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

FROM THE PASTOR...

A WORD OF WELCOME...

Dear Friends,

This month I'd like to take the opportunity to "officially" introduce to you our newest staff member.

RJ Nieman joins our staff as the Contemporary Praise Band Leader following the move of our previous band leader, Brad Lynch.

Now RJ might be new to the staff, but he certainly isn't new to our congregation. RJ has been a member of our congregation and has been our praise band drummer since 2014.

But don't be fooled… RJ isn't just a drummer! RJ is a great musician all around!! He is a fantastic leader and as an extra bonus, he has a great deal of background in working with sound equipment. We have been blessed by RJ's dedication to St. John's and the sharing of his gifts already and I am sure we will be blessed by his new ministry as our Praise Band Leader.

RJ is married to Leanne and together they have a son, Mason. Please keep RJ and his family in your prayers as RJ begins this new ministry with us!!

Dan Cappellazzo / Special to The St

John's Lutheran Church volunteer Tom Bluhm keeps the church grounds pristine during a utiful late summer afternoon.

SAY CHEESE…

Maybe you've been asked the question…. I know I have….

"Who takes care of the lawn at the church???"

Well, I guess it's no secret now!!

The Lancaster Bee finally caught the infamous Tom working hard… only problem, he's missing his partner Sue!!

Such a well deserved recognition to Tom (and Sue)! We know they do it all to the glory of God, but how blessed we are by their dedication to the care of our church. Thank you Tom and Sue!!

ST JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES / September 16, 2019

FINANCIAL– Discussion about additional envelope to go to Anniversary fund. Considering April time frame, after Easter. Youth convention expenses were approximately $13,000.

OLD BUSINESS– 125th Anniversary June 7th Kick-off will include 1 service; Ceremony in front of church; possible reception at new local restaurant; 125th themed merchandise samples; 125 days of prayers. Discussion to hardwire all cameras.

NEW BUSINESS– Budget; Ryan Christ is in school for Director of Christian Education. Discussion to send $800 to help support him in this curriculum. Money originally slated to go to Campus Ministry.

ELDERS- Worship assistant: One person per service including Saturday. Assist Pastor in worship aspects.

STEWARDSHIP– Laura Tirone– Laura will be meeting with Pastor about new Stewardship.

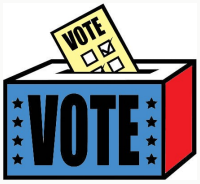
FAMILY MINISTRY– Kim Lorenz—Will find additional activity to replace Octoberfest this year.

TRUSTEES– Guy Ramey—Routine maintenance continues.

BOARD OF EDUCATION– Kim Castiglione—Sunday school has started.

SHEPHERD'S STAFF– Helana Geisen—

Elections— Coming in November… Nomination forms for 2020 church officers will be available the soon in the Friendship Area. Nomination forms will also be in your November Journal. More information to follow...



October Mission & Ministry

Each month we highlight a specific mission and ministry of St. John's. These groups will be prayed for in the prayers of the church throughout the Sundays of that month.

St. John's Men's Group meets the first and third Saturday of every month at 8am in the Café area for faith-sharing conversation, coffee and pastries. Men of all ages are invited. For more information talk with Tom Bluhm.

Thank you for all the prayers, visits, cards, good wishes and "light refreshments" during Millie's recent hospitalization and "membership transfer." She loved her church and her church loved her. Blessings to all of you.

-John and the family of Millie Siestma

Don't forget ***October is Pastor Appreciation Month.*** Take a moment to encourage and thank Pastor Galen for his service and sacrifice here at St. John's.

All Saints Day— The Weekend of November 3rd—If interested, please submit photo(s) for the All Saint's video in remembrance of your loved one who has "passed on to glory."

Christmas Wreaths
Poinsettias
Advent Devotion
Sign up

October Worship Assistants

Elders			
5th & 6th	Jamie Bluhm	Betty Cavaleri	John Hughey
12th & 13th	Betty Cavaleri	Betty Cavaleri	John Hughey
19th & 20th	Bob Chapman	Betty Cavaleri	John Hughey
26st & 27th	Harold Deutschlander	Betty Cavaleri	John Hughey
Lectors			
5th & 6th	Jamie Bluhm	Peter Blackwell	John Hughey
12th & 13th	Derek Robinson	Sue Bluhm	John Hughey
19th & 20th	Bob Chapman	Karen Shafer	John Hughey
26st & 27th	Derek Robinson	Bryan Mayback	John Hughey

4:30 Saturday Accompanist		Radio Broadcasters
5th & 6th	Electronic	Art Benson
12th & 13th	Electronic	Jim Kless
19th & 20th	Electronic	Debra Wisniewski
26st & 27th	Tichy Family	Darlene Schwenk

Altar Guild

Ceil Rowell | Phyllis Hanson | Dorothy Walters

Financial Director's Report Fiscal Year 2019 — August

	YTD	Budget
Revenue	$ 167,298.89	$ 171,211.84
Expenditures	$ 159,675.02	$ 171,130.882

Official Acts

Baptisms	Weddings	Funerals
Cummings-Zielinski (8/17/19)	Billings —Fuller (8/10/19)	C. Adragna (8/24/19)
Silakowski (8/31/19)	Poss— DelConte (8/21/19)	L. Lemme (9/1/19)
Raegan Smolarek (9/29/19)	Myers—Welch (8/24/19)	M. Sietsma (9/5/19)
	Salcedo-Palozzi (9/21/19)	C. Richards (9/13/19)

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. 2019 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.

September Radio & Flower Sponsors (continued on next page…)

Date	Radio Broadcast	Altar Flowers
9/1/19	***Friends of St. John's*** *To the Glory of God!*	***The People of St. John's*** *For blessings received.*

September Radio & Flower Sponsors (continued…)		
9/15/19	***John & Jane Marone*** *For blessings received this past year.*	***Terri Holtz*** *In memory of her dad, Robert Holtz.*
9/22/19	***Barbara Perry*** *To the Glory of God for the blessing of her Godson, Kyle Harrington, celebrating his 25th birthday on September 28th.*	***Pat Schlebus*** *In celebration of what would have been Lee's 72nd birthday. "Happy Birthday, my world was so very blessed because of you."*
9/29/19	***Darlene Schwenk*** *In memory of loved ones.*	**The Hughey Family** *To the Glory of God.*

October Birthdays

1 Richard Brandenburger
Todd Sweeney
John Munzel Jr.
2 Autumn Thurnherr
Kayla Borowski
3 Craig Keating
Sadie Reel
4 Noah Snow
6 Romona Sietsma
7 Phyllis Hanson
8 Erika Ekstrum
9 Ernie Reitzel
Erik Orzechowski
Paul Murawski
10 Eric McNatty
12 Amy Krupa
Maureen Sweeney
Paul Varga
Rebecca Hojnacki
Justin Purpura
13 Aliza Hojnacki
Jamie Mondo
Finley Cray
14 Kyle Tirone
14 Daniel Hojnacki
Lauren Yaskow
15 Terri Holtz
Harlan Sorrentino
Brett Anthony Dyke
16 Cheryl Esquilin
Hunter Silakowski
17 Don Kelm
Alvin Bauer
Diana Smith
19 Mya Silakowski
20 Michael Stever
21 Sue Bergum
22 Wayne Shafer
Bryan Delano
Daniel VanDewark
23 Thomas Farry
Cherie Lysiak
24 Shannon Schulz
Lillian Schultz
25 Evan Herbold
Cynthia McKee
27 Alex AferBuffalo
Steven Szczepanowski
28 Ava Marsh
29 Richard Thurnherr III
29 Brooke Mayback
James Pandolfe Jr.
Richard Sharpe III
Darlene Derylak
31 Shelley Matthews

October Anniversaries

1 Kyle & Jennifer Sharpe
Bryan & Colleen Park
4 Harold & Patti Hutchinson
5 Daniel & Susan Vriesen
6 John & Nancy Sweeney
8 Laurel & Patrick Schunk
Scott & Kim Castiglione
Kevin & Nina Wright
9 Jason & Jamie Bluhm
Bryan & Emily Mayback
11 Gerald & Jean Radder
Nathan & Sarah Hoffman
13 Richard & Kim Knauber
15 Rick & Rebecca Mayback
Justin & Dana Besch
17 Hans & Irmgard Hartung
22 Joe & Betty Cavaleri
Greg & Pam Harla
28 Paul & Sue Pijacki

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30p– NEABPD	**2** 6p– Praise Band 7p-Choir 8p-A. A.	**3** 9:30a– ECH Group 6-7:30p– Confirma-tion	**4** *Office Closed*	**5** 8a– Men's Group Youth Group Event 4:30p Worship 8p– A.A.
6 ***17th Sunday after Pentecost*** 8:30a– Worship w/ Holy Communion 10a– Sunday School 11:15a—Worship w/ Holy Communion	**7** 7:15p– Elders	**8** 6:30p– NEABPD	**9** 6p– Praise Band 7p-Choir 8p– A.A.	**10** 9:30a– ECH Group	**11** *Office Closed*	**12** 4:30p Worship 8p– A.A.
13 **18th Sunday after Pentecost** 8:30a– Worship 10a– Sunday School 11:15a—Worship	**14** 7p– Council	**15** 6:30p– NEABPD	**16** 6p– Praise Band 7p-Choir 8p– A.A.	**17** 9:30a– ECH Group 6p– Café	**18** *Office Closed*	**19** 8a– Men's Group 4:30p Worship w/ Holy Communion 8p– A.A.
20 **19th Sunday after Pentecost** 8:30a– Worship w/ Holy Communion 10a– Sunday School 11:15a—Worship w/ Holy Communion	**21**	**22** 6:30p– NEABPD	**23** 6p– Praise Band 7p-Choir 8p– A.A.	**24** 9:30 ECH Group	**25** *Office Closed*	**26** 4:30p Worship w/ Holy Communion 8p– A.A.
27 **Day of Reformation** 8:30a– Worship w/ Holy Communion 10a– Sunday School 11:15a—Worship w/ Holy Communion	**28**	**29** 6:30p– NEABPD	**30** 6p– Praise Band 7p-Choir 8p– A.A.	**31** 9:30 ECH Group		

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