



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Communicator May Issue



Pastor's Corner

As the Easter season comes to a close and we celebrate Pentecost in the month of May let me share a reflection with you that speaks about both seasons:



In the Gospels we read about the disciples locking themselves in a room (upper room) following the death and resurrection of Jesus. They were afraid. John explained They were locked in their room, "for fear of the Jews." (John 20:19). Fear had made them prisoners.

But now, suddenly, Jesus came. He simply appeared in their midst, and said, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19).

If you have ever been afraid, lost, confused, Jesus comes to us, as he came to the disciples, and says very quietly. "Peace be with you," —as though to say, "It's okay."

Then Jesus said, "As the father has sent me, so I send You." (John 20:21). John tells us that Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit," (John 20:22). Jesus inspired them (literally, "breathed"), reviving them and boosting their spirits. Jesus gave them a, "second wind," and sent them out to be his disciples.

With this second wind, which Jesus named the Holy Spirit, the disciples are given power to act in spite of their fears. With new courage, they unlocked their doors, went out, and preached of Christ to the whole world. The worldwide community of Christians today stands as evidence of the fact that they did their work successfully.

This "second wind" is also given to us by our Lord as a wonderful gift. Paul talked about it when he said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," (Philippians 4:13). The history of Christianity is filled with the stories of people who, in the power of Christ, overcame their fears, opened their locked doors and went out into the world to be witnesses.

I believe with all my heart that our God has opened up new opportunities for us throughout this Pentecost season. As we have completed the process of merger of our two congregations I believe this is the second wind that God is laying out before us.

As we look at some new ways of thinking and new approaches to proclaiming the gospel I truly believe this is our second wind. My prayer is as we open ourselves to the opportunities before us, that we see God at work in our lives and the life of our church, and embrace the future God has opened to us..



Joachim Wille

WELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa, Secretary



Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9th at 11:30 am. At this meeting we will be reviewing the book, "Mutant Message Down Under" by Marlo Morgan. All are welcome.

Remember to bring your own lunch. AnnMarie MacBride will serve as hostess and provide the devotions for this meeting.

We will also be choosing a restaurant for our, "dinner out," in June.



In lieu of holding a regular meeting in April, Pam Spencer held the second session for the Alpha Course, "Who is Jesus." The Alpha Course will continue weekly on Wednesdays at noon. Bring your lunch & dessert. Beverages will be provided.



Thank you to Pastor Wilck for leading the Genesee Finger Lakes WELCA Spring Communion Assembly on Saturday, April 22. We had twelve women attend and it was enjoyed by all.



All Women who are members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour are members of WELCA.



Please continue to pray for everyone's health and safety and we wish everyone a "Happy Mother's Day".





Genesee Finger Lakes WELCA Spring Communion Assembly

Jubilees Summer Picnic

submitted by Deb Ciccone



Please join us for the Jubilee's Summer Picnic on Thursday, June 22 at Memorial Park in Gates. We have reserved the same lodge as last year at the North end of the Park. People should plan to arrive at 12:30 with lunch being served at 1:00. This year we are going to have the event catered by Wilshire Catering Service but we are asking those who are able to bring a dessert.

The price is \$16 per person. Music will be provided. We will have indoor and outdoor games for those interested in participating.

Any adult in the congregation is invited to come.

More details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

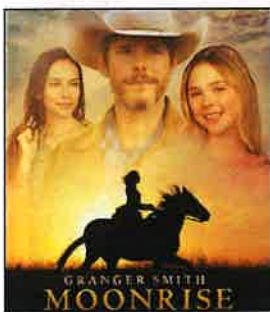
Join us for fun, fellowship and great food!

Evangelism

submitted by Pam Spencer

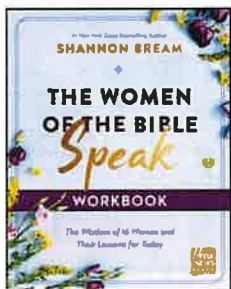


Alpha Course— Will continue from now into June on Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. till about 1:30 p.m. You do not need to have attended previous sessions in order to enjoy and participate in each class. You can get some information about the Alpha Course by going to www.alphausa.org.



Christian Movie "Moonrise" will be shown Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Country Singer William Brown (Granger Smith) pushed away his family, fame and faith after his wife's death. It's his daughter and a talented horse trainer who show him strength, forgiveness and grace to live life again in this heartfelt family drama. Featuring original music from country music star Granger Smith.

A side note: Granger Smith just announced he will be leaving the country music scene to go into ministry.



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.

Spring Landscaping Work Project

submitted by Jerry Stich



Now that winter is over, please help to beautify our landscaping on May 6th. Come anytime between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon on May 6, 2023. We have rakes, tarps, electric hedge trimmers, and extension cords, but if you want to bring your own equipment, that would be great. For more information, contact Jerry Stich or Ed Jarvis. There is an optional sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Loop Ministry Seeks Board Members

submitted by Larry Nazarian



Many years ago, Reformation started a food pantry known as Loop Ministries. It picked up additional participation from sister churches, such as Incarnate Word and St. Paul's Pittsford, and had

been quite active and successful at getting food, both groceries and hot meals, to people in need.

When Reformation sold its building, the whole program was transferred to Incarnate Word, where it is doing quite well early in its new location. We are in need of three new members on the Loop Board, due to expiring terms. This announcement encourages members of Our Saviour (including former members of Reformation) to volunteer to run for a three-year term on the Board. The responsibilities are covered by a monthly meeting, sometimes with additional time to help with a specific part of the ministries of interest to the Board member.

If you would like to run for one of these open positions, which will be voted upon during the upcoming Annual Meeting, or would like more information, please contact me. Larry Nazarian: lfredn@aol.com (585) 217-7473.

Camp Joy Volunteering

submitted by Charlyne Hickey



Volunteer at Camp Joy this summer! Since its foundation 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 80 - 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 18th-23rd (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! 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.

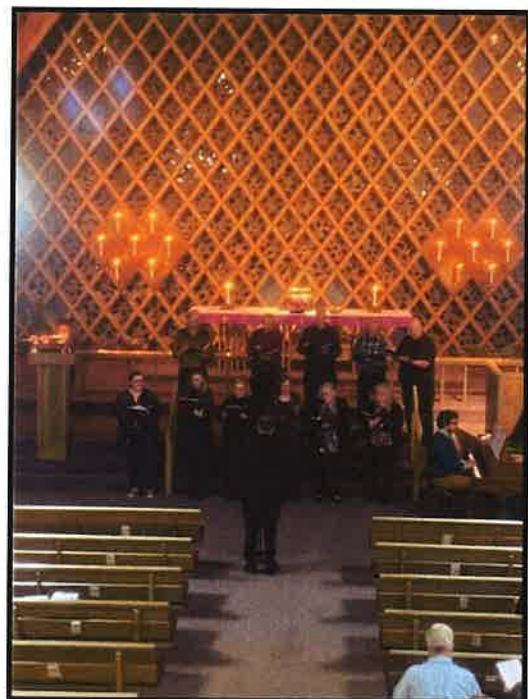
For more information or to register as a volunteer, visit our website: www.campjoyny.org, or call (585) 371-8851 with any additional questions. Thank you!!!

Images from Maundy Thursday

submitted by Jonathan Howell

This year for Maundy Thursday, Our Saviour Church tried something a little different. We held an Agape dinner service. It was a huge success. So many different individuals stepped up to help in various ways, those who planned, set-up, cooked, cleaned and made music. There were individuals who scrambled to update our kitchen with a new dishwasher, disposal and faucet. As well as someone among us who decided to go ahead and foot the bill for those upgrades. This community of faith pulled together and created a wonderful event. I was especially moved by the welcoming spirit we showed to our neighbors from Community Christian Church. Our ability to include them and show them hospitality made the night extra special, as did their very professional choral offering.





Meet Nicholas Cantello—Our new Organist!



"I was born in Syracuse, NY, and studied organ performance with Nicole Keller at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio. Currently I am pursuing a Master's Degree in organ performance studying with Judy Congdon at Houghton University on a full scholarship. Most recently, I served for two years as Director of Music and Organist at St. Marianne Cope Parish in Syracuse, NY. I have also studied piano and composition extensively."



Cakes by Karen

We are thrilled to have Nicholas as organist at Our Saviour. He played his first church services when he was 14 years old and has not stopped since. Nicholas has some very special skills that are highly sought after in the church organist world. He has a photographic memory which enables him to play hymns without music after a few practices. He can transpose any music into any key at sight.

We extend a warm welcome to Nicholas and also a word of congratulations as he will be getting married this summer!

May Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Debbie Wilck

DATE	TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	Communion Assistant
May 7	8:30 a.m.	Ed Jarvis	Ann Marie MacBride	Mike Frey	<i>n/a</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Carol Werth	Larry & Sharon Nazarian	Sharon Nazarian	<i>n/a</i>
May 14	8:30 a.m.	Diane Parke-Potter	Rod Potter	Wendy Forrest	Wendy Forrest
	10:30 a.m.	Ann Seppa	Jen Large	Alice Newbury	Alice Newbury
May 21	8:30 a.m.	Mary Ellen Saur	Cindy Borzilleri	Carol Werth	
	10:30 a.m.	Lois Dannenberg	Moni Stellrecht	Drew Emerson	
May 28	8:30 a.m.	Deb Ciccone	Daryl Jarvis	Deb Ciccone	Ed Jarvis
	10:30 a.m.	Brian Spencer	Janie & Larry Hopkins	Donna Zacharko	Pam Spencer

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.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/96348140580>

Meeting ID: 963 4814 0580

One tap Mobile

+9292056099,,96348140580# US (NY)

Dial in +1 929-205-6099 US (NY)

Meeting ID: 963 4814 0580

Find your local number:

<https://zpoom.us/u/aQEHdZQe2>

*On the phone you can unmute yourself by pressing * then 6.*

Zoom Worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Birthday's in May

Charles Borzilleri (1st)
 Michael O'Connor (3rd)
 Carmalena Loughlin (6th)
 Susan Yackel (8th)
 Richard Forsey (11th)
 Robin Spindler (24th)
 Daryl Jarvis (14th)
 Lawrence Nazarian (17th)
 Michael Pehur (30th)
 Vincenzo Loughlin (23rd)
 Ann Morningstar (27th)

Chloe Osterling (1st)
 Ronald King (4th)
 Austin Maas (7th)
 Dillon Griffin (10th)
 Jennifer Forsey (12th)
 Richard L. Yackel (12th)
 Ben Morningstar (15th)
 Elizabeth Ernisse (30th)
 Nick Gatto (20th)
 Helga Freimuth (24th)
 Carolyn Hane (29th)

Donna Evenson (1st)
 Robyn Griffin (5th)
 JD Coval (8th)
 Jeff Blank (11th)
 Ethan Oliver (12th)
 Annabelle Guiles (27th)
 Ella Witt (16th)
 Markus Pharmakis (18th)
 Merlyn Hann (20th)
 Douglas McDonough (24th)
 Donald Voorhies (29th)

Anniversaries in May

Dick & Carol Ransom (May 10th, 54 years)
 Jason & Brenda Stone (May 12th, 5 years)
 Larry & Jennifer Guiles (May 20th, 23 years)
 Joachim & Debbie Wilck (May 20th, 51 years)
 Jeff & Cynthia Blank (May 21, 12 years)
 Mark & Jill Evans (May 24th, 26 years)

Val & Carla Ruoff (May 24th, 37 years)
 David & Cheryl Stone (May 26, **50 years**)
 Paul & Peggy Hamblin (May 28th, 40 years)
 Robert & Norma Snyder (May 29th, 63 years)
 James & Linda Palmer (May 31, 43 years)

Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Prayer

Bonnie Hartfiel
 Carolyn Hane
 Vera & Joe Scuderi
 Bev Evans

Jack Erbeling
 Jackie Potter
 Bob Snyder
 Irma Sieg

Jim Flick
 Meredith Fries
 Barb Collins
 Merlyn Hann
 Jim MacBride

Linda Palmer

 Gerry Haak
 Elly Mahler

Extended Family in Need of Prayer

Valerie Gingello
 Jeremy Balmer
 Rick Conley
 Family of Cliff Dilg
 Kyle Hopkins,
 Zoe and John Marshall
 Marianna Reed
 Avrie Sinesiou
 Glena Sutphen
 Eileen Wood

Sam Bagdan
 Shannon Balmer
 Annette and Casey Corbridge and family
 Rich Doehl
 Sean Hopkins
 John Meisch,
 Martha Richenberg
 Tom Smith
 Kerri Wallenhorst
 Sammy Zaffuto

Danny Baird
 Dan Burrell
 Stacy Harris
 Nancy Lenox
 Lucy Pilaroscia
 Lois Russell
 Mark Spencer
 Judy Whitney
 Krystle Earle

Michael Baird, Jr.
 Lynette Clanton
 Marlene Denz
 Jeffrey Mitchell
 Ken LaFave
 Scott Preston
 Mary Anne Schnabel
 Denton Sutphen
 Clarence Wingate

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.
We remember those families who have lost loved ones in service to their country.

Happening in May

May 1, Monday

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

May 2, Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

May 3, Wednesday

12:00 p.m. ALPHA Course

May 6, Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School

9:00 a.m. Spring Landscaping Work Project

3:00 p.m. Jennifer Strasser Memorial Service

May 7, Sunday

8:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice

May 8, Monday

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

May 9, Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. WELCA

May 10, Wednesday

12:00 p.m. ALPHA Course

May 11, Thursday

10:00 a.m. Worship Committee

May 13, Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School

May 14, Sunday (mother's day)

8:30 a.m. Modern Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

11:30 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice

May 15, Monday

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

May 16, Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

May 17, Wednesday

12:00 p.m. ALPHA Course

May 20, Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School

May 21, Sunday (Stone's 50th Anniversary)

8:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Practice

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Vocal Choir Practice

May 22, Monday

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

May 23, Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

May 24, Wednesday

12:00 p.m. ALPHA Course

May 27, Saturday

9:00 a.m. German School

May 28, Sunday (Pentecost)

8:30 a.m. Modern Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

11:30 a.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal

May 29, Monday (Memorial Day)

No Scouts, Office Closed

May 30, Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

May 31, Wednesday

12:00 a.m. ALPHA Course

Please note: The new council will hold a meeting in which will be scheduled following the election.



Looking Ahead

Confirmation—June 4 (Trinity Sunday)

Father's Day—June 14

Summer Service Schedule Begins—June 22

CHANGE OF SERVICE
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MEMORIAL DAY

— REMEMBER & HONOR —

