

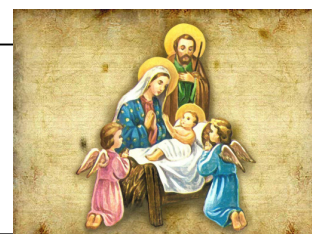
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November– December 2023



**LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS**

**PASTOR JAMES MILLER**



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

Dear Friends in Christ,

When you receive this it will be November, the time we start thinking of celebrating wonderful holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. We look forward to festive times with families and friends as well as rich worship services: the lighting of candles on the Advent wreath at all of our churches, all leading up to the candlelight Christmas Eve services at Third Lutheran in Rhinebeck and St. Paul's in Red Hook, culminating with the lovely intimate Christmas Day service at 10 AM at Memorial Lutheran.

These are all wonderful blessings for us, yet, as we know, in other parts of the world there are always troubles that we are aware of. At this time, we are hearing of the horrific situation in Israel and Gaza with Israel calling for the civilians of Gaza to evacuate, pending a potential military action by Israel. There have already been well over 1,000 deaths, and countless people have been wounded. Hospitals are very close to running out of medicine, water, and food.

Even if this crisis were to be resolved quickly, there is a tremendous need for humanitarian aid. The Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess has always been generous in responding to disasters in our country and around the world. As we "count our blessings" in these festive times, I ask you to support Lutheran agencies who are at work directing humanitarian aid. Every little bit will help, and one thing I ask all of you to be doing is to pray for a quick end to this crisis, and the establishment of a lasting peace.

Lutheran World Relief: [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)

PO Box 17061, Baltimore, Md. 21297-1061 800-597-5972

ELCA Disaster Response: [www.elca.org/disaster](http://www.elca.org/disaster)

PO Box 1809, Merrifield, Va. 2216 800-638-3522

ELCA World Hunger: [www.elca.org/hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger)

PO Box 1809, Merrifield, Va. 22116 800-638-3522

In Christ, Pastor Jim

# Memorial Lutheran News

Well it is another fall season of chilly and multiples of color, and yes the closing of the year. We continue to collect pantry and sanitary items (soap, shampoo, etc.) for the Astor Head Start Program housed in our Parish Hall. Also collecting donations towards food gift cards for those Families during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We are also participating in the clothing drive for Daytop sponsored by Third. Also need to mention the outstanding paving service -- done by ACS AC Smith & Son Const. Inc., the professional workmanship by Arthur C. Smith and his employees, all completed with special communication with Director Diana Rush of Astor Head Start.

Christmas Day service at Memorial, 10: AM  
Baptism at Memorial's Christmas Eve Service - Russell family  
Parish is invited - November 18th, Rhinebeck Parade lighting of tree  
Next joint meeting November 21 at Memorial at 6:00 PM  
Advent Dinner at Third - December 3, 12:30 or 1:30 to be decided,  
Joint Service at St. Paul's - December 31st., 10:00 AM

Annual Meetings:  
Memorial - January 21  
Third - January 28  
St. Paul's - February 4

*Thanks be to God Almighty*

## Daily Prayer

We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please You. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the evil foe have no power over us. Amen.



Rich Streifeneder ..... November 09  
Virginia Huneke ..... December 29

Tandy F. Walker - Council President - walkerc.0117@gmail.com

## Message from St. Paul's

Hello from St. Paul's! We had quite the busy summer and fall and now we look forward to another holiday season. November and December bring a lot of fun activities to our communities and the church is a big part of those for our parishioners. Please be sure to check out the website and Facebook pages ([LPND website](#), [Facebook page](#)) as more information will be provided. A preview is given below for everyone and calendar events on the website will also be out there for you to copy to your own personal calendars. Feel free to pass this along to friends and family.

Benevolence collected for the month of November 2023 + a donation from St. Paul's will be sent to Lutheran World Relief for Israel/Gaza.

November 5th (~12:30PM) - St. Paul's Oktoberfest - All Parish members are invited. Sign-ups are in the back of each church for this event.

November 12th - recognize our Veterans and coffee hour after church.

November 18th - Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting in Rhinebeck (check bulletin for details)

November 21st at 4PM - Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's

December 3rd (~12:30PM) - Advent potluck at Third (music and crafts)

December 24th (7:30PM) - Christmas Eve Service at St. Paul's (no 11AM service)

December 31st (10AM) - Joint service at St. Paul's

Also, if you want to get a jump on next year, please put St. Paul's Annual Meeting onto your calendar. It will be held February 4, 2024, after church in the Parish Hall. The joint parish meetings have generated a few ideas where we can participate together and Engage through Service. If you've been around a while, you may recall our participation in the Relay for Life and the Crop Walk. We are discussing doing similar activities again and welcome anyone who wants to give ideas and help with these activities. The Council on Addiction Prevention Education (CAPE) event being held on 11/29/23 is a perfect example where Third Lutheran and Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess will host [BLINDSPOTS](#). Finally, stay tuned for the return of Shrove Tuesday dinner at St. Paul's this coming year.

If anyone is looking for a project to occupy their time, please check the bulletin board in the back of the church or send me an email about our extensive punch list of work around the church. Anything you can do to contribute will be helpful and appreciated. Fortunately, we've had many dedicated people who have checked off a lot of projects and an updated copy of the punch list will be posted soon. You can see our parking lots have been patched, the barn has been painted, the front church railings were repaired, and much more! Thank you to everyone who puts in the work on all of this.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in church and at the upcoming events!

Yours in Christ,

*Brad Patton*, Council President

### Remembering Gladys

Our dear friend Gladys Unson passed away at the end of August, quietly. Gladys and Bob were married at St. Paul's on December 19, 1958.

Since then, they were active members of the church community.

Gladys is certainly remembered as a loving and kind woman— who always seemed to be there whenever activities were going on! She was nicknamed the “energizer bunny” by some of us! In fact, the last thing I remember was when Gladys and I put the plastic tablecloths on the tables for a church event. Over the years, whenever I talked to anyone from St. Paul's, they always asked about Gladys. Gladys did her part and then some. We loved her and miss her. By Lolly Humphrey



#### ***November Birthdays***

2 Jean Bard  
10 Katherine Baldwin  
18 Brian Williams  
23 Cole Piaget  
23 Pastor Jim  
29 Mike Bo

#### ***December Birthdays***

2— Joy Peterson  
7— Art Smith III  
7— Frank McConville  
17— Lolly Humphrey  
20— Jennifer Baldwin  
26— Art Smith Jr.

### Thoughts from the President @ Third

It has been a busy summer for property projects this year beginning with the replacement of all the roofs and gutters. Next came the long-awaited rebuild of the front stone steps followed by installation of the central dehumidifier. A new Memorial Plaque was installed in the Memorial Garden and the following names were added: Rev. Leonard Torcello, pastor at Third from the mid 1970's to the late 1980's; Kevin Russell, and Billy Russell.

During Pastor Torcello's tenure the congregation experienced a vibrant spiritual and social life focusing on worship, fellowship, and service. Major activities included the DC Fair Food Booth serving hot roast beef sandwiches among other goodies, ham dinners, Couples Club, Youth Group, Agape Feast, Easter Vigils, Church picnics, implementation of every Sunday Communion and some other worship service refinements, Confirmation examinations ... . I have pleasant memories of Youth Group activities including raking huge volumes of maple leaves from the lawn, 25-mile walk-a-thons (he did loops in the car to check on us), and the highlight of the summer - a week at his family camp on Great Sacandaga Lake in the Adirondacks! The day began with all you can eat pancakes prepared by his wife Eleanor followed by a Bible study session and then we were free to swim, hike along the shore, play games, or he would take us on a ride in his boat or at times sneak up on us on the dock (big guy that he was) grab us and toss us into the water! As we got older, he ended up creating quite a splash on more than one occasion! One service activity has come full circle – as members of the Youth Group, we were required to serve as crucifers and acolytes on a rotating basis, now passed on to a new generation – Teddy!

There are a variety of events coming up over the next few weeks in which all members of the Parish are invited to attend. These include Pumpkin Carving at Third, candy distribution on Halloween at Third, Oktoberfest at St. Paul's, and the Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's. More details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. This year we will not be participating in the village Sinterklaas activities. Instead, we are planning an Advent Festival at Third! Activities are in the planning stages so please watch for further details in the weeks ahead.

God Bless, Monica C. Gabryszewski

914-475-6613 [gabrymc@frontiernet.net](mailto:gabrymc@frontiernet.net)

**October 29 following the worship service**

**Pumpkin Carving at Third**

*Pumpkins and light refreshments will be provided – please bring carving tools*

**October 31 5:30 PM**

**Halloween Open Doors at Third**

*Display carved pumpkins, open doors and hand out candy to Trick-or-Treaters*

**November 5 during the 9:45AM worship service**

**All Saints Sunday at Third**

*Recognition of Loved Ones who have gone to the Lord within the last 12 months.*

**November 12 during the 9:45AM worship service**

**Veterans Recognition at Third**

*Reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service.*

#### **Advent Festival at Third – more details to come! Parish Invited**

**November 18 3:00-5:00PM Caroling with the Reformed Church - Municipal Parking Lot: Cara 845-758-1629**

**5:15PM Nativity Float - Parade Line-up begins (Meet at Third at 4:15PM: Monica 914-475-6613**

**December 3 12:30PM Advent Brunch at Third**

**Brunch, Hymn Sing and Crafts**

**December 10 Special music during the 9:45AM worship service**

**December 17 Service of Lessons and Carols with Nativity Play (youth and adults) and Communion**

**December 22 Afternoon Caroling with hot chocolate stand on front sidewalk.**

**Caroling for shut-ins followed by fellowship.**

# BLINDSPOTS

**WOULD YOU KNOW  
WHAT TO LOOK FOR  
IF YOU SUSPECTED  
YOUR TEEN WAS  
USING DRUGS  
OR ALCOHOL?**

Explore our model adolescent bedroom to see if you can identify various paraphernalia and other indications of possible substance use.

## **A FREE PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR ADULTS PROVIDED BY CAPE OF DUTCHESS COUNTY**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023 AT 7 PM

Come see this interactive exhibit at Third Lutheran Church  
31 Livingston St. Rhinebeck, NY 12572

To register for this presentation, contact:  
Carole Hack at (845) 867-7344  
carolehack1@gmail.com  
[www.capedc.org/programs](http://www.capedc.org/programs)





## **Service Worship Opportunities**

|                                  |             |   |
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| Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service— | November 21 | 4:00 pm @ St. Paul's                    |
| Regular Sunday Worship Service   | December 24 | 8:30 am @ Memorial                      |
| Christmas Eve—Candlelight        | December 24 | 5:30 pm @ Third<br>7:30 pm @ St. Paul's |
| Christmas Day                    | December 25 | 10:00 am @ Memorial                     |
| Joint Worship Service            | December 31 | 10:00 am @ St. Paul's                   |

## **Meetings**

|                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Third W&M                 | November 7 & December 5 @ 4:00 pm   |
| Joint Session of Councils | November 21 & December 19 @ 6:00 pm |
| Congregational Councils:  | November 21 & December 19 @ 7:00 pm |

*Council meetings in November @ Memorial, in December @ Third*

## **Faith Building Opportunities**

### **Bible Study with Pastor Jim**

Every Thursday @ 10:00 am @ Third Rhinebeck  
*Contact Pastor Jim , 914-441-4360*

**All are Welcome!**

**Invite a friend!**

## **Service Opportunities**

### **Crafty Christians**

**We are meeting in person**  
**Every Thursday at 11:00 am!**  
**Third Rhinebeck**

*All members and friends of the Parish and  
members of the community are welcome  
to participate!*

*Contact Bonnie Reyer 518-697-7608*

***Please invite a friend to join us!***

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Shoeboxes are due in church by Nov. 12.

### **Day Top Village Mission**

Drug and Alcohol Addiction Rehabilitation Center  
In Rhinebeck

*Collecting gently used seasonal clothing items, all sizes,  
for men and women.*

*Contact Carole Hack @ 845-867-7344*

*See more details on the next page of this newsletter*

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

### **Oktoberfest @ St. Paul's**

**November 5 @ 12:30p.m.**

**St. Paul's Parish Hall**

Brats, Knocks, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut, and Apple Crisp

German beer, wine and soda

Suggested Donation of \$10

To help us plan , please sign up on the sheets located in the back of each church.

***Parish Invited***

***Please join us for this fellowship event!***

## **An additional message from Third**

### **Day Top Village Mission**

We are excited to announce that Third Lutheran Church is embarking on a new mission. Starting in November, we will begin collecting seasonal clothing for the men and women at Daytop Village in Rhinebeck. This facility is a drug and alcohol addiction rehabilitation center.

As Winter approaches, there is a need for coats, jackets, hats and gloves in addition to other warm clothing. Because some of their residents must make Court appearances, business wear is also needed. Men are in need of suits, dress shirts, ties, belts and shoes, while women are in need of dresses, skirts, slacks, blouses and shoes. All donated items must be clean and in good condition.

It would be great to have this be a parish-wide event. And thus, members of St. Paul's and Memorial are invited to bring clothing to their church. It will then be brought to Third and be delivered to Daytop. A complete list of items needed will soon be distributed as inserts in your church bulletin. For further information please call Carole Hack at 845-867-7344.

### **Additional Message from St. Paul's**

Did you know that the **Red Hook Responds** is still active? Amazingly, it certainly is, and thriving!

Did you know that Red Hook Responds is not only for Red Hook residents, but for the Rhinebeck community as well?!

You can go to their website [redhookresponds.org](http://redhookresponds.org) or call their Helpline at 845-640-4788. The Helpline phone line is active daily from 9:00am – 10:00 am and from 3:00pm– 5:00pm. Outside of these times, leave a voicemail for a call back during operating hours.

Red Hook Responds provides many services. To highlight just a few:

Grocery Delivery– Tuesday & Thursday, between 11:00 am– 2:00 pm.

Dinner Delivery— Dinner

Neighborly Chat

Pharmacy Pick-up– a volunteer can help you learn to sign up for CVS delivery or Hannaford Pickup.

Snow shoveling– with the help of Scout Troop 42 & 228– for those who need assistance to shovel a walkway to the road. They do not plow driveways.

Vaccine Appointment Assistance-

**Volunteers and donations are welcome!! No information will be shared for any purpose besides Red Hook Responds Services, nor without your permission.**

### **Worship Services on Video**

**YouTube Channel: [LutheranParishNorthernDutchess](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8)**

Weekly uploads

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

**Access Videos: Parish Webpage: [www.LutheranParishNorthernDutchess.org](http://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.

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

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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 : Brad Patton**

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