

# The St. John's Journal Community Connect

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

## 2025 Ride for Roswell

This year our Ride for Roswell team not only hopes to raise money toward the cure, **but they also wish to Ride for you as they remember or honor you or the people you love who have been impacted by cancer.** A board has been placed in the fellowship area for you to write names. On the day of the ride these names will be remembered.



### Did you know...

- That every minute, 3 people are diagnosed with cancer in the USA.
- For every \$1 raised through the Ride, \$23.00 are generated through grants.
- Last year our Ride for Roswell team raised \$5,825 = \$133,975 for research.
- This year's goal is to raise \$6 million dollars. If reached, Ride for Roswell will have raised \$80 million since the ride's inception!

On June 28th, the **ST. JOHN'S SCREAMING EAGLES** will once again connect up with the greater community for a great cause. Many of us know the impact of cancer either personally or through family and friends. Each year people from all over join together in the fight against cancer as monies are raised for research toward a cure.



Scan the QR CODE to make a donation to the St. John's Screaming Eagles Team!

(Select any rider to make your donation)

**THANK YOU!**

**YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN HELPING TO FIND A CURE!**



**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 Blended  
Worship 4:30pm

Sunday Morning BLAST!  
September—June 10:00am  
Worship Broadcast  
WXRL— AM 1300 / FM 95.5  
at 11:00am

## May Council Highlights

As reported on 5/12/25

- Old Business— Summer Picnic. Looking for the Youth to help.
- New Business— Contacting the volunteer committee members to plan and organize the anniversary celebration. Grant Application update. Grant accepted. June will have a grant dinner meeting. Next year will report on how that is coming along. Ride for Roswell 6/28.
- Financial— Mike Brown— Funds transfer on hold until June. Thank you notes sent for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Funds to be transferred for Plant Sale. Plane tickets are booked, next largest expense will be the hotel, money set aside for the visas for food. Trustees projects, project improvement account, vote on funds next month. Memorial Fund for history room. Electric Costs rising.
- Family Ministry— Jen Anthony— Pioneer on the Lake Youth Retreat in May. Upcoming Mini Golf Family outing at the end of June. Coming up with ideas for the youth and adults going to the conference.
- Shepherd's Staff— Rae Carier— Plant sale pickup on 5/17. Pentecost Geraniums delivered 6/7.
- Trustees— Norm Hirschey, Larry Rindfuss, Joe Momot— Backflow preventer installed. Roofer finished with tower roof. History room renovation completed. Over summer work on parking lot. Fans in youth room upstairs. Assessing usage of storage space over summer. Thanks to Pastor, Patty & Carol for the décor of the history room and photo organization. Contacting for potential Cub Scout and Boy Scout Groups.
- Pastor— Elder's spent time discussing Easter Services. Décor added to the tomb, Ed Lorenz & Steve Plewik. Confirmation interviews are coming up. TechNet doing a Windows 11 update. Tony Martino-next big step is interview with the committee.



Next Council Meeting:

June 9, 7:00pm, then break until September.

## Lectionary & Communion Schedule

<b>W</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>June 1, 2025</b> —7th Sun. of Easter Acts 16:16-34; Rev 22:12-21; John 17:20-26
<b>R</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>June 8, 2025</b> —Day of Pentecost—(Communion only at 8:30am service) Acts 2:1-21; Rom 8:14-17; John 14:8-27
<b>W</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>June 15, 2025</b> —The Holy Trinity Prov 8:1-4, 22-31; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
<b>G</b>	<b>NC</b>	<b>June 22, 2025</b> —Pentecost 2 Isa 65:1-9; Gal 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39
<b>G</b>	<b>HC</b>	<b>June 29, 2025</b> —Pentecost 3 1 Kings 19:15-21; Gal 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

## Those Serving June 2025

	8:30AM		11:15AM	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>
6/1	Rod Lorenz	Rod Lorenz	John Preston	John Preston
6/8	John Gauthier	John Gauthier	John Preston	John Preston
6/15	John Gauthier	Sue Bluhm	John Preston	John Preston
6/22	John Gauthier	Ed/Deann Lorenz	John Preston	John Preston
6/29	John Gauthier	Karen Shafer	John Preston	John Preston

4:30 PM	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>June Altar Guild</u>
6/1	John Fragale	John Fragale	Linda Plewik Karen Plewik 
6/8	Jim Kless	Pastor	
6/15	Amy Krupa	Amy Krupa	
6/22	John Gauthier	John Gauthier	
6/29	Barb Perry	Barb Perry	

## May Radio and Flower Sponsorships

5/4	<i>The People of St. John's To the Glory of God!</i>	<i>Susan Reitzel In loving memory of Susan's mom and all the May Birthdays in our family.</i>
5/11	<i>Jackie Kraebel In loving memory and in honor of my Grandmother, Mom and Sister on Mother's Day.</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Sue Bluhm Thank you, God, for 58 years together. What a blessing!</i>
5/18	<i>Michael &amp; Grace Stever In celebration of 32 years of marriage and all the blessings received.</i>	
5/25	<i>Ed &amp; Charmaine AfterBuffalo In loving memory of Gary &amp; Marie Karl and all loved ones.</i>	<i>Ken &amp; Rochelle Menard In celebration of our 12<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anni- versary and blessings received.</i>  <i>Tom Mudd To our loving Oma, Mom &amp; Wife, An- drea, in honor of 50 wonderful years of marriage on June 7, 2025. We all love you! God Bless.</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 & Café**  
Will Resume in September!



**The Chosen Watch Party**

Join us September when  
we resume Watch Party!

Barb: 716-983-7064





THANK  
you.

Thank you all for your calls, cards and prayers during my surgery recovery! Your kind words mean the world to me. God bless my St. John's family.  
-Betty Cavaleri

YOU'RE  
SO  
kind

## June Mission and Ministry Prayers

### WNY Law Enforcement Helpline

For all Police officers, firefighters, emergency responders, and dispatchers that God would be their refuge and strength as they respond to the difficult situations within their communities. Help them to reach out for help when burdened by the traumas associated with their service. We pray especially for the Western New York Law Enforcement Helpline which seeks to aid officers and their families.

### Family Ministry

For Family Ministry at St. John's as each of these groups seek to care for, nurture, teach and cultivate relationships between families and the church. Bless the leaders organizers; help them to seek wisdom from you. Open the hearts of the members of St. John's that they might be encouraged to take advantage of the various ministry opportunities.

June	Goga	1
Wendy	Latalladi	1
Ethan	Blackwell	4
Dana	Besch	4
Joseph	Baird	5
Joanne	Phillips	6
Jason	Bluhm	7
Madison	Kilanowski	7
Gretta	Garbacz	9
Katherine	Manna	11
Salvatore	Springer	12
Wayne	Dziengielewski	13
John	Sabadasz	14
Kevin	Wright	17
Hazel	Radt	18
Darlene	Vogel	18
Colleen	Kilanowski	19
Marsha	McKinney	19
Christopher	Milam	19
JoAnn	Martina	19
Edward	AfterBuffalo	20
Benjamin	Barber	20
Rosalie	Mondo	20
Thomas	Mudd Sr.	20
Hannah	Mayback	21
Jacob	Sharpe	21
Gary	Geitter	21
Ken	Schabert	22
Sylvia	Andolina	24
Killian	Geitter	24
Jennifer	Cocco	25
Rodney	Lorenz	26
Ronney	Lorenz	26
Kinsley	Orth	26
Linda	Bernfeld	28
Kimberly	McFarland	30



7	Andrea & Thomas Mudd
9	Kenneth & Susan Schabert
10	Peter & Cristin Blackwell
11	Darryl & Julie Gorski
16	Michael & Janice Brown
18	Ed & Charmaine AfterBuffalo
19	Daniel & Kendra Herbold
21	Joseph & Joelle Baird
22	Neal & Ruth Schlesinger
23	Scott & Helana Geisen
26	Carol & William Pawlak
26	Rae & Tom Carier
26	Jennifer & David Anthony
28	Rev. Howard & Lin Warner
29	Rev. Galen & Jen Purpura

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>1 Easter 7</b> 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 10a— BLAST 10a—Confirmand Review w/ Pastor 11:15a-Worship w/ H.C. 4:30p– Worship w/ H.C.	<b>2</b> <i>Office Closed</i>      7:15p— Elders Mtg.	<b>3</b>    5:30p— Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> <i>Office Closed</i>     8p– A.A.	<b>5</b>   6:30p– Girl Scouts 6:30p– Confirmation	<b>6</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  5p– Scrap-booking	<b>7</b> 8a– Men’s Group     8p– A.A
<b>8 Day of Pentecost</b> 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. Rite of Confirmation 10a— BLAST Group 11:15a-Worship 4:30p– Worship	<b>9</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  7p— Council Mtg.	<b>10</b>   6:30p— Girl Scouts	<b>11</b> <i>Office Closed</i>    8p– A.A.	<b>12</b>  6:30p– Girl Scouts	<b>13</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  6p– Girl Scouts	<b>14</b>     8p– A.A
<b>15 The Holy Trinity Father’s Day</b> 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 11:15a-Worship w/ H.C. 4:30p– Worship w/ H.C. (No BLAST)	<b>16</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Office Closed</i>    8p– A.A.	<b>19</b>   6:30p– Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>21</b> 8a– Men’s Group   8p– A.A
<b>22 Pentecost 2</b> 8:30a– Worship 11:15a-Worship Wundrow Baptism 4:30p– Worship	<b>23</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Office Closed</i>   8p– A.A.	<b>26</b>  6:30p– Girl Scouts	<b>27</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  6p– Girl Scouts	<b>28</b> Ride for Roswell   8p– A.A.
<b>29 Pentecost 3</b> 8:30a– Worship w/ H.C. 11:15a– Worship w/ H.C. 4:30p– Worship w/ H.C.	<b>30</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  5:30p– Family Mini Golf Event	<div><div><div>J</div><div></div></div><div>JUNE</div></div>				

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