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Leaves of Life—Parish Newsletter

Christ has triumphed!

Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer; Death is strong, but life is stronger. Stronger than the dark, the light; Stronger than the wrong, the right. Faith and hope triumphant say, Christ will rise on Easter Day.



-Phillips Brooks

The magnitude of God's love

It would be spectacular and amazing ... if some king's son were to appear in a beggar's home to nurse him in his illness, wash off his filth and do everything else the beggar would have to do. Would this not be a profound humility? Any spectator or any beneficiary of this honor would feel impelled to admit that he had seen or experienced something unusual and extraordinary, something magnificent.

And yet the love of the Son of God for us is of such magnitude that the greater the filth and stench of our sins, the more he befriends us, the more he cleanses us, relieving us of all our misery and of the burden of all our sins and placing them upon his own back.

Whenever the devil declares: "You are a sinner!" Christ interposes: "I will reverse the order; I will be a sinner, and you are to go scotfree." Who can thank our God enough for this mercy? —Martin Luther, *Luther's Works* 22, 166-167

Tree of Life Church: united in worship, sharing Jesus and serving all people.

Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church

Welcome to **Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church** 825 Forest Ave, Jamestown NY 14701

(716) 488-4235 - FAX: (716) 488-2336

Contact info:

Office hours: 8am-noon—Monday thru Friday (pastor in office: M-Th after 9:30) Pastor Tara Camont Fastman (716) 969-3950 (call or text) to schedule meeting

Regular Schedule: Sunday School 9am & Worship at 10:15 Sunday School thru last Sunday in May Summer Worship time TBA

TREE OF LIFE emails:

pastor@toljamestown.com admin@toljamestown.com income@toliamestown.com expense@toliamestown.com music@toliamestown.com

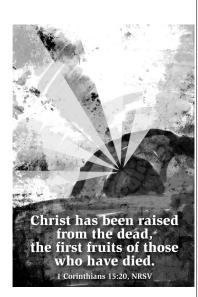
- Pastor Tara Eastman
- Rosemary DiDomenico

Tree of Life is on Facebook

- Beryl Emley
- Jan Coleson
- Eric Hester

TOL Website: www.toliamestown.com

PLEASE BE PATIENT WITH US AS WE **TRANSITION OFFICE FROM** E Second St to Forest Ave this month



NOTE: ALTAR FLOWERS AND/OR BULLETIN SPON-*SORSHIP* is on the office door (just across from the



handicap ramp or you may contact the church office 716 488-4235 or email Rosemary admin@toliamestown.com with

requested date & what you would like printed in the bulletin that week and any specific request



on choice of flowers or colors. Rosemary will let Jan know to order flowers. . It is fine for flowers and bulletin sponsorship on same day, just specify which you would like.

Tree of Life welcomes the following **NEW MEMBERS**:

Nick & Mikayla Certo were

received into membership on Sunday, March 10, 2019



TREE OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH---GENERAL FUND

	FEBRUARY	Actual Y-T-D	Budget Y-T-D
Income	\$9,406	\$19,835	\$29,617
Expense	16,125	30,459	36,638
Balance	-\$6,719	-\$10,624	-\$7,021
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APRIL

ASSISTING MINISTER

7TH:	Sue Priester
14TH:	Darcy Whitney
21ST:	Sue Priester- Easter
28TH:	Sue Bailey

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

7TH:	not needed in Lent
14TH:	Darcy W + 1 (if needed)
21ST:	Mike F, Chris R- Easter
28TH:	Paula H, need

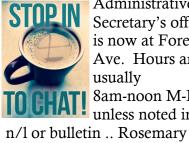
COUNTERS TBA council

LECTORS

7TH:	Darcy W
14TH:	Janet T
21ST:	Wolf-Dieter K
28TH:	Tom P

ACOLYTE:

7TH:	Ava H
14TH:	need
21ST:	Ayden H- Easter
28TH:	need



Administrative Secretary's office is now at Forest Ave. Hours are usually 8am-noon M-F unless noted in

GREETERS

- Jim & Anne B 7TH: 14TH: Carole D. Dodie E 18TH: George H, Ev O- M Thurs.* 19TH: Cindy S, Darcy W-G Fri.* 21ST: Joyce A, Sylvia B-Easter
- 28TH:

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7TH:	Darcy, George, Mike L, Dorie
14TH:	Mike F, Dennis A, Roberto,
	Brenda
18TH:	Al J, Matt K, Joyce, Sylvia, Nita
	- M Thurs.*
19TH:	Paul & Kim, Dan G, Judy D
	-G Fri.*

- 21ST: Darcy, George, Mike L, Dorie -Easter 28TH: Mike F, Dennis A, Roberto,
 - Brenda
- if SERVICE AT THIS LOCATION*

ALTAR CARE TEAM FOR APIRL

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, you are responsible for finding a replacement and calling to let the office know who is







President:	Darcy Whitney
Vice-Pres:	Dorie Deyo
Treasurer:	Deb Morlock
Secretary:	Linda Johnson

Council members:

Dorie Devo Thure Fransen Linda Johnson Matt Kubinski Debbi Morlock Sue Priester Cindy Swan Darcy Whitney

Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00





NOTE:

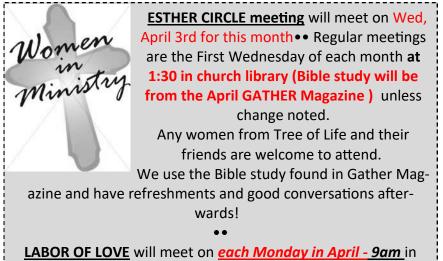
If local schools are closed, be sure to call office prior to make sure we are open. Also will be on local TV stations cancellations & closing & local radio stations as Tree of Life.



To all volunteers who give their time to help out as needed. You are truly appreciated.

TREE OF LIFE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tree of Life News



LABOR OF LOVE will meet on *each Monday in April - 9am* in Anderson Hall . They meet 1st Mon. of month thru December, weekly January-May



<u>SENIOR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</u> WILL MEET ON THE <u>FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH</u> AT <u>9AM</u> AT <u>FRIENDLY'S</u> RESTAURANT

Special dates

Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 7, 2019Holy Week, April 14-21, 2019Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14, 2019Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019Good Friday, April 19, 2019Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019Administrative Professionals Day, April 24, 2019



Mission Message Global Mission

The ELCA supports over 240 missionaries in 40 countries around the world. Countries of every letter of the alphabet (except Q & X!) from Angola to Zimbabwe. Most of them don't have to raise their own funds to support their service, as missionaries in many other denominations do. Instead, their work is funded through the Mission Support that congregations send to their synods, as well as direct donations.

Rafael Padilla, executive director of ELCA Global Mission says, "What sets the ELCA apart from other denominations is the support system we have in place for people who serve on behalf of this church."

Both long- and short-term missionaries come back to the US on home assignment every two years. During this time, they travel to visit congregations to meet and thank the people whose offerings and gifts help support their ministries. To learn more, see elca.org/globalchurch.

Your offerings and Mission gifts support the Global Church.

Thank you!

We are church together for the sake of the world.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Marcia Brown, Mission Interpreter

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Note: IF YOU WOULD LIKE NAME REMOVED FROM OUR MAILING LIST, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.

716 488-4235-Rosemary

admin@toljamestown.com

ELCA LECTIONARY C

Sunday, April 7 – 5th Sunday in Lent Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

<u>Sunday, April 14</u> – Palm Sunday/Passion

Luke 19:28-40 Procession with Palms Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14 — 23:56

Sunday, April 21 –

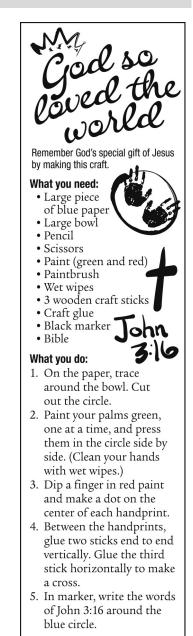
Easter Sunday Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12

<u>Sunday, April 28</u> –

2 Easter Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

HOSPITALIZATIONS

In case of hospital emergency, please contact Pastor Eastman at 716 969-3950.



Pastor's message..

<u>"Hope in Mud Season"</u> by Pastor Tara L. Eastman

We are in days of not yet, but almost – a time of transition – or as some call it, the fifth season... "*Mud season*". Finally, the somber season of Lent is beginning to fade and the joyous and jubilant time of Easter – the morning of April 21^{st} is coming close like the crocus beginning to peek out of the still chilly soil.

It's almost, but not yet Easter and we long for the proclamation of "Alleluia, He is risen – Christ is risen indeed!"

Easter is almost, but not yet. We are in a time of in-between where there are glimpses of the Easter season to come. This time of "Mud Season", is messy and changeable, but it shows possibilities of what is to come.

Spring shows us patches of green grass, buds on trees, and we feel the sun's warmth on our skin. It's as if nature is trying to show, instead of tell us that Spring is almost here. Like nature, the scriptures of this season show us signs of Spring, signs of new life and hope for the Easter season to come. "This Lent, we have readings with parables that touch on themes of fairness and



abundance (Luke 13:1-9, the parable of the barren fig tree and Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 the parable of the prodigal son, the older brother, and the party-throwing father with themes of **for**giveness and hope.) The lectionary in Lent also gives us the image of Jesus lamenting over Jerusalem and yearning to gather and protect it, hen-like (Luke 13:31-35), and then having his feet exuberantly, lavishly anointed by Mary (John 12:1 -8). These readings offer opportunities to show God's abundant love by exploring what's going on." (Sunday's and Seasons/ Preaching in Lent)

In these scriptures: fairness, abundance, forgiveness, hope, protection, anointing... are grace stories that show us God's actions. What do we notice in these scriptures? Where do we find hope? Do we see evidence

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of God's grace? In scripture and in our lives, we are called to notice God's actions, to pay attention, to see and talk about God's activity in the world. In scripture and life, there are signs of God's actions. Like the egg hunts of Easter, we are challenged to seek and find the stories of hope and grace that God sends into our world.

Where do you notice the buds of God's grace today?

Spring shows buds on the trees, warm our skin with the sun, and after some time of in-between reveals the green lush grass that we've waited for all winter. Just like these signs of spring, the grace of God show's and tells us the story of hope of new life that will come; (Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed!) even in the muddiest of Springs'.

Blessed Easter,

Pastor Tara L. Eastman



APRIL 17 (Wed) .. NOON Good Grief Group to FLC for Chrism Mass

APRIL 18(Thurs).. 6 PM Potluck & 7pm Maundy Thursday Healing Service

APRIL 19(Fri) 11am Youth Easter activity/Pizza; 3pm CROSSWALK; 6pm Good Friday worship at First Lutheran, 120 Chandler

EASTER SUNDAY: no Sunday School, 9am Egg Hunt, Continental Breakfast, 10:15 worship

HOSPITALIZATIONS

The church office no longer receives calls from the hospital when a member is hospitalized. It would be appreciated if someone from the family would call the church office when a hospitalization occurs. In addition to calls no longer being made to the office by hospital volunteers, the computer used by the clergy at the hospital to locate hospitalized members has been removed. Thank you for your assistance. In case of hospital emergency, please contact Pastor Eastman at 716 969-3950.



TOL has an email Prayer <u>**Chain</u></u>- Prayer requests can be made through the pastor 969-3950; the church office 488-4235; or direct to Dodie 665-5062 her email is dodie2417@gmail.com. If</u>**

you would like to be a part of this important mission please send your email address to Dodie. MEMORIALS RECEIVED:

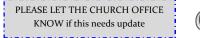
In memory of IRENE SWANSON by: Mary McKeon

In memory of **GERMAINE CARUSO by:** Karin & Mike Flynn Dodie Erickson Paula Hofgren Bob & Mary Shaul Linda Smith Donna Johnson Dan & Sandy Forsberg Margaret Lay-Dopyera Roger Gilbert Joyce Atkinson



APRIL

- 4/3 Dayne Priester
- 4/6 Debra Reedy
- 4/7 Dennis Scalise
- 4/8 Pat Sandberg
- 4/10 Paul Wahlstrom
- 4/11 Joyce Atkinson
- 4/13 Olivia Ricker
- 4/15 SueEllen Bates, Tracey Mingle
- 4/16 Susan Carvella
- 4/17 Nora Storms
- 4/18 Sylvia Lipsey
- 4/25 Richard Saullo, Clarence Braley
- 4/26 James Jones, Derrek Ames
- 4/28 Mark Genberg
- 4/29 Dennis Bechmann, Harper Kilbury

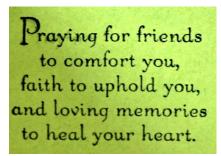






God & Blessings to you

The Reedv/Rivera



families: Victor Rivera III, son of Debra Reedy passed away February 22, 2019 ++ The Caruso Family: Germaine "Gerry" Caruso passed away March 20, 2019

Thank you's received

We received thank you's from the following for TOL's very generous donations to these groups: Buffalo Níagara Honor Flíght Eagle's Nest Respíte House Audubon Community Nature Center Chautauqua Alcohol & Substance Abuse Council Child Advocacy Program united Christian Advocacy Network (UCAN) Toys for Tots Chautauqua County Humane Society

St Susan Center

Prendergast Library

Disrupting The Cycles of Violence, Addiction, And Disease YOU ARE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!



Join these community discussions to learn more about the topic of resilience.

April 9 6:30-8:30PM ~ SUNY Fredonia McEwen Hall- Rm 209

April 10 6:30-8:30PM ~ SUNY JCC Scharmann Theatre

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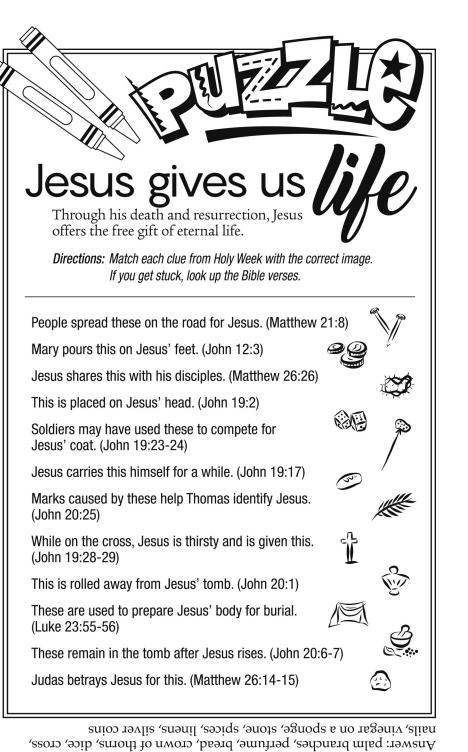
6:30-7:30pm- Resilience Documentary 7:30-8:30pm- Community Discussion

Council Corner

The Tree of Life Church Council met Monday, March 11th. Here are some highlights:

- The new Tree of Life signage is up and looks great!
- We are seeking volunteers to form a Transition Team. The exact definition of this team isn't done yet, but they will be charged with looking at what to include in our historical room, which will include historical papers, books & artifacts from both Holy Trinity and Immanuel congregations, and what to bring over to Forest Avenue from Second Street. If you are interested in being on this committee, please see Darcy or Pastor Tara.
- We are also seeking volunteers to join our various committees Care Team, Faith Formation, Hospitality, Property, Worship & Music. Most teams generally meet once a month, some just as needed. Please see Darcy or Pastor Tara for more information on these committees! Many hands make light work!
- Wednesday Lenten Soup Dinner/ Book Group meets from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and will run from March 13th – April 17th. We are reading the book "Good Grief." Please sign up in the narthex so we know how much soup to get.





LCLC is in need of a part-time bookkeeper. Proficiency

in QuickBooks Online and generally accepted accounting principles is required. If you have anyone in your congregation who might meet our need, please have them call me. By part-time I mean no more than 10 hours a month. So, it would be more of a side job than primary one.

It's also time to start searching for cooks for the summer camping season. With all the restaurants around the lake, it's becoming difficult to impossible to have enough food service staff for our summer needs. Cook's positions are 40+ hours/week from June 19th-August 9th. While our cooks don't need to have a degree in culinary arts, some experience is helpful. On the job training is provided too to bring the person up to speed.

Thanks for your consideration.

Blessings,

Lee M. Lindeman Executive Director Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center 716-386-4125



COMMUNITY EVENT

"Dining in the Dark" April 12th at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel Call the Blind Association for tickets 716 664-6660

- We welcomed two new members, Nick & Mikayla Certo, in March!
- Our total income is down. Please consider throwing a few more dollars into your envelope each week so Tree of Life can continue to do the good work we do, spread the Good News, and pay the bills.
- The council voted to explore the idea of selling the parsonage. We are contacting a surveyor and real estate broker to get further information.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please don't hesitate to see a member of council or Pastor Tara. We are here to help!

Council President, *Darcy Whitney*

Council members of TOL are listed on page 3 of this issue.

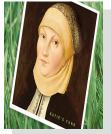


Save the date for Striders Mentoring Pilot Program at

Fletcher School:

In May and June, Striders Mentoring Program is trying out an afterschool pilot program. One weekday a week for 1 ½ hours, Striders staff, caring and vetted adult volunteers and school staff will hold an activity group starting the first week of May and ending at school year close. If you are interested in applying to be considered as a volunteer for this program, please contact Pastor Eastman and fill out an application.





Thanks to everyone who participated in the **Coins for Katie** Lenten Fast. Women of the ELCA, Southwestern Conference hopes you lost some "weight", giving up that loose change. It all benefits Katie's Fund, the Churchwide Women of the ELCA's one -million-dollar endowment.

The "Fast" concludes on Easter, so here's what to do with the change collected – <u>count it</u>, <u>convert it</u> into a personal check, money order or bank check payable to **Women of the ELCA** and <u>designate it</u> to "Katie's Fund". Then send the check or money order to me: Lois Rumfelt

2170 Swanson Road Jamestown, New York 14701 Please contact me if you have any questions – <u>rumfelt@stny.rr.com</u> or 664-4409. Watch for the final tally coming in May.

Thanks again for participating in the **Coins for Katie** Lenten Fast and helping raise Katie's Fund to three million dollars by 2020.

God Bless,

Women of the ELCA

Upstate New York Synod Southwestern Conference presents

Caring & Sharing

Saturday, May 4, 2019 at

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

20 North Phetteplace Street Falconer, New York 14733

Guest Speaker

Michael Daloia

Agency Services Manager, Food Bank of WNY

Registration: 9:30 AM

Program: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$5.00

RSVP: Stephanie Buccola (665-4221)

~ Deadline: Friday, April 29, 2019 ~

> Please bring a nonperishable food item



Where Everyday is a Good Day!

Chautauqua Adult Day Services, a not

for profit United Way Community Partner, <u>offers senior</u> <u>day programs for adults sixty years of age and older</u> <u>who live in the community.</u> The day programs provide socialization, daily activities, breakfast and a hot noon time meal for participants. There is also a Community Recreation Program that helps persons participate in outings in the community and the sites offer ceramics, music programs, arts and crafts and much more on an ongoing basis. In addition to the fun activities, the programs are there to help caregivers get a break from taking care of a loved one.

<u>Chautauqua Adult Day Services has four day programs</u> <u>in Chautauqua County located in Westfield, Jame-</u> <u>stown, and Dunkirk.</u> One of its sites in Jamestown, the Present Center is a program specifically for older adults with Alzheimer's Disease. Funding is Available.

For information, visit <u>www.seniordayprograms.com</u> or call:

Jamestown - (716) 665-4899 * Dunkirk- (716) 366-8786 * Westfield- (716) 326-6842



TOL CHURCH COUNCIL WILL MEET @

6:30PM April 8th

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Time is running out to sign up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Don't delay--remember that because we are celebrating 50 years of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, we are offering 50% off on all registration fees for 2019! Learn how to create more joy and intimacy in your marriage by attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!

The 2019 Northeast US spring Weekends are: <u>April 5-7, 2019</u> at the lovely Country Inn & Suites just off of Hwy 99 in State College and <u>April 26-28, 2019</u> at the newly-remodeled Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA.

We are also taking reservations for our fall Weekends: <u>October 11-13, 2019</u> at the Hyatt Place Pittsburgh/Cranberry in Cranberry Township, PA, and <u>November 1-3, 2019</u> at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, MA.

Please go to the website: <u>www.GodLovesMarriage.org</u>, click on "view all weekends" and select the Weekend of your choice to see the very reasonable, group-rate cost for that Weekend. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included, and financial assistance is available for those in need. Simply fill out the form, and complete your registration with a credit card, or you may choose the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure mailed to you, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at <u>fischamber@comcast.net</u> or 724-325-3166. Act TODAY while there **are still openings!**

The second Sunday of the month is FOOD SUNDAY.. We ask that you bring a non-

perishable food item for our Food Pantry Any food will be welcome.



Worship ATTENDANCE

Feb 24 –112 (last day at E 2nd St) Mar 3 - 67 ASH Wed 47 Mar 10—64 Mar 17—64 Mar 24—64 Mar 31—59



ADOPT-A-PROJECT DAY

April 27, 2019 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Adopt-A-Project Day is a time for accomplishing prearranged work projects. By knowing in advance who's coming and for which projects, we're better able to get things done. Previous skill or experience in the project adopted is preferred.

Projects available for adoption include:

- Painting the interior of Cabin 5/6
- Replacing the windows in Cabin 9
- Wood cutting and splitting
- Spring gardening and raking
- Trail clearing
- Pressure washing

Other... have a special skill not listed above? - let us know A complementary breakfast and lunch will be served for all volunteers. Please contact the office to adopt a project and RSVP today.

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

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contact@lclcenter.org



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