

***The 2nd Sunday in Lent***

***February 25th, 2018– 8:30am***



## **ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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***Pastor***

***Mrs. Lois Will***  
***Music Director***

***Mr. Brad Lynch***  
***Contemporary Worship Leader***

***Mrs. Stella Sawyer***  
***Administrative Assistant***

**Schedule**

Saturday Evenings, 4:30pm

Sunday Mornings, 8:30am (Traditional) and 11:15am (Contemporary)

*“Nursery Care” provided downstairs for children ages 1-4 during 11:15am service.*

Holy Communion—Celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, Sunday Mornings, 10am (September-June)

**THOSE SERVING AMONG US**

Acolytes .....Lauren Payne (8:30am), Gage Hughey (11:15am)  
 Altar Guild .....Tom & Sue Bluhm, Kathy Beck  
 Elders .....Betty Cavaleri (4:30pm), Rod Lorenz (8:30am), Bob Chapman (11:15am)  
 Lectors .....John Preston (4:30pm), Rod Lorenz (8:30am), Bob Chapman (11:15am)  
 Radio Broadcast ..... Beth Lynch  
 Saturday Music ..... Carol Adragna

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST OVER WXRL** is sponsored by  
*Cecilia Rowell,*  
 in loving memory of my sweet husband Paul on his 83rd birthday.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**  
 are sponsored by *the People of St. John’s,*  
 to the Glory of God.

**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S**

**Just a friendly reminder....** Worship is sacred time; a time when God comes to us through his Word and Sacraments. In order to maintain reverence during worship we kindly ask that worshipers refrain from “regular conversation” during the service. Please refrain from cell phone use and ensure that ringers on phones are shut off before the service begins. **Please keep all food and beverage (with the exception of bottled water) out of the church/pews.** The “mother’s room” in the back of the church is available for parents with young children... should the need arise. The room is equipped with speakers and hymnals in order that those utilizing the room may continue to worship.



*May the Lord richly bless your worship!*

*Thy Will Be Done ... God's Will and My Dreams*

*"For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant." 2 Samuel 7:21*

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

♪ Opening Hymn ..... *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LW# 412*

**Invocation and Opening Litany**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer we say:

C: **"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."**

P: What does this mean?

C: **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

P: How is God's will done?

C: **God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let his kingdom come; and when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and faith until we die. This is his good and gracious will.**

P: Like King David, the shepherd king, and the prophet Nathan, our sinful natures prohibit us from knowing and doing perfectly the will of God.

**Confession and Absolution**

P: And so we confess to almighty God.

*Silence for Reflection*

C: **We seek your compassion and forgiveness because we too are harassed by sin and helpless to free ourselves from its bondage. We have sinned in thought, word and deed. Though you have called us to be your people, we have lived as if we only needed to answer to ourselves. Even our best intentions to follow your will have met with failure. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Send us your Spirit to help us live as your holy people.**

**♩ Confessional Hymn**

1. *The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price!*
3. *The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will,  
On our behalf the Law to fill.*  
(refrain)

*Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb Whose death  
makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning  
on His throne!*

2. *The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to  
sing.*  
(refrain)
4. *He sighs, he dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness.*  
(refrain)

P: Almighty God in his mercy has heard our plea. He knows our weakness, our inadequacies and limitations. He has offered up his only Son as a sacrifice for our sins and iniquities. I by virtue of my office and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ as a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**The Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, your plans are beyond my imagining. The hopes and dreams I have for myself—for my relationships and my daily tasks and my future—I hold in open hands before you. Shape my life according to your will, and help me release the good things I have planned so I may receive with joy and thankfulness the good things you have planned, through Jesus Christ, my Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**Senior Choir Anthem ..... “Jesus Spoke the Words of Love”**

**The First Reading**

**2 Samuel 7:22-29**

<sup>22</sup> “How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. <sup>23</sup> And who is like your people Israel—the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself, and to make a

name for himself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations and their gods from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? <sup>24</sup>You have established your people Israel as your very own forever, and you, LORD, have become their God. <sup>25</sup>“And now, LORD God, keep forever the promise you have made concerning your servant and his house. Do as you promised, <sup>26</sup>so that your name will be great forever. Then people will say, ‘The LORD Almighty is God over Israel!’ And the house of your servant David will be established in your sight. <sup>27</sup>“LORD Almighty, God of Israel, you have revealed this to your servant, saying, ‘I will build a house for you.’ So your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. <sup>28</sup>Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. <sup>29</sup>Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Lenten Litany**

#### **The Second Reading**

**Hebrews 10:1-5**

The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. <sup>2</sup>Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. <sup>3</sup>But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. <sup>4</sup>It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup>Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Verse**

C: **Return to the Lord your God. For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

#### **The Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 22:41-46**

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>41</sup>While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup>“What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied. <sup>43</sup>He said to

them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says, <sup>44</sup>“The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.””<sup>45</sup> If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

♪ **The Sermon Hymn** ..... *“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” LW #416*

**The Sermon Dialogue** ..... Rev. Galen Purpura

..... Elder John Hughey

### **The Offering**

#### **The Offering Prayer**

P: Heavenly Father you have given us life.

C: **What can we give in return for our lives?**

P: We return them back to you.

C: **Accept these tokens. Accept our lives.**

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the Church**

P: Like King David before us, we have plans for ourselves that we think are in our best interests. But you show us, Lord, that only you know what is best for us and for the life of your kingdom. Help us to trust in your vision for where you would have us go. Loving Lord of all,

C: **let us find rest in your plan for our lives.**

P: Sometimes, Lord, we end up in dead ends of our own making that take us nowhere or cul-de-sacs of false goals that keep us going in circles. Lead us out of our waywardness and back to your road of hope and promise in Jesus. Guide us to the way of Christ’s cross and the empty tomb, which is the only true and lasting way of salvation. Loving Lord of all,

C: **let us find rest in your plan for our lives.**

P: We often get so caught up in our own efforts and accomplishments that we fail to acknowledge, glorify and thank you for the hand you had in the work and the abilities you granted to us. Keep us grounded in you and not in ourselves, always giving you the honor for what has transpired in our lives on earth and what will transpire in the life to come. Loving Lord of all,

C: **let us find rest in your plan for our lives.**

P: The prophet Nathan confronted King David with the sin he had committed, and the wrong path he had taken. David would confess the guilt of his sin and turn his life toward God. Help us to see where we have gone astray and keep turning our lives back to you day after day in repentance. Much like Nathan, may we also lovingly point people to Jesus whenever they have gone astray, and may others also serve as Nathans to us. Loving Lord of all,

**C: let us find rest in your plan for our lives.**

P: Your plan of salvation came to pass through the line of King David, down through the ages, to Mary and Joseph and to the baby Jesus in a manger. Help us to see the beauty of your plan for us and revere Jesus for his sacrifice for us on the cross, which you prepared long ago for him to do. Keep us firm in our faith in him and in our deliverance even through the power of his cross. Loving Lord of all,

**C: let us find rest in your plan for our lives.**

P: The plans of many in our faith community are not going the way that they had envisioned. We pray for those who are sick or injured, hospitalized or in pain, especially ... . We pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed, and those who are poor and in need. Give peace to all those who are suffering and help them to know that you are still with them and will his divine plan even through these difficulties. Loving Lord of all,

**C: let us find rest in your plan for our lives.**

P: Like King David before us, Lord, we have come to know that all that we have and are comes from your gracious hand. Help us to treasure the gifts of work and family and friends, as well as the blessings of food, drink and shelter. Let us never take anything you have given us for granted, especially the gift of your Son, Jesus. Loving Lord of all,

**C: let us find rest in your plan for our lives.**

P: All these petitions we offer in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who did the will of God and lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace! In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Silent Prayer**

♪ Closing Hymn ..... *"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" LW #116*



## MISSIONS 2018 PLYMOUTH CROSSROADS



Donations may be given directly to Helana Geisen or visit Plymouth Crossroads at 5522 Broadway, Lancaster (near Frosty's).

### 2018 Wishlist:

Hand Soap  
Air Freshner  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Napkins  
Laundry Soap

Household Cleaners  
Dish Towels  
Dish Cloths  
Cleaning Ragas  
Stamps  
Gasoline Gift Cards

Note:  
No Bleach or Hand Sanitizer



*The March issue of  
The Journal is available  
in the Narthex!  
New Member  
Contribution Envelope  
Packets are also  
located in the Narthex*



**2018 Seder Meal**  
**Wednesday, March 28th, 2018 at 6pm**  
***SIGN-UP and see Pastor for your tickets!***

The sign up sheet for Lectors for Holy Week and April are posted on the office hallway bulletin board.

## First Communion

*Palm Sunday, March 25th*



*All students in 5th grade are invited to participate.  
Instruction session will take place Saturday,  
March 24th, from 10am–12noon. Please let  
Pastor Galen know if you plan on participating.*

### Important Dates—Youth Group

Wednesday, March 14th, 5:30pm—Mid-Week Lenten Service, to assist with the soup and sandwich meal.

March Youth Group Event—Tubing, more information will follow, this event is dependent upon snow!

***Remind messages will be sent!***

The **ST. JOHN'S MEN'S GROUP** meets at 8am on the 1st and 3rd Saturday (March 3rd & 17th) of each month.

**CAFÉ** every month on the 3rd Thursday (March 15th).

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**  
Anyone interested in participating should contact Karen Dowdall (716-391-1171).

### **EVERYONE HAS A STORY**

*We all know that God is always there, but there are times when God steps into our lives in such a powerful way that he changes the landscape of our lives. We would like to document your stories and compile a booklet that would be made in-house and distributed to the congregation to lift us all. We invite you to submit your stories, art work, poems, etc. to put into this project. We hope to have this ready for Pentecost.*

***What's your story?***

## Sunday School News!

### Monthly Sunday School Morning Program

**All classes meet in the church.**

March 4th

April 8th

May 6th

### Monthly Family Worship Service

**11:15am Worship Service**

March 25th

April 29th

May 27th

**ALTAR GUILD, USHERS,  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS &  
RADIO ANNOUNCERS  
APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**



**Altar Guild  
Appreciation**

**Next Saturday, March 3rd, at 9am**

All Guild members mark your calendars! Please RSVP on the Narthex Bulletin Board sign-up sheet. If you are not currently a member but may be interested in joining us, contact Betty Cavaleri, 698-6523, and consider joining us for breakfast!



**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Carol Adragna, Sylvia Andolina, Jerry Bernfield; Evelyn Camarano; Shirley Christ; Shirley Connors; Harold Deutschlander; Ruth Dowd; Karen Durning; Janet Erickson; Tom Grzankowski; Marlene Hutter; Cari Irvine; Don, Gail Kelm; Marge Kelm; Kori Kent; Rose Kirch; Nina Kyle, Deann Lorenz; Don Lynch; John Marone, Marsha McKinney; Lola Meyer; Donna Murawski; Carolyn Nosky; Phyllis O'Rourke; Elgene Peck; Carole Pleban; Barb Podisadlo; Ernie Reitzel; Pat Schlebus; Sam, Randy & baby Surface; Kim Theil, Jordan & Ryan Thurnherr; Norma VanDerwark; Betty Wilson. **OUR SERVICE MEMBERS:** Tracy Thurnherr, William Borowski. **FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S:** Sandy (Ruth Haungs' niece); Angela(Jay & Phyllis Hanson's daughter); Kyle, Rea, & Gloria (Kathy Ponosny's loved ones); Helen, Emily, Stanley (Ceil Rowell's friends); Delores Schad (Betty Cavaleri's sister-in-law); Meg (Carol Coffed's daughter-in-law); Mike & Gus (friends of Carol Coffed); Mary Dziejman (Jenn Purpura's grandmother); Brella (Betty Cavaleri's great granddaughter); Bill McIlhagga (Scott's father); Janie Jazwiecki (Dawn Smith's mother); Jackie & Steve Rogers (friends of Nina Kyle); Tom Fowler (friend of Ed & Deann Lorenz); Ray Helmicki (Christine Bluhm's brother); Beverly (Betty Cavaleri's daughter in law); Michael (Sam Surface's father); Chris Martino (Tony's son); Mark & Charlie (Sylvia's friends); Karen Plewik & Julie Reid (Linda Plewik's sister and niece); Jim Brennan (Dawn's husband); Katrina (Don & Barb Loney's daughter-in-law); Ray Nieman (RJ's dad); Donna Murawski (Don Lynch's sister); Russ (Heather Holtz's father); Warren (Rick Thurnherr's friend); Nate (Eric Lynch's friend); Carole (Fragale family friend); Deb (John Hughey's mom); Tony Manna (Katie & Joey's grandfather); Robert Power (Barb Perry's daughter-in-law's brother); Joe Bernacki (Barb Perry's friend & neighbor's father); Sharon Brady (Nicole Shields' grandmother); Glenn Laboski (Craig Shields' uncle); Laura Reynolds (Laura Tirone's friend); Gary Kent, Sr.; Danny (Colleen Hurley's brother); Alaina (Corine Lorenz's friend); Marvin (friend of Karen & Bob Zielen). *Friends of St. John's" will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks without further notification. If you would like to keep a prayer listed after 4 weeks, please contact us at that time by phone or email (683-3947 / stjohslutheran.office@gmail.com). Thank you!*

Attendance	4:30	8:30	11:15	Total	SS
17th & 18th	38	98	55	191	57

### OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Thank You for the financial blessings given to help carry out our ministry through St. John's.

Stewardship is a way of life . . . I Peter 4:10-11	Financial Mission Plan through January 2018	Mission 2018		WXRL Radio Broadcast through January 2018
		Giving	St. Luke's Pantry	
		Last Week	Plymouth Crossroads	
		Y-T-D		
Goal	\$ 20, 256.24	\$ 4,632.00	\$ 477.00	
Giving - Actual	\$ 17,847.25	\$ 4,893.51		\$ 795
Expenses - Actual	\$ 20,142.09			\$ 1,080
Difference - Actual	( \$ 2,294.84)	\$ 261.51		( \$285)

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S ...						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
	<b>6pm</b> 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class  <b>7pm</b> Praise Band	<b>6pm</b> Mid Week Lenten Service St. Luke's  <b>7pm</b> Choir  <b>8pm</b> AA	<b>10am</b> Erie County Home (meet at church at 9:15am)	<b>Pastor's            Day Off</b>	<b>8am</b> Men's Group  <b>9am</b> Appreciation Breakfast  <b>4:30pm</b> Worship Service w/HC  <b>8pm</b> AA	<b>8:30am</b> Worship Service w/HC  <b>10am</b> Sunday School, Monthly Class  <b>11:15am</b> Monthly Family Worship Service w/HC



**Mid-Week Lenten Services**  
**(6pm, Soup & Sandwich meal;**  
**7:15pm, Hymn Sing;**  
**7:30pm, Worship Service):**  
 2/28—St. Luke's, Cheektowaga  
 3/7—Holy Cross, Clarence  
 3/14—St. John's, Depew  
 3/21—Our Savior, Buffalo

**Palm Sunday, 1st Holy Communion**  
 Saturday, March 24th, 4:30pm  
 Sunday, March 25th, 8:30am & 11:15am  
 Worship Services with Holy Communion

**Seder Meal**, Wednesday, March 28th, 6:30pm  
 RSVP sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or send an email to the office.

**Maundy Thursday**, March 29th  
 7:30pm, Worship Service  
 with Holy Communion

**Good Friday**, March 30th,  
 7:30pm, Worship Service

**Easter Vigil**, March 31st  
 4:30pm, Worship Service  
 with Holy Communion

**Easter Sunday**, April 1st  
 6am, 8:30am, 11:15am  
 Worship Services  
 with Holy Communion



***Easter Flowers***  
*to decorate St. John's*  
*Cost: Hyacinth, \$6*  
*Lilies, \$6.50*  
*Deadline:*  
*Sunday, March 18th*

*Please use the sign-up sheet on the Narthex  
 bulletin board to place your order.*

## FAMILY MINISTRY 2018 – INTEREST SURVEY

The Family Ministry Planning Team is seeking your interest in several activities we are planning for the upcoming year. In order for you to plan ahead throughout the year, we are planning to designate the second weekend each month as a Family Ministry Weekend.

Step 1—Please indicate your interest in attending the following activities by checking the box in front of **all** the activities you would have interest in attending:

*\*Please note all prices shown are approximate costs*

- March—Mystery Dinner (at St. John’s) \$5/person
- April—Buffalo Science Museum Visit \$10/person / Overnight Camp \$15-20/person
- May—Movie and Walk in the Park (Flix Stadium 10 & Como Park) \$10/person
- June—Congregation Cook-Out (at St. John’s) \$10-25/family & Bring a Dish to Share
- July—Bison’s Baseball Game (Downtown Buffalo) \$10-15/person
- August—Camp Pioneer Beach Day (Lakeshore) \$10-25/family & Bring a Dish to Share
- September—Canalside / Boat Ride on the Buffalo River (Buffalo) \$15-20/person
- October—Apple and Pumpkin Picking (Becker’s Farm, Gasport) \$5/quart bag (apples)

Step 2 – Please indicate your preference of day/time for Family Ministry Activities by checking the box in front of the days/times you would like activities held:

Friday Evening      Saturday Morning      Saturday Afternoon      Sunday Afternoon

Step 3 – Please share with us any other activities you would like to see planned by the Family Ministry Team. This can include past events and ideas for new events:

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## FAMILY MINISTRY 2018 – INTEREST SURVEY

Step 4 (Optional) – Please provide your name and/or family information and preference for how to inform you regarding details on upcoming Family Ministry activities that you indicated interest:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # of Children/Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate preference for receiving information:

Phone: Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email: E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Text: Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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St. John's Website: (<https://sjlcdepew.com>)

St. John's Facebook Page: (<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsdepew>)

Thank you for completing the survey. Please return the survey to the My Concerns box in the Narthex; email to [stjohnslutheran.office@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslutheran.office@gmail.com); or mail to St. John's Lutheran Church, 67 Litchfield, Depew, NY 14043.

