



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The Communicator—February 2025

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck



As I reflect on the upcoming month I am aware that it is the month of our annual meeting. Sometimes Christ's light Shines brightly during these Epiphany deliberations, but sometimes the light is dimmed by all the human shortcomings. We expect too much. We want our own way. We question the budget and worry about empty pews. Instead of gathering to celebrate Christ's presence among us and his resurrection, we seem to stand weeping at the cross

As I turn to the lessons for the third Sunday after the epiphany and read them one by one I came up with some other reflections that might impact our congregational meeting.

I recognized Jeremiah, that worried, reluctant young man, faced with God's call and reaching for excuses—" why me Lord?" And then I saw him bowled over, pulled along God's fantastic promise of steadfast love and unheard of power to turn his world upside down.

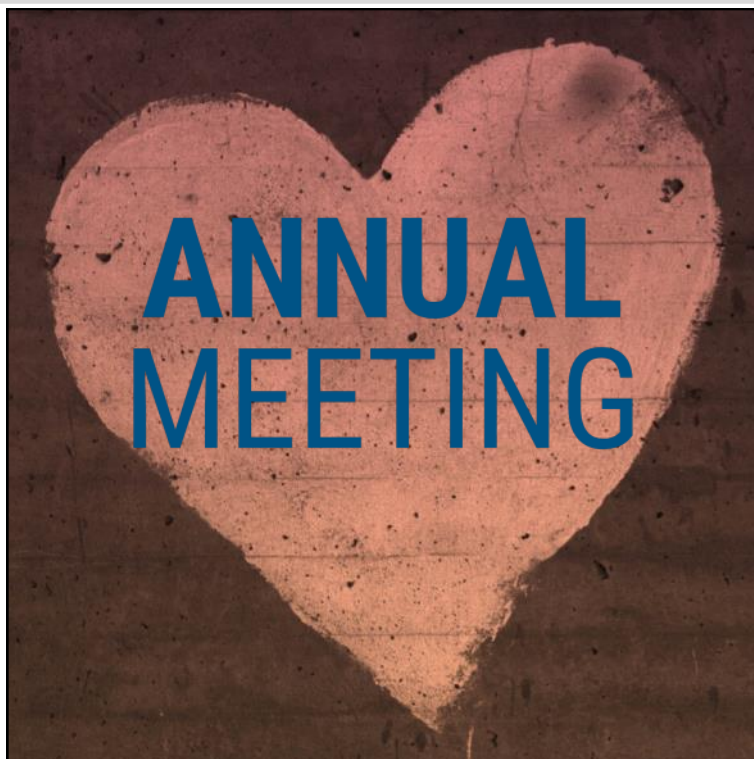
In first Corinthians 12, I recognized the church: a careful hierarchy of talents and responsibilities, a diverse community gathered and transformed—"the body of Christ" (12:27)

I turned to Luke 4 and almost laughed at a congregation that wasn't even satisfied with Jesus! At first, they were all well impressed with his speaking. But then he went too far, angered the pious synagogue community, and they threw him out.

I turned back to first Corinthians 13. I thought I knew it well but I read it again, thinking of my diverse congregation, full of energetic strong minded people." Love is patient, love is kind; Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.... It bears all things, believes all things,: hopes all things, endures all things" (13:4,7)

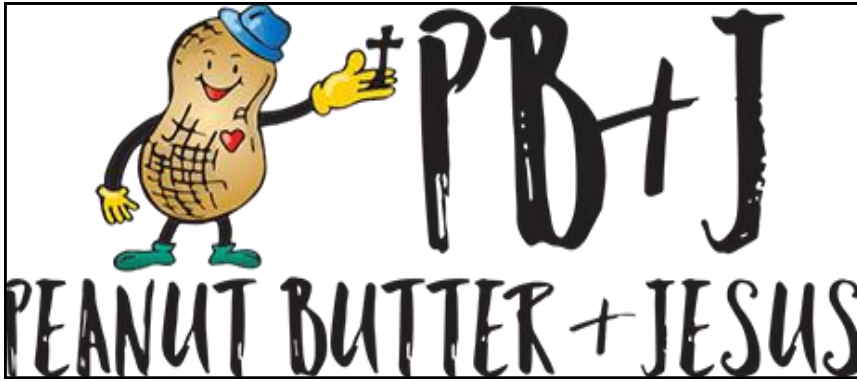
We call chapter 13 a beautiful hymn to love, but surely it's more than that. It shows us what can happen when we let God's love move in and through us. It describes God's love and our love---the love that unfolds these pews, the people who are in them, and the people who are not. It speaks of the love that awaits for all people on this altar, in this cup. It is a love that not only waits, but pursues, until we let go of pettiness and faithlessness and excuses and, knowing that we are loved, risks accepting and loving others

Finally, Paul says, there are faith, hope and love. Faith allows us to be Christ's hands, feet, eyes, and ears in this world. In hope, God can work through us in this very human institution, the church. And it is love, especially at the congregational meeting that lifts us up binds us together, and sends us out.



Joachim Wilck

Church & Community
submitted by Ann Seppa, Chair



The PB&J making project for St. Peter's Kitchen continues to go well. Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to show up every month to make these sandwiches.

We are now making an additional 25-30 sandwiches each month for Operation Caring, an agency that supplies and delivers meals for the homeless in Rochester.

We meet again on Thursday, February 13 at 9:30 a.m. We are always hoping for more volunteers. If interested in volunteering, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. It only takes us about an hour!!

The Church & Community Committee will be meeting in March to discuss upcoming events in 2025.

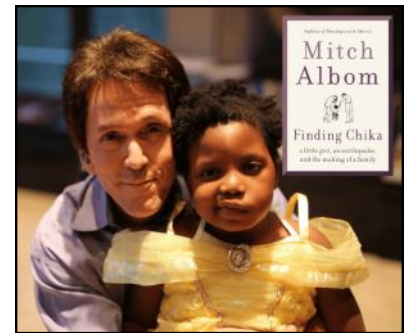
February 9th is **Souper** Bowl Sunday at LCOS. Please remember to bring a "dollar" and a canned food item for St. Theodore's Food Cupboard.

WELCA
submitted by Ann Seppa, Secretary

The Women of the ELCA hope that everyone is staying warm and safe during this extremely cold winter.

Please Note that WELCA will be supplying refreshments for Fellowship the first Sunday of every month.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. We will be discussing the book, "Finding Chika" by Mitch Albom. Please bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Ann Seppa will serve as hostess and devotions at this meeting.



Congregational Meeting
submitted by Ann Seppa, Secretary

February 9, 11:00 a.m.

Agenda:

Call To Order—Opening Prayer—Quorum Report

Approvals of Congregational Meeting Minutes

Election of New Council Candidates

Election of Synod Delegates

Treasurer's End of Year 2024 Report—Proposed 2025 Operating Budget

Adjournment and Close with Lord's Prayer.

A Visit with Elsie Roe *submitted by Carol Werth*



This is Elsie Roe, a longtime member of Reformation who now resides at Elderwood Village in Fairport.

Recently, I made a communion visit to her. She had told me during a previous visit that she loved pie. I brought her a piece of apple pie for her 104th birthday . This made her very happy.

She is pictured here with the 2 gifts made by our Sunday School children and her apple pie. She thanks everyone and also mentioned she likes cherry pie the best.

Jubilees' Valentines Dinner

Thursday, February 13th

MacGregors 2205 Buffalo Rd. in Gates.

We will gather at 11:30 a.m. and Lunch will be served at 12:14 p.m.

Buffet Lunch Includes: Chicken French, Meatballs, Italian Sausage, Pasta, Garlic Potatoes, Salad and Rolls. Coffee, Tea, and Soda will be provided. Cake for dessert. Cost is \$22.00/person including gratuity.

Please sign up and make payments by February 9th in envelopes. Checks should be made out to Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, and in the memo field: "Jubilees Valentines Luncheon."



Service Schedule—February

February 2nd:	Service Leader:	Ann Seppa
	Usher:	Alice Newbury
	Lector:	Carol Werth
	Communion Assistants:	Alice Newbury & Ed Jarvis
	Greeter:	Ed Jarvis
February 9th:	Service Leader:	Carol Werth
	Ushers:	Elton & Patti Schulz
	Lector:	Deb Ciccone
	Communion Assistants:	Deb Macksamie & Lois Dannenberg
	Cross Bearer:	John Macksamie
	Greeter:	Ann Seppa
February 16th:	Service Leader:	Brian Spencer
	Usher:	Cindy Borzilleri
	Lector:	Pam Spencer
	Communion Assistants:	Pam Spencer & Cindy Borzilleri
	Greeter:	Carol Werth
February 23rd:	Service Leader:	Pam Brady
	Usher:	Jen Large
	Lector:	Steve Brady
	Communion Assistants:	Steve Brady & Deb Frey
	Cross Bearer:	Paul Hamblin
	Greeter:	Peggy Hamblin

Birthdays & Anniversaries in February

Chloe Evans—February 1	Joan Plowe—February 1	Kristin Romell—February 2
Kevin Yackel—February 7	Alexa Sovereign—February 9	Pam Spencer—February 9
Jacqueline Green—February 10	Karen Yackel—February 10	Patrick Dougherty—February 12
Brian Spencer—February 12	Alexandria Guiles—February 14	Alyssa Lance—February 14
Karen Osterling—February 14	Devin Mochrie—February 16	Sharon Lynn—February 17
Elly Mahler—February 19	Peyton Osterling—February 19	Valerie Baird—February 20
Karen Stelljes—February 22	Tyler Emerson—February 23	Larry Hopkins—February 24
Michael Frey—February 26	Joshua Sihto—February 28	Jana Tushingam—February 28

Todd & Jaime Walberger—February 17 (18 years)

February at Saviour

February 1, Saturday: 9:00 a.m. German School, 1:00 p.m. Loop Care Bags

February 2, Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice, 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School—Special Activity Day, 10:00 a.m. Communion Service, 11:00 Council Gathering, 11:20 a.m. Bell Choir

February 3, Monday: 6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

February 4, Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

February 5, Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Alpha Course

February 7, Friday: 5:30 p.m. German School

February 8, Saturday: 9:00 a.m. German School

February 9, Sunday: (SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY) 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice, 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. Communion Service, 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

February 10, Monday: 6:30 p.m. Scouts BSA

February 11, Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study, 11:30 a.m. WELCA Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Properties Committee

February 12, Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Alpha Course

February 13, Thursday: PB & J Making, 10:30 a.m. Worship Committee, 12:00 p.m. Jubilees Valentines Luncheon

February 14, Friday: 5:30 p.m. German School

February 15, Saturday: 9:00 a.m. German School, 11:00 a.m. Beverly Evans Funeral

February 16, Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice, 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Communion Service, 11:10 Bell Choir, 11:15 a.m. CLC Meeting, 4:00 p.m. Thrivent at Strong

February 17, Monday: Council Meeting

February 18, Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

February 19, Wednesday: Alpha Course

February 23, Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice, 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Communion Service, 11:10 a.m. Bell Choir

February 24, Monday: 6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

February 25, Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

February 26, Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Alpha Course

February 28, Friday: 5:30 p.m. German School

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