

The Communicator

Monthly Newsletter
The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

May 2025



This is day
that the Lord
has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

Psalm 118.24

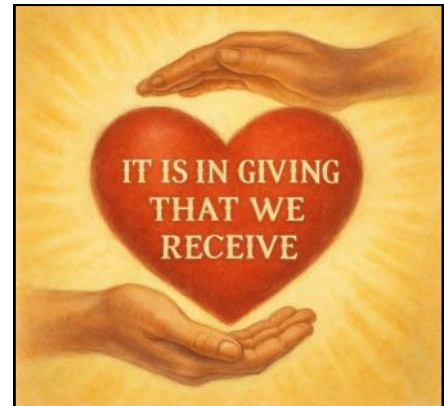
A Word from Pastor

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



Jesus presents us with a powerful concept in the gospels. Jesus told his disciples, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. Jesus then said, by this everyone will know that you are my disciples. Jesus knew that the only way to change the world and to transform lives was to put love into practice, in other words, to give love away.

So often we long for love and appreciation from others. Yet, it is seldom we realize that what we receive in this life we obtain from giving. There is a hunger for a love that satisfies. However, our search for love can be elusive. We are looking for something that is already inside of us. What we need to do to find love is to release love, this is strange but true.



Jesus called love a new commandment. he ranked love in importance with God's call not to kill or steal. Christ told his disciples that demonstrating love to others and each other was proof of their relationship with him. He wanted it to be a mark of identification then and I believe he still wants that for us today. As his disciples, it is a way others will know us and want to learn about our source of love.

It isn't always easy to give love away. Giving love is risky. We risk rejection and make ourselves vulnerable to being hurt. It takes emotional effort and energy. Giving away love means we take away a focus on ourselves and give our attention to another. We give a part of ourselves with no guarantees for anything in return.

God gave us an abundance of love and the more we give, the more others will know we belong to God.

Joachim Wilek

NEWS & EVENTS

Women of the ELCA *submitted by Ann Seppa*

The Women of the ELCA met in April.
The ladies assembled 29 Easter Goodie bags for the homeless for the People Helping People group.

The ladies all agreed it was so much fun,
especially the feeling that you get when you help the



Our end of the year dinner this year will be a bit different.
We have decided to have, “Lunch Out,” on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.
Details to follow.

Please note that there will be **NO meeting in May.**

Honoring Our Veterans *A Memorial of Sacrifice*

submitted by Ed Jarvis

On Sunday, May 25th, we will gather to honor and remember our deceased military veterans—those who gave of themselves in service to our nation. As part of this tribute, we invite you to dedicate a *Veteran Brick* in honor of someone who served and holds a special place in your heart. These bricks serve not only as a lasting remembrance but as a visible testament of our gratitude. Requests for purchasing a brick must be submitted by May 4th. Please contact the church office or Ed Jarvis for more information.



As Christians, we believe that love is most clearly shown through sacrifice. Jesus said, “*Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends*” (John 15:13). Our veterans’ willingness to serve—and in many cases, to suffer or even die—reflects this very spirit. While Jesus bore the ultimate suffering on the cross to bring freedom from sin, our veterans took up their own crosses in service to the freedoms we enjoy every day. Let us not only remember their courage, but also reflect on the values of selflessness, duty, and love that unite our faith and our country.

Church & Community *submitted by Ann Seppa*

A special thank you to everyone who donated money for St. Theodore's Good Pantry during the month of April.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items throughout the year for St. Theodore's Pantry.



Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer monthly to make 200 PB&J sandwiches for St. Peter's Kitchen and 30 sandwiches for People Helping People.

We continue to meet the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Augsburg Room. The next batch of sandwiches will be made on Thursday, May 14 at 9:30 a.m.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

It will only take about an hour of your time!





SCOUTING AMERICA

CHICKEN BBQ

Saturday, May 10th

Starts 11:00 a.m. Until Sold Out



\$14



\$14 includes:

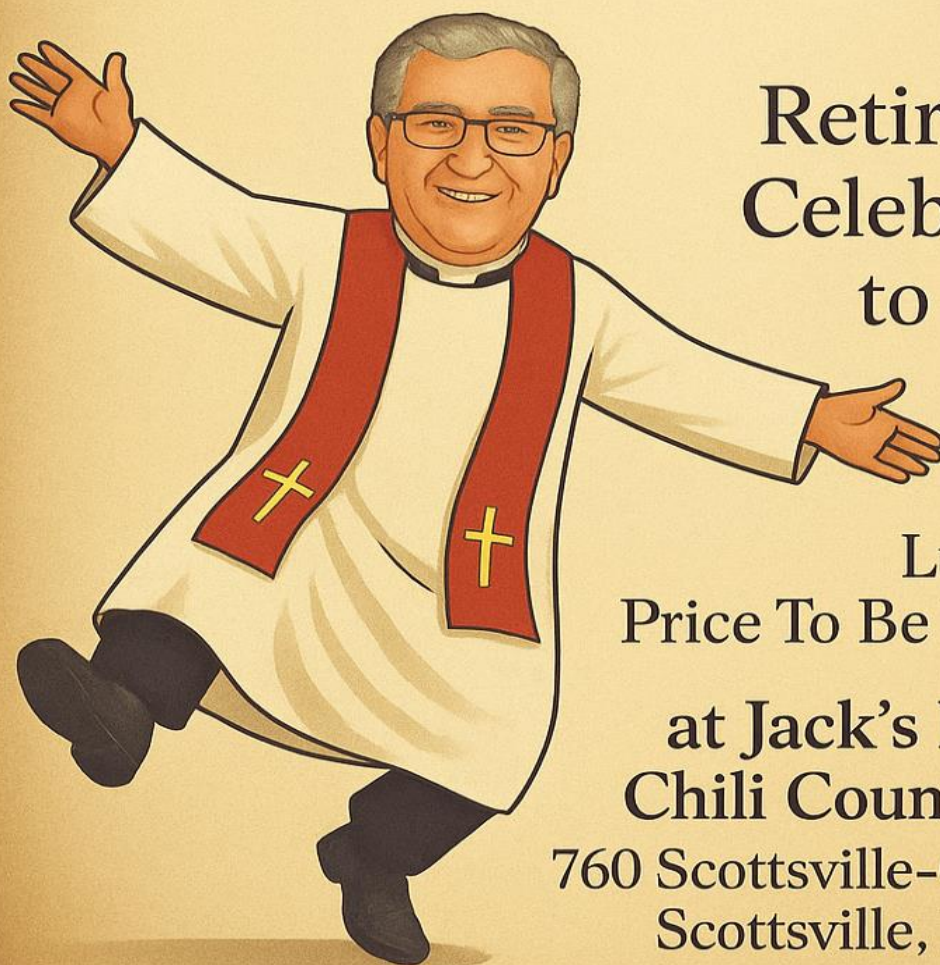
1/2 Chicken
Salt Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Roll
Cookie

Across the Street
from The
Lutheran Church
of Our Saviour

You're Invited!

Join us for Pastor Wilck's
Final Service

Sunday, June 29 at 10:00 a.m.
at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour



Retirement
Celebration
to Follow

Buffet
Luncheon—
Price To Be Determined

at Jack's Place —
Chili Country Club
760 Scottsville-Chili Rd.,
Scottsville, NY

*Celebrating 21 Years of Ministry
and Dedication*

Service Schedule



May 4th

Service Leader:

Maryl Ellen Saur

Usher:

Cindy Borzilleri

Lector:

Steve Brady

Communion Assistants:

Cindy Borzilleri & Steve Brady

Greeter:

Ruth & Richard Pearce

May 11th

Service Leader:

Lois Dannenberg

Usher:

Peggy Hamblin

Lector:

Deb Yackel

Communion Assistant:

Peggy Hamblin & Deb Macksamie

Cross Bearer:

John Macksamie

Greeter:

Lois Dannenberg

May 18th

Service Leader:

Ann Seppa

Usher:

Jen Large

Lector:

Dave Cuff

Communion Assistants:

Dick Ransom & Wendy Forrest

Greeter:

Lois Dannenberg

May 25th

Service Leader:

Ed Jarvis

Ushers:

Patti & Elton Schulz

Lector:

Andy Eichner

Communion Assistants:

Larry Nazarian & Carol Werth

Cross Bearer:

Lois Dannenberg

Greeter:

Carol Werth

May Birthdays



Chloe Osterling—May 1
Michael O'Connor—May 3
Ronald King—May 4
JD Coval—May 8
Susan Yackel—May 11
Jeff Blank—May 11
Richard Forsey—May 12
Richard L. Yackel—May 12
Daryl Jarvis—May 14
Ben Morningstar—May 15
Ella Witt—May 26
Charles Rapone—May 22
Helga Freimuth—May 24
Robin Spindler—May 24
Elliana Karcher—May 26
Annabelle Guiles—May 27
Ann Morningstar—May 27
Elizabeth Ernisse—May 30



Anniversaries

Bob & Alice Newberry—May 1 (43 years)
Dick & Carol Ransom—May 10 (56 years)
Jason & Brenda Stone—May 12 (7 years)
Larry & Jennifer Guiles—May 13 (25 years)
Joachim & Debbie Wilck—May 20 (53 years)
Jeff & Cynthia Blank—May 21 (14 years)
David & Cheryl Stone—May 26 (52 years)
Rainer & Elizabeth Stellrecht—May 27 (46 years)
Paul & Peggy Hamblin—May 28 (42 years)
James & Linda Palmer—May 31 (45 years)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS LISTING

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study or Confirmation Class

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Special activity on first Sunday)

10:00 a.m. Communion Service

11:10 Bell Choir Practice



Happening at Church

May 4 11:15 a.m. CLC Committee Meeting (no Bell Choir Rehearsal)

May 5 6:30 p.m. Scouting USA

May 6 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

May 8 9:30 a.m. PB & J Making
10:30 a.m. Worship Committee

May 10 11:00 a.m. Scout Chicken BBQ

May 11 Mother's Day

May 12 6:30 p.m. Scouting America

May 13 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Properties Committee

May 19 6:30 p.m. Scouting America
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

May 20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

May 25 Veteran Bricks Ceremony following service

May 26 Memorial Day

May 27 10:00 Adult Bible Study



The German School Meets Friday's at 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.
They will meet all weekends in May except May 23rd-24th in observance of Memorial Day Weekend.

Financial Report as of March 31st, 2025

Below is a financial update as of the end of March. The end of March is 25% through the year. As you can see our income year to date (YTD) is ahead of budget, while our expenses are very close to our forecasted budget. A very positive first quarter!

	March Actual	YTD Actual	YTD % of Annual
Income	\$37,242.77	\$91,442.62	38.7%
Expense	\$20,561.23	\$64,901.12	25.4%
Net Income	\$16,681.54	\$26,541.50	

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,
Deb Ciccone
Treasurer

Pictures from Palm Sunday Breakfast *submitted by Ann*



What a Spread!



The Tables Were Set!

Easter Good Bag Assembly for the Homeless submitted by Ann



CHANGE OF SERVICE
REQUESTED

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Sunday's at 10:00 a.m.



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