

A Word from the Pastor for October and Stewardship...

Fall is arriving later this year, as I write this, it is still warm and muggy. I am eagerly waiting for cooler days.

But even so, October brings so much. We will begin a discussion on race, ethnicity and religion, and of course, there is Reformation Sunday and Halloween. And on the heels of that comes All Saints', Thanksgiving, and Christ the King Sunday.

I want to bring up stewardship, as we have not had an assertive campaign in some time. Several members have approached me on this, with such enthusiasm that I cannot help but say yes!

Stewardship is not about money, it is about faith. In our society, that sounds off, but the truth is, if we trust God, then we give to God with that trust, knowing that God provides for our needs and then some. So, this year, we will be asking you to challenge yourself to give more of your time and treasures. When November comes, we will have more ideas for you and just how you can challenge yourself when it comes to stewardship.

I have heard it asked: "Does God need my money?" Of course not. However, if we are to do God's work here at St. John's and beyond, we will need more than thoughts and prayers. So begin by thinking of that small expense that you might not need, but want. For example, I usually get Tim Horton's each day at Mercy, what if bring my own or match the amount? Or how about all spare change? It adds up. The point is, stewardship is not something to be dreaded; it should and can be a joyful thing, even fun. So let's trust God to do as God promises.

Pastor V.

Ladies Aid

As usual, we enjoyed a great time of fellowship and food at the Haase's for our summer gathering.

Now we move into fall mode and will be having our next meeting in November when we will be holding our "mystery pound sale" night. More details next month but mark your calendar for November 1 so you can join in the fun!

Submitted by Connie Arnold

Monthly Community Dinner A Thrivent Action Team Project October 26, 2018

Dinner is served 4pm—6:30pm or until we run out, whichever comes first.

We will be serving Mark's Beans-n-Weenies along with coleslaw & and corn.
We will also have drinks and dessert

The meal is provided for ANYONE in need of food, fellowship or fun... As always, the food, the seat and the smiles are FREE but good will offerings are always accepted.

Assisting Minister Schedule

	9 am	10:45 am
Oct 7	Pat Lipka	Nancy Kessler
Oct 14	Sandy Gordon	Karen Rothenberger
Oct 21	Jim Steiner	Adam Wolff
Oct 28	Sue Springer	Caroline Rackl

PowerPoint Schedule

	Preparer	9 am Presenter	10: 45 am Presenter
Oct 7	Nick Barnhard	Lee Delaney	Matthew & Autumn Brown
Oct 14	Nancy Kessler	Lee Delaney	Trevor Godus
Oct 21	Nick Barnhard	Lee Delaney	Linda Altman
Oct 28	Nancy Kessler	Lee Delaney	Jean Stankowski

SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Cookie Exchange! Saturday, December 14th!
More details to follow in the fall!

Altar Guild

Nothing new or special to report at the present time, but just a reminder to mark your calendar for our next meeting on November 4th. At this meeting we will be discussing our Christmas preparations and setting-up our calendar for altar duties and meeting hostesses for 2019. Please make every effort to attend!!!!

Caring for the Altar in Oct. are Connie A. and Rhonda D.

Hostesses for the Nov. meeting are Barbara K. and Sylvia D.

Submitted by Nancy Weber

Remember to add your name to the birthday list if you have not done so and would like to. There is cake to be shared the first Sunday of the month during fellowship time between services. All are invited to come each Sunday for fellowship and a shared treat.

Volunteers are needed to bring in a "goodie" each week. It can be bought or made. Fruit, Cheese and Crackers, Brownies, Doughnuts- whatever you might like to donate would be welcomed and enjoyed. The sign up sheet is on the counter by the coffee. Just ask Diane Molnar if you have any questions about this ministry.

Community Nights!

St. John's is proud to present our new monthly Community Nights. These nights will be filled with family friendly events that seek to foster a deeper sense of community within St. John's. All of the events are after our monthly Community Dinners unless otherwise noted. So come on out eat some good food and then stay for a fun time!

Below is a list of the upcoming Community Nights along with their tentative dates. As we get closer to each event more information will become available.

Sept 28th- ART CREATION NIGHT
SUNDAY- Oct 28th- TRUNK or TREAT
Nov 30th- BOWLING
Dec 28th- MOVIE NIGHT
Jan 25th- TRIVIA NIGHT
Feb 22nd- SKATING
Mar 29th- MOVIE NIGHT
Apr 26th- BOARD GAME NIGHT
May 31st- MUSEUM NIGHT
Jun 28th-OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
Jul (TBA)- BISON'S GAME

Submitted by: Megan Marrano
(marrano92@gmail.com)

WHAT IS A THRIVENT ACTION TEAM?

Thrivent Action Teams are groups of volunteers who donate time and effort to help a charitable cause of their choice. As a **Thrivent** Financial benefit or associate member, **Thrivent** Financial will arm you with \$250 of seed money for your project.

If you want to learn more you can contact your Thrivent representative (Brian Mackey) or talk to Mark Koeppel or Nancy Kessler.

The funds can be used to help pay for a Community dinner, a Youth event, an Outreach program and more.

You can learn more by checking out the web site below.

https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/files/CA_Conversation_Guide.pdf

Food Barrel for WS Food Pantry

We have been asked to try something a little different starting this month. The West Seneca food pantry has asked us to donate Soup, Soup and more Soup. It can be canned, ramen noodles, cup o noodles, etc...



Looking for one or two new ushers to fill in early service on the following dates: 10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 12/30. Also, would like two more greeters for the second service to be scheduled once a month, ASAP. Thanks, See or call Jim Steiner, Scheduler. 897-1132.

Women of the ELCA

Our programs are set for the year and we invite you to attend any or all of them. The October 9 meeting will feature a Bible Study. Watch the bulletin for further details on this as we firm up the topic.

The meetings begin at 7PM and include devotions, a short business meeting and the program followed by refreshments. We look forward and welcome new faces! Hope to see you then.

Thought for the month: (courtesy of Marie R.'s devotion)

When God solves our problems, we have faith in His abilities.

When God doesn't solve our problems, He has faith in our abilities.

Submitted by Connie Arnold

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO:

10/2 Edythe Fischer
10/3 Diane Marrano
10/5 Dave Gorman
10/5 Paul Napier
10/6 Melissa Germano
10/6 Grant Schindler
10/7 Emily Miller
10/9 Alex Woodard
10/13 Linda Altman
10/13 Sue Springer
10/16 Karie Dunphy
10/22 Art Haase
10/25 Keith Lang
10/25 Nancy Weber
10/28 Dylan Lumb
10/31 Roger McGill
10/31 Kathy Moody
10/31 Julie Storch



HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY TO:

10/4/2007 Ryan and Kristy Kozanecki
10/5/1985 Terri and Anthony Marrano
10/6/1990 Joe and Denise Brady
10/14/1967 Art and Sandy Haase

ST. JOHN'S BELL CHOIR

Our Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. and will be playing November 4 for All Saints' Sunday.

We are looking forward to hearing our bells again. Pastor Roger will be leading the choir as Nick is one of our bell ringers.

We do need additional bell ringers. If this is something you think you would like to do, come on the 3rd and try it.....

We all find our niches here at St. John's and singing or ringing with one of our Choirs could be your new niche.

Submitted by Carolly Huth

Pastor Valerie's Bible Study for October and November:

Oct. 4 - Genesis 2: 18-24, Mark 10: 2-16

Oct. 11 - Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15, Mark 10:17-31

Oct. 18 - Isaiah 53: 4-12, Mark 10: 35-45

Nov. 1: Revelation: 21: 1-6a, John 11: 32-44

Nov. 8: I Kings 17: 8-16, Mark 12: 38-44

Nov. 15: Daniel 12: 1-3, Mark 13: 1-8

ST. JOHN'S DINING OUT CLUB

We invite all who are interested to join us:

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 - 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: BRYNCLIFF RESORT & CONFERENCE CTR.
MENU: 14.00 and up entrees + appetizers, soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches, wraps.

DIRECTIONS: 2357 Humphrey Rd., Varysburg
Rte. 400 east, to Rte. 20A east, to right on Humphrey Rd. at the Byrncliff sign & follow the flags.

PLEASE CAR POOL AND MEET US AT THE RESTAURANT.

Reservations must be made due to the size of our group. Please sign the sheet on the counter in the Foyer and indicate whether you will drive, ride with someone or meet us at the restaurant.

Please Note! We will not be dining out in November and December due to the holidays. Dining Out will resume January 31. Watch for the sign up sheet!

RESTAURANT REVIEW:

Jades: 16 of us dined in this old neighborhood bar. The food was good, portions decent. There was a communication problem between the owner and wait staff but that was straightened out.

How will we choose our next restaurant? A list of prospective restaurants is passed around and everyone places an X under their choice. The restaurant with the most Xs is the one we visit next. Here is your chance to try new restaurants, visit old favorites, meet new people and enjoy good company. All members of St. John's, your family and friends are always welcome to join us.

Submitted by Carolly Huth

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Presents:

OUR 15TH ANNUAL CHILI DINNER

Proceeds will benefit:

Second Chance Animal Sheltering Network

Sunday November 11TH 2018

12pm - 6pm

4 TYPES OF CHILI...

TRADITIONAL, Buffalo Chicken Wing, BBQ Chicken

and **BEEF TACO.**

TAKE OUT and DINE IN AVAILABLE

BEVERAGES WILL BE INCLUDED AS WELL AS DESSERTS.

Prices:

- Dine and Take out will be \$10 That includes a sheet of auction tickets - Call Mark for detail @ (716)440-8173

- * DINE IN SPECIAL- Family of 4 for \$35

(4 Dinners - Includes 4 sheets of auction tickets)

- * TAKE OUT OFFER- Flight of all 4 types of Chili for \$13

(9oz containers of Chili- Includes Bread and 1 sheet of auction tickets)

Specials can **NOT be combined with other discounts or offers*

**No advance sale for special pricing*

This event is sponsored by:

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Crossbeam Deadline

Articles for the **November** issue of the Crossbeam are due by **October 14th**. Please e-mail your articles to Sue Koeppel (sekoeppe@gmail.com) or leave them in the Crossbeam mailbox outside of the church office. Electronic articles are preferred, if at all possible.

LOST & FOUND

If you find items around our complex, please place them in the lower cabinet in the Foyer, next to the Guest Book stand. Please do not leave them lying where you found them.

If you lose something please look in that cabinet first.

Items of value are kept in the church office.

If you bring in goodies for our many receptions during the year, please take your dishes home. Those left in the kitchen will be placed on the pew next to the Classified Ads bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

We do thank everyone who brings in goodies but we just don't have room to store the dishes left behind. Please call Carolly Huth if you can't find what you are looking for at 826-0506.

Coffee Hour

We have the following members to thank for setting up the coffee from September - May for your fellowship time between services. They are Diane Molnar, Maxine and Jim Steiner, Peggy Cramer, Ruth and Norm Merckel, Dick and Edie Fischer and Charlie and Connie Arnold.

The following members are thanked for cleaning up: Mark and Sue Koepfel, Janet Hender, Linda Wetzler, Bethann Hintzman, and Danese Dick.

We are so thankful to these folks and would love to have more members volunteer since it is only 10-15 minutes of your time either before the early service to set up or around 10:20 to clean up before the second service. As of now, each team is on every 5- 6 weeks, but if we get more volunteers, the spread would be greater. Please see or contact Connie 674-2409 or kaketop@aol.com if you would like more information or to volunteer.

Also, Diane Molnar is in charge of making sure her sign up sheet for refreshments is filled each week during fellowship time. Pastries, fruit, donuts, cookies, cheese and crackers are just some ideas of what can be brought in so don't be intimidated thinking you cannot contribute. We Lutherans love whatever is there to share and thankful for your contribution to the fellowship time.

The sign up sheet is on the kitchen counter, you cannot miss it! Just ask Diane if you have any questions, 675-2481.

Save the Date: October 20, 2018 The LCLC Auction

Mark your calendars now for an exciting afternoon of fun and fellowship to benefit LCLC.

This Fun Event includes:

- *Live Auction for quilts, handmade artwork and crafts, and unique services
- *Silent Auction for a wide variety of theme baskets
- *Snacks and beverages
- *Opportunity to connect with LCLC friends and alumni
- *Closing Camp-Style Worship

WHEN: October 20, 2018 from 1:30 - 4:30

WHERE: St. John's Lutheran Church, 6540 Main Street, Williamsville, NY

For additional information please visit the [auction page on our website](#) or call [716-386-4125](tel:716-386-4125).

WANTED: coupons from The Buffalo News Sunday paper. These coupons are mailed to Fort Bragg where our military personnel and their families can use them at their PX up to six months after the expiration date. Just drop them in the box on the counter in the Narthex and Sandy Stango will take it from there. Another way to support our troops and their families. Thanks, Sandy Stango

Sunday Church School

We began Sunday School this year with a full house! Thank you! There are returning faces and new faces and we are having fun!

In September, we blessed our children, our teachers and our backpacks!

Thank you to everyone who brought in new backpacks to be donated, we truly appreciate it!

We presented our 3rd graders with their new Bible, via Bible Buddies! Thank you to the congregation!

A reminder to our parents: Our Sunday Church School hour begins at 9am and ends at 10:10 am. Families are asked to gather in church for our opening, which begins promptly at 9am. Students meet their teachers after the opening, in the foyer.

Volunteers, Teachers and Helpers: Our next teachers meeting date is Sunday, October 7th at 10:15 in the first floor triple room. We hope to see you there!

Submitted by Kathy Moody



This is the QR code for the St John's website. If you're not familiar, a QR code will take a mobile device directly to our web site, just by taking a picture of it.

**ST. JOHN'S
HALLOWEEN PARTY and
POT LUCK DINNER**



WHEN: Sunday, October 28, 2018

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

**WHAT: 1. Parade of Costumes
2. Make trick or treat bags
3. "Trunk or Treat"**

**Please bring a dish to share
Costumes are optional for adults.**

Questions – Call Diane Molnar @ 675-2481



Spiritual Retreat

Saturday, November 3, 2018

This day event will invite participants into a conversation from the Lutheran perspective on the nature of faith and life in the midst of challenge and even tragedy. Participants will also explore how the nature of hope and healing can be enriched through an encounter with the contemplative tradition of Christianity represented by the writings of Richard Rohr.

For more information or to register, please contact

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

5013 Rt. 430

Bemus Point, NY 14712

716-386-4125

contact@lclcenter.org

News From the Pews

Baptisms- Jaxen Matthew Crance 8/19/18

Funerals- Alvin Lehsten- 9/3/18

"Ms Stango, Our sincere thanks for your generous contribution in support of our Soldiers and their Families. Please know that we appreciate the many coupons that you send on a regular basis. We couldn't do what we do without your help. Thank you for everything you do and we look forward to receiving more from you!
Army Community Service"

Blacksmithing for Beginners

October 13, 2018
9:00-4:00

A day of forging and fellowship in which you'll be introduced to the basic blacksmithing techniques of fire management, drawing out, cutting, bending, and twisting. More experienced beginners will be able to try forge welding and tool making. Instruction is provided by experienced teachers. Space is limited to 12 participants.

For more information or to register, please contact

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The Fundraising Committee will be holding a Book Sale on Saturday, November 3rd from 11 am to 1 pm. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund.

Books will be accepted after October 7th.

Branson Country Christmas!

We're joining Know How Tours on
Friday, November 16th,
on a day trip to Macedon, NY

We're traveling to Macedon, located just outside of Rochester, for "**A Branson Country Christmas**" featuring the Ozark Jubilee, direct from Branson, MO. There will be country music and good clean family entertainment, including great comedians of yesteryear, like Archie Campbell, String Bean, Minnie Pearl and many more. The trip includes lunch and the show. On the way home there is a stop at Oliver's Chocolates in Batavia. We leave West Seneca at 9:30am and return at approximately 5:30pm. Sign up on the Know How Tours website.

(www.knowhowtours.com OR 716-649-9694.)

Cost is \$105 per person, \$99 for veterans. **Please mention St. John's West Seneca, we have reserved a place just for you! Sign up early to reserve your spot! Our seats will be released on October 1st.** This tour will sell out.

If you have any questions or would like help signing up see or call Kathy Moody.



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