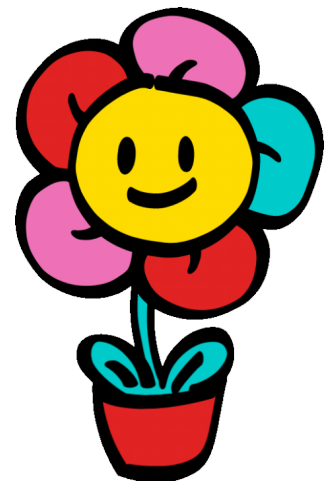
August 27

September 3, 10, 17, 24

October 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29

Prayer List

We lift up: Elliana Meyers,
Beatrice Gill, Brianna Wood,
Edna Mann, Jackie Engelbach-Ugale,
George Stubblebein, Brad Hueseke,
Sarah Hermsmeyer, Ron Bennett,
Barbara, Roger Stapleton Jr.,
Carolyn & Jim Kuwik,
Colleen & Jim Kenline and
the family and friends of Daniel Setter.

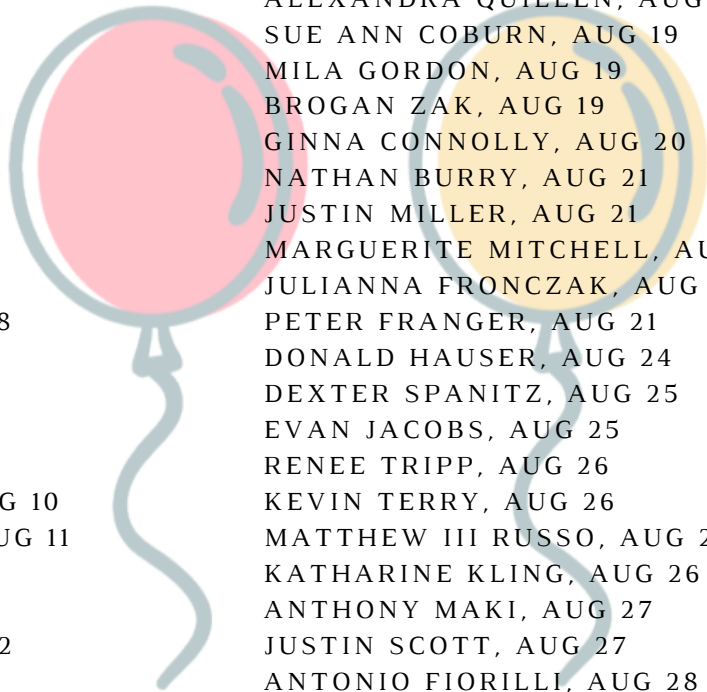


HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

AKYLIE WHITE, AUG 1
COREY FUERST, AUG 1
DAVID ANTHONY, AUG 1
JEREMY NANTKA, AUG 2
ASHLEY HAEFNER, AUG 3
RENEE ANDRZEJEWSKI, AUG 3
AMANDA CODY, AUG 3
ANTHONY CERVI, AUG 5
TIMOTHY GIERLINGER, AUG 5
KATHLENE GILSON, AUG 5
JACOB ZUPPELLI, AUG 6
EMILY KUSH, AUG 6
DONNA KOPERA, AUG 7
DEEGAN JOOST, AUG 7
JACKIE SCOTT, AUG 7
ANTHONY POPEK, AUG 8
JOEL MARSH, AUG 8
ALICIA COULTER, AUG 8
JANE GRUCELLA, AUG 8
ALICIA KOHLHAGEN, AUG 8
NATHAN TRAINA, AUG 8
MELISSA STUDLEY, AUG 8
NORMAN KLOC, AUG 9
RYAN ANDREWS, AUG 9
TRACY TOMASZEWSKI, AUG 10
BARBARA BURR-NAGEL, AUG 11
MORGAN MITOLA, AUG 11
JOSHUA ROGACKI, AUG 12
DAVID DUDKOWSKI, AUG 12
PENNY STRIKER, AUG 12
LOGAN MAYER, AUG 13
JEFF ENGELBACH-SCHAFFER, AUG 13
LEXY KLINGER, AUG 14
ELEANOR BEAL, AUG 14
ALLYNN SIEBERT, AUG 14
JAKE MILLER, AUG 14
KARA VALVO, AUG 15
WILLIAM HEIM, AUG 15

CHASE PARTRIDGE, AUG 15
RUTH MORSE, AUG 16
KYLE KJELDGAARD, AUG 16
HARVEY NAGEL, AUG 17
TRAVIS VALVO, AUG 17
JACKSON ROSE, AUG 17
DAVID RICE, AUG 17
JAMES HESS, AUG 18
MARILYN FIORILLI, AUG 18
CYNTHIA OSTROWSKI, AUG 19
ALEXANDRA QUILLEN, AUG 19
SUE ANN COBURN, AUG 19
MILA GORDON, AUG 19
BROGAN ZAK, AUG 19
GINNA CONNOLLY, AUG 20
NATHAN BURRY, AUG 21
JUSTIN MILLER, AUG 21
MARGUERITE MITCHELL, AUG 21
JULIANNA FRONCZAK, AUG 21
PETER FRANGER, AUG 21
DONALD HAUSER, AUG 24
DEXTER SPANITZ, AUG 25
EVAN JACOBS, AUG 25
RENEE TRIPP, AUG 26
KEVIN TERRY, AUG 26
MATTHEW III RUSSO, AUG 26
KATHARINE KLING, AUG 26
ANTHONY MAKI, AUG 27
JUSTIN SCOTT, AUG 27
ANTONIO FIORILLI, AUG 28
ELIJAH KWACZALA, AUG 28
DANIEL O'NEILL, AUG 28
PARKER ZIEMANN, AUG 28
IVAN STOWBUNENKO, AUG 29
ERIC HEINE, AUG 30
NICOLE KWACZALA, AUG 30
PIPER FULLER, AUG 31
GARY RUDZ, AUG 31



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**The Fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness,
and self-control**

GALATIANS 5:22-23A