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Starting with this March newsletter, we will not be mailing the newsletter.
Please view (or print) the newsletter from Our Saviour's website:
www.OurSaviourRochester.org
(Go to "News" menu —> select "Newsletter")
Thank you for your understanding to help us save on the cost of printing and mailing.
Please contact the office if you cannot access via online.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

The Communicator

Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message on 269-9086. On Friday Pastor's day off, he is available for pastoral emergencies. When calling the church after hours, and wishing to leave a message for Pastor when prompted dial Extension 311 for his personal voicemail.

Please inform Pastor whenever there is an illness or hospitalization in your family. He appreciates your help. When you are admitted to a hospital, please list your religious preference as "Lutheran Church of Our Saviour" and contact Pastor or the church office.

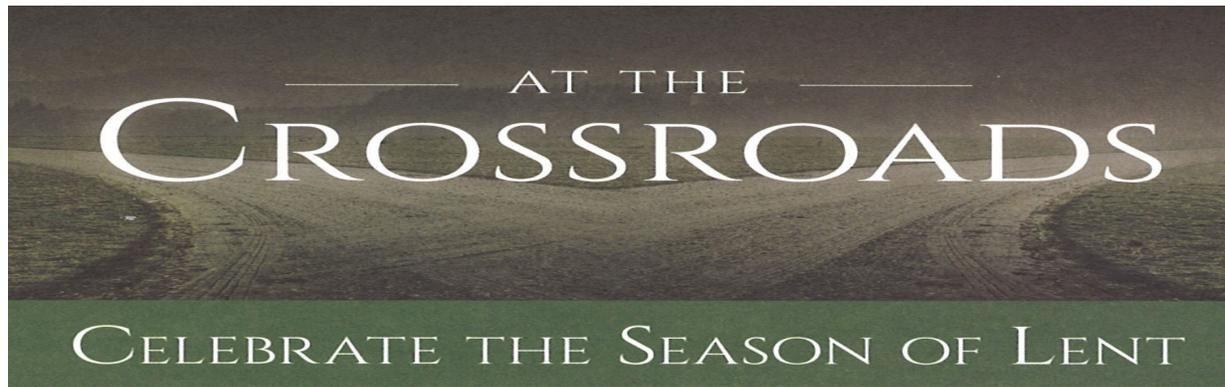
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, as baptized followers of Jesus Christ, will foster a living, expressive relationship with our Lord and our neighbors.

We will do this in a way that seeks to serve all segments of our congregation and community by:

- ◆ Providing a welcoming environment for youth and young adults.
- ◆ Strengthening the family unit.
- ◆ Involving the elderly and recognizing their special needs.
- ◆ Making Christ visible through worship.

Recommended by the Long Range Planning committee on October 27, 2010.



Many of those involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not, and the stories of each of these experiences at various crossroads help us to know what to do and what not to do when we encounter similar crossroads in our own lives. In the end, each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will for us.

ASH WEDNESDAY

CONFESSION PSALM 32:1-5

As a model for us, the psalmist David reaches the crossroads of confession and confesses his sins to the Lord. We are called to confess our sins to the Son of David and find forgiveness in him.

WEEK 1

BETRAYAL JOHN 13:21-30

When Judas Iscariot comes to the point where he must either listen to Jesus or listen to the devil, he chooses to betray Jesus. When we are tempted by Satan to betray our Lord, we gain strength from our Savior to say, "No" to the devil.

WEEK 2

JUDGMENT MATTHEW 27:11-26

When Pontius Pilate is called upon by the crowds to make a judgment call about Jesus, his decision not to decide results in the death of Christ. We look to the cross of Christ to make definitive judgment calls in our lives.

WEEK 3

COMPASSION LUKE 22:47-51

When Jesus is taken into custody, he chooses to show compassion to a wounded participant in the arrest. We are called to show compassion, not anger, even to those in our midst whom we might consider our enemies.

WEEK 4

DECLARATION LUKE 22:54-62

When Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus, he decides to deny his Savior. When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ.

WEEK 5

OBEDIENCE MATTHEW 26:36-46

When Jesus nears the time when he must die for our sins, he asks his Father if the cup might pass from him. But when the time comes, he obeys his Father's will. When we are called upon to follow God's will, we must obey.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

*The Congregational Life Committee meeting is on **March 1** at 12:15 p.m.

*The CLC also leads a sub-committee called the Membership Committee. The focus is to find ways to recruit new church members. We would be honored if you join us with your ideas and feedback. Please contact Carol Werth.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

March 4, 11, 18 and 25th at 7:15 p.m.

And April 1 at 7:15 p.m.

Soup and sandwich supper at 6:30 p.m.



LENTEN SEASON CONTINUES WITH SERVICES ON

April 5 Palm Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

April 9 Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

April 10 Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

April 12 Easter, one service at 10:00 a.m.



March 8

A LENTEN CHALLENGE - Each year I am asked: “Pastor, what should I give up for Lent?” It is a powerful question. How can I match what our Lord accomplishes for us on the tree of the Cross? In essence we cannot; we can, however, take on something that reflects the love of God to our community. I am therefore challenging you to share food with St. Theodore’s pantry. I ask you to bring 1 item for the pantry for each of the 40 days in Lent (**February 26—April 9**). You may bring your items each week to church (i.e. 7 items per week) and we will bring them to the pantry.

jello	dry pasta	canned vegetables
rice	canned fruits	canned pasta (like Spaghetti-os)
tuna	salad dressing	cake or brownie mix
jelly/jam	spaghetti sauce	canned or crushed tomatoes
cereal	pie filling	applesauce
soup	mac & cheese	pork and beans
juice	peanut butter	baked beans
coffee	Hamburger Helper	Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper
tea	hot chocolate mix	applesauce
hand soap	toothpaste	toothbrush
shampoo	toilet paper	facial tissue



JUST A REMINDER—The Coin folders are available on the Narthex table. The offering received from this coin folder will go to our Mission/ELCA benevolence. As we think about the Lent and Easter Season, we are reminded that Christ came into the world to save sinners. Our benevolence dollars support the Mission and ministry of the Upstate New York Synod and the broader outreach of the ELCA. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the mission of the whole church. ****Lent starts Ash Wednesday, 2/26 and ends Maundy Thursday, 4/9****

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Orders for products from **Equal Exchange** will be taken between services on **March 8**. A large variety of organic coffees, as well as conventional and flavored coffees are available in 10 to 12-ounce packages or in single serve cups. Also available are various varieties of black, green or herbal teas. Chocolate bars, mini bars, chips, baking cocoa and cocoa mixes are also available for sale. Nuts (almonds, cashews and pecans) and dried mango are available as well. Orders must be placed in case lots, but you can divide the case with others as you choose. You pay for your order upon arrival, usually the following Sunday.

Tuesday, **March 10**, at 6:30 pm—Bible Study with Pastor Wilck
(Donna Miller will be the hostess for this meeting)

Wednesday, **March 11**, at 6:30 pm—WELCA will provide soup, dessert, chips, and beverages for Lenten Dinner as follows:

Debbie Frey and Cheryl Stone will provide soups
Barbara King will supply dessert
AnnMarie MacBride will provide chips and beverages

Wednesday, **April 15**—Trip to the Susan B. Anthony House. This is in lieu of our regular April meeting. Details to Follow. Contact Ann Marie MacBride if you have any questions.

Saturday, **April 25**—The Genesee Finger Lakes Conference Communion Brunch (Potluck)
Location: Concordia Lutheran Church, 1769 Kendall Road, Kendall, NY

Time: Registration at 10:30 a.m. \$3.00 fee

Program to begin at 11:00 a.m.

There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Simone Harter, Barbara King and Ann Seppa will provide refreshments for fellowship on Sunday, March 8.

We continue to increase our membership and hope that this will continue as we move through the year. There is always room for more and we have yummy refreshments too!

Ann Seppa
Secretary

BINGO PRIZES FOR CREEKVIEW NURSING HOME

The Women of the ELCA here at Our Saviour continue to collect items for bingo prizes at Creekview Nursing Home. Members of the congregation are invited (and encouraged) to participate in this activity. Please put the items in bags and place at the WELCA table in the Narthex.

The suggestions that follow were provided by the Recreation Leader at Creekview Nursing Home:

<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
Stuffed animals	Stuffed animals
Jewelry*	Shaving cream
Lotion (small bottles)	Large print playing
Cards	Non-slip stocking slippers
Non-slip stocking slippers	
Large print Word Search books	
Nail polish (bright or sparkles)	
Polish remover	

*clip-on earrings only, necklaces long enough to fit over the head, and bracelets large enough to fit over the hand.

Jewelry with clasps are difficult to handle.

Thank you for your support of this activity and to Donna Evenson who delivers our donations.

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild: Just a reminder to do the cleaning-bee chores you signed up for. A copy of the sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the Narthex.

On **March 11** at 11:00 a.m. we will be cleaning the wood furniture in the Sanctuary. Come join us; many hands make light work.

Altar Guild invites you to place a *lily, begonia, or tulip* in the chancel for the Festival Easter Services celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord. Plants may be placed to the Glory of God, as an expression of joy at the Resurrection of Christ, and/or in memory of family members or friends who now share the resurrected life with our Lord in eternity! The price this year is only \$9.00 for lilies, begonias or tulips. Please sign the sheet on the Narthex table no later than **March 22**. Take an envelope and place it in the offering during any service. Plants may be taken home following the service. Thank you.

On **April 4** at 9:00 a.m. please join us to fold palms into crosses. ALL ARE INVITED; no previous experience needed.



LYO/YOUTH

The Youth would like to borrow a table-top water fountain (something like the Zen bubbling over stones or rocks). This is for the Youth service on **March 15** at the 9:00 a.m. service. If you have one and are willing to share, please let Janeen Oliver, Dick Ransom, or Wendy Forrest know. The youth have been working very hard with their preparations for the youth-led service. We welcome all to come to experience the Gospel through our youths' eyes.

- Starting on **March 1** we will take the first 10 minutes of the Sunday School opening to work on the Youth service. This will include all classes.
- A full rehearsal is planned for **March 8** during the Sunday School hour at 10:15 a.m.
- We will hold a dressed rehearsal on **March 14**, time to-be-determined.

Additionally, if you are doing some “winter cleaning” and would like to get rid of stuff, would you kindly donate it to the Youth yard sale? We have been collecting throughout the year. Items may be brought to Dell Hall during the office hours and on Sunday mornings.

Grace and peace, Janeen Oliver

JUBILEES

|| The Jubilee's Senior Group will be having their St Patrick's Day luncheon on Tuesday, **March 17** at the MacGregor's Restaurant at noon on Buffalo Road near Tops Market. A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table with additional information. We had a great Valentine Day's luncheon at Rohrbach's, 30 Jubilees were at this lunch. ||

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Christian Movie is on **March 21** at 2:00 p.m. The movie will be "A Question of FAITH." A judge remands Maria to a juvenile detention center after the teen strikes 12-year-old Eric with her car while texting. Joining Eric in the hospital is Michelle, a young singer who collapses while auditioning for a major record label. As their respective parents begin to question their faith, a chain of events unknowingly brings all three families together in unexpected ways.

Christian Book Club will meet on **April 16** at 6:30 p.m. The book is "Nerves of Steel" and is the captivating true story of Tammie Jo Shults's remarkable life—from growing up the daughter of a humble rancher, to breaking through gender barriers as one of the Navy's first female F/A-18 Hornet pilots, to safely landing the severely crippled Southwest Airlines Flight 1380 and helping save the lives of 148 people.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

We are almost past the worst part of winter, our heating boilers are behaving nicely, and the winter snows generally have been fair to us. A big thanks to Jerry Stich who keeps our entrance ways cleared. Teenager Connor Large has volunteered to help us with snow removal.

We are in the process of updating our kitchen, fixing doors, cleaning, painting, etc. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Ed Jarvis if you are available.



Volunteer at Camp Joy this summer! Since its founding in 1982, Camp Joy – a week-long overnight summer camp for developmentally disabled adults - has thrived as an ENTIRELY volunteer based organization. To maintain our Christ-centered, inspirational, fun-filled experience for the 100 individuals who attend camp every year, we need volunteers like you! Camp is held at the Rotary Sunshine Campus in Rush, NY, and this year will be June 21-26 (Sunday-Friday). Both full and part-time staff are needed. Full room and board are provided for full-time staff, and there is absolutely no monetary requirement for volunteers and no previous experience with this population needed! Our need has become dire as we often keep a waiting list of campers wishing to attend but are unable to accommodate due to an insufficient number of volunteers. Please consider being a part of this outstanding organization and share the experience of a lifetime to continue to make this camp possible for so many individuals who desire this fulfilling experience. For more information or to register as a volunteer, visit our website: www.campjoy.org, or call (585) 371-8851 with any additional questions.

Below you will find guidelines for applying for the William Shortz Memorial Scholarship for Lutheran youth. William Shortz was a beloved pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Irondequoit, NY from 1976 through 1994. The scholarship was established in 1996 to support Lutheran youth in the Rochester area as they begin college.

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 will be issued to the winning candidates. The number of candidates is based on the value of the scholarship fund. Since the scholarship inception, over 150 have been given to an impressive group of Lutheran youth. Because this scholarship is funded fresh each year, if our congregation or individuals would like to make a contribution to the William Shortz Memorial College Fund, please send it to the address below, with a memo or note indicating "William Shortz Memorial Fund." If you wish to send a memorial in memory of a loved one, please send both their name and address and your information for an acknowledgement.

We appreciate your continued support of the William Shortz Memorial Scholarship for Lutheran youth.

The William Shortz Memorial Scholarship for Lutheran Youth

Guidelines

Purpose: To aid Lutheran students as they graduate from high school in pursuit of their college education.

Eligibility: Lutheran high school seniors in the Greater Rochester area which includes the counties of Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Steuben, Wayne and Yates.

Application Criteria:

1. Each applicant is a member of a Lutheran congregation in the Greater Rochester area as defined above.
2. Each applicant is attending an accredited high school and will attend an accredited college beginning in the Fall of 2020.
3. Each applicant will write an essay explaining why the chosen education path is important to the applicant.
4. Each applicant will submit an outline of his/her academic and extracurricular accomplishments in high school.
5. Each applicant will submit a copy of his/her high school transcript.
6. Each applicant will submit an outline of church and community activities.
7. Each applicant is required to have his/her pastor submit a letter of recommendation directly to the selection committee. If there are any special needs, the committee asks that they be included in the letter of recommendation from the pastor.

Amount: Scholarships are issued in the amount of \$500. The number of scholarships is based on the value of the scholarship fund.

Questions: Call or e-mail Barbara Mittak, Secretary, Shortz Scholarship (315-946-4759 or bbmittak@yahoo.com).

Application Deadline: April 13, 2020

Announcement of Winners: In May

Mail applications to: Shortz Scholarship Fund
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
131 W Main Street
Webster, New York 14580

March Celebrations



HAPPY BIRTHDAY and BEST WISHES to these members of Our Saviour who celebrate birthdays during this month. We pray for your continued growth in God's grace.

1-Leslie Brightman
1-Brandon Morningstar
1-Ashley Yackel
3-Diane Parke-Potter
5-Michael Werth
7-Sheila Foltz
8-Cassie Forrest
8-April O'Connor
9-Andrew Loughlin
10-Ann Marie MacBride
10-Tyler Potter
11-Brian Mochrie
12-Karen Saur

14-Cameron Ransom
15-Richard Zacharko
15-Anatole Pleten
16-David Wiesmore
17-Pamela Carmichael
20-Christa Witt
20-Lindsey Emerson
22-Carol Ransom
22-Franz Foltz
23-Gene Northrop
25-Jacob Daniel Howles
26-Sandra Johnson
27-Rudy Vogel
28-Todd Grimes
28-Johannes Witt
29-Emily Klein
31-Michelle Coval



Anniversaries

CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES to these members of Our Saviour who celebrate Wedding Anniversaries during this month. May God continue to bless you and increase your love for one another!

17—Elton and Patti Schulz ♥♥**HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY!**♥♥
20—Ronald and Sharon Castrichini



- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur, Ann Seppa, Jean Lombard, Margie Kowalski, and Linda Loughlin for stapling, addressing and mailing the February newsletter.*
 - ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur, Sharon and Richard Yackel for assembling the bulletins each week.*
 - ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur for continuing to change the message on the sign and doing other various tasks in the office.*
 - ♥ *To all the Sunday Modern Traditional PowerPoint volunteers.*
 - ♥ *To all the video recording of our services volunteers.*
 - ♥ *Linda Loughlin for maintaining the oil candles in preparation for Sunday services.*
 - ♥ *Margie Kowalski for continuing to care for the plants in the Narthex and replacing the flowers in the planters and vases.*
 - ♥ *Cindy Borzilleri and Carol Werth for maintaining the Time and Talent and Worship documentation, as well as the volunteers.*
 - ♥ *Sharon Yackel for coordinating our coffee (Equal Exchange) order and keeping track of our coffee supply.*
 - ♥ *Jerry Stich for shoveling snow from our walk-way.*
 - ♥ *Jerry Stich and Ed Jarvis for working on the new sound system.*
 - ♥ *Thrivent for their continued support, sponsorship, and contributions.*
 - ♥ *Everyone bringing snacks to the Tuesday/Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor.*
 - ♥ *Deb Ciccone for proofing the weekly announcements.*
 - ♥ *Brian and Pam Spencer, and Mary Ellen Saur for preparing and serving the delicious supper before the Annual Congregational Meeting.*
 - ♥ *Everyone who donated canned soups and money to the "Souper" Bowl Sunday. The proceeds went to the Community Lutheran Ministry (Maggie's House.)*
 - ♥ *The CLC for providing the cake in celebration of Scouts Sunday in February.*
 - ♥ *The WELCA and Girl Scouts for making blankets that were donated to the local shelter for women and children.*
- ♥ *A big thank you to Mary Pleten for completing a year-long training to Simone. Finally, no more office work, so enjoy your retirement!*
- ♪♪♪ *A very special thank you to our substitute organist, Shirley Iversen, for stepping up in the months of January and February. We appreciate your loving devotion to provide our church with your beautiful music. We have been blessed with the sharing of your musical talent. ♪♪♪*

There are no words that can adequately express our thanks for all the cards, phone calls, visits, meals and fruit baskets, flowers and most importantly thoughts and prayers that we received during our recent illnesses and recuperation. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. God bless you all!

Rich and Sharon Yackel



RECENT BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LAYLA FRANCES ENGELS
FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

PLEASE KEEP HER IN YOUR PRAYERS AS SHE JOINED OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Closing of the church due to weather

If the church closes due to hazardous weather conditions, we will post the closing in the following forums:

- ◇ WROC/CHANNEL 8: On television and website (RochesterFirst.com).
- ◇ SPECTRUM/CHANNEL 9: On television and website (spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester)
- ◇ WHEC/CHANNEL 10/NBC : On television and website (WHEC.com).
- ◇ WHAM/CHANNEL 13/ABC/FOX ROCHESTER. Please note that you can only check via their website (13wam.com) instead of your television.

If the phone system is operational, we will also initiate a phone call distribution (aka phone tree) to the congregation.

CANS & BOTTLES: Tired of bringing your bottles and cans with a 5 cent deposit to the grocery store? Bring them to Flower City Bottle & Can Return across the street from church. They are open Sundays from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., so bring your cans to church and drop them off. **DID YOU KNOW? You can designate Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Youth Group** to receive credit for your returns. Just drop off the cans and bottles and they will credit Our Saviour's account. Every little bit helps!

CARING AND SHARING

We all have loving hearts but busy lives. To make life easier for you to show others you care, we are providing a CARD BOX.

Help yourself to cards and envelopes. Our LCOS Directory is there to help you find addresses. You can write your notes and address the envelopes now while you are thinking of it. Just add a stamp and drop it in the mail.

The card box is located on the small round table next to the lift/elevator.

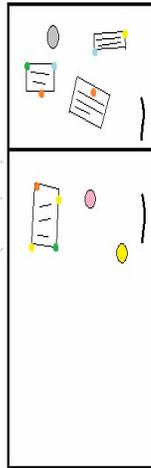
Do you receive free cards in the mail? Bring them in and add to the box.



REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER USE—a reminder to anyone who stores food and drinks in the church's

refrigerator and freezer. You must date and identify everything that goes into the refrigerator and freezer especially if you want to stay the owner of such items. Periodically we will check and purge any unmarked items if they look bad or spoiled. Also, it is very important that we keep the top three shelves cleared for supporting events that may occur periodically like funerals and special church celebrations.

Thank you for your cooperation.



We were required to go to a new PhoneTree system due to the old system no longer being supported. Since then we have only initiated one call on January 31, 2020.

Please contact the office if you suspect that you are not receiving calls. You are important to us and we want to ensure that the new system is working adequately.

Thank you very much!

IMPORTANT DATES



SPECIFIC TO OUR SAVIOUR

- † Lenten Challenge to St. Theodore's Pantry, 2/26—4/9
- † Mid-week Lenten Service, 3/4
supper 6:30 p.m., service 7:15 p.m.
CLC contributes
- † Daylight-Saving Time Begins, 3/8
- † Evangelism Meeting, 3/8, 10:30 a.m.
- † Equal Exchange Order, 3/8, in between services
- † Church Council Meeting, 3/9, 6:30 p.m.
- † WELCA Meeting, 3/10, 6:30 p.m.
- † Altar Guild Sanctuary Cleaning, 3/11, 11:00 a.m.
- † Mid-week Lenten Service, 3/11
supper 6:30 p.m., service 7:15 p.m.
WELCA contributes
- † Youth Service, 3/15, 9:00 a.m.
We will also have the 11:15 a.m. service
- † Jubilees St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, 3/17, 12:00 p.m.
- † Mid-week Lenten Service, 3/18
supper 6:30 p.m., service 7:15 p.m.
Council contributes
- † Christian Movie, 3/21, 2:00 p.m.
- † Easter Flowers orders due, **3/22, at the latest!**
- † Sunday School Lent Cookie Making, 3/22, 10:15 a.m.
- † Mid-week Lenten Service, 3/25
supper 6:30 p.m., service 7:15 p.m.
LYO and SS contribute
- † 5th Sunday of month, one service, 3/29, 10:00 a.m.

SPECIFIC TO OUR SAVIOUR

- † Mid-week Lenten Service, 4/1
supper 6:30 p.m., service 7:15 p.m.
Choirs contribute
- † Palm Crosses Making, 4/4, 9:00 a.m.
- † Palm Sunday Services, 4/5, 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
- † Sunday School Craft and Candy Hunt, 4/5, 10:15 a.m.
- † Maundy Thursday Service, 4/9, 7:00 p.m.
- † Good Friday Service, 4/10, 7:00 p.m.
- † Festival Easter Service, one service, 4/12, 10:00 a.m.
- † William Shortz Scholarship Application Deadline, 4/13
- † WELCA Trip to Susan B. Anthony House, 4/15,
time TBD
- † Christian Book Club, 4/16, 6:30 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- † WELCA Genesee Finger Lakes Conference,
4/25, 10:30 a.m.
- † Camp Joy, 6/21—6/26





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