

our mission
"To rejoice in, and share
the good news of Jesus Christ
with all people"

Rejoice Voice

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Sunday Worship
at
Rejoice! Lutheran Church

Worship: Sundays
10:00am
(In-person, FaceBook Live, or
posted later on our website)

Sunday School: (TBD)

From the Pastor



*"For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!"*
ELW # 422

Sunday, November 7th will be All Saints Sunday. For ALL the saints... who are we including in "all?" I suspect many people today look at the saints as either inaccessible or otherworldly and beyond mere mortal comprehension. A saint is either someone whose image is stamped on a medallion or carved into statuary or else who died a gruesome death for his or her faith in Jesus Christ.

Each year the Church pauses to remember the saints (November 1st or the Sunday after). Here at Rejoice we remember those of our family, neighbors, friends, those well known in the news and others. But is that "all?" By the way, if you have someone to add to the list, please let Pastor Fidler know by Thursday, November 4th.

In the Apostles' Creed, we say we believe in "the communion of saints." That communion is the fellowship of those here on earth and those in heaven – those who have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ – all the baptized.

All Saints is a time for the Church to remember the losses we've experienced and to see, with the Apostle John, a glimpse into heaven and all those who are now gathered around the heavenly throne. We know the loss and in many ways those we've lost there is pain, and emptiness, hurt.

All Saints Day is the day we as people of faith lift up all our losses up to God. Lifting up our loss, lifting up death is really knowing that IN Christ all things are His and we are held. We are lost only in His loving gaze. Which is why in Christ, we dare to believe that the people we have known and loved, who have been gifts of God to us here, are not in a moment's time erased from existence, but in that instant, are gathered into the arms of God, cherished and loved and alive in a manner beyond our imagining, but which will be there for us, too in all our loss and in our death.

In Christ, we dare to face our own death trusting that the Lord seated on the throne will shelter us and lead us to our heavenly home. It's knowing Christ that makes all the difference.

Knowing Christ makes ALL the difference. Because of Him, we can face life and death and everything in between with confidence that God's Got This!

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From the Pastor, *continued from pg 1*

ALL Saints is about ALL things for ALL days! – it's a way of life. I invite you to remember a saint who made a difference to You by showing you the difference Christ makes; It could be a parent or a grandparent or another relative; could be a teacher or a pastor or a counselor; a good friend; it could be someone who never even realized the impact he or she made on your life. Then give thanks to God for that person; if they are still accessible to you by phone or in person, by email or snail mail, maybe you'll want to find a way to say "thanks" to them directly. If that person already lives in the fullness of God's glory – well, I trust that God will pass along your gratitude.

But wait, there's more.... I invite you to think of that person who needs YOU to make a difference, that person of your acquaintance who has "lost" someone or something, who needs to know for the first time or hear for the millionth time of the hope that makes a difference in all of our lives.

Pick up the phone, or pen, or keyboard and pass on to them what someone freely and lovingly gave to you. Let them know that you care; ask God to give you the words to let them know that HE cares, and cares eternally; that He would give the words to let them know that in Christ there is a future of new possibilities, of new beginnings without end, of light with no darkness, of loving with no fear or loss.

What a difference you could make... you Saints of God, by letting someone else know that the God who holds us and all our days – holds and loves them too!

Pastor Doug

President's Report

We continue to have so much to rejoice in! Fall is beautiful and as we approach Thanksgiving we are reminded of the blessings from God that we so often take for granted. Council continues to be hard at work. Our new website has just launched. Please check it out at www.rejoicec.org. Minor edits and improvements will continue to be made on it as well as normal updates to refresh the content.

After meeting with Bishop Barbins and Pastor Mitch Phillips from the Synod, we have continued conversations with Pastor Julianne Smith from the synod office regarding our exploration of Anchor Church and pastoral leadership.

We have begun the upgrades to enhance our online worship experience. Our audio equipment has been upgraded and new cameras will be installed over the next month. The office and soundboard computers are also being upgraded as those machines are close to 10 years old. Thanks to Bill Clothier and Janet for making this happen. Lastly, we have met with Mission Investment Fund regarding our mortgage payment modifications and have secured a reduced payment through the end of 2022. Please save the date for our annual congregational meeting which will be held on December 12. We are seeking individuals that are interested in serving in a leadership role on Council. New council members will be voted on at that meeting. Please chat with any current Council member if you are interested in serving.

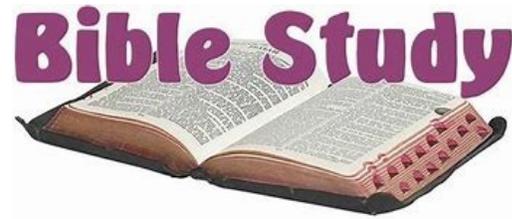
In Christ's love,
Bethany Bryant

Pastor Doug's Bible Study

Pastor Doug's Bible study Thursdays 7pm on Zoom. We're going through the book of Romans.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86751292678?pwd=KzRYdzIEUC9vRnVOQm5xd3J2azB0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 867 5129 2678

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God is like... (sent in by Paige Giannetti)

A fifth-grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use the company's marketing tag line to communicate ideas about God. What they came up with is inspiring...

God is like... BAYER ASPIRIN - He works miracles.

God is like... COKE - He's the real thing.

God is like... SCOTCH TAPE - You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like... DELTA - He's ready when you are.

God is like... DIAL SOAP - Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like... ALLSTATE - You're in good hands with Him.

God is like... VO-5 HAIR SPRAY - He holds through all kinds of weather

God is like... ALKA-SELTZER - Try Him, you'll like Him

God is like... The U.S. POST OFFICE - Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

God is like... B o u n t y - He is the quicker picker upper... HE can handle the tough jobs and won't fall apart on you!

God is like... The Energizer Bunny - He Keeps Going, Going, and Going

Rejoice Updated Covid Guidelines—adapted from CDC guidelines

The Worship Committee met and came up with the following:

1. If you are fully vaccinated against Covid and are 14 days beyond your last shot, you do not have to mask or maintain 6 feet, but may if you wish. You no longer have to sit in a designated row.
2. If you are not fully vaccinated or are not beyond 14 days of the final shot, please continue to mask and remain spacing.
3. If you wish to sit within 6 feet of a non-masked person, please ask first as they may wish to continue to spacing for personal reasons like having family members who have not had their shots.
4. We will continue to have chairs in the Fellowship areas to provide extra spacing opportunities.
5. We will continue to have masks and disinfectant available for those who want them.

Janet Juliano
 Worship Committee

Evening Women's Bible Study —via

Zoom

The Women's Bible Study group has begun a new study on the book, "Psalms: Prayers of the Heart".

No pressure, no homework! Just fellowship time with Christian friends studying God's Word.

Join us Wednesdays **at 8:00p.m.** on Zoom.

The link is <https://johncarrolluniversity.zoom.us/j/628894291>

Contact Lisa Ramsey with questions/problems at lmramsey@roadrunner.com or 234.380.2090



November Birthdays

11	Russ Ackerman
27	Devyn Giannetti
27	Ellen Wisbar

November Anniversaries

8	Bill & Joyce Clothier
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If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, or it is incorrect, please help us update our info. Contact Carla Maurer at office@rejoicelc.org

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 7th this year. We remember All the saints who have died the past year and now wear their crown of glory in the great cloud of witnesses.

If you have a family member, friend, co-worker you would like to have remembered that day in our prayers please drop Pastor Doug a note [email/text/paper] with the name, date of death (if known), relationship to you.



September 2021 Financial Report

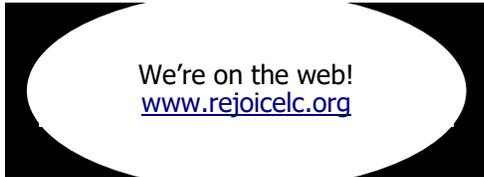
2021	Sept Actual	Sept Budget	Sept Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2021 Budget
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$5,086	\$7,709	(\$2,623)	\$78,846	\$69,375	\$9,471	\$92,500
Capital Revenue	\$2,094	\$2,667	(\$573)	\$26,874	\$24,000	\$2,874	\$32,000
Other	\$3,514	\$1,458	\$2,056	\$68,785	\$13,133	\$55,652	\$17,510
Total Income	\$10,694	\$11,834	(\$1,140)	\$174,505	\$106,508	\$67,997	\$142,010
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$11,303	\$7,685	(\$3,618)	\$143,312	\$73,161	(\$70,151)	\$101,078
Capital Expense	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$41,182	\$36,000	(\$5,182)	\$48,000
Total Expenses	\$15,303	\$11,685	(\$3,618)	\$184,494	\$109,161	(\$75,333)	\$149,078
VARIANCE							
Total Variance	(\$4,609)	\$149		(\$9,989)	(\$2,653)		(\$7,068)

Benevolence Giving	\$1,250	\$417	\$833	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$0	\$5,000
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Paying it Forward

Rejoice has been so blessed by many mission partners. Let us pay it forward to others. out of our blessings!

In June we resumed our practice of sending our 3rd Sunday "loose offering" to a local non-profit/charity. Below is the list of scheduled recipients for the remainder of 2021.

Schedule of 3rd Sunday

Loose Offering for 2021:

November – OASIS Youth Program (*either for devotional books or funds to support their program*)

December - Rejoice Samaritan Fund

New Rejoice Website

The new Rejoice website was recently launched. Check it out! Note that you can now make donations to Rejoice via PayPal, which is linked to the website.

www.rejoicelc.org

Rejoice Care Committee:

Please let any of the following know if any congregation members experience sickness, a death in the family, new babies, or other situations where we might be of some assistance.

George Arnold, Joyce Clothier, Judi Boebel, Carla Maurer, Paige Giannetti

