



KOINONIA

November — December 2016

**LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS
VICAR JAMES MILLER**



PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

AS WE CONTINUE to move forward in this time of transition, you can rest assured that your Parish Council and Congregation Councils are moving forward, taking the steps necessary to begin the search for our next Pastor. By the time you read this message, our Ministry Site Profile will have been submitted to our Synod. The Ministry Site Profile is our "Parish / Congregations' Resume" that is view by potential Pastor Candidates. Your Congregation Council Presidents and Treasurers have completed volumes of paperwork relating to many aspects of your Congregation, its workings and assets. Thank you to all Parish Council members, Presidents and Treasurers for the many hours put in to complete these forms.

More news that should make you feel relaxed and confident during this transition is that the Pastors, led by Pastor Sonja Maclary, who have been providing Pastoral Care will continue into 2017. Pastor Sonja will continue as the leader of this team and can be contacted by calling 845-389-2481, or contact your Congregation Council President. If you are in need of Pastoral Care due to an emergency, illness, hospitalization, etc. please call Pastor Sonja. She, Pastor Justin and Pastor Tobias are more than willing to provide members of our congregations with Pastoral Care, but they need to know you need their assistance. Vicar Jim Miller will continue to lead us in worship every Sunday through the end of this year. Thank you to Pastor Sonja, Pastor Justin and Pastor Tobias for their Pastoral Care, love and concern. Thank you to Vicar Jim for providing continuity in our Sunday worship services.

November is the time of year when someone talks about giving money so our congregations can pay their bills (yes, congregations have to pay utility bills, insurance, etc. just like you) and most times it is called "Stewardship". But, Stewardship is not really about money and giving money to your congregation. Stewardship is about us taking good care of everything God has given to us and being thankful for what you have. Look around you, look at the world around you, what do you see? Whatever it is that you see, God gave that to you. Are you taking good care of it? Do you give thanks every day? Yes, your congregation needs your financial support and now is the time to begin thinking about that. But, God and your congregation want and need you to give more than financial support. What talents do you have to contribute? What time do you have to contribute? What ministry do you want to be part of or start new? I ask now for your prayerful consideration. Thank you.

Next year marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation (1517 – 2017). It has taken a few years, like 500, but the Lutheran Church and Roman Catholic Church are moving closer together. As a kick-off to next year's celebration, on October 31 the Lutheran World Federation and the Catholic Church are hosting a joint ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation. Pope Francis, LWF President Bishop Dr. Munib A. Younan and LWF General Secretary Rev. Dr. Martin Junge will lead the common prayer service in Lund, Sweden and the public symposium that follows in Malmo, Sweden. This is a milestone in history and I would like to see our Parish make plans to unite with our brothers and sisters in Christ of our local Catholic community. If you are interested in assisting with these plans, please contact me.

Thank you to all members of the Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess for your support and prayers during this time of transition. We have continued to stay strong and move forward because that is the only direction God has given us.

God's Peace, Love and Blessings be with all of you,
Carl Dowden



Special Worship Opportunities

Thanksgiving Eve Prayer Service

November 23 @ 7:00 pm

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
Red Hook

Blue Christmas Worship Service

December 21 @ 7:00 pm

St. John's Reformed Church
Upper Red Hook

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24

5:30 pm Third in Rhinebeck

7:30 pm St. Paul's in Red Hook

Christmas Day – Sunday Service

December 25

9:30 am

at

Memorial in Rock City

New Year's Day – Sunday Service

January 1

10:00 am

at

St. Paul's in Red Hook

Since Christmas Day and New Year's Day each fall on Sunday, there will only be one Parish service on each day. Therefore no services at Third or St. Paul's on December 25 and no services at Memorial or Third on January 1.

Joint Service & Christian Ed. Epiphany Program

January 8

10:00 am

at

Third in Rhinebeck

Fellowship immediately following the service

Come out and support the children, youth, and teachers of our Parish!

No services at Memorial or St. Paul's

January 15, 2017

Normal Sunday Worship Schedule Resumes

Memorial
8:30 am

Third
9:45 am

St. Paul's
11:00 am

Invite a friend!

Meetings

Third W&M	Nov. 15 & Dec. 6 @ 4:00p.m.
Parish Council	Nov. 15 & Dec. 20 @ 6:00p.m.
Joint Session of Councils	Nov. 15 & Dec. 20 @ 7:00p.m.
Congregational Councils	Nov. 15 & Dec. 20 following the joint session
Council Meeting Locations	Nov. @ Third; December @ St. Paul's

Service Opportunities

Crafty Christians

Tuesday

10:00a.m. - Noon

at

Third in Rhinebeck

Upper Meeting Room

Contact Carol Cronk

889-4168

Children's Community

Clothes Closet

Nov. 4 & Nov. 18

Dec. 2 & 16

9:30a.m – 1:00p.m.

at

Third Rhinebeck

Contact Carol Cronk

889-4168

Meat Program

Includes bread when available and
fresh vegetables in season.

Contact Cara Silvernail-Thomson

914-466-6001

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are due in church

Nov. 13

Stay tuned for further info.

Contact Christine in the Parish Office

876-4471



Parish is Invited

Christmas Tree Lighting

November 19 (tent.)

3:00 pm Caroling
Rhinebeck Bank Parking Lot

5:00 pm
Third Float in Parade
Stay tuned for further updates.

Sinterklaas

December 3

12:00 – 4:00 pm

at

Third in Rhinebeck

Schedule of performances TBA
Refreshments in Fellowship Hall

Advent Potluck Supper & Carols

December 4

6:00 pm

at

Memorial in Rock City

Bring a dish to share

Fellowship & traditional Christmas spirit



NEWS FROM ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A REPORT ON THE YARD SALE

A yard sale was held on May 21st at St. Paul's. We raised \$1200. Thanks go to Steve and Theresa Hughes for organizing and working at the yard sale. Thanks also goes to those who donated items, those who priced and helped sell items, and those who helped clean up.

\$300 was donated for Relay for Life Walk for cancer. Below is a list of the items purchased with the rest of the money:

For the church -

30-cup coffee pot

2 fans

Extension cords and a power strip

For the kitchen-

A 10-piece knife set

2 can openers, one electric, one manual

3 Stock pots

3 frying pans

4 cookie sheets

A cake knife, a cake server and a pie server

Several utensils

5 Kitchen towels

5 pot holders

Plastic table covers

For the outdoors -

A canopy

Thanks to Patty and Gladys who helped me shop. Thanks to Brad who labeled everything.

Submitted by,

Lolly

November					
6	Heather O'Keeffe	26 Elizabeth Street	Red Hook	NY 12571	
10	Katherine Baldwin	13 Garden Street	Red Hook	NY 12571	
15	Clara Wert	17 Laura Lane #6	Red Hook	NY 12571	
18	Brian Williams	32 Oriole Mills Road	Rhinebeck	NY 12572	
23	Cole Piaget	22 Hoffman Woods Road	Red Hook	NY 12571	child
24	Gladys Unson	10 Vineyard Court	Tivoli	NY 12583	
26	Kaylee Kelsey	282 Linden Avenue	Red Hook	NY 12571	child



Additional November Birthdays:

Bob Shook – 11/5

Sharron Stenger, 11/12

Clara Wert, 11/15



December					
7	Art Smith III	165 Rokeby Road	Red Hook	NY 12571	
7	Frank McConville	789 Spring Lake Road	Red Hook	NY 12571	
11	Karrin Semke	7 Winding Brook Lane	Rhinebeck	NY 12572	
16	Michael O'Keeffe	26 Elizabeth Street	Red Hook	NY 12571	
17	Cassandra Miller	101 Odak Farm Road	Red Hook	NY 12571	
17	Lorrainer Humphrey	11 Fisk Street	Red Hook	NY 12571	
20	Jennifer Baldwin	13 Garden Street	Red Hook	NY 12571	
20	Regan Smith	19 Church St.	Red Hook	NY 12571	
21	Alicenne Donegan	44 Trestle Lane	Clinton Corners	NY 12514	child
22	Marabeth Semke	7 Winding Brook Lane	Rhinebeck	NY 12572	
26	Art Smith Jr.	2 Amherst St.	Red Hook	NY 12571	
26	Evelyn Ness	85 Florence Street	Kingston	NY 12401	

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?

Faith Building Opportunities

Christian Ed

Sunday 10:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's
1st Grade: Monday 4:00 p.m. @ Memorial

Confirmation

Contact Brad Patton
889-4437

Bible Studies

In planning stage

Seeking lay leadership to facilitate
discussion groups.

Contact
Monica C. Gabryszewski 914-475-6613
or your Council President

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 8:00a.m.
Memorial in Rock City

Contact Fred Novak
758-2915

Stewardship Program

Stay tuned for further info.

Contact Joanne Plass
516-4606

Invite a friend!



WHAT IS ADVENT?

The Church divides the year into different seasons that emphasize the life of Christ and the life of the Church. Beginning on Sunday November 27th, 2016, we will enter the season of the Church year called Advent. Advent is the season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas, on December 25th, 2016 and continuing to Epiphany January 6th, 2017.

The focus of Advent is two-fold. On the one hand, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came into the world as both God and man so that our sins might be forgiven. On the other hand, we anticipate the day when Jesus will return to Earth and bring an end to this world. Those will be scary days, but we can look forward to the end of the world with hope because through faith in Jesus, the end of this world will mean the beginning of a new life with Christ for eternity.

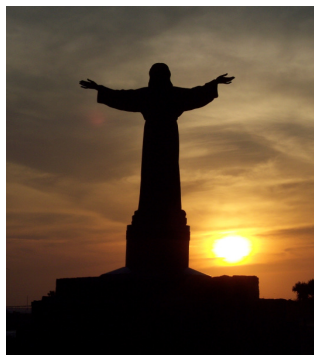
Advent, then, is a time for us to repent and believe. Knowing that Jesus was born to forgive our sins, we repent (admit our failures to God) and believe that we are forgiven because of the death and resurrection of Jesus on our behalf. Also, knowing that Jesus is coming back, we repent and believe that when He returns, He will give us eternal life.

PRAYER VENTURES

If you have access to the Internet, you can access the November 2016 Prayer Ventures on the ELCA website and download them in a ZIP file: <http://www.elca.org/en/Resources/Prayer-Ventures>

ADVENT RESOURCES

According to the ELCA website, we are ending the lectionary year with Year A and in January, beginning with Year B. For Advent Resources, go here on the ELCA website: http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/2016_Advent_devotions_all.pdf?_ga=1.235876993.1416806106.1477512369. For questions about the lectionary, or to download a copy of Year A and/or Year B, go here: http://www.elca.org/en/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Worship/Lectionary?_ga=1.235368961.1416806106.1477512369





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THE SEASONS OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



**LUTHERAN PARISH OF
NORTHERN DUTCHESS**

Parish Council President: Carl Dowden
Memorial Lutheran, Rock City, Council
President: Fred Novak

Sunday Holy Communion 8:30 am

St. Paul's Lutheran, Red Hook, Council
President: Steven Bucala

Sunday Holy Communion 11:00 am

Third Lutheran, Rhinebeck,
Church Council President:
Monica C. Gabryszewski

Sunday Holy Communion 9:45 am

Vicar James Miller

Advent



**SEE INSIDE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT
UNCOMING EVENTS**



Christmas