

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The Communicator—June 2024

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck



When the Bible records of Jesus public ministry are read, we cannot help but wonder about what sort of people he identified with.

Jesus had a fascination with all. All was a very big word to him. The vision of his mission was, “and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He knew he had come for all. On the night of his birth, an Angel told some scrubby shepherds that his coming to earth was, “good news of great joy for all the people.”

It was his all-inclusive love that irritated those who had selectivity screens about people.

To Jesus, loving all became a matter of death and life. He came to seek and save sinners, like prostitutes and pharisees. What sort of people were they? Sinners, both of them. One knew it and wept over the gift of Jesus. She lavished her gratitude and left with the liturgical dismissal of grace: “go in peace” (Luke 7:50). Later, Jesus, looking over Jerusalem, would weep over the city saying: “if you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!” (Luke 19:41)

Christians have sensed the calling to express the all-inclusive, peace-offering love of Christ. It still irritates. For we all are being changed.

The danger is to think we will only be changed sociologically. Jesus, however, knows what sort of people we all are: sinners, bent on living for ourselves. We, of both genders, of all ages and social conditions, are sinners by thought, word, and deed, who love neither God nor neighbor as we ought. An inclusive church lavishly extends the invitation to hear what sort of God loves us all: One who forgives our sins, changes our lives, and sends us forth in peace with good news to tell everyone!

This kind of Church is allowed no selectivity screens. The gospel selects sinners.

Joachim Wilck

Church & Community

submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman



The Peanut Butter & Jelly project for St. Peter's Kitchen continues to go well. Thank you to all the volunteers for making the 200 sandwiches for May. The next batch of sandwiches will be made on Thursday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m. We are always looking for additional volunteers, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. It will only take about an hour of your time!

On Thursday, May 23rd, a group of the PB&J volunteers attended a tour and lunch at St. Peter's Kitchen.

They are so grateful for the 200 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that we donate monthly and couldn't thank us enough.



Thank you to everyone who continues to donate food for St. Theodore's Food Pantry. Your donation of food makes it possible to feed so many families from our community that are in need. The need for food is never ending!

MISSIONS FOR 2024. I am happy to announce that we collected \$1200 for Maggie's Summer Camp during the month of April. Thank you everyone who donated money and made it possible to sponsor some lucky campers. PLEASE NOTE THAT MANY LOCAL CHURCHES ALSO DONATE AND SUPPORT MAGGIE'S SUMMER CAMP.

Loop Ministry: During the month of June, we will be collecting for the Loop Ministry. Envelopes will be on the display table by the bulletin board. Thank you!



Loop Ministries
Helping People: Physically • Mentally • Spiritually

WELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa



The Women of the ELCA met on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm. Gary Larder, Chairman of the Board for the Rochester Red Wings Baseball Team was our guest speaker and he was wonderful. We had 24 people in attendance. Thank you to Debbie Frey for hosting this event.

Our end of the year dinner out is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 pm at Agatina's Restaurant on Buffalo Road in Gates. If you are planning to attend, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. I will need to give the restaurant a count by Friday, June 7.

Any questions, contact Ann Seppa at 889-4413.

We look forward to seeing everyone !



A Message from the Council President *submitted by Steve Brady*

*Thank
you* 

It's hard to believe that I am writing an article that will be published for the June Communicator. This means that we are at the halfway point of the calendar year – it's hard to believe that summer is here! I thought it might be appropriate to give some high level overview of how things are going from my perspective. By the way I am a glass half-full person, and there is much to celebrate and share for what has transpired so far in 2024.

Here are three thoughts:

1. Attendance is up this year over last year and our giving is ahead of schedule! This is great news that we should celebrate! However be aware that the summer season is right before us and that we need to continue supporting Our Saviour with our attendance, talents, and financial gifts during the summer months.
2. We are pleased that Pastor Wilck's surgeries went well and that he is healthy and back with us as our spiritual leader. His preaching style of coming down and conversing with us in the aisles has been very effective and well received. If you haven't been to church in a while, stop in and be rejuvenated by his sermons!
3. Behind the scenes, the Finance Committee has completed some major changes to the financial reporting process so that there are clear and concise monthly reports for Council. A big thank you to Deb Ciccone, Rod Potter, and other Finance Committee members who worked on this.
4. The Council and the congregation recently approved by law and dedicated fund changes so that some former Reformation Church dedicated funds are now available for Our Saviour ministry initiatives. As of this writing, this means an additional \$84,000.
5. I am quite pleased on how the congregation has responded to our outreach initiatives. We had a successful Food Ministry Drive in February and raised over \$1200 in April for Sister Maggie's summer camp program. Thanks to everyone who donated to both of those initiatives. We will be sending Sister Maggie the \$1200 this month---this will help several of our younger brothers and sisters in Christ in the Joseph Avenue neighborhood enjoy summer camp.
6. Our PB&J program of making 200 sandwiches once a month is now a great opportunity for fellowship for Our Saviour volunteers and additionally helps those in the Brown Street neighborhood get a nutritious sandwich on a day when the St. Peter's Kitchen does not provide a hot lunch. We regularly have a dozen Our Saviour volunteers each month and it takes less than an hour for us to make these sandwiches.

Most of our sandwich makers have traveled to St. Peter's Kitchen to see the operation and to have the same hot lunch that is made available to neighborhood residents. All were impressed with the operation and the food.

I am looking for additional opportunities on how we can support St. Peter's Kitchen. Stay tuned

Be safe. Enjoy your summer with your family and friends. See you in church soon!



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 time is between 30-45 minutes.



Jubilees Picnic

submitted by Dick Ransom & Deb Ciccone



Bring a dessert

\$17.00 per person

Bring a game to play



Please join us for our Summer Picnic at Memorial Park in Gates on June 20th. We will gather at 12:30 p.m. and have Lunch beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be catered again this year by Wilshire Catering. The menu will include:

- Baked Marinated Chicken
- Italian Sausage and Peppers & Onions
- Italian Meatballs
- Baked Ziti
- Baked Beans
- Chef Salad

Coffee, Tea, and Soda will be provided. Please bring a dessert if you are able.

The price per person is \$17.00

The lodge is comfortable and has A/C.

Please join us!

June 20, 2024

Jubilees Picnic

Gates Memorial Park

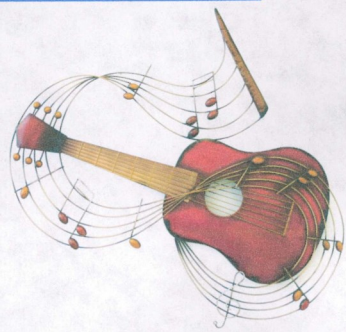
Gather 12:30pm - Lunch 1:00PM

Sign-up Sheet on table in Narthex

Catered Lunch

Chef salad, oven brown potatoes, Italian meatballs, baked chicken, Italian Sausage, baked beans, rolls, water, coffee, pop and ice tea provided.

Sign up by June 9, 2024

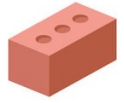


Please use the sign up sheet on the Narthex Table. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of Good Food, Games, Music and Fellowship.

If you are experiencing an economic hardship and would still like to attend please speak to Jonathan confidentially in the Office.

Veteran Bricks

submitted by Ed Jarvis



On Sunday, May 26th we remembered and honored five military veterans with the dedication of new veteran bricks for the base of our Veteran Memorial Flag Pole. The five veterans were:

- GEORG (Mike) M. OTTO, U.S. ARMY, 1959-1962
- CHARLES H. HAAS, U.S. NAVY, WORLD WAR I
- CHARLES W. MILLER, U.S. MERCHANT MARINES, WORLD WAR II
- ROBERT E. MACBRIDE, U.S. NAVY, WORLD WAR II
- RICHARD A. MCKIE, U.S. ARMY, VIETNAM WAR

Adding these 5 new bricks gives us a total of 68 bricks, 48 deceased vets, 20 living vets. We thank you all for your service.

Financial Update

submitted by Deb Ciccone



Below is an update of the income and expenses in April and Year to date for 2024. As you can see, expenses slightly exceeded income in the month of April. At the end of April (a third of the way through the year), we have received 55% of the budgeted income for the year.

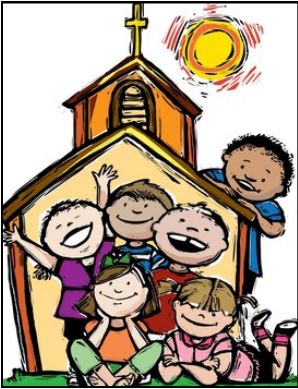
	APRIL	YTD
INCOME	\$20,008.77	\$119,019.48
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EXPENSE	\$22,690.46	\$86,145.41
NET INCOME	\$-2,681.69	\$32,874.07



The Chase Branch we have used for so many years is closing in July. We have decided to move our accounts to Canandaigua National Bank. We are in the process of getting accounts set up there. This change will not impact our members in any way, including those who use Vanco.

Sunday School Information

submitted by Wendy Forrest



Special Multi-age Activity Days will continue throughout the summer. We will gather at 9:15 a.m. on June 3rd, July 7th and August 4th. Breakfast will be provided. Visitors are welcome!

June 9th will be our final regular Sunday School day and also our collaboration with the choir for the church service. We hope to see you all in church that day!

Streaming Video Update

submitted by Jonathan Howell



Installation of our new streaming video system will begin the last week of June.

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.



June Service Schedule



Altar Guild: Peggy Hamblin

Day & TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	GREETER	Communion Assistant	Cross Bearer
Sunday June 2	Carol Werth	Peggy Hamblin	Donna Zacharko	Mary Ellen Saur	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday June 9	Mary Ellen Saur	David Nowatka	Mike Frey	Ed Jarvis	Deb Frey Ed Jarvis	John Macksamie
Sunday June 16	Diane Parke/Potter	Rod Potter	Rod Potter	Paul Hamblin	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday June 23	Ann Seppa	Carol Ransom	Carol Ransom	Carol Werth	Moni Stellrecht & Dick Ransom	Lois Dannenberg
Thursday June 27	Carol Werth	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday June 30	Pam Brady	Elton & Patti Schulz	Lois Dannenberg	Jason Stone	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>

Anniversaries in June



David & Becky Wiesmore, June 6, 31 years

Steve & Pam Brady, June 9, 40 years

Frank & Francine Johnson, June 17, 18 years

Jim & Ann Marie MacBride, June 17, 57 years

Larry & Sharon Nazarian, June 22, 66 years

Steve & Meredith Fries, June 25, 14 years

Ed & Daryl Jarvis, June 25, 58 years

Ken & Nedra Keller, June 30, 40 years

Birthdays in June



Ken Keller—June 2

Caleb Blank—June 4

Barbara Collins—June 4

Gordon Seppa—June 4

Alice Newbury—June 5

Ruth Pearce—June 12

Trudy Reich—June 17

Elaine De Vantier—June 20

Kyle O'Connor—June 21

Barbara Sihto—June 22

Elizabeth Hickey—June 23

Cheryl Stone—June 23

Jason Stone—June 23

Ed Jarvis—June 24

John Tesch—June 24

Steve Fries—June 25

Jaxson Karcher—June 25

Jim MacBride—June 27

Jakob Wiesmore—June 28

Happening in June



June 2—Sunday

9:00 a.m..... Sunday School Special Activities Day
9:30 a.m..... Chancel Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

June 3—Monday

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

June 7—Friday

5:30 p.m. German School (small class)

June 8—Saturday

9:00 a.m..... German School—Make Up Day

June 9—Sunday—Special Children’s Presentation

9:00 a.m..... Sunday School
9:30 a.m..... Chancel Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Communion Service

June 11—Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. WELCA Dinner
6:30 p.m. Properties Committee

June 13—Thursday

9:30 a.m..... PB&J Making in Augsburg Room

June 15—Saturday

9:00 a.m..... German School—Make Up Day

June 16—Sunday

9:30 a.m..... Loft Practice for anyone who wants to sing in the Loft
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

June 17—Monday

All Day..... Election Equipment Delivery

June 18—Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

June 20—Thursday

12:00 p.m. Jubilees Picnic at Memorial Park

June 23—Sunday

9:30 a.m..... Loft Practice
10:00 a.m. Communion Service

June 25—Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
All Day..... Election Polling Site

June 27—Thursday *****6:30 p.m. SUMMER OUTDOOR SERVICE

June 30—Sunday

9:30 a.m..... Loft Practice
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Prayer Concerns

In the Hands of God

Miles Soverign

Members in Need of Prayer

Barb Collins, Jack Erbelding, Bev Evans, Jim Flick, Meredith Fries, Gerry Haak, Carolyn Hane, Merlyn Hann, Bonnie Hartfiel, Lynn Johnston, Greg Lombard, Jean Lombard, Elly Mahler, Linda Palmer, Jackie Potter, Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Janine Westa, Marilies Renke, Irma Sieg, John Macksamie

Extended Family in Need of Prayer

John Aune, Sam Bagdan, Danny Baird, Michael Baird, Jr., Jeremy Balmer, Shannon Balmer, Dan Burrell & family, Anthony Caratello, Rick Conley, Annette & Casey Corbridge and family, Marilyn Dawe, Marlene Denz, Rich Doehl, Krystle Earle, Valerie Gingello, Gary Gubiatti, Barbara Haefele, Roy & Ann Hamblin, Alfreda Hanna, Stacy Harris, Kyle Hopkins, Sean Hopkins, Family of Rick Horn, Cathy Lee Johnson, Nancy Lenox, Greg Lombard, Scott Lynaugh, Zoe & John Marshall, JohnAnthony Neri, Rick Petronio, Lucy Pilaroscia, Scott Preston, Marianna Reed, Martha Richenberg, Lois Russell, Mary Anne Schnabel, Matt Seger, Joseph Seiler, Avrie Sinesiou, Denton Sutphen, Glenna Sutphen, Kerri Wallenhorst and family, Judy Whitney, Clarence Wingate,

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

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“When I attend church, it recharges me
to face the week ahead.”