



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

Communicator—July Issue

Pastor's Corner—2023 Synod Assembly Recap

The 2023 Synod Assembly gathered at Bethany Baptist Church in Syracuse, New York June 2-3 with the theme G.R.A.C.E. Mindset: Restorative Justice. We worshiped, sang, prayed, laughed, cried, shared time together in conversations and at meals, learned about Restorative Justice practices, welcomed guests, received reports, and took actions of the work of the church together. Highlights included:

- The Keynote Address by The Rev. Amy Reumann, Senior Director for Witness in Society who focused our assembly on what Restorative Justice looks like in the criminal justice system, and what God's reconciling and restorative justice looks like in the church.
- A Combined "Conversation" with the Racial Justice and Gender Justice Task Force Facilitators The Rev. Kwame Pitts and The Rev. Tonya Eza sharing how justice work is a part of what it means to be the church for the sake of the world, today.
- The "Bee-Generous" World Hunger Campaign raised thousands of dollars (final report to be shared by the Hunger Justice Team) for World Hunger including designated funding to support Honeybees and community gardens in communities living with food scarcity. Special thanks to Melissa "Bee" and the whole committee for their hard work.
- Engaging workshops assembly Winter Kits, learning about Racial and Gender Justice, and Advocacy with the ELCA and New York State Council of Churches.
- The celebration of the UNYS Discipleship Award recipient, Maureen Gensler. Maureen is the chair of the Hunger Justice Committee and member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Depew, NY.
- The celebration of significant congregation anniversaries and the anniversary of ordination of many of our rostered leaders.
- Many wonderful reports including from United Lutheran Seminary, Seafarer's Ministry, Atonement Lutheran Church and The Barbara Macholz Grimaldi Legacy Fund, Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, The Women of the ELCA, the ELCA Foundation, ELCA Fund for Leaders, New York State Council of Churches, New Mission communities, and Synod Staff.
- The approval of the 2024-2025 Mission Proposal
- Elections: Pastor Andrew Nelson was elected to Synod Council from the Hudson Mohawk Conference, Gary Roller was elected to Synod Council from the Genesee Finger Lakes Conference. Atif Dean was elected to Synod Council to serve in one of two, at-large seats designated for a person of color or whose original language is other than English. Will Platnick was elected to a lay position with the Discipline Committee.
- Resolutions approved included a resolution permitting Ministers of Word and Service to serve as a Conference Dean, providing Synod Assembly voting privileges to Assigned Synod Authorized Ministers, creating a designated at-large Synod Council seat for a person who identifies as LGBTQIA2S+, and supporting New York State legislation addressing the debt crisis for developing nations through the New York Taxpayer and International Debt Crises Protection Act.

Joachim Wille

WELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa, Secretary

Another exciting year has ended. Our end of the year, "dinner out," was held at Rohrbach's Restaurant in Gates. Eleven women enjoyed delicious food and as always, wonderful fellowship.

The Women of the ELCA Upstate New York Synod will be holding their convention at Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua on October 6-8, 2023. Details to follow.



**Notre Dame
Retreat House**
Overlooking Spectacular
Canandaigua Lake

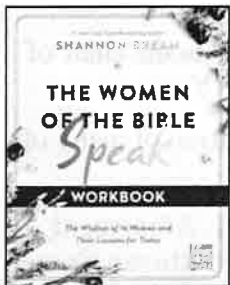
WELCA continues to sponsor the collection of food for the St. Theodore's Food Pantry. Please remember that the need for food for the residents in our community is ongoing.

St. Theodore's
CATHOLIC PARISH

Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe summer!

Christian Book Club

submitted by Pam Spencer



Christian Book Club will be meeting in October. We will be reading "The Women of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream. It is about the wisdom of the women and their lessons for today.

A Note of Thanks

submitted by Pastor Arden C. Strasser



On May 6th, the congregation gave our Strasser family a great gift. You gave us a beautiful funeral for Jennifer, the wife of Lance and mother of Connor. Please know how grateful our family is for the lovely service and fellowship time after the service provided by Pastor Wilck and members. It was a balm to our grief. In Christian Love, Arden, Lance, Heidi and Richard Strasser

Church & Community

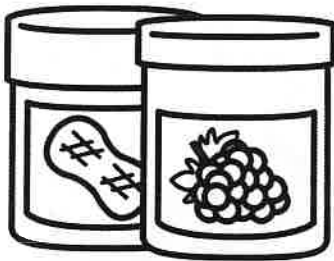
submitted by Ann Seppa, Chairman



The Church & Community Committee is sponsoring a churchwide drive for Maggie's Place Summer Camp Program 2023.

The Camp will begin on July 5 and run for six weeks. We are asking the congregation for donations of summer toys, flip flops, swimming items, towels, snacks, etc. The camp will have approximately 60 children ranging from ages 3-14. We are also asking for cash donations to help defer the cost of renting buses.

If you plan to donate cash, please make checks payable to LCOS and write "Maggie's Place" in the memo. This drive will run from mid-June through July.



We will hold a food drive from August 1-through Labor Day for St. Theodore's Food Pantry in Gates, NY.

PROVIDING PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS SHELTERS IN THE CITY OF ROCHESTER.

St. Peter's Kitchen at 681 Brown Street provides meals for five shelters in the city for approximately 250-300 people five days a week (Mon-Fri). However, since they are not open on the weekends, they provide meal bags for the shelters. Each meal bag consists of a PB&J sandwich, cheese snack, raisins, cookies and nuts. At this time, St. Peter's Kitchen is in need of churches providing the sandwiches. We would like to have our church provide sandwiches once a month.

St. Peter's Kitchen will provide us with the peanut butter, jelly and baggies. We would only have to provide the bread. As a trial basis, we would like to provide a one-time donation of 100 sandwiches and see how it goes. If all goes well, we can make it a more permanent monthly commitment. This is a great opportunity for our church to help our city's homeless community.

If you are interested in volunteering for this project, please call Ann Seppa or contact the office who will put you in touch with Ann.

Carpet Project Update

submitted by Peter Sitter, Organizer

Happy 4th to all,

The carpet has been installed in the sanctuary with the exception of the upper riser where the Chancel is located. Christian Flooring has placed an expedited order for more broadloom carpeting. Christian Flooring will advise us of the delivery date.

I have asked Christian Flooring for estimates to install carpeting in the Sacristy, hall and loft separately. Since the sanctuary floor did not require a skim coat or leveling, we will be well under budget if the council wishes to carpet these remaining areas.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Regards,

Pete Sitter

A Birthday For Carolyn Hane!



This year Carolyn Hane celebrated her 90th birthday with friends and family!

July Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Debbi Wilck, Karen Preston

DATE	TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	Communion Assistant
July 2nd	10 a.m.	Mary Ellen Saur	Carol Werth	Drew Emerson	<i>n/a</i>
July 6th	7:00 p.m.	Ed Jarvis	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
July 9th	10 a.m.	Carol Werth	Bob & Alice Newbury	Donna Zacharko	Alice Newbury
July 13th	7:00 p.m.	Deb Ciccone	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
July 16th	10:00 a.m.	Frank Johnson	David Nowatka	Mike Otto	<i>n/a</i>
July 20th	7:00 p.m.	Brian Spencer	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
July 23rd	10:00 a.m.	Diane Parke/Potter	Rod Potter	Rod Potter	Mike Otto
July 27th	7:00 p.m.	Deb Ciccone	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
July 30th	10:00 a.m.	Ann Seppa	Jen Large	Charlyne Hickey	<i>n/a</i>

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Here is the log in to follow along with our 10:30 service from home. If you use the Zoom app you will hear the service while viewing the bulletin.



Zoom Worship Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Birthday's in July

Janine Lyons (July 1)	Jenny Emerson (July 2)	Jill Evans (July 3)
Jan Carmichael (July 4)	Ann Seppa (July 4)	Rainer Stellrecht (July 7)
Cynthia Blank (July 8)	Brad Morningstar (July 9)	Zachary Blank (July 10)
Rebecca Sovereign (July 11)	Pam Brady (July 12)	Tamara Mochrie (July 12)
Emma Bonanno (July 13)	Michael Palumbo (July 13)	Kristina Saucke (July 13)
Irma Sieg (July 14)	Miles Sovereign (July 14)	Rob Sihto (July 16)
Bailee Evans (July 17)	Olivia Kuter (July 17)	Colleen Forsey (July 18)
Vera Scuderi (July 22)	Ava Bonanno (July 24)	Richard Albano (July 27)
Harvey Specht (July 29)	Hans Witt (July 19)	Joshua Blank (July 30)
Jack Erbelding (July 30)		

Anniversaries in July

James & Linda Flick (July 2, 52 years)	Rod & Diane Parke-Potter (July 3, 46 years)
Anton & Bronislava Suk (July 4, 47 years)	Emil & Christa Witt (July 6, 60 years)
Carl & Marjorie Kowalski (July 9, 63 years)	David & Charlyne Hickey (July 10, 31 years)
Annette & Mathhew Maas (July 13, 27 years)	Pam & Jan Carmichael (July 22, 28 years)
Gene & Ann Northrop (July 25, 53 years)	Karen & Stephen Nash (July 26, 32 years)
Andrew & Julie Lowe (July 28, 11 years)	Joseph * Vera Scuderi (July 30, 52 years)
Richard & Debra Yackel (July 30, 35 years)	

Prayer Concerns

In the Hands of God - Günter Stellrecht

Members in Need of Prayer

Bonnie Hartfiel, Jack Erbelding, Jim Flick, Linda Palmer, Carolyn Hane, Jackie Potter, Meredith Fries
Vera & Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Barb Collins, Gerry Haak, Bev Evans, Irma Sieg, Merlyn Hann
Elly Mahler, Jim MacBride, Sue Neal, Jean Lombard, Pastor Joachim Wilck

Extended Family in Need of Prayer

Valerie Gingello, Sam Bagdan, Danny Baird, Michael Baird, Jr., Jeremy Balmer, Shannon Balmer
Dan Burrell, Krystle Earle, Rick Conley, Annette and Casey Corbridge and family, Marlene Denz
Family of Cliff Dilg, Rich Doehl, Stacy Harris, Jeffrey Mitchell, Kyle Hopkins, Sean Hopkins
Nancy Lenox, Ken LaFave, Zoe and John Marshall, John Meisch, Lucy Pilaroscia, Scott Preston
Marianna Reed, Martha Richenberg, Lois Russell, Mary Anne Schnabel, Avrie Sinesiou, Tom Smith
Mark Spencer, Denton Sutphen, Glenna Sutphen, Kerri Wallenhorst, Judy Whitney, Clarence Wingate
Eileen Wood, Sammy Zaffuto

Members & Friends Serving Our Country

Alexander McDonough, USCG, Dave Oliver, Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard
LTC Paul Graf, Captain Matthew Wormuth,
Major Scott Moncrief, Captain Chris Stevenson, Steve Kim, Major Joshua Davis.

Happening in July

July 2nd—Sunday

10:00 a.m..... Worship Service

July 3rd-7th

Carpet Project – Cleanup Phase

July 4th—Tuesday

Office Closed—Independence Day

July 6th—Thursday

7:00 p.m..... Communion Service

July 9th—Sunday

10:00 a.m..... Communion Service

July 10th—Monday

5:30 p.m..... Finance Committee

July 13th—Thursday

7:00 p.m..... Worship Service

July 16th—Sunday

10:00 a.m..... Worship Service

July 17th—Monday

6:30 p.m..... Council Meeting

July 20th—Thursday

7:00 p.m..... Communion Service

July 23rd—Sunday

10:00 a.m..... Communion Service

July 27th—Thursday

7:00 p.m..... Worship Service

July 30th—Sunday

10:00 a.m..... Worship Service

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The Carpet Drive Continues!!!

Our goal is to get %100 of
our families to contribute
to our new carpet. One
square costs \$35.

Contribute what you can.

Checks can be made out
to Our Saviour, with
Carpet in the memo line.

We will collect funds
through the end of July!

So far %40 percent have contributed
\$3,260.00

Please help us if you can!