

# ***THE MESSENGER***

## **Our Saviour Lutheran Church**

### **April 2014**

#### *From the Pastor—*

Easter is April 20th. On that day Our Saviour does its best to celebrate that Jesus has risen from the dead. We celebrate because we know that “Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness, and life is stronger than death.” These are the words of hymn 721 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book. They are the words of Desmond Tutu—who was an Anglican bishop in South Africa during apartheid. If Jesus rose from the dead after the powers of this world did their best to destroy him, if Desmond Tutu can write those words when the South African government granted him no rights, if the South African government can change from oppression to freedom—we need to celebrate! We need to let the world know that we believe that God’s power for good in this world conquers evil.



So, Easter Saturday, Our Saviour will be full of people coming and going. Easter lilies will be placed. Music will be rehearsed. Banners will be hung. Children will gather for a fun day. They will learn about Easter. They will make a craft. They will color Easter Eggs. They will laugh and play.



So, Easter morning the Congregation Council will begin with Easter breakfast at 8:30. It is a good time to gather. It is good to see each other. The food is good too. Come and be with us.



So, at 10 am will gather for worship. The choir will sing. The instruments will play. It is always better when the place is packed. Invite your friends to join us. Tell them that you believe that goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate, light is stronger than darkness and life is stronger than death. Tell them that you want to gather with others who believe it too.

So, on April 26th some of us will gather to cook. We will make meals so that Your Neighbors can given them away to people in our community who are hungry. This is another way we say to the world that goodness is stronger than evil.

Our Saviour is a place where we celebrate that goodness is stronger than evil. I am so proud of us! In so many ways we give of ourselves so the celebration continues to go on. We sent ourselves with Sally Townsend to Guatemala to care for people we do not know. As I write other people we do not know are celebrating sobriety in our gym. When the Congregation Council meets we read the Bible, we pray and when we get stuck we pray some more. During Lent Gerry Presser cooks so that all of us can gather and eat. So many of us give of our time and energy to make worship happen on Sunday morning. I know that I can count on your prayers when I need them.

At Our Saviour our very way of being celebrates that Goodness is stronger than evil.

*Pastor Anita*



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**REMINDER—please mark your calendars.**

**The deadline for the May 2014 issue of  
The Messenger is April 15, 2014.**

**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](mailto: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.

# Congregational Ministries

## Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014  
8:30—9:30 am



Members of our Congregation Council will prepare and share breakfast. Join with others to share in the Easter celebration and share the Resurrection good news, "He is Risen."

Invite a friend to Worship!  
Share the Easter story!

## JAM Jesus and Me Time

Each Sunday during worship a JAM time is offered for all children during worship. Children are invited to leave worship after the Children's sermon time to go with one of our JAM leaders and learn about Jesus and Bible lessons for the day. April JAM leaders are Liz and Kenny Douglass.



## Easter Fun Day!



WELCOMING ALL CHILDREN  
SAUTRDAY, APRIL 19, 2014  
TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED  
OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us to learn about EASTER.  
Join us for a time of fun—some craft making  
and some Easter egg coloring.

Watch for more information in the  
Sunday Worship bulletin



## HELPING YOUR NEIGHBORS

Join us on Saturday, April 26

Prepare and package meals for the  
Your Neighbors program.

Your Neighbors is dedicated to providing quality service and support to people who are frail, elderly or have a disability in their home setting. Program Volunteers offer friendly visits, telephone reassurance, medical appointment transportation, supplemental frozen meals, and shopping services. Your Neighbors is an affiliate of LutheranCare in Clinton and is supported by the community.

A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or speak with Betty Gallup.

# Congregational Ministries

## Spring Clean-Up Day

IS COMING APRIL 26!



Please come and help to clean-up and fix-up our church both inside and out. There will be a list of jobs we want to accomplish. Volunteers with all skill levels and of all ages are welcome to join the FUN!! Come for an hour—come for the day. Sign up in the Narthex.



Refreshments help to fortify and energize.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex. For questions contact Jim Lenahan, 859-0747 / 723-2270 or Clare Thiem, 853-1933.

## Have you heard the news??



We now have a portable sound system to help us provide better sound for special events not held in the church proper

(sanctuary). It has already been put to good use in the gym and the Keller Room.

Please see Clare Thiem if you would like more information.



Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

**Central Crossroads Conference  
Women of the ELCA  
Spring Assembly  
Saturday, May 3, 2014  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Verona**

**9:30am—3:00pm  
Program & Lunch—10am—3pm  
Sign-up on the bulletin board in the  
Narthex or in the hallway near exit.  
Cost \$6.00 at the door**

Program for the day will be the Keys Music Program, a nonprofit children's charity that delivers music, hope and smiles to kids battling cancer, and those in need of healing through music outreach, education and advocacy. Come and join women from congregations around central New York for learning, fellowship, and worship. Sign-up in Narthex.

# Supporting God's work through our giving.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

January 2014

		2013				2013			
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI			BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI
INCOME		\$ 96,771	\$153,106	58.2%					
EXPENSES		<u>\$176,985</u>	<u>\$157,464</u>	-11%					
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS		(\$ 80,214)	(\$ 4,358)						
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS									
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING</b>	\$ 0    \$ 0	(\$ 80,214)	(\$ 4,358)						
		2013				2014			
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI	January	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI	
INCOME		\$ 8,064	\$ 8,659	7%		\$ 8,064	\$ 8,716	8%	
EXPENSES		<u>\$14,749</u>	<u>\$22,628</u>	53%		<u>\$ 14,749</u>	<u>\$ 13,890</u>	-6%	
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS		(\$ 6,685)	(\$13,969)			(\$ 6,685)			
INVESTMENT INCOME									
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING</b>	(\$6,685)    (\$13,969)	(\$86,899)							

**NOTES:** Current month: Our income WAS 8.1 % ABOVE estimate and our expenses are 5.8% BELOW budget.  
We were \$5,174 in the RED for the month of January.

Last Year: We had a deficit of \$4,358. This was including the withdrawal of \$30,000 from our

Information provided by Paul Douglass, Treasurer

## TREASURER'S REPORT

February 2014

		2013				2014			
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI.	THRU January	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI	
INCOME		\$ 8,064	\$ 8,659	7%		\$ 8,064	\$ 8,716	8%	
EXPENSES		<u>\$14,749</u>	<u>\$22,628</u>	53%		<u>\$ 14,749</u>	<u>\$13,890</u>	-6%	
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS		(\$ 6,685)	(\$13,969)			(\$ 6,685)	(\$13,969)		
		2013				2014			
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI	February	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI	
INCOME		\$ 8,064	\$ 8,766	9%		\$ 8,805	\$ 7,210	-18.1%	
EXPENSES		<u>\$14,749</u>	<u>\$ 9,688</u>	-34%		<u>\$ 15,514</u>	<u>\$17,246</u>	11.2%	
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS		(\$ 6,685)	(\$ 922)			(\$ 6,709)			
INVESTMENT INCOME			\$30,000				\$ 0		
<b>TOTAL OUTSTANDING</b>	(\$13,369)    (\$ 4,891)	(\$13,394)	(\$15,210)						

**NOTES:** Current month: Our income WAS 18.1 % BELOW estimate and our expenses are 11.2% ABOVE budget.  
We were \$10,036 in the RED for the month of February.

Year to Date: Our income is 85.6% below estimate and our expenses are 2.9% ABOVE plan.  
We are currently \$15,210 in the RED based on our budget.

Information provided by Paul Douglass, Treasurer

# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 13 @ 10:00AM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
THURSDAY, APRIL 17  
@ 7:00PM**

**Communion and Foot-washing**



**GOOD FRIDAY  
FRIDAY, APRIL 18 @ 7:00PM**

**RESURRECTION OF OUR  
LORD**

**EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 20 @ 10:00AM  
Breakfast 8:30—9:30am**



## Oneida County Lifeworks April Activities



**CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT  
FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2014—6PM  
OUR SAVIOUR GYM**



**FAMILY DINNER NIGHT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014  
4:00—7:00PM**

### EASTER LILIES ORDER—DEADLINE IS APRIL 6, 2014

I wish to have the Altar Guild purchase a plant for the Easter Altar. (\$7.00 / plant—enclosed donation). 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 Easter Sunday, or during the week following Easter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Deliver to a shut in.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will DELIVER a plant to a shut in \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of shut in)

# In the larger Lutheran Community



**SAVE YOUR CAN TABS!**

At this year's Upstate New York Synod Assembly, June 1—3, 2014 in Rochester, we will be collecting can tabs. The tabs will be recycled and the funds raised will support two ministries—Cherish All Children and the West Seneca, NY Recovery through Lutheran Disaster Response. Cherish All Children is a national Lutheran ministry of prayer, education, relationship-building, and action to prevent child sexual exploitation and supported by our synod's Women of the ELCA. In January 70 homes in W. Seneca were flooded.

Learning at the Crossroads

A program of the Central Crossroads Conference  
of the Upstate New York Synod—ELCA

Offering Workshops, Retreats, and Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow in Faith and Action

**LUTHERAN PERSPECTIVES IN HISTORY—Saturday, April 12, 2014 (9:30 am – 3:00 pm)** Cost \$20

Popular History teacher Tom Henry from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Baldwinsville will lead us in lively learning and discussion about how the Church regains its voice in the political environment of our nation. Place: Luther Memorial Church, N. Syracuse. Cost includes lunch.

**PRAYER RETREAT at VANDERKAMP, Cleveland, NY—Saturday, May 10 (9:30 am – 3:00 pm)** Cost \$35

A series of Bible stories and prayer experiences will guide you through a variety of prayer styles and experiences and provide a base for a journey with God. Questions: Call retreat leader Rev. Wheatley at 315-243-7121.

Checks payable to "**Central Crossroads Conference**" and mail to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 435 S. Main St., N Syracuse, NY 13212. Registrations must be received by the Thursday before the workshop, and by Wednesday before the retreat. Cost includes lunch. Call 315.458.1481 or visit <http://LearningattheCrossroads.googlepages.com>.



**Open House**—Not familiar with Vanderkamp and the many opportunities there? Join us for our Open House events on April 27 and May 17.

**Spring Work Day**—Everyone is invited to come join us May 3 at 9am to help do a little "Spring Cleaning!" We'll be setting up our community garden, painting, taking out summer equipment, beginning water front set up and more! There is also some skilled work to do—carpenters, electricians, mechanics or plumbers invited. All are welcome.

**Short Term Experience in Mission**—From 4/21-4/23, we're bringing High School aged youth to Schoharie County to grow in faith, engage in fellowship, and make a difference helping a place that is still ravaged from the flooding several years ago. We hope to see you there.

**Summer Camp 2014**—registration is open. For information call 315-675-3651 or email us at [vkcenter@vk.org](mailto:vkcenter@vk.org). We also encourage you to visit our website at [www.vk.org](http://www.vk.org).

Syracuse University & SUNY ESF  
**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Expanding Minds, Deepening Faith, Inspiring Service

Tickets - \$30



**Sunday, May 4, 2014 4:00—7:00pm**  
**8th Spring Festival and Silent Auction**  
**Saint Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church**  
325 Waring Road, Syracuse  
4:00—Basket Bonanza  
5:00—Banquet      6:00—Program



Come and join us for this fun event that helps to support this important ministry that reaches out to college



students. For information call 315.251.4739 or [lutheran@syr.edu.com](mailto:lutheran@syr.edu)



# In the larger Lutheran Community



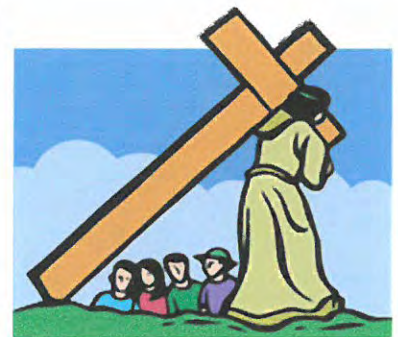
## Northeast Forum on Spirituality and Aging

### **PILGRIMAGE into the LAST THIRD of LIFE ON-LINE RETREAT**

The Northeast Forum on Spirituality and Aging, the older adult ministry program of the Upstate NY Synod, in partnership with the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church's Older Adult Ministry is offering an on-line retreat. This program is both a spiritual growth and a team building opportunity providing private break-out room for discussion and exploration of the *last third of life* using the book, **Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life, Seven Gateways to Spiritual Growth.**

Join Rev. Brian McCaffrey, Chaplain at LutheranCare on any or all of the dates below via the internet. Information call 315.235.7125.

- April 2—Living In and Out of Community
- April 9—Prayer and Contemplation
- April 16—Redeeming Loss and Suffering
- April 23—Leaving a Legacy.



**Good Friday  
April 18  
Worship at 7:00pm**



### **YOU'RE INVITED**

**Monday, May 12, 2014, 4—9pm  
Western Turnpike Golf Club  
2350 Western Ave., Guilderland**

**2014 Resource Fair  
A Trade Show for Congregations**

**\$20 includes access to all:  
Vendors**

**Best Practice Information  
Break-Out Sessions with Experts  
Hors D'oeuvres**

**Door prizes and Giveaways!**

### **SEEDS OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY**



Throughout the month of April we will be collecting PASTA and SAUCE to be donated to the Seeds of Hope Food Pantry. Help us

build a wall of pasta and sauce in the Narthex at church. Contact Liz Douglass for more information.





# In our Community



## CHRIST IS RISEN

Join us for an  
**Easter Celebration and Concert**  
**April 5, 2014—7:00pm**  
**Tabernacle Baptist Church**  
**13 Clark Place, Utica, NY**

**Co-sponsored by**  
**Rescue Mission of Utica**  
**and**  
**Tabernacle Baptist Church**

Music provided by  
Mark Bolos & Band  
Soloist: David Ossenfort  
and local churches.



Have you been thinking about volunteering? Hospice patients and families in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties need you. Volunteer opportunities at Hospice and Palliative Care include helping patients and families in their home, offering bereavement support to grieving family members in person or on the phone, assisting the clerical staff, helping The Siegenthaler Center, or joining in a wide range of fundraising activities. To provide you with the needed skills, a free comprehensive training course is offered.



**Hospice Volunteer Training Dates**  
**Thursdays, April 24—May 22, 6—9pm at**  
**Hospice & Palliative Care in New Hartford**

Pre-registration and interview required by April 14.  
Contact Kate Doran, Volunteer/Bereavement Services  
Supervisor, at 315.735.6487, ext. 240 or at  
800.317.5661, or visit [www.hospicecareinc.org](http://www.hospicecareinc.org)



## **Your Neighbors Inc.** **Annual Garage Sale** **May 2 and 3, 2014—9am—3pm** **Our Saviour Lutheran Church**



*Your Neighbors will be holding its Annual Garage Sale on May 2 and 3 and are asking for your assistance. As you do your spring cleaning, or are sorting items you have accumulated, please set aside things you no longer need for the *Your Neighbors* sale. Your discarded items can become someone else's treasure. This is a large fundraiser for *Your Neighbors* and also a great way to pick up some bargains. *Your Neighbors, Inc.* is an affiliate of the Lutheran Home of Central New York.*

Sale items may be dropped off at the church Mon., April 28—Wed., April 30 between 9am and 3pm. Household items such as furniture, small appliances, baby items, home decor, toys and holiday decorations are good. For information or to schedule larger items to be picked up please call Sara Looman at 235-7149.

### **You can donate:**

- ◆ Household items
- ◆ Furniture
- ◆ Small household appliances
- ◆ Lawn and Garden Equipment
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Toys
- ◆ Games, puzzles, etc.

### **Please DO NOT Donate:**

- ◆ Clothing
- ◆ Luggage
- ◆ Sporting goods/equipment/bowling balls, winter sports items
- ◆ Computers or computer parts
- ◆ Christmas trees
- ◆ Appliances not in working condition.



**April 2014**  
**Worship each Sunday is at 10:00am**

	<b>April 13</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday April 17—7pm</b>	<b>Good Friday April 18—7pm</b>	<b>EASTER April 20</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>May 4</b>
<b>GREETER</b>	Liz and Paul Douglass	Pam Donovan	N / A	Sandy and Jim Lenahan	Alex Dudajek and Dennis Ready	Mary Ellen Riemenschneider and Pam Donovan
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Michael Robles	Joey Abraham	N / A	Anthony and Michael Robles	Anthony Robles	Joey Abraham
<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	TBA	Emily Donovan	John Andereck	Liz Douglass	N / A	Clare Thiem
<b>LECTOR</b>	TBA	Pam Donovan	Mary Tollerton	David Wilbur	N / A	Scott Donovan
<b>NURSERY</b>	Susan Morris	No Nursery	No nursery	No nursery	Liz Douglass	Judy Petroski
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Judy Sica and Susan Morris	N / A	N / A	Easter Breakfast 8:30—9:30am	Priscilla Dygert	TBA



**Coffee Hosts for April 6—** are Linda Roser and John Adasek.

**Ushers—**Scott Donovan, Dennis Ready, Jim Lenahan, Lou Lombard  
**Altar Guild—**Liz Douglass and Karen Wilbur



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He is risen!

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

*Worship at 10:00am*  
*Children's **Jesus and Me (JAM)***  
*time during worship*

***Easter Worship—April 20***

*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.*