



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The Communicator—July 2024

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck



Here is a devotion I found on line that spoke to my heart I hope you enjoy it.

“Every summer has a story.” ~Unknown

As I look back at past summers, I see a trail of beautiful and bittersweet memories. There have been summers that overflowed with joy and summers filled with deep sadness and pain. The common thread is that every summer was unique and had its own tale to tell.

Just as every natural summer has a story, so does every spiritual summer. We will each walk through the spiritual seasons many times. Autumn is a time of change. Winter is a time of barrenness and preparation. Spring is a time of rebirth. And summer is a time for bearing fruit and embracing the abundant life that surrounds us.



The key to embracing our spiritual summer, no matter what time of year it is in the natural, is to remember to seize the joy of the season. This is a time to feel the heavenly warmth on our face and revel in the beauty that surrounds us. Relax, have fun, celebrate, and abide in gratitude for the blessings that surround. Fall and winter will come, but don't let thoughts of the unknown rob you of the joy of the moment.

Summer is a season known for cultivating and bearing good fruit. Oh goodness, there is just nothing like a sweet, sun-ripened, summer strawberry.

It is like a taste of heaven on earth! Our spiritual fruit of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control must also be cultivated and ripened so it can taste even sweeter than the best summer strawberry. There is one sure way to do this, and that is to remember who our spiritual gardener is and to remain in him always.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5 NIV)

“The seasons may change, but our good and loving Father does not.” Let's celebrate our summers, both the natural and the spiritual, and embrace every story being written, because God's hand is in each one.

Lord, thank you for the gift of summer. Thank you for ice cream cones, backyard barbecues, and sun-drenched memories. May we seize each moment of joy and remember that you are the true cultivator of our harvest and author of our stories. Amen.

Joachim Wilck

Church & Community

submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman



The Church & Community Committee will again sponsor a Summer food drive from August 1-through Labor Day for St. Theodore’s Food Pantry in Gates, NY. When you shop for your next BBQ or summer party, please add a few extra items to your shopping cart and help fill the shelves at St. Theodore’s Food Pantry.

The PB&J Project continues to be successful. Thank you to all the many volunteers that make the 200 sandwiches monthly for St. Peter’s Kitchen. Our next batch of sandwiches will be made on Thursday, July 11 at 9:30 am in the Augsburg Room. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. This is a great opportunity for our church to help our city’s homeless community.



WELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa



Eight ladies of WELCA enjoyed our end of the year “dinner out” at Agatina’s Restaurant in Gates. Everyone enjoyed delicious food and as always, wonderful fellowship. At this meeting, we voted to donate \$200 for Maggie’s Summer Camp.

The Genesee Finger Lakes and Central Crossroads Conferences are in the process of planning a Fall Retreat to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Details to follow. Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe summer!

Financial Update

submitted by Deb Ciccone



Below is an update of the income and expenses for May and Year to date as of 5/31/24. Although expenses exceeded income in May we are still ahead by \$26,618.88 YTD. At the end of May with 42% of the year behind us our income YTD was at 58% of the forecasted annual income and expenses were at 39% of budgeted expenses.

	APRIL	YTD
INCOME	\$15,002.60	\$133,682.08
EXPENSE	\$ 21,257.79	\$107,063.20
NET INCOME	\$-6,255.19	\$26,618.88



Please remember that our congregation’s missions and ministries continue to operate while you are away enjoying the summer. Our expenses go on as usual. So before you pack up and head out on vacation, please remember to make your offering. A special envelope is on the Narthex Table for your use.

Summer Worship
submitted by the office



Our summer weeknight services will begin on THURSDAY, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. Services will continue on Thursday nights outside by the cross until September (No Service on the 4th of July).

This year Pastor Wilck will offer a special 7 week series on the Apostles Creed. Service duration is between 30-40 minutes.

Please remember to bring a chair, to not sit too far away, and even on summer evenings, it can be chilly in the shade so bring a sweater.



Church Wide Picnic
submitted by Pam Spencer



AUGUST 25th

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. More details are available on the table, and will be included in the August Newsletter.



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 July 7th and August 4th in the youth room. Breakfast will be provided. Visitors are welcome!

Streaming Video Update

submitted by Jonathan Howell



Installation of our new streaming video system will continue in July. There are multiple steps involved including an overhaul of our website and other social media to accommodate the video. We hope to be fully operational by the end of the summer.

Zoom

submitted by Steve Brady & Charlyne Hickey

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96348140580>

Meeting ID: 963 4814 0580

One tap Mobile

+9292056099,,96348140580# US (NY)

Dial in +1 929-205-6099 US (NY)

Meeting ID: 963 4814 0580

Find your local number:

<https://zpoom.us/u/aQEhdZQe2>

On the phone you can unmute yourself by pressing

Zoom Worship Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



July Service Schedule



Altar Guild: Debbie Wilck, Karen Preston

Day & TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	GREETER	Communion Assistant	Cross Bearer
Sunday July 7	Lois Dannenberg	David Nowatka	Wendy Forrest	Carol Werth	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Thursday July 11	Ed Jarvis	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday July 14	Pam Brady	Deb Macksamie	Charlyne Hickey	Charlyne Hickey	Charlyne Hickey & Carol Werth	John Macksamie
Thursday July 18	Carol Werth	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday July 21	Diane Parke/Potter	Sharon Nazarian	Larry Nazarian	Ann Seppa	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Thursday July 25	Brian Spencer	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday July 28	Frank Johnson	Larry & Janie Hopkins	Alice Newbury	Mary Ellen Saur	Alice Newbury & Deb Macksamie	John Macksamie

Anniversaries in July



Jim & Linda Flick—July 2 (53 years)

Emil & Christa Witt—July 6 (61 years)

Pam & Jan Carmichael—July 22 (29 years)

Karen & Stephen Nash—July 26 (53 years)

Joe & Vera Scuder—July 30 (53 years)

Rod Potter & Diane Parke-Potter—July 3 (47 years)

David & Charlyne Hickey—July 10 (32 years)

Gene & Ann Northrop—July 25 (54 years)

Andrew & Julie Lowe—July 28 (12 years)

Ricard & Debra Yackel—July 30 (36 years)

Birthdays in July



Janine Lyons—July 1

Jan Carmichael—July 4

Cynthia Blank—July 8

Rebecca Sovereign—July 11

Michael Palumbo—July 13

Irma Sieg—July 14

Colleen Forsey—July 18

Jack Erbelding—July 30

Jenny Emerson—July 2

Ann Seppa—July 4

Brad Morningstar—July 9

Pamela Brady—July 12

Kristina Saucke—July 13

Miles Sovereign—July 14

Hans Witt—July 29

Jill Evans—July 3

Rainer Stellrecht—July 7

Zachary Blank—July 10

Tamara Mochrie—July 12

Rob Sihto—July 13

Bailee Evans—July 17

Joshua Blank—July 30

Happening in July



Thursday, July 4

NO EVENING SERVICE

Sunday, July 7

9:15 a.m.Special Activity for Youth and Teens
9:30 a.m. Open Loft Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.Worship Service

Tuesday, July 9

6:30 p.m. Properties Committee

Thursday, July 11

9:30 a.m. Peanut Butter & Jelly Making

Worship Committee on Hiatus until August

6:30 p.m. Thursday Night Summer Service

Sunday, July 14

9:30 a.m. Open Loft Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, July 18

6:30 p.m. Thursday Night Summer Service

Friday, July 19

7:00 p.m. Piano/Vocal Recital

Sunday, July 21

9:30 a.m. Open Loft Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.Worship Service

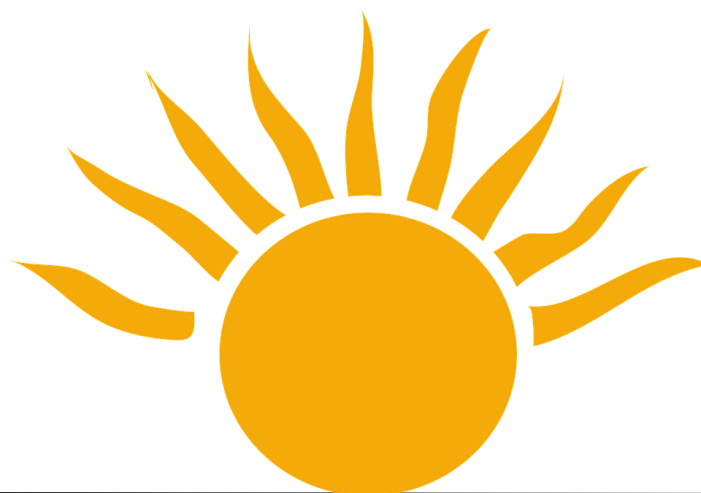
Thursday, July 25

6:30 p.m. Thursday Night Summer Service

Sunday, July 28

9:30 a.m. Open Loft Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Communion Service



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, Carolyn Hane, 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, David Stone, 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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CHANGE OF SERVICE

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Friday, July 19th

7:00 p.m.

Piano/Voice Recital

Lucas Myers & Jonathan Howell