

KOINONIA

July - August 2021



LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS

PASTOR JAMES MILLER



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing this one day after New York State announced that herd immunity had been reached and that the majority of the covid 19 restrictions were being lifted. This last year, actually 15 or 16 months, has been like no other time that we have experienced. Everything that we take for granted was upended. Schools were closed. Churches were closed. Many businesses were closed. When it all began, many people thought the restrictions which were imposed would be short-lived, but as time went on, many began to believe the opposite: that there would be no end to the restrictions. Even now, with the announcement that they have been lifted, many people are still wary. It will take time for these people to become comfortable. We must remember that fear is not overcome by force, but by our offering of patience, understanding, and kindness to those who are emerging from the restrictions with great caution.

Is there anything we can learn about our experience of the pandemic? I think there is much to be learned and raised up. First and foremost, I would hope that we have an even greater appreciation of our first responders and medical workers who tirelessly worked long hours in an atmosphere that was filled with uncertainties concerning the virus, as well as shortages of critical protective gear and medical equipment. I would hope that we would have a greater appreciation for teachers who had to rapidly acquire new teaching techniques and computer skills to fulfill their responsibilities for educating their students. I would hope that we have a better appreciation for family life as parents and children had to adjust to the challenges of working home and having children learning at home at the same time.

Especially, I would hope that we have a greater appreciation for now being able to worship together. Our churches were closed for 3 months. St. Paul's opened as soon as NYS allowed public worship for more than 10 people, and Third and Memorial opened shortly thereafter. These were joyous times, even though attendance was small in the beginning. Over the many months, more and more people began to return and at this time, I would say we are nearly back to pre-pandemic numbers, and in some cases, are above those numbers. Our Lutheran liturgies are rich in tradition and offer us wonderful spiritual food which we need week in and week out, especially as we emerge from this pandemic. Singing hymns is always a hallmark of Lutheran worship. After all, what do Lutherans do? They sing!!! And the tradition for each of our congregations in the summer is to reach back to the old favorite hymns, so we have even more to appreciate now in worship.

Finally, my wish is that each one of us moves forward viewing life a little differently, noticing how fragile it can be, noticing the beauty of this world which God has created for us, looking for goodness in all people because we are all God's creation, and most of all, giving thanks to God, who in sending His Son to die for our sins, offers us eternal life with Him, and who through the Holy Spirit working in us, empowers us in our earthly pilgrimage to begin to get a sense of what the Kingdom of Heaven holds for us.

In Christ, Pastor Jim

Message from St. Paul's

Nice weather! No masks ! Life is good. Let us give thanks to God for getting us through this pandemic. We had our first coffee hour on June 13, honoring our high school graduates. The yard sale on Saturday, June 12 , was a huge success and we made a little over \$1600. Thank you to Patty Piaget for organizing the yard sale and for everyone's help to make this a successful event. Thank you again to Patty for organizing and cooking the hot dogs on Father's Day!

Finally, we have a start date for the scaffolding to be erected on July 1. The work on the restoration of the glass stained windows will start on July 5 or July 6.

We are having a raffle and the drawing will be on Hardscrabble Day, September 18, 2021. Prizes are a Stihl BR 450 Backpack Blower, a Stihl MSA 120 Chainsaw(36V), and a \$50 gift certificate from Charlie O's restaurant. Thank you to Keil Equipment and Charlie O's for their generous donations! See Brad for raffle tickets. We also have a GoFundMe page (donations toward restoring St. Paul's glass stained windows) — please go to the Parish website and click St. Paul's. Please share the GoFundMe on your Facebook page. It is important that we get the word out about our restoration project.

Congratulations to Fred and Mary Quenzer on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 22,2021! They were married at St. Paul's.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer and enjoy your vacation time!

Marilyn Heuer, Council President
marbobheuer@icloud.com
845-758-1386



July Birthdays

5– Don Peterson
10– Raella Werner
13– Elizabeth Kasantzis
19- Bob Heuer
19 –Janet Williams
19- Julie Williams
31– Brad Patton

August Birthdays

4– Rich Dill
7– Nathan Piaget
9 - Joan McGrenaghan
21– Marilyn Heuer
25– Steve Bucala



Message from Memorial Lutheran

We at Memorial are happy to say, we are now on our way at full service, with the removal of restrictions for mask wearing, it looks a lot like normal.



And yes, our Fingerprint, is still open for viewers, we have had several comments on its message and verse placement, check it out.

Up coming projects and successfully accomplished ones

Cedar Cross installed

Paper shredding was a success

(Wish to thank Joe Bahnatka for his generous contribution)

Slate roof repair completed

(Thank you Doug Traudt)

New flooring to be installed at preparation room (rear of Church)

Continued safe travels thru summer

Wish to Thank Council for your continued support and service



Bronwyn Novak----- August 3

Carol Walker ----- August 15

God Bless

Memorial Council President

Tandy F. Walker

(518) 789-6899 caroltandy5@gmail.com

Memorial Lutheran Church TAG SALE on July 10th- 9 AM– 4:00 PM

Large assortment of household items, crafts, tools, outdoor items and Stuff!

Please spread the word!

Thoughts from the President @ Third

The hardscaping portion of the memorial garden in front of the office area is now complete! Thank you to Carole Hack for coordinating the material selection and the project with the contractor Ed Baisley. The memorial stone, cross, and bench have been ordered. The dwarf Bosnian Pine has been planted in the corner of the garden. Thank you also to the “watering brigade” that has once again sprung into action so that the new plantings and grass repairs along the hard-scape will thrive.

Bonnie Reyero and Kathy Rector established the Children’s Community Clothes Closet to offer free clothing to local families. Members of Third assisted in sorting and organizing the larger donations received in the early years. Carol Cronk took over the reins in 2011. After about 13 years of faithful service to the community, the Clothes Closet will be ending its ministry. With prayerful consideration, it was decided that September 3, 2021 will be the last time it will be open for “business”. Over the years, many local families have had the opportunity to obtain children’s clothing for free. For the last few years, demand has been declining and recently the norm has been 1 or 2 customers.

Thank you to Bonnie and Kathy for their vision and work in the early years, to Carol Cronk for leading this mission for close to 10 years, and to all who contributed and/or helped sorting, displaying, and working the open days. Carol’s dedicated co-workers include Margot Behrens and Linda Mattison, among others who have assisted over the years.

We continue making progress toward a return to our normal style of worship and expect to complete the transition in early September.

Be Well!

God Bless,

Monica C. Gabryszewski

Third Council President 914-475-6613 gabrymc@frontiernet.net

Coffee Hour

July 18

Immediately following the 9:45 a.m. service

Parish Joint Worship Service

Dedication of Fellowship Hall and Memorial Garden at Third

September 12, 2021

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

Dedications, food, and fellowship immediately following the worship service.

The extensive work on the Fellowship Hall was completed in February 2020!

Please join us for this long-awaited celebration!

All members and friends of the Parish are invited.

Further details
to follow.

Rummage Sale / Bake Sale / Hot Dogs & Fixin’s

Saturday, September 25

@ Third

Please contact Brenda Bassett 876-5521 re: types of items & drop-off times

God's Work. Our Hands.

This coming fall, we will be collecting snack items to give to the first responders in our local communities.

Stay tuned for further details about the "goodies" and opportunities to assist.

Meetings

Third W&M	July 6 @ 10:00 am & August 3 @ TBD
Parish Council	August 17 @ 6:00 pm
Joint Session of Councils	August 17 @ 6:30 pm
Congregational Councils:	August 17 @ 7:00 pm
	<i>Council Meetings in August @ Memorial</i>
Third Council	July 20 @ 5:00 pm at Third

Faith Building Opportunities

Confirmation

On hold for the summer.
Will resume in the fall.

Bible Study

with Pastor Jim
On hold for the summer
Will resume September 9, 2021
Third Rhinebeck-- in Fellowship Hall

All are Welcome!

Invite a friend!

Service Opportunities

Crafty Christians

**We will resume meeting in person
September 9 at 11:00 am!**

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

Contact Bonnie Reyero 518-697-7608

Please invite a friend to join us!

Children's Community

Clothes Closet

1st Friday
July 2 & August 6
9:30a.m – 12:00 pm.

Third Rhinebeck

**After many years, the Children's Clothes Closet will
end its ministry. Our final day will be September 3.**

Carol Cronk
845-889-4168

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

Worship Under Relaxed COVID-19 CDC Guidelines

Ongoing Sunday Morning

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 viewing the worship service video 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, should not attend an in-person worship service or gathering.

Worship Services on Video

YouTube Channel: LutheranParishNorthernDutchess

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

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.

**Pastor Jim continues to be available for pastoral care, conversation, and prayer:
phone 914-441-4360 or email circuitpastorjim@aol.com.**

June 7, 2021

Dear Fellow Members of the
Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess

Someone within our parish was kind and caring enough to send me information on the AmazonSmile Foundation. Its description is below and I've since registered our parish as a qualifying charitable organization.

Simply stated, Amazon has set up a process by which non-profit organization such as our parish can receive a percentage of purchases made on Amazon. Each quarter Amazon then remits an electronic payment to the charitable organization as selected by the purchaser.



To support our parish such that it receives a percentage of your purchases, instead of signing in to Amazon.com in the usual manner, use the following sign-in:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1704361>

Alternatively, you can simply sign in with <https://smile.amazon.com> and when prompted for your preferred charity, enter 'Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess'. Your future sign-ins will then be directed accordingly such that Amazon will then send a percentage of your purchases to our parish account. Please note that they send only the total amount of donations made in this manner without any indication as to who purchased what.

It should be noted that although the sign-in contains the word "smile", you are directed to the regular amazon.com homepage on which you can order anything.

Further detail on this Amazon "Smile" charitable donation follows: [How does AmazonSmile work?](#)

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from over one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

What is the AmazonSmile Foundation?

The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable organizations selected by our customers. Amazon pays all expenses of the AmazonSmile Foundation; they are not deducted from the donation amounts generated by purchases on AmazonSmile.

In summary:

Many of us frequently use Amazon to purchase various items. By taking a few moments to set up your access such that a percentage of your purchases are directed toward our parish would certainly assist in funding our parish expenses. This in turn could help with our individual church budgets which together fund the cost of our parish ministry, secretarial support, bulletins & copies, insurance, church school, and other miscellaneous but necessary expenses.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Hack".

Gary Hack, Treasurer
Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess

Return: Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess
31 Livingston Street
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Dated Material Address Correction Requested

To:



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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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