

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)

We are in the longest liturgical season of the church year: PENTECOST. This is the season that focuses on Jesus and the Holy Spirit living among us.

It begins just after Easter, the Monday following the Day of Pentecost and lasts until the season of Advent begins. It lasts anywhere between **22 and 27 weeks, depending on when Easter takes place.** Pentecost is a special day of worship. The feast marks the end of the Easter season for Christians and commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. The Church of God, which began on Pentecost which we read about in Acts 2 is given the mission of preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

"Unlike the rest of the year, we're not getting ready for Jesus to be born or for Jesus to die. We're not celebrating God with us as a baby or the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. We're not necessarily celebrating or waiting for anything, but during this season of Pentecost, we called to live out all that Jesus is, has been and will be in this world. We are called to be the church...the gathered people of God!"

Community sharing, fellowship, potlucks, worship, and joy, much joy. This is the church. The church is a people, not a place. The church is active and moving, not stagnant nor still. The church is responsive to all that God has done. Pentecost is a time when we respond to the stories we have heard for the past half a year. It's a time when we actively live out what God has taught us through Jesus Christ." – Pastor Dawn Linderg, Peace Lutheran Church, Tomah, WI

We are blessed with Jesus and the Holy Spirit living among us and the are chosen as God's people to be his hands and feet. Sept. 11 is the ELCA "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday. This is a day to celebrate with other ELCA Lutherans and collectively take part in sharing God's love with others. You might choose to shop for the food pantry, spend an hour helping a neighbor, prepare a meal for someone struggling, or volunteer at the church or other community center.

President's Report

Dear Rejoice,

We have been truly blessed with a glorious summer. The weather has been beautiful, we've had the highest attendance in years, have maintained our ministries in our community, and financially are in good shape.

I wanted to take a moment to spotlight the incredible success with our senior transportation ministry. In about 18 months we provided free transportation to Hudson senior citizens to doctors visits, errands, and worship services. The service is primarily used by those seniors that either cannot drive or have difficulty driving at night. We have expended about \$7,500 in about 15 months with most of that used this spring and summer as word spread about the ministry. Kudos to Paige Giannetti who spearheaded the ministry and for Tim Boebel for handling the financial payments. We have made an impact on our community!

We have thoroughly enjoyed having Pastor Brian in the pulpit these last few Sundays. Many thanks to him for leading our worship through these last weeks of summer. He capitalized on the opportunity to bring our congregations together. As we move into the fall, we have several of our favorite supply pastors lined up including Pastor Jim Kulma, Pastor Richard Seaks, and Pastor Betti Hazelton.

We expect to pick up some momentum as summer winds down and many of us get back to routines and indoor activities. Our worship committee will meet to discuss worship and music opportunities.

Our Call Committee continues to interview candidates as they are identified. We recognize this is a highly competitive process with a shortage of pastors. As such we continue to explore shared and joint ministry opportunities with Community of Saint John and St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow, and are looking to add a third congregation to the discussion.

As fall progresses, we will look to bring our members together for small group discussions. Your feedback and voices are important in any dialogue. I have appreciated hearing from many of you over the last several weeks. While I can assume others have similar feedback and feel the same way, there is no substitute to hearing your thoughts directly. As always, please feel free to ask questions.

Prayers and blessings to you and our congregation!

Bethany Bryant
President



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.

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=eDQ3NIB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09>

Meeting ID: 322 240 0299

Passcode: COSJ2020



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- 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 paigegiannetti@roadrunner.com with any questions

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

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Food Pantry Need

The Food Pantry continues to need feminine hygiene products and other personal hygiene items. There is 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 lmramsey@roadrunner.com or 234.380.2090



September Birthdays

4	Tim Yanda
11	Millie Carr
14	Paige Giannetti
14	Nick Ramsey
15	Sue Holman
19	Bethany Bryant
20	Moira Ackerman
25	Ashley McLelland

September Anniversaries

18	Tom & Linda Freborg
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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@rejoicec.org



July 2022 Financial Report

	July Actual	July Budget	July Vari- ance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Vari- ance to Budget	2022 Budget
2022							
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$6,349	\$8,458	(\$2,109)	\$69,962	\$59,208	\$10,754	\$101,500
Capital Revenue	\$2,185	\$2,917	(\$732)	\$21,232	\$20,417	\$815	\$35,000
Other	\$1,133	\$2,001	(\$868)	\$24,034	\$14,006	\$10,028	\$24,010
Total Income	\$9,667	\$13,376	(\$3,709)	\$115,228	\$93,631	\$21,597	\$160,510
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$8,131	\$8,883	\$752	\$68,488	\$62,186	(\$6,302)	\$106,605
Capital Expense	\$5,000	\$4,000	(\$1,000)	\$29,000	\$28,000	(\$1,000)	\$50,500
Total Expenses	\$13,131	\$12,883	(\$248)	\$97,488	\$90,186	(\$7,302)	\$157,105
VARIANCE							
Total Variance	(\$3,464)	\$493		\$17,740	\$3,445		\$3,405
Benevolence Giving	\$0	\$417	(\$417)	\$2,500	\$2,917	(\$417)	\$5,000

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Rejoice Care Committee:

Please let any of the following know if any congregation members experience sickness, surgery, 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

Women's Retreat—Registration is almost over!

To all Rejoice ladies and friends. Registration is now in the final days for our Fall Women's Retreat, October 7-9th at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center on Chautauqua Lake in western New York! Registration forms are on our Rejoice website, www.rejoicelc.org, and need to be in and paid in full by September 8. We are looking forward to another fantastic weekend with Pastor Pam Kelly.



Women's Retreat group photo from 2021.