

APRIL 26, 2026

# *The Crossbeam*

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR ST. JOHN'S PARISH MEMBERS  
AND FRIENDS



*Sunday, April 26, 2026*  
*4th Sunday of Easter,*  
*Year A*

TODAY IS SOMETIMES CALLED "GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY." JESUS IS CALLED THE "GATE" OF THE SHEEP IN TODAY'S GOSPEL. THE RISEN CHRIST OPENS THE WAY TO ABUNDANT LIFE. HE ANOINTS OUR HEADS WITH OIL AND GUIDES US BESIDE THE STILL WATERS OF OUR BAPTISM. EACH SUNDAY HE SPREADS A FEAST BEFORE US AMID THE WORLD'S VIOLENCE AND WAR. WE GO FORTH TO BE SIGNS OF THE RESURRECTION AND EXTEND GOD'S TENDER CARE TO ALL CREATION.



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

1 PETER 2:19-25

19 IT IS A COMMENDABLE THING IF, BEING AWARE OF GOD, A PERSON ENDURES PAIN WHILE SUFFERING UNJUSTLY. 20 IF YOU ENDURE WHEN YOU ARE BEATEN FOR DOING WRONG, WHAT CREDIT IS THAT? BUT IF YOU ENDURE WHEN YOU DO GOOD AND SUFFER FOR IT, THIS IS A COMMENDABLE THING BEFORE GOD. 21 FOR TO THIS YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED, BECAUSE CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR YOU, LEAVING YOU AN EXAMPLE, SO THAT YOU SHOULD FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS.

22 "HE COMMITTED NO SIN,

AND NO DECEIT WAS FOUND IN HIS MOUTH."

23 WHEN HE WAS ABUSED, HE DID NOT RETURN ABUSE; WHEN HE SUFFERED, HE DID NOT THREATEN, BUT HE ENTRUSTED HIMSELF TO THE ONE WHO JUDGES JUSTLY. 24 HE HIMSELF BORE OUR SINS IN HIS BODY ON THE CROSS, SO THAT, HAVING DIED TO SINS, WE MIGHT LIVE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS; BY HIS WOUNDS YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED. 25 FOR YOU WERE GOING ASTRAY LIKE SHEEP, BUT NOW YOU HAVE RETURNED TO THE SHEPHERD AND GUARDIAN OF YOUR SOULS.

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"BE MASTER OF YOUR PETTY ANNOYANCES AND CONSERVE YOUR ENERGY FOR THE BIG, WORTHWHILE THINGS. IT ISN'T THE MOUNTAIN AHEAD THAT WEARS YOU OUT -- IT'S THE GRAIN OF SAND IN YOUR SHOE."

--ROBERT W. SERVICE.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS THIS DAY.

PASTOR V.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS PEOPLE AROUND THE MEANS OF GRACE—  
THE SAVING WORD OF GOD AND THE SACRAMENTS.

FEATURED THIS WEEK:  
SATURDAY SPOKEN WORD  
5 P.M. - IN-PERSON

THE SUNDAY ASSEMBLY  
9A.M.- IN-PERSON W/SCS  
10:30A.M. - IN-PERSON SERVICE AND LIVESTREAM  
BROADCAST ON OUR [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) AND ON OUR WEBSITE!



[This Weeks Bulletin \(click here\)](#)



SATURDAY APRIL 25 @ 5PM  
KEN KLOPFER - ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY APRIL 26 @ 9AM  
DAWN CORLESS- ASSISTING MINISTER

SUNDAY APRIL 26 @ 10:30AM  
SAM REILLY- ASSISTING MINISTER



SUNDAY APRIL 26 @ 9AM  
LEE DELANEY- USHER

SUNDAY APRIL 26 @ 10:45AM  
SHAWN VOIT- USHER

ALTAR GUILD FOR APRIL:  
CONNIE ARNOLD  
CHARLIE ARNOLD



**ANNOUNCEMENTS &  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BOOK SALE**

**APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 5PM**

**APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> @ 9AM**

**BIBLE STUDY @ 6PM**

**MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**NEW MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 11AM**

**THANKSGIVING AT RETIREMENT OF DEBT**

**MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 10AM**

**UPCOMING AGAPE MEAL DATES:**

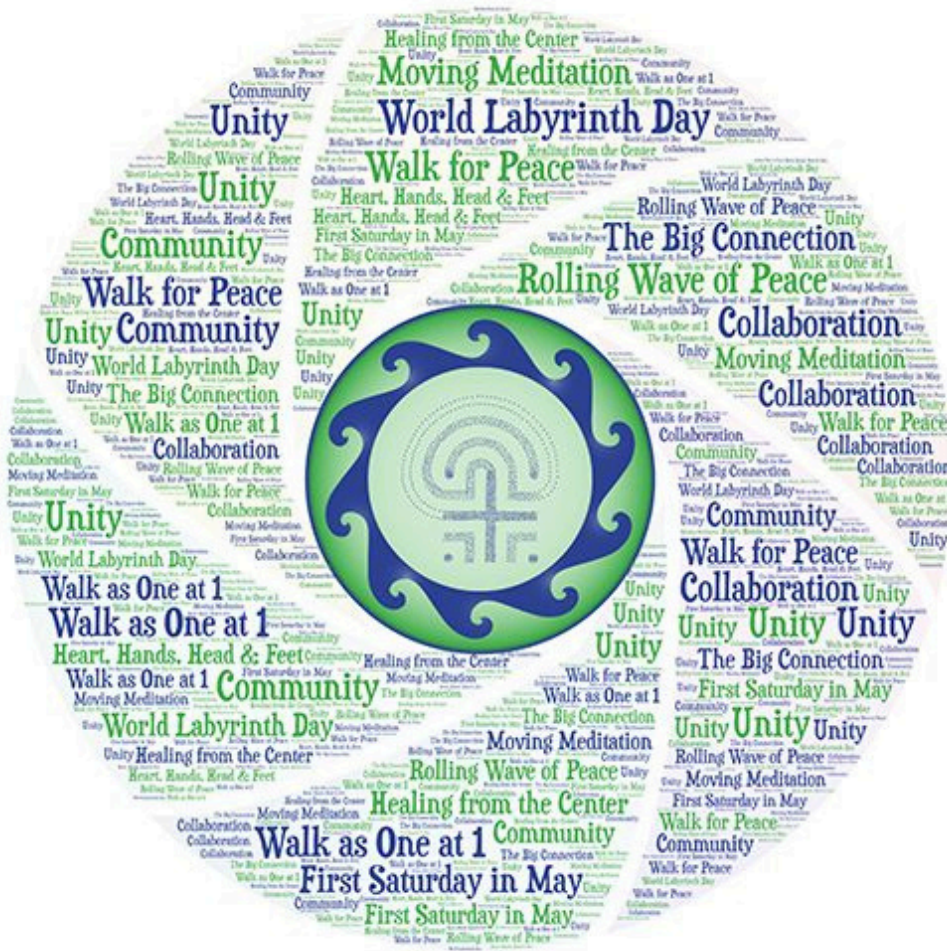
**MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**ONE SERVICE AT 10AM WILL  
START MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND CONTINUE  
THROUGH SUMMER**

**WORLD LABYRINTH DAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY AND OPEN HOUSE IS SATURDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 12PM-2PM, WITH A GROUP PRAYER TO "WALK AS ONE FOR PEACE AT 1PM"

CONTACT BETH V. (716)-445-5006 OR EMAIL PRAYERLABYRINTHWS@GMAIL.COM WITH QUESTIONS WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO GREET THE COMMUNITY AND TALK ABOUT OUR PRAYER LABYRINTH AT ST. JOHN'S. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.



St. John's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
3512 Clinton St. West  
Seneca, NY 14224

Non-Denominational Event  
for the WNY Community

Family - Friendly

Free, Indoor Event

Walk As One at 1pm

Visit:

[www.worldlabyrinthday.org](http://www.worldlabyrinthday.org)



WLD website

# Saturday May 2nd, 2026

The Labyrinth at St. John's Lutheran Church in  
West Seneca, NY

**11:00am - 2:00pm**  
**Join us in a Rolling Wave of Peaceful  
Energy & Prayer Around the World**

**12pm-12:50pm** Come together for an open house, exploring the  
benefits of using a Labyrinth for therapeutic, meditative prayer.  
Take a journey around the indoor, fully handicap accessible  
Labyrinth at St. John's.

**1:00 pm** Join us in a group prayer for peace at precisely 1pm.

Contact us via email for questions: [prayerlabyrinthws@gmail.com](mailto:prayerlabyrinthws@gmail.com)  
Visit: [www.worldlabyrinthday.org](http://www.worldlabyrinthday.org) for international information



**WHAT IS WORLD  
LABYRINTH DAY?**  
It is an annual international  
event sponsored by The  
Labyrinth Society.  
Every year on the first  
Saturday in May, thousands  
of people around the world  
participate in this moving  
meditation for world peace  
and celebration of the  
labyrinth experience. This is  
the 18th annual World  
Labyrinth Day.

# **THIS WEEK 4/26 - 5/2**

## **TODAY:**

9 A.M. WORSHIP W/SCS  
CAKE FOR SHIRLEY JOHNSON'S BIRTHDAY  
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP  
12 P.M. BIRTHDAY PARTY IN PARISH HALL  
2 P.M. GIRL SCOUTS  
7 P.M. TRY AGAIN (AA)

## **MONDAY:**

10 A.M. SPROUTS  
1 P.M. ARTHRITIS WALKING GROUP  
6 P.M. SPROUTS  
6:45 P.M. ZUMBA  
7:30 P.M. AL-ANON

## **TUESDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
12 P.M. TAI-CHI  
6 P.M. ROCK VOICES  
6:30 P.M. SA BUFFALO

## **WEDNESDAY:**

1 P.M. ARTHRITIS EXERCISE GROUP  
7 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL

## **THURSDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
12 P.M. NA  
5 P.M. ZUMBA  
7 P.M. NA

## **FRIDAY:**

10 A.M. ENJOY LIFE (NA)  
10 A.M. SPROUTS  
7:30 P.M. GARDENVILLE GROUP (AA)

## **SATURDAY:**

9 A.M. ZUMBA  
10 A.M. GIRL SCOUTS  
12 P.M. WORLD LABYRINTH DAY  
5 P.M. WORSHIP



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY SISTER, SUSAN KEESS**

*FROM LAURA LOEHR*

**IN HONOR OF SHIRLEY JOHNSON'S 96<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

*GIVEN BY PEGGY CRAMER*

YOU CAN REMEMBER OR HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION BY ORDERING A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT USING THE ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX.

### **DINING OUT**

DINING OUT WILL BE ON APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> @ 5PM  
WE WILL BE GOING TO RIPAS ON WALDEN AVE. IN LANCASTER  
SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE FOYER  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

### **ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL**

GET READY FOR SPRING!

WE WILL BE HOSTING A PROVEN WINNERS® PLANT SALE (THE SAME BEAUTIFUL PLANTS FOUND AT OUR LOCAL NURSERIES!)  
SALE BEGINS APRIL 15TH AND ENDS APRIL 26TH! PLANTS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME!

- BRIGHTEN YOUR HOME, PORCH, OR GARDEN
- SUPPORT OUR PRESCHOOL COMMUNITY
- PREMIUM PLANTS YOU KNOW AND LOVE

\*WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION LATER THIS MONTH\*

**DANESE DICK BIRTHDAY**

DANESE WILL BE 91 ON APRIL 25TH!  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND HER A CARD  
C/O ELDERWOOD @ COMO  
1818 COMO PARK BLVD  
LANCASTER NY 14086  
ROOM 104