



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The Communicator—May 2024

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck



Brothers and Sister,

I'd like to begin by thanking you for your prayers, cards and well wishes during my time of recuperation. While it is taking a little longer than I thought it would, I do anticipate being with you on the first Sunday in May.

As we shortly end the Easter cycle in our church year I am struck by the fact that we will be entering Pentecost. Pentecost is the season where the Holy Spirit goes to work within the life of the church.

Beginning with that first Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit fills the disciples to do new things.

What strikes me as interesting is that the disciples begin to stretch. They could have very easily gone back to their regions in Nazareth and Galilee and proclaimed the gospel there, in their own synagogues, seeking to convert the Jews, which is in some cases they did. However, when the Holy Spirit entered their lives they learned from their past experiences; walking with Jesus, observing the miracles, witnessing the Death and Resurrection, and then they reached out to new communities and new people.

What is instructive here is that the disciples did not get caught in the past but allowed the past to inform their future. The word of God went out with power not only to Jews, but to an entire gentile community. Now, in today's world there are over a billion Christians. Just think how little they could have accomplished if they only talked amongst themselves, to the Jewish community and the regions of Galilee and Jerusalem. Instead, because God planted that spirit in their hearts the entire gentile community as well as the Jews learned of who Jesus was, what his mission was, and how his salvation was for all. That is great good news.

As I thought about that I thought about the implications for us as the church. So often we get caught up in our own past so much so that we want to repeat the same things over and over. And certainly some things bear repeating, but not everything. I believe Albert Einstein said, "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result." Maybe it's time to allow the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts and open them to different ways of thinking, to different people, to different ways of doing things. We might be just as surprised as the disciples were when they baptized 5000 in one day.

As your Pastor for 20 years I realize that we have done some things over and over and done them well. **We've also tried a few new things but maybe it's time to allow the Holy Spirit to dwell in us a little deeper.** Maybe it's time to open ourselves up to new possibilities and in so doing, we may be just as surprised as the disciples were in what they could accomplish through faith and the Holy Spirit. Indeed, the spirit of God is upon us and he calls us to do good things and I challenge you and myself to join hands to do them.



Joachim Wilck

Church & Community

submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman



The Peanut Butter & Jelly ministry for St. Peter's Kitchen continues to go well. Thank you to Mary Ellen Saur, Gordon Seppa, Ruth Otto, Steve & Pam Brady, Karen Preston, Wendy Carrier, Charlyne Hickey and Elaine De Vantier for making the 200 sandwiches for April. The next batch of sandwiches will be made on May 9 at 9:30 am. We are always looking for volunteers, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. It will only take about an hour of your time!

Our visit to St. Peter's Kitchen was so successful that we are planning a second visit for everyone that was unable to attend on March 20th. 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.



MISSIONS FOR 2024. Thank you everyone who donated money during the month of April to the Community Lutheran Ministry (Maggie's Place). These funds will help programs like the summer camp which directly impacts over 100 neighborhood children. Maggie has to pay for the busses and salaries for her staff and

provide the children with food/snacks, etc. She also has to pay all ADMISSION fees for the trips the children take, i.e. Sea Breeze, Darian Lake, Seneca Zoo, etc. The cost for each child is about \$800. We are hoping to sponsor one or two children this summer. If you can contribute a small amount, we can make a real difference for a few lucky campers.

Please note that many local churches also donate and support Maggie's Summer Camp.

Please see the flyer for a list of items needed for the camp.

Thank you!



Maggie's Summer Camp list of items needed:

Gear: Croquet set, Sidewalk Chalk, Splash and slide toy, Basketballs, Footballs, Soccer Balls, Baseballs, Bats, Mitts, Jump Ropes, Bath Towels, Bathing Suits for boys, size 3 to adult –extra large or plus, Flip Flops all sizes, Sunscreen.

Snacks: Cheese, Crackers, Yogurt, Graham Crackers, Dips or Hummus, Raisins, Dried Cranberries, Pita Chips, Smoothies or Kefir, Animal Crackers, Cut or Dried Veggies, Snack Puddings.

To donate items or learn more about the Summer Camp program please call Maggie at 585-338-2420

(you may bring your items or donations of monies to Ann Seppa at the church.

WELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa



The Women of the ELCA did not meet in April. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm. Gary Larder, Chairman of the Board for the Rochester Red Wings Baseball Team is our guest speaker. All are invited to attend. There will be a sign- up sheet on the WELCA table in the Narthex. Refreshments will be provided. Debbie Frey will be our hostess for this meeting.

“Gary Larder grew up in Canandaigua. He is now a resident of Rochester. He attended Houghton College and the University of Rochester. (an initial Beta Gama Sigma honoree at U of R.) He became an officer at the Rochester Red Wings in 1982 serving as the corporate treasurer. He subsequently served in every position in that company, including president and chairman, which is his current title. He is the longest serving owner in the team’s history.”



Our end of the year dinner out is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th at Agatina's Restaurant on Buffalo Road in Gates. Details to follow. We look forward to seeing everyone !

Church Outdoor Clean Up

submitted by Pete Sitter



The Church Property Committee is looking for volunteers of all ages to help us clean up the church grounds on Saturday, May 4th from 9am - 12pm. (Rain Date is May 11) Please bring rakes, shovels, and pruning equipment if you have them.

There will be something for everyone to do no matter what your experience level. Refreshments will be served all morning in Dell Hall. Volunteers should sign up on the Narthex Table.

Contact Pete Sitter: 585-532-8871

Jubilees Picnic

submitted by Dick Ransom & Deb Ciccone



Bring a dessert

\$17.00 per person

Bring a game to play

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 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 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 will be remembering our military veterans and dedicating military bricks to honor them. These new bricks will be installed at the base of our Veteran Memorial Flag. Requests must be submitted to the church office by May 4th, Contact Ed Jarvis at 233-7867 for additional information.

Thank Yous and Pats on the Back

submitted by Carol Werth



Thank you to Ann Seppa for coordinating the Palm Sunday Continental Breakfast, along with all of her helpers. Everyone really enjoyed it!

Many thanks to Bob Newbury along with his son Stephen, for their work on the menu and cooking for the Maundy Thursday Agape dinner. Many people assisted with the meal and should be thanked especially Brian Spencer who served as Sous-Chef, Pam Spencer who was the coordinator and all those who helped set-up and clean-up.

We should also thank Ed Marrow and Deb Ciccone for the Maundy Thursday Dinner Prelude Music, the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir for providing anthems at each holy week service from Palm Sunday to Easter, Lucas our accompanist for juggling all the various pieces of music some of which were given to him on short notice, Maeve Rosati & Rudolph Fanbulleh our mighty section leaders, and Stephen Newbury and Pam Brady who helped fill out the Bell Choir.

Also, special thanks to our Altar Guild Members for all the work they put in decorating the church, changing out frontals and filling candles, etc. This year we added communion to our observance of Good Friday which was extra work and they took care of it without much complaint. Everything looked and functioned beautifully.

Special thanks to Karen Preston for caring for our indoor plants. Each week Karen volunteers her time to water and care for the various plants growing in our building.

Of course we thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed on this church and its members, empowering us to do great things, and ensuring that we continue to have the energy and faith to bless God and worship him.

Financial Update

submitted by Deb Ciccone



Thanks to your contributions, income continues to outpace expenses. Below is an update of the income and expenses in March and Year to date for 2024.

	March	YTD
Income	\$28,072.21	\$99,010.71
Expense	\$19,930.25	\$43,587.60
Net Income	\$8,141.96	\$35,555.76



The finance committee is pleased to welcome Jim MacBride to its ranks.

Congratulations!

submitted by Carol Werth



Youth Highlight: Chloe Osterling (Carol Werth's Granddaughter) was inducted into the World Language Honor Society for IB Spanish.

Membership signifies a student's dedication and passion for language and making global connections. Members further pledge to promote friendship and understanding between their country and others, in the hope that all may live in peace.

Upon acceptance for membership, current and upcoming members are required to complete the following criteria in order to remain a member and receive recognition at graduation: continue studying a World Language, maintain an overall 93% weighted average for levels IV and higher, and complete a minimum of 3 different activities promoting World Language and/or culture per year through graduation.

Meet Elsie Roe

submitted by Carol Werth



This is Elsie Roe. She is one of our homebound members who will be turning 104 in December. You read that right she is currently 103! Each week a copy of the Sunday bulletin is mailed to her children Donna and Clyde Roe who bring it to Elsie and read through the service with her. Think of all the experiences and world events Elsie has witnessed in her lifetime. One of the joys of being a eucharistic volunteer is that you get a chance to sit down with someone like Elsie hear their stories. Proverbs says, "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety."

We can learn a lot from our homebound members. We just need to go to them. If the idea of visiting and sharing a prayer with Elsie or others appeals to you, speak to Carol Werth about joining the team of volunteers who strive to regularly bring a piece of our church community to them, where they are.

Streaming Video is Coming!

submitted by Jonathan Howell



The Church Council has approved a quote submitted by Newlife Electronics (who installed our sound system), to install a streaming video system in our church. The funds for this project do not impact our working budget and are made possible by a gift given to Reformation church years ago which was stipulated to be used for the benefit of the worship experience.

Our services will soon be streamed to YouTube, Facebook, and on our own webpage. Our homebound members, visitors and others will be able to watch our services live. The video will also be archived and available to view in the weeks following the service.

All Shapes and Sizes

submitted by Carol Werth



Here at Our Saviour our Members come in all shapes and sizes.

Pictured here are Tyler Emerson one of our tallest members with Wendy Forrest one of our not-tallest members.

This is a reminder that God loves us all unconditionally.

Paul expresses this in his letter to the Romans 15:5-7.

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”

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.



(Coming soon: Streaming Video!)

Special Sunday School 1st Sunday of the Month

submitted by Wendy Forrest



This is a reminder that every first Sunday of the month the Sunday school is treated to a special activities day. All children are welcome at our Sunday school whenever they are present. If you are a parent or grandparent that can only bring your little one to church once a month or even once a year, we welcome you, and we will save them a seat.

Organ Committee Update

submitted by Jonathan Howell



Thank you to those who have agreed to be members of our newly formed Organ Committee: Bob Newbury, Pam Brady, Sharon Nazarian, Barb King, & Carol Ransom.



There will be a field trip to visit the “Rudy Lucente RL 66,” signature Allen Organ in Amherst, NY. We are currently awaiting possible dates for our visit. We will publish that shortly and anyone interested is invited and encouraged to go along to hear a demonstration of this magnificent instrument.

Below is a link to Mr. Lucente playing this organ.

<https://youtu.be/HggH2cvhevc>

Synod Offering: Discernment

submitted by Julie Grindle



Discernment Event for Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 pm.

Join Associate for Candidacy Julie Grindle to talk about candidacy for rostered leaders in our Synod and the ELCA. If you have been considering the ministry of Word and Sacrament (Pastor) or the ministry of Word and Service (Deacon), come talk about that discernment, and what next steps might be. All are welcome!

Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7322420546?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7322420546?pwd=YzgxWENaWWNseHBidll0VVhZkFXUT09)
[pwd=YzgxWENaWWNseHBidll0VVhZkFXUT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7322420546?pwd=YzgxWENaWWNseHBidll0VVhZkFXUT09)

Meeting ID: 732 242 0546

Passcode: 311190



Prayer List



If you put someone on the prayer list in the last year please take a moment to review our list and let us know of any status changes. If you would like to add a name to our prayer list please fill out one of the prayer cards located in the pews, or from a service leader or usher. Additionally, you may call in or email your prayer requests to the office and we will add it to our list. Thank you!

May Service Schedule



Altar Guild: Yvonne Dougherty

Day & TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	GREETER	Communion Assistant	Cross Bearer
Sunday May 5	Pam Brady	Ann Marie MacBride	Wendy Forrest	Carol Werth	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday May 12	Brian Spencer	Pam Spencer	Pam Spencer	Charlyne Hickey	Charlyne Hickey	John Macksamie
Sunday May 19	Frank Johnson	Larry & Janie Hopkins	Deb Ciccone	Paul Hamblin	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Sunday May 26	Ed Jarvis	Carol Ransom	Carol Ransom	Daryl Jarvis	Peggy Hamblin	Paul Hamblin

Anniversaries in May



Dick & Carol Ransom—May 10, 54 years

Larry & Jennifer Guiles—May 13, 23 years

Jeff & Cynthia Blank—May 21, 12 years

Val & Carla Ruoff—May 26, 37 years

Rainer & Elizabeth Stellrecht—May 27, 44 years

Robert & Norma Snyder—May 29, 63 years

Jason & Brenda Stone—May 12, 5 years

Joachim & Debbie Wilck—May 20, 50 years

Mark & Jill Evans—May 24, 26 years

David & Cheryl Stone—May 26, 50 YEARS

Paul & Peggy Hamblin—May 28, 40 years

Jim & Linda Palmer—May 31, 43 years

Birthdays in May



Charles Borzilleri—May 1

Michael O'Connor—may 3

Carmalena Loughlin—May 6

Susan Yackel—May 8

Richard Forsey—May 11

Richard L. Yackel—May 12

Ella Witt—May 16

Nick Gatto—May 20

Helga Freimuth—May 24

Annabelle Guiles—May 27

Donald Voorhies—may 29

Donna Evenson—May 1

Ronald King—May 4

Austin Maas—May 7

Dillon Griffin—May 10

Jennifer Forsey—May 12

Daryl Jarvis—May 14

Larry Nazarian—May 17

Merlyn Hann—May 20

Douglas McDonough—May 24

Ann Morningstar—May 27

Elizabeth Ernise—May 30

Chloe Osterling—May 1

Robyn Griffin—May 5

JD Coval—May 8

Jeff Blank—May 11

Ethan Oliver—May 12

Ben Morningstar—May 15

Markus Pharmakis—May 18

Vincenzo Loughlin—May 23

Robin Spindler—May 24

Carolyn Hane—May 29

Michael Pehur—May 30

Happening in May



May 3rd—Friday

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

May 4th—Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School

9:00 a.m. Church Yard Clean Up

May 5th—Sunday—EQUAL EXCHANGE

9:00 a.m. Sunday School Special Activities Day

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

May 6th—Monday

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

May 7th—Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

May 9th—Thursday

9:30 a.m. Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry

11:00 a.m. Worship Committee

1:00 p.m. Piano Tuning

May 10th—Friday

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

May 11th—Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School

9:00 a.m. Church Yard Clean Up (RAIN DATE)

May 12th—Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice

10:00 a.m. Communion Service

11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

May 13th—Monday

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

6:30 p.m. Properties Committee

May 14th—Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. WELCA (with Gary Larder)

May 17th—Friday

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

May 18th—Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School

2:00 p.m. A Celebration of the Life of Mike Otto

Happening in May



May 19th—Sunday—Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

May 20th—Monday

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

May 21st—Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

May 24th—Friday

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

May 26—Sunday—Trinity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

May 28—Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

May 31—Friday

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

SAVE THE DATE

June 9th—Special Sunday School Presentation

The children will accompany 2 of their favorite church songs using American Sign Language. They will also get a tour of the choir loft and see what choir rehearsal is like when they come up to practice at 9:30 a.m.

Volunteer at Camp Joy

submitted by Charlyne Hickey

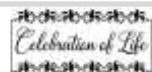


Founded in 1982, Camp Joy is a week long camp for disabled adults and is entirely volunteer operated. This Christ centered, fun and inspirational camp is experienced by 100 attendees each year. The camp will run June 23rd—28th and both full time and part staff are needed. Full room and board are provided for full time staff. No experience or monetary donations are necessary for the volunteers, just a big heart. Meals are available to volunteers as well.

There is a painless background check and registration for volunteers that needs to be completed as soon as possible. For more information and to register as a volunteer please visit the website: www.campjoy.org or call

(585) 371-8851. If you want to know about what its like to be a Camp Joy Volunteer please speak to past volunteers: Charlyne Hickey, Steve and Pam Brady, or Mary Ellen Saur.

A Celebration of the Life of Mike Otto



On May 18th at 2:00 p.m. all will gather at Our Saviour Church to celebrate the life of Mike Otto.

Mike was an active member of Reformation Lutheran Church and following the merger with Our Saviour Church, rolled up his sleeves and continued to assist as a reader, technology advisor, kitchen repairer, cook, and anything else he could do to help. All while dealing with health issues that ultimately led to his passing in November of last year.

Please plan to attend and show your support to Ruth, **Mike's wife (a present council member)** and their family, and help celebrate the life of a very extraordinary and wonderful human being.

For more background information about Mike, you can find his obituary here:

[Www.https://rochestercremation.com/obituary/g-michael-mike-otto](https://rochestercremation.com/obituary/g-michael-mike-otto)

Prayer Concerns



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, Eilly Mahler, Linda Palmer, Jackie Potter, Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Pastor Joachim Wilck, Janine Westa, Marilies Renke, Irma Sieg, John Macksamie, David Stone, Alice Crawford, Daryl Jarvis, Sharon Nazarian

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, Family of Cliff Dilg, 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, 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, Sammy Zaffuto

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

Scout

\$14

Chicken

BBQ

May 11th



11:00 am till it's gone!

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You have nothing to lose,
and everything to gain.