

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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Church Council

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**Bulletin and
Newsletter**
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Sunday Worship

9:30 am
Adult Formation

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

Bible Study

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

Dear Rejoice Lutheran Family,

I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer. As we continue forward without a permanent pastor, I know many of you may have questions about our future and the direction we are headed as a congregation.

We've been truly blessed to have a number of dedicated supply pastors lined up to support us during this transitional time. Their leadership and presence have been a gift, allowing us to maintain a steady rhythm of worship and community life.

As a faith community, it's important that we remain positive and hopeful—our future is bright and full of possibilities. The Church Council has been actively brainstorming ways we can offer meaningful Bible study opportunities in the near future, and we're also in conversation with a potential pastor who may be available to join us at the beginning of the year.

As we move along this path, I encourage all of us to stay grounded in our core mission and vision. By focusing on small, achievable goals—such as strengthening our outreach programs—we will build momentum and keep our faith strong. Each small success brings us closer to our long-term hopes.

There is great strength in community, and when we work together with unity, positivity, and purpose, there is truly nothing we cannot achieve.

If you have any questions or thoughts to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the council members.

Blessings,
Jake Biltz
Church Council President

Home Communion

Communion is an important part of our worship life. To offer home communion to those who request it, several members of the Rejoice Care Team have been trained to offer this service. If you, or someone you know, is unable to attend live worship for a period of time and you would like home communion, please contact the church office at

office@rejoicec.org

Your message will be forwarded to the Care Team for scheduling.



August Birthdays

10	Diane Procop
10	Tim Boebel
17	George Arnold
18	Christopher Bryant
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

Women's Bible Study - Via Zoom



The group is now studying "Proverbs" from the Life Guide Bible Studies

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

Save the Date for Women's Retreat, Nov. 7-9, 2025

Theme verse, Psalm 67:1,

"May God be gracious to us, and bless us; and make his face to shine upon us."

Retreat flyers and Registration forms on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.



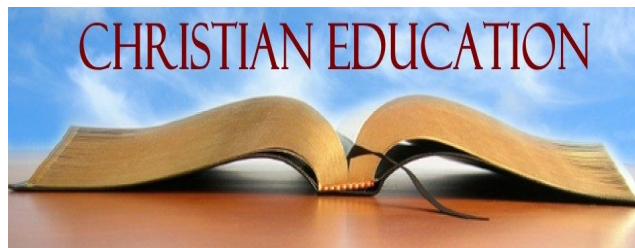
Revenue received from St. Pauly Shed
June \$177.77
July \$209.00

Financial Report - June 2025

2025	June Actual	June Budget	June Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2025 Budget
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$13,217	\$12,708	\$509	\$78,210	\$76,250	\$1,960	\$152,500
Capital Revenue	\$1,395	\$2,833	(\$1,438)	\$15,105	\$17,000	(\$1,895)	\$34,000
Other	\$556	\$566	(\$10)	\$3,697	\$3,400	\$297	\$6,800
Total Income	\$15,168	\$16,107	(\$939)	\$97,012	\$96,650	\$362	\$193,300
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$10,917	\$9,433	(\$1,484)	\$57,125	\$56,600	(\$525)	\$113,200
Capital Expense	\$5,546	\$5,583	\$37	\$33,276	\$33,500	\$224	\$67,000
Total Expenses	\$16,463	\$15,016	(\$1,447)	\$90,401	\$90,100	(\$301)	\$180,200
Net Total	(\$1,295)	\$1,091		\$6,611	\$6,550		\$13,100
Benevolence Giving	\$2,000	\$667	\$1,333	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$8,000



Adult Formation



ADULT FORMATION WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 9:30AM WITH A VIDEO/LECTURE ON THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER

Brian taught us many interesting things about our religion, and we will miss him, but we must carry on with our Christian education. A wonderful opportunity has presented itself and it is titled "The Lives of Great Christians." This series offers 23 college level video/lectures that we can share on Sunday morning at 9:30am. Each video/lecture is 30 minutes long, which would leave us 15 minutes for discussion

The series delves into the lives of great Christians from the time of Christ until today. It seems appropriate that the first should be the life of Martin Luther. Others include such notables as St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Patric, Thomas More, John Wesley, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Martin Luther King, and other lesser known but influential Christians.

"The Lives of Great Christians" series should get us through to the first of January, and we will be looking into other educational videos to get us through spring.

Glenn Fasnacht

The Lord's Prayer

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FATHER
 HALLOWED
 KINGDOM
 WILL

DAILY BREAD
 FORGIVE
 SINS
 TEMPTATION

EVIL
 GLORY
 POWER

Meet Nikole Scott

Nikole is Rejoice's Housekeeper, and has been keeping our church tidy since last fall. Nikole comes in every other Monday and spends the day making Rejoice sparkle.

Thank you Nikole.
 We appreciate all you do for Rejoice!



I want to give a huge "Thank You" to Nancy and Glenn Fasnacht and Judi Boebel for keeping the office running smoothly during my medical leave.

Your dedication and teamwork made such a difference, ensuring that everything stayed on track in my absence. I am truly grateful for your support and commitment—it gave me peace of mind and allowed me to focus on my recovery.

Carla Maurer



Rally Around Jesus with Our Time and Talents

This is our time to:

- † Renew enthusiasm for Christian education.
- † Encourage Participation Every one is welcome!
- † Strengthen the sense of Community within the Church.

This is the start of a new season of learning and fellowship and sharing our time and talents.

**Rally Day is
Sunday, September 7th**

9:30 AM Assemble Care Kits
10:30 AM Worship with Communion
11:30 AM Celebrate with a Pot Luck Lunch

For questions, please contact
Ellen Ackerman, Nancy Fasnacht,
Kate Hartland, or Francine McBride.

JOIN US FOR RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 7 as we kick off a new season of ministry and service!

We'll gather together for a morning of fellowship, worship, and hands-on outreach as we assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

These kits offer dignity and hope to people facing natural disasters, displacement, or extreme poverty—and your help makes all the difference.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

† **Join us on Rally Day**, September 7 at 9:30 AM to help assemble the kits.

All ages welcome!

† **Donate supplies** to help us meet our goal. We are currently collecting the following **new** items:

- **Lightweight bath towels**
(between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"
dark colors recommended)
- **Bars of bath soap**
(8–9 oz., in original wrapping)
- **Adult-size toothbrushes**
(in original packaging)
- **Sturdy combs**
- **Metal nail clippers**

Rejoice! Goal: 80 Personal Care Kits

Donations can be dropped off in the church narthex anytime before Rally Day. Every item donated brings comfort and care to someone in need around the world.

Let's come together to make a difference!



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has entered into full communion with several other denominations, including the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church, the Moravian Church, and the United Methodist Church. Full communion involves mutual recognition of baptism and the Lord's Supper, allowing for joint worship and an exchangeability of members.

SUPPLY PASTORS COMING TO REJOICE! LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity	July 6	Pastor John Butchko	Cleveland, OH	United Methodist Church
Trinity	July 13	Rev. Gale Green	Akron OH	United Church of Christ
Trinity	July 20	Pastor Sandy Hutchinson	North Canton, OH	United Church of Christ
Trinity	July 27	Pastor David Connor	Lakewood, OH	ELCA
Trinity	August 3	Rev. Gale Green	Akron OH	United Church of Christ
Trinity	August 10	Rev. Deborah Wissner		ELCA
Trinity	August 17	Rev. Richard Seaks	Garrettsville, OH	ELCA
Trinity	August 24	Rev. Richard Seaks	Garrettsville, OH	ELCA
Trinity	August 31	Rev. Pam Kelly		ELCA
Trinity	September 7	Rev. Robert Sander	North Canton, OH	ELCA
Trinity	September 21	Rev. Richard Seaks	Garrettsville, OH	ELCA
Trinity	September 28	Rev. Richard Seaks	Garrettsville, OH	ELCA
Trinity	October 5	Rev. Deborah Wissner		ELCA
Trinity	October 12	TBD		
Trinity	October 19	Rev. Deborah Michaels	North Royalton, OH	ELCA
Reformation Day	October 26	Rev. Richard Seaks	Garrettsville, OH	ELCA
All Saints Day	November 2	Rev. Deborah Michaels	North Royalton, OH	ELCA
Trinity	November 9	Rev. Deborah Wissner		ELCA
Trinity	November 16	Rev. Richard Seaks	Garrettsville, OH	ELCA
Trinity <small>Last day of the church year</small>	November 23	Rev. Deborah Michaels	North Royalton, OH	ELCA
Advent	November 30	Rev. Richard Seaks	Garrettsville, OH	ELCA
Advent	December 7	Pastor William Diehm	Lyndhurst OH	ELCA
Advent	December 14	Pastor William Diehm	Lyndhurst OH	ELCA
Advent	December 21	Pastor William Diehm	Lyndhurst OH	ELCA
Christmas Eve	December 24	TBD		
Christmas Day	December 25	TBD		
Christmas	December 28	Pastor William Diehm	Lyndhurst OH	ELCA

Symbols of Our Faith

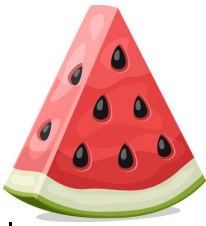
While teaching children about world religions, a teacher asked her students to bring a symbol of their family's faith to class. The next day, she asked each student to come forward and share the symbol with the class. The 1st child said, "I'm Muslim, and this is my prayer rug."

The 2nd child said, "I'm Jewish, and this is my family's menorah."

The 3rd child said, "I'm Roman Catholic, and this is my Mom's rosary."

The 4th child said, "I'm Greek Orthodox, and this is an icon of my patron saint."

The 5th child said, "I'm a Lutheran, and this is my casserole dish!"



August 2025



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10:30am SERVICE	Aug 3	Aug10	Aug 17	Aug 24	Aug 31
COMMUNION SET UP	Jenn Lue	Dana Biltz	Kathy Jacobsen	Diane Procop	Jenn Lue
LAY READER	Brian Pillsbury	Pete Moore	Bill Holman	Jenn Lue	Brian Pillsbury
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Sue Holman	Russ Ackerman	Francine McBride	Bill Holman	Sue Holman
GREETER / USHER	Paul Mallott	George Arnold	Paul Mallott	George Arnold	Paul Mallott
COUNTERS	W Klukow/ G Fasnacht	N Fasnacht W Klukow	W Klukow / Brian Pillsbury	W Klukow / Dave Denes	TBA / TBA
BULLETIN & POWER POINT PREP	N Fasnacht J Boebel	J Boebel N Fasnacht	N Fasnacht J Boebel	C Maurer N Fasnacht	J Boebel N Fasnacht
SOUND BOOTH	Wisbar	Dan Jacobsen	Wisbar	Dan Jacobsen	Tim Boebel
VIDEOGRAPHER	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue
FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM	Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes Or Ellen Wisbar	Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes Or Ellen Wisbar	Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes Or Ellen Wisbar	Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes Or Ellen Wisbar	Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes Or Ellen Wisbar

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. Duties are divided among the members.

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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✝ Lutherans Make the Sign of the Cross ✝

*"In the name of the Father, and of the + Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit"*

or

*"Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
 who forgives all our sin, whose mercy
 endures forever."*

These words begin the orders for Confession and Forgiveness in Evangelical Lutheran Worship where all may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism. As this invocation is made, an increasing number of Lutherans trace the sign of the cross over their bodies from forehead to lower chest, then from shoulder to shoulder and back to the heart; and others trace a small cross on their foreheads.

The sign of the cross is a sign and remembrance of Baptism. The Use of the Means of Grace, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's set of priorities for the practices of word and sacrament, says of this gesture: *These interpretive signs proclaim the gifts that*

are given in the promise of God in Baptism...The sign of the cross marks the Christian as united with the Crucified.

The sign of the cross is ecumenical, in that it is used by the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Episcopalians, and is slowly increasing in use among mainline Protestants. It is also a remembrance of the death and resurrection of our Lord: the center of our faith. The sign of the cross was used by Martin Luther himself. Luther made provisions for using the sign of the cross on at least three occasions: at Holy Baptism, at Ordination, and in Daily Prayer.

