Saint John Lutheran Church, Bellmore NY
A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

July/August 2021

Mission statement: *We are a community of faith that is: gathered for worship and fellowship, empowered by Scripture and the Sacraments, strengthened for service and sent forth as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

Join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

The Eagle

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends of Christ!

Let us pray: ***O God, give us times of refreshment and peace in the course of this busy life. Grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

This prayer for the ***"Use of Leisure"*** was included in the (green - LBW) *Lutheran Book of Worship*. In this prayer, we hear that times of rest and renewal are essential for our lives of service in Christ's name. All too often the pace of our daily routines and schedules drains us; depleting our energies as well as spiritual fortitude. Our fuel tanks run on **"E"** which, we may think is "enough," but is actually "EMPTY." We need to refill our personal reservoir so we have the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual strength to carry on. We need time for rest, relaxation, and reflection because recreation leads to "RE—CREATION!"

Sabbath time – whether on Sunday or any other time of the week – releases us from the concerns of the world and allows us time to rest, relax, reflect and replenish. It's the time God gives us for re-creation. The summer months typically afford us with such opportunities. With school in recess, many of us plan and take vacations as a family...sure need to do something after the past year of things being closed down due to the pandemic. Sunny days invite us to play outside, swim in the pool, go camping, hiking, sail on a boat, walk along the beach or swing in a hammock. The heat and humidity of the day compels us to slow down, stay hydrated and take a break. Summer is meant for re-creation in whatever shape or form you take it.

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Special points of interest

Worship and Christian Education Schedules

Welcome to Worship
9:00 am

July Worship

7/4
Pastor Wildow
Holy Communion
7/11
Deacon Charlene
Service of the Word
7/18
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion
7/25
Deacon Charlene
Service of the Word

August Worship

8/1
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion
8/8
Deacon Charlene
Service of the Word
8/15
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion
8/22
Deacon Charlene
Service of the Word
8/29
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles,… "

July & August Birthdays

Happy birthday to:

July
3 Thomas Ziminski
6 Cole Drewes
9 Margaret Neverka
13 Collin Roulston
22 Kelcie Roulston
25 Christa Tuccillo
25 Elizabeth Kamelhar
25 Eva Leis
26 Nancy Dineen
27 Erin Dwyer
29 Gavin Mooney

August
7 Sue Bogen
19 Hope Leys
22 Kylie Goodlin
31 Charlotte Mooney

If you celebrate your birthday in July or August and your name has been inadvertently left off the list, please contact the church office.

News, Notes & Greetings

Dear St. John,
This is just a short note to let you know that the results of Form 6 (A Level High School) were just released in Tanzania and your Renatha received a wonderful result: Division One. She is among the highest level of graduates this year. We are so proud of her and her hard work! Keep her in your prayers as the government decides where and what she may study further. Thank you for supporting her through so many years of study. This certainly would not have happened without you!

Gayle Kliever and the trustees of the Gayle Lyn Kliever Student Fund

Photos of Renatha "then and now" on Page 3.===>

YouTube

Now you can join us for worship with just the click of a button. Thanks to Karen Brucia our Sunday morning worship service will be streaming live on Facebook and then will be posted to our very own YouTube channel. Just click the link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXNbB4vKpPjcIKWpwdUcXzw

or search for Saint John Lutheran Church, Bellmore and scroll down until they see our church picture and/or name. If you would like to be notified when new videos are posted, click on "subscribe" .

In memory of Barbara Altman & Vivian Devens to deficit fund from the Dwyer Family.

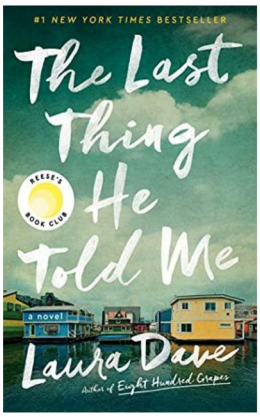
In memory of John Adel to memorial fund from Carol Glen

Memorials & Donations

In memory of Barbara Altman to memorial fund from Carol Glen, Carol Ann Kehrbaum, Angel Zamora and Pastor Kirschbaum

In memory of Gerry & Eileen Flanagan to current from Jeremy Flanagan

In memory of Vivian Devens to memorial fund from Carol Glen, Carol Ann Kehrbaum, Angel Zamora and Pastor Kirschbaum



Next Book Club

Hosted by Lori Vanderwaren

Wednesday, July 21st @ 7PM

Please call/text Deacon Charlene

@ 516-330-6566 for address

The Last Thing He Told Me

by Laura Dave (Goodreads Author)

4.03 · Rating details · 75,194 ratings · 7,069 reviews

Alternate cover edition of ISBN 9781501171345.

We all have stories we never tell. Before Owen Michaels disappears, he manages to smuggle a note to his beloved wife of one year: *Protect her.*

Despite her confusion and fear, Hannah Hall knows exactly to whom the note refers: Owen's sixteen-year-old daughter, Bailey. Bailey, who lost her mother tragically as a child. Bailey, who wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother.

As Hannah's increasingly desperate calls to Owen go unanswered; as the FBI arrests Owen's boss; as a US Marshal and FBI agents arrive at her Sausalito home unannounced, Hannah quickly realizes her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey just may hold the key to figuring out Owen's true identity—and why he really disappeared.

Hannah and Bailey set out to discover the truth, together. But as they start putting together the pieces of Owen's past, they soon realize they are also building a new future. One neither Hannah nor Bailey could have anticipated.

You can help a child in need this school year through the New Life Center by donating any of the school supplies listed below. Many children do not have the basic supplies necessary for beginning their school year and your donation will help a child start their year off right!

Backpacks	Pens
Lunch boxes	Pencils
3 Ring binders	Sharpeners
Looseleaf paper	Pencil boxes
Composition Notebooks	Erasers
Spiral notebooks	Glue
Folders	Glue sticks
Crayons	Rulers
Colored Pencils	Scissors
Markers/Dry erase	Index cards

Renatha

Online Worship

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Or search for Saint John Lutheran Church and scroll down until you see our church picture or name.

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As we settle-into the "lazy days of summer," please remember that prayer, scripture reading and worship as we receive the sacrament remain the primary means through which the Holy Spirit replenishes us so that we may be opened to the goodness of God's creation. If you are not already in the practice of beginning each day with prayer, consider doing so this summer…(perhaps the prayer above can assist you)…Pick up the Bible and read a portion of God's word daily. And, wherever you are on a Sunday, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."…(Church attendance is always a great way to do this)…

Like everything else we have, our leisure time is a gift given to us by God. How we use this gift is up to us. It really is a matter of good stewardship. The way I see it, Jesus took time to walk along the shore, ride in a boat, have a cook out, attend a party, share in a picnic, spend time in the garden, roam the desert, retreat to the mountains, and go to the temple. He knew he needed time in the course of his busy life for refreshment and peace so he could be strengthened for service. Maybe it would be wise for us to follow in his footsteps and by his example---especially during the summer. I end this segment of the Pastor's Letter with an interesting version of the 23rd psalm I found dedicated for "Busy People" written by Toki Miyashina – it certainly is thought provoking – hope you enjoy it…

"The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush. He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals, He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity, He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of mind, and his guidance is peace. Even though I have a great many things to accomplish this day, I will not fret, for His presence is here; His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance. He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my mind with the oils of tranquility. My cup of joyous energy overflows. Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours, for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in His house forever."

Summer blessings to you and your family – remember, it's cool to worship at Saint John!
+ Pastor Kirschbaum