

THE MESSENGER



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Newsletter

May 2017

FROM THE PASTOR

This Sunday our First Reading was this:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common, they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home, and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

What a wonderful description this is of the early Church! It is Our Saviour and it is what I hope for Our Saviour. "and distribute the proceeds to all as any had need..." is a description of what we have done in recent months. Since Christmas we have had ten funerals here at Our Saviour. Our Saviour showed up for all of them. We saw a need in people who were hurting and we were there. We brought food to and organized receptions after many funerals. We recognized the need of those among us who are hurting.

"Praising God..." In the midst of all the worries and sorrows of this world, we come together to praise God in this place.

We have eaten Gerry Presser's food with glad and generous hearts all through Lent. It is a joyful time. It is a good time for fellowship.

"All who believed were together..." It is Spring Clean Up Day. It is time together as well as hard work. When we finish it is a sign and wonder – the fresh smell of a newly cleaned up building – the neatly trimmed lawn – the little things that are touched up. It is time to get to know one another on a whole different level than coffee time on Sunday morning.

Here is what I hope – I hope for more folks in "devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching..." I believe it is the center of what we do here. It is Bible Study. If you have not joined a Bible Study Group – talk to someone who has. Ask them what it is like. Ask them what they are learning and what difference it makes in their lives.

"And day by day the Lord added to their number..." Yeah, we need to get together soon with some new folks who have been around for awhile. We need to find ways for them to be Our Saviour as regular members. We have some baptisms coming up. They are signs to us that God is adding to our number.

Acts is very clear that all of this is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is obvious to me here in our midst. I am looking forward to the ways that the Holy Spirit's activity brings new life among us.

Pastor Anita

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May 09,2017

From Larry;

Thank you to the Church of Our Saviour Lutheran. As many of you know I am occupying a space, I now feel comfortable calling my office. It's on the second floor, next to "Your Neighbors Inc." closet. I have been using this opportunity to develop a Recovery Coach and Peer Advocate Service. Although I am still in pursuit of NYS Certification, I have been forming relationships in the recovery community. I have also utilized these past few months to network and assist other agencies.

By the grace of the church, this has been without formal arrangements. I believe we are now making the necessary changes that will, hopefully, benefit us all. I have been shoveling the walks since I started this endeavor, and look forward to doing so again. I have now agreed to mow the churchyard and other grounds work as needed.

I will also be opening on Sunday mornings for worship service. I shall be glad to start coffee as I recall Ed used to, it will be nice to think of him.

Again I thank you all for this opportunity as I strive to carry the message to those that still suffer. Please know you have helped me by way of which I wish to help others.

Be Well,

Larry

**Meetings in May
Council Meeting
May 18, 2017
7 pm In Pastor's
Office**

**Your Neighbors Inc.,
an affiliate of
Lutheran Care of CNY**

Mark your calendar for future
Your Neighbors events-

Saturday June 24, 2017 –
Your Neighbors Chicken
Barbeque at Zion Luther-
an Church

Sunday Sept 10, 2017

12:30 pm Grand Friends
Event Harts Hill Inn.

*Volunteers and baskets for
basket raffle are need
now to help with plan-
ning.*

A Thank you Note

The Dygerts and family wish to express their gratitude to Pastor Anita and the fellowship of Our Saviour Lutheran Church. During one of the darkest periods of our lives, it was Our Saviour who blessed us all, in so many ways, with some of God's light. With all of your kind expressions of sympathy, prayers, donations, time spent and the food provided, we were granted a wonderful showing of love and compassion. We cannot list individuals here, because there were so many, but please be assured that each and every one of you is appreciated and thanked from the bottom of our hearts.

May God bless you and keep you always,

The Dygerts

Bryan Dygert's family: wants to honor his memory by passing on good deeds and has cards available for use in the "I Got You" campaign memorial in his honor.





AT THE PORTAL

2017

**BRYAN DYGERT
4/14/2017**

**DOLORES READY
4/23//2017**

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of our members born in May. 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.

**Linda Allen May 21
Jim Adasek May 23
John Adasek May 23
Jan Dudajek May 23
Karen Wilbur May 23
Paul Dudajek May 25**

Prayer List

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

Baby Gavin, Jane, Kari,
Gwen, Nate, Lorraine,
Joe, Eddie, Jay, Rita, Bev,
Dolores, Sharon, Janie,
Bonnie, Steven, Kristen, Bea,
Judy, Sharon, Dennis,
Paul, Jr, Lilyann, Marilyn,
Michelle, John, Owen



GIVEN IN MEMORIAL

DONATED	IN HONOR OF
JANE MERRY	JOSEPH SKANE
JANE MERRY	ARNOLD RECHSTEINER
JANE MERRY	BETH BOSHART
RODGER ROBERTS	ARNOLD RECHSTEINER
BETTY GALLUP	BRYAN DYGERT
SEYMOUR & SUSAN	
MORRIS	BRYAN DYGERT
PAUL & GERRY PRESSER	BRYAN DYGERT
GORDON & KRISTEN	
TIBBITTS	ARNOLD RECHSTEINER
JANE MERRY	BRYAN DYGERT
JANE MERRY	DOLORES READY
MORGAN RUSSO	BRYAN DYGERT
MIA RUSSO	BRYAN DYGERT
ROSS TIBBITTS	ARNOLD RECHSTEINER

Reformation Music Celebration

On **Sunday, May 21st at 4:00 pm**, King of Kings' organist, **Julia Tucker**, will play music of Buxtehude, Bach, Krebs and Walcha, as part of the congregation's celebration of "Reformation 500".

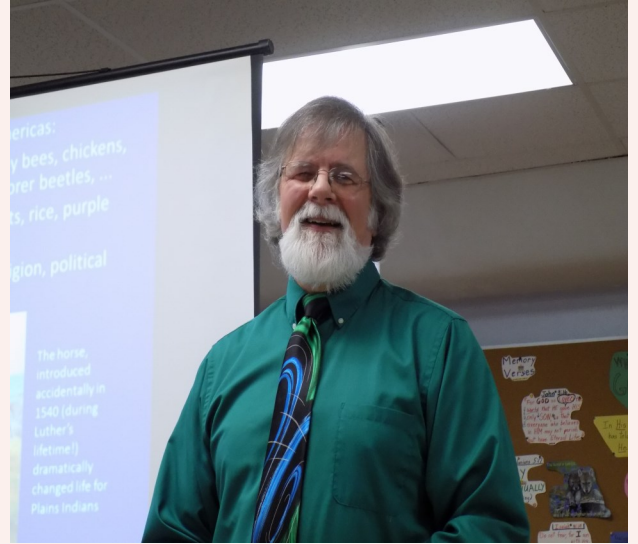
Julia is offering this concert before she leaves for Arizona this summer, as she continues her work as a doctoral student at Arizona State University, following her Masters in Organ Performance at S.U. this May.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this celebration of our Lutheran heritage. The concert will be about 45 minutes long, with refreshments to follow. King of Kings Lutheran Church is located at 8278 Oswego Road, Liverpool, NY 13090. Phone - 315.622.2077.



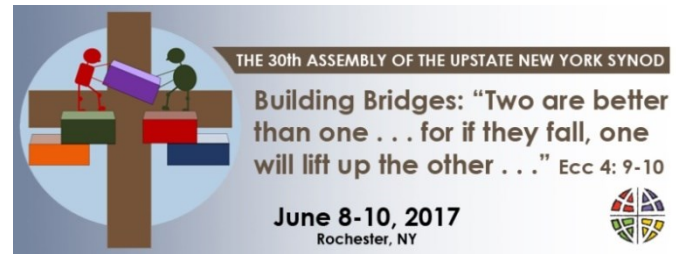
LUTHER LECTURE 4/29/17

Some nice photos of the Luther Lecture at Trinity



Save the Date

June 8, 9, and 10, 2017



Rochester Riverside Convention Center

**Upstate New York Synod's GLOCAL (Global + Local) event
is only three months away
and you're not going to want to miss it!**

The GLOCAL event and Upstate New York Synod Assembly are one and the same
June 8, 9, and 10, 2017 and **everyone** is invited to attend!

You can look forward to:

Educational materials

Internationally themed worship and music with a band of international musicians

Learning international dances

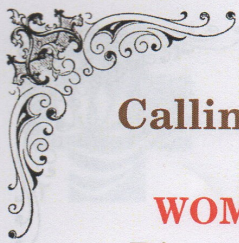
Interacting with dynamic keynote presenters on global and domestic mission and culture

Participating in skill-building workshops

Sharing meals with other Lutherans interested in mission

Learning ways to better practice "accompaniment" in your own congregation, the local community and across the globe.

Watch the Upstate Update for more information. **Subscribe by visiting <https://goo.gl/phJsPH>**. Registration information will be available in April. *All attendees must register for the event (except Global Café and Mission Expo which are free and open to all)*. Workshops will be offered during plenaries for non-voting attendees as well as during dedicated workshop times.



Calling All Bold Women - Delegates and Visitors!

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA - Upstate New York Synod
Biennial Convention - September 22-24th, 2017, Utica**

OUR HISTORY is OUR STRENGTH

**Celebrating the Centennial of Women's Suffrage
in New York State
& the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation**



FEATURING OUR GUESTS



Patti Austin

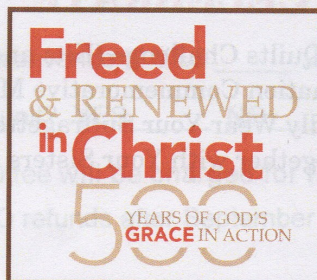
Churchwide President, Women of the ELCA

Bishop Emeritus Marie Jerge
Worship Leader and Preacher

**Peggy Lynn, Adirondack Folk Singer, Songwriter
and Educator** presenting her program
Singing for Suffrage!

Melanie Gibbons
Director, LWR Kits and Quilt Ministry

Pastor Pamela Hoh
Bible Study Leader and Chaplain





ReStore Spring and Garden Event Sale

Saturday - May 20th - 10^{am} - 6^{pm}

Sponsored by

Royal Landscape, The Tent Gallery

Royal Landscape will be offering
a sale

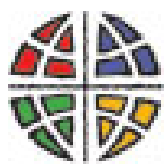
Huge Tent Sale



Office Furniture
Doors and Windows
Plumbing Fixtures
Building Supplies
And More

Habitat ReStore | 494 French
Road | restore@oneidacountyhabitat.org

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Dear friends in Christ,

We have much to celebrate as we complete the third year of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. Through the generosity of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America members and congregations, we reached \$113 million – 57 per cent – of our \$198 million, five-year goal, allowing us to strengthen and expand ministries across this church and around the world.

You are part of this amazing progress. In the 2016 Campaign [Report](#) and [video](#), you will get a glimpse of what your gifts and support have made possible so far.

Looking to the final two years of this campaign, we are encouraged by your continued involvement and [support](#). From growing work with our global companion churches to lifting up congregations and leaders in the United States, we have more to accomplish together. Thank you for joining us in this historic effort!

In Christ,

The Rev. Ronald T. Gluskamp
Director, *The Campaign for the ELCA*

May 2017 Serving in Worship

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28	June 4	June 11
Greeters	Wille Bach Liz Douglass	Jim & Sandy Lenahan	Katherine David Norris Ellin- wood	Scott & Pam Donovan	Bev & Lou Lom- bard	Ed & Barbara Dolan
Acolytes	Gavyn Burgdoff	Michael Robles	Joey Abraham	Anthony Robles	Gavyn Burgdoff	Joey Abraham
Worship Assistant	Clare Thiem	NA	Barbara Godbey– Mil- ler	Barbara Godbey-	Patsy Glista	NA
Lector / Reader	Pam Donavan	NA	Barbara Magnusson	Pam Donovan	Betty Gallup	NA
Coffee Hosts	Gerry & Paul Presser, Sharon Jacintho	Mary Ellen Rie- menschnaider, Sandy Lenahan	Garry Brom- bacher	Bev & Lou Lombard	None assigned	None assigned

May 2017

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	<p>1</p> <p><i>Survivor's 10am All R Welcome 6:30 pm Basketball 7:30pm</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Primary Purpose 12n Nurses 4:30pm All R Welcome 6:30pm</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>All R Welcome 6:30 pm Basketball 7:30pm</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Primary Purpose 12n Big Book 6:30 pm All R Welcome 6:30pm</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>All R Welcome 6:30 pm Basketball 7:30 pm</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>All R Welcome 6:30 pm</i></p>
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Reminder—
Please mark your calendars.

The deadline for the June 2017
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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.

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.



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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