

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

Rejoice Voice

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ:

It is hard to believe that the summer is about over, and the fall season is upon us. This means that we head back to our regular program schedule with Adult Formation at 9:30 am followed by Worship at 10:30 am.

What is Christian Formation and why is it so important? Father John Peck, a Russian Orthodox priest, serving a congregation in Arizona writes: “Formation is what trains and allows us to understand and recognize the culture of the Kingdom of heaven. That is what formation does. It does not give us a ‘pass’ to get into heaven, so to speak; formation actually makes us citizens of this Kingdom. Like any country, our heavenly nation has its own language (Scripture), customs, idioms (ways of speaking about things), and its own context for viewing everything in this life, and the next. This is only accomplished in the Church, because the Church is the earthly embassy of the Kingdom of Heaven.... Christian formation is not simply becoming accustomed to a Christian way of doing things. Christian formation is transformative not legalistic, and requires attention to the interior life. Cultivating attentiveness in the spirit, stillness in the heart in order to listen to the Holy Spirit while still discerning the spirits; these all take work, guidance and experience.”

Listed below are the topics for this Fall’s Adult Forum. I trust that you will take full advantage of these gatherings as we grow in our walk with Christ. I look forward to being in ministry with you.

Brian

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| September | 8 | (SERVICE) Lutheran World Relief Project |
| | 15 | (SCRIPTURE) The Bible & Opera: Handel’s <i>Messiah</i> |
| | 22 | The Bible & Opera: Verdi’s <i>Nabucco</i> |
| | 29 | The Bible & Opera: Strauss’ <i>Salome</i> |
| October | 6 | The Bible & Opera: Floyd’s <i>Susannah</i> |
| | 13 | TBA |
| | 20 | (LIFE JOURNEY) Having the Talk: End of Life Issues |
| | 27 | Having the Talk: End of Life Issues |

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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

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November	3	(JUSTICE) A Presidential Election
	10	Having the Talk: End of Life Issues
	17	Rejoice Anniversary Sunday
	24	(THEOLOGY) Luther's Theology of the Cross
December	1	(ETHICS) Religion and Ethics: How are they related?
	8	Religion and Ethics: The Role of Ethics in Spiritual Practice
	15	Religion and Ethics: Does Ethics Require Religion?
	22	Religion and Ethics: 3 Studies



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 \$160 double occupancy, or \$225, single occupancy.

Cost includes lodging for two nights, three meals on Saturday and Brunch on Sunday. Brochure available on our website. 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.

New Member Sunday

On Sunday, Sept. 29 we will welcome some new members to our community of faith. Visitors are always welcome to remain visitors, but if you are interested in becoming a member of Rejoice, please let Brian or Carla know by Sept. 22.

Bible Studies Galore!

Tuesday's at Rejoice at 1:00 noon

(Watch for details in upcoming bulletins)



September Birthdays

4	Tim Yanda
11	Millie Carr
14	Paige Giannetti
15	Sue Holman
19	Bethany Bryant
20	Moira Ackerman
25	Ashley McLelland



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://johnncarrolluniversity.zoom.us/j/628894291>

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

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

Brian's Zoom Bible Study

Thursday Evenings at 7:00 pm

"The First and the Last" – Saint Paul's letters to the Thessalonians and Romans. A Zoom study led by Brian Suntken. Meet friends from Ohio, North Carolina, Florida, and California. Zoom ID#3222400299 Password: COSJ2020 The program begins on Thursday, September 12.



Financial Report - July 2024

2024	July Actual	July Budget	July Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2024 Budget
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$7,811	\$12,833	(\$5,022)	\$98,452	\$89,834	\$8,618	\$154,000
Capital Revenue	\$1,465	\$2,917	(\$1,452)	\$22,885	\$20,417	\$2,468	\$35,000
Other	\$727	\$358	\$369	\$5,457	\$2,507	\$2,950	\$4,300
Total Income	\$10,003	\$16,108	(\$6,105)	\$126,794	\$112,758	\$14,036	\$193,300
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$12,728	\$9,162	(\$3,566)	\$66,108	\$64,132	(\$1,976)	\$117,340
Capital Expense	\$5,546	\$5,667	\$121	\$39,242	\$39,667	\$425	\$68,000
Total Expenses	\$18,274	\$14,829	(\$3,445)	\$105,350	\$103,799	(\$1,551)	\$185,340
Net Total	(\$8,271)	\$1,279		\$21,444	\$8,959		\$7,960

Benevolence Giving	\$0	\$1,283	(\$1,283)	\$4,000	\$8,983	(\$4,983)	\$15,000
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Helping Hands at Our Church, Spreading the Love of Jesus ...

Thanking the dedicated team of volunteers who create the video live stream of our weekly service:

- AJ Stokes
- Dan Jacobsen
- Ethan Hogue
- Janet Juliano
- Glenn Fasnacht
- Dave Denes

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!



Organ Dedication Concert

The organ at Mary Mother of the Good Shepherd Chapel has been beautifully restored and will be dedicated at a special concert on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 4:00PM. World renowned organist Hector Oliver will be featured. Mary Mother of the Good Shepherd Chapel is located at 28700 Euclid Ave., Wickliffe, OH, 44092.

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

*Psalm 9:1. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

Thank You to Our Committee Leaders and Committee Members

They give freely of their time, talents, and energy to the ministries at Rejoice.
If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact the committee leader.

Worship	Altar Guild	Food Pantry & Women's Ministry	Outreach	Care	St. Pauly Shed	Fellowship
Dan Jacobsen Committee Leader	Nancy Fasnacht Committee Leader	Ginny Pillsbury Committee Leader	Bethany Bryant Committee Leader	George Arnold Committee Leader	Bill Holman Committee Leader	Kathy Jacobsen Committee Leader
Judi Boebel	Dana Biltz	Pat Bull	Liz Franke	Judi Boebel	Sue Holman	Nancy Fasnacht
Derek Carter	Glenn Fasnacht	Catherine Flower	Sue Holman	Joyce Clothier		
Nancy Fasnacht	Kate Hartland	Paige Giannetti	Carla Maurer	Paige Giannetti		
Kathy Jacobsen	Kathy Jacobsen	Sandy Molnar				
Carla Maurer	Jenn Lue					
Marisa McLelland	Carla Maurer					
Brian Pillsbury	Marisa McLelland					
Mike Procop	Diane Procop					
AJ Stokes	Sue Simmons					
Brian Suntken						

Thank You



All Saints' Sunday – Remembering our Loved Ones

This year, on All Saints' Sunday (November 3) we are asking members of our community to send in pictures of loved ones who have died in the last year. During the Prayers of the People that Sunday, we will remember those persons in a pictorial memorial. Deadline for pictorial memorials is Sunday, October 27.

Theology Corner

“Those who love much, do much and accomplish much, and whatever is done with love is done well.... Love is the best and noblest thing in the human heart, especially when it is tested by life as gold is tested by fire. Happy is he who has loved much, and although he may have wavered and doubted, he has kept that divine spark alive and returned to what was in the beginning and ever shall be.

If only one keeps loving faithfully what is truly worth loving and does not squander one's love on trivial and insignificant and meaningless things then one will gradually obtain more light and grow stronger.”

— *Vincent van Gogh, The Letters of Vincent van Gogh*

“Do not worry in the least about yourself, leave all worry to God,' - this appears to be the commandment in all religions. This need not frighten anyone. He who devotes himself to service with a clear conscience, will day by day grasp the necessity for it in greater measure, and will continually grow richer in faith. The path of service can hardly be trodden by one who is not prepared to renounce self-interest, and to recognize the conditions of his birth. Consciously or unconsciously, every one of us does render some service or other. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and will make not only for our own happiness but that of the world at large.”

— *Mahatma Gandhi*

“Whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!”

— *Martin Luther*

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

Thursday, September 5 7:00pm Green Valley Brewing Co. Join your St. Stephen friends and family on a Brewery Trail. 53 Milford Dr. Hudson, OH 44236 Order your favorite beverage (it doesn't have to be a beer) and snacks and catch up with friends.



Matthew, Mark, Luke, and (beers with) John Schedule September 2024 – June 2025

9/5 at 7pm Green Valley Brewing Company 53 Milford Dr. Hudson, OH 44236 V, GF

10/3 McArthur's Brew House 2721 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 V

11/7 Missing Falls Brewery 540 S. Main St., Suite 112 Akron, OH 44311 V, GF

12/5 Missing Mountain Brewing Company 2811 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 V, GF, Vegan

2/6 HiHo Brewing Company 1707 Front Street Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 V, GF, Vegan

3/6 Missing Mountain Brewing Company 2811 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 V, GF, Vegan

4/3 The Brew Kettle 11 Atterbury Blvd. Hudson, OH 44236 V

5/1 Bell Tower Brewing Company 310 Park Ave. Kent, OH 44240 V, GF, Vegan

6/5 Lock 15 Brewing Company 21 W. North St., Suite TL 1 Akron, OH 44304 V, GF

September 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 10:30 AM Worship & Communion</p>	<p>2 LABOR DAY</p>	<p>3 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>4 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 </p>
<p>8 9:45 AM God's Work Our Hands  10:30 AM Worship & Communion</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>11 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>12 7:00PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 </p>
<p>15 9:30AM Adult Formation 10:30 AM Worship & Communion</p>	<p>16 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>17 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>18 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>19 7:00PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21  12 - 2 PM Hudson Food Pantry September Distribution (one week early)</p>
<p>22 9:30AM Adult Formation 10:30 AM Worship & Communion September Equinox</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>25 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>26 7:00PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 </p>
<p>29 9:30AM Adult Formation 10:30 AM Worship & Communion</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>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? Register by September 8 at www.rejoicelc.org.</p>				



10:30am SERVICE	01-Sept	08-Sept	15-Sept	22-Sept	29-Sept	06-Oct
COMMUNION SET UP	Jenn Lue	Dana Biltz	Kathy Jacobsen	Marisa McLelland	Diane Procop	Jenn Lue
LAY READER	Pete Moore	Brian Pillsbury	Robyn Crane	Marisa McLelland	George Arnold	Pat Bull
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Jenn Lue	Bill Holman	Bethany Bryant	Francine McBride	Becky Hogue	Dave Denes
GREETER / USHER	Paul Mallott	George Arnold	Paul Mallott	George Arnold	Paul Mallott	Tim Boebel
COUNTERS	C Maurer / P Giannetti	N Fasnacht/ B Bryant	W Klukow / P Giannetti	C Maurer/ K Jacobsen	N Fasnacht/ P Giannetti	C Maurer / W Klukow
POWER POINT PREP	Judi Boebel	Bethany Bryant	Carla Maurer	Nancy Fasnacht	Carla Maurer	Judi Boebel
SOUND BOOTH	Tim Boebel	Tim Boebel	Dan Jacobsen	Wisbar	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	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue
FACEBOOK LIVE	Janet Juliano, Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes	Janet Juliano, Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes	Janet Juliano, Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes	Janet Juliano, Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes	Janet Juliano, Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes	Janet Juliano, Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes

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

Due to scheduling conflicts the September Food Pantry distribution will be one week early, Sept. 21



SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 20
RLC ICE CREAM "SUNDAE"
IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP