

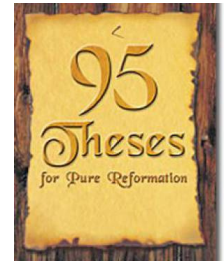
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September– October 2022



LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS

PASTOR JAMES MILLER



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JIM

Dear Friends in Christ.

Time flies! Summer is ending and we are moving into the Autumn season. The children will be back to school. All of our Parish activities will get back into full swing: Bible study, Crafty Christians, a new zoom Bible study, St. Paul's participation at Hardscrabble Day in Red Hook, a TAG and baked good sale at Third, and a new program, which you will read more about in the article submitted by Memorial: Head Start will open its doors at Memorial's Parish Hall.

On September 11 there will be a joint service at Third at 10 AM. In a certain sense, this will "kick-off" the season as we finish with summer. The service will commemorate three important events. The first, and most important, is to remember 9/11 and to give honor to the first responders, many of whom lost their lives on that day, and many of whom have lost their lives or are suffering from health issues related to their response in the days, weeks, and months that followed the attack.

The next event we are celebrating is the formation of the Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess which was completed in 2010. Pastor Leroy Ness was a key factor in bringing our three congregations together. He went to the Lord just as the covid pandemic caused all sorts of restrictions. Consequently, we were not able to honor him as we had wanted. There is now a memorial cross in the garden outside Third and we will dedicate this immediately after our worship service.

Twelve years and going strong! That's our Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess, something which serves as a model for other congregations in our Synod who are considering their futures. Former MNYS Vice-President Renee Wicklund told me that we were the "success story of the Synod". For this we give hearty thanks to the Lord for Pastor Ness and for all of our members whose cooperation over the years has made this possible.

The final event we will be celebrating involves my sitting in a Starbucks (because there was wifi) in Niagara-on-the Lake with Holly, responding to an invitation from the Synod to begin preaching on Labor Day Sunday, 2016. There would be 3 services. Yes, you guessed it: 8:30, 9:45, and 11. There was a plan.

We would continue this arrangement while the Parish put together the necessary papers for a call process. If things were agreeable on both sides, they would call me probably in November. Well, things certainly were agreeable, but the process took a little longer (not the fault of the Parish!). I am thankful that I was finally called, ordained, and installed as Pastor on May 20, 2017. So, at this upcoming service on September 11, I will have finished 6 years of ministry and will be beginning my 7th!

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Pastor's message continued

Yes, time flies. As we fly with it, let us be thankful for what the Lord has blessed us to achieve in coming together: 3 congregations/one Parish. Let us be thankful that we are on solid ground both financially, and more importantly, in our faith. As we move forward, let us not let one day go by without giving our thanks to God for all we have been blessed with, and strengthened by this, let each of us be beacons of light, giving glory to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. Pastor Jim

Thoughts from the President of Third

This summer Third lost a member who has been a pillar of this congregation for over 50 years. Neal Silvernail went to the Lord on July 10, 2022. Areas where Neal was actively involved include:

Property - He helped work on some major projects at the parsonage, was actively involved on the construction of the Parish Hall, led early explorations regarding handicapped access, among a variety of other projects and ongoing maintenance items.

Worship and Music – Neal, along with Elaine, led the Worship and Music Committee for about 20 years and he was a dedicated choir member throughout his time at Third.

Stewardship – Neal led many a stewardship campaign over the years.

Fellowship – he was the “man behind the grill” at many a picnic, Fall Festival, chicken BBQ, etc. He was also the “man behind the pictures” (with some photography assistance from Elaine), for Third’s annual “Year-in-Pictures”.

Evangelism – first and foremost, Neal led us all, and all he encountered, by his example of discipleship. He set up the sign board in front of Third and consistently posted updated information of upcoming events and special services. He started video-taping the Sunday sermons and posting them on YouTube. His camera is still in use today and the videos have expanded, first to include the lessons and some special music during the height of COVID, and to now include the full worship service. He was also the guy who brought the big tent for the Fall Festival and coordinated the team of eight assistants to set it up every year.

Call Committee – Neal served on numerous call committees over the years.

Congregational Council – He served as council member and President.

Couple’s Club – Neal and Elaine were active during Pastor Torcello’s tenure.

This is only a representation of the many contributions Neal has made to the life and well-being of Third and its members.

Neal, thank you for all you have done, but most of all thank you for who you have been – a mentor and an example for all of us! God Bless!

God Bless,

Monica

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Parish Joint Worship Service

September 11, 2022

Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

@ Third Lutheran in Rhinebeck

Celebration of Pastor Jim's 5th Anniversary of Ordination and 6 Years as our Spiritual Leader

Celebration of the Parish

Dedication of Memorial Cross for Pastor Ness

Commemoration of 9/11 First Responders

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

Please join us for this celebration!

All members and friends of the Parish are invited.

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

Saturday, October 1

(Rain Date October 2)

9:00 am—3:00 pm

@ Third Lutheran in Rhinebeck

Proceeds to: Third Lutheran Church—Front Step Restoration Project

*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 care seats and strollers, stained linens/bedding, older style luggage (no wheels), electronics and
outdated media, outdated books, broken and incomplete toys.**

THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S COMING

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested

John 3:8 NKJV

Many writers have painted the beauty of virtue and the deformity of vice. They have taken care to describe the happiness which attends virtue, and the misery which usually accompanies vice and always follows it. Yet, any changes effected in people by these means is seldom deep, universal, or durable. In a little while they vanish away.

If we would conquer vice, or steadily persevere in the practice of virtue, we must have better arms than these. Otherwise, we may see what is right; but we cannot attain it. The impotence of the human mind was painted by a Roman philosopher: "There is in every man, this weakness — thirst for glory. Nature points out the disease; but nature shows us no remedy."

Though they sought for a remedy, they found none. For they sought where it never was and never will be found, in themselves: in reason, in philosophy. They did not seek it in God, in whom alone it is possible to find it. The best of them either sought it from those gods who were indeed but devils, not likely to make their seekers better than themselves.

So dim was the light of the wisest men till "life and immortality were brought to light by the gospel" and "the Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil!"

Memorial Lutheran Church/Astor — Services for Children & Families

Let's start from the beginning with a journey for success, on about the middle of June, 2021 we were contacted by Astor Head Start for a site they could bring around 18 children, once approved by all, we started with the clearing of unwanted items and trash, all of which involved volunteers from all three Churches. Requests for improvements to building started, handicap ramp, window safety film, push bar door opening, Kitchen fire door & partition, Granite inspection Group Radon mitigation by Michael Christophides, Dehumidifier in basement, installation of 60' X 60' playground which was approved by special permit by Rhinebeck Planning Board on September 20, 2021, Fire alarm system, by Janelli Security, and now we go to the water sampling and testing, which required several tests to be done, Cesspool removal, both Church and Fellowship, New 1250 gal Septic tank and fields installed by Mr. Kenny Bendix, of Bendix & Son Excavation, (Water Treatment System OWTS replacement, and Mr. Todd Abrahams of Abrahams Plumbing & Heating modifications to Fellowship Hall well casing extension and basement filter install, all of which required the oversight of our Engineer—Mr. Aaron S. Pethic, PE.

As we traveled the road of growth, we are viewing the road to success

Wish to Thank All who have contributed to the success of this Special project

Memorial Council President

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Memorial Members Birthday

Susan Martin..... October 10

Message from St. Paul's

On August 7, we had a beautiful service celebrating our completion of Stage 1 and 2 of our restoration project for our stained glass windows. We had former members attending from Florida and New Jersey to help celebrate. Thank you to Pastor, Holly and Kay for the beautiful music.

We will have a coffee hour after church on September 4, to celebrate Keith Denegar's 90th birthday. Please come and wish Keith a Happy Birthday!

We will be holding a Joint Service on September 11 at Third, followed by a luncheon to celebrate Pastor Jim's 5th anniversary with us. Thank you Pastor for all you do for our parish!

Emma Walker went to the Lord on August 12, 2022. Emma was a member of St. Paul's for 85 years. We will miss seeing Emma's beautiful smile.

God Bless,

Marilyn Heuer

Our sweet little Emma is gone. After 95 years of living on earth, Emma, like a little bird flew up to heaven. Emma was a life long member of St. Paul's and spent many years sitting in the back pew with her great granddaughter, Chloe, and sometimes with her friend Bill Anagnos.

Emma was a graduate of Red Hook high school in the same class with Velma Philips, another parishioner. When Emma was in high school, she loved to ice skate and was quite good at it. One year, she wanted a new skating outfit, complete with a short skirt. As luck would have it, she was invited to the Christmas dance that year and also wanted a new party dress to go to the dance. Her mother said she could have one or the other. Emma thought about it for a bit, and chose the skating outfit because she told me she would skate a lot more than she would dance!

I have been talking on the phone to Emma at least once a week for several years and I might remind all the readers that you learn a lot about people from talking to them on the telephone.

Emma always told me Jack was a good man and a good husband. He took good care of her, doing all the shopping, cooking, and cleaning in recent years. They loved each other very much and often said so.

Because of the Corona Virus, Emma wasn't able to attend church services for a few years, and she missed everyone as much as they missed her. She continued to send in her envelopes and offerings, and to be interested in church news and happenings. I am so glad I got to know Emma.. We know she is resting in peace.

With love from Lolly



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

8- Jeff Piaget

13- Phillip Kazantzis

20- Fred Quenzer

21- Sylvia Couse

Meetings

Third W&M	October 4 @ 4:00 pm
Parish Council	September 20 & October 18 @ 6:00 pm
Joint Session of Councils	September 20 & October 18 @ 6:30 pm
Congregational Councils:	September 20 & October 18 @ 7:00 pm
<i>Council meetings in September @ Memorial , Council meetings in October @ Third</i>	

Bible Study with Pastor Jim

In Person

We resume September 8 @ 10:00 am
Third Rhinebeck– in Fellowship Hall
Contact Pastor Jim , 914-441-4360

Zoom

Weekly sessions begin Wednesday, September 28
 “Life: Considering the Future in the Present”
 Based on book: “Living with Dying”
Free copies available in the office at Third

All are Welcome!

Invite a friend!

Service Opportunities

Crafty Christians

We will resume meeting in person
September 8 at 11:00 am!
Third Rhinebeck
All members and friends of the Parish and
members of the community are welcome
to participate!
Contact Bonnie Reyro 518-697-7608
Please invite a friend to join us!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, October 12
 2:00—7:00 pm
@ Third Rhinebeck
 Schedule an appointment: Contact Bonnie
 at 845-337-1590
 or
 Visit RedCrossBlood.org

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

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.

**Pastor Jim continues to be available for pastoral care, conversation, and prayer:
phone 914-441-4360 or email 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.



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