



THE JOURNAL

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2011



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 5:30 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

*Oh, how blest are you whose toils are ended,
Who through death have to our God ascended!
You have arisen From the cares which keep us still in prison.*

*We are still as in a dungeon living, Still oppressed with sorrow and misgiving;
Our undertakings Are but toils and troubles and heart breakings.*

*You meanwhile are in your chambers sleeping, Quiet and set free from all our weeping;
No cross or sadness There can hinder your untroubled gladness.*

*Christ has wiped away your tears forever;
You have that for which we still endeavor;
To you are chanted*

Songs that to no mortal ear are granted.

*Ah, who would, then, not depart with gladness
To inherit heaven for earthly sadness?
Who here would languish Longer in bewailing and in anguish?*

*Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us;
Lead us forth and cast this world behind us.
With you, the Anointed, Finds the soul its joy and rest appointed.*

- Lutheran Worship # 268

Dear Friends,

The words printed above are taken from a hymn that may not be all that familiar to many of us. I heard this hymn some years ago when I attended an "All Saints Day" worship service. I have never forgotten it. What wonderful words of reminder to us as we think about those in the faith who have **"unto our God ascended!"**

The first week in November marks the observance of "All Saints Day." It is a time in the church year when we reflect and give thanks first and foremost to our God for Christ's death and resurrection

which opens eternal life to all believers. Because of Jesus, in death believers are **"removed from the burdens of this world and joined with all the saints in glory;"** where **"Christ wipes away tears forever ... and with him finds the soul its joy and rest appointed."**

Since last November this wonderful truth became the reality for 10 members of our faith community. These saints of God were Welcomed into the church triumphant:

- + Beverly Bernfeld (11/22/10)
- + Marc Garrison (11/27/10)
- + Frank Cammarano (12/14/10)
- + Belma Zynda (2/2/11)
- + Kathy Paone (2/19/11)
- + Lena Brown (6/2/11)
- + Larry Kraebel (7/27/11)
- + Gail Braun (8/7/11)
- + Larry Erickson (10/7/11)
- + Mary Thorp (10/13/11)

While it is never easy to say goodbye, on this "All Saints" we can rejoice in the victory they have claimed and the victory all have claimed who died in the faith through the years! We can be strengthened in our weariness and persistently hopeful in our "saintly work" here on earth, until Christ Jesus calls us home to be with him and all the other saints!

May we always fix your eyes on Jesus and find hope in him. And may we always remember that we are his saints now and forever!

Pastor Galen

WORSHIP NOTES

Veterans' Day Worship Service: Again this year St. John's has been invited by the Depew Joint Veterans Committee to host a Veterans' Day worship service on Nov. 11 at 10:15 AM. Following the service there will be a ceremony of remembrance on the front lawn of the church. Everyone is invited to the service honoring those from our community who have served in the Armed Forces.

Christ the King Sunday—November 20th : The last Sunday of the church year is observed as the festival of Christ the King. This Sunday looks back to the Ascension and behind that to the Transfiguration, and it also points ahead to the appearing in glory of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The color of the day is white, the color of the festivals of the Lord Jesus Christ. This year it is November 20th.

Thanksgiving Day Worship: is Thursday, November 24th, at 10:00 AM. Another name for Holy Communion is Holy Eucharist which means in Greek, "thanksgiving." So before we go to feast on the food of this world, we join in God's Thanksgiving Feast—His Holy Supper. Thanksgiving is a day of family celebrations. Begin it by joining with your family at St. John's in thankful praise to God.

Advent: The Church year begins with Advent, a season of preparation that looks toward both Bethlehem and Jesus' return at the end of time. The color for the season is blue which suggest hope, a primary theme of Advent. The four candles of the Advent wreath count down the Sundays before the Nativity, when the center Christ Candle is lit to symbolize the coming of the light of the world. Three candles are purple, a color symbolizing our repentance as we await our Lord's coming. The rose colored candle is lit on the third Sunday to symbolize the note of joy that comes through that Sunday's Scripture lessons

THOSE SERVING IN NOVEMBER....

ELDERS

Date	5:30pm (Sat)	8:30am (Sun)	11:00 (Sun)
November 5 & 6	Rick Thurnherr	Tom Sprankle	TBA
November 12 & 13	Thomas Sprankle	Tom sprankle	TBA
November 19 & 20	John Sweeney	Tom Sprankle	TBA
Nov. 24, Thanksgiving	Harold Deutschlander	TBA	TBA
November 26 & 27	TBA	Tom Sprankle	TBA

ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER

Date	5:30pm (Sat)	8:30am (Sun)	11:00am (Sun)
November 5 & 6	Tyler Deuschle	Kyle Tirone	Jared Wahl
November 12 & 13		Max Castiglione	Bradley Barnes
November 19 & 20		Brandon Wright	Nathaniel Cousins
Nov. 24, Thanksgiving		TBA	
November 26 & 27		Evan Herbold	Hope Cousins

LECTORS

Date	5:30pm (Sat)	8:30am (Sun)	11:00am (Sun)
November 5 & 6	Rick Thurnherr	Cantor	Dave Pesch
November 12 & 13		Susie Bluhm	
November 19 & 20		Jeff Schuler	
Nov. 24, Thanksgiving			
November 26 & 27			

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING YOUR LORD AS A LECTOR! SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

Announcements

Thanksgiving food Offering: Each year at Thanksgiving it has been our custom to collect canned goods to be given to the food pantry at La Santa Cruz. The cans and boxes which are contributed are displayed on the window sills during our Thanksgiving worship. Food, canned goods, paper products, soaps and fresh vegetables should be brought to the Church by Tuesday, November 22nd so they can be displayed. Members are reminded that we also encourage pantry donations on every Communion Sunday as a way of feeding others physically while God feeds us spiritually.

Advent Devotional Books: We will again be ordering devotional materials for adults and children to be used each day during the Advent season. The adult booklet is titled *“Thy Kingdom Come.”* Cost is \$1.00 each. The children’s booklet, *“Come to Bethlehem and See”* includes sticker book. Cost of the children’s booklet is \$1.50 each. Sign up on the bulletin board by *Nov. 20* to order your copies and pay by putting the cost in the offering in an envelope marked “Advent books” with your name on the envelope. (Please include your envelope # if possible on this special envelope.)

Chicken BBQ/Bake Sale/Auction profit - thanks to everyone for their very generous donations for our bake sale total \$583.00, all the great baskets for our Chinese auction total \$650.00, chicken BBQ total \$879.05. Total for Frank & Donna Licursi \$2,112.05. Great job everyone!!

Ladies Bible Group: We meet at the church on November 15th at 12:00noon. Come and enjoy the Bible Study, fellowship, coffee etc.

Sunday School Mission Project— Our Fall Mission Project this year we have chosen to participate in the Heifer International Project. The Heifer’s mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Over the next few weeks, your children will learn about the importance of giving to those in need. More information will be received regarding payment and ordering.

Saturday Morning Men’s Group On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 8:00am. Spend the morning with good fellowship, coffee andPastor Galen

Recipe Book—Bring in your favorite recipes for Candi Possinger so that she can start putting together St. John’s Favorite food cookbook. You can leave them with Nancy in the office.

Church Picture Directory—We are having a picture directory developed for the church. Pictures will be taken on November 29th & 30th and Dec 1st at St. John’s. Appointments can be made before or after all services this weekend and for the next to weekends. Don’t miss out!!

DINNER AND A MOVIE Thursday, November 10th, 2011 at 5:30pm. This will be a catered event (menu includes chicken w/vodka sauce. Beef Roll-ups, parsley potatoes, green beans, roll & butter, cheddar broccoli soup & Caesar salad. The price is \$12.50 per person. Please make checks payable to Bonnie Capozzi. Following dinner we will watch “Grace Card”. Visit [www. the gracecardmovie.com](http://www.thegracecardmovie.com) for more details.

FINANCIAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT– November 2011

	Actual	Budget	Variance YTD	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$51,949.58	\$59,854.68	(\$7,905.10)	\$151,925.74	\$159,612.48	(\$7,686.74)
Net Revenue	\$54,844.85	\$59,854.17	\$5,009.32	\$155,792.31	\$159,611.12	\$3,818.81
Over Expense	(\$2,895.27)	\$0.51	(\$2,895.78)	(\$3,866.57)	\$1.36	(\$3,867.93)

PARTNER IN MISSION
Hananiah Lutheran Church

Each month this year we wish to focus on one of the areas of mission supported by St. John's either at the present or in the past. We will have a brief article about the mission in the St. John's Journal , in the bulletin and we will include that mission in the prayers each week for that month.

Hananiah Lutheran Church is our Lutheran mission to the east side of Buffalo. Hananiah is under the leadership of Pastor Kenyatta Cobb. The church is located at 900 Genesee Street and is also the site of the Buffalo Lutheran Employment Service.

900 Genesee was the site of a marijuana growing and manufacturing site that was raided by drug enforcement officials several years ago and deeded to the church with the promise that the building would be used to bring hope and help to the community. With the help of grants from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Buffalo Lutheran Church Extension Society, and extensive volunteer labor, about one-third of the building is now being used by Hananiah for worship, offices and Christian Education. Please keep Pastor Cobb, the members of Hananiah and their mission in your prayers throughout this month as they seek to be Christ's presence in challenging and sometimes dangerous situations.

RADIO SPONSORSHIPS

St. John's Lutheran Church

To the Glory of God
(October 2, 2011)

Paul & Ceil Rowell

In thankfulness of God's many blessings bestowed for 15 years of marriage
(October 9, 2011)

Brad & Beth Lynch

On Alex's birthday; with gratitude to God for the years Alex was with us and for the place specially prepared for him
(October 16, 2011)

Betty Cavaleri

In celebration of our 28th wedding anniversary
(October 23, 2011)

Ruth Dowd

In loving memory of Charles Dowd
(October 30, 2011)

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Chris & James Sugg

In celebration of Jim's birthday and for all God's blessings
(October 2, 2011)

Pat Schlebus

In loving memory of Lee. Happy 64th birthday. You are a true blessing in my life.
(October 2, 2011)

Ernie & Sue Reitzel

For all the October birthdays in our family, especially Ernie's birthday and for all our blessings received
(October 9, 2011)

Mary Warner

In loving memory of Ron and in thanksgiving for the many blessings received
(October 16, 2011)

Betty Cavaleri

In celebration of our 28th wedding anniversary
(October 23, 2011)

Tom & Susie Bluhm

All of God's blessing and in celebration of our Granddaughter Allyson's birthday, November 2nd.
(October 30, 2011)

NOVEMBER 2011

November Birthdays

2	Allyson Bluhm	14	Rochelle AfterBuffalo	22	Cecilia Rowell
3	Dawn Varga		Alyssa Setter	23	Beth Lynch
4	Bradley Dyke	15	Kim Pieczynski		Rebecca Doktor
4	Richard Thurnherr		Kaylin Esskuchen		Aiden Kent
7	Arthur Mapes		Leah Ramey	26	Deann Surface
7	Linda McLaughlin	16	Susan Schabert		Nathan Hutchinson
8	Carol Thurnherr	17	Linda Boyle		Lynn Wahl
	Adam Jagielo	17	Jaclyn Munzel	28	Irmgard Hartung
12	Barbara Perry	19	Joshua McFarland- Shields		Susan Ehrenreich
13	Lawrence Kaebel	20	Kathryn Lasky	29	Alice Fassel
	Colin Sweeney		Heather Cousins	30	Helana Geisen
	Karen Schielke	21	Kenneth Lorenz		
	Candee Doyle		Scott Frank		

November Anniversaries

1	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sprankle
2	Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lorenz
6	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sharpe Jr.
10	Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kraebel
13	Mr. and Mrs. Gary McFarland
14	Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Christ
22	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rich
23	Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Payne
24	Mr. and Mrs. James Perry
27	Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Zika
29	Rev. and Mrs. Michael Blackwell

Celebrate

OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISMS :

Tracy Hengerer
Audrey Hengerer
Corli Roy Roldan
Josey James Roldan
 (October 16, 2011)
Anthony Spencer
 (October 2, 2011)
Dylan Doxtader
 (October 9, 2011)

TRANSFER

Laurel Deming
 October 9, 2011

MARRIAGE

Richard & Karen Scott
 October 20, 2011

FUNERALS

Larry Erickson
 10/12/2011
Mary Thorp
 10/18/2011



NOVEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00pm praise Choir	2 6:30pm-8:00pm H2H 7pm- Choir 8pm- A.A.	3 10am- ECHI	4 Pastor. Galen's Day Off	5 8am- Men's Grp. 5:30pm- Wor- ship 8pm- A.A.
6 8:30 & 11:00am- Worship (H/C, Nomination of Offi- cers) Daylight Savings Time Ends	7 7:15pm Elders' Mtg	8 7:00pm praise Choir	9 7pm- Choir 7pm- Adult Info. 8pm- A.A.	10 10am- ECHI 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie	11 10:15am- Depew Veter- ans Day Service Pastor. Galen's Day Off	12 5:30pm- Wor- ship 8pm- A.A.
13 8:30 & 11:00am- Worship (Nominations Due)	14 7:15pm- Council Mtg	15 12:00 noon Women's Bible Study 7:00pm praise Choir	16 6:30pm-8:00pm H2H 7pm- Choir 8pm- A.A.	17 10am- ECHI	18 Pastor. Galen's Day Off	19 8am- Men's Grp. 5:30pm- Wor- ship (H/C) 8pm- A.A.
20 8:30 & 11:00am- Worship (H/C)	21	22 7:00pm praise Choir	23 7pm- Choir 8pm- A.A.	24 10:00am- Thanksgiving Worship (H/C)	25 Pastor. Galen's Day Off	26 5:30pm- Wor- ship (BP Screen) 8pm- A.A.
27 8:30 & 11:00am- Worship (BP Screen) 12:15pm Leaders Huddle	28	29 7:00pm praise Choir	30 6:30pm-8:00pm H2H			

WORSHIP REMINDER



Just a friendly reminder.... Worship is sacred time; a time when God comes to us through his Word and Sacraments. In order to maintain reverence during worship we kindly ask that worshipers refrain from cell phone use and that ringers on phones be shut off before the service begins. Please keep all food and beverage with exception of bottled water out of the church/pews. The “mother’s room” in the back of the church is available for parents with young children... should need arise. The room is equipped with speakers and hymnals in order that those utilizing the room may continue to worship.

Join us for...

DINNER AND A MOVIE

On Thursday, November 10th, 2011

at 5:30 PM

\$12.50 per person

The menu

Soup and Salad Bar

- Cheddar Broccoli
- Caesar Salad

Buffet Items

- Chicken w/ Vodka Sauce
- Beef Roll Ups
- Parsley Potatoes
- Green Bean Almandine
- Roll and Butter

Dessert

- Bunt Cake



Featuring: The Grace Card

God's Word For You

What to Read When....

Worried

Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:6-7 and
1 Peter 5:7

Afraid

Philippians 4:6-7, Matthew 6:31-32,
Hebrews 11:1-38, and 2 Timothy 1:7

Angry

Ephesians 4:31-32, Matthew 5:22,
Colossians 3:8 and John 13:35

Need Patience

James 1:2-4, James 5:11 and
Hebrews 10:36

Facing Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13

Overcoming Temptation

Romans 6:1-4

Putting Things Off

Acts 24:25, James 4:13-17

Faith is weak

Hebrews 11:1-40, Romans 10:17,
1 John 5:4

Overcome Gossip

James 3:1-12, 1 Timothy 5:13,
2 Thessalonians 3:11, James 1:26

Under Criticism

Matthew 7:1-5

Tempted to Give Up

Philippians 4:13, Luke 1:37

Fighting Negative Thoughts

Philippians 4:8

When Tired

Galatians 6:9, 1 Corinthians 15:58

When Sick

2 Corinthians 12:9, 2 Corinthians 1:4, Hebrews 12:11, 1
Peter 5:7, John 9:1-3, Hebrews 10:35-36

Where to Find Answers

Discouraged

Hebrews 13:5-6, Romans 8:28, James 4:8,
Ephesians 6:10-18

Suffering

1 Peter 4:12-16 and 19, John 15:2, Romans 8:28, 2 Corin-
thians 4:16-5:8

Guidelines for Marriage

Hebrews 13:4, 1 Corinthians 13:4-13, 1 Corinthians 7:2-5,
1 Peter 3:1-12,
1 Timothy 5:14

Does God Forgive?

Hebrews 8:12, Ephesians 1:7, James 5:15, 1 John 1:9

Must I Forgive Others?

Matthews 6:14-15, Matthew 18:21-22

About Healing

James 5:13-18, Mark 16:14-20

Troubles

Revelation 3:19, Hebrews 12:5-12

Hung Up on Things

Matthew 16:26, Colossians 3:2,
Luke 15:11-31

Death – Life Hereafter

1 Corinthians 15:12-23, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revela-
tion 21:1-8, Revelation 7:13-17, John 14:1-6, John 5:25-29,
Hebrews 9:27

Why Go to Church Often?

Grow In Faith – 1 Peter 2:2, 2 Thessalonians 1:3, He-
brews 6:1-3

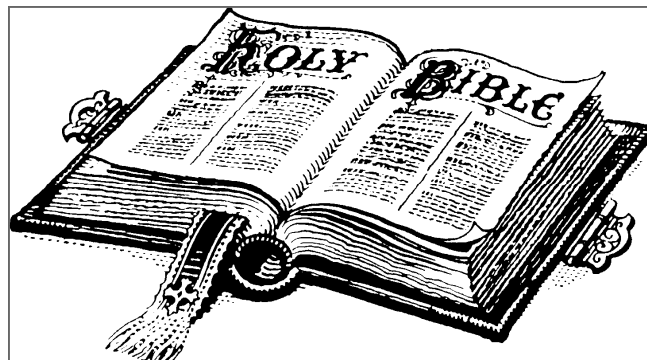
God's Command – Hebrews 10:25, Colossians 3:16

Fellowship – Acts 2:42-47,
Romans 1:12

Pray Together – Matthew 18:19, Acts 1:14, Acts 4:24

Give Thanks – Ephesians 5:19-20, Colossians 3:17

Lord's Supper –
1 Corinthians 11:23-30, Matthew 26:26-29



OFFICIAL PRIMARY NOMINATION BALLOT

According to our constitution, the following offices are to be filled by persons 21 yrs of age or older. Any member may make a nomination. Incumbents are listed below **for information purposes only**. If you want to nominate incumbents, you must **WRITE** in their names on the Ballot section.

INCUMBENTS: *President: Mike Brown; Secretary: Kathy Beck; Trustee: Robert Irvine; Financial Director: Grace Stever; Shepherd's Staff Chair: Wendy Garbutt; Youth & Family Coordinator: Jennifer Flanders; Stewardship Chair Brad Lynch; Bd. Of Parish Ed. Chandra Jagielo; Elders: Peter Blackwell, Betty Cavaleri, Rod Lorenz, John Sweeney, Paul Will*

BALLOT FOR 2011 ELECTIONS		
President (1 yr term)	Secretary (1 yr term)	Elders (6 to be elected for a 2 yr term)
Trustee (1 to be elected: 3 yr term)	Shepherd's Staff Chair (1 yr term)	
Youth & Family Coordinator (1 yr term)	Bd. of Education Chair (1 yr term)	
Financial Director (2 Year Term)	Stewardship Team Chair (1 Year Term)	

Note: Officers currently in office and not up for re-election are: *Elders: Donna LaPlante, Tom Sprankle, Richard Thurnherr, Tom Bluhm, Harold Deutschlander, David Pesch, Trustee: Ed Lorenz, Jim Sugg. Please return this ballot to the tellers on NOVEMBER 5 th -NOVEMBER 6th 2011 before or after services. You must **SIGN THE VOTING REGISTER** at that time so that your nomination will count! (If you need more room to write, please use the back of this form.)*

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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:

Peter Blackwell, Tom Bluhm Rick Thurnherr, Betty Cavaleri, Harold Duetschlander, Donna LaPlante, Rod Lorenz, David Pesch, Tom Sprankle, John Sweeney, and Paul Will

Board of Trustees: Edwin Lorenz, Rob Irvine, and Jim Sugg

Finacial Director: Grace Stever

Secretary of the Church Council: Kathy Beck

Shepherd 's Staff: Wendy Garbutt

Board of Education: Candi Possinger

Chair, Youth and Family Ministries: Jen Flanders

Chair, Stewardship Team: Brad Lynch

Sunday School Superintendent: Chandra Jagielo

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

Usher chairperson: Tom Bluhm,

Communion Assistants: Peter Blackwell, Paul Will and Tom Bluhm

Erie County Home Lutheran Fellowship: Karen Shafer,

Cradle Roll: Mary Warner **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