

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

# Rejoice Voice

Rejoice! Lutheran Church  
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Newsletter**

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**Sunday Worship**

10:30am

(In-person, Face Book Live,  
or posted later on our  
website)

**Adult Formation Class**

9:30am on Sunday will  
resume in the fall

**Bible Studies**

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

## An Attractive Alternative

*Richard Rohr is one of my favorite contemporary theologians. I met Father Naim Ateek in 1997 on my last pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In this reflection, Rohr emphasizes how community is at the heart of the reign of God:*

“The world has suffered much from the various forms of Christian colonialism. Yet the reign of God is an alternative to domination systems and all “isms.” Jesus teaches that right relationship (that is, love) is the ultimate and daily criterion. If a social order allows and encourages strong connectedness between people and creation, people and each other, people and God, then we have a truly sacred culture: the reign of God. It wouldn’t be a world without pain or mystery, but simply a world where we are connected and in communion with all things.

“God’s reign is about union and communion, which means that it’s also about mercy, forgiveness, nonviolence, letting go, solidarity, service, and lives of love, patience, and simplicity. Who can doubt that this is the sum and substance of Jesus’ teaching? In the reign of God, the very motives for rivalry, greed, and violence have been destroyed. We know we’re all part of God’s beloved community.

“Palestinian Anglican priest Naim Ateek emphasizes Jesus’ call to community and peacemaking:

“Jesus called into community a small group of people. They were his disciples and friends. He taught them the essence of faith—the love of God and the love of neighbor—and he became a role model to them. When they asked him to teach them to pray, he taught them to pray for the coming of God’s kingdom: “Your kingdom come, your will be done.” If you want to be children of God, he said, you need to be engaged in peacemaking; if you want to imitate God and be God’s children, you have to love your enemies and to pray for those that persecute you. If you want to resist evil, do not use evil methods. You have to practice forgiveness and reconciliation. You must be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

“Father Richard continues:

“Every description Jesus offers of God’s reign—of love, relationship, non-judgment, and forgiveness, where the last shall be first and the first shall be last—shows that any imposition on God’s side is an impossibility! Wherever we’ve tried to force Christianity on people, the long-term results have been disastrous. The gospel flourishes in the realm of true freedom.

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“But it’s a freedom we must choose for ourselves. It is almost impossible to turn away from what seems like the only game in town (political, economic, or religious), unless we have glimpsed a more attractive alternative. It’s hard to imagine it, much less imitate it, unless we see someone else do it first. Jesus is that icon of the more attractive alternative, a living parable. Jesus has forever changed our human imagination, and we are now both burdened and gladdened by new possibility. There is good news to counter the deadening bad news, but we first have to be turned away from a conventional way of understanding.” (*Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations, August 1, 2024*)

Be Well - Brian



### Women's Retreat Weekend

#### Women's Retreat Oct. 11-13, 2024

Theme verse: John 15:5a, A door, a light, a loaf, a vine. Who is Jesus, the Divine?

The cost is between \$145-\$225, depending on when you register and whether you want a double or single room.

Cost includes lodging for two nights, three meals on Saturday and Brunch on Sunday. Brochure available on our website. [www.rejoiceclc.org](http://www.rejoiceclc.org) or in the narthex.



### ALTAR FLOWERS

There is a Flower Chart on the bulletin board where you can sign-up on any 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.

Obtain your flowers from any source: from a florist, any flower provider, your garden, or even the grocery store.

Just deliver your flowers to Rejoice's Church Kitchen on *your* Sunday by 10:15 AM. An Altar Guild Member will place your flowers in the Altar area, and you may take them home after worship.

You may have your dedication listed in Rejoice's Sunday Church Bulletin. All the details are on the Welcome Desk.

**FREE! Solstice Flute Ensemble summer concert on Tuesday, August 6 at 7:30pm at Rejoice Lutheran Church.**  
**All are welcome!**



## Women's Bible Study - Via Zoom

The Women's Bible Study group is now studying a book entitled "Angels"



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](mailto:lisaruns1969@gmail.com) or 234.380.2090



### August Birthdays

10	Diane Procop
10	Tim Boebel
17	George Arnold
18	Christopher Bryant
20	Tom Freborg
26	Sandy Molnar



### August Anniversaries

17	Russ & Ellen Ackerman
21	Jim & Carla Maurer
24	Brian & Ginny Pillsbury
28	Bill & Sue Holman

*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@rejoicec.org](mailto:office@rejoicec.org)*

## Brian's Zoom Bible Study will resume in the fall



## Financial Report - June 2024

2024	June Actual	June Budget	June Vari- ance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Vari- ance to Budget	2024 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>							
General Revenue	\$27,561	\$12,834	\$14,727	\$90,641	\$77,000	\$13,641	\$154,000
Capital Revenue	\$9,190	\$2,916	\$6,274	\$21,420	\$17,500	\$3,920	\$35,000
Other	(\$215)	\$358	(\$573)	\$4,730	\$2,150	\$2,580	\$4,300
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$36,536</b>	<b>\$16,108</b>	<b>\$20,428</b>	<b>\$116,791</b>	<b>\$96,650</b>	<b>\$20,141</b>	<b>\$193,300</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>							
General Expense	\$7,111	\$9,162	\$2,051	\$53,381	\$54,970	\$1,589	\$117,340
Capital Expense	\$5,546	\$5,667	\$121	\$33,696	\$34,000	\$304	\$68,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,657</b>	<b>\$14,829</b>	<b>\$2,172</b>	<b>\$87,077</b>	<b>\$88,970</b>	<b>\$1,893</b>	<b>\$185,340</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$23,879</b>	<b>\$1,279</b>		<b>\$29,714</b>	<b>\$7,680</b>		<b>\$7,960</b>

<b>Benevolence Giving</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$1,283</b>	<b>\$717</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$7,700</b>	<b>(\$3,700)</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
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## Helping Hands at Our Church, Spreading the Love of Jesus ...

A "shout out" to George Arnold, our Rejoice Care Team chairperson. George is such a blessing to Rejoice and to Tom Freborg. He checked in on Tom frequently and made sure Tom had a ride to church, when Tom felt up to coming.

Another "shout out" to Paige Giannetti, also a Care Team member. Even when she's in Fla, she is thinking about and checking in with Rejoice members. She is thoughtful about sending prayers and greeting cards when needed. When she is in town, she does the same including offering rides to church or elsewhere for those in need. Other Rejoice friends who make sure Millie has a ride to church are Marisa McLelland and Bethany Bryant.

You are all a blessing to us!

*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.

**There is a collection basket in the hall, across from the Food Pantry.**



# Rejoice Helping Hands

(This article is submitted anonymously.)



**WE OWE OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO REJOICE HELPING HANDS;  
WITHOUT THEM, REJOICE COULD NOT FUNCTION.**



*There are many Helping Hands at Rejoice  
that give freely of their time and talents.  
Some help weekly, some are on a rotating schedule,  
and some are helping in many other special and committed ways.*

## Weekly Helping Hands

- Leads Worship with Stimulating Sermons: ..... Vicar Brian Suntken
- Leads Worship Music: ..... Derek Carter
- Takes the Trash Cans to the Curb, and later Returns them to the Shed: ..... Paul Mallott
- Cleans Bathrooms, Kitchen, Mops Floors & Vacuums Carpeting: ..... Marisa McLelland & Glenn Fasnacht

## Weekly Rotating Helping Hands

- Sound Booth: . Chris & Ellen Wisbar, Tim Boebel, Dan Jacobsen, Carla Maurer, Marisa McLelland, Noah Lue
- Counters: ..... Wendy Klukow, Carla Maurer, Nancy Fasnacht, Bethany Bryant, Paige Giannetti
- Communion Preparation: ..... Jenn Lue, Dana Biltz, Kathy Jacobsen, Marisa McLelland, Diane Procop
- PowerPoint Preparation: ..... Judi Boebel, Bethany Bryant, Carla Maurer, Nancy Fasnacht
- Videographer: ..... AJ Stokes, Dan Jacobsen, Ethan Hogue
- Rejoice Live-Stream for FaceBook: ..... Janet Juliano, Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes
- Greeters and Ushers: ..... George Arnold, Paul Mallott, Tim Boebel
- Reads Lessons or Prayers, and Assists with Communion: ..... Jenn Lue, Francine McBride, Dave Denes  
Marisa McLelland, Sue Holman, Becky Hogue, Bill Holman, Russ Ackerman, Pete Moore, Bethany Bryant,  
Janet Juliano, George Arnold, Pat Bull, Brian Pillsbury
- Acolytes..... Noah Lue, Travis Hartland, Nina Ackerman

## Special Helping Hands

- Painted Parking Lot Curbs Safety Yellow: ..... Glenn Fasnacht
- Coordinated Mother’s Day cake, Father’s Day Ice Cream and the July Fellowship Dinner:..... Kathy Jacobsen
- St. Pauly Shed Coordinators: ..... Sue & Bill Holman
- Keeps the Worship Banners and Paraments Timely: ..... Glenn & Nancy Fasnacht
- Launders and Irons Altar Linens: ..... Sue Simmons
- Leads Worship Music when Derek is away: ..... Dan Jacobsen

## Essential Helping Hands

- Council Members:..... Chris Wisbar, Jake Biltz, Tim Boebel, Pete Moore, Mike Procop
- Vicar:..... Brian Suntken
- Manages and Keeps the Church Office Running Efficiently: ..... Carla Maurer
- Financial Secretary..... Francine McBride

Helping Hands are always welcome, and there are many opportunities to serve.  
Please let the church office know if you have a particular interest to serve,  
and also if anyone was missed on this list.



## Cherry Coffee cake

Recipe from Catherine Flower  
(Fellowship treat a couple of weeks ago)

3 cups of flour, divided use  
2 cups sugar, divided use  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 1/2 cups butter, divided use  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 egg----milk  
1 can cherry pie filling  
Powered sugar---milk



SIFT TOGETHER 2 CUPS FLOUR, 1 CUP SUGAR, BAKING POWDER, SALT. CUT IN 1 CUP BUTTER AS FOR PIE CRUST.

BREAK EGG IN CUP, BEAT. ADD SUFFICIENT MILK TO MAKE 1(ONE) CUP OF LIQUID, MIX WELL. ADD TO FLOUR/BUTTER MIXTURE. MIX WELL. POUR INTO GREASED AND FLOURED JELLY ROLL PAN...(15x10x1inch) .

COVER THIS WITH CHERRY PIE FILLING

### TOPPING:

SIFT 1 CUP FLOUR, 1 CUP SUGAR TOGETHER. CUT IN 1/2 CUP BUTTER AND SPRINKLE OVER PIE FILLING

BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 30-35 (I like 32 min best) Serves 16 to 20 people  
Cool ALMOST COMPLETELY

MAKE THIN MILK and POWDERED SUGAR ICING.....DRIZZLE OVER CAKE

When storing this....DO NOT COVER TIGHTLY ENJOY



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

Is on Summer Break. See you Thurs., Sept 5





# August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>The month of August holds significant biblical meaning as a time of harvest and abundance, reflecting God's faithfulness and provision in our lives. Just as the fields are ripe for gathering crops, this month serves as a reminder of the bountiful blessings that God bestows upon His children.</p> <p><b>Proverbs 3:5. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and do not rely on your own insight."</b></p>				1	2	3
<p>4 10:30 AM Worship &amp; Communion 12 PM <b>BETWEEN THE LINES:</b> A Brown Bag Book Club (Bring your lunch.)</p>	<p>5 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>6 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting 6:30 PM AA Women's Group 7:30PM Summer Solstice Flute Concert</p>	<p>7 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study</p>	8	9	10
<p>11 10:30 AM Worship &amp; Communion</p>	<p>12 6:30 PM Quilting Group</p>	<p>13 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>14 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study</p>	15	16	17
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<p>25 10:30 AM Worship &amp; Communion</p>	26	<p>27 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>28 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study</p>	29	30	31
<p><b>Women's Retreat Oct. 11-13, 2024</b> Theme verse: John 15:5a A door, a light, a loaf, a vine. Who is Jesus, the Divine? Register by September 8 at <a href="http://www.rejoicec.org">www.rejoicec.org</a>.</p>						

## August Worship Helpers

10:30am SERVICE	4-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug	1-Sept
COMMUNION SET UP	Jenn Lue	Dana Biltz	Kathy Jacobsen	Marisa McLelland	Jenn Lue
LAY READER	Dave Denes	Brian Pillsbury	Pat Bull	Marisa McLelland	Pete Moore
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Russ Ackerman	Sue Holman	Becky Hogue	Francine McBride	Jenn Lue
GREETER / USHER	Paul Mallott	George Arnold	Tim Boebel	George Arnold	Paul Mallott
COUNTERS	C Maurer / W Klukow	N Fasnacht/ B Bryant	W Klukow / P Giannetti	C Maurer/ K Jacobsen	C Maurer / P Giannetti
POWER POINT PREP	Judi Boebel	Bethany Bryant	Carla Maurer	Nancy Fasnacht	Judi Boebel
SOUND BOOTH	Noah Lue	Tim Boebel	Dan Jacobsen	Wisbar	Tim Boebel
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
FELLOWSHIP	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

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## HCSA Food Pantry News

Another successful distribution was held on July 27<sup>th</sup>. It was another hot day so once again we had ice water available for our neighbors, as well as handing out popsicles for them to take home and freeze to have for their kids and grandkids.

On August 10<sup>th</sup> the food pantry will participate in another Community Day at the Hudson Farmers' Market. This is always a fun event where community members can participate in a Spin the Wheel to answer questions about the HCSA Food Pantry and win a prize. The community is always generous with donations to their local food pantry.

Thanks again for your support, and wishing Rejoice members safe travels in the remainder of the summer!



## July Fellowship Dinner at Brewsters Café in Twinsburg



L-R Joyce Clothier, Francine McBride, Sue Carter,  
 Kathy Jacobsen, Dan Jacobsen, Bill Clothier



L-R Carla Maurer, Sue Simmons, Paige Giannetti, Judi Boebel,  
 Tim Boebel, Nancy Fasnacht, Glenn Fasnacht, George Arnold