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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Vine
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



The January Vine 2011

The Newsletter of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
(718) 761-1600

Divine Service:
Sundays @ 9:00 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Staten Island, NY 10314

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A Message from the Elders January 2011

Greetings in the Name of Christ Jesus,

I pray that everyone had a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A special thank you to Pastor David Demera who was our guest preacher at our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Also, great job by our Sunday School, their leaders, the children's choir and Pastor Wade Miller for a wonderful 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

In an effort to cut back on costs, we have reduced the size of both worship bulletins. In the smaller bulletin, you will find the order of service written on the back page, and announcements and who is serving on the inside two pages. The elders have underwritten the cost for the Scripture Reading Inserts for 2011. The large print bulletin has also gone through some changes; the new bulletin is at least six pages less a week, times the 30 large bulletins produced. We are saving close to 400 sheets of paper alone each week between both bulletins. You will find the hymns and the readings, (also who is serving and announcements) in the large bulletin. When you receive a large bulletin from a greeter, please make sure to take a Liturgical Folder (pink cover which says Divine Service Setting Three, Advent - Lent). This folder remains in

the church and contains all the liturgy for Divine Service Setting Three. Inside the Liturgical Folder, you will find (see bulletin) when it is time for a hymn or a Scripture reading. We realize that this may be somewhat inconvenient for some people at first, but we are also very confident that everyone can adjust to this.

Also, in an effort to “Go Green,” our Monthly Vine Newsletter will be posted on our website at www.stjohnslutheransi.org beginning in February 2011. If you prefer a hard copy, you may do so by printing it out on your home printer. For those of you who don't have access to a computer, please contact the church office. In the upcoming months the elders will give a more precise amount of paper and money being saved to the church. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we move forward in the upcoming year.

In Christ Jesus,

Thomas Sax
Elder Chair

“I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

Serving as Church Elders;

Thomas Sax
Walter Francis
Bruce Mohlenhoff
David Decker



More on Stewardship....

The ticking time clock waits for no one. Suddenly we are in a New Year. Where have those 365 days gone? The Advent Season has passed ending with the Birth of Our Savior. Epiphany will soon be upon us with Christ's Manifestation.

What kind of year has 2010 been for St. John's congregation? Some more questions come to mind....they are:

- have you kept all your New Year's resolutions?
- more specifically, have you worshipped and communed regularly, if physically able?
- have you offered to serve in some capacity when there was a need?
- have you met your financial commitments, or did you fail to pick up your offering envelopes down in the Church Hall?

Many more specifics I am sure...some members will no doubt feel a pang of conscience; others have long since forgotten their obligations.

All in all, we hope and we pray that this new season will be made a spring board, with many opportunities to give of ourselves and

have that wonderful feeling of being good and faithful stewards.

We are all cognizant of the fact that Pastor and Judy Lohmeyer have left St. John's and have taken a Call to do Mission Work in the Ohio District. Many of us miss them very, very much.

We have been very fortunate in funding Pastor Wade Miller of Trinity Lutheran, Bay Ridge, to assume the duties of vacancy Pastor for one year. His various duties include preaching, teaching, doing confirmation, officiating at baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. in service to St. John's Church and School.

With Pastor Millers' arrival it is all the more meaningful for the congregation to rise to the occasion and become better stewards, in all aspects of stewardship. As Christian stewards we need to show more love to everyone and in everything we do. Yes, ever giving love where we know love will not be returned.

By God's grace may we all become better stewards.

The Stewardship Committee

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



We were busy all through the month of December.

Breakfast with Santa was a great success; so was the fundraising programs with Kastle Creations and Yankee Candles.

Some classes enjoyed "Annie" with Fiona Gannon in the ensemble.

Oliver Zhang came in first for our annual Spelling Bee and Sara DeFazio came in second. They will represent our school in the Annual Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee.

Everyone enjoyed our beautiful Christmas Concert. Thank you Mr. Sax for all your hard work.

Teachers and staff feasted on a wonderful lunch sponsored by the Board of Christian Education and the Fundraising Committee.

A special "Open House" was held for the students and parents of Trinity Lutheran School. We are all sorry to hear that they will be closing in June.

Our regular "Open House" is scheduled for Jan. 22, 2011; time: 11 AM to 2 PM. Come and take a tour, meet the teachers, and see what we are all about.

School Board meeting is scheduled for Jan.10th and The Educational Planning meeting for Jan.25th at 7 PM.

End of marking period is Jan.21 and Report Cards will be given Jan. 27th.

Mrs. Palisay

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



- 5 Beverly Heming
- 5 Brigitte Hermann
- 5 Susan Owen 27 Dorothy & Ferdinand Fiore
- 8 Rita Maone
- 13 Brian Reich
- 13 Diane Reich
- 16 Thomas Vasquez
- 18 Kim Peters
- 26 Jeanette Anderson

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**Offerings for November & December 2010**  
 November 2010.....\$ 9,793  
 December 2010.....\$25,000



***St. John's Ladies Guild***

January 6, 2011

7:30PM in the church basement

**EPIPHANY PARTY & GIFT EXCHANGE**

Please bring a wrapped gift and join us for a blessed evening.

In celebration of our Savior's birth we give gifts to various ministries. For 2010 we were able to give over \$1,900, and we are so grateful to be a blessing to so many. Our thanks to everyone who supported the activities of the Ladies Guild in 2010, and to

all who gave to our mite box fund for missions. **TOGETHER** we are a blessing!  
**Brigitte Hermann, President**  
**Joan Mohlenhoff, Secretary**

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**Saints and Church Dates**  
**January 2011**

- 6 – The Epiphany of Our Lord
- 9 – Baptism of Our Lord
- 18 – The Confession of St. Peter
- 24 – St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor
- 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul
- 26 - St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor

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Please remember
the following deadlines:
Weekly Bulletin every
Tuesday @ 10AM
Monthly Newsletter
the second Monday
of every Month @ 11AM

Evangelical Pamphlets

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 are available at the display rack in the Narthex of the 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
"THHHPPPTT!" *And Other Helpful Ways to Manage Anger*
Too 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?

**Please don't forget to submit your name to this fun interactive activity. You may fill out the form or request one from the church office.
WHO CAN IT BE?**

NAME: _____

D.O.B.: _____

BIRTHPLACE: _____

PARENT(S)/SIBLING(S): _____

SCHOOL(S) ATTENDED: _____

DEGREES: _____

MILITARY SERVICE: _____

CHILDHOOD RELIGION: _____

YEAR JOINED ST. JOHN'S: _____

INTERESTING FACTS
(MARRIED, CHILDREN, JOBS, HOBBIES,
ETC.) _____

SERVED IN CHURCH AS...
(CHOIR, SOCIAL MINISTRY, ACOLYTE, ETC.) _____

PHONE NUMBER FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS
WHO IS IT?

Each month we will be featuring a mystery parishioner in the monthly Vine Newsletter. A picture or clue of this person will be on the church basement cork board next to the piano. Let's see how well we know our fellow parishioners by trying to find out who they are by the clues given. The answer for our mystery parishioner will be published in the following months Vine. Good luck and have a little fun!

In Christ,
Tommy Sax

Last month's mystery parishioner was Ann Gray



CHOIRS

Psalm 100:1-2

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!*

Dearest Friends in Christ Jesus,

Wow! What a month. For those who attended worship, you heard the adult choir sing on every Sunday in Advent including, Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. An excellent job done by all. Thank you to Susan Neitzel and Ray Mullick who joined the ranks during December. Also a special thank you to Michael Kuhlman, who also sang with us at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services. I'm still encouraging other parishioners who can make a full or partial commitment to join our choirs. I also want to thank all those who took the time to go Christmas Caroling to our shut-ins, and to the residents at the Harbor House at Egers. This year 19 of us shared the Hope and Joy of Christmas with those who could not attend worship services. You touched the heart of all who heard your beautiful singing, thank you.

I also want to thank the children's choir who

sang at Lessons and Carols and at the 4 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. We also had two members, Christopher Browne and Joseph Malak attend Christmas Caroling. Thank you for your dedication and your wonderful voices.

A very special thank you goes out to all the students at St. John's Lutheran School. At this year's Christmas Pageant, we had kindergarten and first grade sing together before and after our scheduled program. Second through six grade made up our chorus, seventh grade were our narrators, stage hands, wardrobe and chorus assistants, and eighth grade acted out our Nativity. Everyone did an incredible job, especially the chorus. Also, thank you to our violinists and guitarists who participated in the pageant. These students are being instructed by the Staten Island Music Conservatory in an after school program.

In Christ,

Tommy Sax

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St. John's Lutheran school

SPRING AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 1, 2011



Calling all

Volunteers!



St. John's Lutheran School is looking for someone in our congregation who has experience in writing grants to help our principal to investigate grant-writing opportunities.

We are also looking for someone to develop alumni lists so that we can establish a greater relationship with our alumni.

If you can help in either of these areas, or know someone who could, please contact Mrs. Palisay at the school office.
(718) 761-1858

Thank You

Christ our Savior of the Valley Lutheran Church

LC-MS

Rev. Dr. Richard G. Lohmeyer, Pastor

December 1, 2010

St. John's Lutheran Church

663 Manor Road

Staten Island, NY 10314

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On August 1st I began serving as a Mission Pastor to the Greenbrier Valley area of West Virginia (Lewisburg). At the present time a small group of Lutherans are worshiping in my home and preparing to "launch" public worship. We have chosen the name Christ Our Savior of the Valley Lutheran Church.

I was called by the Ohio District to with the Lord's blessing; establish a Lutheran congregation in the Greenbrier Valley, because there is not a conservative Lutheran congregation within a two hour drive of Lewisburg. In addition, there are a high percentage of people in the Valley who are not active church participants.

I am writing to ask for your support of our efforts to plant a new congregation in our community. You can support this effort in several ways. First, you can support Judy and me through your prayers. I would encourage you to become one of our parish's Prayer Partners. If you chose to do so, our Prayer Coordinator will email you a prayer request each week, for you to include in your prayers. Also if you have a special need, we would be happy to pray for you and that need. You may become a Prayer Partner, by emailing us at: christoursaviorofthevalley@gmail.com or dropping me a note.

Second, as you know it takes money to function in this world and that's true for the Church as well. Our new congregation is heavily dependent upon the contributions of our Partners. I ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a Financial Partner of Christ Our Savior of the Valley. You may wish to make a "one time" gift or perhaps a monthly commitment for the coming year. Whatever you decide, know that each gift will be used to bring the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the Greenbrier Valley community. You may mail your check to the address below.

During this glorious season may God's gift of peace, joy and love be wrapped around you. And may your celebration of our Savior's birth, ensure you a blessed and happy new year.

Your Friend in Christ,



Rev. Dr. Richard Lohmeyer



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