



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The Communicator—September 2024

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck



Why we will celebrate Communion every Sunday

- Background :The meanings of Holy Communion are rich and varied, as is the history of its celebration among Christians. In, *Using Evangelical Lutheran Worship: The Sunday Assembly*, the author reminds us of the New Testament origins of such a holy meal: both Jesus' last supper as recorded in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke, and in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. In addition to these oft-cited "proofs" for this sacrament, "the church comes into existence as a meal-fellowship (Acts 2:42, 46; 1 Cor. 11:17-22), in which the thanksgiving, eating, and drinking are the very place where the community discovers that the crucified one is risen (Luke 24:28-35, 41-43; Acts 10:41; John 21:1-14)" (*The Sunday Assembly*, p. 30). The early church came to understand themselves as Jesus' followers "in the breaking of the bread" (Luke 24:35).



When an assembly that does not celebrate weekly communion moves toward this practice, they are, therefore, rediscovering what was essential to the first Christians.¹ This reason may not be compelling enough for some: doing something ancient is not necessarily better. This meal, however, is central to our identity as Lutherans and a mark of unity with other Christians who are also practicing more frequent communion. The ELCA's statement on word and sacrament, *The Use of the Means of Grace*, follows the counsel of the Lutheran confessions, stating:

"According to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Lutheran congregations celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and festival. This confession remains the norm for our practice (UMG, Principle 35)."

The Sunday Assembly treats the early Christian writings that record the early meal practice of Christians as well as the meanings and history for the loss of this practice in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

The Church celebrates the Holy Communion frequently because the Church needs the sacrament, the means by which the church's fellowship is established and its mission as the baptized people of God is nourished and sustained... We continue to need, "consistent pastoral encouragement and instruction relating to Holy Communion... pointing up Christ's command, his promise, and our deep need."

From The Desk of Pastor Wilck, cont.



As a congregation, beginning the first Sunday in September we will be celebrating Holy Communion every week. The above statement from the ELCA worship resources page tells us why we do this every week. Over the past three Sundays, I have been preaching about Jesus' command to eat his flesh and drink his blood, as recorded in the Gospel of John. This undergirds Jesus' command that as a community we gather around the sacrament to strengthen our faith, remind us that our sins are forgiven, And because of his death and resurrection we are the recipients of eternal life.

In practice we will receive communion by intinction on the first and third Sundays of the month, and the second and fourth Sundays are as we normally receive it with the small communion cups.

From the ELA statement: with infrequent celebrations of Holy Communion, preparation tends to focus mostly on repentance and the forgiveness of sin. With frequent celebrations, people find that the body of Christ sustains them through a variety of experiences. Joy, grief, hope, repentance, Thanksgiving, anxiety, and other aspects of life are all met with the grace of God in Jesus Christ made present in bread and wine.

Joachim Wilck

Special Missions for 2024 update *submitted by Ann Seppa, Council Vice President*



Thank you!! Thank you!! Our Special Bi-monthly Mission Collections has been very successful thanks to everyone's continuous generosity. I am happy to report that we collected \$1,020 for Loop Ministry. The Coldwater House drive is going well and will end on Saturday, August 31. I will have a final total by next week. Our Congregation members never cease to amaze me. When a need arises, you are there!

Finance Report as of 7/31/24 *submitted by Deb Ciccone, Treasurer*



Below is a financial update as of the end of July. The end of July is 58% through the year. As you can see our income year to date (YTD) continues to be ahead of budget, while our expenses are slightly lower than our forecasted budget. Our income for the month of July was lower than expenses but that is very common for a summer month.

	July Actual	YTD Actual	YTD as a % of Annual Budget
Income	\$14,906.22	\$165,352.17	71.4%
Expense	\$18,550.38	\$143,789.23	52.8%
Net Income	\$-3,644.16	\$21,562.94	

Church & Community

submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman



Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The Church & Community Committee will be meeting this month to plan what looks to be a very busy season. The Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich project for St. Peter's Kitchen continues to go well. Each month new volunteers are joining our effort. We continue to meet the second Thursday of each month. We will meet again on Thursday, September 12 at 9:30 am in the Augsburg Room. Thank you to everyone for helping to make this project a success. There is nothing better than getting together and doing something to help the less fortunate... and have fun doing it too! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex if you are interested in volunteering to help make these sandwiches. It will only take about an hour of your time!

We are having a **food drive for St. Theodore's Food Cupboard from September 1-15.**

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate food items throughout the year. There is always a need for food year-round.



WELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa, Secretary



Welcome back to all the Women of the ELCA! We hope that everyone had a great summer!

September is the beginning of a new and exciting year. We will hold our Annual Potluck luncheon on Tuesday, September 12, 2024 at 11:30 am. At this meeting we will plan for future projects/activities for the upcoming 2024/2025 year and we will get to catch up with everyone's "summer adventures" too.

If you are planning to attend, there will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Any questions, contact Ann Marie or Ann Seppa.



The Genesee Finger Lakes and Central Crossroad Conferences are having a Fall Retreat "Exploring Native American History and Culture on Saturday, September 21, 2024. This Retreat is inspired by the book, "Braiding Sweetgrass," by Robin Wall Kimmerer. It's about Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants. We will meet at 9:45 am at the Seneca Art & Culture Center at Ganondagan State Historic Site in Victor. The tour will begin at 10:00 am. Lunch and Program to follow at St. John's Lutheran Church in Victor. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Ann Seppa.

Looking forward to everyone!

“Welcome Back to Church” Homecoming Rally Day

On Sunday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. we will kick off our program year. We have sent invitation letters, inviting everyone from former members to members who we haven't seen in a while to come back to church. On that day we will bless backpacks, welcome back out Sunday School teachers and kids, and enjoy a wonderful breakfast buffet. We hope you will join us for Homecoming Rally Day...and for those who never got back into the swing of going to church following covid lockdowns, we want this to be your opportunity to restore your practice of attending Sunday worship.

We certainly have missed you! See you there..



Christian Book Club *submitted by Pam Spencer*



On October 29th at 11:00 a.m. The Christian Book will meet to discuss the book *The Forge* by Chris Fabry. *The Forge* is about the power of prayer, the transformation only God can achieve, and the lasting influence one person can have on others.

To Purchase on Amazon click this [LINK](#).

Equal Exchange *submitted by Cheryl Stone*



Orders will be taken on September 8th before and after the service. There are lots of items available to order including nice coffees and chocolates. Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate, through our success, the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.

The quality of the items you can purchase is very good and they are **not made in China**.

Equal Exchange started with an idea: what if food could be traded in a way that is honest and fair, a way that empowers both farmers and consumers? Our founders - Rink Dickinson, Jonathan Rosenthal and Michael Rozyne - asked this question as they envisioned a trade model that values each part of the supply chain. They decided to take a big risk and started importing fairly traded coffee from Nicaragua in 1986, despite a US embargo against the Sandinista government. A new business was born from this bold act of solidarity with Latin American farmers and Equal Exchange grew from there.

September Service Schedule



Altar Guild: Daryl. Jarvis

Day & TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	GREETER	Communion Assistant	Cross Bearer
September 1 10:00 a.m.	Lois Dannenberg	Janie & Larry Hopkins	Lois Dannenberg	Ann Seppa	Deb Yackel Ed Jarvis	<i>First come, first carry</i>
September 8 10:00 a.m.	Diane Parke/Potter	Rod Potter	Rod Potter	Ed Jarvis	Rod Potter Peg Hamblin	Paul Hamblin
September 15 10:00 a.m.	Ed Jarvis	Dave Nowatka	Wendy Forrest	Ann Marie MacBride	Wendy Forrest Deb Frey	<i>First come, first carry</i>
September 22 10:00 a.m.	Frank Johnson	Ann Morningstar	Mike Frey	Daryl Jarvis	Steve Brady Deb Macksamie	John Macksamie
September 29 10:00 a.m.	Brian Spencer	Cindy Borzilleri	Larry Nazarian	Carol Werth	Pam Spencer Carol Werth	<i>First come, first carry</i>

Anniversaries in September



Daniel & Stephanie Karcher, September 1, 6 years

Paul & Jessica Denz, September 8, 28 years

Kevin & Susan Yackel, September 18, 25 years

Michael & Valarie Baird, September 21, 29 years

Rob & Maria Sihto, September 27, 27 years

Birthdays in September



September 3, Maria Sihto

September 3, Bob Snyder

September 4, Ron Castrichini

September 4, John Hickey

September 4, Sean McDonough

September 5, Deb Ciccone

September 5, Jerry Stich

September 6, Larry Guiles

September 7, Ann Keller

September 7, Steven Large

September 7, Janeen Oliver

September 8, Jim Flick

September 8, Jennifer Large

September 12, Ellie Bonanno

September 12, Virginia Neumann

September 13, Gail Boldt

September 13, Elana Marvin

September 14, Vincent Guida

September 15, Patty Stich

September 16, Richard Chapin

September 16, Lois Dannenberg

September 16, Mark Evans

September 17, Dakota Nash

September 18, John Shannon

September 20, David Stone

September 21, Jennifer Palumbo

September 21, Samantha Stone

September 21, Luke Strasser

September 23, Sarah Denz

September 23, Brianna Griffin

September 23, David Guida

September 23, Pastor Wilck

September 24, Barb King

September 25, Paul Denz

September 26, Shane Lyons

September 27, Emil Witt

September 29, Richard Marriott

September 30, Alex McDonough

Happening in September



September 1—Sunday

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

September 2—Monday

Labor Day Office Closed

September 5—Thursday

10:00 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting

September 8—Rally Homecoming Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School Begins
9:30 a.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

September 10—Tuesday

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

September 12—Thursday

9:30 a.m. PB & J Making
11:30 a.m. WELCA Potluck Lunch

September 15—Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

September 17—Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

September 18—Wednesday

6:30 p.m. ALPHA COURSE

September 22—Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Practice
2:00 p.m. Lucas Myers Piano Rectical

September 24—Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

September 25, Wednesday

6:30 p.m. ALPHA COURSE

September 29—Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

(German School Meets in the Church on Fridays from 5:30 p.m.—7 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)

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, 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, 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

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.* Steven Gear, *Father of the Gear Children.*

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.* 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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