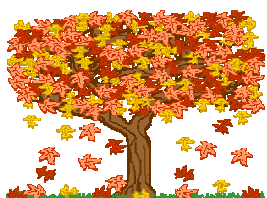


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September—October 2020



LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS

PASTOR JAMES MILLER



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

“Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the ages.”

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this at the end of August, the days have been relatively cool---in the mid to high 70’s and the nights have been very pleasant. Some mornings have been in the 50’s. All of this points to a new season coming. We certainly will have more hot and humid days, but it is nice to have a reminder that more pleasant weather will arrive soon. The seasons will change.

Yes, the seasons change. We will be moving into the fourth season with this Corona virus. It began in the winter. By March it had the world in its grip. We even were told we had to close the churches! Who would have thought that we would not be together for Holy Week and Easter? Thankfully, by June we were allowed to gather together again. June. That means summer. And now, in late August, we will move into Autumn. I am thankful that all three of our churches are open now. Many of the support groups which meet at our buildings have returned, and I expect that some of our regular activities during the week, such as Bible study will resume in person, not on Zoom.

As I think about the passage of time, I want to note that Frederic Cook, member of St. Paul’s and husband of Karla Cook, who edits our newsletter, joined the Church Triumphant. We extend our condolences to Karla and her family and also extend our greatest thanks and well-wishes as she moves north. We will produce the newsletter in our Parish office in her absence, and are thankful for her many years of service.

So time moves on and the seasons move on. Here in Dutchess we seem to be doing very well concerning the Covid virus. We all certainly pray for its end, a vaccine, a cure, and a lifting of the restrictions which have been placed on us because of it. We are thankful to be open for worship and thankful for good attendance in spite of it. In spite of all sickness, the deaths, and the restrictions, let us remember who we are. We are people of hope. We are people of prayer. Let us remember that in the darkest of dark times, when all seemed lost because Jesus died hanging on a cross, all was not lost. The women who went to the tomb found it empty. An angel was there telling them that Jesus had risen from the dead, just as He had told them. Matthew tells us that “they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell the disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me’.” When the disciples went to Galilee, they did see Jesus. This is what He told them. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Time moves on and the seasons change. Our Lord has given us, His disciples, some instructions. They involve spreading the Gospel and living in accordance with His teachings. He wants us to do this with confidence and joy, not with fear. “Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the ages.”

Christ’s peace, Pastor Jim



"The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

Worship Services on Video

YouTube Channel: [LutheranParishNorthernDutchess](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvScZg0AQFHzaXUBCBwuauQ/)

Weekly uploads by Tuesday Evening

If you missed a Sunday, they are still available on the channel for easy access.

Access Videos:

Parish Webpage: www.LutheranParishNorthernDutchess.org

Click on Pastor Jim's picture on the Home Page. This will take you to the YouTube channel for the Parish. Select the readings or sermon you would like to view. Click the arrow to play.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvScZg0AQFHzaXUBCBwuauQ/>

Click on the link above or copy the address into the search bar of your browser. Clicking enter will take you to the Parish YouTube channel from which you can select the readings and sermons you would like to view.

Subscribe to the channel: receive automatic notification when a new video is posted.

Trouble Accessing or would like to be added to the email notification list, Contact Monica at gabrymc@frontiernet.net or 914-475-6613 voice or text.

Please share via your social media networks, Like the Parish Facebook page, subscribe to this YouTube Channel, and/or forward the weekly emails.

Worship Under COVID-19

8:30AM Memorial in Rock City without Holy Communion

9:45AM Third in Rhinebeck with Holy Communion immediately following the regular worship service

11:00AM St. Paul's in Red Hook with Holy Communion

Appropriate social distancing is being followed in all services.

All attendees must wear masks throughout the service and while inside the building.

Hand sanitizer is readily available.

All are invited to participate. Please consider your personal health and comfort circumstances in your decision to attend an in-person worship service. Persons at higher risk of complications from COVID-19 are encouraged to consider delaying their return to in-person worship services and to continue viewing the worship related videos available on the Parish YouTube Channel.

Please Note

In consideration for the health and safety of all congregants anyone who:

- tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days,
- has flu-like or other COVID-19 symptoms, or a fever, or
- has been exposed to the virus or to someone who has tested positive within the past 14 days, or returned from a COVID-19 hot spot within the past 14 days and is required or recommended to quarantine

Pastor Jim continues to be available for pastoral care, conversation, and prayer:

phone 914-441-4360 or email circuitpastorjim@aol.com.

A Message from St. Paul's

As summer is coming to a close, I hope everyone is safe and well. We had a lot going on this summer. Diane Chesley was baptized into the Christian faith on July 12, 2020. On August 2, 2020, Molly McConville and Charley Lueck were confirmed. We also congratulated Chloe Smith on her graduation from Red Hook High School. Chloe will be attending college at SUNY Purchase this fall.

On Sunday, September 20, 2020, we will be welcoming four new members, Kristen Chesley, Dennis Frankle, Diane Rumsey, and Gerda Veneman. I hope you will try to attend and help welcome them to St. Paul's.

Trudy Thiede broke her hip and is recovering at the Renaissance Rehab. I'm sure she would appreciate some get well cards. Renaissance address is: 4975 Albany Post Road, Staatsburg, NY, 12580.

Gary Stock was in an auto accident and is at Albany Medical Center. He is doing better, they are running a series of tests. Pastor will give an update at church. Please keep all our members in need and their loved ones in your prayers.

Marilyn Heuer
Council President
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Keith Denegar _____ September 6
Kay Moore ----- September 7
Lorena Smith ----- September 11
Holly Mentzer----- September 12
George Kazantzis--- September 15
Patty Piaget----- September 16
Cara Faith Birnbaum -- September 16
Jennifer Meddaugh -- September 20
Vicki Lueck _____ September 21
Brock Meddaugh_____ September 25

Tim Baldwin _____ October 7
Lorraine Birnbaum_____ October 8
Jeff Piaget _____ _October 8
Phillip Kazantzis _____ _October 13
Belle Schultz _____ _October 18
Fred Quenzer _____ _October 20
Sylvia Couse _____ _October 21

Memorial Lutheran News

As we move forward in Church, would look to resume our service of communion, with our rules of safe distance and departure

Some areas of discussion for our next Council meeting:

- * Replacement of locks in Parish Hall and Church
- * Repair of broken window in upper Parish window
- * Paint touch up of Church interior
- * Removal of waste items around Parish Hall
- * Double door replacement Church basement
- * Fall cleanup of exterior grounds

Safe Travels and continued good health to all



Susan Martin ----- October 10

God Bless

Memorial Council President

Tandy F. Walker

(518) 789-6899 caroltandy5@gmail.com

Meetings

Third W&M	Sept 8 & Oct 6 @ 4:00p.m.
Third Council	Sept 15 & Oct 20 @ 4:00p.m.
St. Paul's Council	Sept 22 @ 4:00 p.m. (in the church)

Faith Building Opportunities

Christian Ed & Confirmation

Meet in person monthly

Start date TBA

St. Paul's Red Hook

Bible Study

with Pastor Jim

Thursday 10 a.m.

Third Rhinebeck

Fellowship Hall (with Masks)

Begins September 10

Prayer Gathering for Healing and Consolation

Wednesday October 7

4:00 p.m. @ St. Paul's Red Hook

Sanctuary

Ongoing schedule 1st Wednesday

Contact Pastor Jim

914-441-4360

All are Welcome!

Invite a friend!

Service Opportunities

Crafty Christians

In person workgroup is on pause

We encourage all to continue their projects at home.

Contact Bonnie Reyero 518-697-7608

All members and friends of the Parish are welcome to participate.

Children's Community

Clothes Closet

1st Friday October 2

9:30a.m – 12:30a.m.

Third Rhinebeck

Carol Cronk

845-889-4168

Seafarers

To all who knit or crochet - support Seafarer's Hat and scarf project

Crafty Christians continues to support Seafarer's International House by knitting & crocheting hats and scarves. Everyone is invited to join in this ongoing project. Completed items may be placed in the back of your church or brought to the office at Third.

Patterns: Seafarers website sihnyc.org

click involvement, click Christmas-at-sea and open patterns in box at right side, or

Contact: Bonnie (845) 337-1590 (call or text) Email: bjreyero@gmail.com

Thank you for your participation in our Parish mission of service.

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**Memorial Lutheran Church, 8:30 am Service, 1232 Rte. 308, (Rock City)
Rhinebeck, NY 12572 Council President: Tandy Walker**

**Third Lutheran Church, 9:45 am Service, 31 Livingston Street, Rhinebeck,
NY, 12572 Council President: Monica C. Gabryszewski**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 11:00 am Service, 7412 South Broadway,
Red Hook, NY 12571 Council President : Marilyn Heuer**

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Secretary hours are Wednesday & Thursday, 10am– 3pm