

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

Rejoice Voice

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**Bulletin and
Newsletter**

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Sunday Worship

10:30am

*(In-person, Face Book
Live, or posted later on
our website)*

Sunday School

9:30am

Beginning 9/17/2023

Bible Studies

Wednesdays
7:00pm & 8:00pm

Dear Friends:

Where did the summer go? It seems like only yesterday that we were honoring Memorial Day. But that is what I love about the seasons and the cycle of life. As T.S. Eliot wrote in his Four Quartets, "In my end is my beginning." As we greet September we begin again.

On Sunday, September 17, our Adult Formation Series returns for its second year. The program will feature religious issues, a glance at the "minor" Prophets, conversations with fascinating people who live in our community, and a couple of other surprises along the way.

What happens when we die? Where did the Christian teachings on heaven and hell come from? Most Americans believe in a literal heaven and hell to find its primary source in the Bible. But eternal rewards and punishments are found nowhere in the Old Testament, and they are not what Jesus and his earliest disciples taught.

In addition, contemporary Christians believe that the afterlife is about the ongoing existence of the soul. But for the first-century Christians, the afterlife involved the resurrection specifically of the "body". How did that change, and why?

We will meet on Sundays at 9:30 am in the sanctuary and explore the Greek, Jewish and Christian understanding of the afterlife. I invite you to join me on a guided tour of Heaven and Hell.

Blessings,

Brian

Council Updates

Where did summer go? We are ready to kick off the fall with lots of activities and fanfare.

September is a busy month. We will celebrate the end of summer on September 10 with a picnic and our national day of service. The following Sunday, September 17 is Rally Day our kickoff to adult education starting at 9:30 am.

After worship on Sept. 17, plan to stay for a congregational meeting to share your voice about our next chapter. The leadership team has been hard at work gaining alignment with St. Stephen, partnering with Brian for potential employment and working through how communion will work. Assuming all goes well at the congregational meeting we will celebrate our new covenant with St. Stephen on October 1 with regular communion.

Our year to date finances remain in solid shape but will begin to be tighter as we add a part time salary. A full pro forma budget will be shared at the congregational meeting. Please continue to ask questions and share your opinions and concerns.

Blessings,

Bethany Bryant

Rally Day

September 17th, 9:30am



A Kick-off
to Fall !

The Beginning of Adult Sunday School

Opportunities to share your talents



Plan to attend an abbreviated **WORSHIP** service at our regular time

Join in the end of summer **PICNIC** (see signups on the Welcome desk)

and participate in one or more of our featured **SERVICE** opportunities:

1. Bring nonperishables and toiletries to the Food Pantry

All donations are welcome but the pantry has a greater need for the following:

Food Items: canned sweet potatoes, canned or glass jars of sauerkraut, canned chicken, canned pastas (ravioli, spaghetti etc.), rice sides and boxed crackers

Personal Products: toothpaste, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products.

2. Personal Care Kits

For over 75 years, Lutheran World Relief has delivered personal care items to people affected by natural disasters and war, including those affected by the war in Ukraine and the recent fires in Hawaii. Bring materials to assemble personal care kits including bath towels, soap, toothbrushes, combs and nail clippers. Sign up to purchase items at this link [SIGN UP HERE](#). Our goal is to assemble at least 50 personal care kits.

3. Quilting

Check out our quilting group and try stitching a square. Each year we ship dozens of quilts to people affected by disasters, living in temporary shelters or impoverished areas. Test your skills.

4. Water for East Palestine

Last chance to donate water for victims of the East Palestine, Ohio railroad spill.

Volunteer(s) and a pickup truck needed to transport the water

5. Thank You notes for service members and disaster victims

Write a quick handwritten note to those who need to hear God's blessings. Note cards will be available.

6. Complete your spiritual gift assessment

7. Learn about our ministries to provide meals to the shelter

Congregational meeting - SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday September 17, immediately after worship but no earlier than 11:30, the Council is calling a special congregational meeting. All official rostered members who have attended and contributed at least once during the previous 12 months are eligible to vote. Voting by proxy or absentee is not permitted under the congregational constitution, so please plan to attend to share your voice in our next chapter of ministry.=

**Evening
Women's
Bible
Study –
Via Zoom**



The Women's Bible Study group is now studying
"The Ten Commandments"

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

Join us Wednesdays at 8:00pm on Zoom

<https://johnncarrolluniversity.zoom.us/j/628894291>

Contact Lisa Ramsey with questions/problems at
lisaruns1969@gmail.com or 234.380.2090

Wednesday Evening 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=eDQ3NIB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09)

[pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09)

Meeting ID: 322 240 0299 Pass code: COSJ2020



September Birthdays

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



September Anniversaries

3	Michael & Jenn Lue
18	Tom & Linda Freborg

*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*

Financial Report - July 2023

	July Actual	July Budget	July Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Vari- ance to Budget	2023 Budget
2023							
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$9,080	\$8,638	\$442	\$87,065	\$60,463	\$26,602	\$103,650
Capital Revenue	\$1,527	\$2,667	(\$1,140)	\$23,806	\$18,667	\$5,139	\$32,000
Other	\$1,128	\$1,251	(\$123)	\$10,765	\$8,761	\$2,004	\$15,020
Total Income	\$11,735	\$12,556	(\$821)	\$121,636	\$87,891	\$33,745	\$150,670
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$8,947	\$9,180	\$233	\$39,657	\$64,263	\$24,606	\$110,165
Capital Expense	\$7,970	\$4,500	(\$3,470)	\$35,970	\$31,500	(\$4,470)	\$54,000
Total Expenses	\$16,917	\$13,680	(\$3,237)	\$75,627	\$95,763	\$20,136	\$164,165
VARIANCE							
Total Variance	(\$5,182)	(\$1,124)		\$46,009	(\$7,872)		(\$13,495)

Benevolence Giving	\$0	\$417	(\$417)	\$2,657	\$2,917	(\$260)	\$5,000
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Women's Retreat at the Lutheran Center at Lake Chautauqua Oct. 6-8, 2023

Theme—"A String of Precious Pearls—Jesus' Parables for Us"

Theme Verses: Matthew 13: 45-46

Retreat Leader is Rev. Pam Kelly

If you're in need of a wonderful, relaxing women's retreat, the moment you have been waiting for is here!
Here's all the information you need for the Rejoice Fall Women's Retreat!

We are super excited and hope you can join us this year!

YOU MAY COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM ONE OF TWO WAYS:

1. (Ctrl/click) here: [retreat brochure](#) to see the retreat brochure.

2. The registration form can be found at: <https://www.rejoicelc.org>

To hold your spot, please complete a registration form by August 6 and mail, it along with a \$100 deposit check (payable to "Rejoice Lutheran Church") to:

Christina Boehm

9221 Olde 8 Rd., Northfield, OH 44067

The balance will be due at the retreat and the amount due depends on date of deposit. Deposits paid by Aug 6 will be charged the discounted early bird rate.

Registration cost includes:

- ~Lodging for Two Nights
- ~3 Saturday Meals
- ~Sunday Brunch
- ~Plus Bedding and Bath Linens

★Double Occupancy - Total cost \$160 (Early bird \$145 if deposit of \$100 paid by Aug 6). If you prefer a double room please list a roommate preference if you have one.

★Single Occupancy - Total cost \$225 (Early bird \$210 if deposit of \$100 paid by Aug 6)





WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS:

- Uplifting music and fellowship
- Prayer sisters
- Small and large groups discussions
- Bible study/Worship
- Laughter
- Free-time
- Optional games
- Great food and snacks!

OUR LEADER

Pastor Pam Kelly retired this year to help care for her new grandson, Makai. She is married to John and has two adult sons, Chris and Matt. She enjoys knitting, reading, and playing music in her spare time.



Rejoice Women's Retreat Registration Form – October 6-8, 2023

Please complete registration form by Aug 6 and mail \$100 deposit check (made out to "Rejoice Lutheran Church") to Christina Boehm, 9221 Olde 8 Rd, Northfield, OH 44067 to hold your spot. The balance will be due at the retreat & amount depends on date of deposit. The fee for a double room is \$160 (*early bird \$145) and the fee for a single room is \$225 (*early bird \$210). *Deposits paid by Aug 6 will be charged the discounted early bird rate. Registration cost includes lodging for two nights, Saturday meals (3), Sunday Brunch, plus bedding and bath linens.

* Indicates required question

Email*

Your answer

First and Last Name*

Your answer

Mailing Address*

Your answer

Mobile Phone Number*

Your answer

Emergency Contact Person and relationship to you*

Your answer

Emergency Contact Phone number*

Your answer

Please list any allergies or special dietary needs.

Your answer

Do you have any health concerns that need to have accommodations?*

No
Yes

Which type of room do you prefer?*

Double Occupancy - Total cost \$160 (Early bird \$145 if deposit of \$100 paid by Aug 6)
Single Occupancy - Total cost \$225 (Early bird \$210 if deposit of \$100 paid by Aug 6)

If you prefer a double room please list a roommate preference if you have one:

Your answer

Women's Retreat Planning Committee

L-R, Carla Maurer, Christina Boehm, Lisa Ramsey,
Kathy Jacobsen, Ginny Pillsbury (seated in front),
Pr. Pam Kelly, Judi Boebel



Gratitude List

- ~ Grateful to live in a free country
- ~ God's peace
- ~ Abundance of food
- ~ Clean drinking water
- ~ Church family
- ~ Beautiful weather
- ~ Holy Spirit in my heart
- ~ Healing and the power of prayer
- ~ God's grace and mercy
- ~ *What else can we add?*



Hudson Community Service Association (HCSA)

Food Pantry Update

Happy Back to School and Labor Day, Rejoice!

The Food Pantry had another fun month with our second successful appearance at the Hudson Farmers' Market. Community Day was held there on August 12th, where we gave bubbles to kids who answered informational questions about the Pantry. We also were able to recruit new volunteers as well as collecting over \$150 in free will donations. We also benefitted from vendors who generously donated their leftover produce which will be given to families at our Distribution Day Sat August 26th.

We have also had exciting donations from Girl Scouts in a local troop who have grown a garden for us this year. We have already received produce from them; they are planning to continue to provide us with home grown produce until the end of harvest. Another great example of community support! Thankful!

Helping Hands at Our Church. Spreading the Love of Jesus ...

...completing cleaning and other maintenance tasks: Bob Onderick, Glenn Fasnacht, Marisa McLelland, Chris Wisbar

...maintaining garden beds: Glenn Fasnacht, Jake Biltz, Marilyn Olzmann

...worship helpers: Bill & Sue Holman, Tim & Angie Hagan, Melissa Carter, Bill & Nancy Monro, Russ Ackerman, Jenn Lue, Susan Busch, Chad & Bethany Bryant, Pat Bull, Janet Juliano, Russ Holford, Paul Mallott, George Arnold, Judi Boebel, Carla Maurer, Nancy Fasnacht, Chris & Ellen Wisbar, Nancy Sistek, Becky Hogue

...streaming our services: AJ Stokes, Dan Jacobsen, Glenn Fasnacht

...preparing communion: Marisa McLelland, Dana Biltz, Kathy Jacobsen, Angie Hagan

...special music: Derek Carter, Bethany & Chad Bryant, Bev O'Connor, Dawn Horner

...assisting with HCSA Food Pantry: Ginny Pillsbury, Catherine Flower, Sandy Molnar, Paige Giannetti

...maintaining/re-organizing St. Pauly Textile Clothing Shed: Bill Holman

...our Altar Guild: Marisa McLelland, Nancy Fasnacht

...our Council members: Bethany Bryant, Jake Biltz, Tim Boebel, Pete Moore, Mike Procop, Chris Wisbar, Liz Franke

...our Financial Secretary: Francine McBride

...our Worship committee: Janet Juliano, Derek Carter, Judi Boebel, Brian Pillsbury, Brian Suntken, Chad Bryant, Jake Biltz, Mike Procop

...our Care committee: George Arnold, Paige Giannetti, Judi Boebel, Joyce Clothier

...folks who make sure friends get to church or doctor appts: George Arnold, Sandy Molnar, Sue Simmons, Bethany Bryant, Marisa McLelland

...planning Fellowship activities: Ellen Wisbar, Marisa McLelland, Becky Hogue

...assisting in the church office: Carla Maurer, Nancy Fasnacht, Juliet Jaeger, Paige Giannetti, Marisa McLelland

...counting weekly offering and making the bank deposit: Wendy Klukow, Nancy Fasnacht, Bethany Bryant, Carla Maurer, Paige Giannetti, Sharon Straka

...greeting cards to members and friends: Judi Boebel

...a special request to shine a spotlight on Chris Wisbar, we call him the

Property Czar! Countless thanks to Chris Wisbar who has been heading up all things property for the last several years. On any given day Chris can be seen dealing with all the day to day activities of maintaining a building like fixing sticky doors and locks, working with annual fire inspectors and HVAC specialists, calling for power outages, scheduling and contracting with lawn care and snow plow companies, dragging garbage cans to and from the street weekly, fixing the parking lot lights and even cleaning out wasp nests from our air vents, and so much more... We can't say thank you enough for all you do Chris!

Please let the church office know if we missed anyone's good deeds, because we want to recognize all helping hands

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:30 Worship	4 Labor Day 7 PM AA Women's Group	5 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 7 PM Prayer Time	6 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	7	8	9
10 10:30 Worship 11:30 "God's Work, Our Hands" Pot Luck In-Door Picnic	11 6:30 PM Quilting Group 7 PM AA Women's Group	12 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 7 PM Prayer Time	13 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	14	15	16
17 Rally Day! 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting	18 7 PM AA Women's Group 7 pm Church Council Meeting	19 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 7 PM Prayer Time	20 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	21	22	23 12 - 2 PM Hudson Food Pantry September Distribution
24 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship	25 7 PM AA Women's Group 7 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting	26 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 7 PM Prayer Time	27 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	28	29	30

~~~ September Worship Helpers ~~~

10:30am SERVICE	3-Sept	10-Sept	17-Sept	24-Sept	1-Oct
ALTAR GUILD	McLelland / Fasnacht	McLelland / Fasnacht	McLelland / Fasnacht	McLelland / Fasnacht	McLelland / Fasnacht
COMMUNION SET UP	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
LAY READER	Bill Monro	Jenn Lue	Melissa Carter	Sue Holman	Tim Hagan
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Janet Juliano	Susan Busch	Pete Moore	Pat Bull	Russ Ackerman
GREETER / USHER	Paul Mallott or George Arnold	George Arnold	Paul Mallott	Russ Holford	Paul Mallott or George Arnold
COUNTERS	W Klukow / P Giannetti	C Maurer / N Fasnacht	W Klukow / P Giannetti	C Maurer/ N Fasnacht	W Klukow / B Bryant
POWERPOINT PREP	Judi Boebel	Carla Maurer	Nancy Fasnacht	Carla Maurer	Judi Boebel
SOUND BOOTH	Wisbar or Jacobsen	Wisbar or Marisa	Wisbar or Marisa	Wisbar or Marisa	Wisbar or Marisa
VIDEOGRAPHER	AJ Stokes	D Jacobsen	AJ Stokes	D Jacobsen	AJ Stokes or D Jacobsen

Help is needed in all Worship Help areas. Please see Carla to volunteer!

Lay Reader – read the Scripture for the day. Readings can be emailed in advance for you to preview.

Communion Assistant – help with distribution of the Sacrament holding the wine and juice “The blood of Christ shed for you!”

Communion Set-up – cube bread and place in cups/basket, Pour wine into cups using sanitized hands and minimize touch of the communion elements.

Usher – make sure everyone has a bulletin, a chair, or any other assistance. Light the candles prior to the worship and extinguish them after worship.

Offering Counter – count the Sunday offering and prepare it for deposit.

Altar Guild – ensure that altar coverings (paraments), communion cloths and banners are clean and changed seasonally (can be done prior to Sunday) Fill altar candles with oil, as

Power Point Prep – using the weekly bulletin as a guide, copy/paste the Order of Worship into a Power Point presentation (can be done at home in advance and emailed to the soundbooth).

Videographer – each week we live-stream the worship service. A new system is in place that is user friendly and training is available.

Sound booth tech and PowerPoint – sit at the sound booth, advance the power point slides when appropriate, and run the equipment.

Training is available for each position.

If you are unable to serve on the scheduled date, please make every effort to find a replacement and contact the church office no later than Wednesday, prior to the date you are scheduled. 330-653-5980

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Pics from our Fellowship Dinner at
 Michael Angelo's on Aug. 6.



Mike & Diane Procop



Kathy Jacobsen, Glenn Fasnacht (forefront) and Francine McBride and Dan Jacobsen in the background



L-R Ellen Wisbar, Becky & Rick Hogue, Kathy Jacobsen, Carla Maurer, Wendy Klukow, Francine McBride, Joyce & Bill Clothier, Dan Jacobsen, Paige & Bob Giannetti, Marisa McLelland, Diane & Mike Procop. Seated in front, Glenn & Nancy Fasnacht



Becky Hogue, Marisa McLelland



Paige & Bob Giannetti