

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

## Rejoice Voice

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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

**Bible Studies**  
  
Tuesday afternoon Bible  
Study, 1:00pm  
  
Women's Bible Study  
Wednesdays  
8:00pm  
on zoom  
  
Thursday  
7:00pm  
on zoom

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Dying is a universal experience. Nearly everyone has a story about a good death or a difficult death among those they love. The difference between these experiences may rest on whether we have shared our wishes for how we want to spend our final days.

As Amy Goyer, writing for an AARP blog states: "How we want to die is the most important conversation Americans aren't having. While 85 percent of adults over 45 say they are comfortable discussing death and dying, 7 in 10 say the topic is generally avoided."

For Christians, the subject of our deaths should not be an avoidance but a bridge to what we believe and profess about the afterlife. Yet even in the Church, trying to enable members to engage or prepare for something that unites us all, our death, is almost an impossible task. Not so at Rejoice Lutheran Church!

Beginning on Sunday, October 20 and continuing for four weeks, the Adult Forum will focus our attention on the subject of "**Having the Talk: End of Life Issues.**" The Forum start at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. Topics to be explored:

What do you want the last phase of your life to be like?

Are there important milestones you'd like to be there for (the birth of a grandchild, your 80th birthday)?

How do you want to handle medical decisions? As a patient, how much do you want to know about your condition? If you have a terminal illness, do you want to know how quickly it is progressing?

How much information do you want doctors to share with your loved ones?

Do you want to be actively involved in care decisions?

If you prefer to have a loved one make decision, who do you want involved in those decision? Which family member will be the primary decision maker?

What do you want your medical care to look like? Are there treatments you would want (or not want), such as a feeding tube or resuscitation if your heart stops?

Do you want to continue treatment, no matter how uncomfortable it gets, or is quality of life more important than quantity?

Are there financial affairs you want to get in order?

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Are there family tensions you're concerned about?

Is there a point you think you might want to move from curing an illness to comfort care alone?

Do you want to spend your last days at home, or are you OK being in a hospice, hospital or nursing facility?

When the time comes, who would you like to be with you?

Another important follow-up to the conversation is putting what you talked about in writing, in legal documents that will ensure those wishes are respected when the time comes.

Create a power of attorney for health care in which you appoint an agent (commonly called a health care proxy) to make medical decisions for you, based on your expressed wishes, if you can no longer speak for yourself.

Create an advance directive that lays out your wishes regarding end-of-life medical care, including what kinds of treatment you do or don't want.

Even more important than all of the above, as a Christian:

Do you wish to have a funeral service? Graveside? Funeral home? Or Church service?

What do you wish the liturgy to say about what you believe about the resurrection?

What lessons do you wish to be read?

Hymns or special music?

Cremation or Burial?

Has a family plot been purchased? Where?

Do you wish to be buried in a place that has special meaning to you and your loved ones?

And remember, as circumstances change, you and your family can revisit issues and make changes as necessary. The most important thing is to begin the process of preparation. With thirty-five years' experience in the life of the Church, and twelve years now in Hospice care, I can tell you with certainty that end-of-life issues and choices are some of the most important planning we can do for ourselves and for our loved ones.

I look forward to the conversations and being in ministry with you. Be well.

Brian

## Grace Lue to Sing in Akron - Saturday, October 19

Our very own Grace Lue, a member of the Chamber Choir at Hudson High School, will be joining 200 of her peers from Hudson and the Brecksville/Broadview Heights High School choirs as they perform Dan Forrest's "Requiem for the Living". The event takes place on SATURDAY, October 19, at St Bernard Roman Catholic Church (44 University Avenue) in Akron. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. Admission is free to all who attend, however, there will be a good will offering to benefit each music program. The concert will be conducted by our very own Jacob Moore - Director of Choirs at the Hudson and formally Music Director for The Community of Saint John. Let's support these amazing musical ambassadors.



**Blessing of the Quilts and  
Personal Care Kits**

On Oct 6 we will bless the quilts that our Quilting group sewed this past year and the 75 Personal Care kits that we assembled on "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday in Sept. Then they'll be packed and shipped to Lutheran World Relief, for distribution around the world.

**Rejoice Anniversary Sunday, Nov 10**

Plans are being made to celebrate Rejoice's 28th anniversary on November 10. Former Mission Pastor Bill Matlack will be invited. Discussion continues as to ideas for a celebration potluck meal. For now, please save the date!



*Come and  
celebrate  
with us!*

*It's our*

**Anniversary!**

**WEAR RED TO CHURCH ON  
REFORMATION SUNDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**Reformation**



The Protestant Reformation was a religious movement that swept through Europe and began in 1517 when Martin Luther wrote a document referred to as his "95 Theses." He is said to have nailed it to the door of Whittenburg's Catholic Castle Church in Germany. Luther was against the Catholic Church's corrupt practice of selling indulgences to absolve sin.

Luther's "95 Theses" suggested two central beliefs:

- (1) The Bible is the central religious authority.
- (2) People may reach salvation only by their faith and not by their deeds.

The teaching of Luther can be summarized in three phrases:

**Grace alone, Faith alone, Scripture alone.**

The Diet of Worms was a council that was led by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V in the city of Worms. In 1520 at the Diet of Worms, Martin Luther was asked to retract 41 of his "95 Theses." When Luther refused, he was declared an outlaw and a heretic.

In 1520 the bible was in Latin only, and the priests could read it, but ordinary people could not. In 1522, while in hiding, Luther translated the New Testament into German. The dawn of the printing press made it possible to print and distribute Luther's "95 Theses" and the translated Bible to the people.



Martin Luther's religious beliefs formed the basis of Lutheranism. Lutheranism would usher in a new religious age for Europe, breaking up the Catholic Churches and dividing Europe into religious factions. The Protestant Reformation influenced major features of Western culture, including freedom of religion, freedom of conscience, and the dignity of the individual.

Born in Eisleben, Germany, in 1483, Luther was ordained to the priesthood in 1507. Luther was a German priest, theologian, author, hymnwriter, professor, and Augustinian friar and one of Western history's most significant figures. Luther died in 1546 with Pope Leo X's excommunication still in effect.

**Flute Concert**

FREE! Solstice Flute Ensemble summer concert on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7:30pm at Rejoice Lutheran Church. All are welcome!



## Tuesday's at Rejoice at 1:00pm

### In the Steps of Saint Paul

Bible Study with Dave Denes. If you are interested in attending, there's a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Please bring:

- A copy of *In the Steps of Saint Paul* (several copies are being purchased)
- A Bible

Please plan to join as we read and discuss this book, the Book of Acts, and sections of his letters.



### October Birthdays

5	Marilyn Olzmann
17	Dan Jacobsen
19	Sue Simmons
31	Bob Treend



### 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

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

### 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 .



## Financial Report - August 2024

2024	August Actual	August Budget	August Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2024 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>							
General Revenue	\$7,665	\$12,834	(\$5,169)	\$106,117	\$102,666	\$3,451	\$154,000
Capital Revenue	\$1,225	\$2,916	(\$1,691)	\$24,110	\$23,333	\$777	\$35,000
Other	\$3,404	\$358	\$3,046	\$8,861	\$2,867	\$5,994	\$4,300
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$12,294</b>	<b>\$16,108</b>	<b>(\$3,814)</b>	<b>\$139,088</b>	<b>\$128,866</b>	<b>\$10,222</b>	<b>\$193,300</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>							
General Expense	\$8,571	\$9,162	\$591	\$74,679	\$73,293	(\$1,386)	\$117,340
Capital Expense	\$5,546	\$5,667	\$121	\$44,788	\$45,333	\$545	\$68,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,117</b>	<b>\$14,829</b>	<b>\$712</b>	<b>\$119,467</b>	<b>\$118,626</b>	<b>(\$841)</b>	<b>\$185,340</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$1,823)</b>	<b>\$1,279</b>		<b>\$19,621</b>	<b>\$10,240</b>		<b>\$7,960</b>
<b>Benevolence Giving</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,283</b>	<b>(\$1,283)</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$10,267</b>	<b>(\$6,267)</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

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

Many thanks to **Chris Wisbar** and **Glenn Fasnacht** for replacing 16 fluorescent lights in the ceiling. Then, taking the burned out tubes to the Summit County Recycling Center

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

### Gratitude List

*From Juliet Jaeger...*

Glenn and Nancy Fasnacht have been amazing. Assisting to get my house ready for Frank's eventual return, feeding me, and they even repaired my [broken] screen door that the gurney went through. Jake Biltz finished a very large project in the yard which Frank started prior to his stroke but Dana Biltz moved mountains to help Frank!! The rehab facility was on a waitlist and Dana [now] has him scheduled for outpatient rehab at her facility all the way through mid-November.

God works in mysterious ways! Could not do this without my church family! And did not join this church thinking he or I would ever need this help! He became very emotional when Dana made the appointments, he was told home health care for two weeks. Dana is a rockstar!!!

God puts us at the right place at the right time. Our church family is amazing!



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

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

Join your St. Stephen friends and family. Order your favorite beverage (it doesn't have to be a beer) and snacks and catch up with friends.

### 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.**

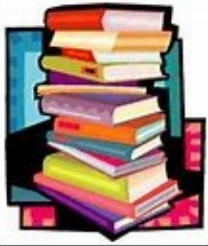


## All Saints' Sunday – Memorial Observance

This year, the Worship Team at Rejoice is planning to celebrate those who have died in the past year with a special tribute – more than just the annual reading of names. We invite you to send us a picture of your loved one so we may create a pictorial memorial that will be shared during our All-Saint's Day celebrations.

You may bring the picture to church and we can scan it for you that morning. Or you may send a high-resolution photograph to Brian Suntken at [bss3466@gmail.com](mailto:bss3466@gmail.com) and he will include it with the other photos. Deadline for photographs to be scanned or received is Sunday, October 27. We have already received four pictures. Are there more?

### Book Club



### Brown Bag Book Club

Okay, the Vicar may have chosen some difficult tomes to begin a series of discussion and fellowship! Brian accepts full responsibility!! (LOL) So, you are invited to gather on Sunday, October 20 and create with Brian a selection of books to enjoy that actually use quotation marks; easier reads; and perhaps a happy tale or two or three!! Bring some lunch on October 20 and enjoy the companionship, planning and conversation.

### Sundae Sunday

**OCTOBER 20**  
**RLC ICE CREAM "SUNDAE"**  
**IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP**



[Lutheran Marriage Encounter - Fall 2024](#)  
**Your Relationship Deserves Marriage Encounter!**

**November 8 - 10, 2024**

Fairfield Inn & Suites – Streetsboro, OH

Apply now at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org)!

Questions? Contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen

Email • 440-734-6312

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

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



# October 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting	2 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	3 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study Matthew, Mark, Luke Beers with John, 7:00pm	4	5
6 9:30 Adult Formation  10:30 AM Worship & Communion  Blessing of the Quilts	7	8 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting	9 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	10 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study	 <b>Women's Retreat</b>	
13 9:30 Adult Formation  10:30 AM Worship & Communion	14 Columbus Day 	15 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting	16 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	17 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study	18	19
20 9:30 Adult Formation  10:30 AM Worship & Communion  11:30 Ice Cream Social 12:00 Brown Bag Book Club	21 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	22 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting	23 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	24 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study	25	26   12 - 2 PM Hudson Food Pantry October Distribution
27 Reformation (Wear Red)  9:30 Adult Formation  10:30 AM Worship & Communion	28	29 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting  Solstice Flute Concert, 7:30pm	30 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	31 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study  		



10:30am SERVICE	06-Oct	13-Oct	20-Oct	27-Oct		03-Nov
COMMUNION SET UP	Jenn Lue	Dana Biltz	Kathy Jacobsen	Marisa McLelland		Jenn Lue
LAY READER	Pat Bull	Bethany Bryant	Robyn Crane	Marisa McLelland		Brian Pillsbury
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Dave Denes	Pete Moore	Janet Juliano	Jenn Lue		Angie Hagan
GREETER / USHER	Tim Boebel	George Arnold	Paul Mallott	Tim Boebel		George Arnold
COUNTERS	C Maurer / W Klukow	N Fasnacht/ B Bryant	W Klukow / C Maurer	C Maurer/ K Jacobsen		N Fasnacht/ B Bryant
POWER POINT PREP	Judi Boebel	Bethany Bryant	Carla Maurer	Carla Maurer		Nancy Fasnacht
SOUND BOOTH	TBA	Wisbar	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
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

**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

## Christmas will be here soon!

We are now less than 90 days to the second most important feast day of the Christian year: Christmas. Mark your calendar for our community worship service on Tuesday, December 24 at 5:00 pm. Bring some friends and family – it's the easiest time of the year to invite others to church!



## Spiritual Corner – On Growing Old

***"I have reached an age when, if someone tells me to wear socks, I don't have to."* Albert Einstein (1879-1955)**

Einstein seemed to have the ability to produce more witticisms than the average physicist. In this case, he expresses the sentiment that many older adults seem to feel, as evidenced by research showing that older adults have lower scores on a measure called "self-discipline." By the time they reach their later years, individuals feel better able to express themselves rather than being hemmed in by society's prescriptions.

***"Do not try to live forever, you will not succeed."* George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)**

This is somewhat of a discouraging message but not if you accept the fact that there are limits on longevity, meaning that life has finite limits. Of course, Shaw himself lived to a ripe old age. However, by recognizing that no one can live forever, you can avail yourself of the life you have, and enjoy it as much as possible.

***"By the time you're eighty years old you've learned everything. You only have to remember it."* George Burns (1896-1996)**

The ultimate wise old man, George Burns (who played "God" in case you don't remember) expresses an observation that, although probably unknown to him, has its basis in empirical data about aging and memory. Researchers believe that one of the challenges to memory that older adults face is the ability to retrieve the information they have already acquired. With this knowledge, you can avail yourself of memory strategies that will allow you to maximize the ability to store and retrieve the memories you strive to retain.

***"The wiser mind mourns less for what age takes away than what it leaves behind."* William Wordsworth (1770-1850)**

There are several layers of wisdom embedded in this quote. One is that as people get older, their wisdom is expressed by focusing on what is most important. Second, those adults who do focus on loss will be less able to maximize their mental powers, even in areas that traditionally seem vulnerable to the effects of aging. Third, by concentrating on your strengths rather than your weaknesses, your more positive mindset will allow you to take advantage of your mental powers, even if they're not quite what they were when you were younger.

***"Because I could not stop for death — He kindly stopped for me."* Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)**

Emily Dickinson's quotes are some of the most quotable in all of psychology, and this is no exception. The idea that death can be "kind" fits with what experts in the field of death and dying call the "tame" view of death. It's not that death steals us of life, but that it brings us to a beneficent ending.

***"Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be."* Robert Browning (1812-1889)**

This very inspiring characterization of old age fits with the concept of "successful aging," which provides the view that it is possible to enjoy your later years in a way that exceeds your expectations.

Source: **15 Wise and Inspiring Quotes About Aging**

Psychology Today

Susan Krauss Whitbourne PhD, ABPP

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E-mail: [office@rejoicelc.org](mailto:office@rejoicelc.org)**HCSA Food Pantry News**

Hello Members of Rejoice!

We had an amazing distribution this month where we serviced 64 households with 133 individuals in them. We did have to juggle the date that we distributed to our neighbors, but it was well worth it.

For our setup we were blessed with a team of 10 volunteers who provided a day of service in honor of Vincent William Baran, who lost his life in a tragic accident in our community. They truly did an outstanding job.

For our distribution we received 400 pounds of fresh cut pork chops and Chef Anna made a white bean soup that even the guys loved, all with products from our pantry!

Thank you for your continued support of us in your church. It is appreciated.

The HCSA Pantry Team

**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.



**It's official! After 2+ years with us, Bob and Catherine Flower became members of Rejoice! on Sept. 29**

