

The Vine

October 2008

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to lovingly proclaim the Gospel among all people in order to form and nurture loving communities which confess by word and deed that Jesus is Lord and Savior





Our Partnership October 2008

“Smoothing out the Ride”

Dear Members and Friends of St. John’s Lutheran Church and School,

“It’s been a wild ride.” That how one person who works on Wall Street described the events of the past several weeks that sent the Stock Market diving downward and then rocketing back up when the news of a government bailout was made known.

The “Wild Ride” affects every man, women and child in our nation, because what in the financial world directly or at least indirectly affects everything we do. We may feel that we are a great distance from Wall Street, yet what happens there effects of lives and today and the future as well. Finances are a necessity for living our lives in this world. Even the poorest use money in some form. While they may not have much money, the government and private agencies which help take care of them function with money.

Does the Bible have anything to say about all this? Can it help us “smooth out the ride” as we travel through life on this earth? I believe it does – in fact it has much to – far more than can be discussed in this brief discussion. But please allow me to point out a few key words of wisdom from Scripture.

Let’s begin by remembering that all things in this world are in the control of an almighty God. As the old spiritual puts it; “He got the whole world in His hands.” The writer tells us; “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all thing by His powerful word.” The One who created this world and all that is in it also continue to have the role of caretaker. That means that nothing happens in this world that is outside the realm of God’s control. We can be assured that God is well aware of the “wild rides” that world takes us on.

Secondly, let us remember that God is the One who supplies our every need. The Psalmist in Psalm 145 says; “The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.” When we are in the midst of financial uncertainty, let us remember the One who daily supplies me with all my needs. We do need to remember the word “needs” as compared to the word “wants.” What we want may well be vastly different from what God in His infinite wisdom determines we need. Be assured that God is willing and able to provide what you need.

Thirdly, keep spiritually fit. Make sure you are always connected to God through regular worship, devotions in your home, Bible Study, and prayer. Satan looks for every opportunity to raise the fear factor in your life. If given the opportunity, he will dismiss God's ability to take care of you. If you are not spiritually fit, you will give up on God and His ability to handle your needs. Keep yourself spiritually fit through regularly hearing the God's Word and partaking of the Holy Supper. As Paul reminds us, "We can do all things, through Christ who strengthen us" (Phil. 4:13). The ability to endure during times of difficulty requires the strength that only God can provide through His means of grace.

Finally, remember to talk to God often. The words of the Psalmist provide good advice – "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you... (Psalm 50:15). God wants to hear our prayers and is ready to answer them. He is concerned about the "wild rides" in your life and wants to help you get through them safely. Talk to Him and then trust in His ability help you.

"Wild rides" are unavoidable during our life on this earth, however, God is ready to help smooth out those rides for you. Remember Him and His ability to help you as you experience the ups and downs of life.

In Christ

Rev. Dr. Richard Lohmeyer

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Stewardship is more than giving money. A few dollars can't buy what is needed the most--our involvement. Time and Talent, YOUR time and talent are the most valuable gifts you can give. Your money allows us to obtain substitutes, but no amount of money can ever replace you.

We, as children of God, are called to account for the many gifts which we have received. Stewardship means giving. Giving not only as an obligation but as a means of achieving JOY.

The three "T's" of stewardship are gifts we are called upon to give. It's our responsibility to give not just one or two, but all three.

We should all think of life as something God has given us to manage or take care of. Everything comes from one God. We may use our Talents or abilities to achieve material goods, but the Talent or ability is a gift from God to begin with. With this attitude it becomes clear, as stewards, that we merely give of what we are, as well as what we have. We should endeavor to build an attitude of generous giving and to get into the mist of thinking of others.

A few stewardship quotes:

"If you want to live longer give the other driver the right of way."

"There will always be roses, but someone has to take care of them."

"People who spend their time finding fault usually have little else to do."

"A church member who feels no responsibility for his church does not really belong."

And finally, from Luke 12:34 "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also, Amen."

May He grant it for Jesus' sake.

The Stewardship Committee

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From Our Church Fathers

Luther Dotterer Reed (1873-1972), Lutheran Pastor, liturgical scholar, professor and president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Principle and Form are related as Soul and Body. The latter is the medium through which the former is able to express itself. The intellect, the will, the emotions, in fact the SOUL LIFE of the human personality is only able to reveal itself, and indeed only possesses objective existence, in the physical life. So abstract principles may have some quasi existence within the realm of the metaphysical, but in order to (bring about) our real apprehension of them in time and space they must have a concrete, formal expression. The animating principles of Christian faith constantly appear in the several spheres of Christian life, and nowhere more clearly than in the department of Christian Worship. The distinctive differences in doctrine held by different Churches may not be evident in the private lives of their members, but they will inevitably appear in the public worship of their congregations. Doctrines and principles of worship are proclaimed not only from the pulpit, but from the altar, from the pew, from the organ bench and choir room; in Liturgy as truly as in Confessional Symbol; in rubric often more clearly than in text; in manner, gesture, posture as surely as in spoken or printed word. Everything is pregnant with meaning when one learns to read it aright. We understand not the mannerisms of strangers, but the simple tone of voice, the glance of an eye, or the most trivial gesture of a dear friend conveys deep significance. So greater intimacy with the forms of devotion may reveal to us many qualities hitherto unperceived.

It is a very superficial opinion, oft expressed, that there is little difference between Churches. "We all are going to the same place," it is said; as if it were immaterial in undertaking a journey to a distant city whether we kept in the King's highway with its signboards and places of refreshment, or stumbled in danger and discomfort through the woods and swam swollen streams. Or as if because we all live upon what we eat, there were no difference in foods! A Lutheran is not a Romanist, a Quaker, or a Methodist. We have a distinctive doctrine, a distinctive apprehension of God's revelation, as have they; and our cultus, or form of worship, as expressing our belief, is just as distinctive in character.

"Our Distinctive Worship-The Common Service and Other Liturgies, Ancient and Modern" in Memoirs of the Lutheran Liturgical Association, Volume I, 1906

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Principal's Corner

We are well on our way into our new school year. There are some new faces, both students and teachers. Programs are underway, Art, Gym, Computer and Music. A "Talent Show" is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th during the Oktoberfest. The Fire Department will be visiting the classes on Thursday, September 26th. Literacy Night is schedule for October 8th. Our lunch program has started; snacks are also available. Let's have a happy, healthy school year!

Mrs. Palisay

St. John's Ladies Guild

Thursday, October 2, 2008

7:30 PM in the church basement

Program: *Dorothy Eberhart will speak on Argentina
Please join us!!!*

*In Christ,
Joan Mohlenhoff*

Mill Neck Manor-Fall Festival

A Long Island Tradition
October 11 & 12, 2008
9 am to 5 pm

Join us for two days of excitement over Columbus Day weekend, filled with activities and bushels of fun!
Treat your family to a beautiful day on our 86 acre campus, dressed in autumn's most gorgeous colors.
\$5.00 admission per vehicle (suggested donation)

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The Eger Foundation
Annual Holiday Fair
Saturday, November 1, 2008
9 am to 4 pm
140 Meisner Avenue
(718) 989-3125

Facts about October

The Gregorian calendar came in to effect in the Western World in October of 1582. The American colonies did not accept it until 1752. Which other country did not accept it?

Britain. It replaced the Julian calendar. Ten days had to disappear, By the time Britain and the American colonies accepted it eleven days had to be dropped.

■ The United Nations came into being in October. What year?

1945. On October 24, 1945 twenty-nine nations ratified UN Charter. Its headquarters were to be in New York City although the first meetings were held in London. Trygve Lie became first Secretary General in 1946.

■ In October 1871 a city burnt for about thirty hours. Which city?

Chicago. 250 were killed and over 90,000 made homeless. An area of nearly four square miles was destroyed.

■ Which island was discovered by Columbus on October 28, 1492?

Cuba. Columbus landed in Cuba in 1492 on his first voyage west. The Spanish established a colony on the island in 1511.

■ In October of which year was the stock market crash that started with Black Thursday?

1929. Share values started falling on Black Thursday, October 24. This crash caused widespread panic and eventually helped precipitate the Depression.

■ Which king was killed at the Battle of Hastings, October 14, 1066?

Harold. William of Normandy was the victor in this battle. He became King William I otherwise known as William the Conqueror.

■ Which US president made the first telecast from the White House in October 1947?

Truman.

■ Lord Nelson was killed in this battle fought against Spain and France

Battle of Trafalgar. Although Nelson was killed, no British ships were lost. Twenty ships in the larger Spanish and French fleet were lost. This battle gave the British supremacy at sea and foiled Napoleon's plans to invade England.

■ When was the Statue of Liberty dedicated?

1886. The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France. In honor of its 100th birthday it was refurbished. French President Francois Mitterrand was present at its reopening on July 4, 1986.

■ Who made the first successful demonstration of electric light on October 1879?

Edison & Thomas Edison.

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Divine Service:

Saturday: 5:00 PM at the Church
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM at the church
Family Education Hour: 9:15 AM at the church
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Church:

216 Jewett Avenue (Corner of Jewett & Post)
Staten Island, NY 10302 (no mail)
Email: stjohnslutheranchurchoffice@gmail.com

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Evangelical Pamphlets Available

PROJECT CONNECT

The Evangelism Committee of St. John's offers for your interest, booklets published by the Lutheran Laymen's League, pertaining to everyday problems and concerns.

The following booklets titles are available at the display rack in the Narthex of church. If there is a subject of concern not listed, please contact Rhoda Browne (718) 698-3356.

Alone, Alive, Fulfilled
Alzheimer's
Battles with the Bottle
Coping with Cancer
Dealing with Depression
Finding Peace
Forgiveness Is for Giving
Has God Abandoned Me?
How to Know What's Right...And Do It
No Need to Fear
Now You're Talking
Overcoming A Painful Childhood
Parenting with Purpose
Prayer and Thoughts for Caregivers
Setting Priorities
Raising Your Children with Respect So You Prayed
for A Miracle...
Surviving A Loved One's Suicide
Surviving Breast Cancer
Take Heart in Your Grief
Talking with God
The Purpose of Living, The Purpose of Dying
The Truth About Angels
"THHHPPTT!" *And Other Helpful Ways to Manage Anger*
To Much to Do, Too Little Time
Unlocking the Prison of Guilt
When in Doubt...Read the Book!
Where's God in All of This?
Why Should I go to Church?

New arrivals will be posted next month

Find the names that have been hidden in the grid, then read a quotation from Ecclesiastes 7:1!



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Abel	Isaiah	Miriam
Adam	Jacob	Moses
Amos	James	Nahum
Boaz	Jeremiah	Naomi
Cain	Jesus	Noah
Daniel	Joel	Paul
David	John	Peter
Elisha	Jonah	Rachel
Esay	Joseph	Ruth
Esther	Luke	Salome
Eve	Lydia	Samson
Ezekiel	Mark	Seth
Ezra	Mary	Solomon
Haggai	Matthew	Tamar
Hosea	Micah	



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Snapdragon is the flower of the month- opal or tourmaline are the gems of the month		1 9:00A Chapel 7:30P Parent Confirmation Meeting at School	2 Interim Reports 9:30 Breakfast Bible Study 7:30P Ladies Guild program: Argentina	3	4 8:30AM Adult Information Class 4:00P Children's Choir 5:00P Divine Worship
5 8:00A Divine Worship 9:15A Bible Study 10:45A Divine Worship LWML Sunday	6	7 10A Mary/Martha 7:15P Bd. of Christian Ed Meeting 8:00P Adult Choir	8 9:00A Chapel Literacy Night-Book Fair	9 9:30 Breakfast Bible Study	10	11 4:00P Children's Choir 5:00P Divine Worship
12 8:00A Divine Worship 9:15A Bible Study 10:45A Divine Worship	13 Columbus Day-NO SCHOOL	14 10A Mary/Martha 8:00P Adult Choir VINE DEADLINE	15 9:00A Chapel	16 9:30 Breakfast Bible Study	17 7:00P International Bring-A-Dish Dinner in School Gym	18 4:00P Children's Choir 5:00P Divine Worship
19 8:00A Divine Worship 9:15A Bible Study 10:45A Divine Worship	20	21 10A Mary/Martha 8:00P Adult Choir	22 9:00A Chapel	23 9:30 Breakfast Bible Study	24 Teacher Professional Development Day-NO SCHOOL	25 4:00P Children's Choir 5:00P Divine Worship
26 8:00A Divine Worship 9:15A Bible Study 10:45A Divine Worship Reformation Sunday	27	28 10A Mary/Martha 8:00P Adult Choir	29 9:00A Chapel	30 Picture Day 9:30 Breakfast Bible Study	31 Reformation Day Halloween	