

THE MESSENGER



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Newsletter

August 2016

From the Pastor...

In the fall of 1835 announcements went out about a meeting of abolitionists at Second Presbyterian Church on Bleecker St. In Utica, New York. 600 people attended that meeting on October 21, 1835. It was disrupted by a group of people who believed the abolitionists were fanatics. The abolitionists were invited to reconvene in Peterboro, NY.

A few weeks ago, Mark and I visited the Abolitionist Hall of Fame in the building where they met in Peterboro. I was really inspired by these abolitionists. It takes a special kind of person to look around them at what much of the world thinks is ordinary and natural and the way it has always been and say to themselves that it is time for change and they will participate in the change.

I want to invite you to a little trip with me to Peterboro. David Cleaver-Bartholemew, the new pastor at Zion, and I are thinking this is a great mixer for our two congregations. Mark and I also discovered that what seems to be the only store in Peterboro also has homemade pie and ice cream. Really how can you resist an invitation like this one!

Beyond it being a fun trip, I am thinking that it has the possibility of reminding us of what really big ideas - what signs that the Kingdom of God is here among us - can come from Utica - from us who believe that God goes with us. We know that slavery did not end because of one meeting. We know that it took a great deal of work and courage.

As the Gospel of Luke walks us through the life of Jesus in our Gospel readings this summer, it will be a good time for us to be inspired to by ones who also looked around their world and wondered how they might participate in Kingdom of God.

It is so easy for us to look around ourselves and see the incredible violence that seems to erupt in every corner of the world - at the violence that is done to children as Diane Klafehn encouraged us to see - at the disease that brings down so many lives. It is so easy for us to shake our heads and say that we are powerless to make a change. Well, those folks meeting at Second Presbyterian did not do that. They decided to take it upon themselves to change the world. This is the summer for hearing the stories of Jesus and wondering what part of Jesus' ministry belongs to us. This is the summer for us to commit ourselves to the ways of God in the world anew.

In your service folder each Sunday is a list of what Luke tells us Jesus' ministry was all about. I would be only too happy to hear from you as you consider those ministries. I would be only too happy to hear how you have been inspired to change the world like those 600 abolitionists. God continues to work in us. As Martin Luther says "the Kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer but..." The Kingdom of God comes and you and I get to participate.

Pastor Anita

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Income/Expenses: January 1, 2016 to July 21, 2016

				2016 Total
Categories	Q1	Q2	Q3	
Expense total	(\$38,861)	(\$34,973)	(\$3,758)	(\$77,592)
Employees	(\$26,251)	(\$27,121)	(\$2,757)	(\$56,129)
Utilities	(\$5,207)	(\$2,612)	(\$406)	(\$8,224)
Property	(\$2,892)	(\$943)	(\$96)	(\$3,931)
Insurance	(\$1,621)	(\$1,321)		(\$2,942)
Office Supplies	(\$1,187)	(\$870)	(\$500)	(\$2,557)
Worship & Music	(\$851)	(\$965)		(\$1,816)
Congregational Life	(\$546)			(\$546)
Continuing Education		(\$520)		(\$520)
Pastor's Fund		(\$300)		(\$300)
Synod Convention		(\$244)		(\$244)
Webmaster	(\$175)			(\$175)
Kitchen Supplies	(\$113)			(\$113)
Youth Fund		(\$78)		(\$78)
Seeds of Hope	(\$18)			(\$18)
Expense, one-time total	(\$8,100)			(\$8,100)
Payroll correction, 2014	(\$4,023)			(\$4,023)
Certified Public Accountant	(\$3,063)			(\$3,063)
Payroll correction, 2015	(\$814)			(\$814)
NYS Unemployment Insurance	(\$200)			(\$200)
Income, one-time Total		\$5,194	\$1,532	\$6,726
Ambit Refund		\$95		\$95
IRS Tax Refunds		\$5,099	\$1,532	\$6,631
Income Total	\$33,234	\$33,620	\$6,690	\$73,545
Misc.	\$173	\$46		\$219
Dividends	\$852	\$1,001		\$1,853
Donations	\$32,209	\$32,573	\$6,690	\$71,473
Grand Total	(\$13,726)	\$3,842	\$4,464	(\$5,421)

Value as of 07/20/2016	
Vanguard Wellesley Fund Act 1	\$ 54,104.37
Vanguard Wellesley Fund Act 2	\$ 83,156.39
Total	\$ 137,260.76
Morgan Stanley	\$ 8,676.39

Ongoing YTD:	
Expenses YTD	(\$77,592)
Income YTD	\$73,545
Deficit/Surplus	(\$4,047)

Without one-time expense
and income

Meetings in August

**August 8th @ 7:00 PM
God's Work, Our Hands
Meeting at Zion**

**August 18th @ 6:30 PM
Congregation al Council Meeting**

August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of our members born in August! If the information below is incorrect in any way, either wrong or absent completely, please let the office know so that we can correct our records.

William Pomitcher	8/01
Elizabeth Douglass	8/02
Donald Arntsen	8/11
Susan Arntsen	8/11
Theoryn Dygert	8/11
Karen Williams	8/11
Vera Esper	8/12
Kathleen Schleicher	8/13
Kaija Aploks	8/15
Gabriella Carrier	8/17
Kayleigh Davis	8/20
Cynthia Andereck	8/21
Mikayla Smith	8/23
Helen Dudajek	8/24
Karl Rechsteiner	8/24
Kaitlyn Robles	8/27
Robinson Dygert	8/30

MEMORIALS

GIVEN BY	IN MEMORY OF
Willie Bach	Charles Bach
Jane Merry	Robert Stillwell

Prayer List

As you pray, please remember these people who we have been praying for on Sunday in your daily prayers:

Lorraine, Kari, Baby Trevor,
Baby Gavin, Gwen, Penny, Nate,
Shirley, Katherine,
Esther, Diane, Jeanine, Lorraine,
Eddie, Jay, Joe, Sue and Erica



• SENSIBLE SHOES •

WOMEN OF THE ELCA—UPSTATE NY SYNOD RETREAT
OCTOBER 28–29th, 2016

Hosted by Central Crossroads and Genesee Finger Lakes Conference Women
Christ the King Retreat Center, Syracuse

REFRESH—RENEW—REJOICE

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2016 FALL RETREAT

SENSIBLE SHOES

Co-hosted by Central Crossroads and Genesee Finger Lakes conferences.

"Come to me all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

You are invited to take a "sacred journey" with us. Bring sensible shoes and walk with the spirit as "we seek to create sacred space for God." Participants will have an opportunity to experience the spiritual disciplines described in the book "Sensible Shoes," by Sandra Garlough Brown. The retreat will include a dramatization of the book's characters, music, laughter, and discussion.

WHEN: October 28 and 29

WHERE: Christ the King Retreat Center, Syracuse, NY

COST: \$30 for those coming only on Saturday
\$75 for those who want to stay overnight at the retreat center
Both costs include breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Registration: Please send your name, contact information and check to Barbara Morey, 2140 Oak Orchard Road, Albion, NY, 14411, by **October 15, 2016**.

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MEMORIES FROM LAST YEAR





The 14th ELCA Churchwide Assembly will convene on Aug. 8-13, in New Orleans to discuss and make decisions about how to go about God's work as a church. This year the assembly will observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation under the theme "Freed and Renewed in Christ" and the accompanying tagline "500 years of God's Grace in Action."

Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- hear reports and review the work of churchwide organization officers, leaders and units;***
- receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;***
- elect a new ELCA vice president, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws;***
- establish ELCA policy;***
- worship together;***
- adopt a budget; and***
- conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.***

The assembly will be streamed live on the churchwide assembly website. To learn about the assembly, preview the pre-assembly reports or to watch the livestream, click

<http://www.elca.org/churchwideassembly>

CONGREGATION OUTINGS

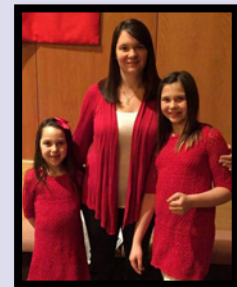
Dear Members,

Growing up in this congregation, I have very fond memories of the outings **that involved my church "family". Whether it was VanderKamp, the Volleyball Marathon** or a simple picnic, the act of being together outside of a church service reinforced many of the ideals conveyed in sermons as a child. I cherish the memories of bowling with Mel Merry and seeing him at his farm with the cows. I knew that I could count on him in church for a smile but being together outside of church made me realize that I could count on him in situations outside as well. Raising my children in the same **church, I see relationships that are developing with their own "Mels". I had originally approached Pastor with the thought that I'd like to get the youth together once a month.** Now, as I look back at my time and experiences as a youth at Our Saviour, my thoughts would be to have **"Congregation Outings" instead of "Youth Outings"**.

Beginning in August, I would like us, as a congregation, to get involved in activities or outings outside of the walls of 1640 Genesee Street.

I have planned our first outing for Monday, August 29th from 5pm - 8pm at the Utica Zoo. Admission is free that night! (Because parking is often an issue, please try to be there early)

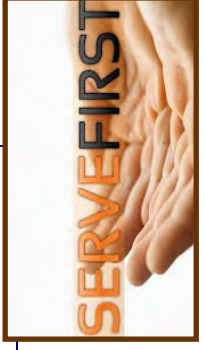
Morgan, Mia and I hope to see you there! -Karyn Russo





August 2016 Serving in Worship

	August 7 Pentecost 12	August 14 Pentecost 13	August 21 Pentecost 14	August 28 Pentecost 15	September 4 Pentecost 16	September 11 Pentecost 17
Greeters	Barbara Magnusson & Mary Ellen Riemenschneider	Barbara Dolan & Willie Bach	Jim & Sandy Lenahan	Ed & Barbara Dolan	Katherine David Norris Ellinwood	Pam & Scott Donovan
Acolytes	Anthony Robles	Joey Abraham	Michael Robles	JT Passolt	Anthony Robles	Joey Abraham
Worship Assistant	Barbara Godbey-Miller	NA	Peter French	NA	Liz Douglass	NA
Lector / Reader	Liz Douglass	NA	Barbara Magnusson	NA	Sandy Lenahan	NA
Coffee Hosts	None assigned	Gerry Presser Sharon Jacintho	The McCulloughs	None Assigned	Judy Sica Susan Morris	Sandy Lenahan Mary Ellen Riemenschneider



Ushers—Bev & Lou Lombard
Altar Guild—Gerry & Paul Presser
JAM Time Leader—Sally Townsend



August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3pm Our Saviour at Hope House	2	3 Pastor's Sabbath	4	5	6
7 10:00 Trad. Worship 11:15 Bible Study	8 God's Work Meeting 7PM at Zion	9 10am Bible Study	10 Pastor's Sabbath	11	12	13
14 10:00 Kairos Worship 11:15 Bible Study 2:00pm Fred David Memorial Service	15	16	17 Pastor's Sabbath	18 630 pm Congregation Council Meeting	19	20 Trip to the Abolitionist's Museum in Peterboro
21 10:00 Trad. Worship 11:15 Bible Study	22	23 10am Bible Study	24	25	26	27 Pastor & Mark begin vacation through 9/2/16
28 10:00 Pastor Jerge 10:00 Kairos Worship	29 Congregation Outing to Utica Zoo (Free Admission) 5PM—8PM	30	31			

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Reminder—
Please mark your calendars.

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Be sure that your group's upcoming
events are included. All members of
the congregation are welcome to
submit information for the monthly
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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.

Healthy Relationships Group Meetings which provide a place for people who are HIV positive to network and learn about the latest trends in treatment are held at our church sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Center for Family Life and Recovery, Inc, An instructional program that creates a community mind-set where individuals and families embrace sustained recovery from mental health, substance use and behavioral issues. CFLRI seeks to transform the lives of individuals and families by providing help and hope through advocacy, prevention, counseling and training. Program offices are located at Our Saviour on the 2nd floor.



Join Us for Worship

Worship at 10:00am

Jesus and Me (JAM) children's time

*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.*

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