

THIS WEEK: LASERTRON EVENT

For 6th-12th Graders

October 25th-26th

Drop Off: St. Paul's Eggertsville @ 9pm

Pick Up: Lasertron @ 7:30am

Info: Contact Diana or Pr. Roger

ReconcilingWorks
LUTHERANS FOR FULL PARTICIPATION



**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

In Loving Memory of My Brother John
By Sharon Tyler

Celebrating the Joy and Blessing with our Niece's Family as they officially welcome Lorelei through foster adoption

Charlie & Connie Arnold

**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

MONDAY

Men's Work Group 9 a.m.
 Human Sexuality 6:30 p.m.
 Zumba 6:45 p.m.
 Knitting Group 7 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.
 Zogaria/ Crance Wedding 2 p.m.
 Community Dinner 4 p.m.
 LYO Lasertron 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Worship 5 p.m..

SUNDAY

Worship 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
 Trunk or Treat 4:30p.m.

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
 Koepfel), 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.

CROSSBEAM

**We need help assembling our
 monthly newsletter
 on 10/23 @ 5pm**

Contact Sue Koepfel
 c. 716-440-8156

**The St. John's Annual
 Chili Dinner and Basket Raffle
 November 10th 12-6pm**

**We are beginning to collect
 donations for the basket raffle!**

**PLEASE: DROP OFF ALL
 DONATIONS BY NOVEMBER 3rd**

Pastor's Corner

*"...proclaim the message; be
 persistent whether the time is
 favorable or unfavorable;
 convince, rebuke, and encourage,
 with the utmost patience in
 teaching." 2 Tim 4:2*

This week we are reminded that
 whether times are good or bad, we
 are to talk about the message, the
 Good News. Not easy!

So, how do you proclaim? When
 was the last time you spoke about
 your faith with someone else? As
 Lutheran Christians, our
 understanding of grace and of
 God's unconditional love is a
 great gift to be shared with the
 world. We are brilliant at sharing
 food and other resources... why
 do we struggle so with sharing the
 gift of our understand of Christ
 and Christ's love.

God has proved God's love to us
 through the life death and
 resurrection of Jesus Christ, we
 have nothing to prove to God...
 This core theology can help bring
 people to a place where they
 understand that they are loved
 regardless of what they have
 done, where they were born, or
 who they think they are.

Be wary of a take on faith which
 claims that we must do some right
 things or say some right words in
 order to get God to love us. The
 notion that we can influence,
 diminish, or increase, God's love
 for us or for this world is a
 pervasive belief among different
 churches today. As Paul says we
 are charged to "convince, rebuke,
 and encourage, with the utmost
 patience" as we teach the world
 about the gift of Grace.

**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.

