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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

The Communicator

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

Jesus says in John 3:6, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.” As people who have been born again by the Holy Spirit in the waters of baptism and who have been made new, spiritual creations in Christ, it is especially important that while we take prudent and necessary measures to ensure our physical health and well-being, we also keep our spiritual health and our faith in Jesus and in God’s perfect love at the forefront of our minds.

When times of fear and uncertainty come upon us, as people of faith and as those who are born of the Spirit, we know that these are also times when the Lord has promised to bring us closer to Himself and deepen our trust in Him. Scripture tells us in 1 John 4 that God’s perfect love casts our fear. In 1 Peter 5 it says, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”

How much does God care for us? How deep is His love for us? We only need to look to the cross to see the unsearchable depths and the power of God’s love. We see the love of God that provided the only cure for the disease we all are born with and that has a 100% mortality rate: the disease of sin. Though He was without sin, Christ became sin for us, and His perfect blood poured out and His perfect life sacrificed was the only cure. Through His resurrection from the dead, Christ has made that cure available to all. For all who put their faith and hope and trust in Him who defeated death, we do not die. Yes, because of sin, one way or another our bodies will die, but our soul lives in Christ and we will be physically raised again on the last Day. As Jesus said to Mary and Martha just before raising Lazarus from the tomb (after Lazarus had been dead for four days), “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”
– John 11:25-26.

Our fears and anxieties over any disease come ultimately from our fear of death. But death has been defeated in Christ’s resurrection. We can know God loves and cares for us, and trust Him above all else, because He has healed us eternally in Christ. This means that in the face of any threat and in any fear, we have a hope that is eternally more powerful and sure.

God has given us His Word to read, to know, and to trust, and it is through that Word of God that He casts out fear and fills us with hope. Hear that Word of God now, trust and believe Him when His Word says in Romans 8, “If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen.

As we enter the month of October, we will continue with our current worship practices.

Thursday worship will be at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday worship will be at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 11:00—11:45 a.m.

Both services will be held indoors and broadcast in the parking lot.

Indoors the church is partitioned off to allow for social distancing. Members are required to wear masks.

Those who would like to continue to meet in the parking lot may do so; the first two rows are reserved for you.

The service will be transmitted outside.

~~Pastor Wilck

Our worship schedule for the remainder of 2020 is as follow:

- * Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
- * Sundays at 10:00 a.m.



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

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



WOMEN OF THE ELCA



After being unable to meet since the pandemic began in March, I am happy to report that the Women of the ELCA met on Thursday, September 10, and it was so wonderful to see all the ladies!!

At this meeting we scheduled a churchwide food drive for St. Theodore's Food Cupboard from **10/1—10/17**. Please bring your donations to the church. If you have questions, please contact Simone Harter, Office Manager.

****SADLY OUR ANNUAL ELECTION DAY BAKED GOODS & SOUP SALE HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID.**

****ALL WELCA SYNOD EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR**

Our next meeting will be held on **10/13** at 6:30 p.m. Debi Macksamie will provide devotions at this meeting.
PLEASE BE SURE TO WEAR A MASK.

As we are now able to go inside the church, we want to thank Ed and Daryl Jarvis for their hard work keeping us all safe by cleaning and sanitizing the church.

All women are part of the Women of the ELCA. We are always looking for new members and new ideas for our meetings.

2020 has been a very challenging year for everyone. Please know that we are all just a phone call away and continue to pray for everyone's safety.

~~Ann Seppa, Secretary

LYO/YOUTH

Hello Youth and Families,

We held our first Youth Fellowship activity on 9/26. The youth and their families gathered in the church parking lot for our first drive-in movie. Fun was had by all as the youth watched the movie and toasted smores by the fire pit! A big thank you to Jerry Stich and Frank Johnson, our technical support crew, who set up and worked through the tech issues allowing us to have a successful event. A big thank you to Paul Denz who supplied the wood and manned the fire pits. Also, thank you to the Johnson and Wilck families for donating their fire pits for the event.

Upcoming Events for October:

PLEASE NOTE: THERE HAS BEEN A DATE CHANGE FOR THE MOONLIGHT MAZE EVENT.

10/1 and 10/15 Youth Night: 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Please note the youth room Covid-19 protocols will be posted outside the room door.

Youth night has been moved to Thursdays to coincide with the Thursday church service schedule.

10/23 Moonlight Corn Maze at Long Acre Farms.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUSLY POSTED SCHEDULE.

The Youth Appreciation event has been moved to the fall fellowship event.

Meet at the church by 6:00 p.m.

Currently, we ask all parents to individually transport students. We are unable to set up carpooling at this time.

Fall has brought many changes in all facets of the lives of our youth and their families. Through Christ, we are united and will travel this journey together leaning on God's strength, love, and grace.

Grace and peace,
Janeen Oliver

FIRST COMMUNION

The classes will be held on Saturdays, **10/3, 10/10 and 10/17** from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. First Communion Sunday will be on Reformation Sunday, **10/25**, at 10:00 a.m.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Fall Adopt-A-Highway has been scheduled for **10/3** at 9:00 a.m. Children 12 to 18 years old must have parent permission. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We will meet at Dell Hall that Saturday and start the highway pickup at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Jerry Stich.

Church and Community will be sponsoring a Cleaning Supply Drive for "Maggie's Place" from **10/18—10/31**. Such items as paper towels, antibacterial sprays or wipes, sanitizers, disinfectants, bleach, trash bags, liquid soap, etc. will be appreciated. You can drop your donations off at church.

~~Ann Seppa, Committee Chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that Sunday School will reopen on **10/4** at 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (NEW TIME)

We would like to welcome back our Sunday School Staff:

Sunday School Superintendent Co-Chairs	Michelle Coval Jessica Denz
Pre-Nursery/Nursery/Pre-K Teacher	Lucy Lance
Grade K-1	Jessica Denz
Grade 5 and up	Dick Ransom Wendy Forrest
Confirmation Class Grade 7-8	Pastor Wilck
Floater Teachers	Michelle Coval Tammy Cuyler

~~Christian Education Committee

JUBILEES

The Senior Jubilees' group will be sailing on the Canandaigua Lady on **10/7** at 2:15—4:00 p.m. There will be 19 people on this cruise. Due to the pandemic it was very difficult to arrange for this activity, but we were able to make it happen. Hopefully we'll have good weather for the cruise. Stay tuned to my November report for the results. As mentioned in the September newsletter, no future activities will be planned until people feel safe leaving their homes. Also, after over 10 years as this committee chair, the Jarvis' are retiring. Any future activities will be under new leadership.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Christian Movie is on **10/10** at 2:00 p.m. We will be watching "I Still Believe." It's a true-life story of Christian music megastar, Jeremy Camp. This inspiring tale follows Jeremy's search for his artistic voice, leading him to his wildest professional dreams, as well as the love of his life, but his hope and faith are put to the test when tragedy strikes. "I Still Believe" is an incredible story of musical stardom, the heights of love, the depths of loss, and the healing power of the human spirit.

~~Pam Spencer



Come join Bible Study with Pastor! The study resumes on Tuesdays, starting **10/13**, at 10:00 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The date for the Congregational Meeting for the Treasurer to present the 2021 Budget is yet to be determined. We will advise of the meeting date as soon as possible.

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Attention choirs:

As of right now, both choirs (adult and bell) will still be in recess due to the pandemic. We will reassess the situation in the middle of October after church resumes inside and we know more about the holiday schedule. I hope everyone is staying safe during this difficult time. I look forward to a time when we can all be back together again.

~~Alexandra

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The heating system is back on; all boilers have been cleaned, inspected and restarted for another long winter. We are asking our members to please be vigilant when using the thermostats to control the heat. As of October 1, we have restarted our normal weekly cleaning with JAN-PRO Cleaning Service and our garbage collection every other week with Waste Management. With fall comes the falling leaves, so we are always in need of volunteers to help with leaf collection. We are doing our best to keep the church building disinfected during this pandemic. A shield has been installed at the pulpit for Pastor.

~~Ed Jarvis

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild Members,
I hope this finds you and your families well.

By now you have received the schedule for worship until the end of 2020. It seems difficult at times, but we must remain safe and protect others.

I want to thank you all for your help with altar care and your efforts to make our sanctuary beautiful. The fact that communion will continue to be distributed as it has been done recently (pre-packaged) and the virus, there is no need for you to worry about altar care. Daryl has been changing the eternal candle weekly. Debbie, Daryl and I will change the frontal as needed, dust, and pick up the altar flowers.

Hopefully, we will have a meeting in the near future with social distancing. Until then you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Continue to pray,
Cheryl Stone

A reminder to all Thrivent members

If you have been receiving Thrivent Choice Dollars, which have been reduced substantially, you should check to see if you have any available to use. It's easy to direct those dollars to any registered non-profit organization such as the Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund, Maggie Harris Community House, or even to your own church. They will be lost if not used. You can call the Thrivent 800 number if you are not sure.

~~Ed Jarvis

October
is Clergy Appreciation Month!

Give thanks
for pastors!

**YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT
MEANS A LOT TO OUR PASTOR!
EXPRESS YOUR THANKS TO
PASTOR WILCK.**



BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AMELIA SUSAN LEE
EDWARDS
SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**



Congratulations to the following couple who united in marriage during the month of September. Cori Abbott and Michael Sanfilipo united in marriage on Saturday, September 26th, at 12:30 p.m.

Please include Cori and Michael in your prayers during the coming month.

CARING AND SHARING

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

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

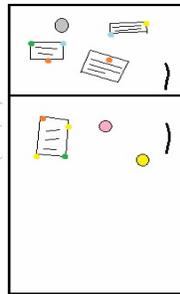


The card box is located on the small round table next to the lift/elevator.

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

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.



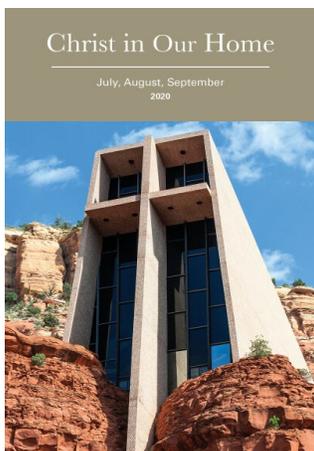
Thank you for your cooperation.

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!

- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur for continuing to change the message on the sign.*
- ♥ *Daryl Jarvis for continuing to care for the plants in the Narthex.*
- ♥ *Thrivent for their continued support, sponsorship, and contributions.*
- ♥ *Ed Jarvis for continuing to maintain and sanitize the church.*
- ♥ *Jerry Stich for the recording of the services and updating them on our website.*
- ♥ *Cheryl Stone, Daryl and Ed Jarvis, and Debbie Frey for maintaining the Altar care.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen for updating the attendance and communion logs.*
- ♥ *Peter Sitter, Frank Johnson, Larry Hopkins, Chuck Borzilleri, Ed Jarvis for mowing the lawn.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur, Brian and Pam Spencer, and Brayden Spencer for other lawn work.*
- ♥ *Alice Popen for continuing to coordinate weddings held during the pandemic.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur for returning to assemble the weekly bulletins.*
- ♥ *Jennifer and Connor Large, Victor Harter and Glen Harter for resuming responsibilities filling oil in the Altar candles.*



Christ in Our Home booklets

Our Saviour will continue to purchase the booklets and have them available for our congregation. We just wanted to let you know the following as well.

In addition to being available in print, both standard size and large print, *Christ in Our Home* is now available in eBooks. You can purchase them on Amazon Kindle, Barnes and Noble Nook, Apple iBooks, Google Play Books, and Kobo Reader Stores. This is a great way to get the devotional if you can't get to church to pick up your subscription, or if you're new to the devotional!

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Where learning leads to a lifetime of opportunities...

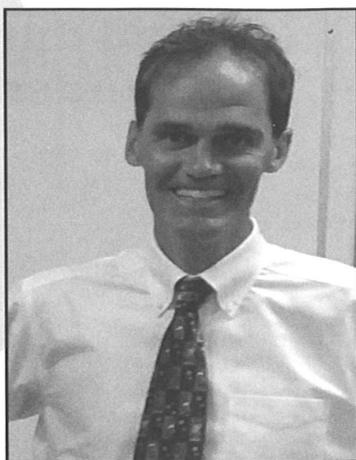
2020 NHS Teacher of the Year

The Churchville-Chili Senior High Chapter of National Honor Society has selected chemistry teacher Richard Strasser as the 2020 Churchville-Chili Teacher of the Year. This is a very special honor for any teacher, as the recognition comes from students.

Strasser is passionate about chemistry and students. In addition to being an outstanding teacher, he has been the coach of the Varsity girls' cross-country team for over 13 years. This season, the girls went 12-0, completing the only undefeated league season in history for the Saints girls' XC program. Strasser will be the guest speaker at the 2020 NHS induction ceremony, currently scheduled for October 26.

Here are excerpts from several nominations:

"Throughout this quarantine, he has been great. We have daily Zoom meetings for our AP Chemistry class. They mean a lot to me because chemistry is really difficult for me and he does a really good job teaching while we aren't in the classroom. It means a lot to have a teacher of mine putting forth this effort."



"Mr. Strasser puts careful thought into his assignments, challenges his students to work hard and shows his passion for chemistry in his detailed lessons. He spends more time working with students after school than any other teacher I know."

"Even before COVID-19, Mr. Strasser always was helpful to students, he always stayed after school and made class enjoyable. Mr. Strasser also cares a lot about all his students and he always has a smile on his face, which brightens a lot of people's day. I always look forward to going to his class because he makes my day better when I see him."

"He goes out of his way to make sure students understand the material, with in-school and after school availability. He holds his students in high regard and pushes them to be better."

"Coach Strasser approaches cross country from a unique perspective... He sets clear goals and establishes, from the beginning, that his primary objective is to succeed in the championship season. His workouts are very intentional, so as to ensure that his athletes are in top physical condition but are not overtraining and at risk of injury. Strasser is an incredible coach and I am thankful for how he helped me to grow as a runner and as a person."



October Celebrations



22-Marcia Palumbo
22-Brayden Spencer
24-Sydney Emerson
25-David Nowatka
27-Jill Klein
27-Ethan Douglas Lowe
28-Cody Saur

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.

2- Frank Johnson
5-Elliot Grimes
7-Rian MacBride
8-Layla Frances Engels
10-Ray McQueen
12-Deborah Frey
12-Luke Coval
12-Rick Yackel
14-Kevin Dougherty
16-Donna Crawford
17- Kyle Gear
18-Taylor Ransom
20-Heather Spencer



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!

5—James and Carol Werth
10—Gary and Joyce Perkins
13—Michael and Deborah Frey
14—Chris and Sandra Austin ♥♥HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY♥♥
19—Sheila and Franz Foltz
24—Sean and Kelly Grimes
26—Heike and John Pleten





All Saints' Day

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
November 1 at 10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, November 1, 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 family members and congregation who have died and now rest in the church triumphant.

The Worship Committee developed a special bulletin for use on All Saints' Sunday. This bulletin, begun twenty 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.

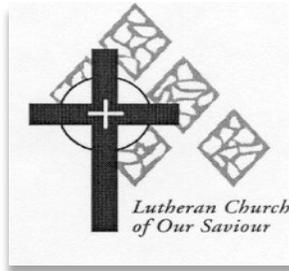
We give thanks to God for the life and work of all God's people. We ask God's guidance so we too might faithfully follow Jesus.



- ◇ Please contact the church office if you have prayer requests.
- ◇ In addition, please let the office know if prayer requests can be removed from the Prayer List.

SPECIFIC TO OUR SAVIOUR

- † Remainder of 2020 Worship Schedule, Indoor and Drive-in
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
- † WELCA, St. Theodore's Food Drive, 10/1-10/17
- † Youth Meeting, 10/1, 6:00 p.m.
- † Church & Community, Adopt-A-Highway, 10/3, 9:00 a.m.
- † First Communion Classes, 10/3, 10/10 & 10/17, 9:30 a.m.
- † Sunday School, 10/4, 11:00 a.m.
- † Jubilees Fall Cruise, 10/7, 2:15 p.m.
- † Evangelism, Christian Movie, 10/10, 2:00 p.m.
- † Church Council Meeting, 10/12, 6:30 p.m.
- † Bible Study with Pastor, 10/13, 10:00 a.m.
- † WELCA Meeting, 10/13, 6:30 p.m.
- † Church & Community, Maggie's Place, Cleaning Supplies Drive, 10/18-10/31
- † Reformation Sunday & First Communion, 10/25, 10:00 a.m.
- † Congregational Meeting, date pending
- † All Saints' Day Service, 11/1, 10:00 a.m.
- † Thanksgiving Eve Service, 11/25, 7:00 p.m.



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