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**556 East Second Street**  
**Jamestown NY 14701**

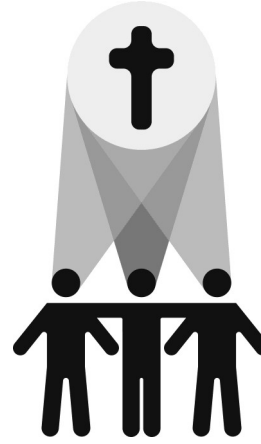
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# LEAVES OF LIFE

## September 2018



### The role of a lifetime

We grow up when we see our life and our role from God's perspective; when we thank God for the role he has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, "God, how can I glorify you today in my given role?"

—Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*



#### Holy Trinity site

825 Forest Ave  
Jamestown NY 14701  
(716) 488-4235  
Office: 9:30-1:30 TUES



#### Immanuel site

556 East Second St  
Jamestown NY 14701  
(716) 664-7104  
Office: 8-12 M-F

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

**Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church**

# Tree of Life Worship Schedule

PASTOR TARA LAMONT EASTMAN

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

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## SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF **SEPTEMBER**

are at our **HOLY TRINITY SITE ..**

**LAST WEEK OF Summer worship is at 10am-Sept 2**

**Regular Schedule begins, Sept 9th with SS Rally Day at 9am & Worship at 10:15**



**Holy Trinity**



**Immanuel**

**Welcome to Tree of Life Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**HT office 716 488-4235; ILC office 716 664-7104**

**Contact info:** Pastor Tara Lamont Eastman

Email: [pastor@toljamestown.com](mailto:pastor@toljamestown.com) 716 969-3950 (call or text)

Pr at ILC office M & W (9:30am) & HT office T & TH (9:30am)

### **Note TREE OF LIFE has new emails:**

[admin@toljamestown.com](mailto:admin@toljamestown.com) – Rosemary DiDomenico

[pastor@toljamestown.com](mailto:pastor@toljamestown.com) – Pastor Tara Eastman

[secretary@toljamestown.com](mailto:secretary@toljamestown.com) – (emails forward to Rosemary)

[income@toljamestown.com](mailto:income@toljamestown.com) – Beryl Emley

[expense@toljamestown.com](mailto:expense@toljamestown.com) – Jan Coleson

[music@toljamestown.com](mailto:music@toljamestown.com) – Eric Hester

**TOL Website:**

[www.toljamestown.com](http://www.toljamestown.com)

Tree of Life is on Facebook

## FROM CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS...



Looking for extra Christmas money while providing a valuable service for your community? The Board of Elections is currently recruiting Election Day poll workers. Training will be provided and workers receive an hourly wage. For more information, please call 753-4580 or visit [www.votechautauqua.com](http://www.votechautauqua.com).



We had an awesome shared Lutheran VBS this year! The theme was "Shipwrecked – Rescued by God," and First Lutheran was turned into an island, complete with a beach and jungle. We had about 24 kids attend, with 35 registered, and over 25 volunteers help out in various ways. Attendance wasn't large, but I have to say that I feel this was

a really good year. The kids were engaged, and the volunteers were great! Our mission project this year was to collect donations to buy water filters through ELCA Good Gifts. We raised \$270, enough to buy 9 filters!!

I want to thank the following: Janet Thom, Pastor Dan Nagle, and Pastor Tara Eastman, who taught the Bible rotation; Marlene Hanson, Cindy Swan, & Sandy Forsberg, who led the snack rotation; Tracy Grey, Mandy Laurin, & Carol Sorg, who helped in the craft rotation; Emily Whitney & James Bolles, who led Games; Kurt Schle Witt, who led Kid Vid Cinema; Kathy Raymond & Linda Grey, who helped with registration; everyone who helped with the picnic; all the fantastic crew leaders and helpers who helped with the kids; and to everyone who helped decorate and un-decorate. A big thank you to my family, who is always so helpful and lets me go crazy a bit during this week! Thank you also to everyone who donated items or money, and to all who prayed for us. This is always a huge project, and it helps so much when everyone comes together to help.

God is good...all the time.



Darcy Whitney, VBS Director

# SERVING TREE OF LIFE

## LECTOR SCHEDULE

Please familiarize yourself with the lectern in both churches so if and when you should be the lector so you are comfortable reading at both sites.

### Note:

SCHEDULES were mailed out to each person. They are also posted each week in the bulletin and they are posted on the bulletin board at the lower entrance at ILC & for HT in their Narthex.

REMINDER: **SEPT** is at  
**HOLY TRINITY**  
Sept 2nd 10AM & after that 10:15  
regular schedule/SS 9am

## ASSISTING MINISTER

Sept 2: Darcy Whitney  
Sept 9 Sue Priester  
Sept 16 Susan Bailey  
Sept 23: Dorie Deyo  
Sept 30: Wolf-Dieter Krahn

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Sept 2: Paula Hofgren, Carol Sorg  
Sept 9 Sandy Stewart, Steve Sandberg  
Sept 16 Darcy Whitney, Kevin Swanson  
Sept 23: Dodie Erickson, David Eaker  
Sept 30: Dorie Deyo, Jane Engle

## COUNTERS

Sept 2: Cindy Swan, Thure Fransen  
Sept 9 Dorie Deyo, Darcy Whitney  
Sept 16 Thure Fransen, Carol Sorg  
Sept 23: TBA council  
Sept 30: TBA council

## LECTORS

Sept 2: Marlene Hanson  
Sept 9 Tom Priester  
Sept 16 Dorie Deyo  
Sept 23: Cindy Swan  
Sept 30: Judy DuBois

## ACOLYTE:

Sept 2: Ella Storms  
Sept 9 Sydney Moss  
Sept 16 Allie Moss  
Sept 23: Lilly Moss  
Sept 30: Ava Hagelin

## GREETERS

Sept 2: Chris Ahlstrom, Nancy Johnson  
Sept 9 Joyce Atkinson, Carole Dean  
Sept 16 Dennis & Jan Bechmann  
Sept 23: Jim & Anne Buffone  
Sept 30: Dodie Erickson, George Hitchcock

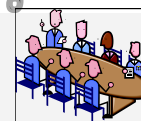
## USHERS

Sept 2: Karyn Okerlund, Gayle Lyon,  
Dorie Deyo, Dan Gustafson  
Sept 9 Dennis Bechmann,  
Carrie Magnuson,  
George Hitchcock,  
Deb Morlock  
Sept 16 Mike Flynn, Dan Kling,  
Dennis Anderson, Roberto Castellano  
Sept 23: Al Johnson, Matt Kubinski,  
Scott & Terra Devereaux  
Sept 30: Gary Swanson, Paul Hagelin,  
Gary Carvella, David Marsh

## HOLY TRINITY ALTAR CARE TEAM

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.

# Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church Council

President: Carol Sorg  
Vice-Pres: Cindy Swan  
Treasurer: Deb Morlock  
Secretary: Steve Sandberg

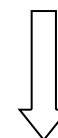
### Non-Officers:

- Chris Radack
- Thure Fransen
- Darcy Whitney
- Dorie Deyo
- Sue Priester
- David Eaker

Choir rehearsals are on  
Wednesdays at 7:00 at **at**  
**whichever location wor-**  
**ship is for the month ..**  
**START DATE IS SEPT 5TH**



**Hated to add  
this back THIS  
EARLY but this  
is WNY.. You  
just never know!**



## NOTE:

If local schools are closed, be sure to call office prior to make sure we are open. Also will be on WGRZ & WIVB cancellations & closing & possible local radio stations

# Tree of Life News



**ESTHER CIRCLE meeting** will meet in **Wednesday, Sept 5** •• Regular meetings are the First Wednesday of each month at **1:30 at the Holy Trinity site (September Gather Magazine)** unless change noted.

Any women from Tree of Life and their friends are welcome to attend.

We use the Bible study found in Gather Magazine and have refreshments and good conversations afterwards!

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**WOMEN KNIT TOGETHER** will resume on **Monday, October 1st** and will meeting each first Monday of month at 10am in the Hamlin library at ILC site through May (Picnic in June)

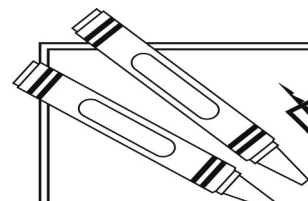
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**LABOR OF LOVE** will meet on **Monday, Sept 10 from 9am to sort donated material** in Anderson Hall at the Holy Trinity site. They will meet 1st Monday of month thru December, weekly January-May

**Rachel's Circle has disbanded**, but a new women's bible study will be offered at **First Lutheran Church on Thursday September 20th**. Please contact the office (716-664-4601) at First Lutheran Church for more information.

## Men's Fellowship

**SENIOR MEN'S GROUP** meets every first and third Wednesday @ 9am for projects & fellowship. All men are invited to join them! **September dates are: the 5th & 19th AT Immanuel {group will be notified if needed at HT}**













# PUZZLE

## IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

**Directions:** Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.

 blind	hear 
 leprosy	walk 
 lame	raised 
 deaf	sight 
 dead	cleansed 

The \_\_\_\_\_ receive \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, those who have \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ... Matthew 11:5, NIV

**"Leaves of Life " DEADLINE**  
**FOR OCTOBER NEWS Is Sunday September 16th**



Work party to assemble will be 9am(at Immanuel)

**WEDNESDAY, Sept 26th**



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

**ILC: 716 664-7104—Rosemary**

**[admin@toljamestown.com](mailto:admin@toljamestown.com)**

## Sept. ELCA

### LECTIONARY B

#### 15 Pentecost - Sept 2

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

#### 16 Pentecost—Sept 9

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1-10[11-13]14-17

Mark 7:24-37

#### 17 Pentecost—Sept 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

#### 18 Pentecost—Sept 23

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

James 3:13—4:3,7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

#### 19 Pentecost—Sept 30

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

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MEET @**

**HT SITE**

**AT**

**6:30PM**

**Sept 10,**  
**2018**



# Miracles happen!

Create this colorful reminder of  
God's wondrous works.



#### **What you need:**

- white cardstock
- white wax crayon
- paintbrush
- water
- watercolor paints

#### **What you do:**

1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
3. Let dry and then hang up.

## Pastor's message..

### A yoke + faithful partnerships = great harvest



*"The oxen wear a yoke, like the calf yoke, but much bigger and heavier. A chain goes from the yoke to the sled. When the oxen walk forward, the yoke goes with them, and whatever is chained to the yoke has to come along too!"*

Jonas says, "Get up!" to the oxen and starts for the woods."

(Text and image from [hoofsales.com](http://hoofsales.com))

We all are on a spiritual pilgrimage. Sometimes we can feel closer or farther away from God, but as I get a bit older and hopefully wiser, I've begun to grasp how important it is to be yoked side by side with God. It's quite likely that you've heard this well-known scripture in Matthew 11: 28-30

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."**

Many times when reading this verse, I focus on the burden part and think, **"How can a burden possibly be light?"** It was necessary for me to do a little research on farming to unpack the intended meaning of this verse.

A yoke is a tool used in farming that two cattle use to carry the load. Imagine a single cow trying to carry a yoke intended for two cattle all by itself. No matter the effort the single animal, it would walk itself a trench by going in circles. The single animal would not be able to accomplish its task with equipment that was built for a team to carry.



*Like cattle carrying a yoke for farming, the ministry of the church is not a solo effort.*

While independence and self-starting are skills that are often sought out and desired in our world, scripture asks us to reflect on the call of unity and teamwork in the work of growing the faith community.

If we insist on carrying our yokes alone, we run in circles and dig trenches that isolate us— instead of gardens that give us life. We are called to partner with Jesus, casting our burdens down, taking time to rest, and learn from Jesus example of gentleness and humbleness. We also are called to partner and yoke with each other - to share in the mission of serving our community – so our souls and bodies will be rested - not exhausted.

In the world of farming, a garden could never be planted, grown and harvested without that initial process of yoking up two oxen, tilling up the soil and planting some seeds. In the world of ministry, it's just as important to team up with each other in order to till the soil and plant the seeds of faith in our lives and the lives of those around us.

*As we are yoked with Christ in the practices of our faith, people*



# Adult Fall Retreat

## September 21-23, 2018

Please join us for this special program designed for older adults. The Adult Fall Retreat provides singles and couples the opportunity to spend time together in Christian fellowship in the beauty of autumn at LCLC. Delicious meals and hotel-style lodging will be provided in our comfortable Retreat Center.

For more information or to register, please [click here](#).

### Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

5013 Rt. 430; Bemus Point, NY 14712; 716-386-4125;

[contact@lclcenter.org](mailto:contact@lclcenter.org)

### LCLC Auction—October 20, 2018 1:30-4:30

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

**Donations Needed:** For additional information please visit the [auction page on our website](#) or call 716-386-4125

## TREE OF LIFE

- 1 Tarah Bowman
- 2 Onnolee Nollinger
- 3 Ayden Hagelin
- 4 Kane Cercone  
Mike Darroch  
Bethany Lightfield  
Nick Lind  
John Zabrodsky
- 5 Steven Johnson
- 7 Darrel Christian
- 8 Barry Benson  
Kaden Johnson
- 9 Marlene Lucas
- 10 Nathan Priester
- 12 Marty Danielson  
Wendy DeFord  
Elizabeth Lucas
- 13 Sylvia Oste
- 14 Gary Carvella  
Jesse Milne  
Matt Wisler
- 16 Greg Swan
- 17 Allene Andersen
- 18 Johnny Okerlunk
- 20 Jackie Anderson  
Madelyn Burnett  
Kristy Zabrodsky



Happy  
Birthday

God's Blessings to you!

- 22 Daniel Forsberg
- 24 Terra Devereaux  
Paul Hofgren
- 25 DaleAnn Krahn  
Nancy Shannon
- 26 Lillian Chapman
- 27 Randalea Rivera
- 28 Monica Hopkins  
Ken Lyon  
Chantell Moreen  
Sandra Moss

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE  
KNOW if this needs update

*better learn how being yoked with each other in practical ways in worship, prayer, Bible Study, community building and service.*

In and through times of “yoking” something miraculous happens.

***A yoked Christian community become a space for faith and relationships to grow and reinforces our faith each other – and God.***

We all have times of loss, illness, the passing of family and friends, the birth of children, the transition of those children growing up and leaving the nest, joys, successes, failures, and more changes that can be listed. But a yoked community of faith give necessary support and service.

With partners to carry burdens, we will move towards practices of hope and abundance, even in times of need. These questions, I believe, God will answer when we prayerfully ask and take “yoked” action - because a life giving harvest - surely is God's will.

- ***What would be possible for our church if we practice being yoked with Jesus AND each other?***
- ***What if, we share our burdens in a way that our spirits always reside in a place of rest?***
- ***Side by side, what can we help to plant, tend and harvest? Who will you yoke with?***

Walking in grace,

Pastor Tara L. Eastman

**Building Hours for HT site (825 Forest Ave.)**

**are as follows:**

**Mondays – CLOSED**

**Tuesdays: 9:30-1:30**

**Wednesdays: 10-2 for Food Pantry**

**Thursdays: 9-noon TOPS Group.**

**Fridays: 10-2 for food pantry.**

Office phone will be set to call forward to the ILC [\(716\) 664-7104](tel:7166647104) site of Tree of Life Church daily. Please contact administrative staff via email at:

[admin@toljamestown.com](mailto:admin@toljamestown.com) or

[secretary@toljamestown.com](mailto:secretary@toljamestown.com)

ILC Site Office Hours at 556 East Second Street are M-F 8-Noon.

HT site number: [\(716\) 488-4235](tel:7164884235)

**Our sympathy to Shirley Carpenter & family ... Earl passed away on July 21, 2018.**

Shirley's address:

10800 N 115th Ave, apt 4

Youngtown AZ 85363-1428



**MEMORIALS RECEIVED:**

*In memory of:*

**Skip Joslyn**

*From:*

*Clair & Shirley Fletcher*

*Jeanne Long*

*Dan & Diane Kling*

*Keith & Joanne Oviatt*

*Bob & Barbara Glotz*

**MEMORIALS RECEIVED:**

*In memory of:*

**Jane Sellstrom**

*From:*

*Gerry Caruso*

*Jim & Linda Hilbun*

*Judy Winters*

*Jim & Dodie Erickson*

*Hal & Marlene Hanson*

**MEMORIALS RECEIVED:**

*In memory of:*

**Betty Larson**

*From:*

*Dorothy Tanner*

*Alice Ludwiczak*

*Patty Rewers*

*Louise Denka*

*Athena Constantine*

*Joyce Atkinson*

*Jim & Dodie Erickson*

*Hal & Marlene Hanson*

**MEMORIALS RECEIVED:**

*In memory of:*

**Earl Carpenter**

*From:*

*Carol Sorg*

*Clair & Shirley Fletcher*



Jennifer Wolnik has now moved to an assisted living facility called Southern Tier Meadows, located at 4883 West Main Road, Fredonia, NY 14063. Her phone number through the agency is 679-4883. She welcomes visitors, correspondence and prayer.



Sign up for **altar flowers**

when services are at

HOLY TRINITY

Sign up for **bulletin sponsorship**

when services are at IMMANUEL.



# LCLC events..

## Blacksmithing for Beginners

October 13, 2018

9:00-4:00

A day of forging and fellowship in which you'll be introduced to the basic blacksmithing techniques of fire management, drawing out, cutting, bending, and twisting. More experienced beginners will be able to try forge welding and tool making. Instruction is provided by experienced teachers. Space is limited to 12 participants.

## Spiritual Retreat Saturday, November 3, 2018

This day event will invite participants into a conversation from the Lutheran perspective on the nature of faith and life in the midst of challenge and even tragedy. Participants will also explore how the nature of hope and healing can be enriched through an encounter with the contemplative tradition of Christianity represented by the writings of Richard Rohr.

For more information on either event or to register, please contact:

**Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center**  
5013 Rt. 430  
Bemus Point, NY 14712  
716-386-4125  
[contact@lclcenter.org](mailto:contact@lclcenter.org)

The second Sunday of the month Immanuel will continue to be Food collection and will benefit Holy Trinity's food pantry. Any food will be welcome.



AT IMMANUEL SITE:  
Mobile Food Truck - will be in upper lot on Wed. 10-11:30am thru Sept.

## Worship ATTENDANCE

July 22-55; July 29- 53; Aug 5-79;  
Aug 12-52; Aug 19-51; Aug 26-67

## TREE OF LIFE—General Fund—

	JULY	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
INCOME	\$12,663	\$105,817	\$104,504
EXPENSE	13,584	131,208	115,615
BALANCE	- \$921	-\$24,470	-\$30,677

**FINANCIAL  
PICTURE**



**HT and ILC Prayer Chains** have been consolidated into a **TOL email Prayer Chain**. Prayer requests can be made through the pastor 969-3950; HT church office 488-4235; ILC church office 664-7104; or direct to Dodie 665-5062 her email is [dodie2417@gmail.com](mailto:dodie2417@gmail.com). If you would like to be a part of this important mission please send your email address to Dodie.

## 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.**

# Mission Message

## SEPTEMBER 21: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

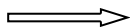
Global migration has reached unprecedented numbers, and cultural polarization is only one result, resulting in conflicts between neighbors. Lutherans in Liberia, Zimbabwe, South Sudan, and Colombia are leading the way in moving people beyond conflict toward reconciliation.

**Liberia:** When the 15-year civil conflict ended in 2003, women who had been instrumental in ending it formed a group called Women in Peacebuilding Network. In fact, one of the women, Leymah Gbowee, a member of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, won the Nobel Peace Prize. They monitor the progress of the peace agreement between the government and the rebel leaders, document violations, and intervene with actions of peace and reconciliation.

**Zimbabwe:** Zimbabwean churches historically have aided the victims of politically motivated violence, but in order to help prevent the violence, they launched the Ecumenical Church Leaders Forum, led by retired Bishop Ambrose Moyo of the ELCZ. 88 local committees are now in place, trained in conflict prevention, management, resolution and peace building.

**Colombia:** In 2016, a peace agreement was reached between the government and a guerilla group, after more than 50 years of conflict. The House of Reconciliation and Peace Education was founded last year by Emmaus Lutheran Church. Its vision is to preach the gospel and to live out the gospel in the community, so they are teaching the people in the neighborhood to resolve conflicts peacefully.

**S. Sudan:** Regional violence in S. Sudan has forced people to flee,



### Pray-Ground building in progress...

You may know what a playground is, but a “Pray-ground”? Pray-grounds are a method of engaging young children in worship and parents of young families – beyond nursery or bypassing Sunday worship. A “Pray-ground” space is established in the front area that often includes: a rug, some soft toys, coloring books, crayons and small table and chairs. Little ones are invited to take part in quiet play at the Pray Ground, as their parents sit directly behind them and a pray ground assistant offers their support. Beginning this autumn, TOL Faith Formation team will begin to create “Pray Ground” space at both worship locations. There will be more information to come on the “Pray Ground” space as we are excited to offer more options for young family’s to take part and be fully welcomed into Sunday worship.



For the upcoming **Adult Sunday School**, Chris Radack will be facilitating the DVD series **"When You Pray the Lords Prayer"** by Dr. James Nestingen at 9 am each Sunday.

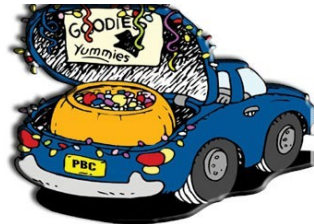
Hagel and Pastor Tara Eastman will take turns facilitating the weekly group.

### **SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY WORSHIP UPDATE:**

TOL will offer a Service of Word and Healing at 10:15 the last Sunday of each month. To allow for alternate worship time and communion needs, a monthly mid-week communion service will be offered on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, HT site. The October date for monthly mid-week worship is the 24<sup>th</sup>, with a time of remembrance of loved ones that have passed away, in reference to All Saints Day that falls on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup> – TOL TRUNK OR TREAT 6-8PM:**

Youth and children are invited to dress up in their Halloween Costumes and “Trick or Treat” in the parking lot of the ILC site, from trunks full of goodies, provided by TOL Faith Formation Team and community volunteers.



### **Save the date for other WELCA events:**

**Fri Nov 2-Sat Nov 3:** 1 Circus—3 Rings  
Camp Pinnacle, Voorheesville NY in beautiful Helderberg  
Mts overlooking the Hudson Valley.. For more info:  
dyerm48@gmail.com or mezzrainey55@gmail.com

**Fri Nov 9-Sat Nov 10:** OUR DAILY BREAD—WELCA  
2018 Fall Retreat. Le Tourneau Christian Center, Rushville  
NY .. Contact: bamtreas@yahoo.com  
or Judyholmes76@gmail.com

only to find they become neighbors of people from their rival ethnic group. Last year, the Lutheran Center opened in Juba, the capital, offering worship, education, health care, and healing. School children have quiet place to do homework, women are learning to sew, and medical staff attends to the ailing. It gives them hope for the future, and, in turn, a reason not to pick up firearms and fight.

The ELCA directly or indirectly supports these initiatives. Your mission support helps bring peace to places that have known lifetimes of war. ***Thank you!***

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

***Marcia Brown***, Mission Interpreter



Mobile Food Truck is a collaboration with Jamestown Renaissance Corporation to provide fresh local produce for people living in food desert neighborhoods of Jamestown. A truck picks up the produce early Wednesday mornings, stops at Conduit Church to divide the load into 1/3s into their food truck and the truck stops at 3 locations. People are given a \$5.00 coupon to try the produce and produce can also be purchased for \$1.00 per item.



## **VISION REPORT FROM AUG 2018 .....**

Dear Tree of Life Members,

The following data and reports represent the extensive work of the Vision Committee over several months. This information is given as an update of information that is being gathered to help the team make a recommendation to council for TOL building consolidation. This report *does not* yet contain a recommendation, but the team is getting closer to that goal. This update contains specific data concerning the KT Survey, Building Assessments, Property Fact Count and commentary from the TOL Vision Team as of August 28, 2018.

The Vision Team will review all data, property tallies and vision brainstorming before making consolidation recommendations to council. If you would like to review the supportive documents for these condensed reports, a Vision Team Draft Folder will be available for in the church offices.

To contact the Vision Team email them at:

**vision@toljamtown.com**

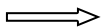
### **1. KT Survey Tally Results:**

<b>A. Worship</b>	<b>HT – 1274</b>	<b>ILC – 1288</b>	<b>14 Pt. to ILC</b>
<b>B. Support</b>	<b>HT – 908</b>	<b>ILC- 1111</b>	<b>203 Pt.to ILC</b>
<b>C. Outreach</b>	<b>HT- 849</b>	<b>ILC – 1046</b>	<b>197 Pt.to ILC</b>
<b>D. Facility</b>	<b>HT – 1511</b>	<b>ILC – 1363</b>	<b>148 Pt.to HT</b>
<b>E. Education</b>	<b>HT- 1136</b>	<b>ILC- 1289</b>	<b>153 Pt.to ILC</b>

### **KT SURVEY CONDENSED COMMENTS FROM CONGREGATION:**

**HT Site:** Outdoor Chapel, but not handicapped accessible, Food Cupboard Ministry a plus, Sanctuary acoustics a plus and Classroom atmosphere negative.

**ILC Site:** Library, Chapel, Kitchen and handicapped accessibility a plus, Neighborhood for outreach a plus, Sanctuary currently has temperature control issues and too close to another Lutheran congregation.



in grass roots, life-giving action to foster growth and wholeness in our community. To join the “Kween Bees” Hive, look up The Kween Bees on Facebook to sign up and contact Pastor Tara for October meeting at HT site TBD.

**WELCA Joint Conference Retreat:** Unwrapping Our Spiritual Gifts – Saturday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (9:30-3) St Paul’s in Ellicottville NY. Contact Lois Rumfelt at 716-338-2428

*FYI – HT Rachel’s Circle has disbanded and will no longer be meeting at HT in the future.*

### **Wednesday Activity Schedule:**

- **Mobile Food Market** is held weekly each Wednesday morning 10-11:30 at the ILC Site. All are welcome to participate and purchase vegetables from the food truck. Truck will run through week of September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Weekly Choir Rehearsal** will be at 7:00 pm – September 5-26 @ HT Site. Shift to ILC Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **First Wednesday of the month: Art Journal Group** at 6-7 PM / September 5<sup>th</sup> @ HT Site. October meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 pm at ILC Site.
- **Prayer Group** 6-7 pm, Sept. 12, 19 @HT Site. Shift to ILC Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Monthly Mid-Week Worship with Communion:** Sept.26<sup>th</sup> 6-7 pm @ HT. Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 6-7 pm @ ILC.
- **Spanglish Classes** are being offered Wednesdays 7-8 pm starting September 12<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at HT Site. This group will follow alternating location schedule for worship and will shift location to ILC on Oct.3rd.

### **Mental Health Association Chapel Service – Weekly on Tuesdays at 2pm/ Gateway Center:**

Beginning on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2 pm, the MHA will be hosting a weekly chapel service for attendees and community members. Father Luke Fodor, Pastor Carolyn Stow, Pastor Bob



## Special Events at TOL Church:

**Confirmation Class Event:** Jamestown Chalk Walk Sept 8th – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, in front of previous Infinity location across from Reg Theater, 8:30-6:30 chalk decoration time – Awards at 6:30pm in Winter Garden Plaza. This event is geared for confirmation youth in 7-8 grades.

**Saturday Movie Nights at TOL:** "Saturday Movie Nights" sponsored by the Social Club. [All movie times will be at 7pm with popcorn, light snacks, beverages available and all movies will be acceptable for whole family.](#) Kids invited to bring favorite pillow, blanket to lay down front if interested. All ages event. Contact Lisa Gustafson for more information "A Dog's Purpose" will be played on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> at the HT site.



Schedule to follow is:

10/20 DOUBLE FEATURE: God's Not Dead 1 & 2 (ILC Site)  
11/17 I Can Only Imagine (HT Site)

### New Women's Interest Groups at TOL:

**Friday Night Ladies Coffee Group** will meet on Friday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at a Jamestown location TBD. Call Pastor Tara at 716-969-3950 for more information.

**"She Says"** is a women's storytelling event that give's women the microphone (literally) to share a personal story based on a chosen theme. September's theme is " Surprising Life Stories" and will take place at the HT Site on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. Child care is available.

**"The Kween Bees"** is a collective hive of strong, creative, wildly compassionate women sharing a dream of our community living "life to the full". In this group, we learn about one another's projects, lend support to one another and to create new initiatives to uplift and bring together our local community, finding solutions to systemic needs of the Jamestown area. Kween Bees unites women

**2. Real Estate Evaluation: based on realtor's opinion - February 2018** *(These numbers are general evaluations/ opinions of a realtor and may not reflect the actual income from the possible sale of property.)*

#### HT Site:

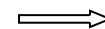
- Parsonage \$166-180 thousand (Smith Ave.)
  - Land and Small Lot \$87,700 ( \$66,660 and \$21,100)
  - Church Building \$653,400
- 825 Forest Ave \$911,000**  
**(Parsonage, Land and Church Building Total)**

#### ILC Site:

- E. Nest \$113-120 thousand
  - Land and Small Lots \$85,500 (\$83,800 and \$1700)
  - Church Building \$690,000
- 556 East Second Street \$890,500**  
**(Eagles Nest, Land and Church Building Total)**

**3. Variance Update:** It is with great disappointment that the leadership of TOL Church announces the variance request to the city of Jamestown for our Smith Ave. property was denied by City Council. It was our hope to allow the non-profit agency [Housing Options Made Easy](#) use of needed office space in the Parsonage, during regular office hours and provide meeting space for small (3-4 people) support and life skills education opportunities. "HOME", provides assistance to community members in need of safe housing help to live full and independent lives. Going forward, Tree of Life Church will work to find a way to house or assist HOME in locating needed office space so that these important services will continue to be available in our community.

**4. Property Facts:** The following property detail is a measurement tool used in the process to determine the church location that best suits the needs of ministry:



## Holy Trinity Immanuel

Number of Pews:	30	26
Seating Capacity per JFD	299	288
<i>Calc. incl choir lofts</i>	301	263
Parking:	106	61
Handicapped incl.	9	5
Bathrooms	5	7
Classrooms	6	6
Kitchen	1	1
Fellowship Hall per JFD	118	112
Office space	3	3
Storage space	Rooms available at both sites	
Expansion Land	5.28 acres	1.3 acres

**For more detailed information contact Dorie Deyo or David Eaker.**

5. **Discussion:** Our recent experience with the city variance denial causes concern about how we will be able to engage in mission efforts going forward, as the Smith Ave. We have now learned that the Smith Ave. Parsonage is only able to be used for pastoral residential housing, to retain nontax status. We continue to be in conversation with the City of Jamestown to get more information of zoning guidelines and how a church can work with them. As we continue to work through the data that has been collected, it's important for our church to stay focused on mission and what physical location best suits those efforts.

Currently TOL's mission statement is general and flexible; but provides a lens for us to ask:

**"Where is God calling TOL church to make its home as we are: United in worship, sharing Jesus and serving all people?"**

We are asking the geographical question this way:

**"What can we do, "ministry-wise" with each location?"**  
**"What is developing as mission opportunity?"**  
**"Who are partners for mission and ministry for TOL?"**

We have worked through many steps of this process and grown in our compassion and care for each other through the  $\Rightarrow$  KT

country of service, full room and board, a small monthly living allowance, and basic international medical insurance. As part of accepting this call, I am asked to raise \$5,000 towards the total cost. Whether it is \$1 or \$100, every little bit you can contribute helps.

To donate online visit my fundraising page: <http://elca.convio.net/goto/arinliszka>

To donate by check:  
 Make check out to: ELCA Global Church Sponsorship  
 Memo Line: ArinLiszkaGCS3448  
 Send to: ELCA Gift Processing Center  
 P.O. Box 1809  
 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



While my personal fundraising deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>, my link will remain open the entire 11 months that I am in Madagascar. I invite you to donate as you are able.

Thank you for your support!

## Rally Day for TOL Sunday School is on September 9, 2018

### Bring Your Back Packs to Rally Day!

Make a Glow in the Dark Cross to remind you that

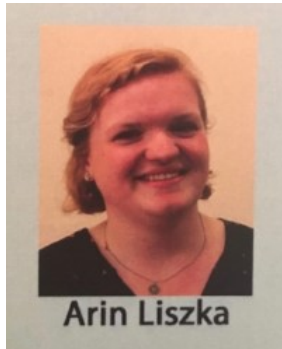
"God is Always With YOU!"

Registration for Classes – All ages (Nursery to Adult)

- Snacks
- Bookmark
- Large Group Lesson
- Singing
- Back Pack Blessing

All BEGINS AT 9 am@ HT Site





## **Arin Liszka Accepted into the Young Adult in Global Ministry Program.**

**The Synod Global Ministry  
Team is excited to introduce  
you to Arin.**

**We hope you will contribute  
through prayers  
and funds to send her out into**

### **the world!**

From Depew NY, member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4 summers as counselor at LCLC & a yr at Hope Lutheran in Arcade NY as a seminary intern; received BA in Political Science at St Bonaventure U & an MA in Religion from United Lutheran Seminary.

Will serve at Young Adult in Global Mission volunteer in Madagascar in August 2018. Placement site still to be determined – 78 will serve in 10 different county programs around the world. Will be teaching English on site for 11mos.

YAGM volunteers serve in the spirit of accompaniment while being the hands and feet of Jesus. We walk with others practicing mutuality, interdependence, and solidarity. YAGMs confront issues of wealth and poverty, racial privilege, economic disparity, and globalization through the lens of faith. The year invites volunteers into a journey of self-reflection, providing space to consider their sense of identity, God's work in the world, and their place within it all.

This journey of accompaniment includes all of you. With a humble heart, I invite you to walk alongside me in one or all the following ways:

**1. Pray.** {for all volunteers & co-ordinators}

**Follow.** read my blog at: <https://arinsmadagascaradventure.wordpress.com> OR subscribe to monthly newsletters by sending me an email at: [aliskza2@gmail.com](mailto:aliskza2@gmail.com)

**Write.** email at [aliskza2@gmail.com](mailto:aliskza2@gmail.com)

**Donate.** costs \$15,000 to support one volunteer for 1 yr. Funds provide training and periodic retreats, roundtrip travel to and from the

Survey (done), ELCA Assessment (done), Real Estate Review (done), Property Facts (done), and the Vision team is getting closer to making a recommendation to council concerning consolidation of property. Continue to keep us and our church in prayer as we discern God's direction.

**TOL Vision Team:** Dorie Deyo, Steven Sandberg, Darcy Whitney, David Eaker, Melissa Storms, Kim Hagelin

**2018 Sept 9th**

**God's Work Our Hands—  
Service with Shopping**



Supply Drive for:

Women's Welling Program at Mayville Jail—Shopping List will be posted at the Church Narthex Sept. 9th & in Sept 2nd bulletin.

Food Storage Supplies for Mobile Market Customers:

Collecting 100 boxes each of ziplock freezer bags quart and gallon sizes.

School Supplies—list to come in Sept 2nd bulletin

Worship for this month is at our Holy Trinity site: 825 Forest Ave, Jamestown

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Note: TEAMS will be notified on dates of these meetings:  
WORSHIP & MUSIC; FINANCE; FAITH FORMATION; MUTUAL  
MINISTRY; VISION, & STAFF MEETING

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 PENTECOST 15 WORSHIP 10AM, HT (REG SCHED NEXT WK)	3 LABOR DAY—Closed	4 MINISTERIUM 10-3 ILC: Sr Center Exer.,10 HT OFFICE open	5 ILC: SR MEN, 9 Healthy Bones, 9 Mobile Market 10-11:30 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard ESTHER CIRCLE 1:30 Art Journal, 6, Choir, 7	6 HT: TOPS 9-NOON ILC Sr Center Exer.,10 PEER SUPPORT, 7	7 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard LADIES COFFEE GRP ..6PM—place TBD	8 Jamestown Chalk Walk 8:30am
9 Rally Day SS,9am PENTECOST 16 FOOD SUNDAY God's Work, Our Hands WORSHIP 10:15 , HT	10 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 Tai-chi, 11am-12:15 Sr Cent. Bingo, 11:30 HT: LABOR OF LOVE, 9AM COUNCIL, 6:30	11 ILC: Sr Center Exer.,10 Tai-chi, 9-11am HT OFFICE open	12 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 Mobile Market 10-11:30 Foster grandparents —11 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard Pr Grp, 6 Choir, 7 Spanglish, 7	13 HT: TOPS 9-NOON ILC: Sr Center Exer.,10 Tai-chi, 9-11am	14 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard	15 At HOLY TRINITY 7PM 
16 SS, 9am PENTECOST 17 OCT N/L DEADLINE WORSHIP 10:15 AM, HT	17 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 Tai-chi, 11am-12:15	18 HT OFFICE open ILC: Tai-chi, 9-11am	19 ILC: SR MEN, 9 Property team, 10:30 Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard Pr Grp, 6 Choir, 7 Spanglish, 7	20 HT: TOPS 9-NOON ILC: Tai-chi, 9-11am CANCER SUPP., 6	21 International Day of Peace ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard "She Says", 6pm	22 WELCA 9:30-3 (St Paul's Ellicottville)
SENIOR CENTER TRIP TO NASHVILLE TN						
23 SS, 9am PENTECOST 18 WORSHIP 10:15AM, HT	24 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 Tai chi 11-12:15 Sr Cent. Bingo, 11:30	25 ILC: Sr Center Exer.,10 + Tureen Tai-chi, 9-11am HT OFFICE open	26 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 NL prep for Mailing, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard Communion Worship, 6 Choir, 7, Spanglish, 7	27 HT: TOPS 9-NOON ILC: Sr Center Exer.,10 Tai-chi, 9-11am	28 ILC: Healthy Bones, 9 HT: 10-2 Food Cupboard	29
30 SS, 9am PENTECOST 19 Service of Word & Healing, 10:15AM, HT (no Communion)						