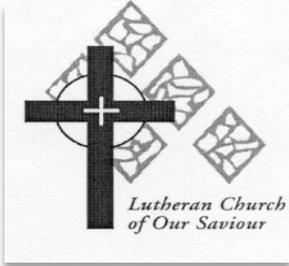


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Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message on 269-9086. Friday is Pastor's day off, but he is available for pastoral emergencies.

We ask that you use Pastor's updated church email:
pastor@oursaviourrochester.org

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.

Pastor's Page

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In the following pages of this Newsletter, you will see the many events taking place in the life of our church. As we look to the beginning of November, we also celebrate All Saints' Day. I read the following reflection by Augustine which helps me see the point of All Saints' Day.

“It is inevitable that we should be sad when those we love depart from us by dying. Although we know they are not leaving us forever but gone a little ahead of us, then we who remain will follow them, nevertheless, our nature shrinks from death, and when it takes a loved one, we are filled with sorrow simply because of our love for that person. That is why the apostle did not tell us that we should not be saddened, but that we should not be saddened in the same way as those who have no hope. In the death of those who are close to us, we experience both sadness at the necessity of losing them, and the hope of getting them back. By the former we are distressed by the latter consoled; in the one, our weakness touches us, in the other faith restores us. In our loss, the human condition mourns, but through hope, the divine promise heals.”

In the following pages, you will also see the Task Force Preliminary Report to the Councils, “Examining the Possibilities of a Future Relationship between Reformation Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour.” Please note this is a preliminary report and will be discussed at our Congregational Meeting on November 7. We seek to answer questions and discuss the progress of the Task Force and where we are going in the future regarding our discussions and actions. I encourage your participation and questions at this meeting and hope you will join us on November 7 for dinner at 5:00 p.m. and meeting at 5:30 p.m. It is **important** to sign up for attendance, please.

Lastly, I would remind you that our Stewardship campaign kicks off in November. You will be receiving two mailings, one introducing the program and the second giving you the opportunity to share your commitment for 2022 with us. Commitment Sunday is November 21.

I am looking forward to a great fall season, celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas, and hope you will join us in our celebrations and deliberations.

~~Pastor Wilck



Task Force Preliminary Report to Councils

Examining the Possibilities of a Future Relationship between Reformation Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

Executive Summary

The task force has evaluated several options for a future relationship between Reformation Lutheran Church (RLC) and Lutheran Church of Our Saviour (LCOS). These options include RLC dissolving and joining LCOS, RLC and LCOS both dissolving and consolidating to form an entirely new church, RLC merging with LCOS, and both churches continuing as separate churches within the LCOS campus.

Advantages and disadvantages of each option are delineated in the “T Charts” (Appendix 1). The task force sees many advantages (and manageable differences) in a RLC merging with LCOS option and the preliminary finding of the task force is to support a merger of the two congregations. The task force has heard from representatives from each congregation describing worship, missions, outreach, and evangelism, exchanged financial information, and compared the two constitutions. If a merger is recommended, then the Task Force’s main product is a report (Covenant Agreement) which would be shared with each Council, considered by and if approved by each Council, would then be voted upon separately by each congregation. However, that Covenant Agreement is not yet complete. There are several sections in which the task force is asking each Council to appoint individual(s) to help assemble information for a particular section. Details on what help is needed is listed in the “Next Phase” section of this preliminary report.

Rationale

As part of the executive summary, two fundamental questions were posed to the task force and an attempt was made at answering those two questions. It is the task force’s hope that each Council will also ask (and answer) these same two questions before considering voting on any recommendations.

Q1: What is the compelling rationale or reasons for considering the blending of RLC and LCOS?

Answer: Each congregation complements the other quite well. The joint worship experiences over the past few months have revitalized many members as there is a huge overlap in the worship experiences of both churches. Both churches have dedicated members and there are many new ideas and fresh vantage points offered by each congregation. The congregations are beginning to know one another and this will continue over the next few months. Together we would be a stronger Lutheran witness and more fully equipped to fulfill God’s mission through new opportunities in worship, service and fellowship.

Q2: How will the merger help the congregations achieve its strategic vision?

While the task of establishing a strategic vision is the job of Council, there are several ministry opportunities identified by the task force and it is the belief of the task force that the basic ingredients for implementation (new members, new viewpoints and ideas, financial resources, ministry staff) are or can be put into place and when done effectively, can lead to desirable outcomes.

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Next Phase for Task Force

The next phase of the task force's work is to seek additional members to provide input and help craft language for several sections of the Covenant Agreement.

The following sections of that Agreement cannot be done by Task Force members alone. Council should review each section below and identify up to 2 (two) individual(s) who can work with Task Force members to help complete each. One of these members could be a current member of the task force, the other member could be a member of Council or a member-at-large.

1. Constitution and By-Laws

Task: Review Constitutions and recommend changes for a combined congregation

Task: Review by-laws and recommend by-laws changes for a combined congregation.

Our Saviour rep(s):

Reformation rep(s):

2. Future Mission and Outreach efforts:

Task: What could a future mission and outreach effort look like? What are the possibilities that members think should be further evaluated by a combined Council?

Our Saviour rep(s):

Reformation rep(s):

3. Staffing

Task: What are the recommended staffing needs for a merged congregation?

Possible suggestion for Pastoral staffing: small group meets with pastors and Synodical Bishop to develop a smooth transition plan. Consider also the Music Ministry, Youth, and administrative needs of a combined congregation.

Our Saviour rep(s):

Reformation rep(s):

5. Financial

Task: Review Asset and Liability Summary of Reformation and Our Saviour. Look at the giving patterns of each congregation to estimate what expense level could be supported over the next two years in a combined balanced budget.

Our Saviour rep(s):

Reformation rep(s):

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Appendix 1: Relationship Options Reviewed by the Task Force

Option: Reformation disbands and members are given the option to join LCOS

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to LCOS operations or procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any financial assets from RLC property sale spread around the region and little, if any, come to LCOS.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to LCOS staffing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced number of RLC members join LCOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some, albeit small numbers of membership added to LCOS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lose ability to have additional pastoral staff for any time to grow ministries
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessen ability to integrate RLC ideas into future LCOS ministries
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding from RLC not available for growing LCOS ministries for membership
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effort and cost expended to close and dispose of stored property and items.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RLC worship community is gone. Only a few members of RLC likely to join LCOS.

Option: Reformation and Our Saviour reorganize into one new unique church

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blending of congregations integral part of structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Saviour loses all autonomy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fresh start 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased cost to close two church entities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased time and effort to create new governing documents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased anxiety for Reformation and Our Saviour
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to completely establish new administrative procedures.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of additional pastoral resource initially (for growth)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to reintroduce our new church to the community

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Option: Two Separate Churches (RLC and LCOS) in LCOS Building

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal changes to RLC and LCOS initially 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RLC cannot support its staffing after sale of building funds depleted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RLC lacks people power to start anew (elderly congregation now).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LCOS loses out on additional viewpoints and people and resources to help correct its current deficit position.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great opportunity to join together in ministry is lost, sense of loss lingers.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RLC likely to continue to lose members (age out) and get below a critical mass to continue worship alone.

Option: Reformation merges with Our Saviour

<i>Advantages</i>	<i>Disadvantages</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More critical mass at services. Enthusiasm returns to worship services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conflicts on room usage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reformation ideas and input to community ministry can be tapped for new Our Saviour initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age demographics for both congregations are that they are both older
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Live streaming of services possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tendency of some to resist any change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened music programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Longer travel to church for some Reformation members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More resources and experiences to launch new initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions on how to combine leadership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional rostered staff initially to launch new initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tendency of not letting go of the past or wanting to return to the past
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connections with community music resources such as Eastman School of Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time and consideration of how to combine or allocate staffs and rostered pastors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities for RLC members to reconnect with organizations such as WELCA, Jubilee (similar to Forever Young) and several active church committees 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broader exposure brought to Our Saviour – examples include relationships with Loop Ministry, German School, Eastman Community Chorus 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinvigorated Stewardship for all 	

*God bless you and thank you,
The Task Force*



All Saints' Day

On **November 7** at both services we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. During the Festival of All Saints, we give thanks to God for the life and work of members of our families and congregation who have died and now rest in the church triumphant. The Worship and Music Committee developed a special bulletin for use on All Saints' Sunday. This bulletin, begun 22 years ago, contains the names of all members of Our Saviour who died since the founding of the congregation.

On All Saints' Sunday, the Prayer of the Church includes the names of the members and friends of Our Saviour who died during the past twelve months. A letter will be sent this month to families in our congregation and in our community for whom the Pastor and congregation provided care at the time of a loved one's death. They are invited to join in the All Saints' Service of Remembrance.

We give thanks to God for the life and work of all God's people. We ask God's guidance so we too might faithfully follow Jesus.

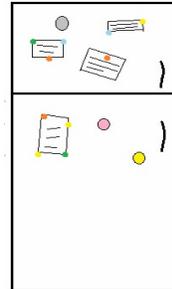
CARING AND SHARING

We all have loving hearts and stressful lives, so 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.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Congregational Meeting is on **November 7**, starting with a light dinner at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting is at 5:30 p.m.

A sign-up sheet for attendance will be available in the Narthex or call the office. It is **important** to sign up so that we can arrange enough food.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- ◆ Voting on the 2022 Budget.
- ◆ A second reading of the Bylaw changes with the Personnel Committee.
Note: The first reading was at the Congregational Meeting/Officers Election on May 2.
- ◆ Review of the Task Force Report, including a Q&A session.

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.

4-Carol Werth
7-Sean Grimes
9-Tracy Hopkins
10-Linda Gatto
12-Rodney Potter
13-Marielies Renke
14-Donna Zacharko
16-Adrianna Peacock
17-Norma Snyder

17-Connor Large
17-Margaret Witt
18-Karen O'Connor
20-Julie Lombard
21-Adrianna Palumbo
24-Marjorie Kowalski
24-Sean Hopkins
25-Patricia Saucke
25-Debra Macksamie
26-Gregory Castrichini
26-Melanie Voorheis
27-Donald King
28-Jacqueline Potter

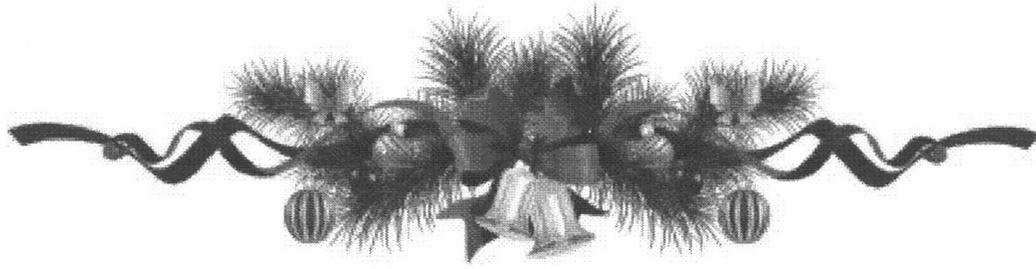


Anniversaries

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!

3—Todd and Jennifer Grimes
10—Steven and Jennifer Large ♥♥HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY♥♥
19—Brian and Tamara Mochrie
24—Brian and Pamela Spencer
24—Ronald and Barbara King
29—Gordon and Ann Seppa





Christkindlmarkt

**Come enjoy the sights, sounds and food of a
Traditional European Market**

Saturday, November 13th, 2021

9am - 3pm

**Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
2415 Chili Avenue, Rochester NY 14624**

Vendors will be selling traditional handmade crafts

Enjoy homemade soups, sweets and treats

LIVE music for your entertainment

Free Parking, Free Entrance, Door Prizes

Sponsored by the Federation of German-American Societies of Rochester NY, Inc.

For more information Email: FGAS.Christkindlmarkt@yahoo.com



On
Sunday,
November 7



The members of Our Saviour extend Christian love and sympathy to the families of:

George Borrelli who passed October 3, 2021, at the age of 57.

Memorial Service held at Our Saviour on October 8, 2021.

Richard M. Yackel who passed October 21, 2020, at the age of 84.

Memorial Service held at Our Saviour on October 9, 2021.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

EQUAL EXCHANGE ORDERS

Equal Exchange orders will be taken on **November 28**. Stop by the table in the Narthex before service starts (between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m.) to check out the catalog and place your order. Packaged coffee is available in whole bean or drip grind. Single Serve cups are also available. Black, green, and herbal teas are available, as well as chocolate products such as chocolate bars or mini bars, chocolate chips, baking cocoa, and cocoa mixes. Also available are almonds, cashews, mangos, and organic extra virgin olive oil. We do need to order in case lots, but individuals can join together to order a case. The number of items per case is noted in the catalog. Purchases are typically available on the following Sunday between services. You pay for your purchase upon receipt.



November
25 and 26

- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur for continuing to change the message on the sign.*
- ♥ *Daryl Jarvis for continuing to care for the plants in the Narthex.*
- ♥ * If anyone would like to volunteer/help with the plants, please contact Daryl.*
- ♥ *Thrivent for their continued support, sponsorship, and contributions.*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *Jerry Stich, Ed Jarvis, and Ray McQueen for coordinating, repairing, and maintaining the various property/building mechanisms.*
- ♥ *Dick Ransom for resuming fellowship and fun through the Euchre Club.*
- ♥ *Carol Werth for scheduling the Service Leaders and Ushers.*
- ♥ *To all the Sunday Modern Traditional Power Point volunteers.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur, Ann Marie MacBride, Daryl Jarvis, Jean Lombard, and Debi Macksamie for assembling the October newsletter.*
- ♥ *Rod Potter for being the Counter for many, many months! Thank you to Patty and Jerry Stich for doing it in October.*
- ♥ *We started back with the Serving Schedule in October. Thank you to the many volunteers as Readers/Lectors.*





We're putting on the grub! An ad hoc group of people are passionate about building up fellowship and ways we can care for one another as a family. Reformation and Our Saviour have come up with an idea for a new ministry to get to know each other called, **"Grace & Grub"** dinner and it began Wednesday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m.

A CHANGE WITH THE GRACE & GRUB—We're putting on the grub! An ad hoc group of people are passionate about building up fellowship and ways we can care for one another as a family. Reformation and Our Saviour have come up with an idea for a new ministry to get to know each other called **"Grace & Grub"** dinner. We will have soup and sandwiches or potluck dinners (*the grub part*) and get to know each other better (*the grace part*). Whether you bring your kids, come solo, or with your best friend in the parish – we'll laugh, talk, and pray together.

The dinner dates have changed to the following:

⇒ **Dinners will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in November (11/3 & 11/17) and December (12/1 & 12/15)**

We hope that you can sign up today and join us (and the youth of Our Saviour).

- There are two sign-up sheets
 1. One "primary cook/person" or one group/committee signs up for each week. They would be responsible to provide all the food and drinks.
 2. A second sign-up is for attendance (coming to dinner).

The sign-up sheets are located on the Narthex table or please call Our Saviour's office.

The organizing team offers this reflection on why you might join **Grace & Grub**:

Why?

Rev. Imani Olear believes that, in part, our identity as "individual" Christians versus "corporate" Christians as understood by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians is more important than our individual identity. Paul also compared the composition of the church to the human body's different parts. Each one of us, from the youngest to the oldest, plays a vital part in forming the Body of Christ. We gather for corporate worship on Sunday, but equally important is the "building up" of the body in fellowship – spending time together sharing who we are and enjoying each other's company.

None of us can say "I am Reformation Church or I am Our Saviour Church" that actually leads to conflict and "coos," but rather we can legitimately say "We are Reformation or we are Our Saviour Church." Fellowship is that necessary investment all of us need to make in each other. It happens when we get to know one another through sharing food and conversation. It is where we discover our spiritual gifts and grow in grace and fellowship with the Lord.

Please Join Us!

We're looking forward to breaking bread, laughing, playing, and sharing with YOU as we grow deeper in relationship with one another and with God! If you have questions, please connect with Rev. Imani Olear or Our Saviour's office.



PHONE TREE

It has been rare that members ask the office (or Pastor) to replay a LCOS phone tree message.

However, we would like to inform you of the following procedure on how a member can replay a voice/audio message:

Note: The message remains available for two days.

1. Members should call from the phone number that *received the message* (it is the phone number the phone tree *normally calls*).
2. From any touch-tone phone, dial 877-698-3261.
3. If calling from your home (LAN) phone, listen to the auto-responder, when prompted with the statement **“To listen to a recent message sent to your phone,”** press * (star or asterisk).
Then **“To listen to your group’s latest message,”** press 1.
Then **“To play the message,”** press 1.
4. If calling from your cell phone, listen to the auto-responder, when prompted with the statement **“To listen to your group’s latest message,”** press 1.
Then **“To play the message,”** press 1.

Notes:

- If members call from a number other than the one included in the phone tree program, they **must** enter the phone number listed in the phone tree program to hear the message. It is the phone number that *received the message*.
- If the message requires a polling response, press the appropriate key when prompted. A polling is when LCOS has a question or a quick survey for members to respond to.

RECORDING OUR SERVICES

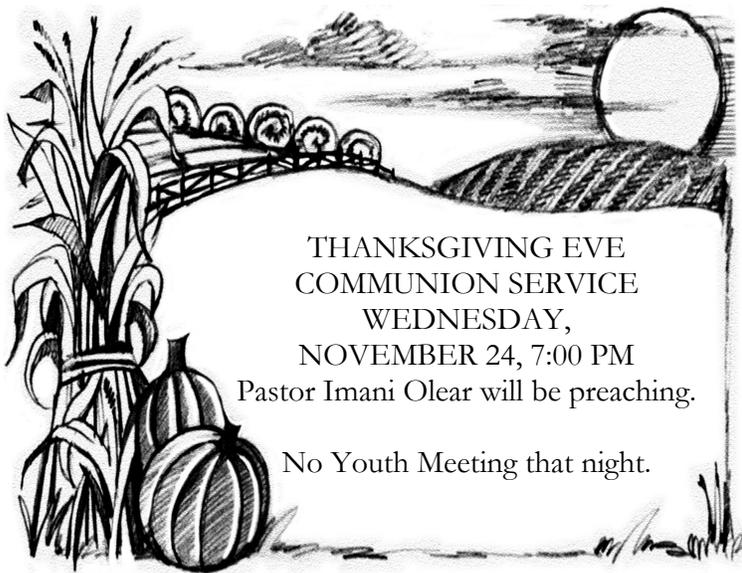
We have an urgent need for volunteers to record our church services. If you would like to operate the video camera to record the church service, and/or upload the service onto YouTube, please contact Jerry Stich.

Years ago, the youth of our congregation set up our YouTube channel and recorded our services. They all have other responsibilities now and do not record the church services anymore.

Jerry Stich has been coordinating this activity, but presently he is the only one supporting it, with occasional support from the Office Manager when he is on vacation.

BOTH CHURCHES’ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

There are several meetings and events as we continue to get to know the Lutheran Church of the Reformation. **It is important** that both congregations communicate with the LCOS Office for any events/activities that are held at the church. The office will maintain the schedule of events to avoid any conflicts in scheduling. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation!



THANKSGIVING EVE
COMMUNION SERVICE
WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 24, 7:00 PM
Pastor Imani Olear will be preaching.

No Youth Meeting that night.



Thank You, LORD!

**A SALUTE TO OUR
LIVING VETERANS!**



If you are a veteran, the congregation would like to honor you at both services on **November 14**. Please call the church office and let us know what years you served and in what branch.

At the services we will recognize and honor our living military veterans. Many of these veterans are remembered at the base of the Richard E. Mitchell Memorial Flagpole.

This is the list we have. If your name is not included and you are a living veteran or servicing currently, please let us know by calling the church office.

ARMY

- Richard Forsey 1970-1972
- Tim McCall 1973-1977
- Brian O'Connor 1959-1964
- Richard Pearce Vietnam War
- Tony Pleten 1969-1971
- Richard Ransom 1968-1971
- Brian Spencer 1969-1971
- Hans Witt 1982-1985
- David Oliver present
- James Meyer present
- Christopher Meyer present

NAVY

- Steven Fries 1977-1981
- Skip Kipybida 1980-1984
- Patrick Loughlin 2014-2016
- Gerald A. Miller, Jr. 1961-1964
- Brian Mochrie 1977-1984
- Gordon Seppa 1960-1964
- Robert Sihto 1962-1966
- Sean Kipybida present



AIR FORCE

- Jim Grimes 1966-1970
- Ed Jarvis 1957-1961
- Ron King 1956-1960
- Al Saucke 1954-1958
- Pat Saucke 1953-1956
- John M. Macksamie 1971-1975

MARINES

- Ryan Kuscsik —2012-2017

COAST GUARD

- Alexander McDonough present



*I've
So much to be*
THANKFUL
for

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We have resumed normal worship with two services on Sundays:

- Modern Traditional worship at 9:00 a.m.
- Traditional worship at 11:15 a.m.
- Communion services will remain on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. We will continue Communion in individual bags.
- The joint services with the Reformation Church (RLC) are on the last Sunday of the month at 11:15 a.m. Only one service that Sunday.

⇒ Please note that you may come indoors or remain outdoors (drive-in). We will continue to broadcast the service through your car radio (on the 87.9 station).

⇒ We will continue to wear masks appropriately covering the nose and chin indoors.

This is subject to change as we follow Covid guidelines.

A NEW NOTE REGARDING COMMUNION— Starting soon, Service Leaders and Ushers will go back to being inside the Sanctuary to pass out bulletins and communion bags. Anyone who wants to remain in their cars in the parking lot can just come inside the entrance door and pick up their supplies on a table.



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Food Drive: The Church & Community Committee would like to thank everyone who donated food for our recent food drive for St. Theodore's Food Cupboard. A special thank you to Marielies Renke for delivering the food to St. Theodore's.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Community Lutheran Ministry (Maggie's Place) will be held on **November 20**, at 942 Joseph Avenue from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Maggie is only serving take-out meals. It is a special time when they give thanks and gather to share their Christian faith with others. It's also an opportunity to bring together neighbors living in a troubled community for fellowship and food. Last year they served many meals and expect to serve even more this year. The main dish this year is ribs or chicken.

This year, we are only collecting non-perishable food items. Jerry Stich will place a food sign-up sheet, including drinks, paper products and supplies on the table in the Narthex. Financial donations will also be accepted and may be put in an envelope labeled with this activity. Checks should be made payable to LCOS. We are also in need of volunteers to help set up Friday night, **November 19**, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. If interested or if you require additional information, please contact either Jerry Stich or Ann Seppa.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: The food drive for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets will run from **November 7 to November 21**. The "Cornucopia" will be set up in the Sanctuary for food donations to be placed. The food baskets will be put together and delivered on **November 21**. Each family will receive a "turkey" and a gift card provided by the Women of the ELCA.

Angel Tree: This year, we will be providing gifts for the Coldwater House for Mothers and Children (Open Door Mission) and our own children from LCOS. Jerry Stich will set up the Angel Tree **sometime in November**.

Our next Church & Community meeting will be held on **November 11** at 11:00 a.m.

~~Ann Seppa, Committee Chair

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Christian Book Club will meet on **November 14** at 10:00 a.m. We are going to discuss the book entitled "Nerves of Steel" by Tammie Jo Shults, Captain of Southwest Flight #1380. She talks about how she followed her dreams, earned her wings, and faced her greatest challenge. It's a very good Christian book.

~~Pam Spencer, Committee Chair

JUBILEES

The Jubilees' Christmas Luncheon will be on **December 9** at beautiful Brook-Lea Country Club in the Hastings Room.

Reformation's Forever Young Group has been invited to join us this year. We will be gathering at Brook-Lea by 11:45 a.m. with meals being served at 12:15 p.m. The three menu choices are as follows:

Cheeseburger with french fries

Hot Turkey Sandwich with mashed potatoes

Salad topped with pretzel crusted chicken

The cost of each meal is \$20 which includes tax, tip and gratuity.

The sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table. Please pay by cash or check (payable to LCOS) to either Deb Ciccone or Dick Ransom by **November 28**.

Music this year will be provided by Bob Newbury from Reformation Lutheran Church. We hope you can join us for good food, fellowship and music.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The fall trimming project in October went very well. We trimmed the shrubs all around the church. Thanks go to Mary Ellen Saur, Ray McQueen, Ed Jarvis, John Tesch, Dick Ransom, Patty Stich, and me.

The boiler in the new building addition has not been operational. Ray McQueen and Brian Spencer had made some repairs when we turned on the system this fall. However, there were additional problems. We had Ryan Services replace and clean the faulty item.

Ed Jarvis has installed several ultrasonic pest repellers. Please be conscientious in cleaning up and storing food. This would help us deter pests and maintain good sanitation.

The office had intermittent problems with the "door unlocking" function. It is operated through our phone system. After Ed and I attempted troubleshooting, we needed to consult with our telephone vendor. The initial root cause identified was a component that we are responsible for. However, the issue persisted. We then replaced and repaired other faulty components.

I installed multiple air purifiers in the Sanctuary, Nursery School Room, and the Youth Room. The units aid with protection against virus, odor, etc.

~~Jerry Stich, Committee Chair

Stewardship Committee

STEWARDSHIP IS A MATTER OF THE HEART

- ♥ The first letter will be mailed to the Congregation on **November 8**.
- ♥ The second letter, including the commitment/pledge card and tithe card, will be mailed on **November 15**.
- ♥ Commitment Sunday is **November 21**.

Mary Ellen Saur, Committee Chair

A CHANGE WITH OUR ELECTRONIC GIVING

Since March 2020 our church had offered the  program for electronic giving.

We had placed the links on our website Home page, [Electronic Givings to LCOS](#) and [How to give through your Mobile Phone](#) which have now been removed.

Our vendor had sunset (removed) the GivePlus app in September. The new electronic giving is through their **Vanco Mobile** app. We have placed the **Instructions document** on our website for you to switch to Vanco Mobile if you wish. The document has been updated on the **Home page** and under the **News/Announcements menu**.

Thank you for your support! Please do not hesitate to contact the Church Office should you need assistance or have questions. Again, we truly appreciate all that our members do for the church!!

Giving is a natural part of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



A special thank you to Pastor Imani Olear, from Reformation Lutheran Church, who was our guest speaker at our October meeting. Thank you to Yvonne Dougherty who served as hostess and provided us with delicious desserts.

Due to the continued Covid restrictions, it was decided that there will be **NO Annual Election Day Soup and Bake Sale**. We will look at different ways to earn money for WELCA.

Yvonne Dougherty, Barbara King, and Ann Seppa will provide refreshments for fellowship on **November 14**.

Our next meeting will be held on **November 9** at NOON. Please bring lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Daryl Jarvis will serve as hostess and Yvonne Dougherty will provide devotions at this meeting.

Please look for information as it becomes available and come join us. All women are members of WELCA.

~~Ann Seppa, Secretary

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

2021 Upcoming Events:

* Advent Gathering TBD

A very special thank you to Nan Watts who graciously hosted our Planning meetings at Transfiguration Church the past several years. Also thank you to Nan for sending out our flyers for all our special events.

****POST COVID WELCA SURVEY:
DO YOU HAVE AN ACTIVE
WOMEN'S GROUP AT YOUR
CHURCH: CONTACT BARBARA
MOREY AT (585) 682-3457 ****



ATTENTION YOUTH

Calling all 4th, 5th & 6th graders!!!!!! NG'sUs Needs You!!!!
Calling all 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th graders!!!! LYO Needs You!!!!

YOUTH SCHEDULE 2021-2022

(Dates are subject to change)

SEPTEMBER

12 – Rally Sunday – Come Join the Carnival Fun as we kick off the Sunday School Year!!!

15 – 6:00-7:00 Confirmation instruction

15 – 7:00 – 8:00 Youth Night Kick Off: meetings will be held weekly Wednesdays @ 7pm

*Annual fellowship outing to Altitudes has been replaced due to the pandemic; Outside Family Fun Movie Night in the church parking lot will be held in its place. Doodle Survey will be going out to families for input on best date: 9/10 or 10/1 @ 7pm

*We will be starting the Acolyting Ministry back up this fall starting in October. Please contact Ms. Janeen if your child (4th grade- 12th grade) is interested in acolyting during the 9am or 11:15 services. Acolyte Training will be held in September Date and Time TBA

OCTOBER

7:00-8:00 Every Wednesday for NG'sUs and LYO.

23 – Moonlight Maze @ Long Acre Farms; meet at church 6:30pm

25th- 29th – Decorating for Halloween Hall; 6:30pm-8pm

30 – Trunk-or-Treat and Halloween Hall; Time TBA

NOVEMBER

20 – Serve Thanksgiving dinner at Maggie's (this date is tentative)

24 – NO youth night or Confirmation - THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

28 – Advent Workshop after church (one service at 11:15 a.m.)

* Fellowship Event TBA; Traditionally we head out to the bowling lanes for a Sunday afternoon fun.

DECEMBER

12 – Christmas Caroling and party after 11:15 service

13th- 17th – Decorating Christmas Hall Trail; 6:30pm-8pm

18 – Christmas Trail/Brunch with Santa

19 – Children/ Youth Christmas Program

No youth night or Confirmation on December 22 and 29.

JANUARY

5 – Youth night and Confirmation resume; weekly Wed.

Nights 6pm-8pm

21 – Murder Mystery; Theme TBA; 6:30pm-10pm

*This year Ms. Janeen is not scheduling a sledding outing as each year I seem to pick the greenest day in January. Sledding outing will be announced in Jan./Feb as we see what the weather holds.

FEBRUARY

6 – Souper Bowl Sunday and Scouts Sunday (Girl and Boy Scouts)

11th-12th – 30 Hour Famine; Details TBA

13-19 – Winter Break

MARCH

2 – Ash Wednesday

20 – Youth Service

APRIL

9 – Easter Egg Hunt; Children & Youth; Time TBA

10 – Youth Sponsored Palm Sunday Breakfast; 8am-11:15am

15-22 – Spring Break

17 – Easter Sunday

24 – Volunteer Recognition Day (reception in the Narthex)

MAY

8 – Mother's Day

14 – Garage Sale

29 – Memorial Day weekend (no Sunday School)

JUNE

5 – Pentecost, church picnic/Youth Appreciation Day (one service at 10:00 a.m.)

19 – Father's Day, summer schedule 9:30 service

23 – Summer Worship





“STANDING” MEETINGS

- † Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
- † Boy Scouts on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
- † Council meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- † Congregational Life Committee meets every other month on the 2nd Sunday at 12:15 p.m. (Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar & May)
**The next meeting is 11/14.
- † Euchre Club is every Friday, 1:00—4:00 p.m.
If you plan to come, please contact Dick Ransom.
- † First Year Confirmation Class on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- † German School on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.
**NO classes on 11/13 or 11/27
**Lantern Fest 5:00 p.m., TBD 11/14 or 11/21
- † Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
- † WELCA meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday, time varies.
**The next meeting is 11/9, 12:00 p.m.
- † Worship & Music Committee meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday at 10:00 a.m.
**The next meeting is 11/11.
- † Worship Schedule, Indoor and Drive-in, Sundays at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.
The joint services with RLC are on the last Sunday of the month at 11:15 a.m. Only one service that day.
- † Youth Meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
**NO meeting on 11/24 (Thanksgiving Eve)

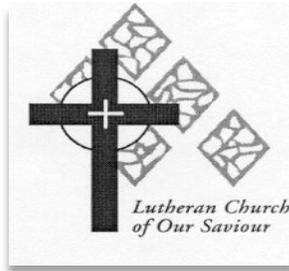
VARIOUS MEETINGS & EVENTS

- † Angel Tree, TBD sometime in Nov.
- † Grace & Grub on Wednesdays - 11/3 and 11/17 & 12/1 and 12/15
- † Thanksgiving Baskets “Cornucopia” 11/7-11/21
- † Daylight Saving Time, turn clock back, 11/7

- † All Saints’ Sunday, 11/7, 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
- † Congregational Meeting, 11/7, 5:00 p.m. Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Meeting
- † Church & Community Meeting, 11/11, 11:00 a.m.
- † Christkindlmarkt, 11/13, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- † Veterans Recognition Services, 11/14, 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
- † Evangelism Christian Book Club, 11/14, 10:00 a.m.
- † Community Lutheran Ministry (Maggie’s Place) Thanksgiving Dinner, 11/20, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
To help on 11/19, 6:00—9:00 p.m.
To help on 11/20, the shifts are:
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
or 12:00—3:00 p.m.
or 3:00—6:00 p.m.
To help on Thanksgiving Day, 11/25
- † Youth Serving Thanksgiving Dinner at Maggie’s, 11/20, 11:15 a.m.
- † Stewardship Commitment Sunday Services, 11/21, 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
- † Thanksgiving Eve Service, 11/24, 7:00 p.m.
- † Church Office Closed, 11/25 & 11/26
- † Equal Exchange Order, 11/28, 10:30 a.m.—11:15 a.m.
- † Advent Workshop, 11/28, after 11:15 a.m. Service

FUTURE EVENTS

- † LCOS & RLC Joint Service, One Service—Cantata, 12/5, 11:15 a.m.
- † Jubilees’ Christmas Luncheon, 12/9, 11:45 a.m.
- † Christmas Pageant/Program, 12/19, 9:00 a.m.
TBD if 1 or 2 services that Sunday.
- † Christmas Eve Services, 12/24,
**4:30 p.m. Lessons, Carols & Candle, Pastor Wilck, Non-Communion.
**10:30 p.m., LCOS & RLC Joint, Pastor Imani Olear, Communion
- † LCOS & RLC Joint Service, Lessons & Carols, Janeen Oliver, 12/26, 11:15 a.m., Communion.



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