

THE MESSENGER



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Newsletter

January/February 2018

From the Pastor

It always seems as if the switch from Christmas to Easter happens way too fast. We have just finished putting away the Christmas decorations and now it is time to get ready for Easter. The Church has designated the getting ready for Easter time as "Lent".

At Our Saviour our tradition during Lent begins with worship on Ash Wednesday. We are marked with a cross and "Remember we are dust and to dust we will return." Ash Wednesday worship this year is at 2 and 7 pm on February 14th, Yes Valentine's Day.

Our further tradition is Lenten worship. Gerry Presser cooks a main dish for us. We bring dishes to share - vegetables and deserts. Then we have a worship time. We will use Holden Evening Prayer again this year. During worship we spend some time in learning and entering more deeply into our Christian faith. This year we will read through the Passion Narrative from Mark.

Mark is the Gospel appointed for this year. Usually we read the Passion Narrative, the story of what happened between Palm Sunday and the crucifixion of Jesus during Holy Week. Sometimes we read the whole thing on Palm Sunday. I always think that no one can listen carefully to the entire reading no matter how well it is done in one sitting. Then we read parts of it or the Passion from John on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. Well, not everyone is there for those services. I think the Easter story about Jesus being raised from the dead has less meaning when you have not heard how it is that Jesus got dead. Getting ready for Easter means that we know something about the death as well as the resurrection of Jesus.

Lent is about getting ready for Easter. We will get ready to be really pleased that Jesus is alive - by spending some time with Jesus as he is dying. This is a good time to gather. The food is wonderful. The company is very good. We have chances to walk together with Jesus.

See the announcements about the Stewardship Event in other parts of the newsletter.

You might also want to know that I will be having surgery on my other knee on January 29th. I look forward to a quick recovery from the surgery and being able to walk and stand like a normal person. My husband, Mark Betley, will preach and lead worship on February 4th. I will depend on your prayers.

I encourage you to join the group that is reading "Waking Up White". It is a book that helps us to recognize some of our assumptions about race and who we are. Discussion for this book will be at 2 pm at Zion on February 4th. These conversations have been lively and encouraging us toward being more active in working against racism. It is another way to get ready for Easter - to prepare ourselves to see resurrection.

Pastor Anita

From The Pastor

STEWARDSHIP EVENT Jan 27, 2018 2 pm

Now, that is the way to get people to come to a meeting at church! We are aware that the title makes people think that this is going to be a boring meeting about money. Pam Donovan, Liz Douglass and I have been thinking about ways to invite folks from Our Saviour to be together, talk about money some and also have a good time.

Really, we do not have a hard time having a good time together at Our Saviour. Just look at the Coffee Hour before and after worship. The goodies are fine. The coffee is fine, but really we just want to spend a little more time visiting. We like that part. The same thing happens at the "peace of the Lord". We are supposed to wish one another peace, but we can usually think of a few other things we would also like to say.

So, Pam, Liz and I though we ought to have a time to be together and we also thought that food ought to be a part of it. We have invited some of Our Saviour's finest bakers to make their most decadent desserts. We are planning some games to make it fun.

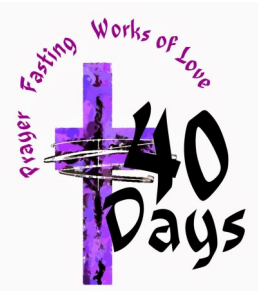
We will also be talking about money. We have some ideas about what could be done differently. We want you to hear them. We want to talk about what we love about Our Saviour. We want to talk about the important ways that Our Saviour is to us and to the world. We want to talk about why all of this is important to God.

We need you to be there. We believe that this will be a time where God can do some of God's work among us. Two or three will be gathered after all and God promises to be in the midst of us. We believe it will be fun! We believe it will be delicious.

Pastor Anita Mohr

Lent begins on Weds February 14th.

We will be having Lenten services and pot luck dinners on Tuesdays starting



on February 20th through March 27th.



Meetings for Jan/Feb

Jan 27, 2018 2 pm Stewardship Event

Jan 25, 2018 7 pm Council Meeting

Feb 22, 2018 7 pm Council Meeting

Affirmation of Baptism 12/17/2017:

Michael Anthony Robles, Anthony Edmund Robles and
Joseph Frank Abraham

Baptism 12/31/2017

Lucas Matthew Dudajek-Bush and

Vivian Adelaide Dudajek Bush

Funeral 1/2/2018 @ Dimpleby Funeral Home

Jean R Hubbard



January and February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all of our members born in January and February! 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.

Ruth Dibble	Jan 4
John Riemenschneider	Jan 5
Seymour Morris	Jan 20
Barbara Orr	Jan 20
Marian Arntsen	Jan 29
Betty Gallup	Feb 3
Myron Sierson	Feb 12
Beth Acee	Feb 12
Edward Dolan	Feb 27
Barbara Magnusson	Feb 28

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, Paul and John



Confirmation Day 12/17/2017

We celebrated the Affirmation of Baptism with Michael Anthony

Robles, Anthony Edmund Robles





JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10 am Survivors Augsburg	2 12 n Primary Purpose Augsburg Nurses 4:30pm Yellow Room	3	4 12 n Primary Purpose Augsburg Big book 6:30pm Augsburg	5	6
7 10am Worship 11:15 am Bible Study and Choir	8 10 am Survivors Augsburg	9 12 n Primary Purpose Augsburg Nurses 4:30pm Yellow Room	10	11 12 n Primary Purpose Augsburg Big book 6:30pm Augsburg	12	13
14 10am Worship 11:15 am Choir Practice Taking down of decorations	15 10 am Survivors Augsburg	16 12 n Primary Purpose Augsburg Nurses 4:30pm	17	18 12 n Primary Purpose Augsburg Big book 6:30pm Augsburg	19	20
21 10am Worship 11:15 am Bible Study and Choir	22 10 am Survivors Augsburg	23 12 n Primary Purpose Augsburg Nurses 4:30pm	24	25 12 n Primary Purpose Augsburg Big book 6:30pm Augsburg 7pm Council	26	27 2pm Stewardship Event
28 10am Worship 11:15 am Bible Study and Choir	29 10 am Survivors Augsburg	30 12 n Primary Purpose Augsburg Nurses 4:30pm	31			

Every Day : All R Welcome 6:30 pm Red Room/ M-W-F Utica Thunder Basketball 7:30pm Gym

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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 Big book
 6:30pm Augsburg

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 Yellow Room Purpose Augsburg
 Big book
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 7 pm Council Meeting

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 Nurses 4:30pm
 Yellow Room 6pm Pot Luck/7 pm worship

January /February Helpers

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Greeters	Barbara Magnusson & Liz Douglas	Willie Bach & Mary-Ellen Riemenschneider	Katherine David & Norris Ellinwood	Scott & Pam Donovan	Jim & Sandy Lenahan	Bev & Lou Lombard	Ed and Barbara Dolan	Barbara Magnusson & Liz Douglass
Acolytes	Mia Russo And Robbie Dygert	Gavyn Burgdoff	Michael Robles	Anthony Robles	Gavyn Burgdoff	Michael Robles	Mia Russo and Robbie Dygert	Gavyn Burgdoff
Worship Assistant	Liz Douglass	N/A	Clare Thiem	N/A	Barbara Godbey-Miller	N/A	Liz Douglas	
Lector	Sandy Lenahan	N/A	Mary Tollerton		Betty Gallup	N/A	Pam Donovan	N/A
Coffee Hosts	Garry Brombacher	Sandy Lenahan and Mary Ellen Riemenschneider	Linda Roser and John Adasek	Jan Dudajek and Priscilla Dygert	Bev and Lou Lombard	Barbara Magnusson and Charlotte Williams	Pam Donovan and Beverly Smith	Willie Bach

Dear Friends at Our Saviour,
As a new year begins, we
want to thank you for all
that you have done to support
the Your Neighbors outreach
in the past year.

During 2017 Your Neighbors
provided 3683 meals and

Thank you!!

1215 soups to our homebound
friends. Of those, 80 meals
and 26 soups as well as
some home baked "goodies" came
from Our Saviour, primarily
during the Lenten season.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Our Saviour has been
a pillar of Your Neighbors,
from the time that you



allowed us space for our
office in your church, to the
many years of permitting us
to hold our Annual Garage
Sale in the gymnasium /
fellowship hall. You have truly
helped to make "loving your
neighbor as yourself" a reality
in the Utica area.

On behalf of the Board
and everyone at Your
Neighbors, many, many thanks,

Carole Grove
Food Coordinator
Your Neighbors, Inc.



"Seeds of Hope" Food Pantry.

First Presbyterian Church maintains a well-stocked food pantry. We provide nutritional food and food products to those individuals and families, living in the region around the church. The pantry is a partnership of New Hartford First Methodist, New Hartford Presbyterian, Our Saviour Lutheran and Utica First Presbyterian Churches and is located in First Presbyterian Church at 1605 Genesee St. The pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

**First Presbyterian Church
1605 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501**

Phone: 315-732-5111 Fax: 315-732-5577

**What began with the distribution
of government surplus food has grown
into a vital community service.
We are excited about the many resources
that enhance what Seeds of Hope
offers our neighbors. See behind the scenes,
and discover what the food pantry
does for those in need.
Enjoy a tour and a continental breakfast.**

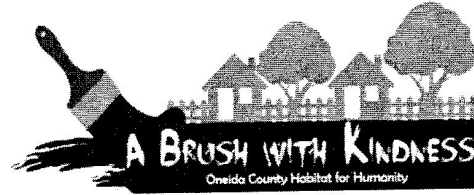
**To learn more about Seeds of Hope and to
R.S.V.P to this event please contact us at
315.732.5111**

*When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and
when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink...
"Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter
how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."
~Matthew 25:35,40*



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.



Oneida County Habitat for Humanity is excited to promote our *A Brush with Kindness* home repair program. Through this program, local low-income, disabled and senior homeowners are able to apply for assistance with necessary home repairs.

Qualified applicants must:

- **Own** and **reside** in a home in need of repairs (no rental properties).
- Have homeowner's insurance coverage
- Reside within the service area of Oneida County Habitat for Humanity
- Fall below **60% of the combined median household income** for Oneida County
- Be up to date on mortgage and property tax payments
- Agree to partner with Habitat in all aspects of the repair project

Project requests may include:

- Grading/landscaping to improve drainage or accessibility
- Exterior repairs to roofs, doors, windows, porches etc
- Painting and/or siding repair
- Minor structural repairs
- Installation of handicap accessible ramps and railings
- Other necessary home repairs

Project requests may not involve:

- Elective reconstruction or remodeling projects
- Redecorating projects or un-necessary aesthetic changes
- **We do not do critical repairs such as roof repairs or replacement, foundation repair, mold removal, and other extensive work.**

If you qualify for this program and have a need for home repairs, please complete the attached application. Note that applications must include all required attachments listed below. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Required Attachments:

- Most recent property tax bill & mortgage statement
- Documentation of all salary/income for all residents in the home
- Documentation of any other supplemental income or financial assistance received by all members of the household (child support, social security, etc..)



Applicant Information:

Name:

Address:

City, _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell/Work Phone:** _____

Social Security #: _____

Are you a veteran? Yes / No

Do you own your home? Yes / No

Do you have Homeowner's Insurance? : Yes / No

Who is your Homeowner's Insurance provider? : _____

Home Occupants: Please list the following information for everyone currently living in your home. (Include all adults and children, family and others)

Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Relationship to homeowner:** _____

Family Employment & Income: (Requires Attachments)

Please list all sources of income for your household. (Include salaries, retirement, disability, social security, alimony, child support, etc...)

Name of Income Source **Amount Received Monthly**

_____ / _____

_____ / _____

_____ / _____

Total collective household monthly income: \$ _____



Requested Repairs:

Please give a detailed description of the repairs you require. Describe the work that needs to be done, reasons the repairs are necessary, and the desired end result. Attach additional pages (and pictures) if necessary.

Are you able to provide some of the labor necessary to complete your repair project?
(you, family, friends, neighbors etc.) Yes / No

Are you able to offer any other support to Habitat volunteers while they work on your repair project? (Water, refreshments, meals etc.) Yes/No

If approved, are you able to contribute any money towards the cost of materials for your repair project? Yes / No

If yes, how much are you willing to contribute? (Circle One) 10% 25% 50% 100%

Do you already have some (or all) of the materials needed to complete your home repairs? Yes / No

How long do you plan to stay in this home?

Homeowner Agreement

I certify that the information provided on this application is accurate. I agree to offer my assistance and support to Oneida County Habitat for Humanity, and to the volunteers who complete my home repair project, to the best of my ability. I understand that the labor for this program will be completed by unpaid volunteers. Oneida County Habitat for Humanity has assured me that repair volunteers will be properly trained and supervised by a member of Oneida County Habitat for Humanity's construction staff. I also understand that the *A Brush With Kindness* program and Oneida County Habitat for Humanity offer no warranties, expressed or implied, regarding any of the materials used or work completed during this project. I hereby release *A Brush with Kindness*, Oneida County Habitat for Humanity and all volunteers and staff associated with this program from any liability whatsoever.

Signature of Homeowner Date



**** Required Attachments ****

- Attach your most recent property tax bill or statement. This document must show the current tax value of the home and property, your name and physical address, recent payments and any balance due on the property.
- If you are currently making payments on a mortgage for the home in need of repair, please attach the most recent copy of your mortgage statement. Again, this must show the name and physical address of the homeowner and the balance due on the mortgage.
- Attach documentation for all salaries/paychecks received by occupants of the home in need of repair (paystubs, income tax returns, etc). These documents must include name of the income source, name of the recipient, and the amount received.
- Attach documentation of any additional or supplemental income received by members of the household. These income sources may include social security, disability, child support, alimony, etc.
- Attach any additional pages needed to describe the repairs you are requesting. Also, if possible, attach photographs of the repairs you are requesting.

***** This application will not be reviewed and processed until ALL required attachments have been received. Applications WILL NOT be returned.***

Application Process Checklist

- Complete this application in full.
- Add all required attachments.
- Send application and attachments to the address listed below.
- Completed applications will be reviewed and processed within 10 business days.

Submit your completed application and attachments to Oneida County Habitat for Humanity. Applications will be reviewed and approved as they are received. Once approved, projects will be completed based on the level of need, and on the availability of funding/resources.

Oneida County Habitat for Humanity
ATTN: A Brush With Kindness
494 French Road, Utica, NY 13502
Tel: 315.624.9010
Email: info@oneidacountyhabitat.org

Official Use Only:

Date Application was received: _____

Approved? Yes / No

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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.



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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