

# Rejoice Voice

Rejoice! Lutheran Church

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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 Deacon

Hello, Rejoice! I'm your new interim minister, Deacon Erin Bodenstab. I'm a deacon in the ELCA, what we call a Minister of Word and Service. (If you'd like to learn more about deacons, and how we're a little different from pastors, but related, please ask!) I just moved into the area with my husband, Pastor Eric, who is the pastor at Trinity in Kent, and my daughter, Thea, who is about to start kindergarten. I am settling in, getting to know the area, and looking forward to getting to know you!

One thing you'll soon learn about me is that my very favorite hymn is The Canticle of the Turning (ELW #723). If you're not familiar, it's Mary's Magnificat set to a catchy Irish tune. It begins "My soul cries out with a joyful shout, that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait." I have spent a *lot* of time in transition periods, waiting — it sometimes seems like this is my entire ministry experience — and this song reminds me what's possible with God, even in that waiting. Each refrain ends, "wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!" Singing this song gives me hope: God is always just about to do an amazing new thing!

As an interim, my role is to be here with you in a time of waiting and transition. Even my presence is an ongoing transition: I'll be here for however long I'm here, holding space and helping you keep your eye on Jesus *and* move toward what's next. We could be together for six weeks, or six months, or longer. It won't be six years: about two is the maximum.

Yes, that's right, my role with Rejoice is about even more transition! As soon as we adjust to one another something new could happen! And, you already know that the waiting for a more settled leader will take however long it takes.

But God *does* bring wondrous things to those who wait, and we can use this waiting time to sing, and learn, and grow, and imagine while we're here.

So, imagine with me for a minute, and think about these questions: Where do you see God at work in your life, the world, and this community of faith? Where do you *need* to see God?

As we look to the future of the church, change is inevitable. For you, what are the most important things that would be hard or impossible or painful to change? Where are you open and willing to change for the sake of the gospel and the future?

Given those answers, what might God be up to or calling you to next?

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## From the Deacon, *continued from pg 1*

You don't need to answer these questions today, but I hope you'll think about them. Transition can feel interminable, I know. The pandemic keeps dragging on, it seems like it'll take forever to find a new pastor, and the world is full of upheaval... but the world is about to turn, too. What do you think that will look like?

(I like to think it will have a catchy tune, at least.)

Grace and peace,

Deacon Erin

## From Pastor Doug

THANK YOU!

I want to thank the people of Rejoice! for allowing me to serve among you these past two plus years. It has been a great joy to be part of this fellowship of believers serving our Lord in this community. You have enriched me and touched my heart in ways that I will never forget.

Thank you also for the wonderful farewell feast we had on July 9th, the cards and expression of gratitude are deeply felt.

I will miss worshiping with you but you are in good hands and I eagerly look forward to what God has in store for Rejoice!

Always in my prayers,

Pastor Doug Fidler



## President's Report

What a glorious summer we are having. God has definitely provided many blessings. Our last month has been focused on transitions. We shared a farewell with Pastor Doug and new beginnings with Deacon Erin. Council remains focused on our short and long term goals, providing an engaging worship experience and maintaining our momentum. As August arrives Council has authorized some property work on the parking lot and will be painting the sanctuary later this fall. The Call Committee continues to engage in interviewing pastoral candidates, and the leadership is connecting with other congregations for shared ministry opportunities.

The Lord is working in our midst. Please share your ideas and feedback with me as we head into the fall and connect through worship, fellowship and discipleship.

Bethany

## Some Pics from our Farewell Potluck for Pastor Doug



Pr. Deborah Wissner (Fidler), son Joe and Pr.  
Doug Fidler

Paige,  
Bob and  
Sean  
Giannetti



Liz Franke, Sue Simmons, friend JoAnn, and  
Sandy Molnar



Dan Jacobsen (Dan and Kathy Jacobsen  
are former Rejoice members and we are  
so happy to welcome them back to Ohio!)



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**New Adult Formation Class  
“How Jesus Became God”  
June 26, 2022—Dec 4, 2022**

In the briefest and most succinct historical interpretation, Jesus of Nazareth was a preacher of the imminent apocalypse, who proclaimed that God was soon going to intervene in history, overthrow the forces of evil, and set up a good kingdom here on earth. In the last week of his life, Jesus took his message to Jerusalem, the capital city of Judea, and there, faced violent opposition. He was arrested, put on trial, charged with imagining himself the future king of the Jews, and condemned to death by crucifixion. He died as a powerless and forsaken Jewish preacher of an apocalypse that never came.

Yet four centuries later, millions of people throughout the Roman Empire considered Jesus not to be a failed Jewish prophet but to be a divine being, none other than the God who created the universe, equal in power and stature with God the Father Almighty.

This course addresses the question of how that happened. How did the rejected Jewish preacher who ended up on the wrong side of the law and was crucified for his efforts come to be known as the Lord and creator of all things, a member of the divine Trinity? How did Jesus become God?

This course will be comprised of 24 video lectures by Bart Ehrman, Ph.D., of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill followed by discussion. A participant handbook will be provided. The course will begin via Zoom Conferencing on Sunday, June 26, beginning at 7:00 pm and run weekly until December 4, 2022.

Interested participants may register by emailing Rick Krumel at [rkrumel@roadrunner.com](mailto:rkrumel@roadrunner.com).

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**Pastor Brian's Wednesday Bible Study**

Pastor Brian's Bible Study. Join us on Wednesday's at 7:00pm for more Resurrection Stores. Everyone invited:  
Here's the zoom link.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?  
pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEcONnhEUCs0cDM30W9Bdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEcONnhEUCs0cDM30W9Bdz09)

Meeting ID: 322 240 0299

Passcode: COSJ2020



## Discounted Senior Transportation

### **\* \* \*FREE TRANSPORTATION**

FOR HUDSON SENIORS (60 years and older) for travel within a mile of Hudson School District Borders

- Medical Appointments
- Grocery Shopping
- Errands
- Religious Service/Events
- Social events/visits
  
- Up to 5 round trips per senior, including one round trip of up to 70 miles for medical appointment
- Services available until grant money (or 5 round trips) runs out
- Contact [paigejgianetti@roadrunner.com](mailto:paigejgianetti@roadrunner.com) with any questions

**24-hour notice strongly recommended;  
available 7 days/week; 7 am-8pm**

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## Food Pantry Need

We recently received a request from the Food Pantry that there is a need for feminine hygiene products and other personal hygiene items. There will be a basket outside the office and your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your help!



## Evening Women's Bible Study —via Zoom



The Women's Bible Study group is now studying, "Heaven, Finding Our True Home".

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 [Imram-sey@roadrunner.com](mailto:Imram-sey@roadrunner.com) or 234.380.2090



### August Birthdays

10	Tim Boebel
17	George Arnold
18	Christopher Bryant
20	Tom Freborg
26	Sandy Molnar



## Women's Retreat—Registration is open!

To all Rejoice ladies and friends. Registration is now open for our Fall Women's Retreat, October 7-9<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center on Chautauqua Lake in western New York! Registration forms are on our Rejoice website, [www.rejoicelc.org](http://www.rejoicelc.org). We are looking forward to another fantastic weekend with Pastor Pam Kelly.

Ginny Pillsbury

### 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*

### August Anniversaries

17	Russ & Ellen Ackerman
21	Jim & Carla Maurer
24	Brian & Ginny Pillsbury
28	Bill & Sue Holman

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](mailto:office@rejoicelc.org)

## June 2022 Financial Report

2022	June Actual	June Budget	June Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2022 Budget
<b>INCOME:</b>							
General Revenue	\$26,815	\$8,458	\$18,357	\$63,615	\$50,750	\$12,865	\$101,500
Capital Revenue	\$7,442	\$2,917	\$4,525	\$19,047	\$17,500	\$1,547	\$35,000
Other	\$5,514	\$2,001	\$3,513	\$22,900	\$12,005	\$10,895	\$24,010
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$39,771</b>	<b>\$13,376</b>	<b>\$26,395</b>	<b>\$105,562</b>	<b>\$80,255</b>	<b>\$25,307</b>	<b>\$160,510</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>							
General Expense	\$12,181	\$8,884	(\$3,297)	\$60,357	\$53,303	(\$7,054)	\$106,605
Capital Expense	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$0	\$50,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,181</b>	<b>\$12,884</b>	<b>(\$3,297)</b>	<b>\$84,357</b>	<b>\$77,303</b>	<b>(\$7,054)</b>	<b>\$157,105</b>
<b>VARIANCE</b>							
Total Variance	\$23,590	\$492		\$21,205	\$2,952		\$3,405
<b>Benevolence Giving</b>	<b>\$1,250</b>	<b>\$417</b>	<b>\$833</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

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### Hudson Food Pantry News

Hello to our friends at Rejoice! For the month of July we served 35 families which had 98 individuals in them that received food and product assistance.

A very special thank you goes out to all of you at Rejoice who assisted us with the outreach for feminine hygiene products this month that was initiated by Paige Giannetti. Your efforts were well received and appreciated by the neighbors we served.

We also had a group, The Hudson Explorers Aquatics Team (HEAT), who assisted with a personal products drive. To view their contribution go to the HCSA Facebook page where Ms. Avery Petiya representing HEAT, with the assistance of her mom, brought in all their donations for our neighbors.

Now it just wouldn't be right if I didn't tell you about Ginny Pillsbury stepping up to the plate in our meat section at this past distribution. You can tell she is truly a seasoned member of our volunteer team as she trained another volunteer how to distribute meat while receiving, at the last minute before distribution started, many packages of hot dogs and sausages to be given out in her area. She and John Bourassa managed to put it all together and make every second count. What great teamwork!!

In addition, we were able to spread the word to a couple of neighbors who happen to have issues with gluten and other food allergies by connecting them with the Celiac and Allergy Free Food Initiative. This is a specific food pantry that covers a five county area located in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. It is by appointment only and requires physician documentation of the specific food allergies or issues, as well as meeting the new income guidelines. If you know of someone who might need this assistance, you can contact this pantry through Amy Adams at: 330-603-7644 for an appointment. There address is : 1166 Tallmadge Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. To see the new income guidelines effective July 1,2022, please check out the poster on the Food Pantry door.

As always, continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to keep all of you in our prayers as well.

Your Food Pantry Team,  
Linda Arnold, John Bourassa, Lynn Schmidt & Sue Talarcek