

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)

Bible Study

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

What a beautiful week this has been!

We finally received some much-needed rain, and the warm weather has been a welcome blessing. I hope all of you have been enjoying it as much as I have.

We also have some exciting updates from our last council meeting. We met with **Pastor John Butchko**, and he has expressed interest in filling in **two Sundays a month starting in January**. Pastor John has also graciously agreed to help with our **stewardship program** and to serve as the **emergency contact** for our congregation. We're hopeful that this will bring some much-needed stability as we continue seeking long-term pastoral leadership. Having a reliable go-to person will be a huge blessing as we move forward with God's vision for our church.

As I've said many times, finding a part-time pastor who fits our needs may take time—but I truly believe we are heading in the direction **God wants us to go**. We are a **faithful, committed group of believers**, and every step we take brings us closer to the future He has planned.

As we transition into a new season, let's pause to remember all the blessings in our lives and the wonderful people who surround us. It's easy to lose sight of our mission in a world that seems increasingly chaotic, but we know that **God's plan has never changed**. He has a purpose for us, and He is guiding us every step of the way.

There's a quote I've been reflecting on lately: *"You trust the bus without knowing the driver, the plane without knowing the pilot, the boat without ever meeting the captain—so why not trust life, knowing that God is steering it?"*

What a powerful reminder that **our journey is in God's hands**. He knows our future—who will come into it, and who will move on from it. Our role is to trust, to walk in faith, and to enjoy the ride.

At the end of the day, we are blessed to have each other—to worship with, laugh with, love, and rejoice. Let's hold onto that and continue moving forward together.

Wishing you all a blessed week.

With love and blessings,

Jake Biltz

Rejoice Council President

St Pauly Shed – More than just clothing - Touching many lives

We have reported previously on the St. Pauly Used Clothing shed in our parking lot. In 2024 there were nearly 25 tons of clothing picked up, and Rejoice received about \$2,000 from St Pauly based upon that volume. We know that this keeps a lot of usable clothing from ending up in landfills and provides clothing for people throughout the world. However, there are many others who are touched by “donations” left in the shed – many of those items not desired by St Pauly.

As we routinely stack up, shift donations from the chute side of the shed and rebag loose items, we often find non-clothing items that are not desired by St Pauly. Many of these items are routinely taken to Goodwill. These may include household kitchen items, sports equipment, drink bottles, luggage/brief cases, decorative items, sleeping bags, toys, electronics, etc. At times we find items that we share with the food pantry clients such as toddler pull ups, adult diapers, kitchen ware, and some non-perishable food items.

The Rejoice quilting group is also happy to receive sheets that we occasionally find which are used for quilt backs. Using these sheets has avoided the purchasing of sheets for that purpose over the last several years.

Gently worn denim is now taken to the Socially Responsible Sweat Shop in Kent where the jeans are disassembled and the fabric used for messenger bags (see photo) and other items which are sold along with various items made by the group from recycled cloth at weekly sales. In 2024 the group donated \$60,000 dollars from these sales to area food ministries.

At times we find clothing items which we know can be used locally. For example, we recently found 14 pairs of new toddler shoes still in boxes which were donated to Kent Social Services for their clients. St Pauly does not have an issue with us finding appropriate alternative uses for donated clothing.

In the past, we have donated items including a truckload of new LED lighting fixtures to the Habitat for Humanity Restore in Kent. Many gently used children’s books have been donated to Crouse Elementary School in Akron in addition to our Christmas gifts.

One of the more unusual items recently found in the donations was an electric guitar. If you were in the church service on 9/14 you heard Chris Wisbar using it to accompany Derek on the keyboard. We never know what we may find next in the shed and where it may end up.





In September we helped Millie Carr celebrate her 90th birthday!

Below, Millie's family came to join the celebration



Rejoice Quilting Group

L to R, Kathy Jacobsen, Marilyn Olzmann Sue Holman and Wendy Klukow

On Oct 5 we will bless the fine quilts these ladies created. We will also bless the personal care kits we assembled in September. Then they will be boxed and shipped to Lutheran World Relief.

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



October Birthdays

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



October Anniversaries

14	Paul & Monica Leszek
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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

Still time to Register 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 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](#)



Financial Report - August 2025

2025	August Actual	August Budget	August Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2025 Budget
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$7,160	\$12,708	(\$5,548)	\$99,750	\$101,667	(\$1,917)	\$152,500
Capital Revenue	\$2,800	\$2,833	(\$33)	\$18,985	\$22,667	(\$3,682)	\$34,000
Other	\$2,232	\$567	\$1,665	\$6,526	\$4,534	\$1,991	\$6,800
Total Income	\$12,192	\$16,108	(\$3,916)	\$125,261	\$128,868	(\$3,608)	\$193,300
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$8,067	\$9,433	\$1,366	\$69,760	\$75,467	\$5,707	\$113,200
Capital Expense	\$5,546	\$5,583	\$37	\$44,368	\$44,667	\$299	\$67,000
Total Expenses	\$13,613	\$15,016	\$1,403	\$114,128	\$120,134	\$6,006	\$180,200
Net Total	(\$1,421)	\$1,092		\$11,133	\$8,734		\$13,100

Benevolence Giving	\$0	\$667	(\$667)	\$4,250	\$5,333	(\$1,083)	\$8,000
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October 2025



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10:30am SERVICE	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26		Nov 2
Presider	Rev. Deborah Wissner	Rev. Deborah Wissner	Rev. Deborah Michaels	Rev. Richard Seaks		Rev. Deborah Michaels
COMMUNION PICK-UP COMMUNION SET UP	Lue Family Jenn Lue	Procop's Diane Procop	Flower's Kathy Jacobsen	Boebel's Dana Biltz		Wendy Klukow Jenn Lue
LAY READER	Brian Pillsbury	Francine McBride	Bill Holman	Jenn Lue		Brian Pillsbury
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Sue Holman	Russ Ackerman	Pete Moore	Bill Holman		Sue Holman
GREETER / USHER	Tim Boebel	George Arnold	Paul Mallott	Russ Ackerman		Paul Mallott
COUNTERS	W Klukow/ C Maurer	C Maurer / Bill Clothier	W Klukow / Dave Denes	C Maurer/ Brian Pillsbury		W Klukow/ Bill Clothier
POWER POINT PREP	Judi Boebel	Nancy Fasnacht	Carla Maurer	Judi Boebel		Nancy Fasnacht
SOUND BOOTH	Wisbar	Tim Boebel	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 Pick-up—pick up consecrated communion elements from St. Stephens about 9:00am on Sunday

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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Blessing of the Quilts and Care Kits

Come to worship on October 5 for the dedication and blessing of the 41 quilts and 95 Personal Care kits assembled for Lutheran World Relief.



Christmas With Crouse

The Rejoice! congregation is resuming the annual Christmas event with Crouse Community Learning Center, an elementary school in a lower socioeconomic area of Akron. In the past, we worked with the Community of St. John on this outreach mission. Last year with the transitions of both congregations, this outreach did not happen. Traditionally, gifts were provided for the kindergartners with a visit from Santa. This year we are providing gifts for the kindergartners and the first graders.

We are hoping that the St. Stephen's congregation will once again be interested in joining and contributing to this important community outreach. Once we have firm numbers and genders of the children, we will begin a collection of gift items. Watch for details at a later date.

