

IT IS APPLE PICKING DAY!!!!

Car Pool to Becker Farms from church at 12pm or meet there around 12:30!

Becker Farms:

3724 Quaker Rd, Gasport, NY 14067



SIGN UP FOR FALL ADULT EDUCATION COURSE

MONDAY EVENINGS

From Oct. 21-Nov. 25th

TEN YEARS AGO THE ELCA adopted the social teaching statement "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust." Since then, we continued to grow in our understanding what that statement meant for our church. This fall at the request of St. John's Vision Team, we will be holding a series of conversations and hosting a series of guest lecturers to further our understanding of the particular needs of people who identify as part of the LGBTQ community. We will take a look at our history, where we are now, and look to the future of how our church thinks about human sexuality and inclusivity.

Some of the questions we will ask are:

What does LGBTQIA+ mean? What does it mean to be "cisgender?"

What should I believe about this as Lutheran?

What does scripture say (and not say) about people who identify as LGBTQ?

All people are welcome in our church. Why should we single out lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people?

What more do we as a church want to do to welcome this community? What more should or can I do as an individual follower of Jesus Christ?

INFORMATION and SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

This week's Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday Sue Springer!
Happy Birthday Carolly Huth!



St. John's Prayer List

Take time this week to pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

- Joe Angelo,
- Kenneth Cendrowski,
- Rose Doster,
- Gracelyn Germano,
- Al Gulas,
- Ruth Hilbert,
- Rick Lipka,
- Sandy and Bill Marzahn,
- Sandy Noyes,
- Lowell Rothenberger,
- Walter Stankowski,
- Ron Wirth,
- Sandy Gordon,
- Diane Molnar,
- William Rackl,
- Betty Angelo,
- Bonnie Marciniak,
- John Anderson,
- Judy Tolsma,
- Mary Ann Szalanski,
- John Boldt,
- Arline Semlitsch

*God of Compassion,
your Son Jesus Christ,
the great physician,
made the broken whole
and healed the sick.
Touch our wounds,
relieve our hurts,
and restore us
to wholeness of life,
through the same*



TRUNK OR TREAT*

OCTOBER 27th 4:30pm

- Wear your Costume
- Play Games
- Create Crafts
- Eat Pizza

Trunk Decorating Competition

*Competition Winner Gets all the Money in the World!!!!

SIGN UP BY HALLOWEEN CANDY BOX

The Week Ahead

TODAY

APPLE PICKING 12pm

MONDAY

Men's Work Group 9 a.m.
Zumba 6:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

Zumba 9 a.m.
Music with Mar 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Arthritis Exercise Class 1 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

Tai Chi 11 a.m.
RockVoices 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Music with Mar 10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY

Worship 5 p.m.
Retrouvaille Buffalo 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Worship 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Coming to Next Week's Bulletin:
Daily Scripture Readings

The Monthly Financial Report

September 2019

Regular Church Donations \$23,153
(a 17.8% increase from last year)

St. John's Benevolence

We gave \$1,000 to ELCA Disaster Relief
\$100 to World Hunger Relief
\$200 to support the Community Dinner

We experienced a major expense
this month spending \$6,793
to repair the church's sewer drain.

Thus...

(We needed to borrow \$1,400 from our savings
account to pay the bills this month
Total borrowed from savings this year: \$5,400)

The Mortgage Update

Mortgage Reduction Fund Donations \$6,528
(an increase of \$208 or 1.1% over prior year)
Mortgage Balance
(Mission Investment Fund of ELCA)= \$735,420
& Cornerstone Fund Loan Balance= **\$0.00!!!!**

**Please consider making even a small weekly
contribution to the Mortgage Reduction fund.**

Pray for our friends and loved ones.

Debbie DePerno, (Paul and Georgie Napier),
Debra Fischer, Joann Fischer, (Edie and Dick
Fischer), Nancy Boehm (Janet Hender),
Marilyn Lew, Pearl Hettinger (The Lew
Family), Joe Angelo, Maria Sayers (Betty & Joe
Angelo), Mark Schmidt (Donna Heine), Mark
Luderman (Sandy Noyes), Stacey Gates
Brooke, Elizabeth and Tom Kowalczyk
(Maxine & Jim Steiner), Herman Schwert (Sue
Koeppel), Rose Marie Puchala (The Forth
Family), Keri Shaw (Donna Heine), Jon Horton
(Mark Schnitzer), Mary Ann Stroka (Lexi
Lang), Donald Merkel (Ruth & Norm Merkel);
Bonnie Thompson (Mark and Soni Schnitzer)

All Victims
of War, Terror,
and Gun Violence

**ALL THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE ARMED
FORCES-**

Shawn Jezewski, Jerry Corp, Rachel Acker,
Russell Molnar, Christopher Kalinowski,
Matthew Smith,
Steven Schott

PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON

BISHOP JOHN STANLEY MACHOLZ

CONFERENCE DEAN LEE MILLER II

If you or a loved one would like to be added
or removed from our
St. John's prayer list
please let us know.

Hospitality

We are hoping to recruit 10-12 or more
hospitality leaders who would organize a
team to provide for coffee hour
refreshments, set up, and clean up a few
times a year. Will you help us?

(Please contact BethAnn Hintzman
668-0833 or Diane Molnar 675-2481 for
more information)

**Christmas For
Greenfields Residents**

The Niagara Lutheran Health System
Guild is collecting monetary donations
to fund parties and gifts for the
patients and residents in their care.
Please see the flyer in the Narthex for
more information.

Pastor's Corner

"But grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ." - 2 Pet.
3:18

What is it that stirs you up and
brings you out to worship the
Lord or want to be identified as a
"Lutheran Christian" or as a
person of faith?

Last month the leadership of St.
John's spent time naming who we
are and what we do as a
congregation; this month we
began thinking and praying with
the question:

"Why do we do what we do?"

Or "What is it that motivates us as
a congregation?"

Some of the motivations we
named were "making disciples,"
"being a 'good' person," "feeling
good about who we are,"
"creating building blocks for the
future," "service and helping the
community," "Study of scripture,"
"love of Jesus," "to honor
traditions," and "because this is
my family."

We are made a part of the body of
Christ through the waters of
baptism but we wonder...How
would you finish this sentence?

**I am a part of St. John's
because...**

We often do things without
understanding why we do them.
Sometimes this is harmless but in
the case of a church not knowing
why we are or why we do things
can be a stumbling block to
sharing our faith and growing the
church.

Today We pray that every breath
is an opportunity to share our
faith!

**WELCOMING DINNER
NOVEMBER 3rd @ 4pm**
For all the newest members
of our church family and for
those curious to know more
about who we are as a
congregation.

