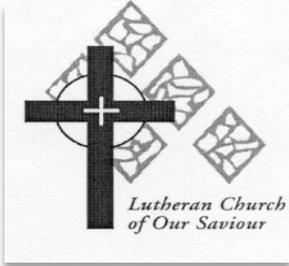


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Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message on 269-9086. Friday is Pastor's day off, but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

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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As summer comes to a close, so do our Thursday evening worship services. Our last Thursday night service will be Thursday, September 2nd. Our last 10:00 service will be on September 5th. Rally Sunday is September 12th, and we will be resuming our regular worship schedules at 9:00 and 11:15 with Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Pablo Bustos has agreed to be our interim organist through this time of possible merger discussions with Reformation Church. Pablo is the organist for Reformation but will accompany our worship until final staff decisions are made.

Included in this newsletter are the questions and answers from our July 27th congregational meeting. Pastor Imani and I have made some clarifications to the answers to the questions just to keep everybody clear. Also included are the minutes from our last church council meeting which spell out the process we are undertaking at the present time. I encourage you to read these reports as they hopefully will provide clarity to our undertakings.

We are still maintaining a mask policy in our congregation during worship as New York State and Monroe County are in a red zone at present and we're taking precautions in that regard. I'm aware that's a problem for some of our members; however, I'm erring on the side of caution.

I am looking forward to getting back to some sense of normalcy. Holy Communion continues to be a question as to whether we should return to our normal practice or continue to use the individual cups as we've been doing all year. We continue to look at this issue and keep you informed.

Also, for some clarity, the Reformation congregation will be joining us in a joint service the last Sunday of every month at the 11:15 service. We will continue to do some joint coffee hours, so we get to know one another as the Body of Christ.

I am grateful for the lively discussions that we have concerning our church's life and also the possibility of merger with Reformation Church. I continue to rejoice in all of our opportunities in the gospel as we continue our nurture of the faith and grow in grace.

I close with a brief devotion entitled His Own Purpose and Grace.

*"He has saved us and called us to be a holy life, not because anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace."
2 Timothy 1: 9*

In the second epistle to Timothy, first chapter, at 9th verse are these words: "Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling." Now here is a touchstone by which we may try our calling. It is "a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace." This calling forbids all trust in our own doings and conducts us to Christ alone for salvation, but it afterwards purges us from dead works to serve the living and true God.

As he that hath called you is holy, so must you be holy. If you are living in sin, you are not called, but if you are truly Christ's, you can say, "nothing pains me so much as sin; I desire to be rid of it; Lord, help me to be holy." Is this the painting of the heart? Is this the tenor of thy life toward God, and his divine will? ---CHARLES SPURGEON

~~Pastor Wilck

Pastor's Page

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2

Grace and peace to you all.

What a joy it is to be here at LCOS as the pastor of RLC but also as the larger body of Christ. As I begin settling in, I have been struck again and again by the wonderful welcome I have received. I have felt the warmth and genuine faithfulness of your pastor, every member, council representative and staff person; I sometimes sit in awe at my desk in an office that has been filled with prayer. I am also struck by the beauty of this place and I sit and bask in God's goodness in your sanctuary and our newly created chapel. I have been blessed by your graciousness and generosity. I look forward to our ministry together and pray that we will find many ways to extend that warm hospitality, faithful discipleship, and generosity into our community.

A bit about me: I am not going to take the traditional time for this area but the basics are I am married and have been for five years to Eric. I have served at RLC since 2012 and have a passion for social justice and people being heard and creating equity. I am the mother of Maisha and Hakeem and have three grandchildren.

I have been a pastor at four congregations and trained in family system, conflict resolution and trauma, as well as work on the racial justice task force of Upstate New York synod.

But here is something you may not know. My family has had several health concerns over the years and most of them have been obesity related. Strokes, sleep apnea, heart attacks, diabetes, and even cancer have been illnesses that kept family members in the doctors' offices or in the morgue. I wrestle with autoimmune diseases, three to be exact and that causes different reactions in my body whether it is at times I utilize aids to help me walk or I just need to lay down. I also have tried different drugs to help regulate my system and for the most part it works. But one of the things that I believe helps me to maintain not only my sanity, but also my physical stamina is yoga. Why do I share this tidbit of information? It is because one thing that I have learned about churches is that they love you through food. However I have a very regimented diet to help support all sides of my health. So if I by chance refuse the gift of chocolate (although that may be rare I may just accept it because I love it) it is not personal, it is more to support my health.

What I'm reading: Well, in the past week I have completed four books but today as I write this article I have started a new book called: *Starting Simple: Conversations About the Way We Live* by Bob Sitze. Sitze is director of Hunger Education for the ELCA and in this book he reflects on how we can use conversation as a starting point for moving toward simpler and more sustainable lifestyles. It's an interesting concept and interesting reading for those who've ever felt like their lives were spinning out of control in our hectic, fast-paced culture.

Some quotes to think about:

“How's it going, really, in the world around you?”

“I think congregations could be places whose central identity went something like this: *we are the folks who help you live a just, manageable, sustainable life.*”

“Simple living is characterized by abundance, capacity, and possibility.”

“You know you are living simply when ‘enough’ guides your decisions and when you know the difference between ‘yes’ and ‘no’....saying ‘no’ to something is easier when a deeper ‘yes’ burns inside of you....what is the deeper ‘yes’ burning inside of you?”

Now a note about change: The stewardship emphasis for Reformation this year is going to be “a new chapter.” The idea of a NEW CHAPTER is right on target. It doesn't take away from what has happened so far in the story but it takes note that this chapter is focused on something different. A new building, new people, new systems and protocols, new bank account numbers - all means a new chapter in the life of Reformation, and that will mean changes. As I told the call committee at RLC 8 years ago – “How do you move a piano from one side of the sanctuary to the other?” They shook their heads and then I said, “Inch by inch.”

I know that there are many of you at LCOS and RLC anticipating and hoping for changes and many others who are afraid of change, and most of us probably have both sets of feelings, depending upon the issue. But I want to assure you all that I, nor anyone at RLC or your leadership will not make changes just for the sake of change. However, *things will change* - that is just a factual statement. Some on purpose, some accidental, some the result of circumstances, but, all things that I or we change will be prayerfully considered. As we navigate through this transition, please feel free to talk to me about both your hopes and your fears as things change. I can't promise to please everyone, but I do hope to listen well as we discern together God's hopes and dreams.

Sending you all love and light,
~~Pastor Imani Olear



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8/11/2021: Below you will find the original minutes with further clarifications from our joint Task Force, Pastor Wilck, and Pastor Imani.

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour (LCOS) Congregational Meeting Agenda: Questions regarding Evangelical Church of the Reformation (RLC) or possible merger.

Date | time Sunday, July 25, 2021, 11:15 a.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Cindy Borzilleri

In Attendance

Pastor Wilck (meeting lead/facilitator), Pastor Imani Olear, the Task Force (TF), and LCOS Congregation.

1. Role of the Joint Task Force

- Pastor Wilck advised that the TF is using the ELCA “Together in Mission” (TIM) document as a guidebook for the blending of ministries through merger or consolidation.
- Pastor introduced the members of the TF: From LCOS - Pastor Wilck, Simone Harter (recording secretary), Cindy Borzilleri, Dick Ransom, and Ken Keller. From RLC - Pastor Imani, Steve Brady, Robin Spindler, and Hans DeBruyn.
- Pastor read the role of the TF from the TIM -
The work of the task force is to assist the congregations in making a decision. In ELCA polity, the congregation is the only entity empowered to make decisions of this magnitude. It is recommended that the Task Force or Congregation Councils bring forth a recommendation about consolidation or merger.
Activities that the task force may use to involve the congregations are many. Forums and cottage meetings are helpful. At times the task force may want the congregations to help them in their deliberations. One early discussion might be around the advantages and disadvantages of merger and consolidation. (See definitions from the Office of the Secretary.) The task force could hold a meeting for each of the congregations where members are given the opportunity to list their questions, concerns and/or opinions on newsprint or with sticky notes or note cards. A key question for the Task Force throughout the process is “How can we assist our congregations to make this decision?”

The task force has several options that it may propose:

To recommend merger or consolidation

To recommend the development of an agreement for merger or consolidation by a task force for future consideration of the congregations

To recommend the end of the process

To recommend some other option such as the formation of a multiple point parish or the closure of one or more congregations

If merger or consolidation is recommended , the task force will develop enabling resolutions to be voted by each of the congregations.

When the congregations are presented with an option they have the option to approve or disapprove merger or consolidation or approve or disapprove to discuss further development of a different agreement.



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If the vote is to move forward, options for continuing the process at this point are as follows:

Appoint a new task force.

Request the old task force to continue working.

Use the congregational councils as the task force.

If the decision is made to move forward, a budget should be approved for the task force to cover the services of an attorney.

- The TF has met 3 times. They are meeting weekly.
- The 1st meeting was basically a meet, greet, and get-to-know each other's congregations.
- In the 2nd meeting we began to look at some of the demographic data of our community in which this congregation resides (Chili, Gates, and the 19th Ward.) We are looking at opportunities for missions, ministries, and the demographics in those areas.
- We have discussed the following programs: Worship and Music, and Stewardship.
- Upcoming programs for discussion are Program, Evangelism Outreach, Staffing, Community Service, and Fellowship and Community Building.
- The best way to describe the JTF is like a pyramid. The JTF is at the top of the pyramid; they are information gatherers about both congregations (where they're working together, can work together or cannot work together.) As these things come together, a **Recommendation** will be brought forth to the two church Councils. The Councils will deliberate on how to proceed with the merger (if that is the course we want to undertake.) And then it is brought to each of the congregations. Ultimately the congregations make the decisions for merger (a vote to be taken for a merger or not.)
- **MERGER:** A "merger" is defined here, for ecclesiastical purposes, as involving a congregation giving up its separate identity and uniting with an already existing congregation (one congregation merges into another, continuing congregation). RLC will merge with LCOS. LCOS will not lose our name or identity. RLC will be dissolved.
- **CONSOLIDATION:** A "consolidation" is defined here, for ecclesiastical purposes, as involving two or more congregations that join together to become a new entity with a new name and a new congregation-identification number (as assigned by the Office of the Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). This is not what we are discussing at this point.

2. Question(s) submitted: Will our schedule of church services change because another church is coming in? Will there be two pastors?

Initially we discussed the worship schedule with RLC that our fall schedule will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., and RLC will worship at 10:00 a.m. Our Sunday School will be downstairs.

Regarding the pastors, it is a staffing question that we cannot address until it is discussed with the Synod/Bishop.

Staffing that involves the organist will be discussed in the future. We have no distinct answer currently. At present, we will be maintaining the substitute organists for services. We will look at hiring a full-time Music Director.



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3. Question(s) submitted: A) How is it that if nothing or congregation has decided to merge, that the German School is moving in and measurements for items have been taken? According to the newsletter it sounds like a done deal!! B) I read about the German church being held at our church in the newspaper. Can we be INFORMED. There were many pages included in the newsletter to register and inform us of what was happening after the fact. Can we be INFORMED.

Yes, the German School has moved in. Classes will begin in September. It was an action/vote taken by the Council Meeting in June. The school will meet on Saturday only for 4 hours. They are renting space from us and will be utilizing the following rooms: Nursery, Pre-school, Augsburg, Youth, and Narthex. Those rooms will be available to us on Sundays.

If we need the Augsburg Room for an event, they are willing to adjust.

German School clarification: The GS is a separate entity from RLC. They contracted with RLC in the past, due to RLC being the only German speaking congregation in UPNYS. However, GS makes independent decisions regarding creating contracts with space rental. They have created an MOU with LCOS. They are simply building users.

Clarification #2: The relationship with RLC and what the JTF will recommend is not a done deal.

Clarification #3: "I read about the German Church being held at our church." The German Church is a part of RLC however, no decision about their worship has been determined due to the size of that congregation. The German School - a separate institution, will be at LCOS.

4. Question(s) submitted: If the two congregations merge, are there any rules established by the Synod that will require we handle the merger in certain ways? I.e., personnel, finances, building, etc. What decisions are we allowed to make in the handling of a merger?

As explained, please refer to Section 1. As we talk about the merger along the way, we will determine what that is going to look like and how is it going to play out.

Clarification: Merger has not been decided - it is one of many options as indicated above. In regards to any option, both congregations have equal voice and vote.

Clarification #2: No change in legal entities, can be a "done deal" without Attorney General and Legal representation approval.

5. Question(s) submitted: Will we have a new election of church officers, or will we continue as is?

Both congregations are operating under the ELCA Constitution, however, we will be looking at the Bylaws to decide how we will merge our Bylaws. We will decide on what the Council will look like, members on the Council, and who will be on the Council. We would have members from each congregation to form the new Council. **This will be looked at down the road.**

6. Question(s) submitted: Will the large Meeting Room remain a Chapel or go back to being a meeting room as it was meant to be?

It will probably remain as a Chapel. It is a very functional room. It can be opened up, and meetings can be held there (tables can be set up rather quickly.) Having a Chapel can allow smaller services to take place there or choose to do something else.

Clarification: Depending on the decisions of the congregations involved, will determine what that will look like. However, even though there is chapel furniture and set up, it doesn't mean that you can't hold meetings there.



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7. Question(s) submitted: A) I know that the members of the Council are elected by the congregation to represent us, but do you think that perhaps the issue of opening our doors to another church would have been presented to the congregation in another way rather than reading the minutes of a meeting sent to us in a newsletter? Perhaps a congregation wide email (mailings are certainly done for other reasons.) Can we be INFORMED. I am in favor of welcoming anyone to worship with us and I am sure the members of LCOS feel the same way. But can we be INFORMED. B) Why hasn't the congregation been informed right from the get-go of all decisions made about any & all discussions of this? Emails don't do it!

That was a way to inform you. We were indeed opening the door to RLC as they needed a **place to pause** and consider where they wanted to do next. We hoped to have made that as clear as possible to the congregation. There is no under-handedness. **There should not be shame and blame of secrecy as it was not our intent.**

We will communicate further via Temple Talks before or after service on a Sunday morning regarding the progress with the TF. Remember, the TF is gathering information and will make a recommendation.

Clarification: We will also communicate updates in the following ways: Newsletter, Website, Video played on repeat in the Narthex television. If you have suggestions on other ways you would like to be updated, please let us know.

8. Question(s) submitted: I feel the merger has already been decided. Reformation has been invited to move their physical property as well as their congregation to LCOS. How do you tell them to take their stuff and leave? Again, I welcome anyone to worship with us.

Again, the congregation can decide to tell RLC to take their stuff and leave. We do not think that is the mood of the congregation or is it the mood of the person who wrote this? We opened our hearts to say to RLC, **“Here is an opportunity for you to pause, reflect, and relax.”** It is also an opportunity whether that moves into a merger. We need to rejoice and thank God that we have that “one-body image” as we become one.

Clarification: Pause, Reflect and Relax - RLC sold their building and is experiencing different levels of grief. The Pausing is allowing them to figure out next steps. The two pastors discussed giving RLC a home temporarily and how we can develop continued relationships between our two congregations.

Clarification #2: Reflection for RLC and LCOS is being done by the JTF to see what they can imagine and present to our congregations.

Clarification #3: It's hard to relax if you don't have a place to put your stuff, however, even though RLC is utilizing space at LCOS they have also placed several items in storage at an offsite location.



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9. Question from the floor: In September, we will have services at 9:00 and 11:15, and RLC at 10:00. If we merge and get to know each other, why are we not worshipping together, like today?

This is something that we can move toward. The TF can make that recommendation. We do not have a distinct answer currently, but it is something to explore and discuss. If the congregation votes for merger, this is a conversation to have. We are hoping by the end of August/early September, we will have a fairly good idea if both congregations want to proceed with merger.

Clarification: Because RLC is grieving and looking at their own systems as well as their own staffing, it's important for them to maintain some autonomy in worship. However, joint worship opportunities allow us to be together as the body of Christ.

Clarification #2: The JTF is working on ways for the two congregations to have joint fellowship opportunities that are outside of worship. This includes options for Sunday School, Bible Study and good ol' ice cream and other opportunities.

10. Question from the floor: Are merger or consolidation our only choices?

There is also another option for two congregations to operate under the same building.

Question: Can we offer them a choice of joining our church? That is what a merger is. Not sure what is being asked behind this question. RLC will become the members of LCOS (**Clarification:** if we choose the option to merge)

Clarification #2: IF we choose merger, our (LCOS) name does not change. They become part of LCOS.

Clarification #3: "Joining our church" is a different process that skips the legal steps that need to be taken for financial and state processes.

Clarification #4: Because we are separate entities/corporations we have to follow the legal steps.

11. Question from the floor: Is there a way we can maintain a name for RLC to have some identity if a merger should take place?

We do not think we would be called "LCOS/RLC." We may identify the Chapel as RLC's Chapel to lift up some identity that they can hold on to.

Pastor Imani asked for clarification - if the person can say more about their question. Is there more behind the question regarding why couldn't RLC just join? Is there another thought underneath that? We just want to get to the heart of everything.

The person's reply was, "No, they just wanted to understand all the definitions." Pastor Imani advised we will provide that information (reference Section 1 above.)

12. Question from the floor: Is there another Congregational Meeting scheduled?

The Council will be meeting on August 16th, at which point the TF hopes to have a recommendation. If not, no later than September.

Following that Council Meeting is a Congregational Meeting. Also, along the way, we will have Temple Talks as mentioned earlier.

Given RLC's experience with the sale of their property (from December 2020 and just ended this month), one piece of advice is to conduct Town Hall Meeting/Temple Talk...communicate, communicate, communicate.

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Question 13: (Please note this was not submitted during the Congregation Meeting on July 25th but came to the Task Force.) “I have heard that Pastor Wilck will retire in October and that Pastor Olear will take over LCOS. Do either or both congregations know this?”

There has been no conversation around retirement, “taking over” or change in staffing of either congregation. If any statements are made about the process that anyone is in question of, we recommend that you reach out to the JTF or the pastors. We will always be transparent with LCOS and RLC regarding staff or procedures that need congregation votes.

Also, according to UPNYS and Model Constitution, **Chapter 9**.

***C9.01.** Authority to call a pastor shall be in this congregation by at least a two-thirds vote of voting members present and voting at a meeting legally called for that purpose. Before a call is issued, the officers, or a committee elected by [this congregation][the Congregation Council] to recommend the call, shall seek the advice and help of the bishop of the synod.

Question 14: If we merge, does this mean we will be having two ministers? How will that work?

Please refer to question #2.

Question 15: Will Pastor Imani and Pablo Bustos have a position on staff?

Pr. Imani and Pablo Bustos are currently called to RLC. Any discussion around staffing will be after further discussion and recommendation of the JTF. Also, refer to question #2.

Question 16: What room will the German School take over? When and how will this take place?

Please refer to question #3.

COMMENTS:

I do not think LCOS/RLC members know each other well enough to consider a merger! Both councils have had several meetings and have gotten to know each other, but average members have not had that privilege. Social events are necessary!

Please refer to the above questions - but we are working on social events for both congregations and no recommendations have been made for any decisions around merger.

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE

I love the reports from Council meetings being included in the newsletter.
Please continue to keep us informed.

Meeting Adjourned

The congregation is encouraged to ask questions or bring their concerns to Pastor or the TF. Again, the TF meets every week and will review your questions or concerns. Communication is a two-way street. We will keep you informed in the various forum.

The meeting minutes will be postal mailed to the congregation.

The meeting ended at approximately 27 minutes.

~Meeting Minutes submitted by Simone Harter
(Task Force Recording Secretary, Council Financial Secretary, and Office Manager)



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The following are the Minutes from the Church Council Meeting on August 16.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor was on vacation for two weeks. While he was gone, Carl Holden and Virginia McMullen passed away. Pastor Imani handled the funerals.
- Peggy Holden wants to be baptized.
- Pastor talked about the Annual Christkindlemarkt and that the German Federation might like to use our space for their Christmas Market in November. They looked at the space soon after the Council meeting and are interested. Council approved the use of the facilities by the Federation for \$250.
 - The event is on Saturday, November 13. It runs from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and they will be packed and cleaned up by 6:00 p.m.
 - They will be using the Augsburg Room, including the kitchen, and the hall space right outside the room.
 - They will probably have nine vendors. The vendors have insurance waivers.
 - In the past, there have been between 200 and 400 people attending.
 - The German School can still conduct their classes on that Saturday. The school members normally sing at the market in between classes. The event coordinator will discuss this with the German School.
- Pastor then talked about the Task Force and the clarifications he is sending out to the congregation. The Task Force wants to slow down a little and take more time. We may not see a recommendation until October or November. Finances still need to be discussed.
- The Task Force has several options to propose:
 - 1) To recommend merger or consolidation
 - 2) To recommend the development of an agreement for merger or consolidation by a task force for future consideration of the congregations
 - 3) To recommend the end of the process
 - 4) To recommend some other option such as the formation of a multiple point parish
 - 5) Close one or more congregations
- If the vote is to move forward, options for continuing the process at that point are as follows:
 - 1) Appoint a new task force
 - 2) Request the old task force to continue working
 - 3) Use the church Councils as the task force
 - 4) A budget should be approved for the Task Force to include the services of an attorney
- As to the question of the Pastors, organist, and staff, these cannot be addressed until they are discussed with the Synod/ Bishop. At present we will be maintaining the substitute organists for services. We will look at hiring a full-time Music Director in the future.
- German School Clarification: The German School is a separate entity from RLC. They contracted with Reformation in the past, due to RLC being the only German speaking congregation in UPNYS. However, the German School makes independent decisions regarding the creation of contracts with space rental. They have created an MOU with LCOS. They are simply building users.
- The German School is having an Open House at LCOS on September 4.
- A question was asked about a new election for officers. Both congregations are operating under the ELCA Constitution; however, we will be looking at the Bylaws to decide how we will merge the Bylaws. We will decide on what the Council will look like, members on the Council, and who will be on the Council. We would have members from each congregation forming a new Council.

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- A question was asked about Pastor and his retiring in October. There has been no conversation around retirement, taking over, or change in staffing of either congregation. If any statements are made about personnel or the process, we recommend that you reach out to the Task Force or the Pastors. They will always be transparent with LCOS and RLC regarding staff or procedures that need congregation votes.
 - ◆ According to UPNYS and Model Constitution, Chapter 9: Authority to call a pastor shall be in this congregation by at least two thirds vote of voting members present and voting at a meeting legally called for that purpose. Before a call is issued, the officers, or a committee elected by the congregation, shall seek the advice and help of the Bishop or the Synod.
- On Sunday, August 22, we are having a joint service followed by a coffee hour hosted by Reformation. It will be a celebration for Gerry and Earl Haak who are moving to Texas. Earl has been a member of Reformation for 90 years.
- We would also like to start up our regular coffee hours again on Sundays, rotating between CLC, WELCA, Youth, and Reformation, handling the setup, refreshments, and coffee.
- The joint service was discussed for August 29 and the food we would provide. Council will handle the arrangements. Simone offered to purchase the food with the Church credit card and Council members will give her money towards it. Suggested items were individually wrapped cupcakes, cookies, etc., and coffee. We should count on 75-80 people. People will be told to keep their masks on until they sit at a table to eat or drink.
- The two congregations make the final decision on a merger.
- The Task Force will give a recommendation – people should be encouraged to give questions or write concerns in the Narthex Box or speak to a TF member – this could possibly be done on a phone tree or in the service announcements.
- The Task Force Minutes will be included in the monthly Newsletter.
- It was suggested that there be a Q&A page and a FAQ page separate from the Task Force Minutes in the Newsletter.
- Our Announcements are being given to Reformation members also.
- If someone asks a Task Force member a question, if the member doesn't know the answer, she/he should go to the TF to discuss and give the answer to the person as soon as possible.
- Pastor wants to ask Pablo if he would be the Stated Supply at our 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services beginning in September. He would also be playing at the 10:00 a.m. service for Reformation.
 - ◆ Frank made a motion to pay Pablo \$100 a service. Everyone agreed.

Youth Ministry

- Currently, the mid-week youth night meetings are in recess for the summer. As the church moves into its fall schedule in September, mid-week youth night will resume. We plan to return to our weekly Wednesday night meetings. More detailed information will be emailed to our youth and their families.



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- On Sunday, August 15, the children, youth and their families went to Seabreeze for the annual Family Fun/Youth Appreciation Day. Janeen was happy to report that 30 members attended for some fun in the sun! It was a huge success; everyone had a great time and there was very positive feedback.
- Janeen explained that as we enter into the fall schedule, the plan is to bring back youth fellowship and ministry activities which have been on pause due to the pandemic which includes acolyte training, monthly fellowship activities, and 30-hour famine. One activity which will continue to be paused at this time are youth lock-ins.
- A council member asked if events such as Trunk-or-Treat would be held. Janeen stated that currently plans are being made in conjunction with Evangelism to move forward with the Trunk-or-Treat/Halloween Hall event. Janeen also stated that at this time plans are being made to move forward with other outreach events such as Brunch with Santa and the Christmas Play.
- Janeen also stated that while plans are being made, the details and how they will be carried out is dependent on where we are as a community in the scope of the ongoing pandemic. Conversations with parents/families and Pastor and other ministries are ongoing. Some families and youth volunteers still aren't comfortable inside. Janeen explained to the Council that continued conversations and modifications will help shape the events as they are being planned.

Treasurer Report

- Income for July - \$16,737.49
- Expense for July - \$15,595.37
- Net Income - \$1,142.12
- YTD - (\$4,144.16)
- Mary asked about the 2022 budget. Pastor told her to proceed as usual. We plan on having a budget vote on the first Sunday in November (Congregational Meeting).

Financial Report

- Envelope giving through 8/8/21 - \$124,830
- Envelope giving through 8/8/20 - \$119,082
- Envelope giving through 8/8/19 - \$123,854
- 2021 is \$5,748 higher (4.8%)

Evangelism Report

- The Christian movie that was supposed to show on August 21 has been cancelled.

Stewardship Report

- We're holding off on the Time & Talent sheets until January.
- In September we'll do a timetable for the Stewardship drive with mailing.

Christian Education

- Rally Day is on September 12 and will be outside, weather permitting. The Day will be a carnival theme with games and activities including a lollipop pull where children unwrap the lollipops and find a Bible quote. There will be a fishing game, where the children will need to fish Jonah out of the whale. Also, there will be a bean bag toss where the children will toss the bean bags through lettered holes and spell God or Jesus. Kids are encouraged to bring their parents and grandparents.
- Yvonne needs volunteers to man the food and beverage booths along with the game booths. She has purchased several decorations and prizes already, including totes and magnets with Bible verses for the children to talk about on Sundays.
- Pastor will be dressed as a clown for the event.



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Church & Community Report

- Ann was a guest at the last Task Force meeting. She spoke to Reformation's counterpart. They have a line in their budget each year for giving to different agencies based on a certain percentage of their budget. This year Reformation has a budget of \$9,000 for this. Every month they choose a charity for parishioners to give a donation to in a special envelope. They also discussed a food pantry; theirs has been very large. Ann proposed getting the churches together in the Chili area to broaden the Food Bank. It would be similar to WELCA's drives a few times a year, but larger.
- Maybe LCOS could do 2% of budget at first – there is a whole list of charities and missions that need our help. Her counterpart has a list of the different missions they donate to.
- C&C is planning to meet in September.

Property Management Report

- The back left AC unit in the church is not cooling, which Isaac recharged years ago. Jerry tried to get competitive quotes from Isaac and EMCOR Services Betlem (the company that installed the ACs) but both said they left a voicemail which Jerry never received. He did not get the email reply from them until he had already had the service set up with Ryan. Isaac wanted to charge a service call to evaluate it prior to any repairs. Ryan has been over to the church twice and there haven't been any service call charges yet. Jerry also called the local Huether Heating & Cooling, but they do not service R22 units. All other units' refrigerant pressure was okay except the music room right hand side unit was low. There is a second unit in the music room that was okay so no need to fix.
- Solution: use only the 4 AC's in church and get a quote to replace the unit with a heat pump for heating with any government money.
- Ryan reviewed both boilers and the previous repair Jarvis had approved. Jerry wanted to schedule repair and routine maintenance for all the boilers because the work must be done by a professional. They told Jerry it would be over \$30,000 to replace the boilers with less than a \$1,500 incentive.
- Ryan said he will give us a quote on a Volute (pump) with gasket and bearing in the small boiler room. Jerry told him that we were planning on doing it, but he will give us a Ryan quote and we can decide if we want to take it on or have Ryan do it. He pointed out there are three components (Including the motor) and buying components that combine 2 or 3 of them may save money.
- Jerry hasn't had a reply yet; he left another message for them.
- He was able to talk to one of the two neighbors that backed up to the church's entrance about trimming branches back from the driveway. Jerry would like to get a work crew for trimming the hedges the first two Saturdays of October and will include the trimmings of hedges next to our driveway if the neighbors don't trim them.
- Pastor brought up the two Reformation baptismal fonts. Reformation plans on putting the smaller one in storage, but they would like to place the large marble font somewhere visible. We were thinking about putting the large font near the glass cross outside. However, Carol mentioned that the cross isn't in the best of shape; Jerry said it's falling apart and would be very costly to repair. It was originally made with our stained glass. It was suggested that the large font be put in the Narthex.

New Business

The voting members of the Council discussed increasing Simone's permanent hours to 35 per week. It was approved. Simone and Carol were not present for this part of the meeting.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We hope to resume 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. Communion will be in the continuous fashion as well Communion in individual bags will be available.
- 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.

BOTH CHURCHES' SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

During the Pause Period for the Lutheran Church of the Reformation as they interact with LCOS, we ask 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 in welcoming RLC. *May we share God's love!*

LOOP MINISTRIES is a Food Pantry located at 111 N. Chestnut St. (Reformation Lutheran Church building) - www.loopministries.org. We are planning to hold another **Clothing Drive Fundraiser** in **September 2021** with the help of the Savers store in Webster – www.savers.com. We were so successful the last time that we decided to do it again! Loop is hoping to stay at our current location, but until everything is finalized, we are asking that you keep your donations at home until we can determine a location where we can collect all of the donations. If you have any questions please contact Wendy Carrier at wcarrier@frontiernet.net or call 585-248-0872. Wendy is a member of RLC.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST YEAR COMMUNION

- ◆ The Rite of Confirmation for the 2020-2021 Confirmands will be on Reformation Sunday, **October 31**, at the 11:15 a.m. service.
- ◆ The First Year Confirmation Class will be on Wednesdays beginning at 6:00 p.m. on **September 15**. We will provide dinner and concluding at 7:00 p.m. for the NG'sUs group to meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ The First Communion Classes will meet on Saturdays on **October 16, 23, and 30**, from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

CARING AND SHARING

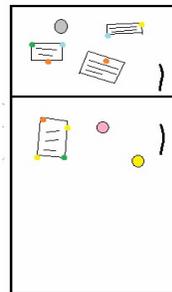
We all have loving hearts and stressful lives, so to make life easier for you to show others you care, we are providing a CARD BOX.

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.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL/NORTHEAST REGION FREE EVENTS – The Northeast Region of Thrivent Financial – www.thrivent.com - holds **FREE** on-line events throughout the year for Members and Non-Members. Some of the upcoming events include: Simple Safeguards: How to stay safe from Identity Theft; “Uncommon” with Tony Dungy; and Lauren Daigle in Virtual Concert. To see all of the events, Go to www.Thrivent.com/Northeast - Click on ‘Events’ (top of page), then scroll down to see what events are being held. Check back periodically to see new events that are added. Please register for the event(s) you would like to attend. The events are **FREE** and you do **NOT** have to be a Thrivent member! I hope you look into these events – they are very interesting! If you have any questions please contact Wendy Carrier at wcarrier@frontiernet.net or call 585-248-0872.

- ♥ *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.*
 - ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur, Ann Marie MacBride, and Daryl Jarvis for assembling the July/August newsletter.*
 - ♥ *Dick Ransom for resuming fellowship and fun through the Euchre Club.*
 - ♥ *Pam Spencer and Mary Ellen Saur for resuming the Christian Movie activity again.*
 - ♥ *Ann Seppa, Ann Marie MacBride, and Simone Harter for helping with an RLC reception.*
 - ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur, Peter Sitter, Chuck Borzilleri, Larry Hopkins, Ray McQueen and Ed Jarvis for all the yard/lawn work.*
 - ♥ *Carol Werth for scheduling the Service Leaders and Ushers.*
 - ♥ *To all the Sunday Modern Traditional Power Point volunteers.*



COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE

Study

Bible Study resumes on Tuesdays,
starting **September 14** at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Baptism

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELLA HEIDI WITT
AUGUST 28, 2021

JAXSON OLIVER KARCHER
AUGUST 29, 2021

*PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY JOINED
OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY*

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

Carl Holden who passed July 24, 2021,
at the age of 77.

Virginia McMullen who passed July 27, 2021,
at the age of 96.

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



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.

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.

3-Robert Snyder
3-Laura Keller
4-Ronald Castrichini
4-Sean McDonough
5-Gerald Stich
5-Deborah Ciccone
6-Larry Guiles, Jr.
6-Crista Hagberg
7-Janeen Oliver

7-Steven Large
8-James Flick
8-Jennifer Large
8-Philip Schwach
15-Patricia Stich
16-Mark Evans
18-John Shannon
18-Deb Housel
20-David Stone
21-Jennifer Palumbo
21-Samantha Stone
23-Sarah Denz
23-Pastor Joachim Wilck
23-Brianna Griffin
23-Brenda Stone
24-Barbara King
25-Paul Denz
26-Shane Patrick Lyons
27-Emil Witt
27-Caleigh Cuyler
28-Harrison Potter
29-Kim Popen
30-Alex McDonough



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!

2—Thomas and Lisa Scuderi ♥♥HAPPY 15TH ANNIVERSARY♥♥
3—Andrew and Lisa Loughlin ♥♥HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY♥♥
8—Paul and Jessica Denz ♥♥HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY♥♥
17—Alfred and Patricia Saucke
18—Kevin and Susan Yackel
18—Douglas and Michele McDonough
21—Michael and Valerie Baird
21—Miles and Rebecca Sovereign



ALTAR GUILD

All members male or female are invited to serve on the Altar Guild. Help is always needed and appreciated. Your service would involve one month of the year. During that month the time involved is routinely 30 minutes to 1 hour a week. We meet in the fall to set up a schedule (we will meet on a Sunday between services), in December to prepare for the Christmas Service, and again during Lent to prepare palm crosses. Please join us. It is an opportunity to meet others and become more involved in our faith and serve our church. An Altar Guild meeting is scheduled **for September 26** between services at 10:30 a.m.

~~Cheryl Stone, Committee Chair



BOY SCOUTS BBQ!

Come on **September 25** 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 \$11 per dinner.
Thank you for your continued support of our Troops!

Also, the Boy Scouts Meeting resumes on Mondays starting **September 13** at 6:30 p.m.

~~Hans Witt, Troop Leader



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Church & Community Committee plans to meet in **September** (date TBD) to discuss future events for the coming year.

~~Ann Seppa, Committee Chair

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

FALL TRIMMING WORK PROJECT—Now that we are in cooler weather, please help to beautify our landscaping the first two Saturdays of October. Come anytime between the hours of 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. on **October 2 and 9**. We have electric hedge trimmers, extension cords, tarps, and rakes, but if you want to bring your own equipment, that would be great. For more information, contact Jerry Stich.

~~Jerry Stich, Committee Chair



CARNIVAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Sunday School Flock,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Rally Day will be **September 12** at 10:00 a.m. It will have a carnival theme, with lots of fun games and activities, including a fishing game, where you will need to fish Jonah out of the whale and a bean bag toss, where you will need to toss the bean bags through lettered holes and spell God or Jesus to win a prize. Other Bible themed games include a ring toss and a lollipop pull. You don't want to miss out on all the fun and games, so please remember the date. This fall will bring about a few changes in our Sunday School forum including a new classroom structure where the youth room will house a high school class, and the Augsburg room will house students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. The middle school room will house students in grades 2, 3, and 4, and the nursery room will house the students age 3 through first grade. Because of this new system, we are asking for parent volunteers to assist in the classrooms. You can choose to assist every Sunday or just one Sunday a month. Please reach out to me directly or the church office to let us know when you are able to assist. The more volunteers we have, the more we are able to do with the students. A new curriculum will focus on Bible stories. We have high hopes for a great year. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Thank you. Jessica Denz

Are you interested in being a Sunday School Teacher? Please contact Yvonne Dougherty.

~~The Christian Education Committee



BOTTLES AND CANS

Tired of bringing your bottles and cans with a 5 cent deposit to the grocery store? Bring them to Flower City Bottle & Can Retrieval Center 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 after.

DID YOU KNOW? You can designate **Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Youth Group** to receive credit for your returns. Just drop off the bottles and cans, and they will credit Our Saviour's account. Every little bit helps!

YOUTH/LYO

Ms. Janeen is looking forward to seeing our youth as we start our normal Wednesday night gathering on **September 15** at 7:00 p.m.

Grace and peace,
Janeen Oliver

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 – bookbag blessing, grandparents' recognition, breakfast(?)
- 15 – 7:00 – 8:00 Youth night kick off. Youth meet every Wednesday at this time.
- 15 – 6:00-7:00 Confirmation instruction
- 19 – Trampoline Park Henrietta following 11:15 service. Acolyte training.

OCTOBER

- 7:00-8:00 Every Wednesday for NG'sUs and LYO.
- 23 – Corn Maze
- 30 – Trunk-or-Treat and Halloween Hall

NOVEMBER

- 12 – Bowling after 11:15 service
- 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 10:00 a.m.)

DECEMBER

- 12 – Christmas caroling and party after 11:15 service
- 18 – Christmas Trail/Brunch with Santa
- 19 – Sunday School Christmas Program
- No youth night or Confirmation on December 22 and 29.

JANUARY

- 5 – Youth night and Confirmation resume
- 21 – Murder Mystery

FEBRUARY

- 6 – Souper Bowl Sunday and Scouts Sunday (girl and boy scouts)
- 13 – Sunday School Movie
- 13-19 – Winter Break

MARCH

- 2 – Ash Wednesday
- 20 – Youth Service

APRIL

- 10 – Palm Sunday, Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt
- 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

Welcome Back to our New Year!
Hope everyone enjoyed their Summer

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



The Women of the ELCA would like to welcome everyone back. We hope that you all had a wonderful and blessed summer!

Our next meeting will be held on **September 14** at 6:30 p.m. in the Narthex with our Annual Potluck dinner. Simone Harter will serve as hostess and Debi Macksamie with a devotion. At this meeting we will plan for future projects/activities for the upcoming 2021-2022 year.

For our **October 12**, 6:30 p.m. meeting, Ann Marie MacBride was able to acquire Pastor Imani as our guest speaker. We plan to invite members of Reformation to this meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend, including husbands/friends. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex. Yvonne Dougherty will serve as hostess for this meeting.

Due to the continued Covid restrictions, no decision has been made as yet on whether or not to hold our Annual Election Day Soup and Bake Sale.

REMINDER: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021, THE GENESEE FINGER LAKES CONFERENCE WILL BE HOLDING A FALL ASSEMBLY AT TINKER PART AT 11:00 a.m.

“LIVING THE LABYRINTH”

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT ANN SEPPA.

~~Ann Seppa, Secretary





5th Edition

*2021 Fall Assembly
"Living the Labyrinth"*

**Walking the Labyrinth is an
Exercise in Self-Healing**

Date: Saturday, September 11, 2021

Place: Tinker Park Nature
Center- Tyler Pavilion
1525 Calkins Road, Henrietta, NY
14534

Time: 11:00 am Registration
Program to begin at 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$3.00

**Bring your own lunch – beverages
and dessert will be provided**

RSVP: Ann Seppa (585) 889-4413
By Friday, August 27, 2021

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2021 Upcoming Events

*Leadership and Planning
Meeting*

Wednesday October 13, 2021

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

Time: 12:00 Noon

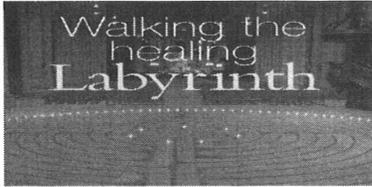
Bring your own lunch. Dessert and
beverage will be provided.

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 ****



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

GENESEE FINGER LAKES CONFERENCE FALL ASSEMBLY

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

PLACE: TINKER PARK NATURE CENTER-TYLER PAVILION

1525 CALKINS ROAD, HENRIETTA, NY 14534

TIME: 11:00 AM REGISTRATION

PROGRAM TO BEGIN AT 11:30 AM

COST: \$3.00

PROGRAM: *"LIVING THE LABYRINTH"*

WALKING THE LABYRINTH IS AN EXERCISE IN SELF-HEALING. "YOU SHOW ME THE PATH OF LIFE. IN YOUR PRESENCE THERE IS FULLNESS OF JOY. "(PSALM 16.11) AND JESUS' WORDS, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE..."(JOHN 14.16).

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. BEVERAGE AND DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED. *RSVP BY AUGUST 27, 2021: ANN SEPPA (585) 889-4413*



Women ^{of the} ELCA

Fall Regional Event in Oswego, NY on October 2, 2021

Theme: Love is... Welcoming the Stranger

10:30- 2:30 at Grace Lutheran Church, Oswego, NY

Enjoy a full day of fellowship with other women as we discuss the history and current issue of welcoming the stranger to our churches and communities.

Our day will begin with a tour of the Safe Haven Museum in Oswego and the rest of the day will include hearing the Word, devotions, discussions and lunch. A full schedule of the day and directions to the museum and Grace Lutheran Church will be given when you register. Cost covers lunch and museum entrance fee.

Oswego, NY was the only refugee shelter in the United States during World War II. Nearly 1000 men, women and children were housed at Fort Ontario in Oswego, NY. Hear the story of the refugees' voyage to the US, to life at the Fort Ontario Emergency Refuge Shelter and ultimately to the fate of the refugees when the shelter was closed. Then, we learn of programs that now deal with this issue.



REGISTER BY September 24, 2021:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

COST - \$10.00 (INCLUDES LUNCH)

May be paid on that day.

SEND TO SUE FOX AT 315-342-3175 OR

245sfox@gmail.com.

More information to follow upon registration.

IMPORTANT DATES

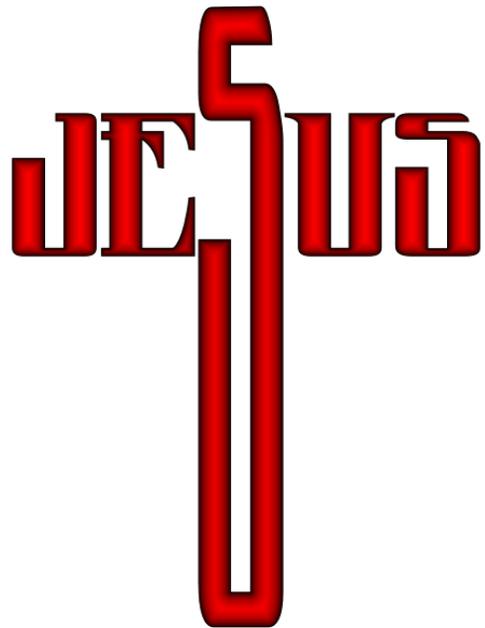


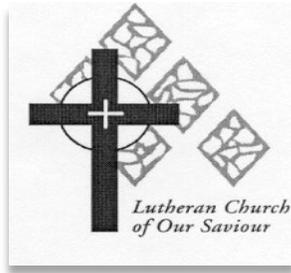
SPECIFIC TO OUR SAVIOUR

- † 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.
- † Euchre Club is every Friday, 1:00—4:00 p.m.
If you plan to come, please contact Dick Ransom.
- † Church & Community will meet in September
(date TBD)
- † Loop Ministries Clothing Drive Fundraiser in
September (drop-off location TBD)
- † German School Open House, 9/4, 10:00 a.m.
- † Church Office Closed, 9/6
- † Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 9/9, 10:00 a.m.
- † Stewardship Meeting, 9/9, 6:30 p.m.
- † WELCA Fall Assembly, 9/11, 11:00 a.m.
- † German School Class starts 9/11, 9:00 a.m.
- † Sunday School Carnival Rally Day, 9/12, 10:00 a.m.
- † Boy Scouts Resumes, 9/13, 6:30 p.m.
- † Bible Study, 9/14, 10:00 a.m.
- † WELCA Annual Potluck, 9/14, 6:30 p.m.
- † First Year Confirmation Class, 9/15, 6:00 p.m.
- † Youth Meeting, 9/15, 7:00 p.m.
- † Congregational Life Committee Meeting, 9/19,
12:15 p.m. Note: The meetings are usually every other
month on the 2nd Sunday of the month.
- † Church Council Meeting, 9/20, 6:30 p.m.
- † Boy Scouts BBQ, 9/25, 11:00 a.m.
- † Altar Guild Meeting, 9/26, 10:30 a.m.

FUTURE EVENTS

- † WELCA Fall Regional Event, 10/2, 10:30 a.m.
- † Property Management Fall Trimming Project,
10/2 & 10/9, anytime between the hours of
9:00-11:30 a.m.
- † WELCA Meeting, 10/12, 6:30 p.m.,
Pastor Imani Olear as the special speaker
- † WELCA Leadership & Planning, 10/13, 12:00 p.m.
- † First Communion Class, 10/16, 10/23, & 10/30,
9:30 a.m.
- † Rite of Confirmation (Confirmands),
Reformation Sunday, 10/31, 11:15 a.m. Service
- † Congregational Meeting (Budget Vote), 11/7,
6:30 p.m.





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