

# 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 July & August Vine 2011*

The Newsletter of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

(718) 761-1600

**Divine Service:**

**Sunday @ 9:00 AM with Holy Communion**

***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

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AUGUST 15TH**



**Roster of Officers  
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Church & School  
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## A Message from the President

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the bringing down of our debt.

The current figure for Kinetic is \$3,475 and the maintenance has been paid off, please keep up the good work. Also a Thank You to all who attended the **FORTY MINUTE** voter's meeting and approved the new slate of candidates and also approved the budgets for the upcoming year of the church and school.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER !!!!!!!

Thank You Again,  
Fred Bock  
Church Congregational President

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**A Message from the Elders  
July & August 2011**

**Elders Report**

Dearest Friends in Christ Jesus,

I'm sad to announce that Pastor John Fleischmann of Christ Lutheran, East Moriches NY, has declined the Divine Call to our church. I would like to thank the members of our call committee for their hard work and dedication. God has promised us that He is always with us. He knows who He will send to tend to His sheep here at St. John's. I encourage everyone to keep praying that God will send a shepherd to our parish and school. The elders will meet over the summer and will keep everyone up on any progress that may transpire.

I know I speak for everyone when I say "THANK YOU" to Pastor Miller for all that he has done for our church and school over the last 10 months. He is a dedicated servant of God, and is truly a shepherd, and will greatly be missed. Pastor Miller has committed himself to several Sundays this summer where he will be our guest pastor and lead worship. Starting on July 3, and continuing through rally day, we will be utilizing Divine Service Setting 4.

I can't stress enough that we as a congregation must continue to work together as we continue to pray on God's guidance to our next shepherd. Remember, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 We know that following in our Lord's example is a tough rode filled with obstacles. Next year we will celebrate this wonderful place called St. John's Lutheran. Our church will celebrate 160 years and our school will celebrate 60 years of proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord. Therefore dear members of St. John's, as it is proclaimed in the book of Revelation, "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

In Christ  
Thomas Sax  
Elder Chair

*The LORD is my strength and my song; and he has become my salvation. Psalm 118:14*



More on Stewardship.....

Last month we focused on who the steward is. We now move to the changes that happen to him.

We know the whole world is rapidly changing. But it doesn't only happen around us, it also occurs to us. Martin Luther puts it best in his small catechism when he asks "Besides faith what else does the Holy Spirit create in you by the Gospel?" The answer, "The Holy Spirit sanctifies me in the true faith, that is, by faith He works a renewal of my whole life-in spirit, will, attitude, and desires- so that I now strive to overcome sin and do good works." St. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." So it is the Holy Spirit through the Word that changes us.

The kind of change He works in us through His Word is what Christian Stewardship is all about. This is not about another program or a quick fix. It isn't about getting people to volunteer "their" time to do something at church or donate "their" time to a worthy cause, or getting people to give more of "their" money to meet a church budget. The change needed in Christian Stewardship is NOT just a quick fix, but rather as we have discussed on past occasions, a lifelong change. It is not a two or three week emphasis to fix a money problem. The type of changes we are talking about are in peoples priorities, beliefs, habits and loyalties. And they can only happen as the Spirit works through God's Word to make such changes occur.

Once again Christian Stewardship is about the whole life of a child of God. It is about what has been said in the column on numerous occasions, that is understanding that we are not owners, but rather we are stewards. It is understanding that as His stewards we manage all that He entrusts to us freely, with joy and generosity. It is about knowing that we are accountable to Him for the life of stewardship that we lead.

May God grant it. Amen.

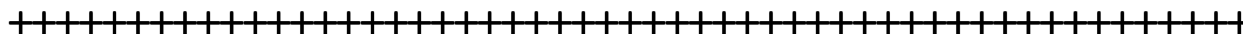
**The Stewardship Committee  
Walter Francis**

IN OUR PRAYERS



Please continue to pray for those who are listed in this month's bulletin.

*Henry Alvestad~Esther Charles*  
*Samuel Bartzsch~Patricia Barber~Paulette Laird*



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## Principal's Corner

Books are packed, report cards done, Graduations and Moving Up Ceremonies complete - now it's off to summer fun. Don't forget to do some review and read, read, read, attend worship and stay safe. Enjoy your time off. Before you know it, school will be starting again.

Mrs. Palisay

**Please visit our website for further information on all events  
[www.stjohnslutheransi.org](http://www.stjohnslutheransi.org)**

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## JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS




### JULY

- 1 Kay Hart
- 1 Mildred Wangler
- 8 Robert Browne
- 14 Matthew Reich
- 19 Dorothy Mohlenhoff
- 21 Arlene Sellenthin
- 24 Ray Mullick
- 24 James Hart
- 26 Bill Heming, Sr.
- 26 Melissa Sollog-Douglas
- 29 Ron Graboski

### AUGUST

- 2 Eric T. Hansen
- 2 Joan Graboski
- 7 Etta Lee-Heiman
- 10 Fiona Gannon
- 10 Kayleigh Peters
- 14 Heny Alvestad
- 20 Krista Johanesson
- 26 Kenneth Birstler
- 26 Peter Hart
- 31 Barbara Percoco





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

"THHHPPTT!" *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?



# CHOIR

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!*

Adult choir will resume practice Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 8 p.m. at the church and will sing on Sunday, 9/18/11 for Rally Day. The children's choir will resume practice on Sunday 9/25, immediately following the service. They will sing on Sunday 10/09.

*In Christ,  
Thomas Sax*



**For your convenience the serving schedule  
is in the Narthex**

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



*Saints and Church Dates*

*July 2011*

22-St. Mary Magdalane  
25-St. James the Elder, Apostle

*August 2011*

15-St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord  
24-St. Bartholomew, Apostle



2011 Spring Auction

The audit for the 2011 Spring auction has been completed.  
There was a net income (profit) of \$17,398.04

Board of Christian Education



**AUGUST HYMN-FEST 2011**

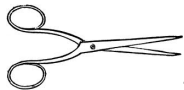
**It's back by popular demand!  
The hymns that we will sing this August will be picked by  
you!**

**Please fill in your top 5 hymns, more may be added on back  
of sheet (excluding holiday hymns such as Christmas)  
detach bottom of this sheet and place your selections in the  
basket in narthex labeled  
*HYMN-FEST 2011.***

***Sheets must be turned in by Sunday July 24, 2011.***

**The hymns may be from other hymnals other than the one we  
currently use. All hymns selected will be printed in each  
bulletin during the services in August.**

**Any hymns we may not have a chance to sing, I will try to fit  
into the service during the prelude, offertory or postlude.**



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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

# Vacation Bible School

*Come join us for the **Big Jungle Adventure** week.  
We will have fun learning and experiencing the Bible.  
**Children of ages 3-14** will enjoy the Arts and Crafts, lively  
songs and music that will keep you on your toes.*

*We promise you will never forget this  
Summer Vacation Bible week.*

*Come and be wild with Jesus!*

***Remember the dates; July 11th - 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am-12 noon***

*Board of Christian Education*

***Brigitte Hermann***

***contact: Church Office***

*718 761-1600*

