



THE MESSENGER

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

June 2014

From the Pastor,

*“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.
This is the Spirit of truth...”*

These are Jesus’ words to the gathered disciples just before Jesus’ arrest and crucifixion. You can just imagine the tension in the room that night. The disciples were wondering what was going to happen next. Jesus tells them that the Advocate is coming – the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be with them forever. They can count on it!

In some ways we might be like those disciples in these days. Our Church Secretary has left. We are working on knowing for sure what kind of replacement or different kind of arrangement we will have in her absence. In the meantime, we are feeling alone and wondering what will happen next.

June 8th is the last Sunday for our music leader. We have loved having Anthony with us! He is gifted! He is wonderful to work with! He has understood and led us toward new music. We will miss both him and Sarah – his soon to be wife. They are leaving us to go on a medical/mission trip to India for a year. We are proud of the work they will be doing there. We will miss them and it is scary for us to lose a really good musician. We worry we will not find another one.

Anthony’s leaving is a good example of what Jesus is talking about to the disciples. It happens that Anthony’s last Sunday here will be Pentecost – the Sunday that we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit – the One that Jesus promised would come. We will not be left alone. Jesus will see to it. The Holy Spirit will come. Even the best of musicians are not Jesus. Jesus promises us that the Holy Spirit will be with us forever.

Marian Arntsen is retiring from organizing the Coffee Hosts before and after worship. We all know what a gift she has been to us. She is VERY regular in finding the hosts. She has been good at helping new people to learn this task. She is the best thank you note writer we have ever known. We will miss Marian’s very important hospitality work at Coffee Organizing.

I am guessing that my breast cancer diagnosis has caused some folks some anxiety as well. Two surgeries later and the anticipation of more serious surgery on June 4th makes the anxiety rise. I plan to take most of the month of June for recovery.

Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will be with us forever. It is this promise that we can trust.

Here are some signs that Jesus continues to be with us: Our new organist will begin on June 15th. The Worship and Music Committee has heard him play and spent time getting to know him. He is talented and you will hear more about him later.

We have people lined up to lead worship while I am away. I plan to spend the time away both recuperating and doing some longer term thinking about what comes next for Our Saviour. I know that the Holy Spirit has plans for us! I want to give the Holy Spirit a little time to whisper them in my ear while I am not doing the busy/busy stuff I usually do. I plan to come back full of plans for what comes next. You best be ready.

**Our Saviour Annual Congregation Meeting
Sunday, June 8 immediately following the
10:00am worship service.**

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REMINDER—please mark your calendars.
The deadline for the July-August 2014 issue of
The Messenger is June 15, 2014.
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
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.

Oneida County Lifeworks, peers helping peers build bridges to new lives, connecting people through enhancement of personal recovery, providing a safe, drug & alcohol free environment, providing local community resource guidance and enhancing life and social skills through peer to peer generated programs and support. Program offices are located at Our Saviour on the 2nd floor.

Congregational Ministries

Annual Congregation Meeting

Sunday, June 8, 2014

following worship.

Look for copies of the annual report in the Narthex.

Come, Holy Spirit!



During the summer months our choir takes a break. If you would like to share your musical talents please talk with a member of the Worship and Music Committee or our organist.

Property



With the advent of warmer weather and spring rains the church lawn begins to grow and needs regular mowing. The front garden also will need weeding from time to time. If you can help to keep Our Saviour looking good by mowing or gardening, please contact Jim Lenahan or Clare Thiem.

Property Committee
Jim—723-2270
Claire—859-1933



PENTECOST FLOWER ORDER—DEADLINE IS JUNE 2, 2014

I wish to have the Altar Guild purchase a plant for the Pentecost Altar. (\$3.50/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 10:00a.m. 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)

Supporting God's work through our giving.

TREASURER'S REPORT

April 2014

	2013			THRU March	2014		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI
INCOME	\$32,257	\$30,141	- 7%		\$ 35,220	\$26,714	-24%
EXPENSES	<u>\$58,995</u>	<u>\$49,047</u>	-17%		\$ 62,057	<u>\$44,138</u>	-29%
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS	(\$26,738)	(\$18,906)			(\$26,837)	(\$17,424)	
	2013			THRU April	2014		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI		BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARI
INCOME	\$ 8,064	\$ 9,628	19%		\$ 8,805	\$ 9,983	20%
EXPENSES	<u>\$14,749</u>	<u>\$14,921</u>	1%		\$15,514	<u>\$13,038</u>	-16%
OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS	(\$ 6,685)	(\$ 5,293)			(\$ 6,709)	(\$ 3,055)	
INVESTMENT INCOME		\$30,000			\$ 0		
TOTAL OUTSTANDING		(\$24,199)			(\$33,546)	(\$20,479)	

NOTES Current month: Our income is 20% ABOVE estimate and our expenses are 16% BELOW budget. We were \$3,055 in the RED for the month of April. Our actual pledged envelope giving was 7.04% ABOVE what was pledged.

Year to Date: Our income is 16.6% below PROPOSED INCOME & our EXPENSES are 26.3% below what was proposed. We are currently \$20,479 in arrears due to unbalanced budget.

Information presented by Paul Douglass, Treasurer

Thank yous!

A very special thank you to Marian Arntsen for her many, many years as our Coffee Host Coordinator. Marian has done a superb job of not only providing volunteers for our refreshments, but also keeping in touch with many members of our congregation in the process. She will retire at the end of June.

Thank you, Marian.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Please join us in welcoming Richard Bostick on Sunday, June 15 as our new church organist.

YOUR NEIGHBORS MEAL PACKING—Your Neighbors, Inc. currently has 250 clients they are providing meals for—people recently out of the hospital and/or homebound who are not able to shop or prepare meals for themselves. **SATURDAY, JUNE 21 AT 10:00AM we will gather in the church kitchen to pack meals for this program.** Gerry Presser is cooking the main dish. Vegetables and desserts that can be frozen are needed as well as folks to help pack. Financial donations are also appreciated. Questions—call Betty Gallup, 941-2566.



Thank you, Bernice Roupp, for your wonderful donation to Our Saviour of the lovely Nativity Set.

THANK YOU to Anthony Marris for sharing his musical gifts with us as our organist for the past year. Anthony's last Sunday will be June 8.



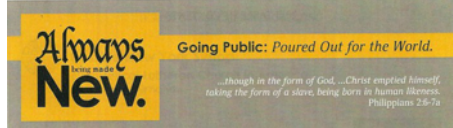
In the larger Lutheran Community



Do you know someone who could use a Helping Hand? LutheranCare Helping Hands Companions can come to your home to help with housekeeping, laundry and cooking, while offering companionship. We provide transportation and run errands. For those caring for a loved one at home we can provide respite. Services are available in Oneida and Herkimer Counties as well as parts of Madison and Lewis Counties. Care is available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, with insured, bonded and compassionate staff. Long term commitments not required. For more information call Kathy Leslie, (315) 235-7196.



The Upstate New York Synod—ELCA holds its 27th annual Synod Assembly in Rochester



June 1—3, 2014. Liz and Paul Douglass and Pastor Anita Mohr are our voting members. Also attending will be Mark Betley, Emily Donovan and Patsy Glista. Emily will be serving as one of the 'Youth at Assembly' staff.

They will gather with nearly 500 to explore how through the waters of baptism our lives are defined by the metaphor of being poured out in love and service to the world. ELCA Churchwide Representative, the Rev. Wm. Chris Boerger will bring greetings. Attendees will elect a bishop and many other Synod Council positions. They will consider resolutions for the 2015 Mission Proposal and Malaria.

Attendees attend to synod business, attend workshops, visit the Mission Faire, celebrate the Eucharist and gather in fellowship. Please keep all those attending the assembly in prayer.



“...though in the form of God, ...Christ emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.”
Philippians 2:6-7a

Seeds of Hope

Thank you, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, for your continuing support of Seeds of Hope Food Pantry. And a special thanks for your generous donations of cash and/or non-perishable food items during March and April when we were working on the Feinstein Foundation's 17th Annual \$1 Millions Giveaway to Fight Hunger. This year our total collection was \$4,585.00 in cash and checks and 1,947 pounds of food, the largest totals we have collected in the three years we have participated in the challenge. Of this total Curves of Utica gave 600 pounds of food and \$285 in cash and checks. You may have seen the picture in the May 14 Observer Dispatch that highlighted their gift. The rest was from you and from the other three Partner Churches who help to operate Seeds of Hope. This outpouring of generosity has been an inspiration to me and to all of our volunteers.



Thank you.
Bill Pfeiffer,
Chair of the Steering Committee

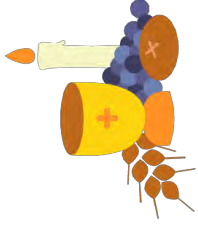
CELEBRATE WORLD REFUGEE SUNDAY JUNE 22, 2014



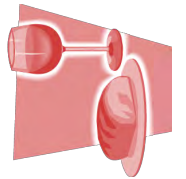
In 1939, Lutherans all across the United States banded together to reach out to assist Lutheran refugees fleeing Nazi Germany. Creating Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) to organize their efforts, they welcomed these new Americans and walked with them as they began their new lives in the United States. 75 years later, LIRS has directly resettled over 500,000 migrants and refugees in the U.S. extending the love and hospitality of this great nation.



June 2014
Worship each Sunday is at 10:00am



	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29	July 6
GREETER	Liz and Paul Douglass	Sandy and Jim Lenahan	Mary Ellen Riemenschneider and Dennis Ready	Pam Donovan and Alex Dudajck	Sandy and Jim Lenahan
ACOLYTE	Anthony Robles	Joey Abraham	Michael Robles	Joey Abraham	Michael and Anthony Robles
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	N/A	John Andereck	N/A	Patsy Glista	Liz Douglass
LECTOR	N/A	Pam Donovan	N/A	Mary Tollerton	Dave Wilbur
NURSERY	Judy Petroski	Katherine and Kathy David	Sue Arntsen	Liz Douglass	Susan Morris
Coffee Hosts	Judy Sica and Susan Morris	Linda Roser and John Adasek	Charlotte Williams and Barb Magnusson	Willie Bach and Jan Dudajek	TBD



Coffee Host for June 1
 is Priscilla Dygert

Ushers—Betty Gallup, Liz Douglass, Linda Roser, and Bev Lombard
Altar Guild—The Andereck Family

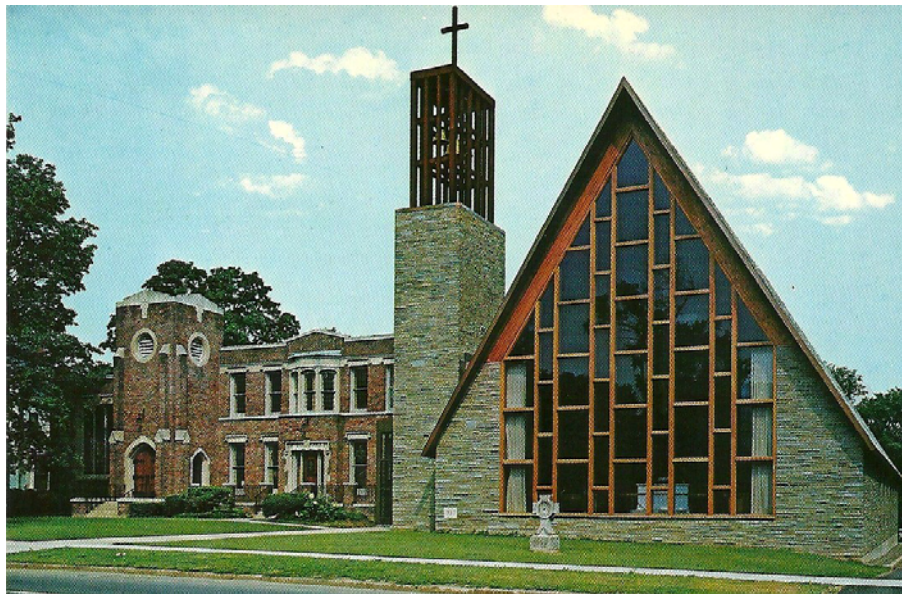


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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

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