[The morning and evening lamb offering] shall be a regular burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there. 43 There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. 45 I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. 46 And they shall know that I am the LORD their God. ~ Exodus 29:42-43, 45-46a

Children today have many more opportunities to participate in things than I had when I was a child. Nowadays, children can be, and often are, exposed to many different kinds of activities at a young age (music, sports, arts, scouts, etc.) in order for them to find something that suits them. As time goes on, some activities are dropped either because there is no room in the schedule for them, or they become less desirable ventures. Oftentimes, the measuring rod of whether to keep going is fun. So a kid does soccer and baseball, takes piano lessons, and gets involved in the Cub Scouts, and as they grow older, piano isn’t fun, they get too busy for scouts, and they find that they have a better skill set and enjoyment of soccer over baseball. So, recreational league gives way to travel teams, eventually combined with school teams, all in the hopes of perhaps playing on a college team. Soccer is fun, everything else gets pushed to the side.

Fun becomes the meter by which we come to measure things in life overall. If our job isn’t as pleasurable, we look for another one. We seek out friends that are fun. We sometimes base our decisions about social engagements upon whether we think it will be fun. Vacations are often planned with fun as the goal. If it isn’t fun, we aren’t doing it.

Such expectations then bleed over into our spiritual life too. Because of our entertainment driven society, and our access to entertainment 24/7 on our smart phones (games, YouTube, etc.), we can choose what is fun, and what is not, and have it or get rid of it in an instant. Going to church, for many people, is arguably not fun, especially for those who have only grown up in an iPhone world (lovingly dubbed the “iGen” nowadays). Getting up and out the door down to church, sitting through a collection of old songs, long readings, and a seemingly even longer monologue by a clergyperson, with a little stale wafer and a strong sip of wine at the end isn’t the iGen-er’s idea of a fun time. And so I am often asked what we can do to make Sunday morning worship something a bit more appealing to the younger generation (read into that, “fun”).

My answer to such questions is often relatively short while attempting not to sound trite at the same time, and it goes something like this: if fun is the criteria for what you are hoping to get out of church, you will never be happy in the faith. Yet, there is great joy in being in worship regularly. But the only way that you will come to understand and appreciate the joy that it gives is to come to understand why we do what we do and why you need it, and that understanding only comes with being there regularly. With understanding will come the longing for participation.

It is not fun to confess before God and others that you are a poor miserable sinner. But joy comes in accepting the fact that you and your life are not perfect, but Jesus loves you anyway and forgives you and promises to be with you through the ugly parts.
It is not fun for everyone to sing songs written centuries ago in four-part harmony led by a massive instrument, because we’d rather sing the easy, repetitive song written last week led on the electric guitars and drums we hear on the radio – you know, three chords and the truth? But there is joy in singing the hymns that have carried the faithful through unspeakable struggle for decades, to have a connection with the past that brings the present to life, to lend our support to those we gather with in singing the faith in words that confess Christ and not our love for him.

It is not fun to put that cardboard tasting wafer in your mouth and then not get enough wine to really wash it down. But there is joy in receiving the body and blood of Jesus, crucified and risen for you, given to you freely for forgiveness and as a foretaste of what is yet to come in the heavenly kingdom.

It is not fun to face death, to go through sorrow, or to experience loss. But for the Christian, there is joy in knowing that Christ has defeated death, that there is life beyond the grave, that there is an eternity that death cannot snatch away. There is joy in gathering each week around the Lord’s altar with the angels, archangels, and all the saints of heaven, and to know that one day, in God’s time, we will join them eternally.

Such is the nature of Christian worship. It isn’t fun in the way that sports or friends may be fun. It is, however, joyful to receive the enormous blessing that Christ delivers to us each week of his forgiveness, hope, and life. We shouldn’t make church participation based upon fun anymore than we should brushing our teeth. If we did, we likely would find ourselves toothless and without any life beyond our dental-free life here. Instead, the fun of Christian worship is in the joy of Christ’s benefits toward us, of being reminded that we are never alone in this life, that our worst deeds are forgiven, and that we are inheritors of a life that even death cannot take from us, a life we get a taste of at the Eucharist, and will enjoy with the saints in the kingdom of God eternally!

This day, God’s people meeting,
   His Holy Scripture hear;
   His living presence greeting,
   Through bread and wine made near.
   We journey on, believing,
   Renewed with heavenly might,
   From grace more grace receiving,
   On this blest day of light. (LSB # 906, st. 3)

~ Pastor Noack

**Congratulations:** On Reformation Day, two years ago, some of you began to read through the Bible in two years with daily readings and study guides. If you stuck with it, congratulations on completing that journey this month! If you did not take advantage of that opportunity, the good news is that the guide is available and you can start at any time! To find out more information go to: [http://lutherantools.org/study/2016/05/10/rb-500th](http://lutherantools.org/study/2016/05/10/rb-500th). I cannot recommend this enough if you have never had a chance to read through the whole Bible. It will be a blessing to you!
OFFICIAL ACTS  
August 15-September 14

FUNERALS:
- Bonnie L. White  August 23, 2018
- Marilyn Fitzpatrick  September 13, 2018

BAPTISMS:
- Ashlee Rose Franklin  August 19, 2018

Sanctuary Rededication & Blessing of the Pipe Organ

On Sunday, October 28th, at 9:30am, we will have a special service of dedication and blessing our new space and instrument. This will be the only service for that weekend (no 6:30pm or 7:45am service). The service will be in observance of the Reformation, and will feature music and a message giving thanks to God for all his gifts to us. Following the service, a celebration brunch will be held. A signup sheet has been posted at church, or you may RSVP to the church office, indicating how many from your family will attend, and what you might bring for the brunch (muffins, breads, egg casserole, quiche, etc.).

Please join us for this special day of celebration and thanksgiving!

Please express our gratitude and appreciation to your congregation and leadership for getting the house across the street ready and allowing us to stay there while we worked on putting in your organ. It helped to make being “on the road” very comfortable for all of us, with no wasted time in travel. Really nice!

Thank you all!
The Peragallo Family

Thank you again to everyone who helped to furnish and equip 55 Greene Avenue for the team from Peragallo Organ Company while they were here, assembling and working on our organ. At this time, the work continues in day trips scheduled as needed, but not on a daily basis.

Many have picked up the items they loaned to the cause. For those who have not, please contact Cindy Holden to arrange a time to do so (631 589 3202 x 105).
Music Notes

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...
The Ark of the Covenant returns to Jerusalem. David guides God’s people in worship, bringing them together around the ark that is placed in a tent set for it. Offerings are made, people are fed; ministers and musicians are called to task, and David “first appointed that thanksgiving be sung to the Lord.” (1 Chronicles 16: 7)

As the chapter continues David calls God’s people to “give thanks to the Lord”, to make known God’s deeds, to sing to God; to tell of all his wondrous works, to glory in his holy name; to rejoice, to seek the Lord, his strength, and his presence continually; to remember his covenant forever. Going on, David again bids the people to “sing to the Lord, all the earth and tell of God’s salvation from day to day, to declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples, to ascribe to God glory and strength, to bring an offering and come before him, to worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; to cry out to the God of our salvation, that he might gather and deliver us that we may give thanks, glory in his praise, and bless his holy name.

Some were ministers, some were gatekeepers, others offered burnt offerings, some were expressly named to give thanks to the Lord, and others were to sing or play instruments for sacred song.

None of this is passive - or optional! Heeding David’s call to worship God in all facets is nearly overwhelming, though certainly easier when the various tasks are divided among many!

As one appointed to play an instrument – and a gorgeous one, at that! - that one task fills much of life; it has also come to be one of life’s greatest joys & blessings.

Worship and its preparation, whether that be musical, personal, interpersonal, or spiritual is a willfully life-consuming and life-giving work of God. In my life, He started when I was knit in mom’s womb, born, baptized, prayed over, taken to church & Sunday School, taught Bible songs and hymns, observed by fellow congregants as I gravitated to keyboards to peck out melodies who then encouraged my parents to foster what was perceived as a gift. Teachers, parents and the church nurtured that gift, even when I’d quit and wanted no part of it. In time the Holy Spirit and a loving, encouraging husband did their work to soften a rock hard heart into one that would pour itself into practice and trying to encourage others to capture that same joy David found in praising and worshiping God through music and song, letting it flow from the heart in Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

At a recent organ recital, a colleague managed to link everything he played to the Trinity... a stretch, perhaps, but the point was clear – everything comes from and goes back to God. Willingly responding to that fact feeds a life of worship and allows the Holy Spirit to work in and through us and what we are called to do as God’s people.

Of course, I would love for anyone sensing a bit of prompting by the Holy Spirit to sing to please act on that prompting and come talk to me! Our choirs are in need of additional people willing to work at musical preparation. More than that, we all need to identify that place in our life where the Holy Spirit is leading each one, so that, like an Aeolian Harp, with each string carefully placed, tuned by its maker and set in motion by the wind, we might be drawn into inspired and beautiful worship as the wind of Holy Spirit moves in and among us, the people of God.

9-11 Remembrance
St. John’s Treble & Youth Choir joined singers from Sycamore Avenue Elementary School and the Twin Shores Men’s Chorus, Color Guard and local dignitaries at The Common Ground on September 11 to remember those who gave their lives on that day at the Twin Towers and in the aftermath of their fall in 2001.

Down Time – Choir isn’t all work! Chancel Choir & their families enjoyed a mid-September, refreshing Beach Day in Davis Park at the gracious invitation of choir member, Deanna Suckow and her husband, Bill. Thank you both!!!
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1    Deut. 2:16-37, Matt. 6:16-34  
2    Deut. 3:1-29, Matt. 7:1-12  
3    Deut. 4:1-20, Matt. 7:13-29  
4    Deut. 4:21-40, Matt. 8:1-17  
5    Deut. 5:1-21, Matt. 8:18-34  
6    Deut. 5:22-6:9, Matt. 9:1-17  
Sun  7    Deut. 6:10-25, Matt. 9:18-38  
8    Deut. 7:1-19, Matt. 10:1-23  
9    Deut. 8:1-20, Matt. 10:24-42  
10   Deut. 9:1-22, Matt. 11:1-19  
11   Deut. 9:23-10:22, Matt. 11:20-30  
12   Deut. 11:1-25, Matt. 12:1-21  
13   Deut. 11:26-12:12, Matt. 12:22-37  
16   Deut. 14:1-22-23,14:28-15:15,  
    Matt. 13:24-43  
17   Deut. 15:19-16:22, Matt. 13:44-58  
18   Deut. 17:1-20, Matt. 14:1-21  
20   Deut. 19:1-20, Matt. 15:1-20  
Sun  21   Deut. 20:1-20, Matt. 15:21-39  
22   Deut. 21:1-23, Matt. 16:1-12  
25   Deut. 27:1-26, Matt. 17:14-27  
26   Deut. 28:1-22, Matt. 18:1-20  
27   Deut. 29:1-29, Matt. 18:21-35  
Sun  28   Deut. 30:1-20, Matt. 19:1-15  
29   Deut. 31:1-29, Matt. 19:16-30  
30   Deut. 31:30-32:27, Matt. 20:1-16  
31   Deut. 32:28-52, Matt. 20:17-34

THE MARY MARTHA GUILD is sponsoring the American Cancer Society’s MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER walk at Suffolk Community College, Riverhead Campus. Our team from St. John’s is called WILLING WALKERS and we will be walking on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Please join us if you are able. If you can’t walk, but would like to support the fight against breast cancer and help with the research for a cure, please place your donations in our basket as you leave church the weekend of October 21st. All checks should be made out to: American Cancer Society. Contact Pam Kennard at 631-678-3246 for more information. Thank you for your help.

YELLOW LAP ROBES

Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson is looking for yellow lap robes. If you knit or crochet, and would like to help them out, that would be wonderful. The lap robes need to be 36’ x 36’ in size and they must be YELLOW. You might be wondering…why YELLOW???? The lap robes are for their orthopedic department and the color there is YELLOW. Please let Donna Meier or Honey Pabst know and we will give you the yarn. Finished lap robes may be left for Honey or Donna in the church office.
Mary Martha Guild will be participating in…………..

**Samaritan’s Purse and their Operation Christmas Child**

Preprinted shoeboxes will be handed out at all services the weekend of October 7th, along with a brochure that has the instructions you will need to fill the box for a boy or girl. $9 (check or cash) is needed to ship each shoe box. Checks should be made out to Samaritan’s Purse. When your box is completed, place an envelope with your $9 inside, secure the box with a rubber band, tape the appropriate boy or girl label on the top and return it to the church office or the small conference room adjacent to Pastor’s office by October 28th, 2018.

**HERE IS A LIST OF SOME OF TYPES OF ITEMS THAT CAN BE PLACED IN THE SHOEBOXES; OF COURSE IT WILL DEPEND ON WHAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE CHILD YOU SELECT. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE CAN’T USE LARGE SIZES OF ANYTHING.**

- **HYGIENE ITEMS**: individually wrapped toothbrushes, (no toothpaste), soap in a zip lock bag, combs, brushes, washcloths, hair bows
- **TOYS**: small cars, balls, small stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, small Etch-a-Sketch, small slinky, jump ropes, small puzzles, small picture books, thin coloring books, colored markers, small box crayons, small dolls, small jewelry, dry paint, playing cards.
- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**: medium size pads, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, small calculators, glue sticks, erasers.
- **OTHER**: baseball caps, child size socks, pony tail holders, hair clips, batteries with ends taped.
- **NO**: war related items, candy, chocolates or canned foods, no liquids or breakable items.

A religious tract can be included in your shoebox along with a note to the recipient. You may include your contact information if you would like to hear from him or her.

Thank you and bless you for doing this. For more information, contact Pam Kennard, President of the Mary Martha Guild or Linda Lee Sharbowicz.
Friends of St. John’s

The 2018 St. John’s Golf Outing was played August 6th, the weather cooperated, and it wasn’t too bad. We had members, family members, friends, men and women playing. It was a good time had by all. Our raffles, donations, sponsors and the Outing in general raised over $5,600.00, which will go to Sharing a Meal, the soup kitchen in Sayville, and updating to our kitchen downstairs. We would like to thank all who helped on the committee; Jim Sclafani, Chuck and Judy Scott, Deanna Suckow, Steve Malenczak, Jim Farrell, Brian Tobin, and Pastor Noack, plus Carol and Kathy in the office, and Abbey Noack and her friend Sara Jakilttsch. We would also like to thank those who were sponsors or made donations, businesses in the area, members, or friends, that helped make the Outing a success. We wanted to list their names, and/or businesses to show our appreciation. Our 2019 date will be Monday, August 26th, save the date.

Mr. Bryon Martinson (Centaurus Financial Inc.)
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Paul
Mr. Richard D’Andrea (Raynor D’Andrea Funeral Home)
Bayport Flower Houses
Thrivent Financial (Mr. Dan Tohill & Mr. Frank O’Brien)
Soil Mechanics (Mr. Carl Vernick)
Mr. & Mrs. Any Harris
Jacqueline McClafferty Agency, Inc. (Allstate Insurance)
Mr. Chuck Zahradka (Eagle Control Corporation)
Kenneth J. Molloy, Attorney at Law
South Shore Golf, Oakdale
Blackbirds Grille, Sayville
Bohemia Car Wash
Marcus Habeeb & Family
Bistro 25, Sayville
Snapper Inn, Oakdale
Mr. Bill Carney (Wind Watch Golf and Country Club)
People’s United Bank (Bayport)
General Vision Services (Mr. Myles Lewis)
Sayville Pizza
Sayville Running Store
Dunkin’ Donuts
Public House, Patchogue (Frank Braggalai)
Sal’s Pizza, Sayville
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Scott
Cull House, Sayville
Mrs. Carol Hagesether

Mr. Charlie Grossetto (Parkville Plaza Deli)
J and J Spirits Shop, Sayville
L. I. Sports Rehab Center (Lois Malenczak)
Suffolk Co. Court Officers Benevolent Assoc
Lutheran Church Extension Fund/LCMS
Mr. Domenick Veraldi, Attorney at Law
Crickets Restaurant (Mr. Peter Moreno)
DunRite Appliance (Scott & Jean Roth)
Mrs. Jan Panarese
Mr. Al Coppola
Mr. Ray Keating
Mr. Jim Sclafani
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Suckow
Kay Cameron Jewelry, Sayville
Mr. & Mrs. Rich Dicce
Mr. Bill Audia
Harbor Crab, Patchogue
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Arrasate
Whalers, Bay Shore
Kelly’s Ale House, Bohemia
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Gustafson
Cohn’s Fashion Optical, Patchogue
Starbucks, Bohemia
Sayville Cinemas
Café Joelle, Sayville
Starbucks, Sayville
YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Open Gym – Oct 14; 10:30am-1:00pm
All Junior & Senior Youth (5th-12th grade) are invited to stay after the late church service for games, Bible study, open gym time, and more. Pizza will be provided for lunch. Bring a friend and join us for a fun, relaxing afternoon. See you there!

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019
It’s not too late if you’d still like to attend the Youth Gathering in July of 2019. Fundraising has begun, but you can still sign up to go! The LCMS National Youth Gathering brings together youth (age 14-19) every three years from around the country, and world, to join in 5 days of spiritual growth, service, fun, and fellowship. It is a unique, and oftentimes life-shaping event that seeks to meet youth where they are and encourage them in the faith. Next summer’s event will be held July 11-15 in Minneapolis, MN. If you are interested, the deadline to sign up is October 10 at which time we will need a registration form and $150 deposit. For questions, see Pastor or Mrs. Noack.

Faith at the Movies: On Friday, October 26 from 7-10pm, Junior & Senior Youth are invited to church for a evening of movie watching followed by a brief discussion about how that movie speaks to our life as God’s people today. Our movie this time around will be Pixar’s Inside Out. Hope you can join us for a good movie and fun discussion!

Half-Night Lock-In: All youth are invited to a half-night lock-in at church from 7pm-midnight on Sunday, November 11 (there is no school the next day due to Veteran’s Day). Evening to include games, food, and lots of fun! A signup sheet is located on the Youth bulletin board, or you may contact the church office. Cost is $5 per person. Friends are welcome!
From the Lutheran Counseling Center:
OMG SMH
By Rev. Anthony Stephens, PhD, JD, LMHC, LCC Pastoral Counselor

There is a division of thought in the social media world as to whether SMH stands for “shaking my head” or “so much hate”. Let’s go with the latter for the moment. My question is why is there so much hate? What can we do about it?

Here is my underlying premise. I have noticed, for decades now, the intense polarization associated with political figures. This polarization frequently rises to the level of hatred (or its antithesis adoration or lionizing). A political figure can either do nothing right or nothing wrong. This, clinically, in brain science, is driven by a dominance of “hot cognition” and over-categorization.

Hot cognition describes executive brain function driven by emotional arousal often based on long term memory. Cold cognition, in contrast, can be described as more ‘emotion independent’ and more analytical. In Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT); my practice mode, we make a distinction between reasonable mind and emotional mind.

To be clear, neither “hot” nor “cold” is bad. The lack of the ability to appropriately switch is however problematic. DBT champions a state called “the Wise Mind,” which is a mind optimally attentive to both reason and emotion. Dealing with passionate matters with a wise mind is a trainable skill, and our therapists teach such skills with individuals, couples and families.

Here are just two techniques that I will share, with a little back story. Recently my daughter “let” me use my vehicle again, which she had taken to college. My usual runabout has a small selection of radio channels limited further by range of signals in my commute. The other vehicle has satellite radio. Normally I arrive after my commute in a darkened mood, because I have been feeding the rage. With satellite radio I have a wide palate of stations and arrive in good spirits replete with classical music and wise comments. There is a difference between staying informed and feeding the rage.

Secondly, I encourage clients to have a [if necessary pretend] jar that they contribute to whenever they say such things as “always”, “never” (or when they “practice telepathy” or impute motives to another). “S/he always does that to annoy me.” Talking about specific, observed and verified behaviors is a technique that leads to conflict resolution. Aggregated imagined Machiavellian plots only lead to deepened rancor and ill will. I assure you that when I fail to keep a receipt it is not part of a greater plot just to upset my wife!

Feeding the rage and tarring every action with the same brush (over categorization) are just two ways that we accumulate so much hate. The remedies for these are simple; don’t! This for many is easier said than done, and so therapeutic help is invaluable. Maladaptive behaviors based on faulty cognitions, which cause considerable distress, can seem “baked in.” In contrast they can be educated and coached out with counseling, learning to balance hot and cold cognitions and training in using the wise mind.

Pastor Stephens counsels teens and adults at LCC’s Paul Qualben site in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. He is a major with the US Army, serving as chaplain at Ft. Hamilton in Brooklyn, NY.

For more information or to set an appointment, please call the Lutheran Counseling Center (www.lccny.org) at 1-800-317-1173 or e-mail us at Center@lccny.org. LCC has nine counseling sites over the New York metropolitan and surrounding area.
# OCTOBER ~ DIVINE SERVICE ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

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## READINGS:
- October 6 & 7: Genesis 2: 18-25; Hebrews 2: 1-18
- October 13 & 14: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 3: 12-19
- October 20 & 21: Ecclesiastes 4: 10-20; Hebrews 4: 1-16
- October 28: Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Hebrews 7: 23-28

If you are unable to serve where assigned, please find someone you can switch with or someone who can take your place. Let Kathy, our Church Secretary, know of any changes you make. Thank you.
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**Saint John’s Divine Service Schedule**

**Saturday 6:30pm**  
**Sunday 7:45am & 9:30am**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

_The family of Saint John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church is called, gathered and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament to confess and proclaim the gospel and love of Jesus Christ to our congregation, community and world._

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