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September-October 2018

LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS
PASTOR JAMES MILLER

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

Dear Friends in Christ. I write to you today on a rare day for this summer. The temperature is about 70 degrees and the humidity is low. It might not even rain today! As you all are aware, the weather we have had this summer has been remarkable---probably memorable----for its high humidity, high temperatures, and amount of rainfall. I think we all are looking forward to moving on to autumn.

As we move into a new weather season, we are also moving into a new season in the rhythm of our activities. Summer's over. Back to the "old routines". Back to school! This is true throughout our community and certainly true in the Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess. Of course, our Sunday worship schedule has continued unchanged through the summer, and now our other programs will resume that were on hiatus. Our Christian Education and Confirmation classes will resume as will our weekly Bible Study sessions held at Third and at St. Paul's. We have many other events happening as well: St. Paul's participation in Hardscrabble Days, Third's Fall Festival, the celebration of Memorial's 150th anniversary on September 16, and the dedication of the new organ at St. Paul's on September 30.

One more item regarding education: The Church, in its development over two thousand years, has developed its own vocabulary---its own way to speak about the revelation of God through the Incarnation, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Parish Council has been working on a soon-to-be adopted Strategic Plan. As part of our Vision Statement, "We envision a world in which all people have abundant life." We go on to say that the "Cross is the Symbol of Abundant life. Piety is the vertical aspect; our relationship with God. Action is the horizontal aspect; our relationship with our neighbors."

I think we all understand horizontal aspect, but might be less clear on the vertical aspect: piety---our relationship with God. Piety involves personal habits: Church attendance, reading the Bible regularly, praying regularly, etc. It may be personal or with others, or a combination. The important thing is that these be regular activities, preferably daily activities---that they become our habits. (Habitus---another "Church word").

Why is piety important? First of all, it offers us quiet time, something we desperately need to balance the incessant amount of information which we are exposed to via all the forms of the media and internet. But more important, it offers us the time to hear God speak to us. It offers us the opportunity to receive God's wisdom and strength that we need in order to be moved to action in helping others. And, it offers us the medicine we need on a regular basis to heal from the wounds we have received or others have received.

We have daily devotionals at each of our congregations and I am glad to know that they are used by many of you. In our Strategic Plan we will be speaking about Bible-reading programs which will go beyond the daily devotionals. One plan involves a way to read the Bible over a two year period and includes reading all of the Psalms every month. It takes perhaps 10-15 minutes in the morning and the same amount of time in the evening. It also includes prayers and a short homily written by the major voices of the history of the Church.

So as we move into Autumn, how about considering something new? I invite you to consider expanding your piety. I invite you to try to insert something new into your lives. Try to make time for daily prayer. Try to make time for daily Bible reading. Try to make time to read the daily devotionals and give them some thought. If you are already reading the devotionals, try to make time to expand into a longer Bible reading program. I would love to speak to you about this. And of course, I always welcome hearing from you and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Jim



Parish is Invited

Hardscrabble Day



September 15
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
 at
St. Paul's in Red Hook
 Vendors
 and
 Traditional Pig Roast

Fall Festival



October 6
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 at
Third in Rhinebeck
 Rummage sale, vendors,
 baked goods, hot dogs, beverages,
 book sale



Porchfest **September 29**

Porch music: 11:30 am – 5:30 pm
Grand Finale: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Village Municipal Lot
Rhinebeck
 A variety of musical entertainment
 performed on the porches of Livingston
 and Chestnut Streets in Rhinebeck,
 including at Third Lutheran.

New Organ Dedication

September 30, 2018

4:00 pm
St. Paul's in Red Hook
 Dedication Liturgy
 Reformation Brass Quintet
 Vocalist Holly Mentzer
 accompanied by Kay Moore
 Hymn Sing
Refreshments to follow



Oktoberfest

October 27
5:00 pm
St. Paul's in Red Hook



Pumpkin Carving

Tuesday October 30

Stay tuned for further details
 Carve Christian symbols in pumpkins to
 decorate our churches.

All Hallows Eve Open Church



October 31
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 at
Third in Rhinebeck
 Pumpkin Display, Candy,
 Trick or Treaters Welcome

Meetings	
Third W&M	Sept 4 & Oct 2 @ 4:00p.m.
Parish Council	Sept 18 & Oct 16 @ 6:00p.m.
Joint Session of Councils	Sept 18 & Oct 16 @ 7:00p.m.
Congregational Councils	Sept 18 & Oct 16 following joint session
<i>Council Meetings September @ St. Paul's & October @ Memorial</i>	

**Metro NY Synod
Town Hall Meetings by Quadrant**

Quad 1: Tappan Zee/Delaware-Hudson/Hudson

November 4, 2018 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

King of Kings Lutheran Church

543 Union Avenue

New Windsor, NY 12553

Provide opportunity for lay members, leaders, and rostered ministers to offer their input about what leadership gifts are needed as we discern together the election of a new Bishop.

Contact Monica for further details and car pool information.
914-475-6613 gabrymc@frontiernet.net



**** FREE ****
Children's Clothes Closet

Every First Friday
of each month

9:30 am to 12:30 pm
or by appointment

Third Lutheran Church
31 Livingston Street
Rhinebeck, NY

Donations Accepted

For further information
Call Carol at 845-889-4168

Faith Building Opportunities

Christian Ed

1st Session

Wednesday September 12 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Red Hook

Ongoing schedule 1st Wednesday

Contact Pastor Jim

914-441-4360

Bible Study

with Pastor Jim

Thursday 10 a.m.

Third Rhinebeck

Upper meeting room

Begins September 13

Contact Pastor Jim

914-441-4360

Prayer Gathering for Healing and Consolation

Wednesday September 12

4:00 p.m. @ St. Paul's Red Hook

Upper meeting room

Ongoing schedule 1st Wednesday

Bible Study

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Details to be announced

St. Paul's Red Hook

Downstairs at the church.

Contact Steve Bucala

758-1228

All are Welcome!

Invite a friend!

Conference Retreat

November 10, 2018

St. Paul's in Red Hook

Led by: **The Rev. Jonathan Linman, Ph.D.**

Assistant to the Bishop for Faith and Leadership Formation

Save the date – Stay tuned for further details.



Robert Schultz

Long-time member and sexton who served on property committee and council at St. Paul's

Memorial Service

September 5, 2018 11:00 am

Reception to follow the service

Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and ever-living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this Parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind, within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congratulations to Memorial!

Joint Worship Service

Celebrating Memorial's 150th Anniversary

September 16, 2018

10:00am

Memorial Lutheran in Rock City

Reception to follow service

If you are able, please bring a dish to share:

St. Paul's members – side dishes

Third members – dessert to supplement a cake
supplied by Memorial

No services at Third or St. Paul's.



MEMORIAL LUTHERAN TO CELEBRATE 150th ANNIVERSARY Sept. 16th

A joint celebratory service will be held at Rock City at 10:00, Sept 15. Following the service, a ceremony at the Schultz gravesite will lay a wreath & recognize some of his descendants. All are invited to enjoy exhibits and a slide show in the Parish House. A covered dish lunch will follow. Bring something to share or a small donation.

Memorial Lutheran Church, Rock City, was dedicated September 15, 1868. John G. Schultz was its benefactor. He owned a farm and mills in Rock City and felt the thriving community should have its own church so that residents would not be forced to travel by horse and buggy so far for Sunday services. He gave land and furnished many of the building materials for the chapel. After the church was established, he arranged for it to be served with ministers in the area.

Since its inception, it has been yoked with each of the Lutheran churches in Northern Dutchess, including St. Paul's Red Hook, Third Lutheran Rhinebeck, and St. Paul's Wurtemberg, until finally becoming a member of the current parish.



**John G.
Schultz**

Fall Festival and Flea Market at Third Lutheran

Third Evangelical Lutheran Church will host its annual fall festival and flea market on Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The festivities will be held on the church grounds at 31 Livingston Street in Rhinebeck. All members of our parish are invited to attend this fun-filled and always popular event.

The flea market will again feature the church's famous "junque boutique" where you can get some really great items at a really great price. Vendors will also be selling crafts and other wares. The festival will feature handmade items, homemade baked goods, hot dogs, and other refreshments.

Please join us for a fun-filled day of fellowship, food, and bargains galore. For further information on this annual event, call Carole Hack at 845-876-8180.

Congratulations to our 2018 graduates at Third.

Aiden Thomson graduated from The School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. He is working in New York City as an Independent Child's Book Illustrator.

Dylan Thomson graduated from The School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. He is working in New York City for a Comic Book Publisher.

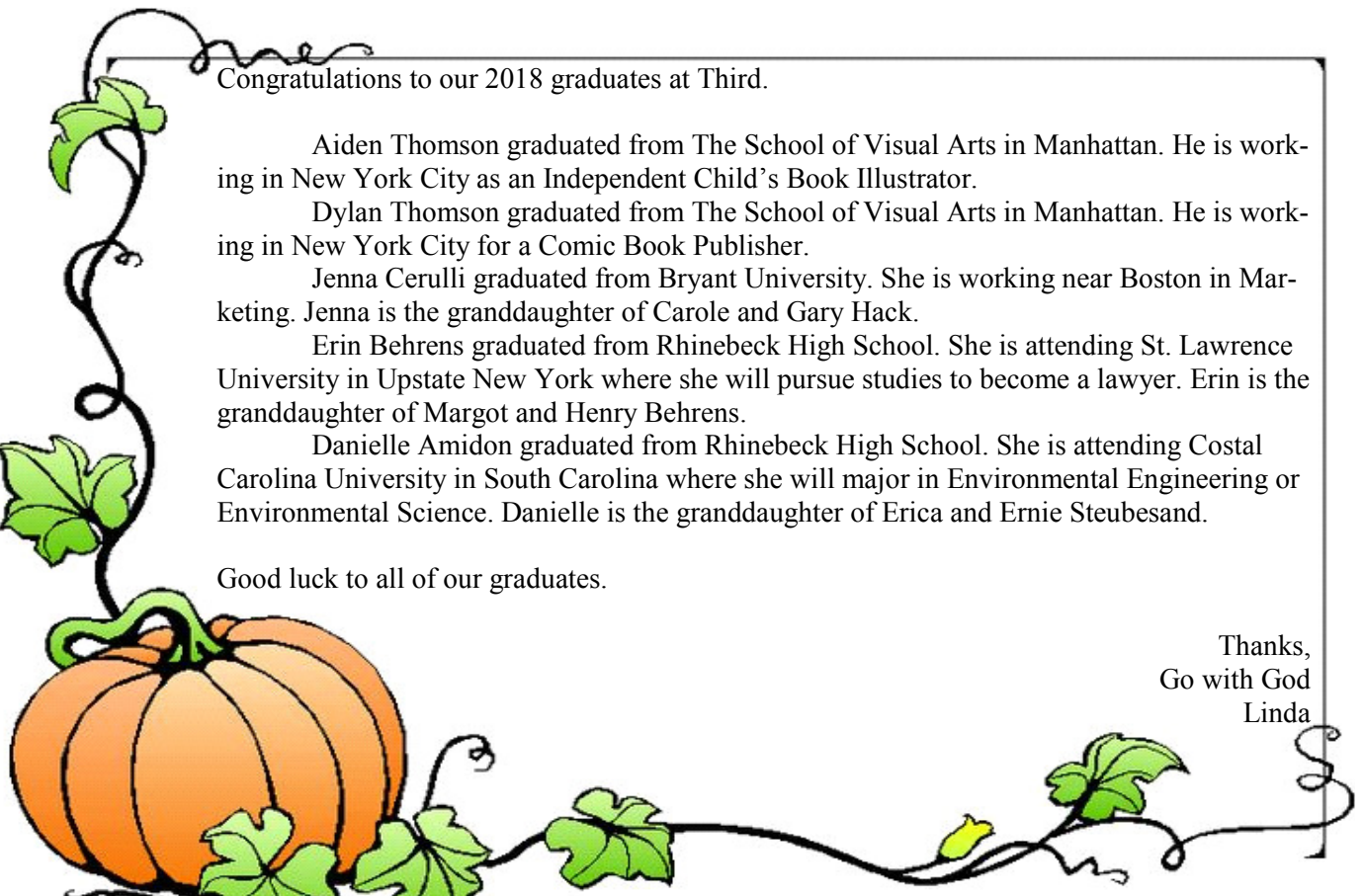
Jenna Cerulli graduated from Bryant University. She is working near Boston in Marketing. Jenna is the granddaughter of Carole and Gary Hack.

Erin Behrens graduated from Rhinebeck High School. She is attending St. Lawrence University in Upstate New York where she will pursue studies to become a lawyer. Erin is the granddaughter of Margot and Henry Behrens.

Danielle Amidon graduated from Rhinebeck High School. She is attending Costal Carolina University in South Carolina where she will major in Environmental Engineering or Environmental Science. Danielle is the granddaughter of Erica and Ernie Steubesand.

Good luck to all of our graduates.

Thanks,
Go with God
Linda



CRAFTY CHRISTIANS

Crafty Christians meets at Third Lutheran each Wednesday 11:00am-1:00pm. In addition to Prayer Shawls we are also making "Seafarer's Hats" which are given to Seafarers International. These hats can be made at home and brought to either Memorial, St. Paul's or Third with the final collection point being Third & then shipped to Seafarer's International in NYC. We encourage anyone interested to join in helping keep the 1.2 million seafarers warm.

Seafarer's Hat Knit Pattern

Materials: One Skein, Dark Colors, Red Heart or any worsted weight (4) yard [not wool].

One skein makes 2 hats.

Needles size 6 or 7 straight or circular

Instructions: Cast on 84

Row 1 Knit 2, Purl 2

Row 2 Knit 2, Purl 2

Continue until piece measures 3 or 4 inches from beginning.

Then continue in stockinette stitch - Row 1 Knit across Row 2 Purl across

Continue until

piece measures 8 inches from beginning.

START DECREASING: Row 1 *Knit 2 together, Knit 2 * across

Row 2 Purl across

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until 11 stitches remain.

Cut yard leaving a length of 15 inches to weave through the 11 stitches and sew up the seam.

Seafarer's Hat Crochet Pattern

Materials: 1 skein worsted # 4 Dark colors - no wool Needle- K

Stitches Chain (CH), Single Crochet (SC) and Double Crochet (DC)

Double Crochet Front Post

1. Yarn over
 2. Insert your hook from front to back between the posts of the DC of the row below, draw up yarn and then work as D.C.,
- Begin with a magic circle
1. Make a loop.
 2. With the stray end under the working end of the yarn. With the hook, pull the working end from behind the stray end under and back up to the top. CH 1

Row 1: 12 DC in magic ring, join to top of first D.C., CH 1

Row 2: 2 DC in each DC around, join to top of first D.C., CH 1

Row 3: DC in first D.C., 2DC in next D.C., *DC in next D.C., 2DC in next DC* around, join to

top of first DC, CH 1

Row 4: DC in first DC, DC in next DC, 2 DC in next DC, *DC in each of next two stitches, 2DC

in next 2 stitches, 2DC in

next DC* around, join in top of first DC, CH 1

Row 5: DC in first DC, DC in next two DC, 2 DC in next DC*DC in each of next three stitches, 2 DC in next DC* around join in top of first DC, CH 1

Row 6-16: DCFP in each stitch around, join in top of first DCFP, CH 1

Row 17-18: SC in each stitch around, join in top of first ST of row.

At the end of row 18 finish off.

Seafarers International House is a mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The people they serve are multi-national and multi faith.

Over 90% of world trade is carried by merchant ships, which translates to 1.2 million seafarers serving a world population of 6.7 billion people. Because a significant portion of cargos consist of grain and petroleum, it has been said that without seafarers, half the world would starve and the other half would freeze.

1.2 million seafarers - 0.02% of the world population-dispersed through the global waters go through life's largely unnoticed. They are isolated and Seafarers International's mission is reconnection. They connect seafarers with communities ashore through pastoral care, social assistance, advocacy and prayer.

They're located at 123 E 15th St., NY, NY 10003.

Visit them at www.sihny.org and Facebook.

THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT @ THIRD

It's been a bit of a busy month getting the parsonage ready for our next tenants. Thank you especially to Susan for making sure we all finished our chores and for doing the legwork to find new tenants, as well as to Bonnie for the back-breaking work of weeding the neglected gardens on the side of the parsonage. Several interior improvements were made including new carpeting on the stairs, painting touch ups, new kitchen cabinet hardware, and an electric water heater was added to improve hot water consistency and availability. The porch floors, both front and back, were painted. Thank you to Glenn Murray who worked meticulously on preparing the stairs for the new carpeting, painted, and completed a variety of other spruce-ups.

The new landscaping in front of the office looks great and seems to have survived the challenging weather this summer. Thank you to Carol and Gary Hack for ensuring that the new plantings were watered consistently and to all who supported them in that effort. Bushes have been trimmed, geraniums planted and watered throughout the summer and the church gardens have been weeded. Thank you to all who have given of their time to help with these chores and the many other chores in and around the buildings.

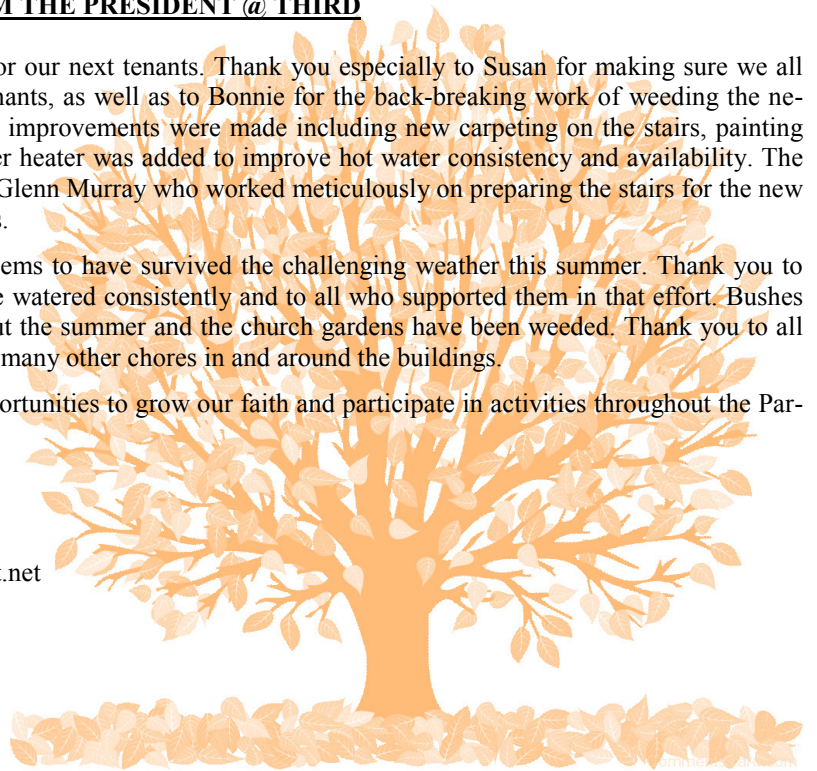
Looking at the boxes in this newsletter there are plenty of opportunities to grow our faith and participate in activities throughout the Parish.

See you in church!

God Bless,

Monica C. Gabryszewski

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



GOODBYE*FAREWELL*AMEN



Robert James Schultz, Jr. passed into eternal life on Thursday, August 16, 2018. Rob (Robbie, Bob, Bobcat) may not be with us any longer, but his memory will live on.

He was a skinny guy with a thin moustache, who muttered and mumbled when he talked. Some people had difficulty understanding him.

He was a painter by profession and took good care of painting the church, the parish hall, and the parsonage at St. Paul's. He was hired as the sexton ten years ago and took very good care of the buildings entrusted to him. Truth be told, he would like to have cleaned the buildings and then not let anybody back in.

He had an excellent memory. He was scruffy and he was honest. He was a hiker and a devoted member of AA for 28 years, and he felt very responsible for the groups that met in the parish hall.

He worried about the weather, finding a place to park, and his mother, to whom he was very devoted. He attended church regularly and was a believer. He was a character who roamed around Red Hook. He will be missed. All in all, Rob was a good man.-- *Lolly Humphrey*

Photo from the *Daily Freeman*



DRUG AWARENESS FORUM

The parish-sponsored Drug Awareness Forum took place on August 12 in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's with 35 people in attendance. An excellent panel was comprised of Meghan Hetfield, Coordinator of Recovery Services, CAPE (Council on Addiction Prevention and Education); Sgt. Patrick Hildenbrand, Red Hook Police Chief; Tom Bogue, Chief of the Red Hook Rescue Squad; Theresa McGrath, RN, Director of Nursing for Emergency Services at Northern Dutchess Hospital; Hadas Libermann, LCSW, social worker at Northern Dutchess Hospital; and Pastor Jim Miller.

The audience learned many things. Here are a few of them:

- There is a terrible opioid epidemic in our area.
- Every month 150 pounds of unused prescription drugs are collected in the Village Hall and discarded.
- Doctors have been prescribing three days' worth of narcotic medication instead of the usual 14.
- Everyone should create a list of all medications and post them on the fridge so the rescue squad will know what you are on when they arrive at your home.
- If you see something in the community, say something.
- If you have teenagers, you may and should check their rooms. If the police are called to the home, they will check their rooms.
- There are many services available in the county for those who need them, including hiking clubs and other activities.
- People who abuse drugs are not bad people; they are good people with a bad habit.
- People with a drug habit should feel free to present themselves to the police department. The police would rather help than arrest.
- Good Samaritan laws protect those who inquire on behalf of someone else.
- People who are overdosing are not required to go into the hospital, which is very unfortunate. Those who do enter may find that their insurance company does not pay for some services: massage, acupuncture, some mental health services, pain management classes.
- Pastor Jim made the point that one answer to the problem is faith and hope. He asked that people seek out help from their pastor and their church family. He said that, as you might guess, a strong family foundation can help prevent drug abuse.

By the time you read this, the training in the use of Narcan (the spray that opens up the lung passages of people who have overdosed) will have taken place. Eight people were scheduled to attend.

A video of the entire Forum is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDHE5NFhxfU&t=26s>.

PANDA (channel 23) has also been showing the video. Watch the bulletin for some upcoming times.

Lolly Humphrey



September

5- Laurie Kelsey
5- Rev. Ron Pastrana
6- Keith Denegar
7- Kay Moore
11- Lorena Smith
12- Holly Mentzer

15- George Kasantzis
16- Patty Piaget
16- Cara Faith Birnbaum
20- Jennifer Meddaugh
21- Vicki Lueck
25- Brock Meddaugh

October

7- Tim Baldwin
8- Lorrain Birnbaum
8- Jeff Piaget
11- Mary Wintenberg
13- Philip Kazantzis
18- Belle Schultz



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EVENTS



**LUTHERAN PARISH OF
NORTHERN DUTCHESS**

Parish Council President: Carl Dowden

Memorial Lutheran, Rock City, Council
President: Tandy Walker
Sunday Holy Communion 8:30 am

St. Paul's Lutheran, Red Hook, Council
President: Steven Bucala
Sunday Holy Communion 11:00 am

Third Lutheran, Rhinebeck,
Church Council President:
Monica C. Gabryszewski
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