



The Lutheran Church  
of Our Saviour

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# The Communicator



## Issue



### Picnic

**October 9, 2022**

**Following the 10:00 a.m. service.**

Please sign up on the Narthex Table  
Everything is provided for you.

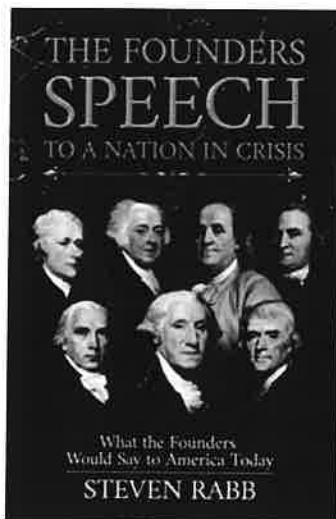
\*\*\*We need some volunteers to bring a salad or  
dessert to pass. Please sign up for that too!



**October 29, 2022**

**From 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Donate some candy, sign up to decorate your  
trunk—you could win a \$25 gift card. Bring the  
kids for games, food and the spookiest Halloween  
Trail in town!



**Christian Book Club**

**November 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.**

*“Through the words of the Founders, Mr. Rabb has demonstrated with amazing clarity the relevance of America’s founding ideas and their resonance for our nation today. Framing the work as a reunion between the Founders in contemporary America, Mr. Rabb gives voice to their views on modern-day issues”*

Start reading it today and join us for discussion  
on November 1st!

## Pastor Joe's Corner

On September 18 Our Saviour and Reformation voted to become one church. I am rejoicing in our new fellowship and love for one another. I share the following article because it helps me to understand what Christian unity is all about and what two becoming one, in terms of a church, really can mean. Please read this with care as it affects how we look at one another and how we relate to one another as the body of Christ.



### *What Makes Unity Christian?*

Christian unity in the New Testament gets its goodness from a combination of its source, its views, its affections, and its aims.

#### Source

Paul tells us to, “be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (*Ephesians 4:3*) I take that to mean that the Holy Spirit is the great giver of unity. “In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.” (*1 Corinthians 12:13*)

#### Views

Paul says that pastors and teachers are to equip the saints, “until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.” (*Ephesians 4:13*) In other words, the unity we pursue is unity in the truth. Of course, Christian unity is more than shared truth, but not less. Paul piles up the words for common-mindedness in *Philippians 2:2*, “Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.” (*see also Philippians 4:2*) Everything is to, “accord with Christ.” “May God . . . grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.” (*Romans 15:5*)

#### Affections

To be sure, unifying love in the body of Christ includes a rugged commitment to do good for the family of God whether you feel like it or not. (*Galatians 6:10*) But, as difficult as it is for diverse people, the experience of Christian unity is more than that. It includes affectionate love, not just sacrifice for those you don't like. It is a feeling of endearment. We are to have affection for those who are our family in Christ. “Love one another with brotherly affection.” (*Romans 12:10*)

“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.” (1 Peter 1:22) “All of you, have... sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” (1 Peter 3:8)

### Aims

Spirit-rooted, Christ-manifesting, truth-cherishing, humbly-loving unity is designed by God to have at least two aims: a witness to the world, and an acclamation of the glory of God. The apostle John makes the first of these most clear. “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34–35)

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not just sacrifice for those you don’t like.”**

Jesus’s famous statements in John 17 are rooted in the profound spiritual unity between the Father and the Son, and with those whom God has chosen out of the world. (John 17:6) “I ask that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” (John 17:21) Note that the witness to the world is that the disciples are in the Father and the Son so that the world might believe. This is vastly more — deeply more — than being related through a common organization.

The oneness that shines with self-authenticating glory for the world to see is union with the Father and the Son so that the glory of the Father and the Son is part of our lives. “The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.” (John 17:22) That glory is owing to this: “I in them and you [Father] in me.” (John 17:23) From this union with God, and the glory it gives, shines something the world may see, if God gives them eyes to see. God’s aim for this vertically-rooted, horizontal, glory-displaying unity is that he might, “gather into one the children of God scattered abroad.” (John 11:52)



The ultimate aim of such Christian unity is the glory of God. Hence Paul prays, “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.” (Romans 15:5–7)

*Joachim Wille*

## WELCA

*submitted by Ann Seppa, Secretary*

We began this year's program with our Annual Potluck Dinner. Everyone had a fun time catching up with each other on, "how we spent our summer." The food was delicious, as well as the company. We also welcomed two new members of Saviour from those recently merged. Thank you to Cheryl Stone for serving as hostess.



Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 pm. We will have a "guest speaker" from the Gates Fire Department who will speak to us on, "Safety."

A special thank you to Cheryl Stone for acquiring this speaker. Ann Seppa will serve as hostess at this meeting. Everyone is welcome, including MEN. We would also like to invite the new members of Saviour who have recently merged with us. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

At this meeting, we voted to hold our Annual Election Day Soup and Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. We are asking for volunteers to work the day of the sale and also provide donations of baked goods and soups. Any questions, contact AnnMarie MacBride. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.



WELCA is sponsoring a churchwide drive during the month of October for the Open Door Mission, Coldwater House for Women & Children in Gates, NY. We will be collecting the following: paper products (i.e., plates, cups, plastic ware) new pillows, towels, wash cloths. **There will be a box placed in the Narthex where you can bring your donations.** Any questions, contact Ann Seppa.



At this meeting, we approved holding more daytime meetings throughout the year. Any date/time changes will be posted in the monthly newsletter. Make sure you check it out!

As our attendance continues to grow, we continue to look for new members and new ideas for our meetings.

*Reminder: In lieu of our November Meeting we will meet on Tuesday, October 25 at noon to discuss the upcoming Election Day Soup and Bake Sale.*

Please remember to bring your lunch.

## Operation Christmas Child ShoeBox

*organized by Ann Seppa & Lois Dannenberg*



The shoe boxes are located on the table in the Narthex.

If anyone is interested in filling a shoebox, feel free to take one.

Please make sure you sign out the box.

A donation of \$10 of cash or check is requested.

If paying by check, please make it payable to Samaritan's Purse (You can also donate online).

The boxes are due by the third week of November.

Any questions, please contact Lois Dannenberg or Ann Seppa.

### Pack a Shoebox Gift for a Child in Need

Visit [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ) to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community.



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## Congregational Life Committee (CLC)

*submitted by Carol Werth*



- We continue to get updates on congregational members who are ill or homebound. Please contact the church if you need any assistance or if you are ill or hospitalized.
- Team visits (Pastor and a CLC member) to the homebound have begun. If you would like a visit please contact the church.
- Jonathan is now sending the weekly bulletin to the homebound



A reminder to all...if you use the basement area please make sure all fire doors are closed and the bathroom fans are off before leaving the building.

We have had a few visitors lately. Please greet them and make them feel welcome. A welcoming church is a growing church.

Due to the possibility of unwanted visitors please lock the church doors during evening worship or meetings and practice the buddy system when leaving the building in the dark.

A big THANK YOU to Jonathan Howell for bringing his own equipment to remove the weeds and brush in the area between our parking lot and Russell's. Also, another big thank you to Mary Ellen Saur for being his first mate on this job and many other duties.

Thank you to Jonathan for assisting with the merger voting day by organizing the voter registry and also his help with the sign up that day.

## Birthday's & Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

Frank Johnson (Oct. 2)  
Lucy Lance (Oct. 5)  
Matthew Jonasse (Oct. 5)  
Kimberly Millner (Oct. 7)  
Alan Kallstrand (Oct. 9)  
Willem DeBruyn (Oct. 9)  
Nicole Guida (Oct. 10)  
Ray McQueen (Oct. 10)  
Luke Coval (Oct 12)  
Deb Frey (Oct 12)  
Richard Yackel (Oct 12)  
Ashley Maas (Oct. 14)  
Donna D'Alessandro (Oct. 14)  
James Van De Wall (Oct 17)  
Kyle Gear (Oct. 17)  
Monika Stellrecht (Oct. 18)  
Taylor Ransom (Oct. 18)  
Lyndsey Yackel (Oct. 18)

### Birthdays Continued:

Heather Spencer (Oct. 20)  
Marcia Palumbo (Oct. 22)  
Brayden Spencer (Oct. 17)  
Christine Stellrecht (Oct. 23)  
Sydney Emerson (Oct. 24)  
David Nowatka (Oct. 25)  
Jill Klein (Oct. 27)  
Ethan Lowe (Oct. 27)  
Eric Van De Wall (Oct. 28)  
Josh DeBruyn (Oct. 29)  
Tamara Milliman (Oct. 30)

### Anniversaries

Carol & James Werth (October 5th) celebrating 54 years.  
Gary & Joyce Perkins (October 10) celebrating 58 years.  
Michael & Deb Frey (October 13) celebrating 21 years.  
Chris & Sandra Austin (October 14) celebrating 22 years.



## October Service Schedule

Counter for September: Rod Potter (last 2 Sundays will be Larry & Janie Hopkins)

Altar Care for September: Debbie Frey & Daryl Jarvis

DATE	TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	Communion Assistant
10-2	10am	Ann Seppa	Jen Large	Drew Emerson	
10-6	7pm	Brian Spencer			
10-9	10am	Diane Parke-Potter	Larry & Sharon Nazarian	Rod Potter	Wendy Forrest
10-13	7pm	Ed Jarvis			
10-16	10am	Frank Johnson	Charlyne Hickey	Charlyne Hickey	
10-20	7pm	Deb Ciccone			
10-23	10am	Carol Werth	Cindy Borzilleri	Carol Werth	Lois Dannenberg
10-27	7pm				Brian Spencer
10-30	10am	Mary Ellen Saur	Bob & Alice Newbury	Bob Newbury	



## Happening in September

### October 1—Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School—Class 4

9:00 a.m. Fall Trimming Project

### October 2—Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m. Reception for Pablo

### October 3—Monday

11:00 a.m. Organist Search Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

### October 4—Tuesday

Bible Study

### October 6—Thursday

7:00 p.m. Modern Communion Service

### October 8—Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School—Class 5

10:45 a.m. @ the train yard—All aboard!

### October 9—Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

12:00 p.m. Church Picnic

### October 10—Monday

6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

### October 11—Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. WELCA

### October 13—Thursday

10:00 a.m.. Worship Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Modern Worship Service

### October 15—Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School—Class 6

### October 16—Sunday

9:30a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Modern Traditional Worship Service

11:15 a.m. CLC Meeting

## Happening in September Continued

### October 17 – Monday

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

### October 18 – Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

### October 20 – Thursday

7:00 p.m. Modern Communion Service

### October 22 – Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School—Class 7

10:00 a.m. Confirmation Class

### October 23 – Sunday

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Modern Traditional Communion Service

### October 24 – Monday

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

### October 25 – Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

12:00 p.m. WELCA meeting on Bake Sale

### October 27 – Thursday

11:00 a.m. GFL Conference Meeting

7:00 p.m. Modern Worship Service

### October 29 – Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School—Class 8

2:00 p.m. Trunk & Treat

### October 30 – Sunday – Reformation

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

## Prayer Concerns

### Our Church Family

#### Members In Need of Prayer

Jack Erbelding, Jim Flick, Carolyn Hane,  
Jackie Potter, Vera & Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Meredith Fries

#### Members and Friends Serving our Country

Alexander McDonough, USCG  
Dave Oliver, Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard  
(special prayers for Jackie Potter's Grandson  
who is headed into the Army to serve our country.)

## Virtual Worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

### Instructions for Zoom and Zoom Phone.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/j/96348140580>

Meeting ID: 963 4814 0580

### **One tap Mobile**

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### **Dial in**

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Meeting ID: 963 4814 0580

Find your local number: <https://zpoom.us/u/aQEHdZQe2>

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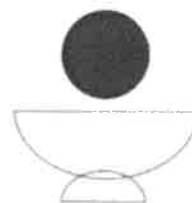
The Reverend Joachim Wilck, Pastor

*A member congregation of the Upstate  
New York Synod Evangelical Lutheran  
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## Altar Guild Meeting

Saturday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome to attend,  
members old and new!



ALTAR GUILD