

The Messenger

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We are a Spirit filled church following Jesus Christ.

The Month Ahead

**#SundayFunDay Summer
Sunday School**

**Beginning Sunday, June 4th @
9:00am**

Wow, so we are really stoked for a brand-new Faith Formation experience for our young people, their families, and frankly anyone who's interested in participating in our Spirit filled church. Throughout the summer Pastor Dustin will be coming out of camp counselor retirement to lead a weekly more Camp Calumet-oriented learning experience every Sunday through Labor Day (with Vicar Dan and others filling in on occasion). Each Sunday we'll

learn about a kid-friendly Old Testament

story through fun (and frequently outdoors) activities. Our confirmation class students and high school youth will be asked serve as assistant camp counselors and parents are highly encouraged to participate as well.

It is our hope that this will provide a fun opportunity for kids and their parents to get to know each other a little better, prepare to attend Camp Calumet and learn about Old Testament stories rarely discussed in our regular curriculum. Feel free to let your kids wear clothes to church that can get a little dirty and please join us!

Adult Education

**Sunday, June 4th at 9:00am &
Throughout the Summer**

On Sunday, June 4th the course will conclude with a discussion of Professor Nelson's chapter, "Gayness and Homosexuality: Issues for the Church." This chapter delineates compelling reasons for the church to reexamine its theology and practice relative to LGBT+ persons and communities, discussed under the following headings: The Bible and Homosexuality; The Range of Contemporary Theological Opinion; Further Reflections; and Implications for the Church. This chapter is especially significant as our congregation is continuing to

participate in a process of exploring what it would mean to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Pastor Chuck Schwartz will be joining us for this class, and we will also talk about the Reconciling in Christ process, which he led his congregation through when he was at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Clifton Park.

Summer Adult Ed. will continue with a film series called We Must Plant the Church, the story of Lutherans in America.

Classes will begin June 11 and continue for 7 weeks at 9am Sunday mornings. Parents with children taking part in Sunday Funday are encouraged to take advantage of this community building activity.

Pentecost at Messiah

Sunday, June 4th at 10:15am

As the culmination of our Spring Time & Talent Stewardship Series Rev. Chuck Schwartz, a beloved friend of our Spirit filled church, will be joining us to preach on Luther's concept of the "priesthood of all believers." We'll also have a very special vocal performance by our Sunday School Children to celebrate the birthday of the Church on Pentecost! Following worship, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for our Thank You Brunch and you'll be invited to brainstorm with our amazing committee chairs about ways you may feel called to serve at Messiah!



Coffeehouse Worship: Recharge for the Week Ahead Sunday, June 4th at 6:00pm

An innovative worship experience that uses the most ancient of Christian traditions to better understand contemporary life. Douglas J. Chilton will treat us to some incredible music upstairs and communion will be served more as an actual meal, similar to how the first Christians celebrated the Eucharist! This month's faith question will be, "What's God calling you do?"

Outreach Committee Meeting Monday, June 5th at 7:00pm

Come on out on Monday, June 5th at 7:00pm to be a part of our next Outreach Committee Meeting! We had a terrific discussion at our last meeting which included: talks about perhaps a workshop on methods to reach out to others in the future; possibly setting up a live stream of our services onto Facebook so that homebound members, people who are away, friends/family of

Messiah, and visitors who would like to see what Messiah is like can have an idea of what service is like; how to use a Church Instagram account and what kinds of things would be great to share; and visitor welcome packets. If you are interested in helping make Messiah an even more awesome, this committee meeting would be perfect for you! Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Molly or Tom.

Reformation Summer Film Series: The Life, Food and Libations of Martin Luther

Tuesday, June 6th at 6:30pm

In celebration of the 500 Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation we're hosting a dinner and a movie night featuring Rick Steves' new film Luther and the Reformation! Bring a German-themed dish to share, get ready to enjoy some brats and great local brews while learning about the founder of our faith tradition! Check out the narthex bulletin board to sign up!

Upstate New York Synod Assembly

**Thursday, June 8th - Saturday,
June 10th**

In recent months, many members of our Spirit filled church have been asking about how the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America works to serve folks globally, especially refugees. Luckily at this year's Upstate NY Synod Assembly, taking place this June in Rochester, folks from ELCA Global Church will be on hand to help all interested folks learn about these various programs. While Rianne Johnson and Penny Hyde Incitti are our two official assembly delegates this year, all other interested persons are invited to attend for the nominal cost of \$90 plus food. Many Lutheran families in Rochester are even opening up their homes to provide free housing! If you're interested in attending, simply speak with Pastor Dustin!

Community Book Sale Saturday, June 10th from 10:00am - 2:00pm

Do you hate paying \$20 for a book that you will only read once? Do you have shelves overflowing with books that you want to get rid of? Do you want to help support the Bread of Life Food Pantry and our kids going to Camp Calumet? Well, we have just the thing for you! WELCA will be sponsoring a BOOK SALE on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. This is your chance to donate all of your previously-read books and to pick up your

next great read at a fraction of the cost of a new book! If you would like to donate books to the sale, please place them in the fellowship hall anytime between May 21st and June 9th. We are looking for gently used books and DVD's only (please no textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, cassette tapes). Our Jr. Luther League will be sponsoring a bake sale at the same time. If you would like to help out by donating baked goods, please see Kristen Olochnowicz. If you have any questions, please see Jill Becker.

Annual Ice Cream Social Wednesday, June 14th, 2017 at 7:00pm

Mark your calendars and join us for our Annual Ice Cream Social featuring the Esperance Town Band. We will gather on the church lawn, (weather permitting) so bring your lawn chairs and your friends for a wonderful evening filled with fantastic music, great friends and delicious ice cream! We are looking for people to bake and help with set-up/cleanup and sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Transformational Ministry Workshop: "Rooted in God's Mission"

**Saturday, June 17th from
9:30am - 3:00pm
West Central Rensselaer
County Lutheran Parish
(WCRCLP)
470 Winter Street, North
Greenbush, NY 12198**

Transformational Ministry is about the challenging work of

deep reflection and intentional listening to God while developing practical skills for leading churches into a vibrant and more sustainable future by taking seriously the purpose of the church to share the Gospel of Christ in our neighborhoods and the world. Some topics covered in this workshop will include: understanding how and why the church has changed over the last 100 years; ideas for adapting to this change; how to help your congregation discover or grow deeper in its identity and sense of purpose; and how to become more comfortable talking about Jesus.

Subsequent workshops will include Leadership Development, Evangelism Training and Mission Planning. If you're interested in attending, call WCRCLP at 518.283.1372 and let Pastor Dustin know!





**Young Adult Hangout:
The Van Dyck
Saturday, June 17th from
6:30pm - 8:30pm**

A meetup for young adults around the ages of 18-35 who want to have fun, build community, explore their faith, and help make the Electric City an even more awesome place! Free food and great conversation await! Join us and bring a friend!

Father's Day at Messiah

Sunday, June 18th at 10:15am

This year at Messiah we'll be honoring our fathers, grandfathers and other men who make our lives so special in a number of different ways. Four of our awesome young people (Shelby, Ella, Grace & Haileigh) will take their first communion! Mr. Doug will be leading a very special performance from our "Pickup Choir" (show up at 9:00am if you'd like to join in) and our children will once again lead an awesome Children's Sermon about all they learn from their fathers. A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow!

**Compline 'Round the Campfire
Beginning Sunday, June 18th
at 6:00pm**

It's back! Two summers ago when we launched our experimental "Compline 'Round the Campfire" service weekly, many folks who were away for the weekend greatly appreciated the alternative worship opportunity to the point that our total summer worship attendance barely declined at all! On top of that, we've had very positive feedback from our monthly Coffeehouse Worship services on Sunday evenings with Mr. Doug. So, as an experiment this summer, we'll be relaunching "Compline 'Round the Campfire" on every Sunday evening (except for monthly Coffeehouse Sundays) through Labor Day. This simple meditative service, similar to our Monday through Wednesday worship services during Holy Week, will be a fantastic opportunity to get ready for the week ahead. If we have decent attendance this summer, we may continue with weekly Sunday evening worship opportunities (partially led by our Confirmation Class) year round!

Congregation Council

Monday, June 19th at 7:00pm

This month at Congregation Council will be discussing a wide variety of items including renewed outreach efforts, our ongoing Community Needs Assessment, evaluating our Spring Time & Talent Stewardship Series and more. All are

welcome at council meetings and if you have anything you'd like to be added to the agenda, please speak with Council President Dave Barnett.

**Care & Concern Committee
Meeting**

Tuesday, June 20th at 2:00pm

Please join us on Tuesday, June 20th at our Care & Concern Committee; at previous meetings, we have discussed obtaining an AED for Messiah as well as possibly holding CPR classes in the future. If you have any questions or suggestions for Care & Concern, please speak with Barb Hallett or Betsy Ryan.

**Social Action Committee
Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 21st at
7:00pm**

Our next Social Action Committee Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21st at 7PM. If you're interested in figuring out ways to better serve our neighbors, this is the committee for you! Please speak with Judy Becker for more information.

**Reconciling in Christ: For the
Bible Tells Me So**

Sunday, June 25th at 12:00pm

As part of the effort of the RIC Task Group at Messiah Church to help our congregation explore what it may mean for us to become a community that is openly and publicly supportive of persons who identify as LGBT+, the Task Group is sponsoring "For the Bible Tells Me So," a documentary by Daniel G. Karlake, to be shown after

worship, at 12:00 pm, on Sunday, June 25. This film explores the intersection between religion and homosexuality in the United States and how the religious right has used its interpretation of the Bible to stigmatize the gay and lesbian communities. The film includes lengthy interviews with several sets of religious parents (including former House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt and his wife Jane, and the parents of Bishop V. Gene Robinson, an openly partnered gay man who was consecrated as bishop in the Diocese of New Hampshire in the Episcopal Church in the USA). The film premiered at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival.

RIC Taskforce Meeting

Monday, June 26th at 7:00pm

The RIC Task Group will meet on Monday, June 26, at 7:00 pm to evaluate the effectiveness of the congregation's viewing of the film, "For So the Bible Tells Me So," and to develop further plans in the RIC process.



SICM Summer Lunch Monday, June 26th – Friday, June 30th, Time TBA Wallingford Park 1000 Congress Street, Schenectady, NY 12303

Summer is approaching and it is almost time for Summer Lunch. Our first week will be at Wallingford Park in Mont Pleasant. It will run June 26th – June 31st. The second week will be at Hillhurst Park in Bellevue from July 31st – August 4th. There will be a sign-up sheet posted by June 4th. We will need 5 volunteers each day and it usually runs for 2 hours. We don't have any times yet, but I will notify volunteers as soon as they are made available. Only one requirement is to wear a hat or you will get stuck with the dreaded hair net. For more information, please speak with Judy Becker.

Summer Newsletters Due June 26th at 9:00am

Our next newsletter will be a big one! Please be sure to get all of your articles in for July, August, and early September by June 26th at 9:00am.

Property Committee Meeting Wednesday, June 28th at 7:00pm

Please join us on Wednesday, June 28th at 7:00pm as we talk about property improvements, new policies, the septic tank, and more "fun" stuff! For more information, please speak with Charlie Zitzmann or Rich Stigberg.

Summer Newsletter Released Wednesday, June 28th

Will the newsletter be released on time? We shall see! Be sure to pick up your copy on Sunday, July 2nd in the Narthex or keep a lookout for it in your e-mail or mailbox.

Calumet Night at Blaze Pizza Friday, June 30th from 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Five of our awesome young people are attending Camp Calumet Lutheran this summer and we need to do everything we can to support them! One upcoming opportunity is to attend their fundraiser night at Blaze Pizza in Mohawk Commons shopping plaza (400 Balltown Rd., Niskayuna). Bring [a copy of this flyer \(paper or on your phone\)](#) and an empty bellies as 20% of your purchase will be donated to our Calumet fund! You'll have good pizza, hang out with great folks and supporting an amazing cause!

Advocating for a Quality Public Education

**Wednesday, July 5th at
7:00pm**

Particularly with so many children and school teachers in our Spirit filled church, Messiah has a deep heart for improving public education in our local community. Pastor Dustin and other local clergy have been actively involved in pushing our state government towards full funding of the Foundation Aid Formula, and while they didn't reach 100% of their goal this past budget cycle, Schenectady City Schools did realize

a large increase. The question now becomes what to do with those increased funds. Join local clergy and parents as they push Schenectady's Board of Education to take bold steps towards increasing staff diversity and more. If you're interested in attending or want to find out more about the issues, speak with Pastor Dustin.

Reformation Summer Film

Series: "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Nazi Resister, Martyr"

Monday, July 10th at 7:00pm

Join us for another awesome summer evening of brats and brews as we continue exploring the implications of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. This month we'll be viewing "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Nazi Resister, Martyr," a dramatic documentary by Martin Doblmeier (2003) portraying the young German Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who resisted the Nazi regime and was hanged two weeks before World War II was over. How might his witness against injustice inform our own contemporary ministry? Join us and find out!

City Mission Golf Outing: Save the Date

July 28th, 2017

Schenectady Municipal Golf Course

The Golf Outing is still a ways away, but be sure to mark your calendars! Last year, City Mission raised a total of \$23,000 to go towards providing shelter to nearly 100 homeless men,

women, and children each night; serving over 550 meals a day; offering a 4-week summer camp for inner-city children; providing weekend meals for 1000 elementary school children in Schenectady each week of the school year; and training men and women for long-term success in the workplace. For more information, please speak with Penny or Ernie Incitti.



What in the World? Advocacy at Messiah

At Messiah we use the wise words of Micah 6:8 to guide how we serve our neighbors: *"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

All faith communities walk humbly with God through worship and prayer while many engage in acts of kindness like feeding hungry people and participating in service projects. The unfortunate thing though is that so many people of faith miss the first part of Micah 6:8... doing justice. At Messiah we believe we must learn and advocate, always in a non-partisan manner, around issues of systematic injustice, especially for the most vulnerable folks in our society.

As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we have a fantastic resource in [ELCA Advocacy](#), which provides regular action alerts on important issues in a biblically-centered, non-partisan manner. We also partner with [Bread for the World](#) to work towards the day when all of God's children have enough to eat. On the local level, we support the [NY State Council of Churches](#) and [SICM](#), particularly around issues of equitable public education funding.

#ForSuchATime

By invitation of our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and other notable faith leaders, some of our parishioners have chosen to join an ecumenical season of prayer, fasting and advocacy called #ForSuchATime. Presiding Bishop Eaton has asked us to participate in this movement out of concern for proposed deep cuts to programs that are vital to hungry people struggling with poverty, especially children. On the 21st of each month through December of 2018 (the day of the month when food stamps usually run out), we're joining people of faith across the country in prayer, fasting and advocacy as we work to build a more moral, biblically centered society. To find out more click [here](#) or speak with Pastor Dustin.

News You Can Use

Care & Concern

Save the date. Our next Glendale pot luck dinner will be July 16 from 4 pm to 6 pm. Please plan on attending this popular and fun gathering. A sign up will be posted on the bulletin board towards the middle of next month.

We are progressing nicely on obtaining an AED and the possibility of CPR classes. We will keep you informed as things go forward. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Barb Hallett or Pastor Dustin.

32 cards were sent out.

WELCA Recipe Book

We are looking for your favorite recipe! WELCA will be creating our Messiah Recipe Book! This book will be a Hard Cover, Three Ring Binder with some old favorite recipes and hopefully some new ones! Please print neatly, limit to 5 recipes per person and forms are due back by August 13th. **Don't have time to write it up? Drop off your recipe card with your name on it and we will fill it out for you & return your recipe! Coming on sale FALL 2017...**

Faith Formation

Book Discussions will be taking a break during the Summer and will start back up again in September. Here is our "Summer Reading List": *The Book of Joy* by Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams; *Nervous Condition* by Tsitsi

Dangarembga; and *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. Parents with children taking part in Sunday Funday are encouraged to take advantage of our Summer 2017 Faith Formation Film Series.

Historian

What a wonderful celebration we had for our 90th Anniversary at Settles Hill! As I think back to the humble beginnings of our church and look at where we are today after 90 years, I'm amazed by the strength and resilience of our parishioners who over the years by the grace of God we are who we are today.

Social Action

The Food Pantry has been going very well. We were fortunate to receive approximately 500 lbs. of food from the Post Office food drive and we were also the recipients of \$725 grant from the Hudson-Mohawk Conference. These donations will allow us to serve more families in our community. We are also in the process of becoming members of the Regional Food Bank, where we can purchase food at quite a reduced rate.

November 18th, we will be our "God's Work Our Hands" volunteer opportunity. We will, again, be packing food for the Concerned for the Hungry. So save the date and more information will be available as the date approaches.

The Social Action committee wishes to thank all who

generously volunteer with their time and talents.

Young Adults

Our Young Adult group has had a difficult time getting started back up this year, but this month's meetup event was incredible! We had many great conversations at Wolff's Biergarten about how we can better serve our community, what groups are in the most need of resources, and how to get better involved with our community. Thank you so much to Nicole Gentile and Sarah Ferritto from Americorps VISTA for coming out to talk with us about the great work you've both done!

Grapevine News

Amber Hodoroski will be graduating in the top 10% of her class from Schalmont High School. She will be attending SUNY Geneseo in the fall as a Chemistry major possibly specializing in forensic chemistry in the future. Congratulations, Amber!



JUNE MINISTER OF THE MONTH: Rich Stigberg

Richard has been a life-long member of Messiah Lutheran Church. Baptized, communed, confirmed and married here at MLC, Richard has served in several capacities including but not limited to: Council Member, Sunday School Teacher, and Property Committee Chair. Richard, the son of long-time members Dick and Diana Stigberg (Stig & Pudge), works for Niskayuna Schools as part of the grounds keeping team, runs his own business - Coconut Creek Landscape Creations and plays drums for a local band "Up All Night". A busy man to say the least, Richard is a caring, giving, hardworking, loving son, brother, father, husband and friend who shares his time and talents as gifts from God with all he comes in contact with.



PARISH ADMINISTRATOR'S LETTER: Rianne Johnson



What a week! I was planning on having a temple talk last Sunday about Young Adult Ministry and a wrap-up of my learning covenant, but my Grandmother had something else in mind. Thank you so much to everybody for the well-wishes; my family appreciates it so much. To make up for missing the temple talk, I'll summarize everything below:

It's been a whole year since I made my goals on my Messiah Builds Leaders learning covenant: I made goals to discern what God was calling me to do; explore my strengths and weaknesses; learn how to organize & plan community events; strengthen social skills; gain further knowledge about the ELCA, Lutheranism, and Liturgy; and discover ways to make Messiah more appealing to young adults. I did all of it, and then some! My last goal, to discover ways to make Messiah more appealing to young adults, was definitely the hardest. To be honest, this requires exploration from not just me, but the other young adults in our congregation as well. Here's my take on it:

Young adults are stuck in "limbo" between adolescence and adulthood. We're trying to figure out our purpose in life while also balancing work, school, and family life. Since our older format wasn't quite working, we decided to change the group up a bit so we would meet at a different location in Schenectady each month, have some appetizers, and engage in deep conversation that is relevant to our lives; it's a happy medium between crazy social hour and bible study. Each month we plan to focus on talking with various people and organizations throughout the community so we can explore how these various topics can apply to our faith, lives, and help increase advocacy of societal issues in our own local community. I've read a great deal of books and don't remember where I got this quote from, either *The Intentional Christian Community Handbook for idealists, hypocrites, and wannabe disciples of Jesus* by David Janzen, *The Irresistible Revolution* by Shane Claiborne, or *Everything Must Change* by Brian McLaren, but I think it sums up the importance of young adult ministry very well: "We are most fully ourselves when we are in healthy relationship with others. God saves us, not to snatch us away from our fellowmen, but to bring us into full relationship with them and with all creation. Many come to community to escape loneliness; they come in the hope that, with other like-minded people, they will find acceptance and understanding friends to walk with them through the troubles of life." I truly do hope that will be the case for our young adult group – now and for many years to come. Fellowship for mostly 20-and-30 somethings who long for community, intimacy with Jesus, and to love those on the margins of society through service, simplicity, fellowship, and humility.

PASTOR'S LETTER: REV. DUSTIN G. WRIGHT



Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. - 1 Corinthians 12: 4-7

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

How's the Spirit stirring in your heart, calling you to work for the common good? What gift has God bestowed upon you to serve others? What activities or responsibilities or concerns might God be calling you to let go of? Throughout the season of Easter, we've been wrestling with these questions in a variety of powerful ways. In Temple Talks we've heard from both young adults and multi-generation families about how they've felt called to minister at Messiah. We've heard from Tammi Crowther about how to not get burned out and my childhood pastor, the Rev. Bill White, about how we can better engage folks in ministry in our growing Spirit filled community. The culmination of our Spring Time & Talent Stewardship Series will take place this Sunday on Pentecost, when the Rev. Chuck Schwartz will join us to discuss how we're all called to minister as Christians. After worship during our Thank You Brunch we'll gather in groups around our many ministries and brainstorm what God might be calling us to do in such a time as this, when the world so desperately needs to a profound and public Christian witness. Even if you can't join us this Pentecost, it's worth thinking and praying about... how's God calling you into a life of incredible meaning and passion for serving others?

God's peace,

Dustin G. Wright

Prayer List

Please Pray for Our members: Bill Becker, Tom Collins, Dave Ellis, Lore Ellis, Sue Force, Betty Friebel, Gerald Hoffstetter, Marion Lewis, Bob Reisinger, Tom Town, Theo Wegner. **Our friends and family:** Bonnie Bianchi, Donna Biler, Maria Caruso, Ned Cornman, Nicholas, Regina & Hudson Davis, Jamie DeCanio, Pat Disbrow Koch, Terri Dufek, Brittany Ellers, Kathy Faina, Florence Friebel, Barb Hamlin, Cindy Heydrick, Margit LaForest, Kathleen LaPointe, Victoria Lindman, Syliva MacFarlane, Will Morton, Carol Presley, Alicia Rizzo, John Roberge, Hazel Rodriguez, Chris Sabatini, Nzinga Smith, Kay Snodgrass, Jason Townsend, Jordanne Unser, Susan White, Carol Winick. **Our loved ones serving our country and others:** Jason Maione, Ken Ryan, Tim Zakriski.

If you have a friend or loved one you would like to add to our prayer list, please email Rianne at office@messiahschenectady.org or complete a Prayer Request Card (kept on the Ushers' Table in the back of the Sanctuary) and put it in the Parish Administrator's mailbox.

Messiah Birthdays

Holly Kernozek	June 2 nd
Jessica Lacosse	June 3 rd
Colby Miller	June 6 th
Marc Whitman	June 6 th
Conrad Schultz.....	June 9 th
Chuck Whitman	June 11 th
Amelia DeMento	June 12 th
Bob Reisinger	June 15 th
Penny Incitti	June 16 th
Tammi Crowther	June 19 th
Rachel DeTeso-Mathis	June 21 st
Dakota Schaffer.....	June 23 rd
Allison Bode	June 26 th
Paul Bode.....	June 26 th
Jackie Schultz.....	June 26 th
Liam Tedford.....	June 29 th
Dave Barnett	June 30 th

Messiah Anniversaries

Cecile Stewart & Douglas Chilton.....	June 11 th
Brian & Molly Karrel.....	June 21 st
Derrick & Jackie Schultz.....	June 26 th
Cheryl & Max Borski	June 28 th

If we're missing your birthday or anniversary, or have an incorrect date, please let Rianne know at office@messiahschenectady.org

Readings for June

June 4th:

Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 John 20:19-23

June 11th:

Genesis 1:1—2:4a
 Psalm 8
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 18:16-20

June 18th:

Exodus 19:2-8a
 Psalm 100
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35—10:8

June 25th:

Jeremiah 20:7-13
 Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15]
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39

July 2nd:

Jeremiah 28:5-9
 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

Worship Assistants for June 4th – July 9th

	June 4 th	June 11 th	June 18 th	June 25 th	July 2 nd	July 9 th
Worship Deacon	Betsy Ryan		Linda Klein	Kristen Olochnowicz	Pamella Ford	Hanna Avery
Acolyte/Crucifer	Abriel McGuire Olivia Tedford	Jesse Mathis	Hannah Borski	Devin Hodoroski	Logan Karrel	Kyle Avery
Lector	Linda Klein	Kristen Olochnowicz	Kody Schaffer	Rachel Mathis	Brian Karrel	Rich Becker
Ushers	Jim Miller John Diegel	Paul Bode John Crowther	Susan Schaffer Phil Davis	Amanda Avery Kyle Avery	Charlie Zitzmann Beth Waugh	Bill Becker John Diegel
Greeters	Cheryl Borski Rianne Johnson	Allison Bode Nancy Stellrecht	Carly DiSanto Lisa Mell	Ann Marie Gray Kristie Becker	Betty Friebel Barb Sandmeyer	Beth Waugh Marilyn Barnett
Altar Guild	Betsy Ryan Beth Waugh	Jill Becker Grace O.	Dotty Diegel Sarah O.	Pamella Ford, Ella, & Denise	Joyce Gresham Barb Sandmeyer	Betsy Ryan Beth Waugh
Bread Baker	Penny Incitti		Jean Jones		Barb Hallett	
Nursery	Melissa & Amaya DiGiovanni	Amber Hodoroski	Molly Karrel	Hanna Avery	Hannah Borski	Kiersten Becker
Announcer	Penny Incitti	Merle Longwood	Pete Jones			

If you cannot serve as scheduled, please arrange to switch with another worship assistant directly.
Thank You!

Parish Calendar for June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9am Calumet Can Drive
4 9am Sunday Funday & Adult Ed. 10:15am Service w. Rev. Chuck Schwartz Preaching 11:30am Thank You Brunch 6pm Coffeehouse Worship 6:30pm First Communion Class #3 Red	5 7pm Outreach Committee Meeting 7pm Monday Evening Crafters	6 12pm Community Office Hours 6pm GS Troop 2062 6:30pm Budget Reconciliation Meeting	7 WELCA Book Sale Set-Up 7pm First Communion Class #4	8 WELCA Book Sale Set-Up Upstate NY Synod Assembly	9 WELCA Book Sale Set-Up Upstate NY Synod Assembly	10 10am WELCA Book Sale Upstate NY Synod Assembly
11 9am Sunday Funday & Adult Ed. 10:15am Service of Word & Prayer w. Jill Becker White	12	13 12pm Community Office Hours 12pm Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm Budget Reconciliation Meeting	14 7pm Ice Cream Social	15	16	17 11am GS Troop 2431 6:30pm Messiah Young Adult Social @ The Van Dyck
18 9am Sunday Funday & Adult Ed. 10:15am Father's Day Service of Holy Communion 11:30am First Communion Reception 6pm Compline 'Round the Campfire Green	19 9am Bread of Life Food Pantry 7pm Congregation Council	20 12pm Community Office Hours 2pm Care & Concern Committee	21 ELCA Advocacy Fast 7pm Social Action Committee Meeting	22	23	24
25 9am Sunday Funday & Adult Ed. 10:15am A'Capella Service 11:30am RIC: For the Bible Tells Me So 6pm Compline 'Round the Campfire Green	26 SICM Summer Lunch Summer Newsletter Articles Due! 5pm Food Pantry 7pm RIC Taskforce	27 SICM Summer Lunch 12pm Community Office Hours	28 SICM Summer Lunch Summer Newsletter Released! 7pm Property Committee Meeting	29 SICM Summer Lunch	30 SICM Summer Lunch 6pm Blaze Pizza Night	

Community Leaders & Contacts

The following contact information is not included in the public version of The Messenger.

Church Officers (Executive Committee)

President: Dave Barnett

Vice-President: Christine DeMento

Secretary: Stacey Hodoroski

Financial Secretary: Penny Incitti

Treasurers: Lisa Mell and Pete Jones

Pastor: Rev. Dustin Wright

Congregation Council

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Our purpose is to be a Spirit filled church following Jesus Christ.

We will welcome all people into our fellowship so that we may all worship, praise, sing together and learn from one another. With Jesus as our example we will spread the Word of God.

Please join us for Sunday Worship at 10:15am & 6:00pm