

A Word from the Pastor for May...

One of the chaplains used the following for our devotion before the monthly meeting. I pass it on to you.

WORDS OF WISDOM: YOU DON'T SAY!

Don't say "Our" if you live isolated in your selfishness.

Don't say "Father" unless you behave like a son or daughter.

Don't say "Who Art in Heaven" if you are thinking only of worldly things.

Don't say "Hallowed by Thy Name" if you invoke God with your lips, but your heart is far from Him.

Don't say "Thy Kingdom come" if you confuse the material and spiritual kingdom. Don't say "Thy Will be done" if you don't accept what is painful.

Don't say "Give us this day our daily bread" if you have no care for the people who are hungry.

Don't say "Forgive us our trespasses" if you have anger towards your brother. Don't say "Lead us not into temptation" if you do not avoid the occasions of sin. Don't say "Deliver us from evil" if you do not do something to combat evil.

Don't say "Amen" if you don't take sincerely the words of the Our Father.

Pastor V.

Our Monthly Community Dinner

**Time:4pm – 6:30pm or until we
run out- Whichever comes
first**

Date:5/25/18

Chef's Choice

**We will also have Desserts & Drinks
*** Menu subject to change *****

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.

Food Barrel for WS Food Pantry



Needed for May are canned spaghetti sauce, box dinners, envelope mashed potatoes, instant pasta and sauce bags, condiments including salt and pepper, boxes of oatmeal and juices.

To the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church:

From Pastor Roger,

Grace to you and peace, from God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This month we celebrate the Holy Festival of Pentecost which marks the end of the Easter season and celebrates the birth of the church. On that day we will formally welcome brothers and sisters from our community as members of church family. On that day we will also celebrate as three young people publicly declare their faith, are confirmed in that faith, and become adult members in our congregation.

At St. John's we are a part of a great movement of love and justice that began over 2000 years ago. As we prepare to welcome those who have experienced a conversion to renewed faith, or those who need a new home and family to practice their faith, or those who are ready to be confirmed in their faith, I invite you to pray for these new comers. I invite you to pray that the Spirit strengthens us with welcoming and generous hearts so that even more and more people will come to know Jesus by Our Love and the compassionate Acts that shape the life of our congregation, our church family.

Oh, and if you are wondering about ways to practice Love in the community and the world let's find a time to sit and talk, pray and discern where God might be calling you and your family to serve in the kingdom.

I pray for you constantly. We are so thankful and joyful for this call and this church family.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Roger

Assisting Minister Schedule

	9 am	10:45 am
May 6	Jim Steiner	Caroline Rackl
May 13	Sue Springer	Evelyn Hicks
May 20	Pat Lipka	Nancy Kessler
May 27	Sandy Gordon	Karen Rothenberger

Power Point Schedule

	Preparer	9 am Presenter	10:45 am Presenter
May 6	Nick Barnhard	Lee Delaney	Matthew & Autumn Brown
May 13	Nancy Kessler	Lee Delaney	Trevor Godus
May 20	Nick Barnhard	Lee Delaney	Linda Altman
May 27	Nancy Kessler	Lee Delaney	Jean Stankowski

Altar Guild

As I write this report, the weathermen and calendar keep telling us that spring has sprung. However, I look out my window this morning and see a dusting of that white stuff. As we look forward to seeing greener grass and blooming flower, we do rejoice for Jesus has risen, Alleluia.

We again thank you for supporting our Easter plant sale and breakfast. The church looked and smelled wonderful. The food and fellowship that we shared was thoroughly enjoyed by many.

Watch your bulletins for information about the geranium sale for Pentecost.

Caring for the altar in May is Erma Fitzpatrick and helpers.

The next meeting is June 10th. Hostesses will be Danese Dick and Sharon Tyler.

Submitted by Nancy Weber

The Lutheran Charities campaign is set to go from April 22nd through May 13th. Guest speakers will be part of the 4 week campaign. Envelopes for donations will be handed out during the campaign by our Ushers. We thank everyone who supports this great cause.

If anyone has any questions please contact Mike Setlock at 698-4427

On May 13th (Mother's Day) Tom Madden, Executive Director of Lutheran Charities will be our guest speaker.

My Mentor and Me Day

May 19, 2018
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

LCLC's My Mentor & Me Day is for Grandparents and Grandchildren, Aunts or Uncles with Nieces or Nephews, Mothers or Fathers with Daughters or Sons, or any mentor and youth. We will spend quality, unplugged time together playing outside, hiking and exploring in nature, and there will be time available to enjoy the beauty of Lake Chautauqua and all that LCLC has to offer!

WHEN: May 19, 2018 from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

WHERE: LCLC

COST: \$25.00 per Mentor/Mentee Pair

For additional [information and a registration form](#) please visit our website or call 716-386-4125.

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, 5013 Route 430, Bemus Point, NY 14712



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.

Women of the ELCA

Sandy Haase enlightened us with stories and information on the History of Hymns at our last meeting. For instance, we all know that Martin Luther wrote "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", but did you know that he also wrote "Away In A Manger"? We found this and lots of other history thoughts on our hymns thanks to Sandy. There is a book on hymn history in our church library if you would like to check things out for yourself. Karen Rothenberger, our church librarian, would be glad to help you find this book or any other one. She is at our library in the Educational Building on Sunday Mornings but the door is always open to the library if you cannot make it then.

We will be gathering together again on Tuesday, May 8 at 7 PM but will be forgoing our usual meeting format because we will be welcoming our friend, Ona Haman. She will be sharing some of her "Women of Faith" videos. These videos are presented by women who share their faith with us through song, stories, jokes, tears and laughter. Couple this with Ona's faith and joy and it will be an evening that will leave you full of smiles and the spirit.

All ladies are welcome to come. We have a few invites circulating around as a reminder of this evening, but if you did not receive one, it does not mean you are not welcome because you are. Just check out the info board in the narthex hallway and hopefully you can put it on your calendar and join us.

Earth Day has come and gone but as you know, we need to be mindful of this every day. There are many factions out there hurting our environment- laws, businesses, etc, but there are also many organizations, individuals, businesses, etc. who are out there working to help our environment. Hopefully you are making that extra effort to do what you can to help to make our earthly home environment better.

Thought for the month:

The best preparation for tomorrow is the proper use of today.

Submitted by Connie Arnold

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO:

5/2 Peggy Cramer
5/4 Terri Marrano
5/6 Amanda Wolf
5/10 Joyce Molnar
5/22 Hugh Vossler
5/23 Easton Molnar



HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARY TO:

5/4/1974 Jay and Sylvia Delaney
5/6/1978 Paul and Lorrie Whelan
5/16/1987 Chuck and Peggy Cramer
5/17/1986 Kris and Evelyn Hicks
5/23 Dan & Laurie Abendenschein
5/30/2009 Craig & Beth Vosseler

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

Crossbeam Deadline

Articles for the **June** issue of the Crossbeam are due by **May 13th**. 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.

ST. JOHN'S DINING OUT CLUB

We invite all who are interested to join us:

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 31 - 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: PAMP'S RED STONE BAR & GRIL

MENU: \$ 10.95 & up entrees + appetizers, soups, salads, burgers, sandwiches, pizza.

DIRECTIONS: 1492 Southwestern Blvd. West Seneca - between Angle Rd. & Leydecker Rd. next to auto repair place.

PLEASE CAR POOL & MEET AT THE RESTAURANT. IF YOU NEED A RIDE, PLEASE CALL CAROLLY.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE DUE TO THE SIZE OF OUR GROUP. PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP ON THE SHEET ON THE COUNTER IN THE FOYER AND INDICATE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO DRIVE, MEETING US AT THE RESTAURANT OR RIDING WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

RESTAURANT REVIEW:

The Eagle House: 16 of us dined in this historic building on Main St. in Williamsville. The chicken pot pie was a favorite again, the fish was good, no complaints especially of the deserts!!!! You had to see them to believe them. The back stairs have been rebuilt since we were there last.

BEFORE DINNER: we pass around a list of prospective restaurants, everyone chooses the one they would like to experience and the one with the most votes is where we go next. All members of St. John's, your family and friends are welcome. Please feel free to join us anytime. For more information, please call Carolly at 826-0506.

Submitted by Carolly Huth

Sunday Church School

Where did the time go? That's what the parents of our 2nd year Confirmation Class are thinking and so are we! We have watched your children grow in their faith over the years and now look forward to celebrating their Confirmation on May 20th!

Time has flown by during this Sunday Church School year too! Our last day of classes is quickly approaching, also Sunday, May 20th. We'll enjoy our Strawberry Shortcake social again this year, in the Parish Hall at approximately 9:45. See you there!

Looking ahead:

Mark your calendar: September 9th is the first day of SCS for the 2018-2019 year. Look for more info in the summer crossbeam and in your mail box.

Have kid's meal toys from the fast food restaurants? We can use them! New, unopened toys from the kid's meals can be dropped off in the Sunday Church School office or in the Kindergarten class room. We use these toys for prizes when we play Noah's ark bingo and during other occasions during the year. Thank you!

Submitted by Kathy Moody

News From the Pews

Memorial Service for Sharon Musialowski - Thursday, April 19, 2018.

"I would like to thank all who sent cards ,fruit and flowers. We are truly a family at St. Johns" Sharon Musialowski

**ATTENTION ALL GROUPS THAT HAVE
ITEMS STORED IN THE PARISH HALL
BOILER ROOM:**

We will be cleaning and organizing the parish hall boiler room starting in April 2018. Please label anything you want to keep with your name/ group name. We will be installing shelves to put smaller items on. Anything not labeled will be discarded.

Thank you—Sue and Mark Koeppel

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.

THE RIDE FOR ROSWELL

Hi to my friends at St. John's,

This will be my 9th year in The Ride for Roswell and I appreciate all the support you have given me in past years. For those of you who don't know me, I am the drummer in the Praise and Worship Band.

"The Ride" will be taking place on Saturday, June 23, 2018

Once again I'll be riding on the Ferguson Red Riders Team in memory of my late friend, Matthew Kochalski. Matt was a high school buddy of mine and lost his battle with malignant lymphoma 10 years ago this past April.

Anyone wishing to support my ride may donate online at:

<https://rideforroswell.org>

Then click on the "DONATE" button to the right and search for my name (Patrick Mudd) in the next screen under "search for a rider".

or

Checks made payable to: ROSWELL PARK ALLIANCE FOUNDATION with my name (Patrick Mudd) in the memo line and mailed to:

Roswell Park Alliance Foundation
ATTN: The Ride for Roswell
PO BOX 644
Buffalo, NY 14240-0644

or

Mailed directly to me and I will turn them in on race day:
Patrick Mudd

[55 Norman Drive
Depew, NY 14043](#)

Worship & Music

Our special Lent and Easter services were well attended and spiritually fulfilling for all participants. The worship space was packed with guests when St. John's hosted the Lenten Journey. We also experienced a new Maundy Thursday table service, distributing the Eucharist to each other, and a true sunrise service on Easter morning.

At the 9 am "family" Easter service, our Children's Bell Choir performed for the first time under the direction of Cindy Godus. We have high hopes that these enthusiastic young musicians will go on to join the adult Bell Choir, which joined the Senior Choir for an anthem at the 10:45 service.

The Choir will continue to present anthems through 27 June, even as we begin our summer schedule of one service at 9:30 am on Sundays.

Over the summer, the Committee will meet to plan new service settings and music for the new church year that begins in Advent.

Our next regular meeting will be 3 May at 7 pm, and we always welcome anyone who has an interest in helping to shape the worship experience.

Submitted by Adam Wolff

Ladies Aid

After a long break, the ladies will meet again in the fellowship room on Thursday, May 3 at 7 PM. After going over a little business, we will enjoy catching up with refreshments and fellowship. As always, all ladies are welcome to join us.

Please let Sandy know if you would like to bring in the refreshments for the meeting.

Submitted by Connie Arnold

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).



St. John's Community Preschool 4th Annual Toy Sale will take place May 4-5, 2018

Please consider donating to our biggest Preschool fundraiser of the year!

We are looking for

- * Gently used or antique Toys
- * Gently used or antique Books (kids books only please)
- * Baby items
- * Outdoor play items
- * Homemade items for children

All money raised to be used for new toys/equipment for St. John's Community Preschool & the classroom used by our littlest Sunday School Students (3 & 4 year olds). Donations may be dropped off upstairs in the educational building-room 203a.

Also, won't you please consider volunteering to help. I am looking for help with publicity and to set up and price during days on May 2 or 3 as well as on the sales days from 9-1 to cashier or assist. Please call or text me with any questions or to offer assistance. 901-6570 or tracylml@aol.com
Tracy Lumb

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.

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