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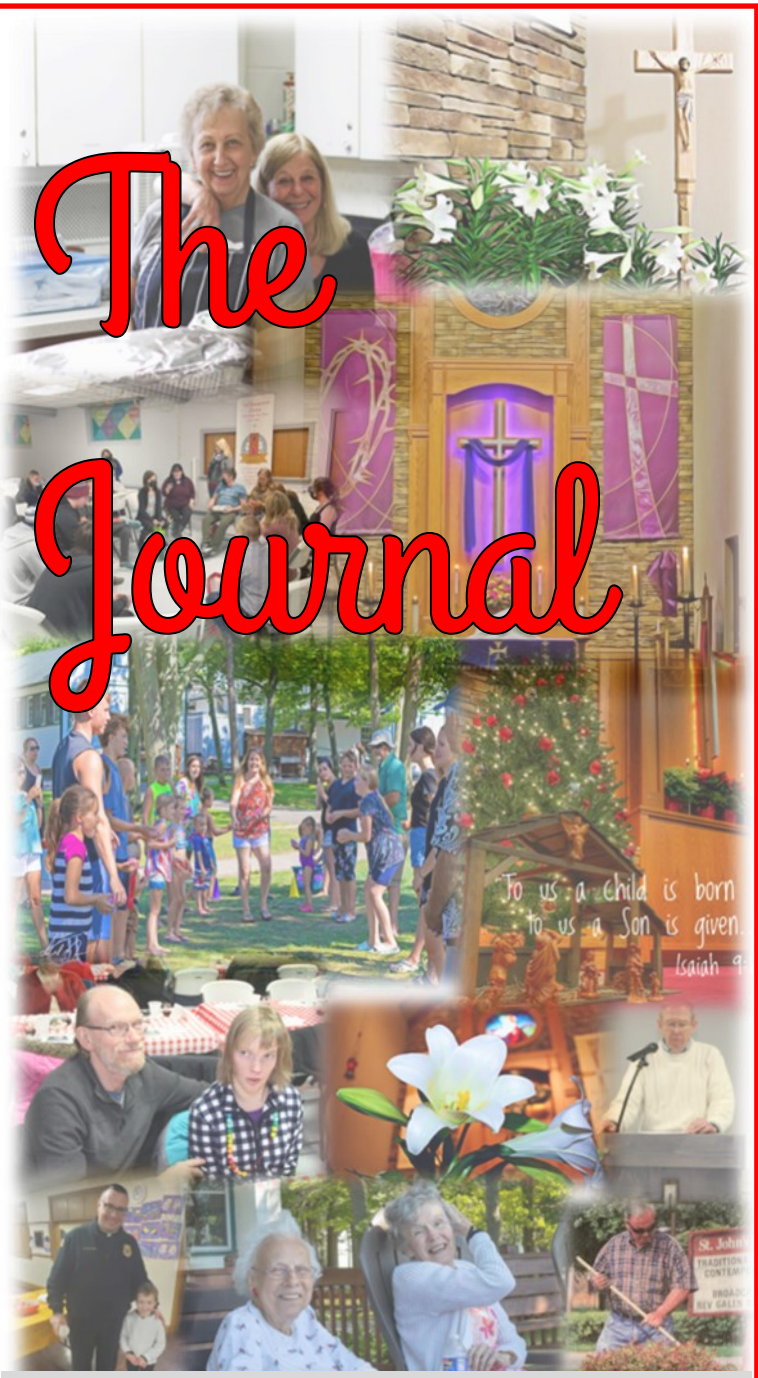

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Depew, New York

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
Psalm 119:105

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 Traditional
8:30am

Sunday Contemporary
11:15am

Sunday Morning BLAST!
10am

Worship Broadcast
WXRL– AM 1300 / FM 95.5 at 11:00am

Dear Fellow Redeemed and Saints of God,

Ugh….I wish I could find where I read it, but I can't seem to locate it! Well, anyway, at some point I read somewhere that one way to understand Jesus Word in John 14: "In my Father's house are many mansions is: "In my Father's house are many "living rooms."

Whether accurate or not, what a neat way to look at our Lord's promise and I think it speaks well of his promises too. Our faith tells us that when our journey on earth is complete we will:

- be with the Lord (Luke 23:43)
- We will be together with Jesus and the saints (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, 1 John 3:2)
- And it will be a time of fellowship (Isaiah 25:6-9)

When we think about our lives here, being together and fellowshipping will often times takes place in our living rooms. It's one of those places where we gather and enjoy each others company. Not only that, it might be the place to unwind and rest to chat UNITERUPPPTED.

In the place Jesus prepared for us in heaven we too shall enjoy each others company– with him and the saints before us. What a wonderful reality for all of us. What a comfort as we remember the saints. We will see them again in God's great banquet hall or should I say heavenly living room. A Fellowship uninterrupted and a peaceful rest together forever! Wow. Just wow!

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stewardship November 2022

This year our Consecration weekend will be November 19 & 20th. We will be using 2 Bible verses as our theme.

Our first verse comes from Hebrews 10:24-25: *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another"*. Our second Bible verse comes from Proverbs 11:25: "*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."*

A pledge card and flier will be sent out in early November. Please take the time to reflect on what blessings you have received from God and how St. John's has been an important part of your faith life. We ask you also, to encourage family & friends to come to our church. We have a great youth program, BLAST (formerly Sunday School), a music ministry, community outreach and radio ministry

May God continue to bless you as you bless others by using those gifts for the glory of God!

Laura Tirone

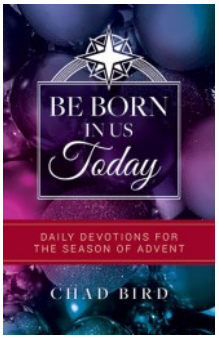
Dates to Remember:

<u>2022 Elections</u>
Nomination Weekend: Nov. 5 & 6
Nominee Accept by: Nov. 20
Budget Forum: Dec. 4
Election Weekend: Dec. 10 & 11
(Nomination Form can be found on page 10 of this Journal)

Thanksgiving Service: Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm

Coming Soon:
Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Advent Devotion Booklets



Adult Devotions: "Be Born in Us Today" $1.50/each

Children's Devotions: "Good News! Great Joy!" $2.50/each

Sign up sheet and description can be found on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

Lectionary & Communion Schedule

W	HC	November 5 & 6— All Saints Sunday "For All You Saints, O Lord" Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31
G	NC	November 12 & 13—Pent. 23– DS II Malachi 4:1-2; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
W	HC	November 19 & 20—Christ the King—DS II Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
G	NC	November 23—Thanksgiving "In Thankfulness and Praise" Exodus 15:1-21; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9; Luke 19:28-40
P	HC	November 26 & 27—Advent 1 "Be Born In Us Today" Genesis 12:1-8; Romans 4:1-8; Luke 1:39-56

October 2022 Official Acts

Weddings

Gretta Geisen & Andrew Garbacz 10/14/22
Ann Angelo & Lou Roberto 10/15/22
Rachel Pandolfe & Daniel Fox 10/29/22

Funerals

Richard Stuhr 10/8/22
Richard Zaborowski 10/8/22
Dorothy Beer 10/11/22
Clement McLaughlin 10/26/22

November Café

St. John's CAFE
Christian Adult Fellowship and Enrichment

Thursday
November 17th
6:00pm

Thank you all for the prayers and well wishes for my brother-in-law, Ron's recovery from his stroke and gallbladder surgery.—Jane Marone

I want to thank all of you for your love and cards regarding my mother's passing. The support from my church family is greatly appreciated.—Gary Hillman

October Council Highlights

- New Business– Elders available to help those who do not wish to use the iPads for electronic sign in. Veteran's Day service, Budget numbers reviewed and entered, to be finalized next month. A missions committee will be formed to assist in choosing missions to support (local, national and/or global).
- Elders– More bulletins to be printed for 11:15 service. Pastor Appreciation 10/22 & 10/23. Nursery. Contact Members. All Saints Day: Distribute Angels.
- Trustees— Energy review. Mike to discuss with Tom & Larry to make sure we are taking measures to reduce energy consumption due to higher gas and electric costs.
- Family Ministry–
- Board of Education—Interest in adding 3 year old class next year. Need an additional teacher. Kim to step down as chair in December but will help as needed for the remainder of the school year.
- Shepherd Staff—Proposed Christmas Sponsorship event.

Next Council Meeting: Monday, 11/14/22 7pm.

Shepherd Staff News—November 2022

It's time to give thanks for all the blessings we have knowing that all things come from God. Once again we will be collecting nonperishable food items, personal products, paper products and cleaning supplies for distribution to Tri Community Food Pantry and St. Luke's Food Pantry following our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Please consider donating something for this worthy initiative and GIVE THANKS!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
		1 5:30p-Girl Scouts (Grp1)	2 7p-Choi 8p– A.A
6 **All Saints Sunday** **Nomination Weekend** 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 10a– BLAST 11:15a-Worship w/ H.C.	**7** Office Closed 6p– American Heritage Girls 7:15p– Elder's Mtg	**8** 6:30p– Girl Scouts (Grp2)	**9** 7p– Nev Class 7p-Choi 8p– A.A
13 **23rd Sunday after Pentecost** 8:30a– Worship 10a– BLAST– Morning Program 11:15-Worship Poinsettia Order Deadline	**14** Office Closed 7:00p—Council Mtg	**15**	**16** 7p-Choi 8p– A.A
20 **Christ the King** **Consecration Weekend** Nominee Acceptance Deadline 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 10a—Sunday Morning BLAST 11:15a-Worship w/ H.C.	**21** Office Closed 6p-American Heritage Girls	**22** 6:30p– Girl Scouts (Grp2)	**23** 7p-Than Service 8p– A.A
27 **1st Sunday of Advent** 8:30a– Worship 10a—BLAST 11:15a-Worship	**28** Office Closed	**29**	**30** 7p-Choi 8p– A.A

WED.	THUR.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Financial Director's Report — As of 10/27/22

Comparison	October 2021	October 2022	% Change
Budget	-	$215,789	-
Giving	$204,052	$221,337	8.5% ↑
Expenditures	$199,635	$215,140	7.8% ↑
Giving over expenses	**$4,417**	**$6,197**	

Radio Broadcast	October 2022
Sponsorship	$7,177
Air Time	$7,920
Excess Sponsorship over cost	$743 (=4 Sponsorships)

Those Serving November 2022

	8:30AM		11:15AM	
Date	Elder	Lector	Elder	Lector
11/6	Barbara Perry	Cantor	Karen Dowdall	Karen Dowdall
11/13	Barbara Perry	Karen Shafer	Karen Dowdall	Karen Dowdall
11/20	Barbara Perry	Sue Bluhm	Karen Dowdall	Karen Dowdall
11/23	Thanksgiving Service		Harold Deutschlander	Sue Bluhm
11/27	Barbara Perry	Ed Lorenz	Karen Dowdall	Karen Dowdall

Saturday	Elder	Lector
11/5	Rod Lorenz	Rod Lorenz
11/12	Cherie Lysiak	Pastor
11/19	Bryan Mayback	Bryan Mayback
11/26	Jim Kless	Jim Kless

Altar Guild	Marsha McKKinney Jerry Bernfeld Jr.

Radio and Flower Sponsorships

10/2	***Harold & Patricia Hutchinson*** *In celebration of our 20th Anniversary* ***Betty & Joe Cavaleri*** *In celebration of their 39th Anniversary*	***Susan Reitzel*** *In celebration of Ernie's 97th Birthday on 10-9-22 and all the blessings in our lives.*
10/9	***Sandy & Art Haase*** *In celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary on October 14th.*	***The Castiglione Family*** *In thanksgiving to God for Scott and Kim's wedding 28 years ago and the many blessings that have come from it.*
10/16	***Jim Kless*** *In memory of my dad, Ronald Kless who passes away on October 20th, 2005. Love you Dad.*	***The Geisen Family*** *In celebration of daughter, Gretta and Andrew's wedding and in loving memory of parents, John & Millie Si-etsma, as they are interred in their final resting place.*
10/23	***The Boling Family*** *In Thanksgiving for God's many bless-ings!*	***The Herbold Family*** *In thanks to God for the gift of our son, Evan in celebration of his 23rd Birth-day and the many blessings God has given us through him.*
10/30	***Lois Will*** *In honor and memory of my husband, Paul H. Will Jr. (3/4/67-11/3/12) who joined his Lord at the banquet table 10 years ago. Paul loved his Lord and knew he had a place in the mansion God had prepared him.*	***Sue Pijacki*** *In memory of our anniversary. Paul & Sue Pijacki.* ***Steve Howell*** *In loving memory of my wife, Beverly. Married at St. John's 49 years ago on October 28.*

Interested in sponsoring a broadcast or flowers? Openings are available! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board near the church office.
Full broadcast is $180.00 (or $45.00 per line) Flowers: $25.00 per weekend

OFFICIAL PRIMARY NOMINATION BALLOT

November 5th & 6th, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church

In accordance with our constitution, the following offices are to be filled by persons 21 years of age or older.

- Any member of the congregation may make a nomination.
- Incumbents are listed below **for informational purposes only**.
- To nominate an incumbent, you must ***WRITE*** in their name(s) in the Ballot section.

REMINDER – INCUMBENTS - *complete their term of service in December 2022 and are eligible for nomination to hold office in 2023.*

OFFICERS CURRENTLY IN OFFICE AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RE-ELECTION ARE:
Elders: *Betty Cavaleri, John Fragale Jr., Rod Lorenz, John Preston, Ken Schabert, Cherie Lysiak*
Financial Director: *Mike Brown*
Trustees: *Guy Ramey, Ed Lorenz*

*You must **SIGN THE VOTING REGISTER** for your nomination to be included!*

President **(1-year term)** **Incumbent: Laura Tirone** _____ _____	**Secretary** **(1-year term)** **Incumbent: Susan Vriesen** _____ _____	**Elders (6 elders for a 2-year term)** **Incumbents:** ***Harold Deutschlander, Jim Kless, Barb Perry, Bryan Mayback, Amy Krupa, Karen Dowdall***
Family Ministry Chair **(1-year term)** **Incumbent: Anna Ellis** _____ _____	**Board of Education Chair** **(1-year term)** **Incumbent: Kim Castiglione** _____ _____	
Shepherd's Staff Chair **(1-year term)** **Incumbent: Helana Geisen** _____ _____	**Stewardship Team Chair** **(1-year term)** **Incumbent: Vacant** _____ _____	
	Trustee **(3-year term)** **Incumbent: Larry Rindfuss** _____ _____	

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, OFFICER NOMINATION BALLOT (2022)

November Birthdays

Jennifer	Thurnherr	1
Linda	Plewik	1
Allyson	Flagler	2
Anthony	Martino	3
Karen	Zielen	5
Jordan Bron-son	Wheeler	5
Derek	Robinson	7
Adam	Jagielo	8
Ayla	Jagielo	8
Richard	Sharpe IV	8
Jay	Hanson	10
Rev. Howard	Warner	11
Barbara	Perry	12
Ella	Liberto (Thurnherr)	12
Theresa	Keohane	14
Rochelle	Menard	14
Kaylin	Pauly	15
Susan	Schabert	16
Timothy	Silakowski	17
Jamie	Silakowski	17
Charlotte	Atkins	17
Katie	Burnham	18
Joshua	McFarland-Shields	19
Katherine	Lasky	20
Cecilia	Rowell	22
Ariella	Wheeler	22
Dawn	Brennan	22
Barbara	Geitter	24
Toni	Chapman	25
Deann	Lorenz	26
Irmgard	Hartung	28
Melody	Edwards	28
Paige	Coffed	29
Helana	Geisen	30

November Anniversaries

2	Gary and Sue Hillman
20	Ed & Dolores Mau
23	Daniel and Susan Payne
29	Rev. Michael and Janice Blackwell

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Karen Lorenz
Darlene Schwenk
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