



Come, Holy Spirit

THE MESSENGER

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

May 2013

From the Pastor—

May is an in between month—Easter and spring have come but summer and Pentecost are not yet upon us. It is a good time for us to think about living between these two psalms. Pastor Anita.

Psalm 23



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
They comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Psalm 148



Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!



Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!



Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are
close to him.

Praise the Lord!



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REMINDER—please mark your calendars.
The deadline for the June 2013 issue of
The Messenger is May 15, 2013.

Be sure that your group's upcoming events are included. All members of the congregation are welcome to submit information for the monthly Messenger. Articles may be sent to the church office, dropped off in the office or e-mailed to oslc-utica@verizon.net.

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If you have a committee question, please speak to one of the Congregation Council members.



Our Community Outreach

Members of Our Saviour live among God's faithful people, serve all people, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth by sharing our building and supporting these programs:

Alcoholics Anonymous® a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism holds regular meetings in our facility.

Seeds of Hope, a local food pantry is a collaborative effort of First Presbyterian—Utica, Our Saviour, New Hartford Presbyterian, and New Hartford United Methodist churches.

Hope House, a safe haven providing meals and other services in Utica is supported by volunteers from our congregation.

SPAN, a resource program for individual nurses who are affected by an alcohol or drug-related problem or related mental health problem meets weekly in our building.

HIV dinners which provide dinner and a place for people who are HIV positive to network and learn about the latest trends in treatment are held each month at our church.

Boy Scouts of America, has a chartered scouting program including a Cub Scout Pack. Paul Douglass serves as our congregation liaison to the scouting program.

Something New!

We invite you to share your God given talents for poetry, drawing or anything else creative that will fit in the Messenger as a way to share how God speaks to you and may have transformed your life. Thank you to Erika Fuller for getting us started by sharing her poem, "What Lessons I have Learned" which will appear in 4 segments over the next 4 issues of The Messenger.

What Lessons I have Learned (Part 1)

By Erika Fuller

Each mistake equals a hundred lessons learned.
Each time I cry I heal a piece of my past.
Every smile I see I give back laughter with positive energy.
Stars & clouds are a way to create any object I want by being grateful for God's sky.
The moon lights the night while the sun brightens each day.
Rain is God's way of letting me know God cries out of love to remind me,
that God feels every drop of pain that I experience.
When I feel lonely that's a sign that I need to get on my knees,
twice as much as I have been and turn the wheel over in to God's hands, so God can drive.
Love to me is a strong, deeply rooted feeling, act, thought, and reason
for me to see the good in other people but mainly within myself.
All feelings need to be felt within myself first,
to truly experience them with someone else.
Living one day at a time allows for the patience I have learned to be used.
Giving me an extra second to truly think about the next upcoming moment.
Anger is a dangerous feeling than can end in death.
But angry can be stopped & changed by taking deep breaths
and asking myself "is the outcome worth the consequences?"
Controlling others I have found to be a sign of weakness.
It shows me that I am unable to control myself.
Change is a choice where I'm the only one who holds the key.
Influence from loved ones can make me feel torn at times
But I'm the one who has the final choice.
If they are needing to see change in someone
they should do it within themselves.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

This is a special thanks to everyone who pitched in a helping hand to keep all the church sidewalks and pathways clear this winter. Maintaining these areas ensures the safety of people who attend meetings, worship, exercise, or stop by to pray.

Working together to maintain our property is just one way Our Saviour is able to remain running. Doing God's work together is a blessing, so again thank you.

Jim Lenahan, Property Chair

Saturday, April 20, Our Women of the ELCA Saviour hosted the Central Crossroads Conference spring gathering of the Women of the ELCA. Thank you to everyone who helped with planning and carrying out this day's activities.

If you would like to learn more about WELCA visit www.womenoftheelca.org— a great on-line newsletter, *bold connections*, Bible studies and information about what Women of the ELCA are going around the globe.



Worship & Music Committee would like your opinion.....

During the months of June—August we would like to change the hymn “This is the Feast” and replace it with another hymn. So that is our question. Pick a couple of hymns you would like to be heard at Sunday worship during those months.

Write them on the lines below and put the form in the Sunday offering plate. We look forward to hearing your choices for this minor change.

Hymn Choices (Please put the name and hymn number if you know it.)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Congregational Ministries

VOLUNTEERS WANTED



This summer Our Saviour is going to need some volunteers that are skilled in keeping lawns looking their best. It takes more than just one person to help keep the grounds of Our Saviour looking its finest. So if you like to mow lawns, rake leaves, tend gardens or would like to be part of this summer's lawn crew, please contact:



Jim Lenahan—723-2270
 Clare Thiem—859-1933



Invite a friend to Worship!

Share the Resurrection story!

PENTECOST FLOWER ORDER—DEADLINE IS MAY 13, 2013

I wish to have the Altar Guild purchase a plant for the Pentecost altar. **(\$3.00/plant enclosed)** Enclose check with order made out to Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1640 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502 or place in offering plate.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____ IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN THANKSGIVING FOR: _____

(If more than one memorial, please use another sheet.) Please PRINT names. If you plan on taking your plant(s), please plan to take them after the 10:00am service on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, or during the week following.

_____ Deliver to a shut in.

_____ I WILL DELIVER a plant to a shut in _____
 (Name of shut in)

Supporting God's work through our giving.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2013

	2012			THRU February	2013		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI.		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI
INCOME	\$29,910	\$47,067	57%		\$ 31,496	\$ 17,425	-45%
EXPENSES	\$29,910	\$24,083	-19%		\$ 31,496	\$ 32,316	3%
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS	\$ 0	\$22,984			\$ 0	(\$14,891)	

	2012			March	2013		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI
INCOME	\$14,955	\$12,009	-20%		\$ 8,064	\$ 12,716	58%
EXPENSES	\$14,955	\$14,179	- 5%		\$ 14,749	\$ 16,731	13%
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS	\$ 0	(\$ 2,170)			(\$ 6,685)	(\$ 4,015)	
WITHDRAWN FROM INVESTMENTS		\$30,000			\$ 0		
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 0	\$20,814			(\$ 6,685)	(\$ 18,906)	

NOTES Current month: Our income was 58% ABOVE estimate and our expenses were 13% ABOVE the budget. We were \$4,015 in the RED for the month of March.

Year to Date: Our income is 23.8% BELOW estimate and our expenses are 6.1% ABOVE plan. We have not withdrawn any monies from our investments through March.

NOTE: Our offering was higher due to Lenten and Easter services.

Information provided by Paul Douglass, Treasurer

In the larger Lutheran Community



Summer Camp—Camp registrations are pouring in, but, there is still room for you!! For a brochure call (315)675-3651, email vkcenter@vk.org or visit vk.org.

Playground under construction—VK received a generous donation of an Atlas Fencing playset from a family in Baldwinsville. Construction of our unstructured playspace is underway including this playground, a huge sand box, loose parts to play with, a water feature, and a towered fence!

Farm Project Back on Track—VK has hired Nina Spengler to bring back our community garden this year. We hope to exceed the 2,400 pounds we raised last year! Matthew25 Farm has already donated more seeds. We welcome folks to come spend some time with us to help with our garden.

VK Goes Solar—Through an arrangement with Solar Liberty Vanderkamp's electricity will convert to Solar Power by the end of 2013!

Exciting things are happening at Vanderkamp in Cleveland, NY. Check us out!

In peace, James Davis

Your Neighbors Inc.

Garage Sale

May 3 and 4, 2013

9am—3pm

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Hope House Wish List

Support Hope House—donations of the items below may be left in the church Narthex for delivery. Pick up a couple extra items to share the next time you shop.

- Lasagna Noodles
- Seasonings (Unopened)
- Hot chocolate packets
- Tea bags / Coffee
- Granulated sugar / Sweetener packets
- Toilet paper / Sanitary Napkins
- Razors / Bar Soap / Shampoos



May 2013
Worship each Sunday is at 10:00am



	May 12	May 19 Pentecost	May 26 Holy Trinity	June 2
GREETER	Sandy and Jim Lenahan	Judy and Myron Sierson	Liz and Paul Douglass	Emily and Pam Donovan
ACOLYTE	Moriah Thrasher	Emily Donovan and Michael Robles	Kenny Douglass	Sheena Andereck and Joey Abraham
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	N/A	Clare Theim	N/A	John Andereck
LECTOR	N/A	Erica Tollerton	N/A	Dave Wilbur
NURSERY 10:30 worship	Katherine and Kathy David	Sue Arntsen	Susan Morris	Liz Douglass
Coffee Hosts	Judy and Myron Sierson	Paula and Dale Klingensmith	Judy Sica and Susan Morris	TBA



Coffee Hosts for May 5 are—
 Willie and Chuck Bach

Ushers—Norris Ellinwood, Rick Dygert, Jim Lenahan, Don Arntsen
Altar Guild—The Andereck Family

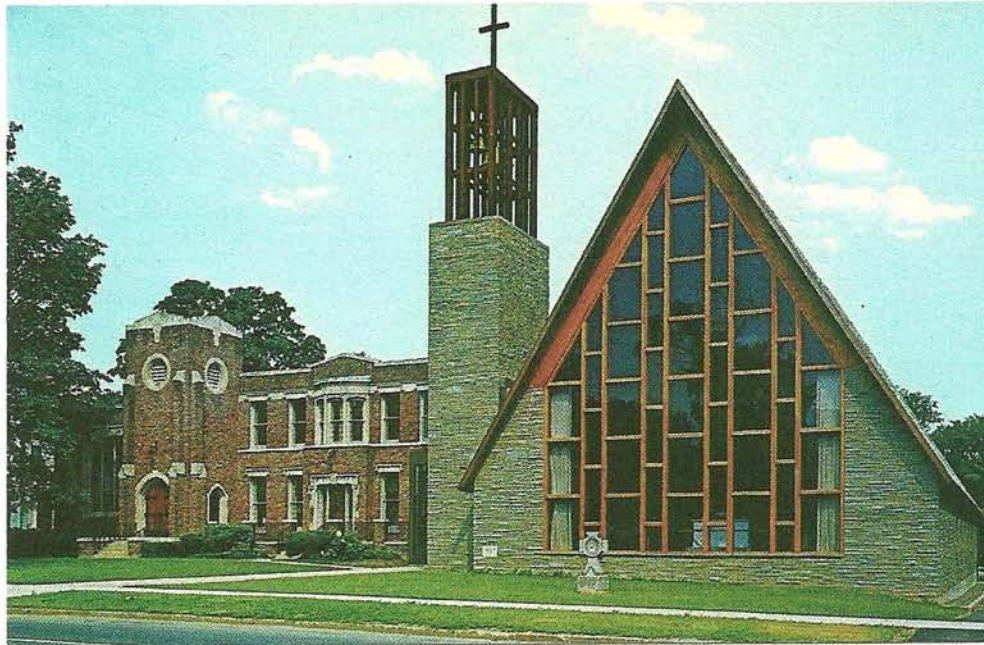


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Join Us for Worship

Adult Bible Study at 9:00am

Worship at 10:00am

Jesus and Me (JAM)

children's time during worship

*As faithful believers of Our Saviour Lutheran Church
we profess the covenant God made with us in our Baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*