

Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Jamestown NY 14701



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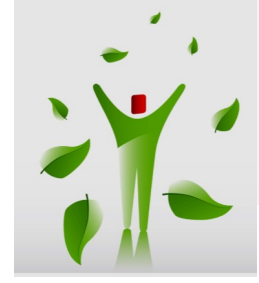
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Leaves of Life—Parish Newsletter

The generosity cycle

God makes us rich in every way so we can be generous on every occasion, which will result in thanksgiving to God. ... God doesn't bless us to provide for our own needs; he blesses us so we can be generous.

—Rick Warren (based on 2 Corinthians 9:11)



November 2019

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 Lamont Eastman

to set up appointment: Call church 716 488-4235
for pastoral emergency: (716) 969-3950 (call or text)

Sunday School—all ages—9am
Worship—10:15am

TREE OF LIFE emails:

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| pastor@toljamestown.com | — Pastor Tara Eastman |
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| income@toljamestown.com | — Beryl Emley |
| expense@toljamestown.com | — Jan Coleson |
| music@toljamestown.com | — Eric Hester |

TOL Website: www.toljamestown.com Tree of Life is on Facebook



If you would like to order a poinsettia for the Chancel for the Christmas season, please complete this form. Payment (\$7.50 per plant) should accompany your order. Plants will be displayed **Dec 15th**

thru Dec 29 this year. Your plant(s) will be delivered to a home-bound member unless indicated below. These forms are in the Narthex & they may be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate, using one of the general purpose envelopes found in the pew racks. **Deadline for placing orders is Monday, Nov 25th**

Given by _____

Number of poinsettias _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Information for acknowledgement in bulletin:

In memory of:

In honor of:

I wish to take my plant following the worship service on the Sunday after Christmas

SERVING TREE OF LIFE

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 serving for you.

November

ASSISTING MINISTER

3rd: Darcy Whitney
10th: Sue Priester
17th: Susan Bailey
24th: Wolf-Dieter Krahn

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

3rd: Paula Hofgren, Sandy Stewart
10th: Darcy Whitney, Dodie Erickson
17th: Chris Radack, Paula Hofgren
24th: Sandy Stewart, Darcy Whitney

GREETERS

3rd: George H, Paula H
10th: need 2
17th: Darcy W, Sylvia B
24th: Carole D, Dodie E

LECTORS

3rd: Marlene Hanson
10th: Lori Nystrom
17th: Judy DuBois
24th: Paula Hofgren

ACOLYTES

3rd: Ayden Hagelin
10th: Ella Storms
17th: Sydney Moss
24th: Allie Moss

USHERS


3rd: Darcy, George, Mike, Dorie
10th: Dennis, Roberto
17th: Allen, Matt K, Sylvia, Matt W
Jacki W
24th: Paul & Kim, Dan, Judy

COUNTERS TBA council

ALTAR CARE TEAM FOR November

looking ahead...

Women of the ELCA
Southwestern Conference

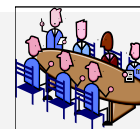


THE SOAP PROJECT

WORK DAY

Saturday, February 22, 2020
9:30 AM

at
Christ Chapel
Lutheran Home & Rehab. Center
715 Falconer Street
Jamestown, New York 14701



Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church Council

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

Council members:

Dorie Deyo
Thure Fransen
Matt Kubinski
Debbi Morlock
Sue Priester
Cindy Swan
Darcy Whitney

**TOL CHURCH COUNCIL
WILL MEET @**

6:30PM November 18th



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

**“Leaves of Life “
DEADLINE
FOR December NEWS**



**Is Sunday
Nov 17
Work party
to assemble
will be 9:30am**

at TOL

Mon., Nov 25th

Special dates

All Saints' Day, November 1, 2019
Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 3, 2019
Veterans Day, November 11, 2019
Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 2019
Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019

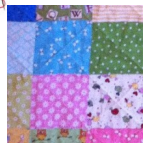
Tree of Life News



ESTHER CIRCLE will meet in **the church library** on
Wednesday, **Nov 6th —AT 1:30**

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We will use **November GATHER** magazine for **the Bible Study**. Any women from Tree of Life and their friends are welcome to attend.



LABOR OF LOVE will meet **WEEKLY** every Monday thru the first week of **DECEMBER** and will resume weekly **January-April**.

The Post Journal changed their policy of what they would accept for the “church News column:

the Post Journal will only be accepting the following for CHURCH NEWS:

- Sunday info
- Prayer meeting/ bible study
- Support groups such as NA/AA
- Food pantry info



The second Sunday of the month is **FOOD SUNDAY**. We ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for our Food Pantry . **Current need is assorted soups .. Anything will be accepted.**

Worship ATTENDANCE

| | |
|--------------|----|
| September 29 | 51 |
| October 6 | 65 |
| October 13 | 50 |
| October 20 | 49 |

Mission Message

BREAKING DOWN WALLS

“On Nov. 9, 2019, the world will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. As we look back to remember this important moment in human history, we are reminded that there is much work to be done to tear down the walls that divide us today. We are called in this moment to advocate for an end to division and oppression in our own communities and throughout the world. My friends, I encourage you, your congregations and your communities to join together in proclaiming this truth — that we are one human family.”

— The Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director for Global Mission, ELCA

again in an effort to separate people. But there are invisible walls too—walls of hunger, poverty, loneliness, mental illness. Those walls keep children of God from being full participants in society. Maybe you are behind one of those walls yourself. What can we do? The same admonition from Rev. Padilla (above) applies to invisible walls too. There is much work to be done, but we must tear down the walls that divide us. We must be advocates for those who suffer from the walls, reach out through the walls to break them down. If the Berlin Wall can come down, so can the rest!

ELCA Advocacy and Global Mission are supported through your congregation’s Mission Support. **Thank you!**

One of the ELCA’s advocacy groups is “Peace not Walls.” It pertains primarily to the Israeli-Palestinian divisions and the walls being built to separate the two. We also hear a lot about a wall on our southern border—

We are church together for the sake of the world. God’s Work. Our Hands.

God’s Work. Our Hands.
Marcia Brown,
Mission Interpreter

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

716 488-4235—Rosemary
admin@toljamestown.com

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY- NOV 3

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

22 PENT- NOV 10

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

23 PENT- NOV 17

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

CHRIST THE KING – NOV 24

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43



NOTE: ALTAR FLOW- ERS AND/OR BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP 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@toljamestown.com
with requested date &
what you would like
printed in the bulletin
that week. Also, we need
to know if you want the
flowers deliv-
ered (\$30) or
picked up (\$22)
and if you have
any specific request/. *It*
is fine for flowers and bul-
letin sponsorship on same
day, just specify which
you would like. Bulletin
sponsorship is \$20.



Pastor's message..

**Pictures speak 1000
words, and we need tell a
God story**

... Pastor Tara L. Eastman



**Owen and I participating in Din-
ing Out for Life on October 1st.**

Throughout the month of Octo-
ber, I was reminded time and
time again the importance of
telling our God stories. In our
lessons from 2nd Timothy we
were reminded of the faith of
Timothy's mother Eunice and
Grandmother Lois. Paul re-
minds Timothy to remember
what they have taught him and
how their faith is a big part of
what has brought him to where
he is.

In the lessons for Oct 20, we

were inspired by the story of
Jacob wrestling with God. We
heard more of Paul's 2nd letter
to Timothy where he says, "...
*continue in what you have
learned and firmly believed,
knowing from whom you
learned it, and how from child-
hood you have known the sa-
cred writings that are able to
instruct you for salvation
through faith in Christ Jesus.*"

Then we hear a parable from
Jesus telling his followers to be
like the unjust Judge who pro-
vided justice to the persistent
widow. The parable begins with
Jesus framing the context of
persistence of faith... **"pray
always and not to lose heart."**

Have you ever been in a place
where you need encourage-
ment? Have you ever been able
to share a God story from your
own life that has helped to en-
courage someone else?

The trials of life send us unex-
pected losses and circumstances
that we are not sure how to
move through. **God stories give
hope in living through trials.**

As followers of Jesus, we have
the words and stories of scrip-
ture to be a balm for the

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wounds of our hearts. We have the space of prayer and the wisdom of the Psalms to meet us where we are – not matter the emotions we are wrestling with.



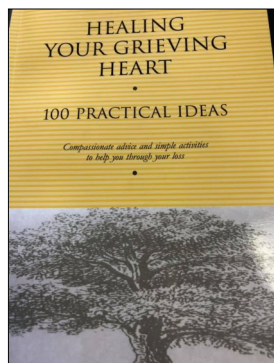
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lit for
Infant
and
Preg-
nancy
Loss
Day/Oct
15 2019

We have the many blessing of fellowship in the community of faith: support, prayers and God stories from our personal lives – *if only we are willing to share them.*

Sharing our God stories... the ways we have felt close to God, how God has provided peace in chaos, how God has provided for our needs, how the faith of our sisters and brothers in Christ helps us get to where we are today.

Sharing God stories is key to a faith that helps us to pray always and not lose heart. We need God's help to be bold and confidently share our stories of faith – for the Timothy's of our lives and beyond. Tell your God story today – a little encouragement goes a long way.

Wisdom Wednesday Small Group



Noon on Wednesdays' a small group will be meeting to discuss 1 of the workbook pages in the book, "Healing your grieving heart". No pre-reading or purchase of book is required. Contact Pastor Eastman for more information.

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.**



Our Sympathy



To Pastor Chuck & Esther Gustafson and the Bruce Family..

Jeremy Bruce, 35, (their grandson) passed away on Sept 29, 2019 following a a fierce battle with cancer.

Thank
You

- **Received from Razz**.. Special thanks to Pastor for her caning, prayers , great support and making the service for Barbara Rasmuson perfect & even heard that from many friends.
- **Received from GA Family Services & Foster Care Program** for the generous donation



SEPTEMBER 2019:

Income: \$11,488.66
Expenses: \$16,594.78
Monthly difference: \$ -5,106.12
Cummulative diff: \$-56,941.15



TREE OF LIFE (November)

- 11/1 Peggy Slattery, Nick Bennett
- 11/2 Heather Carlson
- 11/3 Judy Johnson
- 11/5 Gracia Slagle, Harry Bailey, Jr.
- 11/6 Gregory Storms, Lisa Gustafson
- 11/7 Rona Jennings, Karen Frick
- 11/8 Jaqueline Wisler
- 11/11 Andrew Bennett
- 11/12 Amber Bailey
- 11/13 Susan Jones
- 11/14 Erik Ridgway; Zander Mayr
- 11/15 Michele Gibson
- 11/16 Rockland Milne, Daniel Whitney,
Lucas Fransen
- 11/18 Sandy Stewart
- 11/20 Nancy Johnson
- 11/22 Eleanor Frick
- 11/23 Charlie Lombardo
- 11/28 Carolyn Bennett, Janet Carlson
- 11/29 Charles Gustafson
- 11/30 Richard Thom

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE
KNOW if this needs update



Choir rehearsals are
on Wednesdays at
7:00 Sept—mid-May



TOL has an email Prayer

Chain- 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 you would like to be a part of this important mission please send your email address to Dodie.

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September & October Baptism & Weddings at Tree of Life

On Sunday October 6th, Tree of Life Lutheran Church celebrated the baptism of Allison Louise Hester, daughter of Shelby and Eric Hester from Jamestown, NY. Allison's godparents are (grandmother) Christy Crichett Hester from Muskegon, Michigan and (Uncle and Aunt) Zachary and Kailey Rake from Twin Lake Michigan.

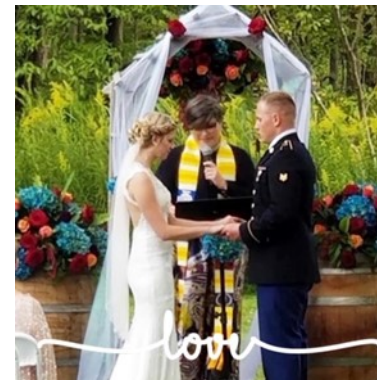


Pictured: Pastor Tara L. Eastman, Freddie, Esai, Vidalis Holmes and Josiah Cruz.



Pictured: Pastor Tara L. Eastman, Shelby, Eric and Allison Hester and Christy Crichett Hester.

Haley (Taylor) and Brandon Metzger were married at the **Den Adelsmans Klub** on September 7th,



Online Book Club

"Online Book Club Group using Zoom Technology"

Pastor Lori Kochanski, Assistant to the Bishop for Faith Formation, will moderate the online conversation about the book. Make note of some of the points in the book that you find to be interesting or challenging and be prepared to share them with the group. This study is open to anyone (both lay folks and those who are rostered leaders) willing to read the book and talk about it with others. You can even invite your family and friends who do not live in New York. The zoom link will be published in the Upstate Update and the synod Facebook page.

Upcoming book conversations:

November 20 1:00 and 7:00 *We Will Feast: Rethinking Dinner, Worship, and the Community of God* by Kendall Vanderslice

December 18 1:00 and 7:00 *The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe* by Richard Rohr

January 15 1:00 and 7:00 *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine

February 19 1:00 and 7:00 *One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins* by Emmy Kegler

March 25 1:00 and 7:00 *Women Rise Up: Sacred Stories of Resistance for Today's Revolution* by Katey Zeh

April 29 1:00 and 7:00 *The Time Is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage* by Joan Chittister

CARE KIT DRIVE FOR JHS STUDENTS

Tree of Life Lutheran Church, Kween Bee's Women's Group, and Zion Covenant Church held a supply drive this September and October to benefit students in need of personal care items. Over 80 feminine care kits, hundreds of dental supplies, hair care, soap/body wash, underwear, towels and washcloths and nonperishable food items were donated.

Bonnie Schnars, Behavior Intervention Specialist at Jamestown High School, coordinates this ongoing effort to help students have successful days at school. She says, "I am honestly overwhelmed that our community is always willing to step in and help our kids. I'm so thankful and blessed to be able to help when it is needed, and that so many have been willing to reach out and help."

The items will be given to student directly to provide for their personal needs. Tree of Life, Kween Bees, and Zion Covenant extend their thanks to those who have contributed to this ongoing effort to assist the students at Jamestown High School. If you would like to help with this ongoing effort throughout the 2019-20 school year, please contact Pastor Tara Eastman at pastor@toljamestown.com



Pictured: Mandi Dove, Cynthia Joslyn, Shannon Greenland, Zippora Greenland-Pickering, Janet Thom, Barbra Boone, Kristina Benson, Jessica Carr, Tamu Graham-Rinehardt



Bonnie Schnars and Pastor Tara Eastman

save the date

Please mark your calendar for the wedding of Miss Hilary Kurtz and Dr. Randy Elf in First Lutheran Church on **Saturday, Dec. 28**. Although the reception is by personal invitation, the wedding is a worship service, which is a public event. Anyone may attend the wedding. No invitation is necessary. Further details will be in the December newsletter. For now, please know that the service includes the handbell choir, Christmas music, and Holy Communion. Miss Kurtz and Dr. Elf would be honored to have you attend.

All Saints Sunday

November 3 is ALL SAINTS SUNDAY.

The following, who have died since last yr's All Saint's Sunday, will be remembered in prayer on that day:

John Holt, Ellen Hitchcock, Larry Fransen, Mother of Charlene Peterson, Francis Kosciwicz, Pat Raffa, Roberta Graham, Maurice Roach, Helen Alden, Victor Rivera III,

Pauline Poquadeck, Beverly Alexander, Gerry Caruso, Edward Mogenhan, Pastor Kevin Oakes, Sylvia Opdahl, Sandy Lindquist, Linda Snow, Wally Anderson, Angie Loughrey, Jeanne Johanson, Mae Lewis, Michael Moore, Jeremy Bruce, Linda Enlund Lyons, Roger Olson

Taking it slow

Not only did God model rest — specifically sabbath rest — during the Creation process, but he also showed the value of under-commitment, even working under his potential.

"God modeled for us how to choose one or two things to focus on each day," writes Monica Wilkinson in *Slow Lane*. "If he wanted to, he could have spoken the entire world into existence in less than a fraction of the blink of an eye." Instead, God "went about it methodically, slowly, with balance and moderation." What a contrast to our modern-day multitasking craze!

"God was not looking to maximize every productive waking moment of every single day," Wilkinson adds. "He chose to focus on one or two things, do them well and with excellence, and then enjoy the accomplishment and reflection of a job well done."



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.



Invitation from St Timothy—Bemus:
Auction & Chinese Auction to benefit mission in Honduras—Sun., Nov 3rd 6pm. Light dinner from 5-6—pulled pork or chili \$6 (incl salad, bread, drink, dessert. If not able to attend need the following donated: Themed baskets, donations for baskets, monetary donations for children's program or sponsor a child in program. More info—call Gale 753-6319

GRATITUDE game

Start a fun tradition by playing this game on Thanksgiving.

What you need:

- M&M's or other colored candies
- A bowl
- The list below (adapt the colors, as needed)

Red: a need God has provided for

Orange: a gift you've received

Yellow: something you've recently learned

Green: something in nature

Blue: a special memory

Brown: someone you love

What you do:

1. One at a time, people pick a candy and share what they're thankful for (according to the color).
2. Pass the bowl around and continue reflecting on God's goodness until all the candy is gone!

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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|  | | | Activities at E 2nd St—for this month: *Healthy Bones: M-W-F, 9am SR Center Bingo: M, 11:30am Tai Chi: M (11am) T & Th, (10am) Peer Support: 1st M, 7pm SR Center exercise T & TH 10am; Tureen: 4th T, noon Fit Women Group : (716 708-6543) M-F Hrs: 7:30am-12:30 & 2:30—6pm.; | | 1 FOOD CUPBOARD, 10-2 | 2 [back 1 hr]  |
| 3 All Saint's Sunday SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9 WORSHIP 10:15 Lucia Practice 4-5 (or 5-6) | 4 LABOR OF LOVE, 9AM | 5 Election day 6am-9pm MINISTERIUM, 10-3 | 6 FOOD CUPBOARD, 10-2 Wisdom Wednesday, noon Esther Circle 1:30, lib. Bible Study, 6 Choir, 7 | 7 TOPS, 8-11:15AM | 8 FOOD CUPBOARD, 10-2 | 9 |
| 10 PENTECOST 22 FOOD SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9 WORSHIP 10:15 Lucia Practice 4-5 (or 5-6) | 11 Closed LABOR OF LOVE, 9AM  | 12 | 13 FOOD CUPBOARD, 10-2 Wisdom Wednesday, noon Bible Study, 6 Choir, 7 | 14 TOPS, 8-11:15AM "She Says" Storytelling 6:30pm (potluck) | 15 FOOD CUPBOARD, 10-2 Wedding rehearsal— [Ellicottville] Jmst Community Barn Dance, hall 7pm-9:30 | 16 WEDDING [offsite] ASHF Korvburger Lunch [use of kitchen & hall from 9am-3] |
| 17 PENTECOST 23 SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9 WORSHIP 10:15 Dec. N/L DEADLINE Lucia Practice 4-5 (or 5-6) | 18 LABOR OF LOVE, 9AM <i>Council, 6:30pm</i> | 19 MHA—Pastor, Gateway Chapel, 2pm | 20 FOOD CUPBOARD, 10-2 Wisdom Wednesday, noon Bible Study, 6 Choir, 7 | 21 TOPS, 8-11:15AM | 22 FOOD CUPBOARD, 10-2 | 23 |
| 24 Christ the King Sunday SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9 WORSHIP 10:15 Lucia Practice 4-5 (or 5-6) | 25 LABOR OF LOVE, 9AM NEWSLETTER MLG, 9:30 DEADLINE to order poinsettias | 26 Staff meeting, 11am lib Worship & Music team, 4:30pm | 27 TOPS, weigh-in FOOD CUPBOARD, 10-2 Pie Church, 5:30-7 Choir, 7 | 28  | 29 | 30 |