

THE MESSENGER



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Newsletter

Summer 2019

*Trust in the LORD with all your **heart**,
And lean not on your own **understanding**;
In all your **ways** acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your **paths**.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

Cook out with UCC

July 28, 2019



Gym Floor Refinishing

July 29, 2019–August 16, 2019



Meetings for July/August

July 17, 2019 6 pm Council Meeting

August 21, 2019 Council Meeting

July and August birthdays

Laverne Friedel	July 9
Pamela Donovan	July 10
Gary Evans	July 10
Ed Riemenschneider	July 16
Lorraine Merry	July 21
Liz Douglass	August 2
Theoryn Dygert	August 11
Cindy Wheeler	August 13
Scott Donovan	August 14
Cynthia Anderek	August 21
Helen Dudajek	August 24
Robbie Dygert	August 30



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, Ruth-
ie, Nancy, People in Recovery, Bettie, Linda, Charlotte Lee, Lit-
tle Michael, David Jr, Joe, Beverly, Lou, Art ,Lorraine, Ruth





Building Usage for the months of April-June totaled \$2101.44

Our volunteers put up 107 meals for Your Neighbors on July 6th

Great work!!



FIRST COMMUNION –

When we baptize babies at Our Saviour, we promise to bring them to the Lord's Table. Holy Communion is a free gift to all who are baptized. When children begin to ask about participating in Holy Communion, we believe that it is time to offer it to them. We offer a one day class to help children to appreciate this wonderful gift. First Communion Class this year is Wednesday July 31st at 1:00. Children will be invited to receive Communion on August 4.

If you have not already talked to Pastor Anita about your child and First Communion, please call the church office 315-732-0134 to let us know if they are able to attend.

NEW MEMBERS

For those of you who wonder about becoming a member at Our Saviour, we are going to gather August 13th at 7pm. This is a good time to ask your questions about what it means to be a member at Our Saviour. This is a good time to plan when we can have a reception of new members at Our Saviour. This is a good time to hear something about what Our Saviour believes to be important. This is a good time to ask questions about what it means to be Lutheran. We will figure out from there what other questions you may have.

If this is not a good time for you, please call the Church office and we can find another time to meet. 315-732-0134.

PICNIC

We are having a potluck picnic with the people of the Pentecostal Church that also meets in our building. We are celebrating the first anniversary of our working together with them. If you were at the picnic we had with them last year, you know that it was a really good experience – lots of food, good hamburgers and hotdogs grilled by Barb Godbey-Miller and family, good fellowship, and an enormous cake!

Bring something that goes with hamburgers and hotdogs. It is Sunday July 28 right after worship. You will be glad you came.

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10am Survivor's group 7 pm Rainbows to Recovery	2 4:30 pm Nurses Group 7 pm UCC services	3 5:30 pm HA group	4 5:30 pm HA group 6:30 pm Big Book Meeting 7:pm UCC Services	5 5:30 pm HA group 7:45 pm Prayers around the cross	6
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28 10 am Service cook out with UCC 11 pm Women's Group 2pm UCC services	29 10am Survivor's group 7 pm Rainbows to Recovery Gym floor refinishing start	30 4:30 pm Nurses Group 7 pm UCC services	31 1:00 pm 1st communion class 5:30 pm HA group			

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Everyday 6:30 pm All R Welcome Group

July and August Helpers

	July 7th	July 14th	July 21 st	July 28th	August 4th	August 11th	August 18th	August 25th
Greeters	Bev and Lou Lombard	Jim and Sandy Lenahan	Barbara Dolan and Willie Bach	Barbara Magnusson and Liz Douglass	Katherine David and Norris Elinwood	Ed and Barbara Dolan	Scott and Pam Donovan	Bev and Lou Lombard
Acolytes	Robbie Dygert	Anthony Robles	Mia Russo	Robbie Dygert	Gavyn Burgdoff	Anthony Robles	Mia Russo	Robbie Dygert
Worship Assistant	Clare Thiem	N/A	Michael Robles	N/A	Clare Thiem	N/A	Liz Douglass	N/A
Lector	Betty Gallup	N/A	Scott Donovan	N/A	Sandy Lenahan	N/A	Jan Dudajek	N/A
Coffee Hosts								

Jam Time: July 7-21 Barbara Godbey-Miller/July 28 Sally Townsend/August Barbara Godbey-Miller

Ushers: July Jim and Sandy Lenahan/ August Bev and Lou Lombard

Reading information

For those among your members who are looking for deeper conversation around some excellent books, here is an opportunity. Please spread the word.

“Online Synod Wide Book Group Using Zoom Technology”

Pastor Lori Kochanski, Assistant to the Bishop for Faith Formation, will moderate the online conversation about the book. Make note of some of the points in the book that you find to be interesting or challenging and be prepared to share them with the group.

This study is open to anyone (both lay folks and those who are rostered leaders) willing to read the book and talk about it with others. You can even invite your family and friends who do not live in New York.

The zoom link will be published in the Upstate Update and the synod Facebook page.

Upcoming book conversations:

July 31 1:00 and 7:00 Christian Ethics for a Digital Society

by [Kate Ott](#)

August 21 1:00 and 7:00 Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US

by [Lenny Duncan](#)

September 25 1:00 and 7:00 Dreaming of Stones: Poems

by [Christine Valters Paintner](#)

October 30 1:00 and 7:00 Love Big: The Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the World

by [Rozella Haydée White](#)

November 20 1:00 and 7:00 We Will Feast: Rethinking Dinner, Worship, and the Community of God

by [Kendall Vanderslice](#)

December 18 1:00 and 7:00 The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe

by [Richard Rohr](#)

January 15 1:00 and 7:00 Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week by [Amy-Jill Levine](#)

February 19 1:00 and 7:00 One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins by [Emmy Kegler](#)

March 25 1:00 and 7:00 Women Rise Up: Sacred Stories of Resistance for Today's Revolution by [Katey Zeh](#)

April 29 1:00 and 7:00 The Time Is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage by [Joan Chittister](#)

The Rev. Gail R. Wolling
Dean of the Central Crossroads Conference, UNYS, ELCA
518-225-7537



"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.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS SCHEDULED IN PITTSBURGH, PA AND LENOX, MASSACHUSETTS



Interested in participating for a fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Don't miss your opportunity to take advantage of the half price registration fee being offered this year as we celebrate 50 years of Marriage Encounter--\$50 instead of \$100. Learn how to make your marriage a more intimate and joyful relationship by attending a Weekend! The 2019 fall Weekends are:

* October 11-13, 2019 at the spacious, modern decor rooms at the Hyatt Place Pittsburgh/Cranberry in Cranberry Township, PA

* November 1-3, 2019 at the award-winning Hampton Inn Berkshires beautifully situated on the edge of a nature preserve in Lenox, Massachusetts

Please go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org to see the cost for the Weekend of your choice. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. Financial assistance is available for those in need. Fill out and submit the form, and complete your registration with a credit card, or you may choose the option to mail a check. For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.



Reverend Dave Preisinger is retiring!

***You are cordially invited to help celebrate
Pastor Dave's 41 years in the ministry.***

***Please join us for a delicious buffet dinner
at Treviso Restaurant @ the Italian-American Community Center
257 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany NY 12205***

on Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 4:00PM until 8:00PM

**We ask that you RSVP by Sun., August 4, 2019 to:
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
57 Hurlbut Street, Albany NY 12209**

**With RSVP, please include dinner cost of \$20.00 per adult,
\$8.00 per child aged 5-12 years, and no charge for children under 5 years.**

Gluten-free requests must be made with RSVP

Questions - contact Patti Henry, Holy Spirit Parish Life Chair, 518-269-0564

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Reservation Name(s): _____

Number attending:	_____ Adults @ \$20.00 each	\$ _____
	_____ Children 5-12 years @ \$8.00 each	\$ _____
	_____ Children under 5 years (no charge)	\$ _____ 0
	Total amount enclosed*	\$ _____

Number of the above requiring Gluten-free
_____ Adults _____ Children 5-12 _____ Children under 5

***RSVP due by August 4th ; please include check payable to "Holy Spirit Lutheran"**



We Need Inventory!

We need furniture donations!

**Have something to donate? Bring it down during our hours!
Or call the ReStore and we can set up a pickup.**

ReStore Hours:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 12pm-4pm

Wednesday - 10am-4pm

Thursday - 10am-4pm

Friday - 10am-4pm

Saturday - 10am-3pm

Sunday - Closed



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JAM Coordinator: Pam Donovan

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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.

Heroin Addicts Anonymous, a group has formed here at our church, meeting a big need in the community. They currently meet 4 days a week.



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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