

The St. John's Journal Community Connect

A Monthly publication of St. John's Lutheran Church, Depew, New York



2024 Graduation Blessing Ceremony Participants

June 30th 2024 - St. John's Depew, New York

"Every occupation has its own honor before God. Ordinary work is a divine vocation or calling. In our daily work no matter how important or mundane we serve God by serving the neighbor and we also participate in God's on-going providence for the human race."

These are the Words of Martin Luther as he reflected on the meaning of "vocation." I find them very meaningful and very fitting to share in this season of graduation. What an exciting time for them and what a time of contemplation as they consider what is next.

God will certainly guide them as he always has. He will help them to ponder their gifts and how they might best use them. And as God leads them into their vocation they will serve God and neighbor !! What an amazing opportunity!!

Please remember or graduates and keep them in your prayers as they move into the "what's next" and step out boldly as God's agents, hands, heart and voice.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!

July Mission and Ministry Prayers

Depew Community Center—For the Depew Community Center for its construction and all who work towards its completion. We pray that the presence of God's love, his compassion and charity shine through the work of this center.

Christian Education—Good and Gracious God, our children are precious in your sight as well as our youth. Receive our thanks for all the programs of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION here at St. John's. Bless the students and fill them with a passion to hear and learn about you. Give to each teacher, leader, or helper, wisdom and patience that they may be an influence for good and point these young hearts and minds to the love of Jesus.

August Mission and Ministry Prayers

Trinity West Seneca—For St. Trinity Lutheran School in West Seneca as they seek to be your presence to students and community. We pray that they might be bold in their witness; that students, staff and all others may know Christ and the true wisdom and power that comes from him when he is center in learning, growing and serving.

Youth—Gracious God, give strength to our Youth and our Youth Group as they gather, pursue and explore your will for their lives. Bless the leaders with wisdom, patience and new insight as they seek to cultivate loving community grounded and rooted in Christ Jesus. Open the hearts of the young people there present so that they might see you more clearly, love you more dearly and walk with you more nearly day by day

Lectionary & Communion Schedule



July 7, 2024

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Ezek 2:1-5; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13



July 14, 2024

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 7:7-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29



July 21, 2024

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



July 28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 4:42-44; Eph 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



August 4, 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost
Exod 16:2-4, 9-15; Eph 4:1-16; John 6:24-35



August 11, 2024

12th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:4-8; Eph 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51



August 18, 2024

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58



August 25, 2024

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Josh 24:1-2, 14-18; Eph 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

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 Worship 4:30pm

Sunday Traditional Worship 8:30am

Sunday Contemporary Worship 10:30am

Sunday Morning BLAST!

September—June 10:00am

Worship Broadcast

WXRL- AM 1300 / FM 95.5 at 11:00am

June Council Highlights

As reported on 6/10/24

- Old Business— Pastor Blackwell's appointment as Pastor Emeritus on 6/23/24. Church Picnic is scheduled for 8/17/24. No Saturday service that weekend.
- New Business— October will start the budget project. Fall mission project will begin Nov. 17th.
- Elders— Rod Lorenz— Elder's summer schedule is set. Two Saturdays that will not have a service.
- Financial—Mike Brown—Plant Sale proceeds \$2,500 to Sam & Rachel Vogt. Expenses for 2024 compared to last year are about the same. Giving is down.
- Stewardship—Ed Lorenz— Working with Father Baker's where he has more freedom to help with patients and share the Word.
- Family Ministry— Cheryl Boling— Holy Grounds will resume Sept. 8th. Youth/Parent LCMS 2025 New Orleans Gathering planning meeting.
- Trustees—Gary H., Larry R., Joe M— Start revamping of Praise Band floor on June 24th. Fire extinguisher inspection complete for the year.
- Board of Education— Kim Lorenz— BLAST to resume September 8th.
- Shepherd's Staff— Becca Hojnacki— Helping with the reception after the Emeritus service.
- Pastor—High School Steppingstone was on June 30th



Next Council Meeting: September 16th, 7:00pm

Financial Director's Report— 2nd Quarter as of 6/30/24 —Budget: \$143,958


	This YTD	Last YTD
2024 Giving	*\$136,533	\$137,675
Ministry Expense	\$143,466	\$138,691
Net Income	(\$6,933)	(\$5,916)

*Lost 1 Sunday due to 1/14/24 Snowstorm

Radio Broadcast	June 2024
Sponsored	\$4,215
Air Time (cost to WXRL)	\$4,860
	Loss of (\$645) = about 3.5 sponsorships

Those Serving July & August 2024

	8:30AM		11:15AM	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>
7/7	Tom Stutzman	Tom Stutzman	John Preston	John Preston
7/14	Ken Schabert	Karen Shafer	Bob Plewik	Bob Plewik
7/21	Barb Perry	Sue Bluhm	Steve Plewik	Steve Plewik
7/28	Amy Krupa	Ed & Deann Lorenz	Bob Plewik	Bob Plewik
8/4	Tom Stutzman	Tom Stutzman	John Fragale	John Fragale
8/11	Rod Lorenz	Sue Bluhm	Betty Cavaleri	Pastor
8/18	Jim Kless	Karen Shafer	Bob Plewik	Bob Plewik
8/25	Barb Perry	Ed & Deann Lorenz	Steve Plewik	Steve Plewik

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>July Altar Guild</u>
7/6	Jim Kless	Jim Kless	
7/13	Amy Krupa	Amy Krupa	
7/20	John Fragale	John Fragale	
7/27	Barb Perry	Bob Plewik	
8/3	Ken Schabert	Tom Stutzman	
8/10	Betty Cavaleri	Pastor	
8/17	Church Picnic—No 4:30 service		<u>August Altar Guild</u> Donna McNett Charmaine AfterBuffalo
8/24	John Preston	John Preston	

Resuming in September...



Arise and Shine
 1st Thursday of the
 Month at 10am



**St. John's
 CAFE**
 3rd Thursday of
 the Month at 6:00pm



Holy Grounds
 Resumes Sept. 8th

June Radio and Flower Sponsorships

6/2	<p><i>The Keller & Dowd Families</i> <i>In loving memory of Ruth Dowd on her birthday, May 27th.</i></p> <p><i>Sandy & Art Haase</i> <i>In remembrance of all the men and women who have been a blessing to us! We love them all.</i></p>	<p><i>Dawn Brennan</i> <i>In loving memory of my husband, Jim, as he celebrates 1 year of eternal life in heaven. Miss you so very much but I'll be seeing you love.</i></p>
6/9	<p><i>Cliff Lee, Tom & Andrea Mudd</i> <i>Carolyn Nosky & Rae Carier</i> <i>For God's many blessings</i></p>	<p><i>Ken & Sue Schabert</i> <i>In thanksgiving to God for all the blessings during our 51 years of marriage.</i></p>
6/16	<p><i>Mike & Jan Brown</i> <i>In honor of our 34th Wedding Anniversary & Ride for Roswell Search for a Cure, answered prayers concerning cancer.</i></p>	<p><i>Kendra & Dan Herbold</i> <i>In celebration of our 25th Wedding Anniversary and the many blessings God has provided in our life together. Also in observance of all the amazing Dads this Father's Day.</i></p>
6/23	<p><i>The People of St. John's</i> <i>In honor of Rev. Michael Blackwell, in thanksgiving for his ministry and recognizing him as Pastor Emeritus.</i></p>	<p><i>Paul Murawski</i> <i>In honor of my wife, Donna's heavenly birthday.</i></p> <p><i>Sharon Taylor</i> <i>In loving memory of my son, Paul. Miss You.</i></p>
6/30	<p><i>The People of St. John's</i> <i>In honor of our High School Graduates as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.</i></p>	<p><i>Kendra & Dan Herbold</i> <i>In celebration of our daughter Hayden's birthday and in many thanks to God for blessings received.</i></p>

Interested in sponsoring a broadcast or flowers?
 Openings are still 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/weekend





Come and see Dylan Lumb and the Lancaster Town Band this summer! Free entertainment, Food Truck and Snack stand at each concert, just bring a chair or blanket!

78TH SEASON LANCASTER TOWN BAND

All Concerts at the Richard E. Pascucci Memorial Band Shell, 7:30pm
(Unless otherwise noted)

Artel Metz Drive – adjacent to the Lancaster Youth Bureau Concert

Concert No. 1:

Let The Good Chimes Roll

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Featuring:

Jacob Seymour & Danielle Paradowski, Vocalists
LTB Trumpet Section
LTB Trombone Section

Concert No. 2:

Blues in The Night

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Featuring:

LHS Jazz Ensemble - Richard Goss, Director (7:15pm @pre-concert)
Isabella Bindemann, Vocalist
Nadia Impellittier, Clarinet & Brayden Forcier, Horn

Concert No. 3:

My Way or the Highway

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Featuring:

Richard Goss, Trumpet
Steven Saelzler & Mary Beth Conlon, Vocalists

Concert No. 4:

It's "SO USA" to Hear SOUSA Today!

Thursday, July 4, 2024
10:30am Village Square

Featuring:

Laurie O'Neill, Vocalist
Daniel DeAngelis, Narrator
LHS Marching Band, Special Guests

Concert No. 5:

Around the World with Sinatra & Stoberl

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Featuring:

Scott Stoberl, Vocalist
LTB Horn Section
Matthew Russell, Alto Saxophone

Concert No. 6:

Remember When?

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Featuring:

Rebecca English, Vocalist
Michael Goss, Piano

Concert No. 7:

LTB's Best, By Request

Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Elma Village Green Park, 6:30pm

Laurie O'Neill & Steven Saelzler, Vocalists
Arianna Durkin, Flute
Daniel DeAngelis, Narrator

Concert No. 8:

Take a Trip Down Broadway

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Featuring:

Steven Saelzler, Vocalist
Lancaster-Depew Community Chorus - Ryan Kaminski, Director
Daniel Lipke, Clarinet

Concert No. 9:

Themes From Spielberg Masterpieces

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Soloists:

Mary Beth Conlon & Christopher DeVries, Vocalists
Tyler Kraft, Horn

Concert No. 10:

Something in The Air!

Thursday, August 1, 2024
Depew Veterans Park, 7:00pm

Featuring:

Danielle Paradowski, Vocalist
Daniel DeAngelis, Alto Saxophone

Concert No. 11:

Comedy Tonight Returns

Tuesday, August 6, 2024
Daniel DeAngelis, Associate Conductor
Jacob Seymour & Rebecca English, Vocalists
Jade Prichard, Bass Clarinet

Concert No. 12:

At the Races

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Featuring:

The Lancaster Town Band Vocalists
Alan Knowles, Snare Drum

RAIN DATE

Tuesday, August 20, 2024 Rescheduled Band Shell Concert (if needed)
(Rain location for 2024 Band Shell concerts-Lancaster Middle School)



**Concert date changed due to Lancaster HS Graduation on 6-25-24



Sunday Morning B.L.A.S.T.

Now Registering online
for the 2024-25 school year!



Youth & Family Highlights

July/Aug (Dates TBD) Youth Drive-in/Miniature Golf, Darien Lake & Pool Party Events

July 23-26 POTL looking for volunteers to assist with Agape/Disabled camp week—see Bulletin Board for details

August (date TBD) Youth/Parent LCMS 2025 New Orleans Gathering, planning meeting

August 9—Lutheran Charities Annual Bison's Game with fireworks. Gametime 7:05pm. \$15/tix only or \$25/tix w/ soda & hotdog. Order tickets online @ wnyLutheranCharities.org or scan QR code on Narthex Bulletin Board. Registration by 7/23 or will call 8/5.



August/Sept—LCMS Youth Convention (2025 in New Orleans) Online Registration begins. \$395/pp deposit & registration due by 11/1.

Sept 27-29— POTL Jr/Sr High (6th-12th grade) Fall Work Retreat



Cheryl Boling: 716-704-9324 cboling81@gmail.com

Dana Besch: 716-523-3262 danabesch@gmail.com

Congregational Picnic at Pioneer-on-the-Lake



August 17th—1pm, Veterans Memorial Pavilion

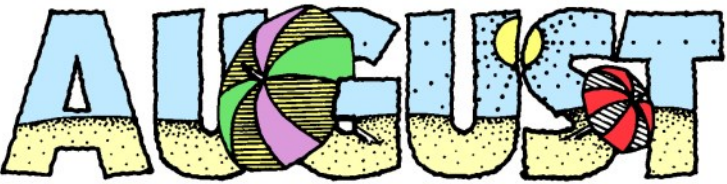

Join us for an afternoon and evening of fun, food, fellowship and worship!

Participating families, please bring a dish to pass for dinner along with other personal picnic & beach supplies.

Chapel in the Woods Vespers with Pastor Galen at 7pm and campfire to follow. Sign up your family count information on Narthex Bulletin board by 8/10.

For overnight lodging availability: see pioneeronthelake.com for options/pictures and/or call Lindsay Konrad at 716-383-6157 ASAP

SUNDAY	MON	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SAT.
	1 Office Closed	2	3	4 Independence Day <i>Office Closed</i>	5 Office Closed 5p– Scrap-booking Group	6 8a– Men’s Group 4:30p Worship w/ H.C. 8p– A.A.
7 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 10:30a–Worship w/ H.C.	8 Office Closed	9	10 Office Closed	11	12 Office Closed 5p– Scrap-booking Group	 13 4:30p Worship 8p– A.A.
14 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a– Worship 10:30a–Worship	15 Office Closed	16	17 Office Closed	18	19 Office Closed 5p– Scrap-booking Group	20 8a– Men’s Group 4:30p Worship w/ H.C. 8p– A.A.
21 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 10:30a–Worship w/ H.C.	22 Office Closed	23	24 Office Closed	25	26 Office Closed 5p– Scrap-booking Group	27 4:30p Worship 8p– A.A.
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25 14th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a– Worship 10:30a–Worship	26 Office closed	27	28 Office Closed 8p– A.A.	29	30 Office Closed 5p– Scrap-booking Group	31 4:30p Worship w/ H.C. 8p– A.A

2024

Ross	Contella	3
Hayden	Herbold	3
Karen	Shafer	3
Jamie	Bluhm	3
Janet	Erickson	5
Katherine	Lange	5
Crew William	Jagiello	5
John	Gauthier	5
Jenna	Burnham	6
Jessica	Nobles	7
Mary	Warner	8
Susanne	Bluhm	9
Debra	Best	9
Alyssa	Cappello	9
Kerry	Lesanti-Alicea	10
Aisley	Sharpe	10
Andrea	Mudd	12
Caleb	Hojnacki	13
Jennifer	Anthony	14
Hope	Obertean	15
Cameron	Fragale	16
Joan	Keating	17
Mason	Nieman	17
Joseph William	Baird Jr.	17
Kimberly	Castiglione	19
Kathy	Beck	20
Jennifer	Sharpe	22
Rose Mary	Kirsch	23
Renay	McCarthy	23
Scott	Geisen	24
Laura	Tirone	25
Eden	Jagiello	26

Karen	Dowdall	28
Sue	Hillman	28
Gerald	Radder	29
Janice	Blackwell	30
Michael	Durning	30
Dave	Tirone	31
Morgan	DelConte	31
Neal	Schlesinger	31



3	Mr. & Mrs. Loren Ratajczak
4	Andrew & Donna McNett
	Cheryl & Bill Boling
5	John & Andrea Fragale
11	Ed & Deann Lorenz
12	Martin & Debra Wisniewski
17	Timothy & Theresa Keohane
20	John & Colleen Kilanowski
23	Gregory & Joy Yaskow
24	Arthur & Lidia Benson
	Richard & Suzanne Sabadasz
31	James & Trudy Possinger



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Joelle	Baird	1
Dawn	Varga	1
Lori	Lesanti	2
Dawn	Gauthier	2
Arthur	Benson	3
Michelle	Hughey	3
Kristin	Sexstone	4
Galen	Purpura	6
Michael	Brown	8
Clara	Durso	8
Jim	Kless	8
Ryan	Boling	8
Kimberly	Lorenz	9
Scott	Mcllhagga	11
Sue	Pijacki	12
Gail	Nunz	13
McKenzie	Kilanowski	14
Patricia	Schlebus	14
Henley	Sharpe	14
Sandy	Thompson	14
Joy	Matson	17
Thomas	Bluhm	19
Cameron	Garbacz	21
Summer	Lumb	21
Iyla	Lorenz	24
David	Edwards Jr.	24
Matthew	Goodyear	25

Peter	Blackwell	26
Karen	Rutkowski	26
Branden	Purpura	27
James	Possinger	29
John	Sweeney	29
Jesse	Plewik	29
Aubree	Pauly	31



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

1	Ron & Brittany Lorenz
	Gary & Barb Geitter
4	Dave & Nicole Edwards
	Wendy & Jose Latalladi
11	Adam & Chandra Jagielo
16	John & Kathy Beck
17	Matthew & Jessica Goodyear
	Christopher & Lara Lozo
21	Justin & Katie Burnham
	George & Carmi DelConte
25	Larry & Patricia Rindfuss
31	Andrew & Amy Krupa

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