

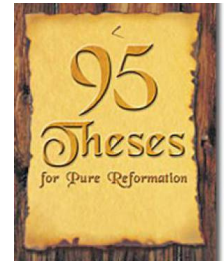
# KOINNIA

September– October 2021



**LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS**

**PASTOR JAMES MILLER**



## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a difference a year makes! One year ago we were still in the midst countless restrictions because of Covid-19. Since then, the vaccine has been developed and has been made available to all who want it. This morning the Pfizer vaccine was given full approval from the FDA, moving it from experimental status to a status deemed to be safe and effective. The number of cases has dropped significantly in the last year and many of the restrictions have been relaxed. As a result, I have been able to visit many of our members who live in medical/nursing facilities and this has been a great joy. Yet, cases of Covid show up in them, forcing them to curtail visitation . This is a frustration.

On the positive side, all of our congregations have remained open since last summer and attendance has been nearly at pre-pandemic levels. I'm happy to report exciting developments at each congregation.

At Memorial, movement is underway for a Head Start program to be in residence at the Parish Hall. This will be an outstanding ministry supporting pre-school education for children. It will be a joy to see a play-ground erected for them to enjoy the spacious grounds that Memorial has to offer. We are excited to provide the children and their parents with a welcoming and positive image of what it means to live the Gospel.

At Third, many hours of careful planning and discussion has resulted in the construction of a beautiful memorial garden. A handsome hardscape walkway was designed and installed, and when complete, the garden will feature a bench in memory of Jack Rikert, a cross in memory of Pastor LeRoy Ness, a memory stone recognizing recently deceased very active members of Third, and a Bible verse sign. There will be a joint service on September 12, after which the garden and the newly refurbished Fellowship Hall and kitchen will be commemorated. Additionally, a survey was developed at Third for the purposes of evangelism and will be shared with Memorial and St. Paul's for the benefit of the whole Parish. Stay tuned for this!

You may have noticed the scaffolding set up at St. Paul's. In this last year, plans were made to remove the discolored coverings from the stained glass windows, restore the windows, and then cover them with clear glass. It is a 4 phase project and phase 1 is now underway. Under the title, "Let There Be Light!" this project will offer the public the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of these windows which has been denied them for many years, and serve as an invitation to join us indoors for worship. Additionally, plans have been approved by the village to allow for a new church sign, designed by and to be built and installed member Sam Patton for his Eagle Scout project.

*Pastor's message continued*

Parish-wide, I am happy that we will participate in "God's Work, Our Hands" after a hiatus last year due to Covid 19. Again, we will be gathering and distributing healthy snacks for the First Responders. I am also happy to report that Confirmation classes will resume in September. This year we have 7 second-year confirmands who will be instructed and will be Confirmed in 2022. Also, we anticipate that Christian Education will resume in-person. Our regular weekly Bible Study will resume on September 9. Additionally, I am developing a separate Bible Study on the Book of Revelation, to be offered via zoom. Details on this will be announced soon

What a difference a year makes! We have been blessed during this last year with good health and strong faith. May this continue so that we can continue to live and share the good news of the Gospel. In Christ, Pastor Jim

# Memorial Lutheran Church

## *G*OD IS THE GIVER

Every good and perfect gift is. . .  
from the Father

It is true that outward religion is worth nothing without the religion of the heart. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24 KJV). Therefore, external worship is lost labor without a heart devoted to God. The outward ordinances of God profit much when they advance inward holiness. But when they do not advance it, they are unprofitable and void. And when they are used in the place of inward religion, they are an utter abomination to the Lord.

All outward means whatever, if separate from the Spirit of God, cannot profit at all, cannot lead in any degree either to the knowledge or the love of God. Without controversy, the help that is done upon earth, He doeth it Himself. It is He alone who, by them, are mere weak and beggarly elements.

We know there is no inherent power in the words spoken in prayer, in the bread and wine received in the Lord's Supper. It is God alone who is the giver of every good gift, the author of all grace. The whole power is of Him, whereby, through and of these, there is any blessing conveyed to our souls.

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Wish to give mention to work of God the Giver, we are blessed to have been chosen as a site for a Astor Head Start Early Childhood programs, we are very excited to be a part of this worthy project.

The dedicated hard work by Council staff and others, has been a gift. We are in a continued process of working with The Planning board of Rhinebeck, N.Y.

There will be a playground area of 3,600 sq ft = 60 ft X 60 ft fenced in for play and fun.



Memorial Members and Friend's Birthdays

Susan Martin ----- October 10

God Bless  
Memorial Council President  
Tandy F. Walker  
(518) 789-6899  
caroltandy5@gmail.com

## **Parish Joint Worship Service**

*No services at  
Memorial or Third*

**October 3, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

St. Paul's in Red Hook

*Immediately followed by*

### **God's Work. Our Hands– Recognition of our First Responders**

**Meet in St. Paul's Parish Hall to**

**assemble the snack items collected to be delivered to our local first responders.**

*Suggested snack items: granola bars, packets of nuts, cheese & cracker packets, cookies.  
Items may be dropped off at each church by Sept. 26 or brought to St. Paul's that morning.*

**Please no fruit or home made baked items (due to Covid-19)**

## **Message from St. Paul's**

It's hard to believe summer is coming to an end and fall is around the corner. Time goes by too fast. We at St. Paul's have a lot going on this fall.

I would first like to give an update on the windows. Stained Glass Resources has finished disassembling the windows and will finish the glass cleaning process by the end of August. The glass conservationist has begun identifying broken glass and preparing for repair or replacement. This will take several weeks, but re-leading will start once there are windows ready to build. Process overlap is typical as each department completes enough work so the next in line can begin their work.

We will have a congregational meeting on September 5, 2021, after church, to vote on doing the Altar Windows. We do have sponsors for them.

There is no service at St. Paul's on September 12, 2021. We will be having a joint service at Third at 10:00 am, to help celebrate the completion of their new dining hall and memorial garden. Refreshments will be served.

Hardscrabble Day is September 18, 2021. We will not be selling food this year, but we will sell vendor spaces for that day. Many thanks to Nancy and Keith for organizing and setting up the vendors. The raffle drawing will also be that day. Thank you to Keil Equipment and Charlie O's for their donations.

St. Paul's will host a joint service on October 3, 2021. Please note the start time is at 9:30 am.

Our Oktoberfest is back!!! It will be after church on October 24, 2021 at 12:30 pm. We would like to invite members of the parish to join us for some grilled German sausage, Rob's German potato salad, apple crisp with ice cream, and beer & wine. Suggested donation is \$12.00.

We wish all our students a safe school year.

God Bless,

Marilyn Heuer

Council President



### **September Birthdays**

5– Diana Chesley  
6– Keith Denegar  
6– Diana Rumsey  
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 Birthdays**

7– Tim Baldwin

8– Lorrain Birnbaum  
Jeff Piaget

13– Phillip Kazantzis

20– Fred Quenzer

21– Sylvia Couse

## Thoughts from the President @ Third

This Sunday, September 12, Third is hosting the joint service for the Parish. Following the worship service, we will proceed outside for the dedication of the Memorial Prayer Garden and then inside for the dedication of the reconstructed Fellowship Hall followed by lunch and fellowship. All members of the Parish are invited to join in the celebration of the completion and dedication of these two projects.

Final touches on the garden are being completed as I write this.

The memorial stone honors members of the congregation who were very active over the years and have passed in recent memory:

Dorothy and Darrell Russell  
Helen Owen  
The Hatesaul Family  
William and Katherine Dowden  
Christa and Bernd Cruse

The bench in memory of John "Jack" Rikert was donated by Lorraine, Steven, and Dale Rikert; Peter and Mary C. Zannis; and Henry Devries.

Bible verses for the major seasons of the church year have been selected and the verse selected for Ordinary Time, the time after Pentecost, is currently on display.

The cross in honor of Pastor LeRoy Ness will be placed at a later date.

Thank you to all who have actively participated in the development of this garden, beginning with Bonnie Reyer, who first floated the idea at a Council meeting; the watering brigade; Bill Peckmann for design consultations and other support tasks; and the two people who took on the task of coordinating the design and the overall project, Carole Hack and Susan Peckmann. We also extend our gratitude to the family and friends who donated the bench in memory of Jack Rikert and all those who have donated to the memorial fund over the years in memory of the members listed above.

The Fellowship Hall Reconstruction project was completed in February 2020 and within three weeks all in-person church and support group activities were shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At long last we are able to celebrate the completion of this major project and enjoy this space with food and fellowship!

Be Well!

God Bless,

Monica C. Gabryszewski

Third Council President 914-475-6613 [gabrymc@frontiernet.net](mailto:gabrymc@frontiernet.net)

### **Parish Joint Worship Service**

**Dedication of Fellowship Hall and Memorial Prayer Garden at Third**

**September 12, 2021**

**Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m. @ Third**

Dedications, food, and fellowship immediately following the worship service.

***Please join us for this long-awaited celebration!***

*All members and friends of the Parish are invited.*

*No services at Memorial or St. Paul's*

**Rummage Sale / Hot Dogs & Fixin's**

**Saturday, October 2 @ Third**

*Please contact Brenda Bassett 876-5521 re: types of items & drop-off times*

## **Parish Invited — Oktoberfest**

Sunday October 24, 2021 @ 12:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Parish Hall

*Grilled German Sausage, Rob's German Potato Salad, Apple Crisp along with Beer & Wine*

Suggested Donation \$12.00

## **Meetings**

Third W&M	October 6 @ 4:30 pm
Parish Council	September 21 & October 19 @ 6:00 pm
Joint Session of Councils	September 21 & October 19 @ 6:30 pm
Congregational Councils:	September 21 & October 19 @ 7:00 pm

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

## **Faith Building Opportunities**

### **Christian Education**

Wednesday October 6 @ 5:00 pm

St. Paul's Red Hook

Ongoing schedule 1st Wednesday of the month

Confirmation Schedule TBA

### **Bible Study**

with Pastor Jim

We resume September 9 @ 10:00 am

**Third Rhinebeck— in Fellowship Hall**

**Contact Pastor Jim , 914-441-4360**

**All are Welcome!**

**Invite a friend!**

## **Service Opportunities**

### **Crafty Christians**

**We will resume meeting in person**

**September 9 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!***

### **Children's Community**

#### **Clothes Closet**

**September 3**

**9:30a.m – 12:00 pm.**

**Third Rhinebeck**

**After many years, the Children's Clothes Closet will  
end its ministry. Our final day will be September 3.**

**Carol Cronk**

**845-889-4168**

***Thank you to All for your dedication to this ministry!***

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



## Worship Under Relaxed COVID-19 CDC Guidelines

### Ongoing Sunday Morning

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.

#### 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

*If you missed a Sunday, the services are still available on the channel for easy access.*

#### **Access Videos:**

**Parish Webpage: [www.LutheranParishNorthernDutchess.org](http://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.***

Pastor Jim continues to be available for pastoral care, conversation, and prayer:  
phone 914-441-4360 or email [circuitpastorjim@aol.com](mailto:circuitpastorjim@aol.com).

### Reminder — Donations from Amazon

Our Parish is registered as a qualifying charitable organization with the AmazonSmile Foundation. Amazon has set up a process by which non-profit organizations such as our parish can receive a percentage of purchases made on Amazon. Each quarter Amazon then remits an electronic payment to the charitable organization as selected by the purchaser.



To support our parish such that it receives a percentage of your purchases, instead of signing in to Amazon.com in the usual manner, use the following sign-in:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1704361>

Although the sign-in contains the word “smile”, you are directed to the regular amazon.com homepage on which you can place your order as usual.

Many of us frequently use Amazon to purchase various items. By taking a few moments to set up your access, your purchases will provide a financial benefit to the Parish.

Contact: Gary Hack, Parish Treasurer at [hackg@citlink.net](mailto:hackg@citlink.net) if you would like further information

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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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