

THE MESSENGER



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Newsletter

September 2017

From the Pastor

A number of years ago some friends took me out for my birthday. One friend asked what season of my life I thought I was in. Interesting birthday question if ever you need one. I said I thought I was in fall. I think of fall as the time of the year for harvest. It is the time after everything has been planted and has grown and changed over the summer and is ready to produce what it was meant to produce. I am still in that place.

Many of you know that I have surgery coming up - September 18. I am having a knee replacement. I am really looking forward to getting this done. I am looking forward to being able to walk like a normal person and my big goal is being able to squat like a catcher. I think of this surgery as giving me the ability to harvest what I am meant to be.

I'm also thinking of what is coming up in the coming months at Our Saviour and how they are intended to make us more able to do what we are intended to do. These are on my mind:

RACISM WORKSHOP - We are supporting a Racism Workshop at Zion next Saturday - September 16, from 9-3. This workshop is intended to gather some folks who want to think about and confront racism in our community. It is intended to send us out to do what we can do.

JUST MERCY — Some folks are reading "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. We will have a discussion group about this book at Our Saviour, October 1. This book was recommended to me by someone who said that it changed her life. I found it easy to read and really enlightening. It is a good one to have others to help us understand what we have read.

OUR SAVIOUR'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY — A group of people has been making plans for this celebration. We really want this to be a time to get together and celebrate who we are and what God has done in our midst. We are hoping to invite some folks who have not been around for awhile so that it also become a sort of reunion. Already we have heard that Pastor Priesinger is coming. Matthew Lenahan and Michael Douglass are coming. We have invited former pastors and interns and those who grew up at Our Saviour to be our guests.

JAM TIME LEADERS — met this week. Pam Donovan and I are planning to meet with the leader of the month to help make lesson plans for each week. We are excited about the possibilities of planning together and thinking together. We believe that Jesus will be in the midst of all the planning.

WELCA - meeting at Hotel Utica. This is a unique opportunity for us to take part in a Synod gathering of women without having to take the whole weekend or having the expense of staying overnight. See Liz Douglass for details - as well as other parts of this newsletter.

REFORMATION EVENT AT ZION — Check this newsletter for more details. We are celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with Zion, New Hartford, Trinity, Herkimer, St. Peter's Verona. September 23 is the event at Zion. The topic is Lutherans in the Mohawk Valley. It should be very interesting.

You are a fall people - full of plentiful gifts for the harvest! Feed yourselves well with these opportunities. God has made you to be amazing gifts to the world.

Pastor Anita

**Meetings in September
Council Meeting
Sept 28, 2017
7 pm**

Help Needed for Fall Clean up!!!



Saturday October 7, 2017

9am–3 pm

Everyone is invited to pitch in and make this a great day of fellowship and friendship in our church!

Our Saviour Lutheran Church is 50!

As most of you are aware, Our Saviour is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2017. Please hold the weekend of November 18 & 19 on your calendar for our Anniversary Celebration. Bishop Macholz will be joining us for an Anniversary Dinner on Saturday November 18th as well as worship on the 19th. More information will be published in Sunday bulletins as well as the monthly Messenger.

I respectfully request the following from the congregation:

Any and all memories (photos, clippings, bulletins) you may have that can be compiled into a slideshow

Special memories you'd like to share about Our Saviour, it's pastors and parishioners

Historical facts

Names and contact information for anyone you would want to see at these events

A box will be set up in the Narthex for these items. Please identify your items with name and phone number so they can be returned to you once they are captured digitally.

Thank you,
Barb Godbey-Miller
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Barbara Godbey–Miller has made beautiful copper crosses for the celebration. They are being sold at the exceptional value price of \$20.00 and there is a stock of them in the church office if you wish to purchase any. The proceeds will go to our celebration fund.



September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of our members born in September!
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.

Jaime Dudajek- Burgdoff	9/2
Lou Lombard	9/9
Cindy Wheeler	9/13
Donald Nahumck	9/13
Kristian Sierson	9/14
Roger Beiswenger	9/18
Pastor Anita Mohr	9/20

Prayer List

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

Baby Gavin, Kari, Gwen, Nate, Lorraine, Eddie, Janie, Bonnie, Steven, Kristen, Bea, Judy, Sharon, Dennis, Paul, Jr, Lily Ann, Marilyn, Bea, Jane M, Judith, Owen, Evelyn, Antonio, Sabrina, Tony, Charlotte Lee, Harold, Cheryl, Stephanie, Mike, Emily, Katie, Joe and John



Campus Ministry Sunday Celebration – October 1, 2017



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On behalf of our synod's five Campus Ministries I invite all congregations across the Upstate New York Synod to join in the first ever synod-wide Campus Ministry Sunday on October 1, 2017. As chaplains from these ministries met over the past year some of the questions we pondered were:

- How can Campus Ministries connect with youth in congregations as they plan for college?
- How do congregations stay connected with their students that head off to college?
- Campus Ministries experience the generations and encounter the ways that young adults experience faith and are impacting the world. How can this experience be shared with the larger church especially our congregations?
- What are the best ways to reach out to the young adults on our campuses who do not know Jesus Christ and his church?
How can we effectively help students bring God into the decisions they are making?
- How can congregations more readily engage with Campus Ministry?

Campus Ministry Sunday is an opportunity for your congregation to learn more and consider ways you can address the questions above. Resources are available to help congregations learn about Campus Ministry and promote and engage in activities for October. Resources posted on the synod website include prayers, bulletin inserts from each of our five (5) campus ministries, and a sample newsletter article that you can personalize for your celebration. Our campus ministry pastors stand ready to talk with you and to help you schedule a student or other representative to come to your congregation's event. Their contact information is listed below. If you can't do October 1st, pick any Sunday in October – the goal is a sharing of this amazing ministry in our midst.

The mission of campus ministry in the ELCA is to invite people in academic settings to engage more deeply with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples. It is not just a ministry for Lutherans. Our Campus Ministries are supported in part by your congregation's mission support to the synod, by ELCA dollars and through their own fundraising. Start planning now for a special time to explore how your congregation can interact with your nearest campus ministry.

In Christ,

John S. Macholz, Bishop



Snapshots of Parish Potluck Cookout August 20,2017

Photos courtesy of Mary and Victor Tollerton

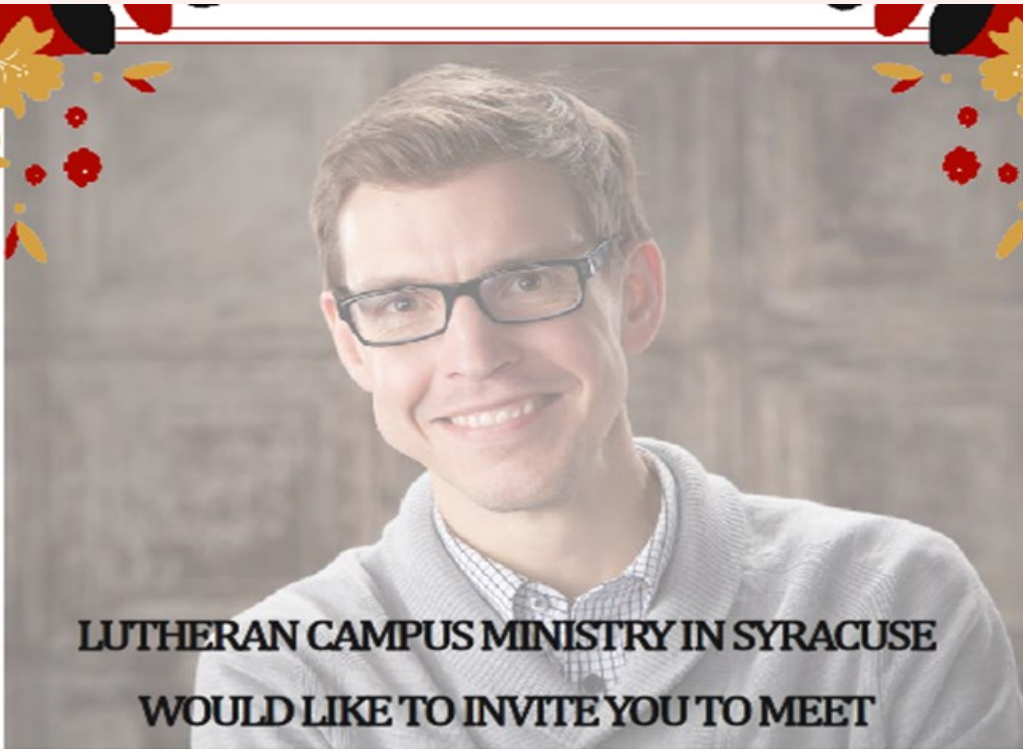






VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES--SEEDS OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY—

1. GUIDING and/or COORDINATING NUMBERS AND BREAD TABLE ON PANTRY DAYS:
We are open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 except for Thanksgiving week and on days that the Utica schools are closed due to weather. We need 4 to 6 people on each pantry day for 2.5 to 3 hours. Interested people should give their contact information to The Coordinator of Volunteers (Sonya Linakis) or to a coordinator in their home church (if your church does it that way). Assignments are made as needed or on a rotating basis. Need to arrive by 9:20 AM in time to get the guiding information you'll needed for consistent operation that day.
2. CLIENT CHECK IN ON PANTRY DAYS: Same general 2.5 to 3 hour requirements as above but these people perform the entry interview of each Head of Household who visits that day. This requires a good and friendly spirit and the asking of specific questioning and noting of the answers given. Volunteers are coordinated the same as above and we prefer to have at least 3 people registering each pantry day.
3. STOCKERS & CLIENT HELPERS ON PANTRY DAYS : Two or three people are needed to oversee the supply of food on the serving shelves and to help load clients' cars or carts as they exit. These folks also need to be ready to clean up spills and to provide help where needed.
4. TRUCK UNLOADERS ON ALTERNATE MONDAYS: FBCNY trucks deliver food orders on (roughly) alternate Mondays at a time between 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. We usually get our scheduled time the prior Friday or Saturday and call you. We need between 4 and 6 helpers each time depending upon the size of the delivery. The volunteers are coordinated by the Coordinator of Purchasing (Bill Wescott).
5. OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE COLLECTOR ON MONDAYS: Pick up surplus frozen food at the New Hartford store between about 11:15 AM each Monday and brings it to the pantry for storage in our freezers. Logistics of getting into the church and the pantry need to be arranged EACH TIME. An electronic report on the amount received needs to be filed within a day or two. (Bill Wescott and Bill Pfeiffer can do this.)
6. PANERA BREAD COLLECTIO ON TUESDAY NIGHT & WEDNESDAY AM: One or two people pick up surplus baked goods from the New Hartford store at 10 PM EACH TUESDAY NIGHT and takes it home, leaving it in the car. The product is delivered to Seeds of Hope about 9 AM on Wednesday for repackaging (with additional helpers) for Thursday's Pantry Day. It is a big help (but not vital) for the person(s) picking up can also help repackage the goods. This takes from 1 to 2 hours on Wednesday morning...many hands make light work.
7. PRICE CHOPPER BAKED GOODS COLLECTOR: These people picks up surplus baked goods from the Price Chopper in North Utica on Monday and Wednesday mornings by 9:15 AM and delivers this food to Seeds of Hope as soon as possible. A form is signed at Price Chopper each day. Logistics of getting into the church and pantry need to be arranged EACH TIME.
8. PRICE CHOPPER FROZEN MEAT and DAIRY/DELI SURPLUS COLLECTORS ON MONDAY AND FRIDAY: Coordinated by FBCNY through FEDING AMERICA, two or three people pick up this food at 9:30 AM each Monday and Friday at the nearby Price Chopper on Genesee St. and deliver it immediately to Seeds of Hope. The food is weighed, placed in our freezers and refrigerators, and a form is filled out and faxed to FBCNY.



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY IN SYRACUSE
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO MEET

THE NEW DEAN

REV. BRIAN KONKOL, ELCA

HONOR 2017 DISTINGUISHED DISCIPLES

REV. GUS WEDEMEYER

Ms. NANCY BADER



DATE:

OCTOBER 1ST 2017

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM



ENJOY:

**MUSIC, FINE FOOD,
STUDENT LEADERS AND
THE HONORING OF
DISTINGUISHED DISCIPLES**

AT

HENDRICKS CHAPEL

FREE PARKING NEAR THE CHAPEL AND HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

TICKETS : \$ 60

AVAILABLE AT YOUR CONGREGATION OR THROUGH LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY
(FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: GRIINA@SYR.EDU)

SUPPORT OUR MISSION TO WITNESS TO GOD'S GRACE ON CAMPUS!

Community Happenings

Symphonia Reformation Celebration

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 – 2:30 p

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Montgomery & Fayette Streets, Syracuse

Featuring Bach's Cantata No. 80 (*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*) and Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony

An open reception will follow the concert. Online discount tickets: 20% and the discount code is LUTHER500. The code is active now, so feel free to tell your congregations about it and begin purchasing tickets. I would encourage purchasing tickets sooner rather than later. St. Paul's seats 600 people and it is open seating (not reserved). The general public will also be purchasing tickets. You do not want to procrastinate and then not be able to attend because the concert is sold out.



“Building Homes, Communities & Hope

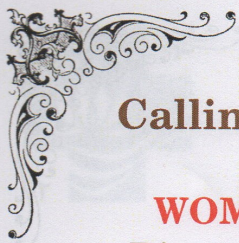
Oneida County Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, 494 French Road, Utica is seeking volunteers for the following tasks:

- ReStore truck driver
- Donations loader & unloader
- Donations coordinator
- Donation procurement
- Cashier
- Merchandise associate

To volunteer for any of the above tasks, please call the ReStore at 315-624-9010. Choose option 0 for “operator” and leave the following information:

- Your name
- Your e-mail address
- Your phone number

One of our Volunteer Coordinators will get back to you!



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

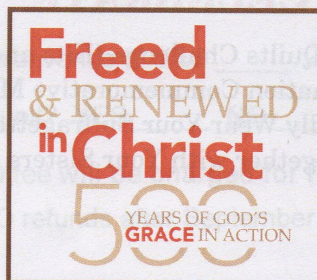
**Peggy Lynn, Adirondack Folk Singer, Songwriter
and Educator** presenting her program
Singing for Suffrage!

Melanie Gibbons

Director, LWR Kits and Quilt Ministry

Pastor Pamela Hoh

Bible Study Leader and Chaplain

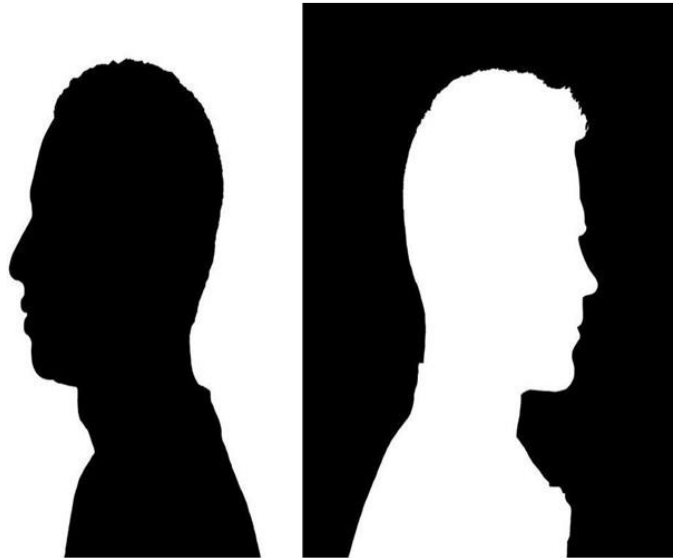


Happening at Zion Lutheran Church

What Stands Between Us?

The Issue of Race in America & Our Community

Workshop Hosted by: Patrick Johnson



Saturday, September 16th

9:00am-3:00pm

Zion Lutheran Church, 630 French Road, New Hartford

(Across from Utica College and the Corner of French and Burrstone Rds)

Donations Encouraged, but not Required.

Limit of 35 RSVP to: Nancy Grove 315-737-8621

**Have an honest conversation about race in America and in the Mohawk Valley
Explore what it means to be White, Black, Asian, Latino/a. What are your experi-
ences given the racial identity that you hold?**

What stands between us?

What are the unresolved issues that keep us disconnected?

REFORMATION LECTURE SERIES

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and Zion's 175th anniversary, our very own Jack Henke will be presenting a talk and facilitating a discussion on Lutheranism in the Mohawk Valley at Zion on Saturday, September 23 at 9:30 a.m. (we'll gather at 9:00 for refreshments). This looks to be a fascinating lecture and we all certainly know Jack's exceptional skill and passion when it comes to history! We encourage you to attend. Parts 1 & 2 of this lecture series were held at St. Peter's Lutheran in Verona and Trinity Lutheran in Herkimer, respectively. This 3rd part is independent of those two. The 4th and concluding lecture will be held at Our Saviour Lutheran on October 14.

Oktoberfest 2017 at Zion!

DATE & TIME: Friday, October 6 (6:00 – 9:00 PM)

PLACE: Zion Lutheran Church, 630 French Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413

Details of Event: Please save **Friday, October 6th (6:00 – 9:00 PM)** for fun at Zion's ***Oktoberfest!*** **Admission is free.** We will have German food (brats, sauerkraut, potato salad, desserts), beer tasting and other beverages, dancing by the Edelweiss Schuhplattlers, live and recorded music, and games. Most of the event will be inside, but if we happen to have a beautiful fall evening, we'll set up some areas outside. ***Please join Zion for a fun evening!***

Sept/Oct 2017 Serving in Worship

	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17	Sept 24	Oct 1	Oct 8
Greeters	Willie Bach and MaryEllen Riemen-schneider	Barbara Magnusson Liz Douglass	Jim and Sandy Lenahan	Ed and Barbara Dolan	Lou and Bev Lombard	Scott and Pam Donovan
Acolytes	Michael Robles	Gavyn Burgdoff	Joey Abraham	Anthony Robles	Gavyn Burgdoff	Joey Abraham
Worship Assistant	Barbara Godbey-Miller	N/A	Patsy Glista	N/A	Clare Thiem	N/A
Lector / Reader	Mary Tollerton	N/A	Scott Donovan	N/A	Betty Gallup	N/A
Coffee Hosts	Barbara Magnusson	Sandy Lenahan and MaryEllen Riemen-schneider	Linda Roser and John Adasek	Priscilla Dygert and Jan Dudajek	Bev and Lou Lombard	Charlotte Williams and Barbara Magnusson

September Ushers: Lou Lombard, Peter Lincoln, Ed Dolan, Dennis Ready

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3	Sunday Service 10 am Bible Study 11:15 am	4	Survivors 10 am Augsburg	5	Primary Purpose 12h Yellow Room Nurses 4:30pm Yellow Room
6		7	Primary Purpose 12 n Yellow Room Big Book 6:30 pm Augsburg	8	Anniversary Planning Committee 1 pm Keller Rm
9	Jam Leaders Meeting 10 am Keller Rm	10	Sunday Service 10 am Bible Study 11:15 am	11	Survivors 10 am Augsburg
13		12	Bible Study 10 am Primary Purpose 12h Yellow Room Nurses 4:30pm Yellow Room	14	
15		16	Racism Workshop Zion Church 9am-3pm	17	
19		18	Survivors 10 am Augsburg Pastor's Surgery	20	
21		22	Reformation Celebration Zion Church Lecture 9:30-11:30 am AA Convention 5 pm	23	
24	Sunday Service 10 am Bible Study 11:15 am	25	Survivors 10 am Augsburg	26	Primary Purpose 12h Yellow Room Nurses 4:30pm Yellow Room
27	District 9 AA Meeting Augsburg	28	Church Council Meeting 7 pm	29	
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Daily: All R Welcome 6:30pm Red Room, MWF: Utica Thunder Basketball

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Reminder—
Please mark your calendars.

The deadline for the October
2017 issue of **THE MESSENGER** is
September 23, 2017

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 or
emailed to: oslc-utica@verizon.net
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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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