

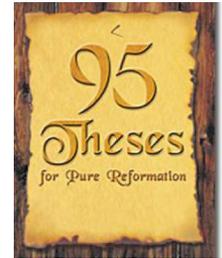
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September– October 2023



LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS

PASTOR JAMES MILLER



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

Dear Friends in Christ,

BACK TO SCHOOL: PAST, PRESENT, and FUTURE!

PAST: As I write this, we will be beginning day 4 of 5 of Vacation Bible School. This is the first time since I have been Pastor that the Parish has held VBS. It has been and continues to be a rousing success! We have 6 children enrolled. To say that they are enthusiastic is an understatement! The title of the program is Operation Restoration and the children are learning that God, in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, works to heal and mend this broken world and that the children need to be a part of this restorative process. They are learning about feeding, healing, and forgiving. They are learning the Lord's Prayer which many have already memorized. They are learning about Holy Communion and they are learning countless songs which they sing with great energy. Yesterday they went on a "field trip": to St. Paul's where they learned about the altar. Ginny Rose gave a demonstration of the organ and the children sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow". It gave me chills! I expect that there will be an article in our newsletter written by our excellent co-leaders Carol Braun and Gretchen Werner that will tell you more. Thanks to them, and approximately 8 other adult leaders for planting the seeds and watering them! We pray that this program will continue and expand.

PRESENT: Just a short reminder that the regular weekly Bible Study will begin again after summer recess at Third on Thursday, September 7 at 10 AM. We read and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday worship service. No preparation needed! This is a wonderful opportunity to go deeper into the readings in preparation for worship on Sundays.

FUTURE: Zoom Bible Study will begin Wednesday, September 20 at 7 PM for 6 sessions, ending October 25. The topic will be the life of Joseph, which takes up more chapters than the lives of Adam, Noah, Abraham, or Jacob. In many ways, the life of Joseph parallels, or foretells the life of Jesus. Both were shepherds, were rejected by their people, were put into a pit and assumed to be dead but were raised up, were sold for pieces of silver, were turned over to Gentiles, endured temptation but did not sin, were cast into prison yet offered a message of deliverance, began their real work at 30 years of age, became the source of bread for the world, and created fellowship with his brothers after they repented. The list can go on and on. If you cannot attend the Zoom sessions, I encourage you to read about Joseph in Genesis 37-50.

In Christ, Pastor Jim

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

News from Memorial Lutheran

Well, here we are at another stage of Memorial challenges with our water line in place at Church, we are in the process of a functional bathroom. With the many storm and fallen tree issues in our surrounding community, we took a strong look at our Fellowship Hall area and decided we may have some strong threat to the safety of our Head Start children and staff.

So, on August 15, we had four trees removed, however we continue to have additional trees that need to come down, due to cost, we will schedule other trees as funds permit.

*Thank you, Dave's Tree Service (Mr. David Hughes)
for the most professional and timely removal and clean-up.*



And yes, we still have the decommissioning of our Church water well for completion,
by Claverack Well and Pump service of Hillsdale, NY

Bathroom sink and toilet hook-up complete by Todd Abrahams & Sons Plumbing & Heating LLC
158 Fraleigh Lane, Red Hook, NY

Also we have driveway area needing blacktop, at further date, so as you can see
The end of the tunnel is showing a brighter light

Thanks be to God Almighty

Daily Prayer

We thank You, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray that You would keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please You. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with us, that the evil foe have no power over us. Amen.



Susan MartinOctober 10

Tandy F. Walker - Council President - walkerc.0117@gmail.com

Operation Restoration Vacation Bible School

The Parish hosted a very successful Vacation Bible School on August 21-25 in the Parish Hall at St. Paul's. We had six students, aged 5 to 11. Although our group was small, we expect to grow next summer, with the help of the insights and connections we gained this year.

We used an excellent curriculum called Operation Restoration: Mending God's World, published by Augsburg Fortress. Each day featured a different theme—Feed, Heal, Forgive, Pray, and Rest—showing how God is carrying out his grand project to restore and mend our broken world. The curriculum emphasized how we are called to participate in that project as God's fellow menders of the world, for the sake of our neighbors.

The children learned many Bible stories and well-known songs of praise, and they did many crafts and projects to illustrate and participate in each day's theme. They also worked on learning the Lord's Prayer throughout the week, and they took home an illustrated Lord's Prayer book so they can keep learning and practicing it at home.

The children were wonderfully eager to learn and participate. Here's a list of the Bible stories and passages they studied, discussed, and acted out:

Day 1 (Feed): Manna from heaven; the feeding of the five thousand; the Last Supper and the sacrament of Holy Communion; Jesus as the Bread of Life.

Day 2 (Heal): Jesus' healing ministry, including healing the bent-over woman on the Sabbath; the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Day 3 (Forgive): Peter asking Jesus how many times he should forgive; Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

Day 4 (Pray): Jesus teaching his disciples how to pray; Psalms 8 and 23.

Day 5 (Rest): The sabbath commandment, and the story of Creation.

As director, I was helped by an excellent volunteer staff: Gretchen Werner leading music, Kim McConville leading recess, Jean Bard providing daily snacks, Patti Werner leading crafts, and Pastor Jim providing daily homilies and closing prayers, with additional help from Ginny Rose and Erika and Ernie Steubesand, and with final refreshments provided by Nabil Ayoub.

The week was a blessing to all involved—adults and children alike. Many thanks are due to all the members of the Parish who offered funding, ideas, and offers of help. We look forward to extending our Children's Christian Education program in coming months and years!

-- Carol Braun, director of Operation Restoration

St. Paul's Birthdays



September Birthdays

5– Diana Chesley
6– Keith Denegar
6– Diana Rumsey
7– Kay Moore
11– Lorena Smith
12– Holly Mentzer

15– George Kazantzis
16– Patty Piaget
20– Jennifer Meddaugh
21– Vicki Lueck
25– Brock Meddaugh
28– Richard Carlson

October Birthdays

7– Tim Baldwin
8– Lorraine Birnbaum
8– Jeff Piaget
13– Phillip Kazantzis
20– Fred Quenzer
21– Sylvia Couse

Third Evangelical Lutheran Church

Special Congregational Meeting

September 17, 2023

Immediately following the regular 9:45 am Worship Service

Third Evangelical Lutheran Church

31 Livingston Street

Rhinebeck, NY 12572

Tag Sale / Bake Sale/Hot Dogs & Fixin's

Saturday, September 16

9:00 am—3:00 pm

@ Third Lutheran in Rhinebeck

COME AND FIND THAT "TREASURE" YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR PRICED TO SELL!!!

Donations for Tag sale can be dropped off any time the church is open, Sunday (before or after church), Wednesday & Thursday from 10 am– 3 pm or by contacting Brenda at 845-235-3969.

Some items have not sold at previous sales, so please do not include:

child car seats and strollers, cribs, play pens, stained linens/bedding, older style luggage (no wheels), electronics and outdated media, outdated books such as school reference books, encyclopedias, (will accept novels, cook books, coffee table books, etc.) broken and incomplete toys.

Helpers needed: Friday, 9/15 to set up the day before the sale (setting up tables, carry and unpack boxes, arrange items on tables).

Saturday, 9/16– help during the sale– cashiers, keep the tables organized, etc., clean up after the sale (repack unsold items, carry boxes back to room, take down tables).

Contact Brenda Bassett @ 845-235-3969

Porch Fest in Rhinebeck

October 14

Third Lutheran is a Host Porch

Stay tuned for further details

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.

Meetings

Third W&M	September 12 & October 3 @ 4:00 pm
Parish Council	No meeting & October 17 @ 6:00 pm
Joint Session of Councils	September 19 & October 17 @ 6:30 pm
Congregational Councils:	September 19 & October 17 @ Time varies by Council

Council meetings in September @ Third , Council meetings in October @ St. Paul's

Bible Study with Pastor Jim

In Person

We resume **September 7 @ 10:00 am**
Third Rhinebeck– in Upstairs Meeting Room
Contact Pastor Jim , 914-441-4360

Zoom

Weekly sessions @ 7:00 pm begin Wednesday,
September 20
and end on October 25.
 The topic will be the life of Joseph, which in many ways parallels, or foretells the life of Jesus.

All are Welcome!

Invite a friend!

Service Opportunities

Crafty Christians

We will resume meeting in person
September 7 at 11:00 am!
Third Rhinebeck
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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, October 26
 1:00—6:00 pm
@ Third Evangelical Lutheran Church
31 Livingston St.– Fellowship Hall
 Schedule an appointment: Contact Bonnie at 845-337-1590 or bjreyero@gmail.com
 Or
 Visit RedCrossBlood.org—Sponsor Code Rhinebeck

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

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

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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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