

# The St. John's Journal Community Connect

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

## MEAT RAFFLE

TO BENEFIT ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP



**SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**



**GRAPEVINE BANQUETS**  
**333 DICK RD., DEPEW NY**

**FIRST SPIN AT 7PM**

**50/50 & SMALL BASKET RAFFLE**

**\$15 ADMISSION**

**TICKET INCLUDES POP & BEER - BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS!**

**BIG TICKET  
RAFFLE!**

**\$5 PER TICKET  
OR 3 FOR \$10**

Choice Prize Options include:

- Josh Allen life-size cardboard cutout
- Autographed Joe Andreessen jersey
- Autographed Dawson Knox jersey
- Autographed Darryl Talley poster
- Chest Freezer with Sloan Meat Market Gift Certificate.

*\*Do not need to be present to win\**

Members of the Youth Group will be selling tickets each Sunday in the Narthex, between the 8:30am and the 11:15am service.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

February 2025



**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**

Sunday Traditional  
Worship 8:30am  
Sunday Contemporary  
Worship 11:15am  
Sunday Evening Blend-  
ed Worship 4:30pm

Sunday Morning  
BLAST!

September—June  
10:00am

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

# January Council Highlights

As reported on 1/13/25

- Old Business– Thank you to new and returning council members. Getting ready for annual dinner. Having some youth come and speak about the last convention experience. Board reports should be sent 1 week before meeting.
- New Business– Appointment of Norm Hirschey as for 3 year term. Door collection to help the Haj family after a home fire.
- Financial– Mike Brown—Year-end Budget. Good 4th quarter, full year expenses covered by 2024 giving.
- Elders– Rod Lorenz— Congregational Dinner 2/21 at 6pm. Worship Assistant Appreciation Breakfast 3/1. Elders to help.
- Family Ministry– Jen Anthony— Christmas Dinner items were donated to the DCC. Parent meeting held and ticket sales commenced for Meat Raffle. January Youth Group Lock-in was well attended by 22 youth and 25 adults. Annual Congregation Meeting on 2/21. Menu and speaker TBD. Will ask youth for appropriate assistance.
- Trustees— Larry R., Joe M, Norm H— List of emergency contacts for building issues and repairs.
- Board of Education— Kim Lorenz— Christmas program went well. Did not collect many toiletry items for Blessing Bags, mission postponed and revisited. March 23rd family service with children participating. March 2-30 Spring Mission Project. Last day of Blast is June 8 with special closing for kids.

Next Council Meeting: March 10, 7:00pm



## St. John's Weather Cancellations

Should worship services need to be cancelled due to weather the cancellation notice will be posted to the following:

**WXRL– AM 1300 or 95.5 FM**  
**WBEN –AM 930**  
**WGRZ-Channel 2**  
**WIVB-Channel 4**

A Mass email and text message will be sent through our church database. If we don't have your e-mail or cellphone # **PLEASE PROVIDE IT!!**

A message will also be posted on the church website– displayed on the “ticker” at the top of the home page. [www.sjlcdepew.com](http://www.sjlcdepew.com)



## The Chosen Watch Party

The 2nd Saturday of the Month at 4:30 PM

Meets in the basement conference room


*Call Barb Perry with any questions: 716-983-7064*

## Holy Grounds



**Sign up to bring in baked goods!**

# Those Serving February 2025

	8:30AM		11:15AM	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>
2/2	Jim Kless	Cantor	Amy Krupa	Amy Krupa
2/9	Jim Kless	Sue Bluhm	Amy Krupa	Amy Krupa
2/16	Jim Kless	Jim Kless	Amy Krupa	Amy Krupa
2/23	Jim Kless	Ed & Deann Lorenz	Amy Krupa	Amy Krupa
<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>February Altar Guild</u>	
2/2	Betty Cavaleri	Pastor		
2/9	John Preston	John Preston		
2/16	Barb Perry	Barb Perry		
2/23	Rod Lorenz	Rod Lorenz		

# Annual Congregational Dinner

Friday, February 21st, 2025 at 6 PM

Join us as we celebrate our people,  
community and ministries from 2024.

Tickets can be purchased after services  
on 2/9 and 2/16.

Cost is \$5/ea. or \$15/family



# January Radio and Flower Sponsorships

1 / 5	<i><b>The People of St. John's</b> Wishing everyone God's blessings in the New Year!</i>	<i><b>Brian Thurnherr</b> In celebration of my daughter, Shan- non's 32<sup>nd</sup> birthday and her recent en- gagement to Joe Speyer.</i>
1 / 12	<i><b>Ramona Sietsma</b> In loving memory of John and Mil- lie Sietsma</i>	<i><b>The Herbold Family</b> In celebration of Dan's birthday and in thanks to God for blessings re- ceived.</i>
1 / 19	<i><b>Sharon Taylor</b> Thanking God for his many bless- ings and remembering all those I have loved who are now in heaven.</i>	<i><b>Tom &amp; Sue Bluhm</b> On behalf of the congregation, we wish to thank Pastor for his spiritual leadership throughout the year &amp; wish him and his family a happy and healthy New Year.</i>
1 / 26	<i><b>John &amp; Cathy Fragale</b> In thanksgiving to God for 56 years of marriage and togetherness!</i>	<i><b>The People of St. John's</b> To the Glory of God!</i>

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



**Arise and Shine**  
1st & 3rd Thursdays  
of the month at 10am



3rd Thursdays of the month at 6:00pm





Brock	Smith	1
Stephanie	Meyer	1
Sarah	Gorski	3
Debra	Dziengielewski	4
Vito	Napierala	4
Penelope	Ritz	5
Alex	Orzechowski	6
Cindy	Cappello	7
Dorothy	Walters	9
Alana	Alicea	10
Timothy	Keohane V	12
Kyle	Sharpe	14
David	Coffed	15
Belladara	Mondo	16
Bonnie	Capozzi	17
Wendy	Garbutt	18
Harold	Hutchinson	19
Mark	Smith	19
Julia	Wisniewski	21
Mia	Barber	21
Darlene	Schwenk	21
Christopher	Geelan	24
Jackson	Baird	26

### *Anniversaries*

14	Richard & Felicia Sharpe
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## February Mission and Ministry Prayers

### The LCMS & Eastern Dist.

O Christ, you have called your church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing them and teaching them to observe everything You commanded. Bless our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,. Bless also our Eastern District as the support the ministries of the local church. Give to them faithful servants and adequate resources to carry forward mission in your name.



### Deacons

O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ who is servant of all and who has given us an example to follow in our ministry. Be with our DEACON PROGRAM and bless those who have heard the call to serve and model Christ love. May they faithfully proclaim God's Word so that those they visit that they may be fed and filled with joy and hope.

## NEW HOME BLESSINGS FOR CLIF LEE



Peregrine Assisted Living  
575 Cayuga Creek Dr., Apt C106  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227  
Ph: 716.248.1343

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SAT.
						<b>1</b> 8a– Men's Group  8p– A.A
<b>2 4th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 10a— BLAST 11:15a-Worship w/ H.C. 4:30p– Worship w/ H.C.	<b>3</b> Office Closed  7:15p— Elders Mtg.	<b>4</b>  5:30p— Girl Scouts	<b>5</b> Office Closed  8p– A.A.	<b>6</b> 10a– Arise & Shine  6:30p– Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> Office Closed  5p– Scrap-booking	<b>8</b> 8a– Men's Group  4:30p - Watch Party 8p– A.A
<b>9 5th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30a– Worship 10a– BLAST 11:15a-Worship 4:30p– Worship	<b>10</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  7p— Council Mtg.	<b>11</b>  6:30p— Girl Scouts	<b>12</b> Office Closed  8p– A.A.	<b>13</b> 10a– Arise & Shine  6:30p— Confirmation 6:30p– Girl Scouts	<b>14</b> Office Closed  6p– Girl Scouts	<b>15</b> 8a– Men's Group  8p– A.A
<b>16 6th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 10a— BLAST 11:15a-Worship w/ H.C. 4:30p– Worship w/ H.C.	<b>17</b> <b>Presidents Day</b> Office Closed	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  8p– A.A.	<b>20</b> 10a– Arise & Shine  6:30p– Girl Scouts 6:30p– Cafe	<b>21</b> Office Closed  6p- Congregational Dinner	<b>22</b>  12p– Private Event 8p– A.A.
<b>23 7th Sunday after Epiphany</b> 8:30a– Worship 10a– BLAST 11:15a– Worship Jacob Wisniewski Baptism 4:30p– Worship	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b>  6:30p— Girl Scouts	<b>26</b>  8p– A.A.	<b>27</b>  6:30p— Confirmation  6:30p— Girl Scouts	<b>28</b>  6p– Girl Scouts	

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