

KOINONIA

November—December 2020



LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS

PASTOR JAMES MILLER



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

“Be still, then, and know that I am God (Psalm46:10)”

As I drove to the Parish today on the Taconic Parkway, I was continually impressed with the foliage as I went up and down the hills and around the curves. Everywhere I looked was golden and red. It was enhanced because the skies were slightly gray and there was a fine mist which had the effect of melting the colors together. All I could think was that I am so thankful to God for His artistry. It was the picture of beauty and peace.

Yet, at the same time, I am aware that this feeling of beauty and peace seems to be forgotten in our land these days. Every four years at this time we find ourselves close to national elections. There always seems to be a certain level of tension in the air at that time, but this year it is heightened. At the same time our nation has experienced acts of civil unrest, some of which was violent. Overshadowing all of this has been the pandemic. On the one hand, we are blessed that so far, things seem to be fairly under control in our Parish. Still, we live under restrictions. And yet, we are thankful to be able to be worshipping together. But there still are many of us who have health conditions that make coming together to worship a fearful notion. We miss them, but understand their concerns. We continue to video the service at Third and it is available on You Tube each week.

Be still, the, and know that I am God.

This verse is from Psalm 46, the Psalm which inspired Martin Luther to write his most famous hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”. As you know, Martin Luther himself lived through times that were not so peaceful. It still amazes me how a simple (but inspired and brilliant) pastor was able to start a movement which challenged the powerful hierarchy of the church in Rome. Although he was excommunicated, and a bounty was placed on his life, he would not recant his teachings. That was because he knew they were true. They were rooted in Scripture. They were rooted in the Word of God. I am sure that this verse from Psalm 46 gave him solace and confidence. He was able to remain at peace and continue to preach, write, and teach, knowing that God was his refuge and strength.

Let us try to do the same. Before we know it, our Church year will be over and Advent will be upon us. It should be a time for reflection and a time for preparation for the coming of the Lord. Let us be still, then, and know that the LORD is God. He truly is our refuge and strength in times of trouble.

Christ, peace. Pastor Jim



Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

December 24

Third in Rhinebeck

4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Holy Communion immediately following each of these services.

Please sign up for your preferred service time by December 13.

Extra precautions are being taken in each of the services in order to minimize risks associated with COVID-19 transmission and to adhere to government and health authority requirements and recommendations.

The sign-up sheet is located in the back of the church, or

Call Cara at (914) 466-6001

or email: cara.silvernailthomson@gmail.com.

Please specify number in your party and preferred time.

We will do our best to accommodate everyone’s preferences, but some juggling may be necessary. Your understanding during these unique circumstances is appreciated.

St. Paul’s in Red Hook with Holy Communion

7:30 pm

Christmas Day Service

December 25

Memorial in Rock City with Holy Communion

10:00 am

Sunday after Christmas

December 27

Memorial in Rock City — no service this Sunday

Third in Rhinebeck — 9:45 am Service of the Word

St. Paul’s — no service this Sunday

Pastor Jim is on vacation from December 26 - January 1, but in case of emergency may be reached by phone at (914) 441-4360 or via email: circuitpastorjim@aol.com

Ongoing Sunday Morning

8:30 am Memorial in Rock City with Holy Communion

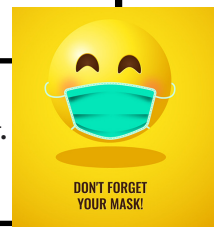
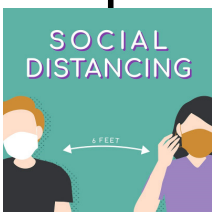
9:45 am Third in Rhinebeck with Holy Communion immediately following the worship service

11:00 am St. Paul's in Red Hook with Holy Communion

Appropriate social distancing is being followed in all services.

All attendees must wear masks throughout the service and while inside the building.

Hand sanitizer is readily available.



Worship Under COVID-19

Appropriate social distancing is being followed in all Parish services.
Attendees must wear masks throughout the service and while inside the building.
Hand sanitizer is readily available.

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 generally within a few days after the service: **LutheranParishNorthernDutchess**

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 generally by Tuesday Evening

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. Click the arrow to play.

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvScZg0AOFHzaXUBCBwuauQ/>

Click on the link above or copy the address into the search bar of your browser. Clicking enter will take you to the Parish YouTube channel from which you can select the readings and sermons you would like to view.

Subscribe to the channel: receive automatic notification when a new video is posted.

Trouble Accessing or would like to be added to the email notification list,
contact Monica at gabrymc@frontiernet.net or 914-475-6613 voice or text.

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.**

Message from St. Paul's

As the holidays approach let us be thankful for all our blessings. I would like to remind you that we have a basket in the back of the church for non-perishable food that we take over to the Methodist Food Panty.

Rob Frey has helped out delivering the food we collected. Thank you Rob.

We are again supporting Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. Boxes are in the back of the church. We are also supporting the Seafarers Christmas at Sea project. Information on both outreach activities are on the back table. With both projects you can bring hope and happiness to these children and to the seafarers who can't be home with their families for Christmas.

St. Paul's Christmas Eve services will be at 7:30pm. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic face masks will be required.

We will be having an important discussion and vote at our annual meeting this year, the date for the meeting has yet to be set. Our stained glass windows are badly in need of repair. Steve Bucala has done a wonderful job looking at all the contract bids. Steve toured the facilities of Stained Glass Resources Inc. in Hampden, Massachusetts. They are repairing windows at Yale Univ. Council voted to recommend Stained Glass Resources proposal to be brought before the congregation at our annual meeting.

Please keep our members in need and their loved ones in your prayers.

A reminder Trudy Thiede is in the Renaissance Rehab. Center, her address is 4975 Albany Post Rd. Staatsburg NY 12580 and Gary Stock is at Barnwell Nursing Facility, 3230 Church Street Valatie, NY 12184.

I'm sure they would both love to receive cards.

Marilyn Heuer
Council President

November Birthdays

10- Katherine Baldwin
18- Brian Williams
23- Cole Piaget
23- Pastor Jim
24- Gladys Unson
29- Mike Bo



December Birthdays

2- Joy Peterson
7- Art Smith III
7- Frank McConville
17- Lorraine Humphrey
20- Jennifer Baldwin
26- Art Smith, Jr.
26- Evelyn Ness

Memorial Lutheran News

As we move forward in Church, would look to continue our goal of special projects

Some areas of discussion for our next Council meeting:

- Replacement of locks in Parish Hall and Church
- Repair of broken window in upper Parish window
- Paint touch up of Church interior
- Removal of waste items around Parish Hall
- Double door replacement Church basement
- Fall cleanup of exterior grounds

Safe travels and continued good health to all



Rich Streifeneder..... 11/09/2020

Virginia Heneke..... 12/29/2020

God Bless

Memorial Council President

Tandy F. Walker

(518) 789-6899 caroltandy5@gmail.com



Dear all,

I want to thank the council & members of Memorial Lutheran for the lovely flowers and certificate I received last Sunday, Sept 13.

Time goes by so quickly, it does not seem that long ago that I replaced Christina Shook, who served Rock City during her lifetime. She began using a pump organ & was still young, so had to be strapped to the seat so that she could manage the pedals.

I began playing after my last child was born. Have enjoyed working with our various choir members which have also included my own children.

Hoping that we can weather this pandemic and get back to “normal”, growing our membership and our choir.

Appreciatively,

Nancy Kelly

Faith Building Opportunities

Confirmation

Meeting in person monthly
at
St. Paul's Red Hook

Bible Study

with Pastor Jim
Thursday 10 a.m.
Third Rhinebeck
Fellowship Hall (with Masks)

Contact Pastor Jim

914-441-4360

All are Welcome!

Invite a friend!

Meetings

Third W&M Nov 3 & Dec 1 @ 4:00p.m.

Congregational Councils:

 St. Paul's Nov 17 @ 4:00p.m.

 Third Nov 17 & Dec 15 @ 6:00p.m.

Service Opportunities

Crafty Christians

In person workgroup is on pause
We encourage all to continue their projects
at home.

Contact Bonnie Reyero 518-697-7608

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

Children's Community

Clothes Closet
1st Friday of each month

9:30a.m – 12:00 pm.

Third Rhinebeck
Carol Cronk
845-889-4168

We are in need of boys clothing!

Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child

Please bring your box to church by
November 15!

Please see back of church for more
Information
Contact Christine in Parish Office 876-4471

Seafarers Christmas at

Sea Project

Please bring your items to church by
November 15!

Please see back of church for more information

Contact Bonnie Reyero
518-697-7608

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

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31 Livingston Street
Rhinebeck, NY 12572

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Tandy F. Walker (Memorial), Marilyn Heuer (St. Paul's)*



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