



# KOINONIA

May—June 2017



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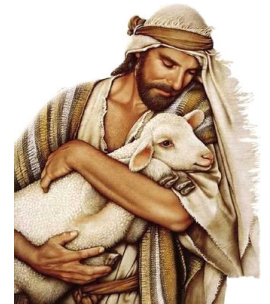
LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS  
PASTOR JAMES MILLER

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

*Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me." (John 10: 14)*

WE ALWAYS SHOULD EMULATE the life and words of Jesus. I find this passage fitting for my first contribution to *Koinonia* because although I have been serving the Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess since the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, my presence here has been limited to Sundays only. That all changed on March 26 when the members voted to call me as their pastor. This was a glorious day for me! I have felt a sense of welcome and belonging from the very first Sunday, and although I have had the opportunity to get to know some of the good people from each congregation, I have felt frustrated that in not being able to go further and get to know more people.



Now that is all changed! More than anything, I want to be the good pastor---the good shepherd. I want to be able to say, "I know my sheep and my sheep know me!" Since Call Sunday I have visited numerous home-bound members and have met with many others in the Parish Office at Third in Rhinebeck. I have regular office hours at Memorial on Tuesdays from 1-3, and at St. Paul's on Thursdays from 4-6. I will be establishing office hours at Third beginning the week after Easter, so stay tuned for that.

And please note, that I am available by appointment at times other than these hours. My contact information is on the cover of our worship bulletins: 914-441-4360 [circuitpastorjim@aol.com](mailto:circuitpastorjim@aol.com).

Additionally I will be scheduling Bible Study at Third. Please remember that St. Paul's has Bible Study on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m., which is being led by their Council President, Steve Bucala. I have begun attending these and I highly recommend them. Currently, we are studying Luther's Commentary to Paul's Letter to the Romans. These sessions, as well as those which I will set up at Third, are open to ALL Parish members---AND anyone in the community who is interested. Please pass the word!

I pray that all of you have had a meaningful Lent and Holy Week and that you are rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus. As a Parish, some of the special events coming up which call for celebration are the spaghetti dinner on April 29 at St. Paul's, my ordination on May 20 at Third, Clara's confirmation at St. Paul's on Pentecost, and young Theodore's baptism at Third on June 18.

Please help me as I try to make the words of Jesus my own. I want to get to know you. I want to learn about your lives, your hopes, fears, and dreams. I want us to become more and more aware of the presence of Jesus in our lives so that as a Parish, we can grow and share the love of God with all that we encounter. To do this, I need to hear from you!

—God's blessings and Peace, Pastor Jim



## **PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE**

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!....He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!  
Easter is a time to celebrate our Risen Lord.*

During this Easter Season, the Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess has something really big to celebrate. It is the Rite of Ordination of our newly Called Pastor, James Miller. The Rite of Ordination and Service of Installation of a Pastor will be Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Third Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rhinebeck. The Service will begin at 10:30 am.



The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, will preside at the Rite of Ordination. Everyone in the Parish, family, friends and neighbors are invited to join this wonderful Parish celebration. A luncheon reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. During the Lenten Season our Parish collected personal care items: Towels, soap, combs, nail clippers for Lutheran World Relief's Baskets of Promise project. These items will be assembled prior to the Youth Group Spaghetti dinner on April 29. It appears that close to 70 baskets of promise will be assembled.

The first weekend in June will be full of activity. On Saturday, June 3, our Parish will participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life walk. This year's event will be held at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School, South Cross Road, Hyde Park, N.Y. Different from past years, this will not be an overnight event. The walk will start at 12:00 p.m. with the traditional opening ceremony. All of the usual Relay for Life activities will take place before the event concludes at 10:00 p.m. Please consider walking sometime during the 10 hours; support our Parish participants; purchase a luminary; or make a donation in support of our team. Donations or luminary purchases can be made by contacting one of our team captains: Joanne Plass, Don Campbell, Susan Martin or Linda Woodward. Donations can be made on line by going to the Relay for Life Northern Dutchess website; then locating our team, Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess.

On Sunday, June 4, our Parish will join together for one worship service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Hook. The purpose of this service is to celebrate Clara Patton's Confirmation. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. Let us all come together to celebrate this important time in Clara's life.



What a joyous time; with many things to celebrate!

God's blessing be with you,  
Carl Dowden, Parish Council Chair

### **Meetings**

Third W&M	May 2 & June 6 @ 4:00p.m. @ Third
Parish Council	May 16 & June 20 @ 6:00p.m.
Joint Session of Councils	May 16 & June 20 @ 7:00p.m.
Congregational Councils	May 16 & June 20 following joint session
<i>Council Meetings May @ Memorial &amp; June @ Third</i>	








**Ordination of James M. Miller**  
**Saturday May 20, 2017**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Third in Rhinebeck**

**Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Rimbo, Bishop Metro NY Synod**

*Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall*

**All are invited and encouraged to attend.**

### **RELAY FOR LIFE OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS**

Dear Relayers:

I'm writing to ask you if you will join us again this year on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12-10 p.m. at F.D. Roosevelt High School for Relay for Life of Northern Dutchess. While this year's event has a new location, all other elements will remain the same. Relay begins with an opening ceremony, followed by a survivors' lap, a caregivers' lap, and then a luncheon to follow. The luncheon is provided at no cost for survivors and their caregivers. Last year, our Parish filled two tables at the luncheon and our guests were treated to live music and a photo booth to commemorate the day. A silent auction will take place following the luncheon so our guests won't miss out. Luminaries will be placed around the track in support of those battling Cancer and in memory of those we have lost. Our Team: Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess, will have participants walking the track throughout the event. This year's theme is "Let's have a ball!", so hopefully we can enjoy a little healthy competition with a few sporting events for our relayers to enjoy throughout the day.

I will have a table at the Spaghetti Dinner on April 29th at St. Paul's, on May 20th following the Ordination at Third, and will be available during Council meetings for you to sign up to walk the track, purchase luminaries and join our effort to raise awareness and support those affected by cancer.

We were able to surpass our goal of raisings one thousand dollars last year. This year I hope we can reach out to our friends, neighbors and co-workers. Invite them to walk with us. If they are survivors, invite them to the luncheon. Use this event to make connections in our communities and show others who we are as a Parish.

Your sister in Christ, Joanne Plass

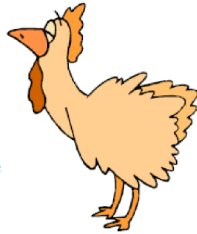
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**June 11 @ 12:15 p.m.**  
**Third Lutheran in Rhinebeck**

Suggested Donation:  
 Adults \$12; Children 6 – 12 years \$6, 5 & under Free

Reservations: 845-876-6769

*Reservations help us plan. Walk-ins are welcome.*  
*Take-out is available.*  
*All are invited for food and fellowship*



<b>Faith Building Opportunities</b>	
<p><b><u>Christian Ed</u></b></p> <p>Sunday 10:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Monday 4:00 p.m. @ Memorial</p> <p>Confirmation <i>Contact Brad Patton</i> 889-4437</p>	<p><b><u>Bible Study</u></b></p> <p>Led by Pastor Jim</p> <p><b>Thursday 10 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Third Rhinebeck</b> <i>Upper meeting room</i></p>
<p><b><u>Men's Breakfast</u></b></p> <p><b>Saturday 8:00a.m.</b> <b>Memorial in Rock City</b> <i>Contact Fred Novak</i> 758-2915</p>	<p><b><u>Bible Study</u></b></p> <p><b>Thursday 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>St. Paul's Red Hook</b> <i>Downstairs at the church.</i> "Martin Luther's Commentary on Romans" <i>Contact Steve Bucala</i> 758-1228</p>
<p>Invite a friend!</p>	

### **MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Hello from Memorial Lutheran Church and Happy Spring!

Congratulations to the Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess in finding a new pastor to lead us. Or, maybe he found us. Either way, it is the work of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. Let us all support Pastor Jim as he leads us in our mission to spread the Gospel and minister to all people in need.

Memorial Lutheran continues to hold men's breakfast on Saturday mornings at 8 A.M. It is a chance to share good food and good fellowship. Suggested donations of five dollars is appreciated but not required.

Memorial has been blessed for the last year and a half by the opportunity to host the Dutchess County Office of the Aging Rhinebeck Senior Center and Meals on Wheels program. They meet in the Memorial Church hall on Monday through Thursday. For more information call the church phone at (845) 758-0571 and speak with Cindy. She is a conscientious, caring person and a wonderful steward of the program, the senior citizens and the home bound people that this beautiful program serves.

We hope everyone had a great Easter. Could a day like Easter be considered a sacrament? A gift from God to build, enforce and renew our faith in the One for which we celebrate? Yes, I'm going to take that gift, share it, treasure it and celebrate the promise every day. So Happy Easter, today and every day!

Some days I know it's hard. I think of the Beatitudes: Blessed are the meek, blessed are the peace makers, and blessed are the poor, and I look around and think, "Who? Where?" Maybe the real question is "when," and then I think of Pastor Jim's translation of hope. Hope, not as a wish, but hope as an expectation, and you can't have expectations without faith. I guess who, what, where and when become irrelevant, because we have hope, and in that hope expectation, faith and knowledge that we will receive all the blessings we were promised.

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Sincerely,  
Memorial Lutheran Church





## NEWS FROM ST. PAUL'S

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Did you remember the  
church in your will?**



May					
2	Steve Hughes	11 Roger Ct	Red Hook	NY 12571	
7	Rose Rider	24 Elizabeth St.	Red Hook	NY 12571	
14	Chloe Smith	19 Church St.	Red Hook	NY 12571	
14	Pat Bucala	31 Grandmour Drive	Red Hook	NY 12571	
15	Fred Cook	15 Cambridge Drive	Red Hook	NY 12571	
20	Linda Darwell	52 Manor Road	Red Hook	NY 12571	
21	Clara Patton	19 Hollow Ridge Road	Staatsburg	NY 12580	child
22	William Cook	15 Cambridge Drive	Red Hook	NY 12571	
25	John Donegan	44 Trestle Lane	Clinton Corners	NY 12514	
26	Eric Murray	39 Hampton Court	Clinton Corners	NY 12514	
29	Anna O'Keeffe	26 Elizabeth St.	Red Hook	NY 12571	

June					
3	Aaron Kelsey	282 Linden Avenue	Red Hook	NY 12571	
3	Teresa Hughes	11 Roger Ct	Red Hook	NY 12571	
5	Karla Cook	15 Cambridge Drive	Red Hook	NY 12571	
5	Valerie Conklin	14 Mansion Drive	Hyde Park	NY 12538	
7	Mackenzie Smith	19 Church St.	Red Hook	NY 12571	
7	Rev. Richard Holzer	2 Jackson Ave.	Northfield	NJ 08225	
22	Bruce R. Williams	53 Sunrise Drive	Red Hook	NY 12571	
24	Elizabeth Dill	6 Fraleigh Street	Red Hook	NY 12571	
26	Jack Walker	45 Benner Road	Red Hook	NY 12571	
28	Sam Patton	19 Hollow Ridge Road	Staatsburg	NY 12580	child
30	Rev. LeRoy Ness	85 Florence Street	Kingston	NY 12401	

An additional June birthday is Nonl Van Sr., who's birthday is June 15. Pastor LeRoy Ness, who now lives in Connecticut, celebrates his birthday on June 30.



**Trudy Thiede and St. Paul's celebrated Trudy's 90th birthday on April 23, 2017.  
Photo contributed by Donald Peterson**



**Joint Worship Service**

**June 4**

**Confirmation**

***Clara Patton***

**10:00 a.m.**

**St. Paul's in Red Hook**

Children will be participating in the service.

Food and Fellowship following the service.

**No services at Memorial or Third**

**ST. PAUL CHURCH'S**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Everyone is welcome to the  
Thursday night Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's.  
We are focused on Paul's epistle to Romans with  
Martin Luther's commentary on Romans as  
a study guide.

— Stephen Bucala, St. Paul's Council President

**THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT @ THIRD**

There is excitement in the air throughout the Parish as preparations get underway for the ordination of Pastor Jim! Bishop Rimbo will preside at this special service of ordination and installation to be held on Saturday May 20 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Third. All are encouraged to attend this special service and the luncheon reception immediately following the service.

Susan Peckmann is leading a group focused on sprucing up Third's facilities for this special celebration. Please contact Susan at 876-4776 if you would like to lend a hand on any of the projects. The event itself is being coordinated by the Parish Council.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, Crafty Christians and the morning Bible study have been moved to Thursdays. The Bible study, led by Pastor Jim with a focus on the lessons for the upcoming Sunday, begins at 10:00 a.m. Immediately following the Bible study, the Crafty Christians begin their creative work at 11:00 a.m. and work in fellowship until 1:00 p.m. All are invited to participate in one or both of these events.

Looking ahead in the flower chart, there are many available Sundays. If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers and/or communion elements in memory or in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for a milestone, or perhaps to the Glory of God, please enter the information in the book located at the back of the church.

Thank you to all who provide some type of assistance relative to Sunday and special worship services. Your commitment is appreciated. Please remember to seek a replacement in the event that you cannot serve on a scheduled Sunday.

See you in church! Invite a friend.

God Bless,

*Monica C. Gabryszewski*

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

**Baptism**

*Theodore Joseph Zimansky*

**June 18**

Third in Rhinebeck

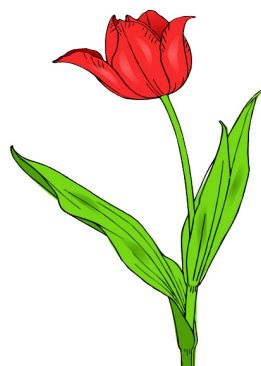
During the 9:45 a.m. Worship Service

Parents: *Carol Braun & Paul Zimansky*

Brother: *Solomon*

Service Opportunities	
<p><b><u>Crafty Christians</u></b></p> <p><i>Changed to:</i></p> <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b></p> <p>at</p> <p><b>Third in Rhinebeck</b></p> <p><b>Upper Meeting Room</b></p> <p><i>Contact Bonnie Revero</i></p> <p><i>518-697-7608</i></p>	<p><b><u>Children's Community</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Clothes Closet</u></b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays</b></p> <p><b>May 5 &amp; 19</b></p> <p><b>June 2 &amp; 16</b></p> <p><b>9:30a.m – 1:00p.m.</b></p> <p>at</p> <p><b>Third Rhinebeck</b></p> <p><i>Contact Carol Cronk</i></p> <p><i>845-889-4168</i></p>
<p><b><u>Baskets of Promise</u></b></p> <p>Thank you to all who participated in providing and assembling close to 70 baskets!</p>	<p><b><u>Relay for Life</u></b></p> <p><b>Saturday June 3</b></p> <p><b>Noon – 10:00 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>F.D. Roosevelt High School</b></p> <p><b>156 South Cross Road</b></p> <p><b>Staatsburg, NY</b></p> <p><i>Join or Support the Parish Team</i></p> <p>See article in this Newsletter and watch for Bulletin and email announcements for further details</p> <p><i>Contact Joanne Plass</i></p> <p><i>758-5386</i></p>
<p><b><u>Apple Blossom Day</u></b></p> <p><b>May 7</b></p> <p><b>10:00 am – 4:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>St. Paul's Red Hook</b></p>	

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**Women's Continental Breakfast**  
 with  
 Sister Carol  
**May 6 @ 9:30 a.m.**  
 Trinity Lutheran Church in Kingston  
 Contact Linda Janow 876-3567

*The Taconic Community Youth Group*

**HOMEMADE**

# Spaghetti Dinner

*Sponsored by:*

*Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess!*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 PM**

*St. Paul's Parish Hall*

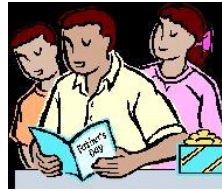
*7412 South Road, Red Hook, NY*

**\$10/adults**

**\$5/children (12 and under)**

**Please join us!**





**Let's remember our parents and dear departed loved ones this season, as well as our Armed Forces, on Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day**



*Finally Brothers,  
whatever is true, whatever is noble,  
whatever is honest, whatever is just,  
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,  
whatever is commendable,  
whatever is excellent,  
if anything is worthy of praise,  
think on these things.  
Philippians 4:8*



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**LUTHERAN PARISH OF  
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EVENTS & MEETINGS**

## Apple Blossom Day

**May 7**

**10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**St. Paul's Red Hook**

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: Stephen Bucala

***Sunday Holy Communion 11:00 am***

Third Lutheran, Rhinebeck,  
Church Council President:

President: Monica Gabryszewski

***Sunday Holy Communion 9:45 am***

Pastor James Miller

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