



THE JOURNAL

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 2012- Special Edition



Rev. Galen M. Purpura Jr.
Pastor

Mrs. Lois Will

Organist and Music Director

Mr. Brad Lynch

Contemporary Music Leader

Mrs. Nancy Sweeney

Administrative Assistant

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday Evenings
at 4:30 PM

Sunday Mornings
at 8:30AM Traditional

& 11:00AM Contemporary
Sunday School and Adult Bible
Class 9:45AM



St. John's Lutheran Church
Depew, New York

From the Pastor....

Dear Friends,

This month we decided to keep the Journal “short and sweet!!!” However, there are a few items I wish to briefly mention. First, Jenny Branden, Ava and I wish to thank so many of you for the special Christmas cards and gifts... we are truly blessed!!! Second, thank you to all the out-going church officers for your dedication and service. For those elected, thank you for your willingness to serve your Lord and his church. May God richly bless your service! Lastly, HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of you. I wish you much happiness and health this year and look forward to growing with you in faith.

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Gal +



Worship Assistants

ELDERS

Date	4:30pm (Sat)	8:30am (Sun)	11:00am (Sun)
Jan 1	9:00 AM Worship ONLY..... Harold Deutschlander		
Jan 7 & 8		Harold Deutschlander	Dave Pesch
Jan 14 & 15		Harold Deutschlander	Dave Pesch
Jan 21 & 22		Harold Deutschlander	Dave Pesch
Jan 28 & 29		Harold Deutschlander	Tom Sprankle

ACOLYTES

Date	4:30pm (Sat)	8:30am (Sun)	11:00am (Sun)
Jan 2		Kyle Tirone	Trey Esquilin
Jan 7 & 8	Tyler Deuschle	Max Castiglione	Trey Esquilin
Jan 14 & 15		Brandon Wright	Thomas Farry
Jan 21 & 22		Evan Herbold	Emma Harla
Jan 28 & 29		Travis Kilanowski	Jonathan Lasky

Altar Guild— Pat Suhr, Wendy Garbutt

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADIO AND FLOWER CHARTS FOR 2012- have been posted on the bulletin board. Cost of sponsoring a radio broadcast in 2012 is \$40 per line or \$160 per Sunday (full sponsorship 4 lines). Cost of sponsoring flowers is \$15 per line (shared sponsorship) or \$25 per Sunday (full sponsorship). Thanks to all who are willing to sponsor flowers or the radio broadcast and so enrich our ministry.

2012 CONTRIBUTIONS ENVELOPES - may be picked up on the table in the Mothers Room. **Please do not use your 2011 envelopes.** If we missed you, please notify of church office

ELECTION RESULTS:

2012 Budget Approved
(70 Yes 1 No; and 6 blank)

MISSION 2012:

Depew Food Pantry (50%); Res. Lutheran Medical Center (25%); Lutheran Service Society (25%). There was a tie between Resurrection and The Lutheran Service Society.

CHURCH OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2012

President: Mike Brown; **Trustee:** Ross Contella

Secretary of Council: Kathy Beck; **Chair, Stewardship Team:** Brad Lynch; **Chair, Parish Education Team:** Candi Possinger; **Chair, Youth and Family Ministry Team:** Kim Richardson; **Chair, Shepherd's Staff Team:** Chris Sugg; **Elders:** Betty Cavaleri, Joseph Kyle, Rod Lorenz, John Preston, Ken Schabert, John Sweeney, and Rob Tomac.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS- will take place at worship services the weekend of January 7th and 8th. All newly elected officer and returning officers are asked to attend one of the services that weekend. Also, those not returning to office are asked to attend one of the services that weekend as well.

CHURCH OFFICER'S ORIENTATION- will take place on Saturday January 7th, 2012 from 8:30am-10:00am. All newly elected and returning officers are asked to attend this informative meeting.

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE- The Saturday worship service will be held at 4:30pm effective January 7th, 2012. Please make note of this change!

JANUARY 2012 PARTNER IN MISSION- **Resurrection Lutheran Medical Center.** Resurrection Lutheran Medical Center, adjacent to Resurrection Lutheran Church on Doat Street in Buffalo, serves some of the poorest people in western New York. A daily clinic is available with a licensed doctor, volunteers provide dental and chiropractic services, a pastoral counselor is available weekly and several Narcotics Anonymous groups also meet there regularly. 25% of our special mission offering has been designated to go this ministry. All offerings collected in the mission envelopes in the pews or in your offering pack will be applied to the mission 2012 fund.

ERIE COUNTY HOME- Thank you to all who volunteered at the Erie County Home this past year. To all who do the extras that make the residents feel so special. To those who step in when needed to play the piano (John Durso), to those who's crocheting talents provide lap robes for the residents (Barb Loney). God bless you all: Joy Belasic, Bob Bemis, Eric Brown, Betty Cavaleri. Shirley Christ, Barbara Evans, Marge Fetterman, Ruth Haungs, Robin Karalus, Gene Kielma, Clif & Jean Lee, Joann Phillips, Ronnie Rich, Charlene Sciandra, Deann Surface. To Pastor Galen & Pastor Mike who brought the Word once a month. Nothing\ would be possible without all of you. Thanks again & again!! *Karen Shafer*

	Actual	Budget	Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Revenue	\$17,277.49	\$19,951.56	(\$2,674.07)	\$205,377.86	\$219,467.16	(\$14, 089.30)
Expenditures	\$17,795.18	\$19,951.39	\$2,156.21	\$207,162.85	\$219,465.29	\$12,302.44
Over Expense	(\$ 517.69)	\$ 0.17	(\$ 517.86)	(\$ 1, 784.99)	\$1.87	(\$1,786.86)

December 2011 Council Meeting High Lights

- Mike Brown went over results of Budget Vote and Election of Officers.
- The vote for Mission Support with Income over Revenue funds was Tri-Community Food Pantry (most votes), and an even split for second place between Lutheran Service Society and Resurrection Health Center. The Council voted to give the food Pantry 50%, and then each of the others 25%.
- Currently \$1700 to the negative in income over expenses. Grace states that Christmas season may help us.
- For the year, there is a \$2487 shortfall in Radio Broadcast expenses. Mainly due to lack of sponsorship. Will have to tap into the Grace Blackwell CD account to make up the difference.
- Annual Congregational Dinner tentatively scheduled for February 26th.
- Pastor Galen thanks all for their help and service this past year. He thanks us for our partnership with him in this ministry.
- Pastor Blackwell has officially transferred out from St. John's membership.
- Pastor Galen talks about Pastor Kenyatta Cobb leaving Hananiah Church.
- Youth and Family Ministries have planned a Pancake Breakfast with St. Nicholas before the Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsal. Had a great sign up. Brian and Candi Possinger have graciously offered to be the cooks!
- The Sunday School Fall Mission raised about \$300 to purchase an animal for a family through the Heifer Program.
- Shepherds Staff will arrange delivery of poinsettia plants to our shut-ins (14 listed on roster).

RADIO SPONSORS

Charles Blackwell Family

In memory of Grace Blackwell's birthday November 24th and being received into her heavenly home December 1st & for the memories of her love to everyone.

(December 4, 2011)

Harold Deutschlander

In memory of my parents Carl & Violet Deutschlander and in honor of my son Mark's birthday

(December 11, 2011)

Dowd Family

In memory of Charles Dowd

(December 11, 2011)

Mary Warner

In loving memory of Ron and in thanksgiving for many blessings received

(December 18, 2011)

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The Geisen Family

In honor of John Sietsma's birthday

(December 4, 2011)

The Engler Family

To the glory of God in memory of Robert Engler, husband, father, and grandfather

(December 11, 2011)

Pat Shlebus

It has been six years since Lee went home to Jesus and tomorrow would have been our 41st wedding anniversary. My life was blessed because of you.

(December 11, 2011)

Carolyn Nosky

In memory of my husband Donald and for the blessing of my family

(December 18, 2011)

OFFICIAL ACTS

Funerals: Elizabeth (Elsie) Braun (11/29/11) **Baptisms:** Travis Alvin Bauer (12/3/11), Ayla Ryan Jagielo (12/4/11)

January Birthdays

1	Jane Marone	17	Carol Pawlak	29	Lois Will
2	Lori Seamans	18	Clifton Lee	30	Rori Kent
	Shirley Connors	19	Joseph Pandolfe	31	Margaret Kelm
3	Marie Karl		Debra Wisniewski		Diane Szczepanowski
	Glenn Stever	20	Richard Thurnherr III		Matthew Garbutt
	Carl Suhr		Hollie Ellis	Anniversaries	
	Susan Tichy		Robert Chapman		
	Steven Garbutt	21	Cynthia Lorenz	13	Mr & Mrs. John Sietsma
4	Kim Knauber		Susan Reitzel	25	Mr. & Mrs. John. Fragale
	Jordan Collins		Betty Wilson	26	Mr. & Mrs. Frank. Licursi
5	Curt Doktor		Evelyn Cammarano	28	Mr. & Mrs. Don Loney
6	Janice Brown	22	Kittie Brandenburger	31	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hojnacki
	Eileen Krantz		Joseph Thurnherr		
	Justin Thurnherr	25	Brian Lagree		
9	Cade Jagielo	26	Pamela Bluhm		
10	Richard Schafer	27	Scott Howard		
12	Beverly Hergert		Heather Kaplan		
14	John Sabadasz	28	Mark Schlesinger		
15	Joseph Christiano		Steven Saelzler		
		29	Sandy Stapleton		

Anniversaries

13	Mr & Mrs. John Sietsma
25	Mr. & Mrs. John. Fragale
26	Mr. & Mrs. Frank. Licursi
28	Mr. & Mrs. Don Loney
31	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Hojnacki



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JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00am Worship H/C	2	3 7:00pm Praise Band	5 6:30pm H2H 7:00pm- Choir 8pm- A.A.	5 10am- ECH	6 Pastor Galen's Day Off	7 8:30-10:00am Church Officer Orientation 4:30pm- Worship H/C Installation of Officers 8pm- A.A.
8 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship 12:15pm H2HLeaders Huddle Installation of Officers	9 7:15 Elders' Mtg.	10 7:00pm Praise Band	11 7:00pm Adult Information Class 7:00pm- Choir 8pm- A.A.	12 10:00am- ECH 12:00noon Clergy Mtg.	13 Pastor Galen's Day Off	14 8:00 am- Men's Group 4:30pm- Worship H/C 8pm- A.A.
15 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship /HC	16 7:30pm-Council	17 12:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Praise Band	18 6:30pm H2H 7:00pm- Choir 8pm- A.A.	19 10:00am- ECH	20 Pastor Galen's Day Off	21 4:30pm- Worship H/C 8pm- A.A.
22 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship	23	24 7:00pm Praise Band	25 7:00pm-Choir 8pm- A.A.	26 10:00am- ECH	27 Pastor Galen's Day Off	28 8:00am Men's Group 4:30pm- Worship 8pm- A.A.
29 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship	30	31 7:00pm Praise Band				

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The Mission of St. John's is grounded in the presence of Christ in God's Word and in the Sacraments. We are called by the Holy Spirit to spread the Kingdom of God through ministering to all of our members and sharing the love of Christ with all people by preaching the true Word of God, providing ongoing Biblical education for spiritual growth and reaching others with God's love in all we say or do.



President of the Congregation: Mike Brown

Board of Elders:

Tom Bluhm Betty Cavaleri, Harold Duetschlander, Joseph Kyle, Rod Lorenz, David Pesch, John Preston, Ken Schabert, Tom Sprankle, John Sweeney, Rick Thurnherr, and Rob Tomac

Board of Trustees: Ross Contella, Edwin Lorenz, and Jim Sugg

Finacial Director: Grace Stever

Secretary of the Church Council: Kathy Beck

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Board of Education: Candi Possinger

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Sunday School Superintendent: Chandra Jagielo

Acolyte Coordinator: Mike Brown, **Altar Guild Chairperson:** Betty Cavaleri,

Usher chairperson: Tom Bluhm,

Communion Assistants: John Sweeney, Paul Will and Tom Bluhm

Erie County Home Lutheran Fellowship: Karen Shafer,

Cradle Roll: Unassigned, **Prayer Chain:** Beth Lynch, **Organist/Choir Director:** Lois Will

Radio Announcers: Sue Bluhm, Beth Lynch, Karen Pelton, Gary Smith,

Administrative Assistant: Nancy Sweeney

Saturday Musicians: Brad Lynch, Rudy and Sue Tichy, Paul Blackwell, and Carol Adragna

Communion Deacons—Karen Shafer, Deann Surface, Brad & Beth Lynch