

Our Mission
“To rejoice in, and share
the good news of Jesus Christ “
with all people”

Rejoice Voice

Rejoice! Lutheran Church
7855 Stow Road
Hudson, OH 44236

Brian Suntken, Vicar

Contact Rejoice!
330-653-5980
office@rejoicelc.org
www.rejoicelc.org

Church Council
Chris Wisbar
Jake Biltz
Tim Boebel
Pete Moore
Mike Procop

**Bulletin and
Newsletter**
office@rejoicelc.org

Sunday Worship
10:30am
(In-person, Face Book Live,
or posted later on our
website)

Adult Formation Class
9:30am on Sunday

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays
8:00pm
on zoom

Thursday
7:00pm
on zoom

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ:

The Pentecost season, as well as the time of Sundays after Pentecost, is a liturgical period celebrated by many Christian churches. The season can also be referred to as “Ordinary Time”, which immediately follows the Easter season. Although the start and end dates vary by liturgical tradition, the season typically begins on the day of Pentecost and continues throughout the rest of the liturgical year, ending just before the season of Advent. For example: June 2, this year, will be the Second Sunday of Pentecost. By the time we reach the Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The liturgical color for this period is typically green.

There is nothing “ordinary” about this liturgical season for it provides each of us with an opportunity to grow in our faith and in our understanding of the Scriptures. We follow the Revised Common Lectionary. The major principle behind the lectionary is that on a Sunday members of the congregation will be able to hear the unique voice of one of the Gospel writer week by week, rather than readings being selected according to a theme. Thus, in any given year the writer of one of the first three gospels will be heard from beginning to end. Likewise, the rest of the New Testament is heard, in some cases, virtually in total, in others in large part. This year, we will read each Sunday from the Gospel of Mark.

Mark's Gospel is the second of the four canonical gospels and one of the three synoptic Gospels. It tells of the ministry of Jesus from his baptism by John the Baptist to his death, the burial of his body, and the discovery of his empty tomb. It portrays Jesus as a teacher, an exorcist, a healer, and a miracle worker, though it does not mention a miraculous birth or divine pre-existence. Jesus refers to himself as the Son of Man. He is called the Son of God but keeps his messianic nature a secret; even his disciples fail to understand him. All this is in keeping with the Christian interpretation of prophecy, which is believed to foretell the fate of the messiah as a suffering servant.

Continued on page 2...

Continued from page 1...

This first Gospel was written sometime during the First Jewish-Roman War (66-74 CE). A war that led to the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in the year 70 CE and the beginning of the Jewish diaspora. Most scholars today believe that the Gospel was written anonymously. The name Mark was added to link the work to an authoritative figure of the faith community.

I look forward to the journey with you through this extraordinary Gospel and as we enjoy some "ordinary" time together.

Brian

Save the Date—Women's Retreat Weekend

Ladies, mark your calendars now for our annual Women's Retreat October 11-13, 2024, at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center on Chautauqua Lake in western New York. We are starting the planning and welcome anyone to join us in planning as well as attending! Pastor Pam Kelly will be our leader again and we always look forward to our wonderful weekend with her.



Matthew, Mark, Luke, and (beers with) John

Thursday, JUNE 6 7:00pm BELL TOWER BREWING Join your St. Stephen friends and family on a Brewery Trail at Bell Tower Brewing located at 310 Park Avenue, Kent. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and (beers with) John Order your favorite beverage (it doesn't have to be a beer) and snacks and catch up with friends. Bell Tower offers a full menu including vegetarian and gluten free options.



Sunday, June 16

A Spirited Art

Please mark your calendar for another session of "A Spirited Art" on Thursday, June 13, 6:00 p.m. Please bring any men's ties that you have and can cut for our project. This is a nice way of remembering someone you love. We will be making a wreath for someone special as we approach Father's Day. A pair of scissors and hot glue gun will be useful for this project. Watch for a sample on display soon.

Sue Carter 440-655-2223



Beautiful New Banners

Many thanks to Sue Holman who designed and crafted the two new banners hanging in our sanctuary. Sue heard that our altar guild was looking to buy more banners—which we will still do—but she got busy and made then donated these two! Thank you, Sue!



Women's Bible Study *—Via Zoom*



The Women's Bible Study group is now studying —
 "Christian Disciplines"
 No pressure, no homework!
 Just fellowship time
 with Christian friends studying God's
 Word.

Join us *Wednesdays at 8:00pm on Zoom*

<https://johncarrolluniversity.zoom.us/j/628894291>

Contact Lisa Ramsey with questions/problems at lisaruns1969@gmail.com or 234.380.2090



June Birthdays

12	Tyler Wisbar
13	Elizabeth Wisbar
21	Ginny Pillsbury
21	Bill Clothier



June Anniversaries

22	Dan & Kathy Jacobsen
23	Tim & Judi Boebel
28	Tim & April Yanda
30	Bob & Paige Giannetti

Brian's Zoom Bible Study will continue to be on Thursday evenings until further notice

Everyone is invited.

Here's the zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09)



[pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09)

Meeting ID: 322 240 0299 Pass code: COSJ2020

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, or it is incorrect, please help us update our info. Contact Carla Maurer at office@rejoicelc.org

Financial Report - April 2024

2024	April Actual	April Budget	April Vari- ance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Vari- ance to Budget	2024 Budget
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$8,580	\$12,833	(\$4,253)	\$55,132	\$51,333	\$3,799	\$154,000
Capital Revenue	\$1,645	\$2,917	(\$1,272)	\$10,900	\$11,667	(\$767)	\$35,000
Other	\$612	\$358	\$254	\$4,405	\$1,433	\$2,972	\$4,300
Total Income	\$10,837	\$16,108	(\$5,271)	\$70,437	\$64,433	\$6,004	\$193,300
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$7,382	\$9,162	\$1,780	\$36,250	\$36,647	\$397	\$117,340
Capital Expense	\$5,966	\$5,667	(\$299)	\$22,604	\$22,667	\$63	\$68,000
Total Expenses	\$13,348	\$14,829	\$1,481	\$58,854	\$59,314	\$460	\$185,340
Net Total	(\$2,511)	\$1,279		\$11,583	\$5,119		\$7,960
Benevolence Giving	\$0	\$1,283	(\$1,283)	\$2,000	\$5,133	(\$3,133)	\$15,000



Pentecost Sunday Group photo—May 19, 2024



PENTECOST

Thanks everyone for wearing **RED** to church on **Pentecost** to celebrate the coming of the **Holy Spirit.**

And a special thank you to **Kate Hartland** for ordering, delivering, labeling, and arranging the many geraniums in the altar area.

The Geraniums looked spectacular!



Helping Hands at Our Church, Spreading the Love of Jesus ...

This month's Helping Hands recognition is to Kathy and Dan Jacobsen. Kathy and Dan were Rejoice members until they moved to Arizona. When they returned a year or so ago, we were thrilled to see them return to Rejoice, too! Kathy has accepted the challenge of being our Fellowship chair along with helping with communion set-up. She did a great job planning and organizing our Maundy Thursday meal with St. Stephens and the Easter breakfast a few days later. She also honored mother's on Mother's Day with a delicious cake. And, she makes sure that the kitchen is cleaned up after worship on Sunday's.

Dan jumped in to help with Sunday morning tech by helping at the soundbooth and at the video table where our service is live-streamed to Facebook. He has also helped to work out some issues with buzzing noise in the speakers. More recently he agreed to serve our congregation as chair of the Worship Committee. Our thanks to both of you!

Please let the church office know if we missed anyone's good deeds, because we want to recognize all helping hands!

Fellowship Time Hospitality

Enjoy Coffee and Snacks After Worship?

Looking for volunteers to bring a snack, make coffee and clean up after. Since everyone likes a snack now and then, weekly volunteers are needed to make Sunday morning coffee, put out the snacks and stay to clean up afterwards. Sign up sheet is at the coffee bar window.



Clear Bags Recycled into Park Benches - St. Stephens Collection

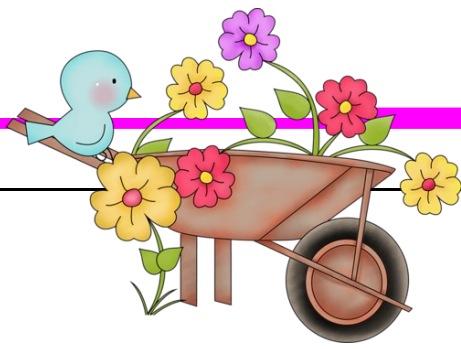
The local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) chapter is collecting clear plastic bags. The DAR chapter meets at St. Stephen on Saturdays. The clear plastic bags are collected and taken to the Kent Lions Club, who then delivers them to Terex. Terex takes the bags and recycles them into park benches. (see photo) The following clear plastic items are accepted for recycle:

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap
- Ice bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Case overwrap (drinks)

If you have clear plastic to donate, please place it in the bag in the entryway. It is ok if there is print on the plastic.



We now have a collection basket in the entryway at Rejoice



June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		SUMMER				1
2 10:30 Worship & Communion 12:00 Between The Lines: A Brown Bag Book Club	3	4 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting	5 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	6 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting	7	8
9 10:30 Worship & Communion	10 6:30 PM Quilting Group 7 pm Church Council Meeting	11 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM AA Women's Group (Now meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month)	12 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	13 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting	14 Flag Day 	15
16 Father's Day 10:30 Worship & Communion	17	18 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting	19 Juneteenth 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	20 June Solstice 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting 	21	22 12 - 2 PM Hudson Food Pantry February Distribution
23 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:30 Worship Committee	24	25 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM AA Women's Group	26 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	27 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting	28	29
30 10:30 Worship & Communion						



June Worship Helpers

10:30am SERVICE	2-June	9-June	16-June	23-June	30-June	7-July
COMMUNION SET UP	Jenn Lue	Dana Biltz	Kathy Jacobsen	Marisa McLelland	Diane Procop	Jenn Lue
LAY READER	Dave Denes	Bill Holman	Brian Pillsbury	Marisa McLelland	Russ Ackerman	Pete Moore
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Pete Moore	Sue Holman	Becky Hogue	Francine McBride	Jenn Lue	Dave Denes
GREETER / USHER	Paul Mallott	Tim Boebel	Paul Mallott	George Arnold	Paul Mallott	Tim Boebel
COUNTERS	C Maurer / W Klukow	N Fasnacht/ B Bryant	W Klukow / P Giannetti	C Maurer/ N Fasnacht	C Maurer/ P Giannetti	C Maurer / W Klukow
POWER POINT PREP	Bethany Bryant	Judi Boebel	Carla Maurer	Nancy Fasnacht	Bethany Bryant	Judi Boebel
SOUND BOOTH	TBA	TBA	Dan Jacobsen	Wisbar	Tim Boebel	Wisbar
VIDEOGRAPHER	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue
FELLOWSHIP	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

Lay Reader – read the Scripture for the day. Readings can be emailed in advance for you to preview.

Communion Assistant – help with distribution of the Sacrament holding the wine and juice “The blood of Christ shed for you!”

Communion Set-up – cube bread and place in cups/basket, Pour wine into cups using sanitized hands and minimize touch of the communion elements.

Usher – make sure everyone has a bulletin, a chair, or any other assistance. Light the candles prior to the worship and extinguish them after worship.

Offering Counter – count the Sunday offering and prepare it for deposit.

Altar Guild members take care all things concerning the altar, including communion preparation (bread & wine), altar linens, candles, paraments, banners, and flowers. They make sure that the altar is set up appropriately for the times and seasons of the church year.

Power Point Prep – using the weekly bulletin as a guide, copy/paste the Order of Worship into a Power Point presentation (can be done at home in advance and emailed to the soundbooth).

Videographer – each week we live-stream the worship service. A new system is in place that is user friendly and training is available.

Sound booth tech and PowerPoint – sit at the sound booth, advance the power point slides when appropriate, and run the equipment.

Fellowship—ensure that someone is signed up to bring a snack, make coffee and clean-up

Help is needed in all Worship Help areas. Please see Carla to volunteer!

If you are unable to serve on the scheduled date, please make every effort to find a replacement and contact the church office no later than Wednesday, prior to the date you are scheduled. 330-653-5980

REJOICE! LUTHERAN CHURCH

7855 Stow Rd.
 Hudson, Ohio 44236
 Phone: 330-653-5980
 E-mail: office@rejoiceclc.org



HCSA Food Pantry News—May 2024



May was our month for early distribution (1 week early) due to the upcoming Memorial Day holiday.

A local Girl Scout Troop donated cake baking kits which we featured for families to make for or with fathers/grandfathers as a family activity for Fathers' Day.

The couple that regularly donates meat gave us hot dogs and pork chops this month which should encourage grilling for family and friends holiday get-togethers.

As we enter the summer months, we are looking for kid friendly items that will help out families who aren't getting meals at school.



**ALTAR
FLOWERS**

There is a Flower Chart on the bulletin board where you may sign-up, on an available Sunday, to provide fresh flowers for Sunday Worship.

They may be offered in Honor or in Memory of a Loved One, for an Anniversary, Birthday, Baptism, Graduation, or any special occasion. You will find all the details in the order forms on the Welcome Desk.

Ladies Night Out

On May 3 we had a great evening attending Ladies Night Out in Brunswick. The show featured Christian singer, Nichole Nordeman, Robin Swoboda and several on-air personalities from the Christian music radio station 95.5-The Fish.

Pictured L-R, Carla Maurer, Wendy Klukow, Judi Boebel and Sue Carter

