The Journal

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ST. JOHN'S

Lutheran Church

Depew, New York

The Mission of St. John's *is grounded in the presence of Christ in God's Word and in the Sacraments. We are called by the Holy Spirit to spread the Kingdom of God through ministering to all of our members and sharing the love of Christ with all people by preaching the true Word of God, providing ongoing Biblical education for spiritual growth and reaching others with God's love in all we say or do.*

Weekly Worship

Saturday Evening Blended 4:30pm

Sunday Morning Traditional 8:30am

Sunday Morning Contemporary 11:15am

Sunday School 10:00am

Worship Broadcast WXRL– 1300 11:00am

Fall Kick-Off !

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a most remarkable, relaxing and enjoyable summer!

What a beautiful few months is really was! Thanks be to God for the time to be with family and the time to visit different places.

I personally wish to thank all of you for the time away in July and August and a very special thank you to Rod Lorenz, Bob Chapman and Pastor Dave Wurster for taking care of services while I was away.

Well, perhaps to your disappointment, like the year's past, summer is coming to a close! It really is tough to see it go!!

But with the conclusion of summer comes the return of exciting things here at St. John's! On September 9th we will be kicking off and welcoming back Sunday School and all of our Christian Education programs.

Please mark your schedule and join us that day! Sunday School kids will have the chance to sing, celebrate and meet their teachers at 10:00am. There will also be a special BACKPACK BLESSING, so please make sure you bring your backpack to church that day! In addition to the Rally Day, The adult Bible class will resume as well! New participants are always welcome and we hope you will consider joining the group! Lastly all Sunday school and Christian education staff are asked to attend one of the service that day for a special blessing and installation.

Please also note, that our regular worship schedule will resume on September 1st and 2nd; 4:30 Saturday worship, 8:30am Sunday Traditional Worship and 11:15am Sunday Contemporary Worship!

Cant wait to see you all!

Pastor Galen

September Worship Assistants

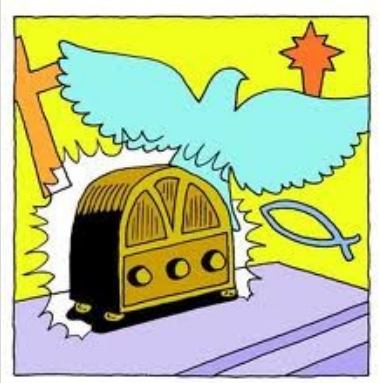
Acolytes			
Date	**4:30pm (Saturday)**	**8:30am (Sunday)**	**11:15am (Sunday)**
1st & 2nd		Open	Open
8th & 9th		Open	Open
15th & 16th		Open	Open
22nd & 23rd		Open	Open
29th & 30th		Open	Open
Elders			
1st & 2nd	Harold Deutschlander	Ken Schabert	Jim Kless
8th & 9th	Rod Lorenz	Ken Schabert	Jim Kless
15th & 16th	John Hughey	Ken Schabert	Jim Kless
22nd & 23rd	Bryan Mayback	Ken Schabert	Jim Kless
29th & 30th	Jim Kless	Ken Schabert	Jim Kless
Lectors			
1st & 2nd	Pastor	Cantor	Arianna Lysiak
8th & 9th	Rod Lorenz	Ken Schabert	Open
15th & 16th	Open	Karen Shafer	Colleen Hurley
22nd & 23rd	Open	Open	Arianna Lysiak
29th & 30th	Open	Karen Shafer	Open
4:30 Saturday Accompanist		**Radio Broadcasters**	
1st & 2nd	Brad Lynch	Beth Lynch	
8th & 9th	Electronic	Art Benson	
15th & 16th	Electronic	Debra Wisniewski	
22nd & 23rd	Tichy Family	Jim Kless	
29th & 30th	Electronic	Sue Bluhm	
Altar Guild– Julie Gorski, Sue Schabert, Veronica Rick			

July & August - Official Acts

Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals
8/26/18– Jackson Baird		7/5/18– Rodney Haas

Date	Radio Broadcast	Altar Flowers
8/5/18	***Barbara Perry*** *In the blessing of Dawn and Jim Brennan celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary* ***Beth & Brad Lynch*** *In loving memory of Charles and Grace Blackwell and for the lives of faith they have blessed us with* ***Kathy Lange*** *In loving memory of Milton Lange*	***Linda and Jerry Bernfeld*** *In celebration of their 15th Wedding Anniversary on August 1st and in thankfulness for continued prayers for Jerry.*
8/12/18	***John & Jane Marone*** *In honor of all people who serve. And, to the glory of Jesus in our lives.*	***The Vriesen Family*** *In thankfulness to God for blessings received.*
8/19/18	***Michael & Cherie Lysiak*** *Who were married on August 19th, 1978 ~ celebrating their 40th Anniversary.*	***The Varga Family*** *In thanksgiving to God for all the blessings in our lives.*
8/26/18	*In honor of all those who serve and have served with the* ***Lutheran Fellowship at Terrace View ECMC campus.***	***Sandi Carlson*** *In memory of her father Larry Colucci*

Worship services from St. John's have been heard on WXRL 1300 AM for over 50 years. This has been a wonderful ministry opportunity and partnership with our friends at WXRL and numerous people have been touched by the Gospel through it. 2018 Sign Up Charts for Radio Broadcasts and Altar Flowers are posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway. Please fill in available spaces and then take a moment to fill out a sheet for the office for your dedication for anniversaries, birthdays, memories or other messages. Thank you to all who are willing to sponsor radio broadcasts and/or place flowers on the altar and so enrich our ministry here at St. John's.



Financial Director's Report

Fiscal Year 2018, Period 5, As of 7/31/18

	Actual	Budget	Current YTD	Budget YTD	Variance
Revenue	$ 18,757.15	$ 20,256.24	$ 107,181.16	$ 101,281.20	$ 5,899.96
Expenditures	$ 17,156.55	$ 20,256.12	$95,980.05	$ 101,280.60	$ 5,300.55
Net Revenue over Expense	$ 1,600.60	$ 0.12	$ 11,201.11	$ 0.60	$ 11,201.51

September Mission & Ministry

Each month we highlight a specific mission and ministry of St. John's.

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Buffalo Lutheran Campus Ministry supervised by the Inter-Lutheran Commission for Campus Ministry for the Niagara Frontier; a board consisting of members drawn equally from churches of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. This is one of the last campus ministries in the country run jointly by the different Lutheran Church bodies. The ministry works primarily with students at the University of Buffalo Campus offering Bible study, social activities, and counseling services. They also use a variety of programs to try to be a witness for Christ in this highly secularized and international setting. The main focus of the ministry is to recruit and train a corps of Peer Ministers, students at the university who become the visible presence of Jesus to their fellow students while promoting the activities of the Campus Ministry program. This is not a ministry that can be measured by numbers of people in worship or in money contributed. The real impact will only be known in future years as some of these students whose faith was nurtured during their college years go on to be leaders in their churches. **How can you help? … have your college-aged student join them on their Facebook page at Lutheran Campus Ministry of WNY, sponsor a peer minister for a semester or a year, make a meal for one of the Wednesday dinners, "adopt" an out-of-town student, join the board, send a contribution, pray for their work … you can contact Rev. Steven Biegner, Lutheran Campus Pastor at office@lcmwny.org.**

Christian Education "Back to School" time can mean a lot of different things for different people. Many might think about that Kindergartener waiting for their first school bus ride or the college student starting their first semester. However, education and learning applies to all of us every day! As we focus on Christian Education as the ministry of the month, we would like you to think of all of the learning and teaching opportunities available for you right here at St John's.

Sunday School … will begin again on September 9th. Classes span from 3 year-olds through 6th grade. We have wonderful returning teachers, co-teachers and assistants ... Welcome back! Chandra Jagielo is returning as the Superintendent. We're planning some exciting new, interactive changes for this year. It will be a fun time!

Confirmation ... We have a great team and program to teach and guide our 7th, and 8th graders through the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is again one of the most important times of Christian education for teenagers.

High School Class—"Rooted" …..The high school class meets in the Youth Room and we ask you to encourage your teenager to join us. We hope to grow this program as new Confirmands enter high school each year.

Adult Bible Class … It was exciting to see the growth in attendance of our Adult Bible class last year, led by Pastor Galen, held during the Sunday School hour. This can be a great opportunity for parents whose children are attending Sunday School or really, adults of all ages, to further their learning of faith.

Of course, in addition to the 4 programs highlighted above, there are many programs throughout the year, just watch future bulletins and newsletters for additional information.

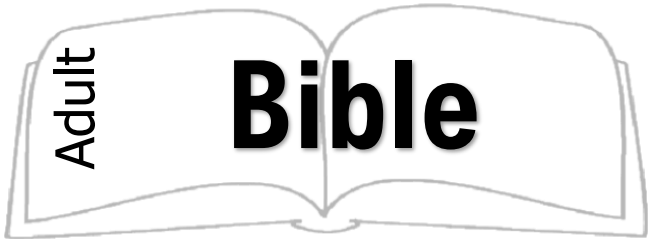
Ministry and Opportunity

Confirmation

Confirmation class resumes Tuesday, September 4th at 7pm.

All students in 7th and 8th grade are asked to attend. For the first session, parents are asked to attend for the first few minutes.

Confirmation will essentially meet every other Tuesday from 7-8pm. All students are expected to participate in all Sunday morning and Wednesday evening sessions– along with the other components of the program. Questions? Contact Pastor



The Sunday Morning Adult Bible class resumes September 9th at 10am. We have completed our study on world religions and will now pick up on the various Christian denominations; beginning with Roman Catholicism.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend! Join in for a great time of learning, fellowship and Hot Coffee!!

Café (Christian Adult fellowship & Enrichment) will resume the 3rd Thursday of each month (September 20th) for dinner and Bible Study. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Adult Information Class

Pastor will be offering an adult information class for all of those who might be interested in joining St. John's or learning more about our church. There are a total of three session which will cover the basics of Lutheranism. **The first class will meet on Wednesday September 12th at 7:00pm**. Please contact pastor if you are interested in participating.

Faith Stepping Stones

On Sunday September 30th parents with three year old children entering Sunday School are invited to bring their child to any Sunday service for a special blessing during worship. Contact pastor or the church office if you are interested or would like more information.

Sunday School Kick Off

Whether you'll be returning to one of our classrooms, enrolling for the first time, or helping our Educational Team … we hope to see you **Sunday, September 9th, at 10am. There will be a special program in church! Please remember to bring your Family Registration Sheet and be sure to bring your school backpacks for a special blessing!**

We are always in need of additional hands to help with the classes, if you feel called to help with our children, please speak with Kim Castiglione, Chandra Jagielo, or Pastor Galen.

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				6p		**1** **8a-Men's Group** **2p– Bluhm Wedding** **4:30p worship**
2 **8:30a– worship** **11:15a—worship**	**3** **Labor Day** *Office closed!*	**4** **6p– Confirmation** **7p– Praise Band**	**5** **7p– Choir** **8p– A.A.**	**6** **10a– ECH Group**	**7** *Office Closed*	**8** **4:30p worship** **8p– A.A.**
9 *Installation of Christian Ed Staff* **8:30a– worship** **10a– Sunday School -Rally Day!** **11:15a—worship**	**10** **7:15p– Elders**	**11** **7p– Praise Band**	**12** **7p– Choir** **8p– A.A.**	**13** **10a– ECH Group**	**14** *Office Closed* **Journal Materials Due!**	**15** **8a-Men's Group** **4:30p worship** **8p– A.A.**
16 **8:30a– worship** **10a– Sunday School** **11:15a—worship**	**17** **7:30p– Council**	**18** **6p– Confirmation** **7p– Praise Band**	**19** **7p– Choir** **8p– A.A.**	**20** **10a– ECH Group** **6p– Café**	**21** *Office Closed*	**22** **4:30p worship** **8p– A.A.**
23 **8:30a– worship** **10a– Sunday School** **11:15a—worship**	**24**	**25** **7p– Praise Band**	**26** **7p– Choir** **8p– A.A.**	**27** **10a– ECH Group**	**28** *Office Closed*	**29** **4:30p worship** **8p– A.A.**
30 *Entering Sunday School Stepping Stone* **8:30a– worship** **10a– Sunday School** **11:15a—worship** **Family Service**						

Birthdays

1 Matthew Bluhm
2 Beth Lasky
Trudy Possinger
Kelly Mayback
3 Zachary Richardson
Samantha Surface
4 Nancy Bartel
Joseph Manna
Hannah Kranitz
6 Chandra Jagielo
Charlotte Olson
7 Brian VanDewark
8 Dawn Smith
9 Tyler Kent
Helen Nelson
Guy Ramey
10 Kathy Lorenz
11 Kimberly Thiel
12 Lilyana Cocco
Ella Harzewski
14 Christine Ekstrum
Nicholas Krupa
16 Joy Yaskow
Caroline Coffed
Charlotte Olson
17 Brandon Wright
Shane Garrison
18 Evan Warner
19 Jennifer Bluhm
20 Gail Kelm
21 Arianna Lysiak
24 Sandra Tirone
Sue Vriesen
Carole Pleban
Greg Schulz
25 Ava Purpura
Donald Symer
26 Elgene Peck
Carter Sweeney
Mary Suttell
Lola Meyer
27 Donna McNett
28 Jerome Bernfield Sr.
Kyle Harrington
Jackson Goodyear
29 Ronald VanDewark
Sarah Holz

Anniversaries

6 Ronald & Leslie Maciejewski
7 Thomas & Elaine Grzankowski
8 Scott & Lynn O'Rourke
9 Brad & Beth Lynch
10 David & Caroline Coffed
Doug & Karen Rutkowski
11 John & Wendy Garbutt
12 Terrance & Cheryl McNatty
13 Anthony & Heidi Manna
15 Richard & Darlene Vogel
18 John & Jane Marone
21 Mark & Dawn Smith
23 Michael & Karen Durning
25 John & Michelle Hughey
30 John & Jennifer Cuttitta

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