

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)

The History of Reformation

Reformation Day is celebrated on October 31, alongside All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) during the triduum of Allhallowtide, in remembrance of the onset of the Reformation.

October 31, 1517 was the day German monk Martin Luther nailed his *Ninety-five Theses* on the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Electorate of Saxony in the Holy Roman Empire. Historians and other experts on the subject argue that Luther may have chosen All Hallows' Eve on purpose to get the attention of common people, although that has never been proven.

In 1516–17, Johann Tetzel, a Dominican friar and papal commissioner for indulgences, was sent to Germany to raise money to rebuild St Peter's Basilica in Rome.

On 31 October 1517, Martin Luther wrote to Albrecht, Archbishop of Mainz and Magdeburg, protesting against the sale of indulgences. He enclosed in his letter a copy of his "Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences", which came to be known as the *Ninety-five Theses*. Hans Hillerbrand writes that Luther had no intention of confronting the church, but saw his disputation as a scholarly objection to church practices, and the tone of the writing is accordingly "searching, rather than doctrinaire." Hillerbrand writes that there is nevertheless an undercurrent of challenge in several of the theses, particularly in Thesis 86, which asks: "Why does the pope, whose wealth today is greater than the wealth of the richest Crassus, build the basilica of St. Peter with the money of poor believers rather than with his own money?"

Luther objected to a saying attributed to Johann Tetzel that "As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory 'into heaven' springs." He insisted that, since forgiveness was God's alone to grant, those who claimed that indulgences absolved buyers from all punishments and granted them salvation were in error. Christians, he said, must not slacken in following Christ on account of such false assurances.

The *Ninety-five Theses* were quickly translated from Latin into German, printed, and widely copied, making the controversy one of the first in history to be aided by the printing press.^[6] Within two weeks, copies of the theses had spread throughout Germany; within two months throughout Europe.

Luther's writings circulated widely, reaching France, England, and Italy as early as 1519. Students thronged to Wittenberg to hear Luther speak.

The holiday is a significant one for both Lutheran and Calvinist Churches, although other Protestant communities also tend to commemorate the day. The Roman Catholic Church recognized it only recently, and often sends its official representatives in ecumenical spirit to various commemoration events held by Protestants.

President's Report

Dear Rejoice,

What a beautiful fall we are experiencing! With shorter daylight hours and colder temperatures approaching I am reminded of the holidays approaching and the new routine that comes with winter.

In October we formally welcomed 8 new members to Rejoice. What an incredible celebration after welcoming 3 new members earlier this year. For a church with no permanent pastor, we definitely have cause to celebrate the growth of our family and the spirit of God that is clearly present amongst us. If you have not had an opportunity to meet Glenn and Nancy Fasnacht, Dan and Kathy Jacobsen, Mike and Diane Procop, Sue Simmons, or Sharon Straka, please reach out and introduce yourself.

Throughout November we will have Pastor Deborah Michaels and Pastor Betti Hazelton with us. Without a permanent pastor, I hope you are enjoying having a variety of ministers to lead us and experience different sermon styles. Also during November, our stewardship campaign kicks off, so you will hear from a number of our own members.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, we hosted our second monthly congregational discussion regarding shared ministry. Thank you to all who participated. COSJ also hosted a shared ministry conversation last week with their members. Our next discussion is scheduled for Sunday, November 20.

Lastly, save the date for our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, December 11 where we will provide a recap of 2022, vote on new Council members, approve the annual budget and continue our shared ministry conversations.

Yours in Christ,
Bethany Bryant
President

Fellowship time with our friends at St. Stephen in Stow



Thursday November 3rd 7:00 pm
@ Bell Tower Brewery
310 Park Ave.
Kent, Ohio 44240



Worship and Stewardship

- ◆ All Saints Sunday is November 6th. Please submit the name of the loved ones you want remembered to the Rejoice office or Carla Maurer.
- ◆ The Annual Stewardship campaign is "Empowered to Give". It runs the first three Sundays of November. This includes:
 - A two - three week Bible study after church on how God empowers us, including His giving us skills and gifts as well as the means of grace. Led by Janet Juliano.
 - A weekly Devotion Called "Walking in the Spirit" from Crosswalk. There are three devotions. Read one a week. You can read that week's all at once or break it up. Copies will be available at church or get an electronic copy by sending a request to me Messenger, text or e-mail, jayeljay1@yahoo.com messenger or e-mail.
 - Temple talks on Sundays.
- Pledge forms will be available at church the third Sunday of November.

Contact Janet Juliano or Liz Franke for further information.

◆ Christmas Caroling

We will do Indoor Christmas Caroling that we will livestream and can send to shut ins, assisted living facilities and others after church, Sunday December 4th. We hope to do this jointly with Community of Saint John. People who participated last year had a good time. Watch for further information in November. Contact Janet Juliano if you want to be a part of the fun.

We hope to do Outdoor Caroling December 18th, hopefully with Community of Saint John. Watch for further information.

◆ Advent/Christmas Singers

Rejoice and Community of Saint John will be worshipping together in December. We hope to have a choir or group of singers for Christmas Eve and maybe a Sunday in Advent. Watch for information in November. Contact Janet Juliano if you are interested.

◆ Advent-Christmas Decorating

Decorating for the Advent - Christmas Holidays will take place at 9 a.m., Saturday, November 26th. Advent starts Sunday, November 27th. All are welcome. Please let Janet Juliano know if you plan to help.

Christmas Fellowship

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY! Join us for our Fellowship Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 10th at 5:30 p.m. We'll be heading to Leo's Italian Social at 2251 Front St. in Cuyahoga Falls. Please contact Marisa (mclellandmarisa@gmail.com) or Ellen (ellenwisbar@gmail.com) with questions or to RSVP BY NOV. 18.



No Dignity



Northeastern Ohio Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

(reprinted from a recent email from the Northeastern Ohio Synod)



Patty and Ikasha sat at the lunch table with their bright green chef jackets on and their “student” badges around their necks. These are a far cry from the prison uniforms and inmate ID tags they wear at the women’s correctional unit where they spend the rest of their time.

Like thousands of women throughout Ohio, Patty and Ikasha are serving time for crimes they committed. And while they admit to those crimes and will serve their time, they find that a system that is meant to reform them is a system that dehumanizes. “In prison we get called by our last names. There is no dignity.”

Their chef’s coats and student IDs that Patty and Ikasha proudly wear was issued by Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries (LMM) as part of their Chopping for Change program. This program partners with the prison system to teach women cooking skills so that upon reentry they have a career to help them move forward with their lives. But Chopping for Change is not just about cooking. There are therapy sessions to help the women address the trauma in their lives; they are able to earn certificates and even an associate’s degree in culinary art. Perhaps most important, there are family events to help them reconnect with their families in a non-prison environment; “Being with our families here [at LMM] is such a different experience,” reflects Patty. “Here we are Patty and Ikasha.”

Patty and Ikasha sit confidently at the table with members of the LMM staff. They tell their stories with a reflective maturity. And they unabashedly point to Chopping for Change. “It is wonderful to be seen not as an inmate,” declares Patty. “The dignity and respect that this program gives is invaluable; it gives you faith, gratitude, a future, a purpose. Ikasha reflects on how the program has changed her life attitude, “This program humbled me. I am sure that doors will now open to me.”

“There is no other program like this” [in the prison system], says Mary. She talks about how Chopping for Change and the people at LMM trust her and the other women. Even more, she and Ikasha have been inspired to give back to their community. They often go into the clothes closet at LMM where there are professional and street clothes to help women who are re-entering society. “It is something to give a woman her first pair of jeans in 6 years,” says Patty with a look of profound grace in her eyes.

Today we delivered a check to LMM on behalf of the Northeastern Ohio Synod. On behalf of you. Your gift to LMM helps to open the future to Patty and Ikasha and other women like them. Your gift help restore the dignity of life to people that society has locked away. Your gift helps people regain their names.

Hudson Food Pantry

As you may know, the Hudson Food Pantry at Rejoice Lutheran Church is a choice pantry. Our neighbors select their own food, paper goods and toiletries instead of receiving a pre-packed or standard bag(s) of groceries. One of the pantry's offerings are baked goods. We acquire bakery items from four sources. One is the Akron-Canton Foodbank. Each month, on the Friday before our Saturday distribution, we pick up unsold baked goods from both Bruegger's Bagels and Panera Bread (Hudson locations). In addition, Costco donates baked goods with 'best buy' dates expiring on or shortly after our Saturday distribution date. Our neighbors appreciate the variety of breads and pastry items.

We cannot thank you enough for providing a home for the Hudson Food Pantry that our neighbors can rely on.

(Submitted by a Food Pantry volunteer)

Pastor Brian's Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor Brian's Bible Study. Join us on Wednesday's at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited:

Here's the zoom link.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEcONnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09)

[pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEcONnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEcONnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09)

Meeting ID: 322 240 0299

Passcode: COSJ2020



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, Paige Giannetti, Judi Boebel, Carla Maurer

Hudson Food Pantry Basic Care Items Needed

Deodorant – men & women

Shampoo & hair conditioner

Toothbrush, toothpaste & dental floss

Toilet paper

Feminine products: tampons, pads & incontinent pads

Donations will be accepted **Nov. 1 thru Dec. 11**. Fill up the box located by the office door.

Hudson Food Pantry is serving more neighbors. Also these items cannot be purchased with food cards and are rarely available at the Food Bank.

Sandy Molnar has created a Thrivent Action Team to assist in purchasing needed care items.

Pass on your blessings by helping to replenish low stock at the Food Pantry.



Evening Women's Bible Study –via Zoom



The Women's Bible Study group is now studying, "Meeting God".

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

1	Kathy Jacobsen
11	Russ Ackerman
27	Devyn Giannetti
27	Ellen Wisbar

November Anniversaries

8	Bill & Joyce Clothier
18	Glenn & Nancy Fasnacht

New Bible Study Coming in November

Watch for an "Exploring your God given Gifts and Talents" Bible study coming in November after Church. See Janet Juliano for more information.

The Worship Committee will meet on Zoom, 7 pm, Monday, November 7th.



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

Thank you! Thank you!

To the anonymous person who delivered four beautiful mums and pumpkins for our entryway! We are enjoying them very much!

September 2022 Financial Report

2022	Sept Actual	Sept Budget	Sept Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2022 Budget
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$5,999	\$8,458	(\$2,459)	\$82,898	\$76,125	\$6,773	\$101,500
Capital Revenue	\$1,737	\$2,917	(\$1,180)	\$25,200	\$26,250	(\$1,050)	\$35,000
Other	\$486	\$2,001	(\$1,515)	\$27,176	\$18,007	\$9,169	\$24,010
Total Income	\$8,222	\$13,376	(\$5,154)	\$135,274	\$120,382	\$14,892	\$160,510
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$11,528	\$8,883	(\$2,645)	\$93,687	\$79,954	(\$13,733)	\$106,605
Capital Expense	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$42,000	\$37,000	(\$5,000)	\$50,500
Total Expenses	\$16,028	\$13,383	(\$2,645)	\$135,687	\$116,954	(\$18,733)	\$157,105
VARIANCE							
Total Variance	(\$7,806)	(\$7)		(\$413)	\$3,428		\$3,405

Benevolence Giving	\$1,250	\$417	\$833	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$0	\$5,000
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November Activities

Wednesday, Nov. 2	Adult Bible Study 7:00 / Women's Bible Study 8:00
Sunday, Nov. 6	1 st Sunday Stewardship Campaign, All Saints Sunday
Wednesday, Nov. 9	Adult Bible Study 7:00 / Women's Bible Study 8:00
Sunday, Nov. 13	2 nd Sunday Stewardship Campaign
Wednesday, Nov 16	Adult Bible Study 7:00 / Women's Bible Study 8:00
Sunday, Nov. 20	3 rd Sunday Stewardship Campaign
Sunday, Nov. 20	Shared Ministry congregation discussion meeting 11:00
Nov. 20 – Dec. 10	Crouse Elementary giving tree
Monday, Nov. 21	Council Meeting 7:00
Wednesday, Nov 23	Adult Bible Study 7:00 / Women's Bible Study 8:00
Saturday, Nov. 26	Decorate church for Advent
Wednesday, Nov. 30	Adult Bible Study 7:00 / Women's Bible Study 8:00