

Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church

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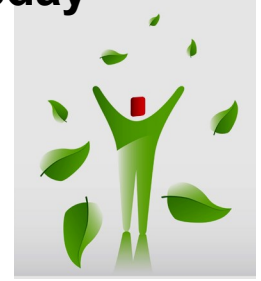
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Leaves of Life—Parish

A prayer for Ash Wednesday

Lord of the winds,
I cry to thee,
I that am dust,
and blown about
by every gust
I fly to thee.



Lord of the waters,
unto thee I call.
I that am weed
upon the waters borne,
and by the waters torn,
tossed by the waters,
at thy feet I fall.

—Mary Coleridge
(1861-1907)



Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2020
- Presidents Day, February 17, 2020
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 23, 2020
- Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020
- Leap Day, February 29, 2020

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:


pastor@toljamestown.com – Pastor Tara Eastman
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TOL Website: www.toljamestown.com Tree of Life is on Facebook



A friend in Jesus
In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.



“Y _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f
y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...
Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:
L _ v _ _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV



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.

February

ASSISTING MINISTER

2nd: Susan Bailey
9th: Wolf-Dieter Krahn
16th: Lori Nystrom
23rd: Lisa Gustafson

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

2nd: Darcy W, Dodie E
9th: Chris R, Paula H
16th: Cindy S, Darcy W
23rd: Dodie E, Chris R

GREETERS

2nd: Darcy W, Sylvia B
9th: Carole D, Dodie E
16th: George H, Paula H
23rd: Joyce A, Cindy S

LECTORS

2nd: Cindy Swan
9th: Judy DuBois
16th: Kim Hagelin
23rd: Cindy Joslyn

ACOLYTES

2nd: Ayden Hagelin
9th: Ella Storms
16th: Ava Hagelin
23rd: Ayden Hagelin

USHERS

2nd: Matt K, Sylvia B,
9th: Paul & Kim H, Dan G, Judy D
16th: Darcy, W George H, Mike L
23rd: Dennis A, Roberto C, Matt W, Jacki W


COUNTERS

 TBA council

ALTAR CARE TEAM FOR FEBRUARY

Paula Hofgren, Dodie Erickson

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



this will update next month

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 February 10th



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

“Leaves of Life “ DEADLINE

Is usually the 3rd Sunday of the month with mailing the last Monday. However because of change of staff, March issue may be postponed.



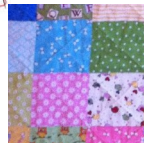
Tree of Life News



ESTHER CIRCLE will meet at the home of
JoAnn Anderson
 (140 Aldren Ave, Apt 72-A) on
 Wednesday, **February 5th** —**AT 1:30**

We will use **Session 2 from the Jan/Feb GATHER magazine** for the Bible Study.

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



LABOR OF LOVE will meet the **FIRST Monday at 9am**

... this month's date is **FEB. 3rd**

FINANCIAL PICTURE

DECEMBER 2019:

Income: \$ 15,467.71
Expenses: \$ 19,220.68
Monthly difference: \$-3,752.97
Cummulative diff: \$-74,100.51



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

Christmas Eve	74
December 29	40
January 5	39
January 12	49
January 19	46

Mission Message

WHERE DOES CHOCOLATE COME FROM?

Do you think of chocolate when you think of Valentine's Day? When you're buying (or eating!) chocolate do you ever wonder where it comes from or how it's made?

More than 2000 farmers in the Philippines are being trained in cacao growing, in part with funding from ELCA World Hunger. Many of them used to grow only corn, leaving them susceptible to seasons of unfavorable climate. But cacao returns a much higher profit at market, and also can be grown on land not suitable for corn, can be harvested year round, and is less vulnerable to severe weather. Besides learning how to grow cacao, the farmers and their families are taught business practices, budgeting, and household management. Where income used to be unpredictable, now families enjoy a more reliable income, which in turn stabilizes many more aspects of their lives.

So, when you're eating you Valentine's chocolate, thank ELCA World Hunger. AND thank you for your mission support!

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

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

Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

Pastor's message..



Dear Members, friends and Colleagues of Tree of Life Lutheran Church,

Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

Over the last three and half years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as Pastor and Redeveloper of Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church. We have accomplished much in our shared ministry and now the time has come for me to resign as your Pastor effective February 11th, 2020. I have accepted a new call as Pastor of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Liverpool, NY. My last Sunday with Tree of Life will be February 9th and my last day in the office February 11th.

As Ecclesiastes states, there is a season for all things. My season of ministry here has come to an end but Tree of Life will continue to serve and minister in Jesus name in its new season.

I give thanks for our time of ministry together at Tree of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church and pray for God's continued blessings and care for all of us in this time of transition. I affirm and pray for Tree of Life to continue in its call as church that shares Jesus, is united in worship and serves all people in the name of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Tree of Life Church has gifts of innovation, determination and has an ability to change and grow to meet the needs of ministry in this community. Your work with the needy, with missionaries, with children in Sunday School: Fletcher School, the G.A. Foster Care Program all have been a joy to witness. I pray that God will bless you in this continued call of service and ministry to the Jamestown and the world.

In regard to what is next for me, I request your prayers for me and my family as we make this move, just as I will be praying for you. We are both moving into the unknown, yet we know that God holds our future in God's hands and always walks with us.

Walking in grace, Reverend Tara Lamont Eastman

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 A

Sunday Feb 2 Presentation of Our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Sunday Feb 9 – 5 Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
Psalm 112:1-9
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday Feb 16 – 6 Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday Feb 23 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9



NOTE: ALTAR FLOWERS 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 delivered (\$30) or picked up (\$22) and if you have any specific request/ . It is fine for flowers and bulletin sponsorship on same day, just specify which you would like. Bulletin sponsorship is \$20.





TREE OF LIFE (February)

- 2/1 John Cable
- 2/3 Zavyer Mayr
- 2/4 Paul Hagelin,
Sydney Moss,
Alexandria Moss
- 2/5 Don Leathers,
Chloe Mazzone,
Nicholas Lucas
- 2/8 George Oste
- 2/11 Adam Moss
- 2/12 Jamie Cercone,
Marlene Hanson,
Nick Certo
- 2/13 Donna Edstrom
- 2/16 Jim Buffone,
Carol Sandberg
- 2/17 Judy Anderson,
Debbie Pifer
- 2/19 Ros Eggleston,
Jerry Davis
- 2/20 Joseph D Lombardo
- 2/21 Jim Erickson
- 2/22 Robert Shaul,
Carole Dean,
Brittany Raffa Anderson
- 2/23 Emily Kling,
Sarah Priester

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE
KNOW if this needs update

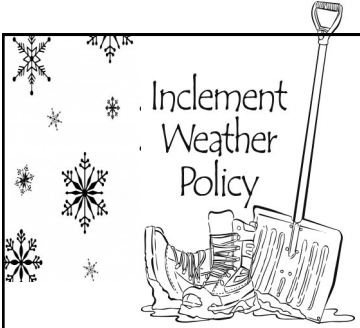
HOSPITALIZATIONS

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

Chain- Prayer requests can be made through the pastor 969-3950; the church office 488-4235; or direct to Dodie (716) 338-9790 her email is dodie2417@gmail.com. If you would like to be a part of this important mission please send your email address to



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.

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:

- 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



ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Marriage Encounter Weekends provide an opportunity for married couples to rediscover the person you fell in love with and to enrich and revitalize that relationship. Please check the list of 2020

Northeast US Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends below, and decide what Weekend will work for you, and sign up as soon as possible to be sure you get the Weekend of your choice.

* [April 24-26, 2020](#) at Country Inn & Suites, Ithaca, NY. A hotel with lots of country charm in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of New York.

* [May 1-3, 2020](#) at Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA. A recently-renovated hotel, home of the unique, treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

* [October 2-4, 2020](#) at Comfort Inn Latham-Albany North--just 10 miles north of Interstate 90 near Albany, the vibrant capital of NY.

* [October 16-18, 2020](#) at Olmsted Retreat. A stunning, hotel-style retreat Center in the Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.

To register for a Weekend, please go to the to the national website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and see the very reasonable group rate for each Weekend. You may make your payment for the cost of your lodging and 5 meals for each of you plus the registration fee with your credit card, or you may mark the option to send a check. Scholarships are available for those in need who request them at the website. Registrations are limited by the size of the conference rooms, so to be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up now at:


www.GodLovesMarriage.org. For questions please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

Our Sympathy to following families:


**HESTER: Dick Hester (Eric's dad)
passed away Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020**

**THORSTENSEN: Bev Thorstensen
(longtime member of Immanuel)
passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2020**

**SECOR: Betty Secor (longtime member of
Holy Trinity) passed away Friday, Jan 10,
2020**



Thank you



It is with mixed emotions that I have decided to finally retire at age 71. I have been a church secretary (administrative assistant) for 30 plus years but I do believe that the time has come for me to leave my position here at Tree of Life. As most of you know, I have pondered this for a while but I truly believe that with much thought and prayers it is the right time. My last day in the office will be February 14th.

God's Blessings to all of you,

Rosemary DiDomenico



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>Activities at E 2nd St—<i>for this month:</i> *Healthy Bones: M-W-F, 9am SR Center Bingo: M, 11:30am Tai Chi: M (11am) T & Th, (9-11:30) 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.;</p>						
2 Presentation	3	4	5	6	7	8
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9 WORSHIP 10:15 Confirmation of Ayden Hagelin	LABOR OF LOVE, 9AM	Ministerium, 10-3	Food Cupboard, 10-2 Esther Circle, 1:30 at home of JoAnn Anderson	TOPS 721, hall 8am-11	Food Cupboard, 10-2	Black History Month
9 5 Epiphany	10	11	12	13	14	15
FOOD SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9 WORSHIP 10:15 Farewell Reception for Pastor Tara, Beryl & Rosemary	Council, 6:30pm	Pastor Tara last day	Food Cupboard, 10-2	TOPS 721, hall 8am-11	Food Cupboard, 10-2 Rosemary's last day <i>Valentine's Day</i>	
16 6 Epiphany	17	18	19	20	21	22
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9 WORSHIP 10:15 March N/L DEADLINE TBA	Closed Presidents Day		Food Cupboard, 10-2	TOPS 721, hall 8am-11	Food Cupboard, 10-2 Jmst Community Barn Dance, 7pm-9:30, hall	WELCA Soap Project work day, 9:30 am at Christ Chapel, Lutheran
23 Transfiguration	24	25	26	27	28	29
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9 WORSHIP 10:15 <i>Transfiguration Day</i>	Newsletter mlg TBA		Food Cupboard, 10-2 Worship TBA <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	TOPS 721, hall 8am-11	Food Cupboard, 10-2	