

# CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PASTOR

When people search for God, a lot of times it's like they're peering into a dark mist that they don't understand. They come up with special philosophical words and special religious poses to try to explain the great beyond. Even people of old looked to the clouds and thought, There is God, up on the clouds. God, then, is seen as unknowable. He is a vapor, a mist, with no real substance.

However, according to Jeremiah, it is our own hearts, our own dreams, that are filled with mist and fluff. "They speak visions of their own minds," Jeremiah says of the false prophets in his day (Jer 23:16). If we are searching for God in the mystical unknown, what we are truly doing is searching ourselves, looking into our own hearts, and not into the heart of God. And what we think we find, as with the false prophets around Jeremiah, will be fatally misleading.

God's Word is much more concrete. It is not a mist, but full of substance. We are to hear it, taste it, touch it, and see it. Not only does it have substance, but it is also strong and powerful. It shatters rock; it fills the heavens and the earth.

When we search for God on our own, we chase a shadow, a mist. Therefore, God instead speaks to us through his Word. He reveals himself to us, for God is not far away, but a God who is near—as near, in fact, as the Word made flesh who dwelt among us.

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- 9/11 - Church Picnic  
& Rally Day
- 9/25 - Soup Study 12pm
- 10/22 - Oktoberfest
- 11/19 - Silent Auction

Rally Day September 11th  
9:30am

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School begins September 11th at 9:30am (Rally Day)

All those interested in bringing their child from the ages of Prek-3 and through the 8th Grade Please come to Rally Day and if

You have any questions please speak with

Theresa Tyce the Sunday School Superintendent or

Andrea Tyler the Asst. Sunday School Superintendent

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS THIS YEAR!!!

We have some exciting new programs planned! There will be two new options for adults. Beginning in September there will be a "Soup & Study" hour for adults after church. The first Soup & Study will be held September 25. (Future Soup & Study dates are October 23 and November 20.) This class will be center around the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Reformation. All adults are welcome to attend.

Beginning in October, there will be a Sunday School class for adults during our regular Sunday School hour (9:30am). In this class we will study the basics of the Lutheran faith. This class is open to all adults and will be especially helpful to the parents of the current Confirmands. This class will meet on October 16 and November 13.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class will start on Rally Day  
September 11th, 9:30am during Sunday  
School Hour

All children entering in 7th and 8th Grades  
are

to come with their parents for a meeting  
With Pastor Tyce

To discuss the Confirmation Class Schedule  
and requirements



# LADIES GUILD

## Altar Guild

Sylvia Walker

## Next Meeting:

TBD

**ALL LADIES OF THE CON-  
GREGATION ARE  
INVITED!!!!!!**



# COFFEE HOUR

We've had some members of the congregation sign up recently to do a coffee hour but we could use some more. Why not pair up with someone else to host a coffee hour. Get some rolls or bagels and a few cookies or baked goods with juice and milk to go with the coffee. The Ladies Guild purchases the coffee and paper goods. Clean up after is a breeze! The sign up sheet is in the Narthex next to the Flower Chart. Let us all work together to continue what we Lutheran's do best. Congregate and Eat!

# FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers on the altar on any Sunday, please sign the flower chart posted in the Narthex outside Pastor's Office. Please indicate if it is in memory or honor of someone or in celebration.

Please note that the cost of each arrangement is \$10.00

There are many weeks throughout the year that need flower sponsorships.



## Church Picnic

This year our church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 11th. Following the 10:45am Service,

Our annual picnic will be held at

Charles S. Eccher Park (formerly known as lowland)

Lowland Hill Road, Stony Point



A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex

## YOUTH GROUP

**Scheduled Events:**

October 21st– Set up for Oktoberfest 6pm

October 22nd– Oktoberfest Day!

October 28th– Halloween Party Setup 7pm

October 29th– Halloween Party!

November 18th– Thanksgiving Baking/Sleepover

December 11th– Christmas Movies and Crafts with Kids

**Events in the Works:**

Bowling

Christmas Cookie Filler Day

Christmas Pageant Decorating

Movie Night

Annual Retreat



OKTOBERFEST 2016



**The date has been changed so mark your calendars!**

**October 22nd**

**Will be Atonements Annual Oktoberfest**

**Come join us for great food,**

**and oompa fulls of fun!**

# SUNDAY SERVANTS

September 4th Labor Day Weekend -  
9:30 Service

Minister's Asst: Nick Culver  
Lector: Teresa Tyce  
Ushers: Irene Tatti, Johanna Kmetz  
Acolytes: Austin Tyler, Delaney Morrison  
Introit/Gradual: Delaney Morrison

September 11th - 10:45 Service - Rally Day &  
Church picnic

Minister's Asst: Irene Tatti  
Lector: Barbara Cavanagh  
Ushers: Barbara Cavanagh, Marilynn Lobbe  
Acolytes: Kim Cavanagh, Jessica Birch  
Introit/Gradual: Jessica Birch

September 18th

Minister's Asst: Nick Culver  
Lector: Johanna Kmetz  
Ushers: Birgitt Culver, Harvey Culver  
Acolytes: Louisa Gutenberger, Katarina Gu-  
tenberger  
Introit/Gradual: Katarina Gutenberger

September 25th

Minister's Asst: Irene Tatti  
Lector: Teresa Tyce  
Ushers: Irene Keenan, Johanna Kmetz  
Acolytes: Madeleine Turner, Lorelai Lobbe  
Introit/Gradual: Lorelai Lobbe

October 2nd

Minister's Asst: Nick Culver  
Lector: Joan Tisbe,  
Ushers: Joan Tisbe, Carol Hoerter  
Acolytes: Austin Tyler, Camaron Gavan  
Introit/Gradual: Camaron Gavan



## OFFERINGS

June 5 - \$1,294.00  
June 12 - \$1,220.00  
June 19 - \$859.00  
June 26 - \$1,145.00  
July 3 - \$756.00  
July 10 - \$1,102.00  
July 17 - \$824.00  
July 24 - \$680.00  
July 31 - \$1,023.00  
August 6 - \$910.00  
August 14 - \$1,334.00  
August 21 - \$731.00

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Total- \$11,878.00

If anyone is interested in being an acolyte, usher or lector, please speak with

Barbara Cavanagh, Head Usher at 429-6475 or at

BViguie@aol.com

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

During a service at the beginning of August  
We said farewell to two of our young people in the  
congregation

Annalise Gutenberger (Penn State)

&

Jared Peters (RIT)

Both of these wonderful young people have started their journey into secondary education at their colleges starting the end of August.

We wish them well in all their endeavors and pray that God grant them strength, patience, and the gift of knowledge in their studies.



RALLY DAY 2016

SEPT 11, 9:30am



Rally Day is a family event this year! Stay with your child as we begin with opening in the sanctuary followed by Bible-themed crafts and activities in the fellowship hall for the Pre-K/Elementary students and families. There will be an important meeting for Confirmation students and families. (Snacks will be provided.) Registration forms will be sent to all current Sunday School students. Forms will also be available at the door.

Hint: We are planning a Bible trivia event this winter. Some of the activities we have prepared for Rally Day will be helpful on trivia day!

The Boy Scout's program slogan is "Leave No Boy Inside" Boys! Get off the couch, put your video games down and look around at nature. Enjoy what God has given us! The scouts meet on Thursday nights between 7-8:30pm. Please check out our website at [www.troop2010.com](http://www.troop2010.com) for more information.

The scouts are always looking for new members. If you are between the ages of 10-17 and are interested in scouting, please stop by on Thursday Night with a parent. If you are over 18, there are always opportunities for you to get involved with the leadership of the scouts. Please speak with Charles Blaha, Scout Master.



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Anniversaries

19– Christina & Robert Hoerter  
&  
Andrea & Stephen Tyler

Church Council

President: Carol Hoerter (845) 354-1926  
Vice President: Irene Tatti  
Treasurer: Peter Mahoney  
Financial Secretary: Birgitt Culver  
Secretary: Linda Worker  
Church Administrator: Marilyn Lobbe (845) 942-4049  
Head Usher: Barbara Cavanagh  
Elders: Nicholas Culver, Joan Tisbe, Robert Walsh  
Trustees: Steve Hoehn, Richard Campbell, Marty Worker  
Sunday School Superintendent: Teresa Tyce  
Asst. Sunday School Superintendent: Andrea Tyler  
  
Youth Group Advisors:  
Joan Tisbe, Barbara Cavanagh, Nicholas Culver

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14– Cameran Gavan  
16– Jessica Birch  
21– Eric Sangirardi  
22– Carly Byman  
27– Alexis Lupo  
28– Kelly Worker  
29– Carl Tyce

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

2– Irene Tatti, Gavan Tyler  
16– James Poesl  
21– Nicholas Culver  
24– Jennette Tisbe  
30– Amanda Keenan

For Newsletter contributions, questions or comments, please contact Nicholas Culver at 845-429-3843 or Email at [culverjvjyanks@gmail.com](mailto:culverjvjyanks@gmail.com), deadline is the 25th of the month.

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4 Worship 9:30am  AA-6:00pm	5	Lions Club 6pm	6	7					
11 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Church Picnic 1pm  AA-6:00pm	12		13	14 Italian American Meeting 6:30pm	15		16		17
18 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am  AA-6:00pm	19		20	21	22		23		24
25 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am Soup & Study 12pm  AA-6:00pm	26		27	28 Italian American Meeting 6:30pm	29		30		



