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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

# The Communicator



May 31st

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. Friday is Pastor's day off, but he is available for pastoral emergencies.

**We ask that you use Pastor's updated church email:**  
[pastor@oursaviourrochester.org](mailto:pastor@oursaviourrochester.org)

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.

### THE 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.*



As I have announced in our church worship, the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Rochester have sold their building and are looking for a space to pause and reflect on the direction of their ministry. In conversations with Pastor Imani Olear, they are seeking to live out that pause in our church. The Executive Committees of both churches have met and are very positive about this process. I am sharing the Minutes of our last meeting with you so you may have some clarity as to what is being asked and what we are thinking. I believe this is very positive for our church which carries distinct optimism for the future of our two churches.

The Lutheran Church of our Saviour Council Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the Lutheran Church of the Reformation using LCOS for space and possibly merging in the future.

- The LCOS Treasurer distributed the Minutes from the meeting the Executive Committee had on April 6 at Reformation along with a draft of a Memorandum of Understanding between LCOS and Reformation.
- Some background: Pastor Imani had approached Pastor Wilck a couple of months ago mentioning they were selling their church and asked if LCOS might be interested in having them use our facilities in their “pause” period, which would last a few months. They were also looking at two other churches at the time.
- The Reformation congregation voted on Easter Sunday to sell the church. Their lawyer has given the documents to the NYS Attorney General. They are now under a time crunch. Their last day at their church will be May 16. The Glory House is taking over and removing pews and other furniture and items.
- Reformation wants to keep their moveable altar and the lectern and chairs that go with it. That altar came from St. Luke’s when they were previously bought out and merged with Reformation. It would help make those parishioners more at home. They would also like to keep the Eagle lectern but will pay a storage company to store it and anything else that LCOS cannot use right now. If Glory House is not going to use the altar in the main sanctuary, they would also like to keep that. Pastor Wilck informed them he thought having the St. Luke’s Chapel at LCOS would be feasible. We do have space in the Meeting Room for that chapel and it would not be too difficult to move out the tables or put in additional chairs for their service or meetings.
- Also mentioned for their chapel location were the Sunday School rooms, but our Youth Ministry said she is not comfortable with that choice and it would be much better to have it in the Meeting Room.
- Pastor Imani has talked to Bishop Macholz and Pastor Wilck has done the same. The Bishop feels positive about Reformation moving into LCOS space for a few months and leaving open the possibility of merging in the future.
- Their Executive Committee visited LCOS and looked at our space; our Executive Committee has been over there and looked over the things Reformation wanted to bring here, and they asked if LCOS would like anything.
- They will be bringing their baby grand piano to LCOS. Our Music Director said the present piano at LCOS is not the best and she would like to play on their baby grand. She will keep her keyboard.
- Reformation may also bring some paintings with them to LCOS. The Executive Committee saw a few they were interested in when they had their meeting.
- They will bring their bells. They have a bell choir in addition to the vocal one.
- Both churches will be functioning separately for the most part in the first few months.
- Reformation will be bringing only two paid employees: Pastor Imani and Pablo Bustos, their Musical Director.
- Reformation mentioned they have had a German School at the church, and they have been contacted by the German teacher to see if he could have some classes at LCOS. Our VP thought this was a good idea and might bring some young people into our church.
- On April 25, there will be a pulpit and Council exchange, and families were welcome to attend also. We would go to Reformation downtown and they would come to LCOS. Ann Seppa will be the Service Leader that day. The church congregation will be notified at that time of the details of Reformation using our space and the possibility of joining in the future.

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- Reformation expects only 50 people from their congregation to come to LCOS. Their congregation is older, like LCOS, but there are a few young people.
- They will need keys and access codes. Ed will handle it.
- LCOS plans on going back to two services on Sundays in September. There will not be a Thursday service.
- They do want to keep their ministries, particularly the Food Ministry, but it would be on a smaller scale than what they have had in the past. They would like to reach out to the community here. When our Executive Committee visited Reformation, they saw a gym full of food donations.
- They have a double-wide refrigerator that they are willing to give us if there is a need.
- Pastor Imani and their Music Director will use the Prayer Room for office space.
- Their Music Director has been filming each choir member singing weekly and then pieces them together for their Zoom services on Sundays.
- Their Music Director would like to talk to our Music Director and Pastor Wilck will be giving her number to him.
- Eastman School of Music is located close to Reformation and has a strong presence in the church. Pablo is a graduate of Eastman.
- Our Music Director asked about their services and Pastor said they might choose to have a service on Saturday. They would like to have a German service once a month if possible and Pastor Wilck would lead that.
- Generally, Reformation's parishioners are not from the downtown area and LCOS is probably ten minutes further for congregants to drive. Their Executive Committee liked this location, the parking, and the fact it is handicap accessible. The Committee had a great feel for the people here at LCOS who they already met and thought the church was beautiful.
- Our VP brought up moving their chapel to Dell Hall in the future. The building would need a lot of work to be functional, but if that were eventually decided, Reformation would pay for the updates.
- Pastor asked the Council if LCOS should ask for one fee for everything or different fees for the individual rooms. Our Assistant Financial Secretary said it would be best to have just one fee.
- Reformation is not going to put up any signage in front of the church or advertise outside.
- Reformation had a funeral at LCOS on April 24. Pastor Wilck did part of it in German. They were limited to 60 attendees. Ed Jarvis and Mary Ellen were the Service Leaders.

**Notable dates:** April 25 was the pulpit and Council exchange; May 16 is Reformation's last service there; May 23 is their service at Ontario Beach Park; May 30 will be a joint service at LCOS.

LCOS Council will sit down with their Council at the end of August and decide where to go from there.

**Action Items for LCOS:** LCOS needs to meet regarding the rental charge, when they will have their services, and how much they will need our Office Manager.

~~Pastor Wilck

## OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR 2021:

- \* Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
- \* Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
- \* This schedule is subject to change based on the COVID pandemic.

- ⇒ Please note that you may come indoors for both days' services or remain outdoors (drive-in). We will continue to broadcast the service through your car radio (on the 87.9 station).
- ⇒ We are set up with social distancing for indoor services.
- ⇒ Please wear your mask appropriately covering the nose and chin.
- ⇒ Please remain seated at all times during indoor worship.
- ⇒ Please do not congregate inside before or after the services. Please socialize outside.
- ⇒ We ask that the first two rows in the parking lot be left for drive-in attendees to park there.

Thank you for your cooperation to help our church family stay safe.

## NEW SOUND SYSTEM

Thanks to the Bettie Curry Memorial Fund, we were able to replace the sound system that was installed over thirty years ago. The new system has the latest technology with numerous additional features. The old sound system has had several additions and modifications by Jerry Stich to meet our changing needs, but did not have inputs for any additional microphones. The new system includes: six new speakers, more wireless microphones, a CD player, more input and outputs, individual sound conditioning for each input and output, ability to record to a USB flash drive, sound delays between set of speakers to account for the speed of sound, and consolidate the sound system in a single location with remote access to control volume of each input. We have been using one of the two donated iPads for the remote access mixer for the sound system.

New Life Electronics did the sound analysis of the church and installed the new system. Thanks go out to Bob Puff of NLE for his outstanding service at a very reasonable price. Jerry Stich will document the new system and you can contact Jerry if you would like the details, or would like to help with the new sound system.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Congregational Meeting is on **May 2** following the service. This is the election for the church officers and committee leads. We will also have the first reading of changes in the Bylaws.

## In Loving Memory

The members of Our Saviour extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of Ann Timm.

Anna passed March 10, 2021 at the age of 90.

The Memorial Service was performed at Our Saviour on April 24, 2021.

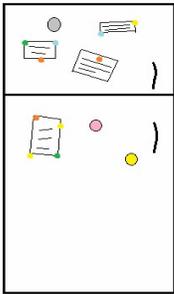
Rest eternal grant for her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

## VETERAN BRICKS

On **May 30**, we will be remembering all our deceased and living military veterans. Presently we have 54 bricks: 37 deceased and 17 living veterans, at the base of the Richard W. Mitchell Memorial Flagpole. If you would like to sponsor a brick for a veteran, you need to submit a request no later than **May 2**. Contact the office or Ed for more information.

~~Ed Jarvis

## REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER USE



A notice to anybody 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 future events.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## CARING AND SHARING

We all have loving hearts and stressful lives during this pandemic. To make life easier for you to show others your 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.



## HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.

*Did you know? More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year. These holiday chats with Mom often cause phone traffic to spike by as much as 37 percent.*

\*Information from history.com; enjoy reading more history: The origin of Mother's Day in the U.S., the decries to commercialize Mother's Day, and Mother's Day around the world).



## BOY SCOUTS BBQ!

Come on **May 8** for a delicious plate of half Chicken, Salt Potatoes, Cole Slaw, and a Roll!!!

The BBQ begins at 11:00 a.m. until gone!

It is \$10 per dinner.

Thank you for your continued support of our Troops!

~~Hans Witt, Troop Leader



## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

We received a beautiful thank you letter from St. Theodore's Food Pantry in Gates for our recent large food donation to their food pantry.



The Spring Adopt-A-Highway will be on **May 15** at 9:30 a.m. Please help clean up the 2.6-mile section of Chili Avenue from Route 204 to Chili Center. Children 12 to 18 years old must have parent permission. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and on the cart at the church entrance (during the drive-in services). We will meet at Dell Hall that Saturday and start the highway pickup at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Jerry Stich.

The Church & Community Committee plan to meet in the near future.

~~Ann Seppa, Committee Chair



## EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Our next Christian Movie Matinee will be on **May 15** at 2:00 p.m.

We had a request to watch "Heaven is for Real." It is based on the true story of a pastor whose four-year-old son, Colton, almost died during an emergency appendectomy operation.

~~Pam Spencer, Committee Chair

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## Celebrations This Month



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-Donna Evenson  
2-Simone Harter  
1-Chloe Osterling  
3-Michael O'Connor  
4-Ronald King  
5-Robyn Griffin  
6-Carmalena Loughlin  
8-Susan Yackel  
8-John David Coval

10-Dillon Griffin  
11-Jeffrey Blank  
11-Richard Forsey  
12-Jennifer Forsey  
13-Christopher Cuyler  
14-Daryl Jarvis  
14-Victor Harter  
15-Benjamin Morningstar  
20-Nicholas Gatto  
23-Vincenzio Loughlin  
24-Douglas McDonough  
27-Ann Morningstar  
27-Annabelle Guiles  
28-Alice Popen  
29-Donald Voorhies  
29-Carolyn Hane  
30-Vera Suk  
30-Michael Henry Pehur



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## 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!

6—Michelle and John Coval ♥♥*HAPPY 15TH ANNIVERSARY*♥♥  
9—Ronald and Crista Hagberg  
10—Richard and Carol Ransom  
12—Jason and Brenda Stone  
13—Larry and Jennifer Guiles  
20—Pastor Joe and Debbie Wilck  
21—Jeff and Cynthia Blank ♥♥*HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY*♥♥  
24—Mark and Jill Evans  
26—David and Cheryl Stone  
28—Paul and Peggy Hamblin  
29—Robert and Norma Snyder  
31—James and Linda Palmer



# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur for continuing to change the message on the sign.*
- ♥ *Daryl Jarvis for continuing to care for the plants in the Narthex.*
- ♥ *Thrivent for their continued support, sponsorship, and contributions.*
- ♥ *Ed Jarvis and Larry Hopkins for continuing to maintain and sanitize the church.*
- ♥ *Jerry Stich for continuing to record the services and updating them on our website.*
- ♥ *Cheryl Stone, and Daryl and Ed Jarvis for maintaining the Altar care.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen for updating the attendance and communion logs.*
- ♥ *Alice Popen for continuing to coordinate weddings performed at our church.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur and Sharon Yackel for assembling the weekly bulletins.*
- ♥ *Jennifer and Connor Large for continuing to fill the oil in the Altar candles.*
- ♥ *The CLC/Caring and Sharing members for continuing to provide meals to various members.*
- ♥ *Our Saviour Sunday School teachers for doing a great job with the children and keeping them engaged and safe.*
- ♥ *All the parents who bring the children to Sunday School and Youth activities.*
- ♥ *Jerry Stich and Ed Jarvis for working on the new sound system.*
- ♥ *Ray McQueen for joining the Property Management Committee.*
- ♥ *The Sunday School staff, Youth Ministry leaders and their families for assisting in the fun Easter Egg Hunt and the Great Easter Egg Escape activities.*
- ♥ *To everyone who donated Easter flowers and made our Chancel look beautiful.*
- ♥ *Ed and Daryl Jarvis, Cheryl Stone, Ann Seppa and Ann Marie MacBride for thoroughly cleaning and preparing the reception/Augsburg room for the memorial service in April.*

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA



The Executive officers of the WELCA met on April 21 to discuss some future endeavors for the WELCA.

The WELCA is sponsoring a Churchwide drive for the Coldwater House for Women & Children, from **May 6-June 3**. A list of their needs: **washcloths, disinfecting wipes, feminine products, lotions, deodorants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoos, conditioners, band-aids, and razors.** You can bring your donations to the church or give them to the service leaders on Thursdays and Sundays. Any questions, you may contact Ann Seppa.

Our next meeting will be held on **June 15**. Details to follow.

Please continue to pray for everyone's health and safety.

~~Ann Seppa, Secretary

# IMPORTANT DATES



## SPECIFIC TO OUR SAVIOUR

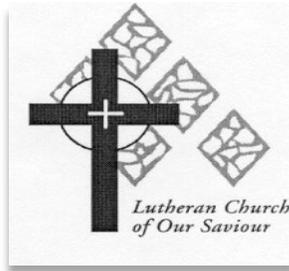
- † 2021 Worship Schedule,  
Indoor and Drive-in  
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.  
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
- † Congregational Meeting, 5/2, after the Service
- † Veteran Bricks Request due 5/2,  
Bricks Dedication, 5/30, after the Service
- † WELCA Churchwide Drive, 5/6-6/3
- † LYO/Youth Meeting, 5/6 and 5/20, 6:00 p.m.
- † Boy Scouts BBQ, 5/8, 11:00 a.m.
- † *Happy Mother's Day*, 5/9
- † Worship & Music Committee, 5/13, 10:15 a.m.
- † Church & Community Adopt-A-Highway,  
5/15, 9:30 a.m.
- † Evangelism Christian Movie, 5/15, 2:00 p.m.
- † Church Council Meeting, 5/17, 6:30 p.m.
- † *Pentecost Sunday*  
Last day for Confirmation Class, 5/23, 11:00 a.m.
- † Joint Service with Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Reformation, 5/30, 10:00 a.m.
- † *Memorial Day*  
Church Office Closed on 5/31
- † Boy Scouts Camping, 5/31

## SPECIFIC TO OUR SAVIOUR

- † LYO 30-Hour Famine TBD
- † LYO Murder Mystery TBD, before summer starts
- † LYO/Youth-led Service TBD, early summer/early fall
- † LYO Garage Sale, 9/18
- † Confirmands and new Confirmation Class in the fall (TBD)
- † First Communion Class resumes in the fall (TBD)

Welcome Reformation!

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