

# KOINONIA

March - April 2024



LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS  
PASTOR JAMES MILLER



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

Dear Friends in Christ.

The Apostle John writes, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1: 8-9)

Martin Luther comments on these words. “The message of the forgiveness of sins only applies to true Christians who honestly acknowledge their sins and also are affected by them. The other coarse people who neither acknowledge their sins nor feel anything about them understand nothing about this article of faith. However, the true Christians who are sincerely afflicted by their sins can at least be consoled by their belief in the forgiveness of sins. For they have been baptized, they hear the Gospel and receive absolution and the holy sacrament. For God has placed this treasure, the forgiveness of sins into His Word and this sacrament and has decreed that they should be believed.”

As we move forward into March we continue to be in the season of Lent, journeying along with Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. He had a single purpose in this journey, to offer Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of all people and in doing so, to spare them eternal punishment which they would deserve, and instead, offer eternal life for all who will believe that He is the Messiah, the Savior who the prophets of the Old Testament saw and prophesied.

May each of our Lenten journeys involve an honest assessment of our lives as we consider of our sins, but also, a let us be ever thankful for what Jesus has accomplished for us, knowing that He lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Christ’s peace, Pastor Jim

## Message from Memorial Lutheran

Tandy F. Walker - Council President

A new season is upon us, giving us a little time to look back at the journey we have taken thus far and the many important projects we are faced with and looking forward to completing. We are prioritizing our projects on cost, timing, and Church needs. We also need to improve the property's interior/exterior look. We can develop some doable plans through the council and parishioners' collaboration.

Members of Memorial Lutheran continued to feel the loss of our most recent dear and loved parishioners, Fred Novak and Virginia Huneke. Their gift to the Church and all they came in contact with will be cherished forever.

We continue to give gift cards for local food shopping to Astor Head Start families; our next holiday for giving is Easter Sunday, and donations for purchasing these cards are accepted.

### God Is Never Late

With the Lord ... a thousand  
years are like a day  
2 Peter 3:8

If we hold fast, "Other foundation can no man lay than . . . Jesus Christ" and "I am justified freely by God's grace," still Satan urges, "But the tree is known by its fruits of justification? Is that mind in you which was in Jesus Christ? Are you dead to sin and alive to righteousness?"

And then, comparing the small fruits we feel in our souls with the fullness of the promises, we shall be ready to conclude, "Surely God has not said that my sins are forgiven! Surely, I have not received the remission of sins. What lot have I among those who are sanctified?"

But bind this about your neck; write it upon your heart: "I am accepted before God by the righteousness which is of God by faith." Admire more and more the free grace of God in so loving the world as to give His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

So shall the peace of God flow on in an even stream despite all those mountains of ungodliness. They shall become plain when the Lord comes to take full possession of your heart. The Lord is present for time to accomplish the work that still needs to be done in your soul. And His time is the best. Therefore, as Him and trust in Him, for He cannot withhold from you anything good.

### Today's Prayer

Jesus, thank you for taking my sin so I can receive your righteousness. I choose to accept the life you have offered to me. Remove the sinful parts of me that keep me from knowing you. I didn't deserve the sacrifice you made for me, but I am forever grateful.

Help me to honor you in the way I live, Jesus. In your name, amen.

God's Blessings to all



Karen Becker ..... March 12

## Birthdays at St. Paul's



### March Birthdays

5— Kim McConville  
5— Molly McConville  
6— Mary Quenzer  
6— Raena Lueck  
28— Nancy Denegar

### April Birthdays

5— Karen Smythe  
16— Mike Lueck  
23 - David Queen

## Wednesday Ecumenical Lenten Services

Red Hook Council of Churches @ 7:00pm

<b>March 6</b>	<b>Christ Church Episcopal</b> 7423 South Broadway <b>Preaching: Deacon Linda Duval</b>	Red Hook 845- 758-1591
<b>March 13</b>	<b>St. Paul's and Trinity Parish</b> 39 Woods Road, Tivoli <b>Preaching: Fr. Michael Phillips</b>	Tivoli 845-444-3120
<b>March 20</b>	<b>St. John's Reformed Church</b> 126 Old Post Road North <b>Preaching: Rev. Alisha Riepma-Hosier</b>	Upper Red Hook 845-758-1180

### Your Invited

#### **Psyanky Workshop and Luncheon**

March 24 at 12:30 pm

At Third Lutheran Fellowship Hall

*Psyanky is the Ukrainian method of decorating eggs using a wax-resist method.*

Sign up at the back of your church or contact Cara at 914-466-6001

#### **Easter Egg Dying & Communion Bread Baking**

March 30 at Third Church

Time TBA

**Blessing of the Animals**  
**&**  
**Community Adorned “Pet Remembrance Tree”**

**May 18 @ Noon**

(rain date May 19 @ 1:00PM)

**Third Lutheran Church**

Bring your pets to be blessed. Invite family and friends. All pets welcome!

Activities will be held outside: Blessing, Information Booths

***Raffle to benefit American Humane***

A number of groups will be participating with their Ambassador Animals representing a variety of rescue and special interest organizations.

Check out the various environmental groups who focus on bees, butterfly gardens, creating a safer haven for birds, etc.

*Contact: Rosemary 845-478-2452*

**Day Top Village Mission** a Drug & Alcohol Addiction Rehabilitation Center in Rhinebeck

We would like to thank everyone in the Parish who has supported Third's new mission "Day Top Village". The response has been overwhelming. Carole Hack has made several LARGE deliveries of clothing to Day Top and they are ever so grateful. As you go through your closets and have items for either a man or woman in gently used condition that you no longer need, please keep Day Top in mind. Carole can be contacted at 845-867-7344.

**Crafty Christians**

This group has been concentrating on making Prayer Shawls, Baptismal Blankets and Baptismal Shawls. Currently available is a good stock of Prayer Shawls waiting to be given to someone in need of comfort and prayers. If you would like to give a Prayer Shawl to someone please do not hesitate to stop by Third or contact Bonnie Revero 845-337-1590 or June Post 845-876-7450. We would be glad to give you a shawl of your color choice.

Crafty Christians meets each Thursday, 11:00 am at Third. All are invited to join us or knit/crochet at home if you're not able to join in person. Arrangements will be made to get the finished project to Third. We have patterns to share or perhaps you have a favorite pattern of your own.

**Worship Services on Video**

**YouTube Channel: [LutheranParishNorthernDutchess](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvYUw11111111111111111111)**

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

**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.***

## Holy Week Services

### March 24: Palm Sunday

Services at each church @ regular times

### March 28: Maundy Thursday

Service 7:00 p.m. @ Memorial Rock City

### March 29: Good Friday

Service 7:00 p.m. @ St. Paul's Red Hook

### March 31 : Easter Sunday

[Services at each church](#) @ regular times

Third Lutheran: Easter egg hunt and coffee hour following 9:45 am worship service.

## Meetings

Third W&M	March 5, 2024 & April 2, 2024 @ 4:00 pm
Parish Council	March 19, 2024 & April 16, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
Joint Session of Councils	March 19, 2024 & April 16, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
Congregational Councils	March 19, 2024 & April 16, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Council meetings are at St. Paul's in March, and are at Memorial in April

## Faith Building Opportunities

### Bible Study with Pastor Jim

**Thursday 10 a.m.**

Third Rhinebeck– *upstairs classroom*

Contact Pastor Jim, 914-441-4360

### Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Jim

Weekly sessions @ 7:00 pm begin Wednesday,

**April 10– May 15**

The topic will be the book of Hebrews

**All are Welcome!**

**Invite a friend!**

## Service Opportunities

### Crafty Christians

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

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

Contact Bonnie Reyer 518-697-7608

### Day Top Village Mission

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

Drop off at the back of your church

Contact Carole Hack @ 845-867-7344

***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 : Brad Patton**

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