

Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Celebrating 125 Years of God's Faithfulness

1897-2022

In 2022, we will be celebrating our 125th anniversary as a congregation, having been in Sayville and on this plot of land for our entire history. It is truly a time to celebrate all that God has done and pray for his blessing upon as we carry on into the future. Many plans and opportunities have been set up for the celebratory year, and my hope is that you will be able to join us as often as possible.

The anniversary committee has chosen a theme for our celebration which will be *Let Your Light Shine* based upon John 8:12: *Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Details about events that are planned are still being pulled together and will be released as we get closer to the various dates. However, please mark your calendars, and save the date for the following things coming up this year and next:

October 30, 2021	Sauerbraten & Wurst Fundraiser Dinner (RSVP and form)
January 30, 2022	Sunday Brunch Fundraiser
February 26, 2022	Family Bingo Night Fundraiser
April 29, 2022	125 th Anniversary Tree Planting Ceremony in Sayville
May 30, 2022	March as a Congregation in Sayville Memorial Day Parade
June 2022	Strawberry Festival Fundraiser
July 24, 2022	Community Service Project & Picnic
August 6, 2022	Treasure & Tag Sale Fundraiser
September 18, 2022	Grand Celebration: Anniversary Divine Service, Dinner, Dancing, & much more!!!
November 26, 2022	March as a Congregation in Sayville Holiday Parade

Please note that all of the fundraisers serve a few purposes: to assist with the expenses of our anniversary events over the year and, hopefully, reduce the cost of the grand celebration in September of 2022. Additionally, the committee has selected to try and replace the carillon in our steeple (the bells that are used for tolling, and playing hymns at various times each day,

which has not worked properly for a number of years). More information will be coming out about this in the near future.

We are finalizing the plans for a large banner to be strung up between the columns out in front of the church so that people are alerted to our celebration, and recognize us as a fixture in this community. All of this, and a number of other fun things are in the works, and we will announce those things as they come together. Again, please join us as much as possible. Spread the word. Be part of this great celebration as we rejoice in all that God has done and continues to do for us and through us into this community.