

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
10:30am
(In-person, FaceBook Live, or
posted later on our website)

Sunday School: (TBD)

Adult Forum/Bible Studies:
Sundays 9:15am
and
Wednesdays 7:00pm &
8:00pm

George Herbert was an English poet, orator, and priest of the Church of England. His poetry is associated with the writings of the metaphysical poets, and he is recognized as "one of the foremost British devotional lyricists" by the Poetry Foundation. Herbert was born in Wales (April 1593) into an artistic and wealthy family and largely raised in England. He received a good education that led to his admission to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1609. He went there with the intention of becoming a priest, but he became the University's Public Orator and attracted the attention of King James I. Amy Charles in her book, "A Life of George Herbert", states that Herbert sat in the Parliament of England in 1624 and briefly in 1625.

After the death of King James, Herbert revived his interest in ordination. He gave up his secular aspirations in his mid-thirties and took holy orders in the Church of England, spending the rest of his life as the rector of the rural parish of Fugglestone St Peter, just outside Salisbury. He is remembered for his unfailing care for his parishioners, bringing the sacraments to them when they were ill and providing food and clothing for those in need. Henry Vaughan writing in his work, "The Mount of Olives: or, Solitary devotions", called Herbert "a most glorious saint and seer". Herbert wrestled with his health all of his life and died of consumption at age 39 in the year 1633.

Herbert penned the poem "Easter", from his collection of poems *The Temple* in 1633. It states gloriously the celebration which we are to be about during the Easter season.

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name, who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long:

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Or, since all musick is but three parts vied and multiplied,
O let they blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

Easter joy to you!

Brian

Council Updates

He is Risen! With Easter and spring arriving, we are reminded of the forgiveness, resurrection and new life that Jesus brings. This gift is granted to us freely with no strings attached. We've done nothing to earn it. When we slow down enough to really contemplate how powerful and impactful that blessing is to us, we can only partially appreciate its enormity. Our leaders are striving each week to bring that spiritual insight into our day to day routines. Sometimes creating a new awareness means getting out of our mundane routines and thinking about our message and ministries in different and new ways. We continue to explore new ways to study God's word, to incorporate prayer, song, and message. Our work with Brian, CoSJ and St. Stephen's has brought us together for worship and learnings throughout Lent, Holy Week and Easter and hopefully is filling each of you with a spiritual awareness. Please join in breaking bread and sharing a meal with our broader community on Maundy Thursday at Silver Springs Park and Good Friday services at Rejoice – and bring a friend. What better time to introduce someone to this relationship with Christ. Later in April, Council will be meeting with CoSJ and St. Stephen's to consider other shared ministries and leadership discussions. We will look to host another congregational discussion thereafter to keep you apprised of ongoing conversations.

Bethany Bryant



Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2nd

Procession of Palms/Service of the
Word



Good Friday

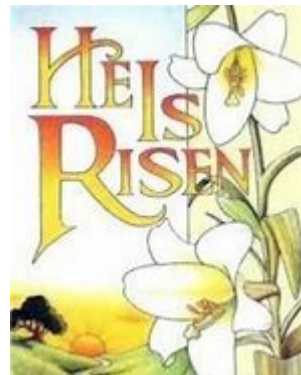
April 7th at 7:00PM

Rejoice, CoSJ & St. Stephens Congregations
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Catered Meal and service with Communion
(please sign up at church so we order enough)
April 6, at 7:00PM
Silver Springs Park—Heritage Barn



Resurrection

Sunday

April 9th

Service of Holy Com-
munion 10:30
Breakfast 9:15-10:15
at
Rejoice Lutheran
Church

Greetings from the HCSA Hudson Food Pantry...

Hello Rejoice!

The Food Pantry would like to thank you for your ongoing mission support. We would like to recognize Rejoice members Ginny Pillsbury (a food pantry founder) and Sandy Molnar for their ongoing monthly volunteering.

We are also thankful for regular donations/volunteers from the following community churches: Christ Community Chapel, Christ Episcopal, First Presbyterian Church, Gloria Dei, and Hudson United Methodist. Community churches CAN and DO make a difference!!

Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month

The Amputee Coalition of America has designated April as “Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month”.

More than 2.7 million people live with limb loss or limb difference in the United States. Hundreds of people lose a limb every day. By 2050, the number of amputees in the U.S. will nearly double. Limb loss affects people of all backgrounds, all income levels, and all ages. During April, the Amputee Coalition wants to demonstrate how our community thrives

As an amputee and a member of Rejoice Lutheran Church, I would like to make you aware that I have been trained as a Certified Peer Visitor for amputees. I volunteer to meet with new amputees or people who are considering an amputation, to talk about what to expect as an amputee and answer any questions.

If you, a friend or a family member face the uncertainty of amputation and would like to speak to an amputee, I’m available to meet with you or the amputee.

Thank you,

Mike Procop

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Adult Formation in April – Sundays at 9:15 am

At the beginning of April Brian will conclude this series of teachings, to answer the question: “Why did Jesus have to die?” At the outset, it must be said that this isn’t an easy question to answer for several reasons: limited historical sources, considerable scholarly disagreement, not one simple obvious answer. If you believe that the crucifixion of Jesus stands at the very center of history, then knowing why Jesus had to die is just about the most important piece of knowledge you can have. If you have ever wondered why God chose to redeem us in the way he did, why Jesus had to suffer and die, then perhaps these teachings, reflections and conversation will assist you in your spiritual journey. Come and see. Bring a friend.

Watch weekly bulletins for the next Sunday Adult Forum topic.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday's at 7:00pm. (7:30 until the week after Easter) Everyone is invited: Here's the zoom link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NlB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09>

Meeting ID: 322 240 0299

Passcode: COSJ2020



Sunday Morning Adult Formation

On Sunday mornings at 9:15am, there is an Adult Forum in the sanctuary. Current topic: Why did Jesus have to die?

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

Rejoice/COSJ/St Stephen's in Mission for Residents of East Palestine, Ohio

As two weeks have now passed since the devastating train wreck in East Palestine, it is becoming clear that the need for fresh water is a pressing concern. The leadership of our three congregations have decided to gather cases of bottled water to be delivered to the residents of East Palestine through a local church agency. The goal is to fill a large U-Haul truck with bottled water. Can you help? Bring your water to the church and leave it in the Pastor's Study. When details have been finalized with church leaders in East Palestine, we will deliver this "living water" as a sign of our faith and commitment to our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria

Lutheran World Relief is on the ground and working with other organizations to provide relief in the midst of the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria that has claimed over 35,000 lives. Go to donate.lwr.org.

Evening Women's Bible Study –via Zoom



The Women's Bible Study group is now studying, "The Women of the Old Testament."

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



April Birthdays

5	Chris Wisbar
11	Elizabeth Schafer
15	Juliet Jaeger
15	Mike Procop
19	April Yanda
24	Michael McLelland
28	Christina Boehm



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

February 2023 Financial Report

2023	Feb Actual	Feb Budget	Feb Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2023 Budget
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$5,003	\$8,637	(\$3,634)	\$29,706	\$17,275	\$12,431	\$103,650
Capital Revenue	\$1,107	\$2,667	(\$1,560)	\$9,603	\$5,334	\$4,269	\$32,000
Other	\$3,717	\$1,252	\$2,465	\$4,636	\$2,503	\$2,133	\$15,020
Total Income	\$9,827	\$12,556	(\$2,729)	\$43,945	\$25,112	\$18,833	\$150,670
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$4,196	\$9,180	\$4,984	\$12,120	\$18,361	\$6,241	\$110,165
Capital Expense	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$500	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$1,000	\$54,000
Total Expenses	\$8,196	\$13,680	\$5,484	\$20,120	\$27,361	\$7,241	\$164,165
VARIANCE							
Total Variance	\$1,631	(\$1,124)		\$23,825	(\$2,249)		(\$13,495)
Benevolence Giving	\$0	\$417	(\$417)	\$0	\$833	(\$833)	\$5,000

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What NOT to Recycle

What NOT to recycle

I used to recycle everything with the recycle triangle on it until I found that almost no trash haulers recycle most of it. No Styrofoam, for example. None of the clear plastic or aluminum trays from the grocery store or that you brought left overs home in. One greasy pizza box in a load and it renders the entire load non-recyclable. They have to pay people to remove all that stuff.

So, a month ago I hung a list of what may and may NOT be recycled above the recycle bin in the kitchen, and I still see things in there that shouldn't be there.

Please pay attention to the list.

And I would recommend that you do as I did, and go to your home's waste removal company and see their requirements as well.

Most sincerely,
Glenn Fasnacht

