THE MESSENGER



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Newsletter

From the Pastor:

If you pay attention to "If March comes in like a lamb, it goes out like a lion...", it depends on what you mean by "comes in like". March 1 - lovely day - very lamb like, March 2 - not so much - very lion like. What a difference a day makes!

This year Easter is on April Fools Day. Again What a difference a day makes! Don't you think the power people that were - those who wanted to be done with Jesus went to bed Saturday night thinking "We did it. We no longer need to worry about that troublemaker."? Then my not so pious self thinks that on Easter Sunday morning/April Fool's Day Jesus popped up out of the grave saying "I'm back. April Fools!" What a difference a day makes!

This day, this particular day makes a difference. Jesus resurrection from the dead means that what was impossible is now possible. It means that the powerful will not always win. It means that the ways of Jesus are lose in the world.

This month, this lion or lamb month, some of our days can make a difference - not just for us but for the world.

Let's begin with Lenten potluck and worship. It is time to be with, eat with, laugh and learn with one another. It is time to share our food with each other. The group that has gathered has decided to use the offering we gather on Tuesdays for ELCA World Hunger. It is Jesus still feeding the world.

Lutheran Care has asked us to make lap blankets for their residents. I have this dream that we can make a whole pile of lap blankets - maybe a hundred. If you have ever been to a nursing home, you know that residents there need attention. They need to know that they are cared about. They need to be touched by the love of God. You are that love of God. We can knit, we can crochet, we can quilt, we can tie fleece. We can make blankets that help people to know they are touched by God. It is Jesus risen from the dead loving the world.

March 11 some of us are going to an event on racism. It is 4-6 pm at the Jewish Community Center 2310 Oneida St. It is a chance for us to know something about people we too often ignore and to learn something about ourselves. This is Jesus risen from the dead opening us to the needs of the world.

Easter Fun Day is the last day of this month. It is one of my favorites. On this day we get ready for what seems impossible to the rest of the world. On this day the choir and trumpet practice. The children do the decorating. The property committee puts up the banners. On that day when many may have celebrated the death of Jesus, we get ready for new life. I'd love for hear from you if you have ideas or want to help make this day special.

Easter is coming! It is a day that changed the world. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Anita

March 2018

Lent begins on Weds February 14th.

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





on February 20th through March

20th.

Meetings for March

March 22, 2018 7 pm Council Meeting

St. Patrick's Parade Day Party (8:30am-1:30pm)

Thea Bowman House is having its annual St. Patrick's Parade Day Party on Saturday, March 17th, at the DeSales Center, 309 Genesee Street, Utica. Come out to see Utica's St. Patrick's Day parade and join us inside to warm up with plenty of hot food and drinks for purchase at family friendly prices. Doors open as early as 8:30 for coffee, hot cocoa, donuts, baked goods, and bagels. Refreshments later in the morning include Karen and Burmese food, mac and cheese, hotdogs, homemade baked goods, Irish soda bread, and our famous green shamrock ice cream shakes. There will be face and nail painting, photo booth, and raffles. FREE arts and crafts for children, too. Dancers from Butler-Sheehan Academy of Irish Dance and Johnston School of Irish Dance will perform after the parade. Indoor viewing of the parade is available in our mezzanine throughout the morning. All proceeds will support Thea Bowman House programs. For more information or to find out how you can help call 315-797-0748.







March Birthdays

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

> Judy Sica Barbara Dolan Joseph Abraham Judith Stanek

March 5 March 6 March 8 March 29

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, Rick,

Charlotte Lee, Harold, Cheryl, Stephanie, Mike, Emily, Katie, Joe, Paul and John





Hannaford store on Commercial Drive, New Hartford has selected Seeds of Hope Food Pantry as the MARCH recipient of the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program! For every Fight Hunger Bag sold during the month of MARCH at this location, Seeds of Hope will receive a \$1 donation!



Remember - Only the sale of a Fight Hunger Bag will support your cause!

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March 30 th 7pm		Gavyn Burgdoff	Clare Thiem	Sandy Lena- han	
March 30 th 2 pm					
March 29th 7 pm		Anthony Ro- bles	Barbara God- bey-Miller	Betty Gallup	
March 29 th 2 pm					
March 25	Bev and Lou Lombard	Michael Ro- bles	A/A	A/A	Jan Dudajek and Priscilla Dygert
March 18th	Jim and Sandy Lena- han	Mia Russo and Robbie Dygert	Patsy Glista	Pam Donovan	Linda Roser and John Adasek
March 11th	Scott and Pam Donovan	Gavyn Burgdoff	N/A	A/A	Sandy Lenahan and Mary Ellen Riemenschneider
March 4th	Willie Bach & Mary -Ellen Rie- menschneider	Anthony Robles	Clare Thiem	Mary Tollerton	Jennifer and Ken McCullough
	Greeters	Acolytes	Worship Assistant	Lector	Coffee Hosts

March Helpers

Treasurer's Report - Expenses/Income

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		2,016				Total	2,017				Total	2,018	Total	3/1/2018	
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														16.44%	2018
No.	Row Labels	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1		Complete	Budget
1	Expense	-38,861	-34,973	-39,604	-41,387	-154,825		-39,897	-32,643	-43,435	-156,426	-25,880	-25,880	-26,391	-160,548
2	Employees	-26,251	-27,121	-26,384	-26,424	-106,180	-25,873	-26,288	-26,401	-26,171	-104,734	-17,963	-17,963	-17,942	-109,148
3	Utilities	-5,207	-2,612	-1,561				-3,527	-1,558	-2,718	-14,198	-5,196	-5,196		-13,900
4	Property	-2,892	-943	-4,202	-3,999	-12,036	-2,193	-5,638	-170	-5,114	-13,115	-120	-120	-2,170	-13,200
5	Insurance	-1,621	-1,321	-1,995	-1,834	-6,771	-2,373	-1,464	-2,099	-1,974	-7,910	-1,369	-1,369	-1,282	-7,800
6	Office Supplies	-1,187	-870	-1,079	-1,575	-4,710	-1,583	-1,355	-704	-740	-4,382	-345	-345	-674	-4,100
7	Upstate NY Synod			-2,685	-3,000	-5,685				-3,000	-3,000			-493	-3,000
8	Congregational Life	-546				-546	-18	-331		-2,451	-2,799			-477	-2,900
9	Worship & Music	-851	-965	-501	-759	-3,076	-1,068	-649	-205	-624	-2,546	-762	-762	-378	-2,300
10	Synod Convention		-244			-244		-232	-1,032		-1,264			-230	-1,400
11	Supply Clergy, Organists, Others			-550	-616	-1,166	-255	-125	-250	-225	-855	-125	-125	-148	-900
12	Pastor's Fund		-300	-200	-100	-600	-564		-225		-789			-132	-800
13	Donations to Others				-444	-444				-418	-418			-66	-400
14	Certified Public Accountant							-280			-280			-49	-300
15	Continuing Education		-520			-520					-130			-16	-100
16	Kitchen Supplies	-113				-113		-6			-6			0	0
17	Webmaster	-175			-125	-300								0	0
18	Youth Fund		-78			-78								0	0
19	Seeds of Hope Food Pantry	-18		-448		-466								-49	-300
20	Expense, one-time	-8,100			-1,333	-9,432	-30,000				-30,000				
21	Income, one-time	461	6,675	1,532		8,667	31,523				31,523				
22	Income	32,773	32,140	29,236				32,855	26,338	46,591	137,445	15,879	15,879	21,850	132,923
23	Misc.	173	46	132		380		2	1	2	82	9	9	16	100
24	Vanguard Wellsley Fund, Short-term capital gain				49	49				111	111			8	49
25	Utica National, Insurance Dividend		405			405		620			620			115	700
26	Vanguard Wellsley Fund, Long-term capital gain				1,352	1,352				1,290	1,290			222	1,352
27	Vanguard Wellsley Fund, Dividends	852	1,001	945		3,998		975	967	993	3,849			510	3,100
28	Donations	31,748	30,688	28,159	37,027	127,622	30,673	31,257	25,369	44,194	131,493	15,870	15,870		127,622
29	Withdrawal of Principal, Vanguard Fund							5,500	3,000	9,600	18,100			4,541	27,625
30	Expense + Income	-6,088	-2,833	-10,368	-1,730	-21,019	-8,790	-7,042	-6,305	3,156	-18,981	-10,001	-10,001	-4,541	-27,625
31	Expense + Income + Withdrad of Principal	-6,088	-2,833	-10,368	-1,730	-21,019	-8,790	-1,542	-3,305	12,756	-881	-10,001	-10,001		0
32	Outstanding Drafts												-938		
33	Expense + Income + Outstanding Drafts												-10,940		
	Start of Quarter	1/1/2016	4/1/2016	7/1/2016	10/1/2016		1/1/2017	4/1/2017	7/1/2017	10/1/2017		1/1/2018			
35	Credit Union Funds at Start of Quarter	44,864	19,890	22,798	13,937		20,831	5,515	6,090	2,666		5,728			

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LCM/STEP Center March News

This month I would like to share with you about our Success Saturdays' programs. This effort funded by the We Raise Foundation (formerly Wheat Ridge Foundation) has enabled Lutheran Campus Ministry/STEP Center to develop young adult leaders in a cross -cultural tutoring program since 2016. Most Saturday mornings from 10:30 to 12:30 about 18 middle and high school students and 12 college students meet in the fireside room of St. Stephens. The tutors help the younger peers with homework; they use the computers for research, vocabulary definitions and online tutorials. The students are very eager to learn. The tutors learn just as much, if not more by extending themselves to help. The grant we received is an emerging leader grant designed to encourage young adults to put their faith into action. The tutors share their own career goals and develop workshops around skills needed in college for the student participants. In this way, they gain experience and test their own vocational choices. Last week, one freshman tutor working with a 10th grader told me he learned material he needed for his own algebra class in the process of helping with homework. The grant also provided resources for field trips to expand students' knowledge and motivation. Below are some pictures including our recent field trip to SUNY-Environmental Science and Forestry campus.

The Success Saturday grant will be completed in June, 2018. The college student tutors are working hard to find alternative ways to fund the program so that they can continue. This is part of their leadership training. We are looking into other Foundations as well as fundraising opportunities and finding volunteers to provide the healthy lunch that was funded by the grant in the past. If you have any suggestions please contact us, myself and our student coordinator Alicia Bateman, will be very grateful for your help.

To close, I will share one Success Saturdays' success story. A junior student preparing for her biology regent test was very discouraged and told one of our tutors she was thinking of dropping out of school. He worked with her that day and told her not to give up. He promised he would work with her the next week and the next until the time of the test. After the test, she stopped coming to tutoring regularly but about a month later she returned and told the tutor she had passed thanking him and telling him she could not have done it without him.

It is really a blessing to know your efforts are making a difference. But as a pastor I tell all the students that we never know how far our efforts to help go, but we can be assured that the Holy Spirit carries the love we share far and wide.





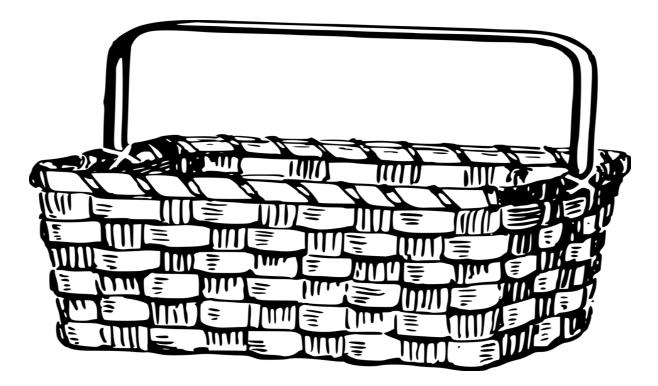
SAVE THE DATE!

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL AND THEMED AUCTION

SUNDAY APRIL 22ND

PLEASE FILL A BASKET!



Calling for Skills, treasures and talents! Contact <u>griina@syr.edu</u>, 315-251-4739.

2018 YOUR NEIGHBORS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

YOUR NEIGHBORS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE on May 4 and 5 will be held at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1640 Genesee Street, Utica. Donated items may be dropped off beginning on Monday, April 30. As you sort through your items and clean house, think of Your Neighbors, Inc. and set aside anything that would be beneficial to the sale. Also keep in mind that when the time comes, Your Neighbors will pick up your items if they are too large for you to transport or if you are unable to deliver them yourself. Some of the items being sought are furniture, small household appliances in working order, jewelry, knickknacks, etc. **As always, Your Neighbors does not accept clothing, sporting goods, books or luggage.** *Any questions, please contact Challee Kohl at 315.235.7149.* Thank you for your support.





"Seeds of Hope" Food Pantry.

First Presbyterian Church maintains a wellstocked 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. <u>GUIDING and/or COORDINATING NUMBERS AND BREAD TABLE ON PANTRY DAYS</u>: 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. <u>CLIENT CHECK IN ON PANTRY DAYS</u>: 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. <u>STOCKERS & CLIENT HELPERS ON PANTRY DAYS</u>: 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. <u>TRUCK UNLOADERS ON ALTERNATE MONDAYS</u>: 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. <u>OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE COLLECTOR ON MONDAYS</u>: 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. <u>PANERA BREAD COLLECTIO ON TUESDAY NIGHT & WEDNESDAY AM</u>: 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. <u>PRICE CHOPPER BAKED GOODS COLLECTOR</u>: 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. <u>PRICE CHOPPER FROZEN MEAT and DAIRY/DELI SURPLUS COLLECTORS ON</u> <u>MONDAY AND FRIDAY:</u> 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.

YOUR NEIGHBORS INC



Your Neighbors Volunteers Needed! There is an urgent need for people who will make a meal delivery or transport a person to a medical appointment once in a while for Your Neighbors. If you can help in any way, please contact Carole Grove at 315.765.1419 or Challee Kohl at 315.235.7149. Thank you.

<u>Upcoming Your Neighbors Events</u> – more information will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

- Love Your Neighbors Gourmet Breakfast Saturday, April 21, 2018, 10am 1pm. First Presbyterian Church, Genesee Street, Utica.
- **Your Neighbors Garage Sale** Friday and Saturday, May 4 5, 2018, 9am 3pm. Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1640 Genesee Street, Utica. Donated items may be dropped off at the church beginning Monday, April 30 Wednes-day, May 2.
- Your Neighbors Chicken Barbecue Saturday, June 30, 2018, beginning at 12:00 noon until Sold Out. Zion Lutheran Church, French Road, New Hartford.
- *Your Neighbors 35th Anniversary Gala* Thursday, September 20, 2018, Harts Hill Inn, Whitesboro. Evening event.

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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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