

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

Rejoice Voice

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**Bulletin and
Newsletter**

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Sunday Worship

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

Bible Study

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

A New Season of Blessings

Hello All,

It's hard to believe we are already in a new school year. Seeing the kids with their new shoes, climbing onto the buses, and sharing smiles (most of them!) with friends as they begin another chapter of their lifelong journey is such a reminder of fresh beginnings. Just as it's a new season for them, it's also a new season for us as a faith community.

As we enter into a new month—and continue with supply pastors on Sunday mornings—I want to reassure you that we are heading down a good path, right where God wants us to be. We have so much to be grateful for: our budget is stronger than expected, the food bank is thriving, and this month we'll be meeting with a possible interim pastor.

Thank you all for your patience, faithfulness, and commitment to the work we are doing at Rejoice. Each of you is a blessing, and it is truly a gift to serve alongside one another.

I was recently reminded of this truth through a story:

A farmer once hired a new hand. When asked about his qualifications, the man replied, “*I can sleep through a storm.*” The farmer was puzzled, but hired him anyway. Weeks later, a fierce storm ripped through the valley. The farmer rushed to check the farmhand, but found him sound asleep. Alarmed, the farmer and his wife inspected the farm—only to discover that everything was secure. The shutters were fastened, the equipment properly stored, the hay covered, and the firewood stacked and dry. At that moment, the farmer understood what the man meant—he could sleep through a storm because he had already prepared in times of peace.

In the same way, our faithful preparation has carried us through challenges and will continue to guide us into the future. God is at work alongside us now and always, leading us toward a bright tomorrow.

Blessings,
Jake Biltz
(Rejoice Council President)

God's work. Our hands.



September 7, 2025

“God’s work. Our hands.”

is Sept. 7, 2025!

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

At Rejoice we plan to contribute to God’s Work by assembling eighty Personal Care Kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Details on page 3.

Appreciation

Nancy and I have attended Rejoice for about two years and we have experienced great friendship and great messages. Every Sunday, a bulletin and Power point made following the service easy. Weekly reminders helped keep us aware of what was expected from us and when. The monthly Rejoice Voice was, and is, educational and entertaining.

When Carla was out on medical leave, Nancy and Judi (Boebel) stepped up to help. It was only then, watching Nancy do her part, that I could truly appreciate all that Carla had done!

Just to make everyone aware of the process, each week we get an initial Word bulletin from St. Stephen's. Then all the appropriate changes are made to create the 16-20 page Rejoice bulletin:

- Derek changes the music selections to fit the Rejoice expectations
- The back pages are modified to reflect Rejoice needs; prayer list, activities, events, etc.
- The St. Stephen bulletin look and feel is somewhat different than what Rejoice members expect to see, so the formatting is adjusted.
- Names of readers and prayer leader are updated.

The Weekly Reminders email is updated each week.

The bulletin is then used to create the Power point, but this isn't a simple copy and paste from the bulletin, things need tweaking to fit the screen, etc.

- The Power point is typically fifty slides.

The Power point has to match the bulletin exactly or some will be saying one thing and others something else.

The whole thing is a lot of work, week after week, and for years Carla did the bulletin and helped with Power points; THANK YOU CARLA. Now that Carla is back in the office doing the bulletins, Judi and Nancy will continue take turns doing the Power points, and Paige (Giannetti) and Juliet (Jaeger) have been helping with folding, and stapling.

I just want to show my appreciation for all the hours these ladies devote to Rejoice.

Glenn Fasnacht

Note from Carla—Thanks for your kind words, Glenn. A huge “thank you” to you for all you do the keep Rejoice running smoothly! Everything from handyman tasks to the “electronic magic” you do to ensure that the Live Stream happens.

Read on for another Note of Appreciation!

Gratitude

We are grateful for all of the many days and hours that Glenn Fasnacht has put in developing the “new Facebook live stream.” When AJ left, he understandability took most of his equipment with him. Glenn researched it and purchased and installed the new equipment needed. Cameras, cables, and all kinds of electronic stuff. We truly needed to continue the live stream so Rejoice could bring God's message to those who cannot attend in person. It was a lot to take on Glenn, and your electronic engineering background has been a great benefit to Rejoice Lutheran Church. Thank you Glenn, you have our gratitude!

Adult Formation

Adult Formation Will Resume on September 14th at 9:30am with a Video/Lecture on the Life of Martin Luther

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



Join Us for Rally Day Sunday, September 7

Rally Around Jesus with Our Time and Talents

This is our time to:
Renew enthusiasm for Christian education.
Encourage Participation Everyone 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

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)
- **2 Bars of bath soap** totaling 8–9 oz., in original wrapping
- **Metal nail clippers**

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!**

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



September Birthdays

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

Time to Register for Women's Retreat, Nov. 7-9, 2025

Price increases by \$15 after Sept. 14.

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 are now available on the Welcome Desk.

Or click the links below:

[Retreat Brochure 2025](#)

[Rejoice Women's Retreat Registration Form - November 7 - 9, 2025](#)

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



Financial Report - July 2025

2025	July Actual	July Budget	July Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2025 Budget
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$14,380	\$12,708	\$1,672	\$92,590	\$88,958	\$3,632	\$152,500
Capital Revenue	\$1,080	\$2,833	(\$1,753)	\$16,185	\$19,833	(\$3,648)	\$34,000
Other	\$598	\$567	\$31	\$4,294	\$3,967	\$327	\$6,800
Total Income	\$16,058	\$16,108	(\$50)	\$113,069	\$112,758	\$311	\$193,300
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$4,818	\$9,433	\$4,615	\$61,943	\$66,033	\$4,090	\$113,200
Capital Expense	\$5,546	\$5,583	\$37	\$38,822	\$39,083	\$261	\$67,000
Total Expenses	\$10,364	\$15,016	\$4,652	\$100,765	\$105,116	\$4,351	\$180,200
Net Total	\$5,694	\$1,092		\$12,304	\$7,642		\$13,100

Benevolence Giving	\$0	\$667	(\$667)	\$4,000	\$4,667	(\$667)	\$8,000
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September 2025

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10:30am SERVICE	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28	Oct 5
Presider	Rev. Robert Sander	Rev. Robert Sander	Rev. Richard Seaks	Rev. Richard Seaks	Rev. Deborah Wissner
COMMUNION PICK-UP COMMUNION SET UP	Wisbar's Jenn Lue	Dave Denes Dana Biltz	Gregg Verser Kathy Jacobsen	Jacobsen's Diane Procop	Lue Family Jenn Lue
LAY READER	Bill Holman	Francine McBride	Sue Holman	Jenn Lue	Brian Pillsbury
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Pete Moore	Russ Ackerman	Francine McBride	Bill Holman	Sue Holman
GREETER / USHER	Tim Boebel	George Arnold	Paul Mallott	George Arnold	Tim Boebel
COUNTERS	W Klukow/ C Maurer	C Maurer / Brian Pillsbury	W Klukow / Dave Denes	C Maurer/ N Fasnacht	W Klukow/ C Maurer
POWER POINT PREP	Nancy Fasnacht	Judi Boebel	Carla Maurer	Carla Maurer	Judi Boebel
SOUND BOOTH	Wisbar	Dan Jacobsen	Wisbar	Dan Jacobsen	Tim Boebel
FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM	Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes, Dan Jacobsen or Ellen Wisbar	Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes, Dan Jacobsen or Ellen Wisbar	Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes, Dan Jacobsen or Ellen Wisbar	Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes, Dan Jacobsen or Ellen Wisbar	Glenn Fasnacht, Dave Denes, Dan Jacobsen 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.

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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Home Communion

Communion is an important part of our worship life. To offer at 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@rejoicelc.org

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

