

# KOINONIA

July - August 2022



LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS

PASTOR JAMES MILLER



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I am writing this we have all been blessed with a wonderful Spring season. In some years, it seems that winter is extended and when the snow is finally gone, we find ourselves in 90 degree weather already in May. Not so this year. This year we have enjoyed moderate temperatures and plenty of rain which has produced an abundance of flowers on trees, shrubs, and in our flower gardens. I have been continually surprised and pleased with the fragrances I smell as I take my morning hike in the woods behind our house.

When you receive this newsletter, it will officially be summer. Let us pray that our weather will continue to be pleasant for us to be able to enjoy the outdoors and also that it will make for good conditions for our farms and livestock. As we think about this, let us remember that all of this beauty is a gift from God. I want to offer a portion of Psalm 104 which presents this so beautifully.

- <sup>10</sup> You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills;  
<sup>11</sup> they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
<sup>12</sup> Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches.  
<sup>13</sup> From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.  
<sup>14</sup> You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth  
<sup>15</sup> and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.  
<sup>16</sup> The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.  
<sup>17</sup> In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees.  
<sup>18</sup> The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.  
<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all.

Let us give thanks to God for the gift of His beautiful Creation, knowing that it is only a small fraction of the beauty of His presence that we will share through His promise of salvation for those who have faith that He is our Savior.

In Christ, Pastor Jim

## News from St. Paul's

The altar windows were installed in time for our Joint Service on June 5, 2022, when we celebrated seven of our young people making their confirmation. Many thanks to our donors and sponsors for making this project possible.

One project finished, but we have another project in process. Our tenant moved out on June 1, and we need help with repairs etc. in the parsonage. If you can help, please give Brad a call, as he has a list of things that need to be done. We also need someone to be the contact person for the tenants. Speak with me or Brad. It is very important to find someone to take this on.

I would like to invite everyone to our Stained Glass Windows Celebration and Dedication Service on August 7, 2022 at 11:00 am, where we will celebrate the restoration of our stained glass windows. They look so beautiful! Refreshments will be served after the service. Please come and enjoy this special event with us.

God Bless,  
Marilyn Heuer  
Council President



### *July Birthdays*

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

### *August Birthdays*

4- Rich Dill  
7- Joan McGrenaghan  
7- Nathan Piaget  
21- Marilyn Heuer  
24- Dennis Frankle  
25- Steve Bucala

# THE SPIRIT WITNESSES

The Spirit Himself bears witness with  
our spirit that we are children of God

Many vain men and women have twisted this scripture to their spiritual detriment. Many have mistaken the voice of their imagination for this witness of the Spirit of God. Then they idly presumed they were children of God while they were doing the work of the devil.

Many reasonable men and women have seen the dreadful effects of this delusion. But in laboring to keep at the utmost distance from it, they have labored to keep at the utmost distance from it, they have leaned to the opposite extreme and questioned whether the testimony spoken of here is the privilege of ordinary Christians. They have rather supposed it to be an extraordinary gift that belonged only to the apostolic age.

But we need not run to either one or the other extreme. We may steer a middle course, keeping a sufficient distance from the spirit of error and enthusiasm without denying the gift of God and giving up the great privilege of His children.

The experience of all real Christians shows what many other texts of scripture also reveal. There is, in every believer, both the testimony of God's Spirit, and the testimony of his own spirit, that he or she is a child of God. The testimony of our own spirit is a rational one, but the witness of God's Spirit is a Divine testimony, and intimate conviction manifested to our hearts.

Thank you council members for the tireless efforts

You have placed in doing "God's work our hands"



Bronwyn Novak..... August 3

God Bless

Memorial Council President

Tandy F. Walker

## Up coming Joint Services

**July 31 at Memorial at 10:00 am.**

**September 11 at Third at 10:00 am.**

Celebrate the Parish and Pastor Jim's 5 year ordination anniversary.  
*Food and Fellowship immediately following the service.*

## Tag Sale at Third October 1

Contact Brenda Bassett regarding item donations @ 876-5521.

## Meetings

Third W&M	August 30, 2022 @ 10:00 am
Parish Council	August 16, 2022 @ 6:00 pm at Memorial
Joint Session of Councils	August 16, 2022 @ 6:30 pm at Memorial
Congregational Councils:	July 19, 2022 Third will meet at Third, time TBD Memorial and St. Paul's TBD August 16, 2022 immediately following Joint Session @ Memorial.

## Faith Building Opportunities

### Confirmation

Interested in attending confirmation classes?  
Please contact Pastor Jim.

### Bible Study

with Pastor Jim  
In person at Third  
will resume on September 8, 2022.  
Watch for information on  
Zoom Bible Study in the Fall.

## Service Opportunities

### Crafty Christians

We will be on hiatus until September. All are encouraged to continue making Prayer Shawls, Seafarer Hats/Scarfs, Baptismal Shawls, /Blankets at home and bring in when we resume in the Fall. For patterns you may contact Bonnie C# 845-337-1590.

Seafarers patterns can be found on their website [Https://www.sihnyc.org](https://www.sihnyc.org). Scroll to Christmas –at Sea and scroll down to patterns.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

October 12 2:00—7:00 pm at Third  
Schedule an appointment: Contact Bonnie 845-337-1590 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)

***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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