

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour The Communicator—August 2024

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck

The Sheep Dog

We offer ourselves, one way or another, to try to work for God. We want, as it were, to be among the sheep dogs employed by the Lord Shepherd. Have you ever watched a good sheep dog at work? He is not an emotional animal. He goes on with his job quite steadily; takes no notice of bad weather, rough ground or of his own comfort. He seldom or never stops to be stroked. Yet his faithfulness and intimate communion with his master are of the loveliest things in the world. Now and then he looks at the shepherd. And when the time comes for rest, they are generally to be found together. Let this be the model of your love.

--Evelyn Underhill, "An Anthology of the Love of God"

A Few Thoughts On The Lord's Prayer (by anonymous)

I cannot pray Our, if my faith has no room for others and their need.

I cannot pray Father, if I do not demonstrate this relationship to God in my daily living.

I cannot pray who art in heaven, if all my interests and pursuits are in earthly things.

I cannot pray *hallowed be thy name*, if I am not striving, with God's help, to be holy.

I cannot pray thy Kingdom come, if I am unwilling to accept God's rule in my life.

I cannot pray thy will be done, if I am unwilling or resentful of having it in my life.

I cannot pray on earth as it is in heaven, unless I am truly ready to give myself to God's service here and now.

I cannot pray *give us this day Our Daily Bread*, without expending honest effort for it, or if I should withhold from my neighbor the bread that I receive.

I cannot pray *forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*, if I continue to harbor a grudge against anyone.

I cannot pray *lead us not into temptation*, if i deliberately choose to remain in a situation where i am likely to be tempted.

I cannot pray *deliver us from evil*, if I am not prepared to fight evil with my life and my prayer.

I cannot pray *thine is the Kingdom*, if i am unwilling to obey the king.

I cannot pray thine is the power and the glory, if I am seeking power for myself and my own glory first period

I cannot pray forever and ever, if I am too anxious about each day's affairs.

I cannot pray Amen, unless I honestly say, "cost what it may, this is my prayer."

Joachim Wilele

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Church & Community submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman



<u>Maggie's Place (Christian Lutheran Ministry)</u> Summer Camp: Toys, snacks and cash donations were delivered to Maggie's Place on Tuesday, July 2nd. Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions. I know the children are enjoying a wonderful and fun time in camp thanks to people like you.



<u>St. Peter's Kitchen:</u> We continue to provide PB&J sandwiches to St. Peter's Kitchen. Thank you to all my dedicated and faithful volunteers. This month, we will be making the sandwiches on Thursday, August 1st at 9:30 am, instead of Thursday, August 8th due to St. Peter's Kitchen being closed the second week of August. If you are interested in volunteering to help make these sandwiches, there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. This is a great opportunity for our church to help our city's homeless, senior citizens and families who are financially strapped and are having difficulty providing for themselves and their families with nutritious meals.

If you have any questions, or are interested in volunteering for this project, please call Ann Seppa at (585) 889-4413 or (347) 804-6451.

Steve Brady volunteered at St. Peter's Kitchen on Saturday, June 29 (which was their inaugural Saturday lunch program). Around 150 lunches were distributed and Mayor Evans was there as well. To date, Steve has volunteered five times this summer, he plans to continue a few times each month. St. Peter's Kitchen is always looking for more volunteers. What do you do as a volunteer? Basically, you show up sometime between 9 and 9:30 am and do food prep for 2 hours and afterwards are involved in some capacity from about 11:30-1 pm (either on the food handout line or behind the scenes helping prepare 300-350 lunches). There is always a nutritious lunch served at 1 pm for the volunteers, which many of us at LCOS have experienced when we visited St. Peter's Kitchen this spring. Everyday radical hospitality is given/received as the clients always thank those who volunteer and appreciate the volunteers taking time out of their day to help prepare their lunches.

If anyone is interested in trying out a shift volunteering, please let Steve Brady. Fridays are always a day when they need lots of help.



Wishing everyone a Safe and Happy August!

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The Mission of the Month: Coldwater House submitted by Ann Seppa



The Coldwater House for Women & Children opened in August, 2018. It is a Residential program located at 240 Coldwater Road in Gates. It is a Christian program designed to address individual crisis situations

through strengthening families. It offers a safe, comprehensive and dignified environment. This program helps women develop a plan for sustainable living which may include medical, vocational and academic assessments, as well as training in parenting, nutrition, job readiness, money management and self-care.

Since opening, they have remained at full capacity with 8-11 families at a time. They have maintained an active wait list (they also offer referrals and assist families with placement in the event that they are at full capacity).

To date, they have housed over 100 families. Lutheran Church of Our Saviour has sponsored many drives since its opening and we also include their children on our Angel Tree at Christmas.

Your donation will go towards helping so many more women and their children.



You can place your check or monies in one of the collection envelopes in church and put it in the plate. If you are away and would still like to support Coldwater House, please send in a check to the office and put "coldwater house," in the memo.

Church Wide Picnic: August 25th submitted by Pam Spencer

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We will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, rolls, condiments, soda and water.

Everyone will need to bring their own table setting and silverware. Sign up Sheets are on the table at the top of the stairs as you enter church.

We will have a basket raffle. The office is sending out letters to businesses in the community to solicit items for our baskets, but we ask you to consider helping out by providing items for a basket. An example would be if you belong to a golf course, you could ask the golf-course if they would donate a few items, and maybe a free 18 holes or other service. Raffle tickets will go on sale August 4th.

Basket Tickets go on sale August 4th:

\$2.00 each \$5.00 for 3 tickets \$8.00 for 10 tickets \$10.00 for 12 tickets



<u>Volunteers Needed</u>—We currently have 3 slots: Clean Dell Hall, Serve Food, & Clean Up. We currently have 7 volunteers who have signed up to help. Many in multiple categories. Also, many of these people are the same people who volunteer for just about everything here at Our Saviour. We have 2 new volunteers who have made the decision to pitch in and help! A big thank you to them!



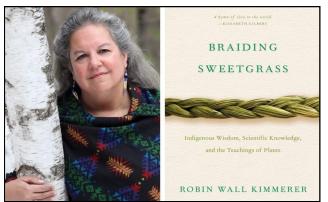
The Women of the ELCA are all enjoying this beautiful summer.

We will meet again in September for our potluck luncheon on Tuesday, September 10 at 11:30 am.

The Women of the ELCA Genesee Finger Lakes and Central Crossroad Conferences are planning a Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Please check out the flyer below for details:

Genesee Finger Lakes & Central Crossroads Conferences invite you to attend the 2024 Fall RETREAT "EXPLORING NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE"

This Retreat is inspired by the book "Braiding Sweetgrass," by Robin Wall Kimmerer, about Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants



DATE: Saturday, September 21, 2024

PLACE:Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan State Historic Site7000 County Road 41 (Boughton Hill Road)Victor, New York 14564

REGISTRATION: 9:45 a.m.

Tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will run for two hours.

Lunch and Program to follow at St. John's Lutheran Church

888 County Rd 9

Victor, New York 14564

<u>Time:</u> 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

This retreat is fully funded from Churchwide. Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item.

RSVP: Ann Seppa (585) 889-4413 by Friday, September 12, 2024

Eagle Scout Project Beautifies the Church submitted by Ed Jarvis



A Big Thank You to Jacob Foltz and his mother Sheila for painting the Mother's (Cry) Room, Prayer Room and Handicap Restroom this past June. This was a great WIN-WIN activity for our painting needs in the church and Jacob's earning his scout's Eagle Badge, he is now off to college at RIT for his new venture.

AMAZING RECITAL GIVEN BY JONATHAN AND LUCAS

submitted by the Executive Committee

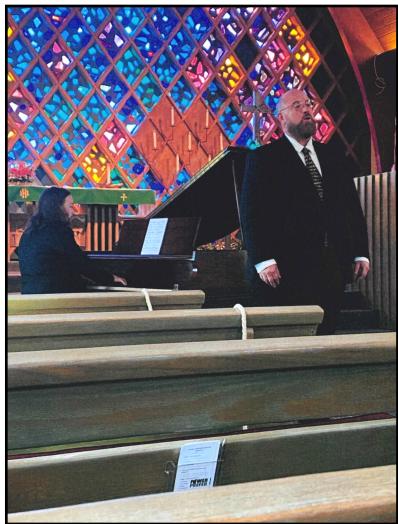
For those of you who attended the recital you experienced an amazing evening of beautiful, moving classical music, Jonathan's full tenor voice filled the church with inspiring pieces in German, Italian ,French and English and at times I believe even challenged our church windows.

Lucas's wowed us with incredibly advanced piano pieces beautifully performed, We are truly blessed to have 2 extremely talented musicians in our church!

The Church Council extends our many thanks to the time that both Jonathan and Lucas put into this performance, for sharing your talents with us and for also raising some additional funds for choir music.

We are excited to learn that Lucas and Jonathan are already planning future recitals. Lucas will be giving a solo piano recital on September 22nd at 2:00 p.m. We hope our members will come out and support our music ministers.

We thank them for sharing their God given talents with us.



Sunday School Information submitted by Wendy Forrest





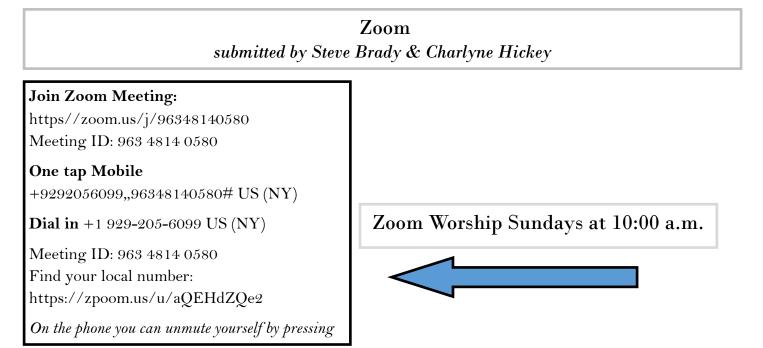
Special Multi-age Activity Days for Youth and Teens—will continue throughout the summer. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. on August 4th in the youth room. Breakfast will be provided. Visitors are welcome!

Our Saviour Welcomes a New Member submitted by the Office



On Sunday July 21, Joe Caputo was welcomed as a new member of Our Saviour. If you see Joe, say hello and introduce yourself to him. We are pleased to add him to our ranks.





August Service Schedule

Day & TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	GREETER	Communion Assistant	Cross Bearer
Thursday August 1	Ann Seppa	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday August 4	Pam Brady	Carol Ransom	Carol Ransom	Ruth Pearce	n/a	n./a
Thursday August 8	Ed Jarvis	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday August 11	Mary Ellen Saur	Moni Stellrecht	Moni Stellrecht	Deb Yackel	Moni S. & Dick Ransom	Lois Dannenberg
Thursday August 15	Frank Johnson	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday August 18	Carol Werth	Deb Yackel	Drew Emerson	Mary Ellen Saur	n/a	n/a
Thursday August 22	Carol Werth	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday August 25	Ann Seppa	Jen Large	Andrew Eichner	Jason Stone	Dick & Carol Ransom	John Macksamie
Thursday August 29	Ed Jarvis	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Altar Guild: Colleen Forsey & Jean Lombard

Anniversaries in August

Peter & Jacqueline Sitter, August 2 (49 years) Jerry & Patty Stich, August 3 (FIFTY YEARS!!!!!) Cindy & Charles Borzilleri, August 20 (30 years) Nancy & Karl Schwach, August 28 (42 years) Dr. Drew & Jenny Emerson, August 3 (22 years) Michael & April O'Connor, August 8, (26 years) Wendy & Kevin Forrest, August 21 (53 years) Richard & Colleen Forsey, August 31 (56 years)

Birthdays in August

Jennifer Kelly, August 1 Elizabeth Stellrecht, Augst 8 Thomas Ziegler, August 12 Joyce Perkins, August 15 Jonathan Howell, August 18 Alexander Sovereign, August 26 Karen Preston, August 1 Jaime Walberger, August 8 Gabriel Foltz, August 13 Christine Gear, August 16 Keely Lyons, August 22 Deborah Yackel, August 27 Jakob Witt, August 6 Jennifer Guiles, August 9 William Vogel, August 13 Patricia Schulz, August 17 Sharon Castrichini, August 23



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Happening in August



August 1, Thursday 9:30 a.m
6:30 p.m
August 4, Sunday 9:15 a.m
August 8, Thursday 11:00 a.mWorship Committee 6:30 p.mThursday Summer Service
August 9, Friday—August 10 Saturday 5:00 p.mFGAS German Fest in Spencerport
August 11, Sunday 9:30 a.m
August 12, Monday 6:30 p.m
August 13, Tuesday 6:30 p.m Properties Committee
August 15, Thursday 6:30 p.m
August 18, Sunday 9:00 a.m. First Communion Class 9:30 a.m. Open Loft Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:50 a.m. Guest Speaker from Coldwater House, Chris Scribani
August 22, Thursday 6:30 p.m
August 25, Sunday 9:00 a.m
August 29, Thursday 6:30 p.m Thursday Summer Service, Service of Word and Prayer

Prayer Concerns

Members In Need of Prayer

Barb Collins, Alice Crawford, Elaine DeVantier, Jack Erbelding, Bev Evans, Jim Flick, Debbie Frey, Meredith Fries, Gerry Haak, Merlyn Hann, Bonnie Hartfiel, Daryl Jarvis, Lynn Johnston, Barb King, Greg Lombard, Jean Lombard, John Macksamie, Elly Mahler, Sharon Nazarian, Linda Palmer, Jackie Potter, Marilies Renke, Edith Russell, Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Janine Westa

Members & Friends Serving Our Country

Alexander McDonough, USCG, Dave Oliver, Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard

Others Serving

LTC Paul Graf , Captain Matthew Wormuth Major Scott Moncrief, Captain Chris Stevenson, Steve Kim, Major Joshua Davis

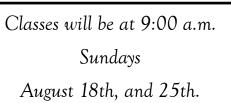
Family & Friends In Need of Payer

John Aune, brother of Ann Marie MacBride. Sam Bagdan, nephew of Ray McQueen. The Baird and Balmer Family, family of Valerie Baird. Dan Burrell and family, friends of John and Debi Macksamie. Rick Conley, friend of Jean Lombard. Annette and Casey Corbridge and family, family of Debi and John Macksamie. Marlene Denz, mother of Paul Denz. Rich Doehl, friend of Debi Macksamie. Krystle Earle, daughter of Debbie Frey. Valerie Gingello, sister of April O'Connor. Barbara Haefele, aunt of Steven Fries. Roy & Ann Hamblin, parents of Paul Hamblin. Stacy Harris, friend of Wendy Forrest. Kyle Hopkins, son of Larry & Janie Hopkins. Sean Hopkins, son of Larry & Janie Hopkins. Family or Rick Horn, cousin of Wendy Forrest. Cathy Lee Johnson, niece of Ann Seppa. Nancy Lenox, mother in law of Steve Fries. Greg Lombard, son of Jean Lombard. Scott Lynaugh, nephew of Alice Crawford. Zoe and John Marshall, friends of Debi Macksamie. JohnAnthony Neri, nephew of Alice Crawford. Rich Petronio, friend of Stephanie Karcher. Scott Preston, son of Karen Preston. Marianna Reed, friend of Debi Macksamie. Martha Richenberg, sister of David Nowatka. Lois Russell, friend of our WELCA. Mary Anne Schnabel, friend of Bill Vogel. Matt Seger, family friend of Valerie Baird. Joseph Seiler, brother in law of David Nowatka. Avrie Sinesiou, friend of Keely Lyons. Denton Sutphen, brother of Debi Macksamie Glena Sutphen, sister-in-law of John and Debi Macksamie. Kerri Wallenhorst and family, friends of Jenny (Stich) Guiles. Judy Whitney, cousin of Ric Seiling. Clarence Wingate, nephew-in-law of Jack Erbelding. Sammy Zaffuto, friend of Alice Crawford

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