

THE MESSENGER



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Newsletter

November/December

From the Pastor

It is November. It is time to be grateful for the gifts we have been given. I heard of one family gathering recently where each person just said what they were grateful for before dinner. It was not a prayer – just a statement of gratitude. Gratefulness is a gift for which we might be grateful. It comes in short supply way too often.

Even at Our Saviour we can find reasons to worry, reasons to think the worst is about to overtake us, reasons to complain about what we think ought to be better, reasons to remember the “good ole days” when the church was full and the rooms were full of children going to Sunday School.

So, as we began to think about Stewardship this year, Liz Douglass, Pam Donovan and I in the midst of our worry about all things financial, began to think about for what we are grateful at Our Saviour. If you have been in worship the last few weeks, you have heard some folks speak about their gratefulness for Our Saviour. Larry and Liz both talked about how the love of this congregation has been sustaining for their lives. This week Erin will talk about our welcome of the Heroin Anonymous group that meets here. I thought it might be interesting to expand the list. It might be interesting to hear from each of you what makes you grateful for Our Saviour.

I asked an older member this week what his favorite thing about Our Saviour was. I expected to hear about some event we had or a time when he was in worship with his family, or those legendary Christmas services when we had to set up chairs. He said “communion”. This is the gift of Our Saviour. For many of us this is the place where we most clearly meet the God who has chosen to love us.

It is from this place that we are asking each of you to spend some time in prayer considering your contribution to Our Saviour this year. From your grateful hearts comes your ability to give what you can to the God who loves you. It is not something that can be cajoled from you. It is not something that comes from dire predictions of coming doom. It is not something that comes from the logic of how can we pay the bills here. It comes from a heart that has been touched by the love of God. It comes from a heart that knows the God who has cared for you in the past and will continue to care for you in the future. The ability to give of yourself is a gift to us from the Holy Spirit. It is obvious to us in so many ways at Our Saviour. It is the way we greet one another. It is the way that people pitch in again and again to do what needs doing here. It is in the generosity we see every day.

With a Thankful Heart for the Gift that is Our Saviour

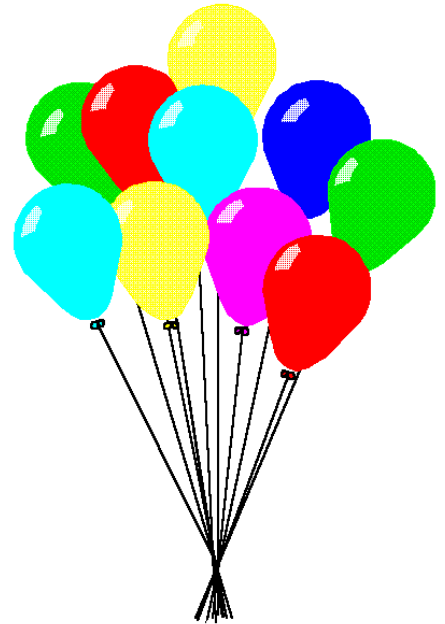
Pastor Anita



Birthdays in

November and December If the information below is incorrect, please let the office know so we may make the appropriate corrections

Mary Tollerton	11/12
Victor Tollerton	11/17
David Wilbur	11/19
Karyn Russo	11/25
Linda Roser	11/29
Katherine David	11/30
David Dudajek	12/6
Judith Petroski	12/6
Sandy Lenahan	12/24
Bev Lombard	12/25



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, Baby Ella, Gwen, Nate, Lorraine, Rick, Thomas, Bill, Mime, David, Carole, Billy, Maryanne, Dennis, Tony, Larry, Debbie, Phil, Fran, Ruthie, Nancy, People in Recovery, Bettie, Linda, Charlotte Lee, Little Michael, David Jr, Baby W, Joe, Beverly, Sandy, Lou, Theornyn, Ruth, Jack, Bev, Betty



November and December Helpers

	Nov 4th	Nov 11th	Nov 18th	Nov 25th	Dec 2nd	Dec 9th	Dec 16th	Dec 23rd
Greeters	Willie Bach and Mary Ellen Riemenschneider	Scott and Pam Donovan	Barbara Magnusson and Liz Douglass	Ed and Barbara Dolan	Bev and Lou Lombard	Scott and Pam Donovan	Jim and Sandy Lenahan	Barbara Dolan and Willie Bach
Acolytes	Anthony Robles	Mia Russo and Robbie Dygert	Gavyn Burgdoff	Mia Russo and Robbie Dygert	Anthony Robles	Mia Russo and Robbie Dygert	Gavyn Burgdoff	Mia Russo and Robbie Dygert
Worship Assistant	Michael Robles	N/A	Liz Douglass	N/A	Barbara Godbey-Miller	N/A	Clare Thiem	N/A
Lector	Pam Donovan	N/A	Mary Tolerton	N/A	Betty Gallup	N/A	Scott Donovan	N/A
Coffee Hosts	Gerry and Paul Presser	Priscilla Dygert and Jan Dudajek	Linda Roser and John Adasek	Charlotte Williams and Barbara Magnusson	Willie Bach	Mary Ellen Riemenschneider and Sandy Lenahan	Pam Donovan and Bev Smith	Bev and Lou Lombard

November 2018

Sun

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Sat

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Everyday: 6:30 pm All R Welcome

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10 am Ser- vice 1:30 pm Women's Group 2pm UCC services	3 10am Sur- vivor's group	4 4:30 pm Nurses Group 7 pm UCC ser- vices	5 3 pm MUCC Basketball 5 pm HA group 6 pm advent meal and service	6 6:30 pm Big Book Group 7 pm UCC Services 8 pm HA	7 3 pm MUCC volley- ball	8
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Each Wednesday evening during advent, 12/5-12/19, we are planning a potluck dinner and worship. Dinner is at 6 pm. The main dish is not provided. Those attending are encouraged to bring a dish to share. Advent Worship is at 7 pm. We will use the Holden Evening Prayer and The Magnificat will be our theme. We will be donating this year's collections to Lutheran disaster relief in honor of those affected by the severe storms and wildfires this year.



Christmas Eve Worship

7 pm - Family Friendly service with Holy Communion. Candles are lit.

9 pm - Musical introduction

9:30 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Christmas Morning

9 am - Breakfast served by Pastor and Spouse

10 am - Intimate (gathered around the altar) Christmas Service with Holy Communion



Dear Friends,

Christmas is a very special time of the year and the Christmas spirit abounds at LutheranCare...with your help.

As we have in the past, we are respectfully requesting the donation of unwrapped items that would surely brighten the season and bring the Christmas spirit to life for those we care for and care deeply about. This "wish list" includes:

Personal care items such as unopened boxes of tissue, lotions, shower gel, body spray & hairbrushes (no motel toiletries, please)

Jewelry

Books both large print and audio

Afghans, throws and comforters

Crossword & Wordfind puzzles preferably large print

Slippers (not bootie style or scuffs), slipper socks with non skid soles, socks and lap robes

Artwork and tote bags for walkers

Calendars, room decorations & wall hangings

Button-down or zipper-front cardigans both male & female

Be assured that these simple gifts will be long remembered and treasured by all whom they touch. We deeply appreciate your kindness toward our residents and because they are not able to do so personally, allow me to thank you on their behalf...

May God bless you for your Kindness,

Karen Anne Ostinett

Director of Funds & Volunteer Development

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Please note: There is a box set up in the back of the Narthex for your donations. We will collect until 12/09/18,. Thank you

"Seeds of Hope" Food Pantry.

First Presbyterian Church
1605 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501
Phone: 315-732-5111

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 need 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 bring 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 COLLECTION 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 take 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 pick up surplus baked goods from the Price Chopper in North Utica on Monday and Wednesday mornings by 9:15 AM and deliver 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.



Christmas Donations

We are looking for Christmas decor donations!

Feel free to stop by the ReStore during regular hours and drop them off at the front counter.

ReStore Hours:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 12pm-4pm

Wednesday - 10am-4pm

Thursday - 10am-4pm



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

315.624.9010

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY STEP CENTER WISH LIST

Thank you to everyone who has given their time, talent, and/or treasure to make our welcoming ministries that bring college students and the refugee communities together to learn and serve others.

Needs by Program:

Women's Empowerment Sewing Project at St. Stephen Church

*** Volunteers who can sew to serve as Assistant Teachers.**

Fridays 3-5pm, Saturdays 12-2pm, and/or Saturdays 2-4pm. **Help urgently needed.**

Materials (thread, notions, and sewing machines) to use for practice and for individual projects

Learning to Read: Families Together Intergenerational English Language Learning

Snacks, childcare volunteers, and financial support for English instructor and interpreters. Class 9:30am – 12 at St. Stephens

Large rice cooker

Success Saturdays Homework Help for Middle and High School Students

Crockpot lunches for 20, fresh fruit – Drop off on Saturdays 10:30-12:30 at St. Stephens or at Pastor Gail's home – 100 Stratford St. Syracuse Friday evenings

Youth Identity and Health Mentoring Program

Transportation to class and for field trips (classes held from 2-4 pm Saturdays at Hendricks Chapel.

All programs would benefit greatly from Thrivent members submitting grant applications to sponsor special events.

To volunteer, please contact Pastor Gail at griina@syr.edu or 315-251-4739, or Sandy Tars at sandratarphd@gmail.com or 315-256-5072

DEANS NOTES:

ELCA Strategy on HIV and AIDS survey

When the ELCA Strategy on HIV and AIDS was approved in 2009, it recognized the ELCA's call to faithfully and effectively participate in the larger global and domestic response. Knowing that many throughout the ELCA are engaged in different capacities around HIV and AIDS, this survey will gather more information about the ways your ministries have in the past, are currently or will be engaging. Please consider taking a few minutes to share your feedback. [Participate in the survey.](#)

Subscribe to Three Sides podcast

Three Sides is a new monthly podcast featuring stories from the ELCA. As a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together, Three Sides will share diverse voices from across this church. Typically, it's said there are two sides to every story. But often a middle or third side of the story is revealed, providing another perspective to consider. Listen now at LivingLutheran.org/podcast.

Support Lutheran World Federation's Augusta Victoria Hospital

Media reports say the United States will not continue to fund the Lutheran World Federation-operated Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem. ELCA members can help by [giving a gift](#) that will go toward the ELCA's ongoing, annual support of the hospital to prevent interruptions to the critical, life-saving care given there. Give today at community.ELCA.org/augusta-victoria-hospital.

Announcements



Roof repair: Our Saviour is in need of roof repairs. We are asking for any financial help you can give in order to help defray the cost of the repairs, so that we do not have to take out all the cost from our emergency fund. If you are able to help out, please use the white envelopes in the pews and mark it other-roof. Thank you!



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.



The property committee needs help with some plumbing, carpentry, painting and electrical work. If anyone is able to help out or knows someone who might be willing to assist us, please contact Jim Lenahan at 315-723-2270 or

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JAM Coordinator: Pam Donovan

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Reminder—
Please mark your calendars.

The deadline for the October
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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
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the church office, dropped off or
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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:

Iglesia Pentecostal Unificando Corazones Contractos (UCC) : We now share facilities with this church a great benefit for both congregations and for aiding us in financial stability

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.

Midtown Utica Community Center (MUCC) uses our facility to play basketball and volleyball, a gathering to build relationships and exercise.



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.*