

# THE MESSENGER



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Newsletter

March 2018

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

How do I know it is true? I know it because I see evidence of the life of Christ among us. Christ is Risen! Indeed and lives in us.

This is an "I am Thankful" newsletter article. I am thankful that I see the life of Christ living here at Our Saviour. Some of these are personal. Some are more general.

I am Thankful

For all of you who made Easter such a special occasion. For people who hung banners, hid Easter eggs, brought snacks for children, played games with children, practiced music and had courage to share it, for children who drew on windows, for people who gave money so that we could fill the building with lilies, for people who came to put the lilies in good places, for people who brought snacks for after church, for a joyful spirit.

For the choir who continue to sing and practice and do their very best, who sound bigger than they are, for all the work they do.

For all the time and care you gave me while I got my knees fixed. For the cards. For the food you brought. For the lovely rose plant. For all the times you asked how I was. I have been lousy at writing thank you notes - but I want you to know that all those acts of kindness have been signs to me that Christ is Risen and lives in all of us.

For our Congregation Council who take the work of the Church seriously and know that it is not all about business. It is about listening for the voice of God and wondering how we might live what we hear. For their openness to new ideas.

For the Property Committee who keep holding up our aging building.

For our openness to Recovery Groups. The ministry we do - by simply giving space to those who wish to be clean and sober is amazing. Christ is Risen among all kinds of people who use this building.

For caring chatter that happens whenever we give it the smallest chance.

For the JAM time leaders. For the ways they work creatively with children so that children might learn that they are loved by God.

For the meals that were served for Lenten Potlucks and the meals that were packed up for people we do not even know.

For the ways we care about one another.

Christ is Risen and lives among us. It is wonderful good news.

I am guessing that you could add to this list. It might be a good idea to do that. What makes you thankful for Our Saviour?

Pastor Anita

# Spring Clean up Day

Saturday 5/19/18

Please mark your calendars and plan on helping out. There will be sign up sheets posted as we get closer to the date.



## Meetings for April

**April 26, 2018 7 pm Council Meeting**



## April Birthdays

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

<b>John David</b>	<b>April 3</b>
<b>Jane Merry</b>	<b>April 9</b>
<b>Charlotte Williams</b>	<b>April 11</b>
<b>Erma Gaspa</b>	<b>April 13</b>
<b>Kathy Beiswenger</b>	<b>April 14</b>
<b>Walter Hedderich</b>	<b>April 15</b>
<b>Beverly Smith</b>	<b>April 30</b>

## Prayer List

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

Baby Gavin, Baby Leah, Baby Kia, Baby Finley, Gwen, Nate, Lorraine, Rick, Tony, Thomas, Billy, Bill, Mime, David, Carole, Maryann, People in Recovery, Richard, Dennis, Steven Richardson, Sandra Richardson, Amber Prosser and Meghan Pohorence.

Bereavement: Family of fallen Whitesboro police officer, Kevin Crossley



# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Easter</b> 10am worship 11:15 Choir practice and Bible Study 1:30pm Women's Group	<b>2</b> 10 am Survivors	<b>3</b> 12 noon Primary Purpose 4:30pm Nurses Group	<b>4</b> 3 pm MUCC Basketball	<b>5</b> 12 noon Primary Purpose 6:30pm Big Book	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> District 9 fellowship Day Gym 8am- 3 pm
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<b>29</b> 10am worship 11:15 Choir practice and Bible Study 1:30pm Women's Group	<b>30</b> 10 am Survivors <i>Your Neighbors garage sale drop off</i>					

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

# April/May Helpers

	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29	May 6	May 13	May 20
Greeters	Willie Bach & Mary-Ellen Riemenschneider	Scott and Pam Donovan	Jim and Sandy Lenahan	Bev and Lou Lombard	Ed and Barbara Dolan	Barbara Magnusson and Liz Douglass	Scott and Pam Donovan	Barbara Dolan and Willie Bach
Acolytes	Gavyn Burgdoff	Michael Robles	Mia Russo and Robbie Dygert	Anthony Robles	Gavyn Burgdoff	Michael Robles	Mia Russo and Robbie Dygert	Anthony Robles
Worship Assistant	Liz Douglass	N/A	Clare Thiem	N/A	Clare Thiem	Barbara Godbey-Miller	N/A	Clare Thiem
Lector	Barbara Magnusson	N/A	Scott Donovan	N/A	Mary Tolerton	Betty Gallup	N/A	Sandy Lenahan
Coffee Hosts	Barbara Magnusson and Charlotte Williams	Garry Brombacher	Bev and Lou Lombard	Pam Donovan and Bev Smith	Willie Bach			

*All are invited!*

## **Spring Festival of Song in the Welsh Tradition**

A Gymanfa Ganu sponsored by St. David's Society of Utica

Sunday, May 6, 2018

3:00 PM

New Hartford Presbyterian Church

45 Genesee Street in New Hartford

Conductor will be Iwan Edwards

Organist will be James Hanosh

Pianist will be Jeanne Jones

Special Music will be soloist Margaret McAvaney

A reception ("te bach") will follow the singing

*A Free Will Offering will be received*



## **Chicken Barbeque**

**Saturday, May 19, 2018**

**4:30 to 6:30 PM**

Held at **THE MOHAWK HOMESTEAD**

62 East Main Street, Mohawk, NY

Tickets are \$10 each. Take-out only.

Call 315-866-1841 for tickets.

Central CrossRoads Conference Learning at the Crossroads will offer

# *Where Is God When It Hurts?*

*Taught by Rev. Diane Wheatley*

*Saturday, May 19, 2018*

Combine insights from Philip Yancey's *The Question that Never Goes Away* and *Where Is God When It Hurts?*

+ *Scripture, Discussion, and Life Experience*

*to gain insights on caring for folks when life hurts.*

*Luther Memorial Church*

*435 S. Main St.*

*North Syracuse*

*9:30 am – 2:30 pm*

*9 am—registration*

*Cost: \$20 includes lunch*

*Sign up by May 4:*

*Call Luther Memorial Church 315-458-1481 Or*

*Mail Check payable to Central Crossroads Conference to Luther Memorial Church,*

## Save the Date



Jack Henke, a Utica native, author and a retired social studies teacher, will present a program on the history of the Lutheran church in Utica at Our Saviour on Saturday, April 28, at 2 p.m.

Jack, a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran, recently published "A 175th Anniversary History of Zion Lutheran Church," a wonderfully researched history of Zion and the early German-American settlement in West Utica. His research includes a wide assortment of fascinating facts about Utica's groundbreaking Lutherans, including the first local Lutheran pastor, Andrew Wetzel, and many of the business people who followed, including George and Lena Koehler, who owned the iconic Koehler's Grill on Varick Street, and the West Utica Supermaket on Court Street, operated by Robert and Helen Schmelcher.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the April 28 presentation.



Today,



... i thank  
you.

For all the prayers  
and Cards at the time  
of my Dads passing.  
It meant the world to me.

Sue Antson



from  
the  
bottom  
of  
my  
heart...



From



**HOUGHTON  
COLLEGE**

Houghton College Utica is currently recruiting adjunct faculty to teach the following courses during the fall 2018 semester:

- American History Survey (2 sections)
- Marketing Principles
- Computer Applications and Issues
- Writing for the Liberal Arts

Houghton College Utica is an extension site of Houghton College offering associate of arts courses primarily to ELL students drawn from the Mohawk Valley's refugee and immigrant populations. We use a cohort model with extensive tutoring and academic support to provide our students with a small and supportive learning environment in which they can thrive.

Please share these openings within your network. Encourage interested applicants with a master or doctoral degree in a related discipline and work/teaching experience in a multi-cultural environment to contact for me more information.

Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

**Mark S. Caruana, D.Min.**

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# CHRISTMAS AT SEA SATCHELS

## NEW THIS YEAR!!!!

In support of the Seafarers International Christmas at Sea project we are requesting individuals and/or congregations to supply the items needed to create the Christmas satchels that are given out to seafarers who are at sea during the holidays. We will be collecting these items and filling the satchels at the Synod Assembly in June.

Our hope is to collect enough donations to fill at least 150 satchels. We strongly recommend that each donation from you or your congregation contain all the items for a complete satchel. Seafarers' International will be providing the 150 satchels for us to fill at Assembly. If our donations exceed that they will gladly accept the extras and put together satchels at their various locations.

Each satchel contains:

- one sweatshirt (hooded or not) size L-XL
- one casual pullover t-shirt size M-L
- three pairs of socks (thermal or white gym)
- one knitted winter cap (matching scarf optional)
- one can of nuts or large bar of chocolate
- a Christmas card from you



**Ticket Information:**

**Purchase tickets at**

**Big Apple Music or**

**the Good News Center or**

**by calling 315.735.6210 or**

**online**

**@thegoodnewscenter.org**

**Tickets are \$14 in advance**

**\$15 at the door**

**Call for discounted table pricing**

**Annual  
Prayer**

**Breakfast**

**Hart's Hill**

**Inn**

**7:30 AM**

**May 3rd**

## 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 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*



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You may also contact Liz Douglass at 315-725-6230

## **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.

## 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.

Upcoming Your Neighbors Events – 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 – Wednesday, 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 35<sup>th</sup> 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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