



My body given for you.

THE MESSENGER

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

October 2013

From the Pastor:

A few years ago, while we were considering vision/mission for Our Saviour, your Congregation Council adopted the promises that we make for people at baptism and affirm at Confirmation. They are:

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.

This month the Congregation Council spent some time defining what each of these promises means. We had some lively conversation! The Council will continue its defining work and wants the whole congregation to be included in the discussion. I will try to share with you 1) what each clause means, 2) what it does not mean, and 3) a Biblical reference for each part of the promise.

To live among God's faithful people means - making an intentional choice to be in regular community with others who wish to be faithful to God's promises. We believe that some of what it means to be church is living with others who wish to be church to one another. It means holding each other accountable to the promises of God. It means encouraging one another. It means reminding each other what those promises are. It means that our very lives are intertwined in the promises that God has made to us.

It does not simply mean going to worship on Sunday morning - although worship is certainly a part of being church together.

A Biblical reference for this part of the promises comes from Acts 2:42-47. Acts is certainly a great reference for being a successful church! As the Book of Acts begins Jesus' disciples are meeting to pick the twelfth disciple since Judas is no longer with them. When the Book of Acts ends St. Paul is preaching in Rome - the center of the world as the New Testament people knew it. The Church grew then during the time of Acts from eleven to the ends of the earth. What is more than that - this growth was clearly not a "flash in the pan" growth. This is growth that has sustained itself up until our own time - for two thousand years. Acts 2 says, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers....Day by day as they spent much time together..." Clearly living among God's faithful people meant to the New Testament church - time - lots of time - for being together and praying and sharing.

This is where God promises to be with us - in the center of us - growing us as the people of God.


Pastor Anita

THE MESSENGER

Published monthly by:
Our Saviour Lutheran Church
1640 Genesee Street
Utica, New York 13502
Phone: 315-732-0134
Email: oslc-utica@verizon.net
Circulation: 251
Editors: Patsy and Norman Glista
Contributors: Members of the Congregation.

REMINDER—please mark your calendars.
The deadline for the November 2013 issue of
The Messenger is October 15, 2013.
Be sure that your group's upcoming events are
included. All members of the congregation are wel-
come to submit information for the monthly Messenger.
Articles may be sent to the church office, dropped off in

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH CONTACT LIST



Church Office	732-0134		
Pastor Anita Mohr	724-5426		
Email: pastor-oslc@verizon.net			
Church Office Secretary	Erika Fuller		
Organist/Music Director	Anthony Marris		
Council Members			
Cindy Andereck, Council Pres.	738-4363	Pam Donovan , Council V. Pres.	736-8042
Priscilla Dygert, Secretary.	794-8506	Paul Douglass, Treasurer.	733-9240
John Adasek.	735-3168	Bruno Aploks.	797-9032
Katherine David.	732-0611	Liz Douglass.	733-9240
David Dudajek.	736-8685	David Wilbur.	725-0835
Youth Group Member	Rotates		
Coffee Hour Coordinator	Marian Arntsen		
Altar Guild	Gerry Presser		

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.

Lifeworks, working for the greater good of the recovering population in Oneida County.

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.

Supporting God's work through our giving and caring.



Saturday, October 12, 2013

9am – 3pm

Coffee, juice & goodies at 9:00

Lunch served at 12:00 noon

Bring your muscles, tools and appetite and help us get our Church ready for the Fall and Winter. Check the jobs list and sign up sheet in the Narthex. Bring the tools needed for the job you wish to do. Come for a few hours or the whole day.

Plenty of jobs for all!!

Jim Lenahan



Prayer Concerns



Concerns that you would like to have placed on our prayer ministry list may be called in to Erica Tollerton at 735-4660.



TREASURER'S REPORT

August 2013

	2012			THRU	2013		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI		July	BUDGET	ACTUAL
INCOME	\$110,234	\$115,019	4%		\$ 56,450	\$ 68,025	21%
EXPENSES	\$110,234	\$ 96,545	-12%		\$103,241	\$ 99,743	-3%
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS	\$ 0	\$ 18,475			(\$ 46,792)	(\$ 31,718)	
	2012			August	2013		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI
INCOME	\$15,748	\$ 9,814	-38%		\$ 8,064	\$ 7,384	-8%
EXPENSES	\$15,748	\$ 11,136	-29%		\$14,749	\$ 10,273	-30%
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS	0	(\$ 1,323)			(\$ 6,685)	(\$ 2,889)	
INVESTMENT INCOME		\$ 47,000					0
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	0	\$ 17,152			(\$53,476)	(\$ 34,607)	

NOTES—Current month: Our income is 8% BELOW estimate and our expenses are 30% below budget. We are \$2,889 in the RED for the month of August.

Year to Date: Our income is 16.9% ABOVE estimate and our expenses are 6.8% below plan **We are currently \$34,607 in the RED for the year BECAUSE** we have not withdrawn any monies from our investments. Last year we had withdrawn \$47,000 at this time

Information presented by Paul Douglass, Treasurer

In the larger Lutheran Community



Fall Retreat, Living Christian in 2013 and Beyond...October 18—20. With just 40 slots available,

beds are already filling up. Anyone ages 6—17 are welcome to come, and it costs only \$99 per person. How can we strengthen our resolve to live a life of virtue in a world that seems to...well...not care as much about virtue as it once did?



Contact us at (315) 675-3651 or vkcenter@vk.org for more information.

7th Annual Food Festival & Silent Auction—Friday, November 22, 6:30—9:00pm, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Route 92, Fayetteville. Enjoy the fellowship of friends, fabulous food and entertainment, while you bid on items of your choice! This fundraiser supports program needs and camperships for Summer Camp 2014. Help a child get to camp! Tickets for the Festival are \$15.

Syracuse University & SUNY ESF Lutheran Campus Ministry

100th Anniversary

October 5—don't miss the tailgate at the Parsonage—meet old friends, students and chaplains.

October 6—Worship God, sing with the Chapel Choir and listen to special music honoring Shannon Kane, hear Lutheran preaching by Matthew Nickeloff, Mission Developer at South Wedge Mission, Rochester.

For more information contact 315-443-2439 E-Mail: lutheran@syr.edu



LutheranCare's Helping Hands services continue to grow! We have been in operation for nearly two years and have already served over 175 people, to help them remain independently in their own homes.

Helping Hands Companions can come to your home to help with housekeeping, laundry, cooking, transportation and to run errands. We also offer respite care.

To learn more contact Kathy Leslie at 235-7196.

**Central Crossroads Conference
Fall Assembly
Sunday, October 6, 2013—3:00pm
Vanderkamp Center**



Learning at the Crossroads
An Educational Program of
Central Crossroads Conference

presents

"Standing for Something"

**A Day Apart at Vanderkamp Center
Learning**

**Discernment
and Personal Refreshment**

Led by the Rev. Judith VanOsdol
Director for Evangelical Mission/Assistant to the
Bishop, Upstate NY Synod

Saturday, October 5, 2013

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Vanderkamp Center, Cleveland NY

Cost—\$35. To register email or call
info@luthermemorials.org, 458-1481x1.

Provide your name, phone, and email address.

Peace

Can a flood bring opportunities in the midst of devastation?

The folks at Trinity Lutheran Church in Herkimer, impacted by the June floods, think so. They have observed how the flood did them a big favor—exposing mold problems they did not know existed. Plans and work are underway to seal the foundation walls in the downstairs, replace wall board, build a new kitchen, and work to drain water away from the perimeter of their building. All of this on top of the need to install a new furnace and to repair water damage in the balcony and repair the roof line near the bell tower that had already caused pre-flood damage issues. To see pictures of Trinity's damage, please go to www.trinitylutheranonline.net.



The congregation is currently in the midst of a Building/Capital Fund Campaign to help raise the estimated \$100,000 needed to complete the work.

Members of Trinity give thanks for the many prayers, time and offerings that many have already given to help them in their recovery. Several members of Our Saviour helped with rebuilding work at Trinity on Sunday, September 8 as part of the ELCA God's Work, Our Hands Day.

UNSPOKEN™

2013 UNSPOKEN Human Rights Conference
October 16—19, 2013
SUNYIT Campus

A program of the
Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees

Two Tracks
Restoring Dignity-Healing from Trauma and Torture
Literacy

Register Now

www.mvrccr.org or call (315) 738-1083

UNSPOKEN is an annual human rights forum that combines film, art, music and a conference one festival. Held in Utica in October of each year. This multi-faceted forum seeks not only to give a voice to human rights violations from around the globe, but also to offer practical solutions in order to shape a better tomorrow and give hope to the future.

In our community -

Jesus lives
in the community -
He only visits
the church.

Oneida County Lifeworks officially introduced the new recovery center concept to local treatment providers on September 11, 2013 through the local Oneida County Alcohol and Drug subcommittee under the umbrella of the Office of Oneida County Mental Health.

The Executive Board of Oneida County Lifeworks (OCLW) has approved the outlines of both the business plan and the projected budget. Oneida County Lifeworks has already received multiple invitations to conduct a presentation of the Recovery Center Concept to local treatment agencies.

We look forward to presenting the completed business plan and projected budget to the next Our Saviour Church Council meeting. We will do so guided by the spirit of Luke 15.

It is important to note the community at large is beginning to rally behind the endeavor. OCLW just hosted a Recovery Walk in Utica to celebrate National Recovery Month. State Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi presented OCLW a citation to honor our early contributions to the community.

We would like to thank our friends who make up the Our Saviour Lutheran Church community for allowing OCLW the opportunity to begin this life saving endeavor for the greater good of the recovering community.

Dawn Muldoon, OCLW
(OCLW is now operating out of office space at Our Saviour upstairs where Your Neighbors used to be.)



October 2013
Sunday Worship is at 10:00am



	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27 Reformation Day	Nov. 3
GREETER	Sheena Andereck and Alex Dudajek	Pam Donovan and Dennis Ready	Sandy and Jim Lenahan	Judy and Myron Sierson
ACOLYTE	Mariah Thrasher	Joey Abraham and Kenny Douglass	Sheena Andereck	Joey Abraham and Michael Robles
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	N/A	Liz Douglass	N/A	Patsy Glista
LECTOR	N/A	Erica Tollerton	N/A	Dave Wilbur
NURSERY	Judy Petroski	Katherine and Kathy David	Sue Arntsen	Liz Douglass
COFFEE HOSTS	Barb and Ed Dolan	Paula and Dale Klingensmith	Judy Sica and Susan Morris	

Oct. 6 Coffee Hosts—
 Gary and Garrett
 Brombacher

Ushers—Don Arntsen, Dale Klingensmith, Ed Dolan,
 Don Nahumck
Altar Guild—Gerry Presser and Sharon Jacintho



Our Saviour Lutheran Church
1640 Genesee Street
Utica, New York 13502

THE MESSENGER

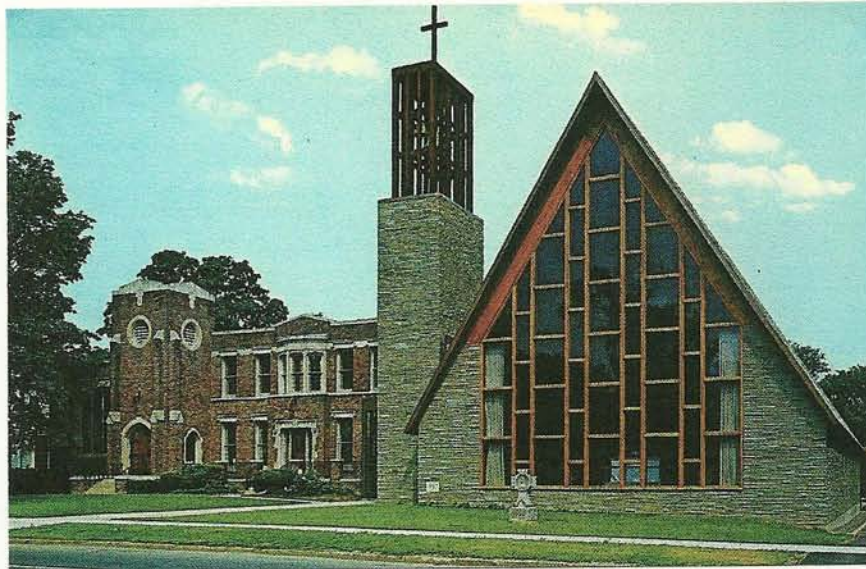
Vol. 11, Issue 9

Rev. Anita Mohr, Pastor

Join Us for Worship

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.*