



The Town Line ***Lutheran***

Town Line Lutheran Church, Alden, New York

Sunday Worship Services

8:30 and 11:00 am

Sunday School

in recess starting June 16

June 2019

Our Mission

"Called to Be a Servant Community"



FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

There's a very old joke about a man who is praying to God and asks, "God...what is a million years like in your Kingdom?" God answers and says, "In my kingdom, a million years passes just like a single minute." The man thinks about this for awhile and then asks, "God...what is a million dollars like in your kingdom?" God replies, "In my kingdom, a million dollars has the worth of a single penny." The man thinks about this for awhile and then asks, "God...can I have a penny?" God replies, "Sure. Give me a minute..."

God's kingdom. Have you ever stopped and wondered what God's kingdom really is? Or taken time to ponder the words, "thy kingdom come" in the Lord's prayer? Maybe you haven't because the words are so familiar that we just run through them without thinking. So now I am encouraging you to stop for a minute and think to yourself (don't read ahead!): what do you think it means when we are praying "thy kingdom come?"

Simply put, God's kingdom is that place where God rules. What does God's rule look like? Love, which sounds so simple. It is simple; but not easy. We all know how hard it is to love everyone, and we will never be perfect at it. That is why God kingdom is not completely in this world, because our whole world is not letting God's love rule. We get to see glimpses of his kingdom when we let love rule.

Here is Martin Luther's explanation of the second petition of the Lord's prayer. I hope it helps you to stop and think about what we are actually saying when we pray this part of the prayer.

Here is our section for the month:

Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

God's kingdom comes indeed without our praying for it, but we ask in this prayer that it may come also to us.

When does this happen?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy word and live a godly life on earth now and in heaven forever.

1. Luther says we don't need to pray for God's kingdom to come, but that we are asking that God's kingdom comes to each of us. What do you think that looks like in your life?
2. What does a Godly life look like? Do you think a Godly life means "no fun?"
3. How has the Holy Spirit helped you live out this part of the prayer? How has the Holy Spirit challenged you?

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

God's peace,

Pastor Serena



Sunday School Closing Day and Worship

The last day of Sunday school
will be **Sunday, June 9** with
a special Sunday School Worship at 11:00 am. .
The kids will rehearse on Sunday, June 2nd.

Congratulations to these children who took their 1st Communion
May 5. Cole Appleby, Hailee Erny and Annliese Schmidt



Family Worship

Sunday, June 2 at 11am worship.
“All for the One”



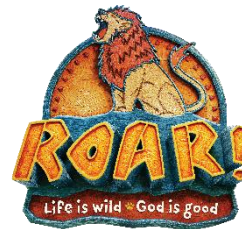
GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We will be recognizing our High School and
College graduates on **Sunday, June 23** at both
worship services. May we ask that our graduates
share a picture with us for a display we will have
on that Sunday. Please call and let us know if
you are graduating by Monday, **June 17**



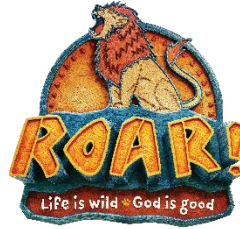
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Roar: Life is Wild, God is good!
Vacation Bible School will be
Sunday June 23-Thursday June 27
from 6-8pm with a **light dinner served at 5:30.**
Mark your calendars and register today!



Town Line Lutheran VBS

June 23- June 27 6 – 8 pm



Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: _____

Child's gender: _____

Child's age: ___ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: ___
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Name of parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone:
(_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cell phone:
(_____) _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Home church: _____

Crew number or name (for church use only): _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

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Community office hours

**at Tim Horton's with Pastor Serena:
Mondays 9am-noon in June.** Feel free to stop by Tim Horton's in Alden to chat and have a prayer with Pastor Serena.

Everyone is welcome, if you know of a friend who could use a prayer or chat please bring them



Summer Worship hours

begin Sunday, June 16
8:30 and 10:00 am
through Labor day.



Church Office hours are changing. We will have church office hours on Tuesday and Wednesday

9 am – noon from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Other days of the week by appointment. If you need assistance outside of these days and hours Call Pastor Serena or Diane Casell.

Thank you so much!

Josie, Justin, Mason and Cassidy. Thank you for the pretty Easter card. It was so nice of you to remember me. I enjoy our conversation when you came to interview me and how I grew up and what I did. I enjoyed our conversation. We are proud of our youth and hope someday to see you again. Thank you for the picture of your group. William Dabb

Thank you so much to all who collect pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. It is much appreciated!

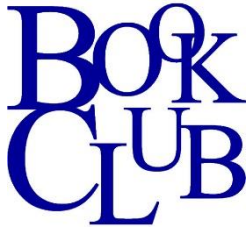
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The QUILTERS – The Quilters have tied it up for the season and will resume on the first Monday after Labor Day. We completed 90 quilts and (or will shortly) donate quilts to the City

Mission/Cornerstone Manor, Haven House, and NAMI, along with various local fundraisers. A big thank you to Thrivent for their financial assistance which enables us to purchase batting, and for people's donations of material, sheets, etc. The Quilters are now looking for donations of **flat** sheets in any size (twin, full, queen, king) which are used for our quilt backs. If you have any questions, please call Lois Stutzman at 683-2782.



Calling all Readers You can join the Town Line book club at any time. We meet the 3rd Monday of every month at the Church. Just read the book and join us for lively conversation on the book.

June: A Place for Us by by Fatima Farheen Mirza

July: Educated by Tara Westover

August: White House by Amy Bloom

September: Room by Emma Dongahue

Please email/call Jeanette Dickinson at:

bellgoddess_2000@yahoo.com or call 681-3966 with any questions

Niagara Lutheran Home Guild

*You are invited to the NLHS Guild Luncheon on **June 20** at 11:30 am. Program: "The Bread Man". Devotions by Rev. Jeff Nickel from Holy Cross. Call Joyce by June 13 if you would like to us at 651-9344 if you are interested in joining the Ladies of TLLC.*

PRAY FIRST

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

4:30 - 7:00 pm

at Town Line Lutheran Church



Come for Supper

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Salad Bar
- Beverage

Come for Dessert

- Fresh Strawberries
- Short cakes
- Ice Cream
- Sundaes



Entertainment
Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra

Youth

NEWS...



to everyone who came out & supported our bake sale and car wash! We were rain-free so we were very grateful for that gift!



IT'S OUR ANNUAL **STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**

Wednesday, June 19th 4:30-7:00

(Youth report at 3:30)

Come for hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, drinks and of course...

Strawberry Shortcake!

The Carnival Kids Steel band will be performing!

Come on out & invite your friends!

Preparation will be Tuesday June 18th 5:30-7:30



VBS June 23-27th

Volunteers are needed to sing or play an instrument for worship during the summer. If you're interested please sign up on the music bulletin board! Or speak with Kate.



to keep your commitment if you're scheduled to acolyte over the summer! We're counting on you!



MUSIC NOTES...



to provide special music for worship over the summer. If you would like to sing or play an instrument please sign up on the music bulletin board or speak with Kate.

Thank You!

to all the choirs for leading our Music Sunday service "Song of Joy". It was a great celebration and a lot of fun!



Our choirs will be searching for new members for the fall. We are in great need of additional members in all three of our musical groups-Bell choir, Chancel Choir and Women's Choir. You do not need to read music or have previous experience. We all learn together and it's a lot of fun. If you are interested in joining please speak with Kate 668-5610 or any of our choir members.



“Junk in the Trunk Sale”

Saturday, June 1st from 8 am – 2 pm
Town Line Luthearn church
parking lot.
Come and grab your treasures.



Hearts and Hands.

We are pleased to share a message of support for Hearts and hands, a not-for-profit, neighbors helping neighbors organization serving this community and other suburban areas. Hearts and Hands links willing volunteers with older or physically-challenged adults for basic services such as transportation to medical appointments, errands or social activities; light housekeeping, yard work, and care-giver respite visits. This support helps these neighbors remain independent in the home and community they love. Volunteers receive mileage reimbursement and supplemental insurance coverage. Take only the assignments which fit your schedule. If you're looking for a way to have a positive impact in your neighborhood Hearts and Hands needs YOU as a volunteer. Please call Heidi at 406-8311 ext. 103

Hearts and Hands will be at Town Line Lutheran church services on **Sunday, June 30th**. Come and listen to their great efforts to help others in your community.



TOWN LINE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MEMORIAL WALKWAY
Order your memorial brick(s) in
memory of your loved ones.
Order forms
are available at the Church.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal

The Memorial Committee and Church Council have approved setting up funds to pay for a new ELW Hymnal.

The amount per book is \$25.00 which can be given:

As a Memorial:

In memory of

_____ by _____

As a Thank offering for blessings:

In thankfulness for blessings received by

To honor someone

In honor of

_____ by _____

Please make checks to the Town Line Lutheran Church Memorial fund and mail/drop off this form to church or place in offering plate.

Vacations are great. But wait!

Remember our congregation's mission and ministries continue over the summer. So, before you pack up and head out for vacation, make your offering to our church. Thank you and have a great vacation.



Another date for Lifetouch pictures:

Wednesday June 5th. You can sign up on the church website www.townlinelutheran.com and click on the photo directory link

The Town Line Lutheran Newsletter

In order to help us cut costs and also waste less of our world's precious resources, we will not be mailing the newsletter to your door. Here are your choices on how you can get your newsletter:

1. **Email:** drop an email to Diane at the office to receive your newsletter electronically. The church email is townlinetllc@aol.com.
2. **Pick up paper copy at church:** Paper copies of the newsletter will be available for you to take home the last Sunday of every month.
3. **Download from the church website:** www.townlinelutheran.com
4. If none of the above work we can mail it to your home

If you wish to advertise in the newsletter, please drop off or email your articles by the 15th of any given month.



If you have a change of address or phone number, please email the Church and let us know

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

Townlinelutheran.com



Friend us on Facebook!

Join us on Twitter & Instagram!

Email addresses are needed: If you would like to have your email added so we can contact you in this way, please email the Church: Townlinetllc@aol.com.

How can you help others or get help?

Here are a few local agencies

Alden Pantry collection

You can bring items for the Alden Food pantry to church any Sunday. There is a blue box located in the Coat room.

Alden Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers.

Call 937-7105 for more information

Hearts and Hands “Faith in Action”

A Neighbor helping neighbor” volunteer program

Call: 542-2226 www.heartsandhandsfia.org

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Become a friend of Ronald: Find us on Facebook.

Suicide Bereavement support

For immediate help/support call 24 hours a day:

(585)202-2783 Erie County Crisis Services
(716)834-3131

Lutheran Charities

www.wnylutherancharities.org

716-632-2623

Alzheimer’s Association of WNY

24/7 Helpline 1-800-272-3900

Program.wny@alz.org

2805 Wehrle Dr Suite 6 Williamsville, NY 14221

Hospice Buffalo

225 Como Park Cheektowaga, NY 14227 716-686-1900

Essential Care for Children, a program of Home Care Buffalo

225 Como Park Boulevard Cheektowaga, NY 14227-1480

(716) 686-8006

Caring Hearts Perinatal Program

150 Bennett Road Cheektowaga, NY 14227

(716) 359-8056

Life Transitions Center, Inc.

The Mary & Ralph C. Wilson Counseling Center

150 Bennett Road Cheektowaga, NY 14221-1480

Phone: (716) 836-6460

Caring Hearts Home Care

892 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14202 (716) 686-8300

Church Council 2018-2019

President: Larry Muscoreil 465-3301
Vice Pres: Rick Krueger 213-8000
Secretary: Marcie Mason 984-5858
Treasurer: Patty Zehler 908-3877
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Trustee: Mark Reddy 359-2389
Deacon: Harry Mandris 937-0322
Deacon: Harold Bowen 684-1557
Member: Ann Marie Appleby 650-8785
Member: Ellie DeFilippo 574-9830

Church Staff Information

Ministers: All the People of God in this place

Pastor: The Rev. Serena Mollenkopf-Grill

Cell: 716-510-2939 Email: pastorserena@gmail.com

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Merlin H. Knauff (retired)

Church Council President: Larry Muscoreil

Secretary: Diane Casell Office: 684-1467

Sexton: Ann Stanek

Music Director: Kate Snyder: 668-5610



Church Office Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday

9:00 am – noon

The doors will be locked for the safety of our staff and volunteers, please knock or use the doorbell at the carport door when you stop by. If you need assistance outside of these hours please call/text Diane 716-713-3149 or Pastor Serena 716-510-2939

Thanks for your cooperation.

Facts and Figures

| Sunday | Attendance | Offerings |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| May 5 | 110 | \$4,554 |
| May 12 | 123 | \$4,573 |
| May 19 | 152 | \$3,832 |
| | | Needed Weekly \$3,800 |

Worship Assistants for June

Ushers

Early
Jim Wilckens
Russ Allan
Charlie Turner
Jim Heinrich

Late
Ronald Peebles
Harold Bowen
Richard Noel
Mark Casell

Acolytes

8:30 am
2 Riley Streit
John Wild

11:00 am
Cole Appleby

9 Shawn Witucki

Paige Jegierski
Taylor Tyburski

16 Paige Mertz
Colton Witucki

10:00 am
Laura Mollenkopf-Grill

23 Josie Wild

Matilynn Schmidt
Nate Jegierski

30 Colton Witucki

Ben Wild



Communion Set-up

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| 2 Barb Sims | 8:30 am |
| 9 Marci Mason | 11:00 am |
| 16 Ellie DeFilippo | 8:30 am |
| 23 Mark and Jody Reddy | 10:00 am |

2019 Coffee Cup Volunteers

June 2: Lori Kumpf

June 9: Sharon Holcomb

Worship time change for summer to 8:30 and 10am

June 16: Mike and Sue DeWitt

June 23: Elli Defilippo

June 30: Judy Quinty

If you would like to help by washing the coffee cups after worship to help reduce our carbon footprint, please email Pastor Serena. (pastorserena@gmail.com)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for all the above Ministries!

Call the Church office if you would like to help at the church in any of these or our many other ministries.



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| June 1 | 34 years | Pam and Richard Czechowski |
| June 1 | 56 years | Helen and Marlin Gillette |
| June 1 | 35 years | Ellen and Harry Mandris |
| June 7 | 61 years | Virginia and Charles Chauncey |
| June 11 | 70 years | Ruth and Ken Duncan |
| June 16 | 46 years | Diane and David Baehre |
| June 18 | 53 years | Jeanette and Tom Dickinson |
| June 18 | 31 years | Carol and David Reiner |
| June 19 | 37 years | Kathy and David Lee |
| June 19 | 37 years | Michele and Michael Piasecki |
| June 21 | 45 years | Jackie and Frederick Vogel |
| June 22 | 62 years | Carole and Richard Noel |

Did we miss your special Anniversary (10, 20, 25 & over 30 years) If so, please let us know at the Church office.

Baptism

May 19, 2019 **Lincoln Michael James**, son of Christopher and Crystal Bartz.

Death

Called to the Church Triumphant on April 19 was our member **Mike Thore**. A Funeral service took place at Town Line Lutheran Church on April 26. Our sincere Christian Sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

In Sympathy

- Our sincere sympathy extended to the family and friends of **Allen Isaacs** who died in May with Pastor Serena officiating.
- Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **David Scott** who died and buried at Town Line Lutheran in May.
- Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Jodie Anstett** who died in May with Pastor Serena officiating.

Welcome to our new members

Welcome to **Christine and Jeffrey Gump** who joined our community of faith.

If you are interested in joining our church family, please call the office of speak with Pastor Serena.



1 Janet Klein
1 Michelle Muscoreil
1 Carrie Weston
2 Pamela Allan
2 Peter Subsara
3 Serena Mollenkopf-Grill
3 Dan Wypij
4 Mason Hack
5 Kelly Marshall
5 Donna Pautler
6 Sharon Holcomb
6 Kacey Menge
7 Amanda Bartz
7 Emilie Space
7 Hunter Zimmer
8 Jacob Rospierski
9 Ethan Hamm
10 Joshua Stoldt
11 Molly Bauer
11 Ashlyn Golding
12 Nathan Jegierski
12 Dixie Lilleck
13 Timothy Zima
15 Adele Steinman
15 Liam Stotz
16 Margaret Bliemeister
16 Michael Hapeman
17 Shaun Fallon
17 Kevin Peters

17 Ian Subsara
19 Alycia Baran
19 Tammy Piasecki
20 Linda Green
20 Nathan Heinrich
21 Ronald Ball
21 Kaitlyn Laudico
21 Albert Stutzman
22 Laura Ferguson
22 Stephen Slevinski
22 Brenda Wells
22 Tammy Piasecki
23 Rachel Knauff
23 Sean Nowicki
24 Joyce Smith
24 John Phillips
25 Ryan Zima
26 William Dabb Jr
27 Jeanette Dickinson
27 Ron Dulski
27 Anna Jegierski
27 Karen Salvatore
29 Janet Seitz
29 Peggy Snyder
29 Jessica Wierzbowski
30 Cheryl Klein

Did we miss your birthday?

If so, please contact the
Church office, 684-1467.

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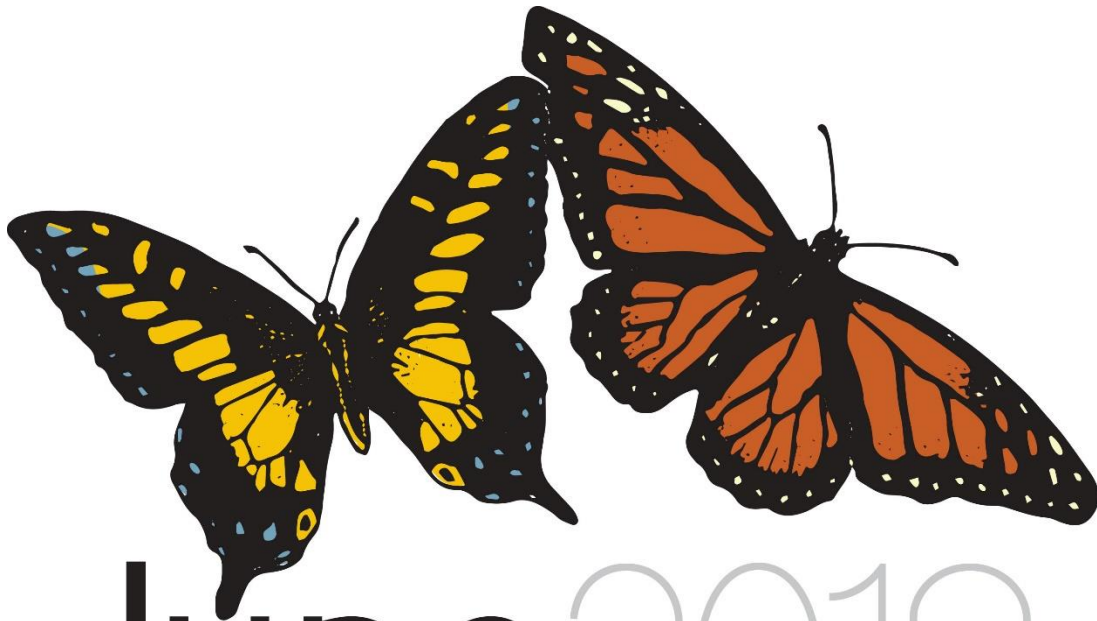
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