

## **A Word from the Pastor for September and new beginnings...**

A rabbi who once asked his pupils how they could tell when the night had ended, and the day was on its way back.

"Could it be," asked one student, "when you see an animal in the distance and can tell whether it is a sheep or a dog?"

"No," answered the rabbi.

"Could it be," asked another, "when you look at a tree in the distance and can tell whether it is a fig tree or a peach tree?"

"No," said the rabbi.

"Well, then, what is it?" demanded his pupils.

"It is when you look on the face of any person and see your brother or sister. Because, if you cannot do this, then no matter what time it is, it is still night."

Pastor V.

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

(3512 Clinton Street @ Union Rd, West Seneca)

Presents:

## **Our Monthly Community Dinner**

Date: .....09/29/17

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

### *Italian Sausage and Sides*

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

This dinner is provided for anyone that needs a meal  
**AND** it is family friendly event...

The meal is **FREE** but we will take any free will donations  
that anyone wishes to make...

## Coming Soon—Prize Raffle for the Chili Dinner

This year's raffle will be \$1,000 in gift cards to Splash Lagoon. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Chili Dinner on October 15, 2017. Watch the Crossbeam and bulletins for more details.

The Sunday School is in need of a few supplies for the new year. Please include us in your back to school shopping and bring in the supplies the first day of SCS.

- 1 box tissues
- 1-3 pack of glue sticks
- 1 assorted pack of construction paper
- 1 small box of crayons
- 1 roll of scotch tape



### **Pantry Needs**

## Food Barrel for WS Food Pantry

Items needed for September are soup, ramen noodles, canned ravioli (single serve), and canned spaghetti (single serve).

## *Women of the ELCA*

Thanks to those of you who contributed your used crayons to be melted down and distributed to children who can use them. Sylvia took them to AC Moore for the count and there were 24 pounds of them collected! What a great way to put those unused, broken crayons to good use. You might want to get a head start on next years' collection by keeping a bag handy as they break or get too worn out because this a simple way to help others and recycle too.

As summer time activities slow down, it is time again to start up our meetings. The date is Tuesday, September 12 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Room. We will be planning our activities for the year so please bring any ideas with you. If you would like to volunteer for devotions or refreshments for that meeting, please tell Connie.

We would love to see new faces at the meetings so please feel free to join us for any or all of the dates. We meet on the second Tuesday in Sept., Oct., Nov., Feb., April and May. The monthly programs or projects are most informative and fun so please think about stopping in! There are lots of smiles and good food too!

Thought for the month:

"May we not be seeking to do great things, but to do simple things greatly."

Submitted by Connie Arnold

## *Ladies Aid*

We are looking forward to going to Art and Sandy's home for a picnic meeting with the Monday Morning Crew and others. The date is Thursday, September 9 at 3PM. Bring a dish to share if able but for sure bring your appetite, as the dishes are always so tempting! Call or let Sandy know if you can make it- 674-8109.

Submitted by Connie Arnold

## Now Available

The story of Martin Luther jumps right off the page in a beautiful and sturdy pop-up book from Sparkhouse Family. To order "The Life of Martin Luther" please contact Sandy Haase at 674-8109 by September 17th. Cost is \$19.99.

## Power Point Schedule

	Preparer	9:30 am Presenter
September 3	Nick Barnhard	Matthew & Autumn Brown
September 10	Nancy Kessler	Trevor Godus
September 17	Nick Barnhard	Linda Altman
September 24	Nancy Kessler	Jean Stankowski

## Assisting Minister Schedule

	9 am	10:45 am
September 3	9:30 am: Pat Lipka	
September 10	Sandy Gordon	Nancy Kessler
September 17	Roger McGill	Evelyn Hicks
September 24	Jim Steiner	Nancy Kessler

### *Crossbeam Deadline*

Articles for the **October** issue of the Crossbeam are due by **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please e-mail your articles to Sue Koepfel ([sekoepfel@gmail.com](mailto:sekoepfel@gmail.com)) or leave them in the Crossbeam mailbox outside of the church office. Electronic articles are preferred, if at all possible.

## CELEBRATING MARTIN LUTHER

It is time to celebrate Martin Luther's 500th Anniversary of his posting the 95 theses. He did this on October 31, 1517. We will be commemorating this event beginning at the end of August and finishing up on Unity Sunday, October 29, when we celebrate Reformation Sunday.

The committee has been putting together ways to do this and we hope all of you will be able to participate at some or all of them. You can mark your calendar now for a special movie night. It will be Saturday, October 7 at 6:30 PM. The feature movie will be Rick Steve's "Luther and the Reformation". It is a one hour video and some lively conversation is expected to follow. Of course there will be popcorn and pop for you to enjoy also. All are welcome!

Other ideas are in the works so watch the bulletin and Crossbeam for more insight and projects relating to Martin Luther.

## Altar Guild

We hope everyone had a great summer! Fall is quickly approaching and it's time for all the meetings and activities to gear up again.

The next meeting of the guild will be on Sunday, September 24th between worship services. Hostesses for this meeting will be Maxine Steiner and Nancy Weber.

We hope to see some new faces there. All are welcomed. Come join us and see what we're all about.

Caring for the altar in September are Sylvia Delaney and Barbara Kwiecinski.

Submitted by Nancy Weber

"What we learn with pleasure, we never forget."



## *News From the Pews*

### **In The Hospital**

Nelson Mitman

### **Scholarship Award Winners**

Kirsten Brady

Timothy Corless

Caroline Rackl

Jonathan Wolf

### **Baptisms**

06-18: Jack Thomas Stobnicki, son of John and Cortney Stobnicki

07-16: Kendall Lynn Calandra, daughter of Joseph and Sherry Calandra

07-22: Preston Howard Fredericks, son of Brian and Stacy Fredericks

### **Funerals**

June 12 John Fitzpatrick

July 24 Annette Mitzel

July 25 Orville Eyring

July 28 Laurell Abendschein

August 12 Agnes Young

### **Weddings**

August 5 Susan Faust and Michael Woodard

August 19 Chelsea Grant and Kenneth McLean

### **Address change**

Rick and Pat Lipka

9 Mayfield Dr.

West Seneca, NY 14224

"The family of John Fitzpatrick thanks you for your prayers, sympathy cards and kind thoughts on the loss of our husband, father and grand/greatgrand father.

A special thank you goes to Pastor Valerie, Rick, Evelyn, Nancy and Bethann. John appreciated receiving communion and enjoyed your visits immensely.

He loved the Lord, his church and his church family.

God Bless You—**Irma Fitzpatrick**"

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## News from the Pews, Continued

"We have to thank the following people who volunteer to make and clean up the coffee every Sunday from September - June. Please be sure to thank them for their time and efforts that add to the fellowship time between services.

The Set Up people are: Edie and Dick Fischer, Ruth and Norm Merckel, Diane Molnar, Maxine and Jim Steiner, Peggy Cramer, Charlie and Connie Arnold.

The Clean Up people are: Linda Wetzler, Janet Hender, Sue and Mark Koepfel, Bethann Hintzman and Danese Dick.

There is plenty of room to add more volunteers! It only takes 10-15 minutes of your time either to set up before church or clean up before the second service starts. Everything you need is there, either you put it out or clean it up. It is an easy way to help and your time is appreciated. More help means less turns throughout the year and you can always switch a date if it doesn't work into your schedule. Please give it some thought and then see, call, (674-2409) or e mail Connie at [kaketop@aol.com](mailto:kaketop@aol.com)."

"My thanks goes out to Ladies of St. John's WELCA; my friends who attend the Saturday Evening services. Also, wish to thank all who phoned me at Peggy's house. I am so grateful to Pastor Valerie who visited and served Communion. I will continue to reside in Hamburg for awhile longer. Thank you St. John's. **Rose Doster**"

"Hi! **Sandy Stango** collects Sunday coupons, and sends them to Fort Bragg. They can use them at their PX 6 months past the expiration date. I cut them out and mail them. If you would like to bring your coupons to church for me I would VERY much appreciate it!"

"I would like to thank everyone who sent a card, left a phone message or said a prayer for me during my recent hospitalization and recovery. I am blessed to have such a caring church family. I would also like to thank Pastor Printzenhoff for his hospital visit and Pastor Valerie for her hospital and home visits. **Sharon Tyler**"

## 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.



## HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

9/1 Phyllis Kerner  
9/4 Thomas Kalinowski  
9/5 Mary Printzenhoff  
9/9 John Boldt  
9/11 Rob Germano  
9/13 Janet Hender  
9/14 Lowell Rothenberger  
9/17 Sandra Noyes  
9/21 Deborah Kerner  
9/21 Caden Miller  
9/23 Mary Ann Leary  
9/24 Rick Lipka  
9/24 Joey Molnar  
9/25 Amanda Altman  
9/27 Alan Kerner  
9/30 Clark Schindler



## HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY TO:

9/2/2011 Alan and Tracy Lumb  
9/9/1967 Rick and Sharon Fredericks  
9/11/1971 Charlie and Connie Arnold  
9/20/2016 Daniel and Suzanne Schindler  
9/24/2007 Brian and Stacy Fredericks  
9/25/1988 Brandon and Sandy Noyes  
9/26/1992 Mark and Sue Koepfel  
9/30/2011 Adam and Stacey Poole

## DINING OUT CLUB

We invite all who are interested to join us:

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - 6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** OLIVE TREE FAMILY RESTAURANT

**MENU:** \$ 11.99 & up entrees + appetizers, soup, salads, sandwiches, wraps, burgers & Senior Menu.

**DIRECTIONS:** 5240 Broadway St., Lancaster  
East of Transit Rd. or west of Aurora St.

**PLEASE CAR POOL AND MEET 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 AT THE RESTAURANT.**

### **RESTAURANT REVIEW:**

**J & M West End Inn:** 21 of us dined in this old hotel with the original tin ceiling that made it a little noisy. The menu was varied and portions were large. The meat loaf was excellent! Always nice to try a 'new' restaurant

**Wilson Boat House:** 21 dined in this favorite restaurant overlooking the Wilson Harbor. The salads were very popular, beautifully presented and the chowder was delicious. As always, we were treated well, the wait staff was friendly, well trained and the owner, Mike K., stopped by to see how we were doing. They make us feel right at home.

**How will we choose our next restaurant?** We pass around a list of restaurants, everyone places an X next to their choice and the restaurant with the most Xs is the one we go to next. Here is your chance to try new restaurants, make new friends and enjoy good company. All members of St. Johns, your family and friends are welcome to join us. Please call Carolly Huth, 826-0506, with questions, if you forget to sign up, need a ride or to cancel.

## *Sunday Church School*

Our first day of Sunday Church School is September 10<sup>th</sup>. All classes will meet their teachers in the parish hall at 9am. We'll introduce and meet our returning and new teachers and have a brief opening before heading to our individual classrooms.

Preschool parents, please stay for the opening, then accompany your child to their classrooms.

Reminder: We invite our entire congregation to participate in our SCS collection of new sample and mini personal size toiletries to our first day of classes. What's needed? Body soap, shampoo, conditioner, moisturizers, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant. Our collections will benefit local people in need. Collection boxes will be in the parish hall.

Please continue to use the offering envelopes your child received last year. Encourage your child to bring in an offering envelope each week. The SCS offering supports St. John's general budget, just as the worship service offering does. However, we also use the children's offering to help them develop good habits of stewardship, as we discuss how the money is used to provide services and ministry at our church. If you need offering envelopes, please let Sandy Haase or Danese Dick know.

Reminder: September 10<sup>th</sup>: SCS Staff, teachers and aides installation at the 10:45 service  
October 1<sup>st</sup>: SCS Staff, teachers and aides meeting at 10:15

Submitted by Kathy Moody

## Bible Study

I have been thinking that having Bible Study the first and third Thursdays is often confusing, especially when there are five Thursdays in a month.

So, I have decided that we will meet the first THREE Thursdays of each month, then break for the fourth Thursday, and the fifth (if there is one).

The dates are October 5, 12, and 19.

But what to study for October? Let's take a look at Daniel, a mere 12 chapters long--the first 6 chapters dealing with the stories of the Babylonian court, then the rest takes on a more apocalyptic tone.

Come to one or all and bring an inquiring mind, plus questions.

# ST. JOHN'S ADULT CHOIR

## FALL CONCERT

OCTOBER 22, 2017

2:00 P. M.

### RECEPTION FOLLOWING

12 of our favorite anthems will be sung including one with words written by Martin Luther. We invite you all to join us for a musical afternoon here at St. John's.

Your free will offering will be donated to our Building Fund.

Finger foods will be served at our reception. If you would like to help us by providing goodies that we all will enjoy, your kindness will be greatly appreciated.





**Save the Date: October 14, 2017  
LCLC Quilt, Art, & Pie Auction**

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

**This Fun Event includes:**

- \*Live Auction for quilts, hand crafted art, pies, and more
- \*Silent Auction for theme baskets
- \*Congregational Chili Cook-Off Competition
- \*Snacks and beverages
- \*Opportunity to connect with LCLC friends and alumni
- \*Closing Camp-Style Worship
- \***Special Auction Item:** Dinner with, prepared, served, and brought to your house by Bishop John Macholz of the Upstate NY Synod!

**WHEN:** October 14, 2017 from 1:30 - 4:30

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

**COST:** FREE! This is a fundraiser though, so come prepared to bid high and often!

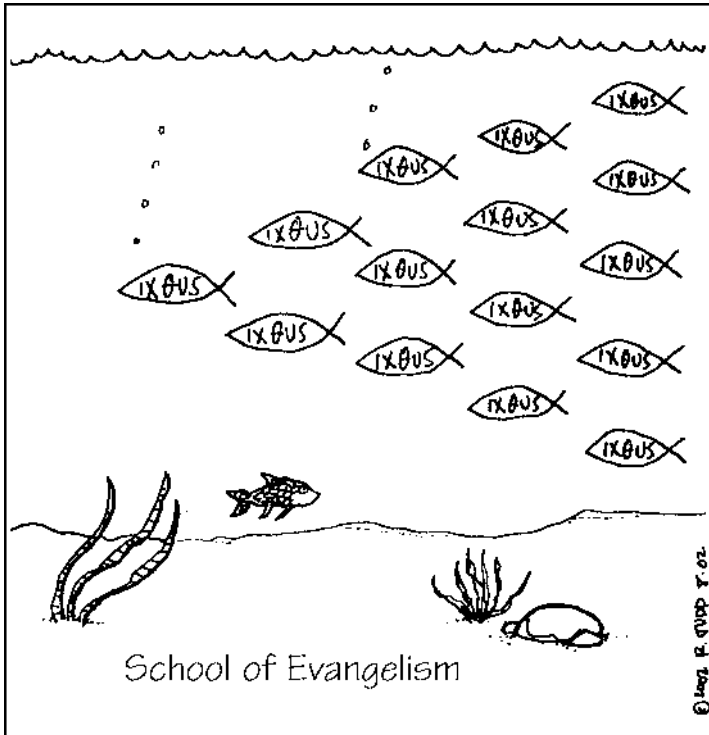
**Donations Needed:** For information about making a donation to the auction.

For additional information please call [716-386-4125](tel:716-386-4125).

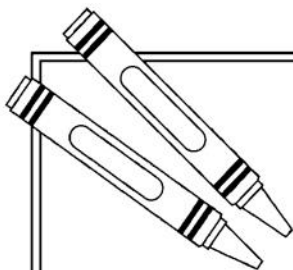
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, 5013 Route 430, Bemus Point, NY 14712

## Puzzle Answers

ANSWER: rest/quest, began/ran, faces/spaces, late/ate, true/you, done/ton,  
lunch/bunch, then/men



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# Just for **KIDS**

## A Miracle Dinner

*Matthew 14:15-21 is a Bible story about a special dinner.*

*Below is a poem about that story.*

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

<b>then</b>	<b>true</b>	<b>late</b>	<b>lunch</b>	<b>rest</b>	<b>began</b>	<b>faces</b>	<b>done</b>
<b>men</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>ate</b>	<b>bunch</b>	<b>quest</b>	<b>ran</b>	<b>spaces</b>	<b>ton</b>

Jesus was tired and went to find \_\_\_\_\_.  
So away from the crowd he started his \_\_\_\_\_.  
It came to an end before it \_\_\_\_\_.  
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they \_\_\_\_\_.  
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at their \_\_\_\_\_ –  
five thousand men, plus families filled all open \_\_\_\_\_.  
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until \_\_\_\_\_.  
The disciples told him it was time they all \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus said, “Yes, that is certainly \_\_\_\_\_,  
and feeding this crowd is now up to \_\_\_\_\_.”  
Feeding five thousand! It could not be \_\_\_\_\_!  
What would they do? They’d need a whole \_\_\_\_\_!  
But then a young boy came and offered his \_\_\_\_\_ –  
five loaves and two fish to feed this big \_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and \_\_\_\_\_  
it fed all the women, the children and \_\_\_\_\_!

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