

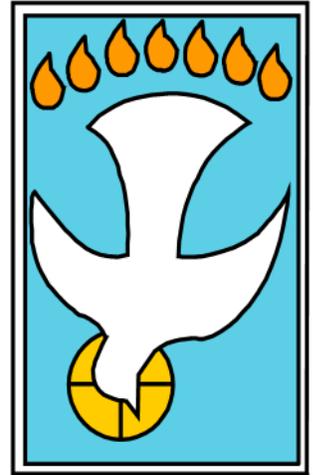
“THE SPIRIT”

May 2021

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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*God's purpose for Holy Spirit is to guide
the Community to Christ with support and love*

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

1. DAILY PRAYER

- A. Prayer list in weekly bulletin — please pray daily
- B. Opportunity for personal prayer during Sunday's Prayers of the Faithful
- C. "Christ in Our Home" daily devotionals
- D. Thursday Evening Prayer service – **May 6, 23, 20 & 27**

2. WORSHIP

- A. Sunday worship via Zoom at **10:00 AM**
- B. Thursday Evening Prayer service – **May 6, 23, 20 & 27**

3. BIBLE READING

- A. Individual daily reading
- B. Mid-week Message
- C. Koinonia group via Zoom - **May 10 & 24**

4. SERVICE

- A. Service needs for LCHS include: readers & vocalists
- B. Individual spiritual gift counseling available from Patti Henry

5. SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

- A. Friendship Luncheoneers*
- B. Fellowship Hour after worship via Zoom
- C. Faith, News & Brews*
- D. Koinonia group via Zoom - **May 10 & 24**
- E. Yarn & Needles via Zoom - **May 17**

6. GIVING

- A. Donna in Ghana
- B. St. James Food Pantry
- C. Albany Lutheran Cluster — **Things of My Very Own (TOMVO)**

[*not currently meeting]



MAY Birthdays

- 02** Mia Corazzini
- 03** Amy Rohrmiller
- 04** Carol Albright
- 05** Sarah Seniw
- 12** Joyce Murphy
- 20** Erik Chapman
- 21** Douglas LeBrecht
- 23** Jonathan Fuller
- 24** Roberta Warnstadt
Dawn Hersey
- 25** Courtney Ciccarelli
Christina Scheu
- 26** Claire Vandenberg
- 28** Madeline Baestlein
Dean Wayman
- 30** Jennifer Corazzini
- 31** August Schatz



MAY Anniversaries

- 14** Tom & Claudette Mink
- 20** Frank & Sheila Pacowski
- 23** David & Amy Rohrmiller
- 24** Bill & Bonnie Broden
Pr. Rahel & Scott Danner
- 29** Merril-Lee & Joe Lenegar
- 31** Pr. Rahel's Call to Holy Spirit



- for our "at home" members
- for Donna Rohrmiller (our missionary in Ghana)
- for Campus Ministry at UAlbany
- for our sister Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe
- for all those in service of our country



MAY

Sunday worship is via Zoom in **May**

Rev. Greg Tennermann leads us in worship via Zoom on Sunday, **May 2**

Worship & Music Committee meets via Zoom on **May 4**

Thursday Evening Prayer Service will be held via Zoom on **May 6, 13, 20 & 27**

Koinonia meets via Zoom on **May 10 & 24**

Holy Spirit Book Club meets via Zoom on **May 11**

June *SPIRIT* articles are due by **May 16**

Yarn & Needles meets via Zoom on **May 17**

Church Council meets via Zoom on **May 19**

Anti-Racism group meets via Zoom on **May 26**

Dear Holy Spirit Family, dear Family of the Holy Spirit:

In their April 19, 2021 post of “The Daily Grind” Ohio grass dairy farmers Shawn and Beth Dougherty share the following:

“there is a pasture wisdom that builds up in a herd, even a small one, and it means that over time you'll see an increasing level of health that doesn't seem to be accounted for by either genetic shift or pasture improvement. We would attribute this bloom of health to an acquired, communicated botanical wisdom; that is, over time grass cows share knowledge about plant properties, knowledge that lets them reach a level of health we had no previous experience of.”

What a nugget, this talk of a “pasture wisdom,” this word of a “bloom of health” attributed to an “acquired, communicated,” and communally learned wisdom! Couldn't we humans do the same? Probably not. But could this nugget not perhaps serve as an image to approach the question of how we will go forth and come through this pandemic? How?

The question of “When” to return has been on the forefront but the question of “How” also needs creative attention for our health to bloom, be that “How” focused on worship services on the Greens or worship services in the sanctuary, or be that “How” primarily about taking smaller steps. For example, imagine opening up our selves to explore the myriad of little facts of social life that have been altered and re-shaped by the pandemic. Imagine our human ways of being in relationship, forming, and reforming relationships with one another while trying to go through a pandemic, and how we are emerging from what has undoubtedly marked and changed us. I would not be surprised if learning a new, pandemic-infused and post-pandemic social language were part of what lies ahead for us.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a link to access Reopening New York Guidelines for Religious and Funeral Services. The most current document (from April 6) exists in a short version (4 pages) and is based on a longer version equally accessible. If you prefer, you can of course also get a hard copy of these pages from the Church office.

As you read the document, note that these guidelines “apply to all religious and funeral gatherings, including burial and committal services.” Please read them. Read them more than once. In detail. Even if it all sounds boring and you have heard that stuff so many times before. Also, please note the distinction between “Mandatory” and “Recommended Best Practices,” and ask yourself: Which of these columns do you want to apply to yourself? Which of these would you want to engage in for the sake of another person?

The guidelines are updated regularly, and all the work you just did by reading through them so carefully will need to be redone as things change again. Why bother? Here is why: Because that “How” in the question of how we go forth and ultimately come through and out of this pandemic requires us to act intentionally in communal ways so that a real, a communal, a communally constituted bloom of health can be celebrated. I therefore would very much like to see every one of us, regardless of our role in the Church, put their name and physical signature under these guidelines if only to express how we commit to upholding them and will do our part in supporting one another in upholding them together.

On some levels, this is a personal choice. So, in closing let me add a word about personal choice and it's sibling, personal responsibility. Our choices are only as good as the responsibility we take for ourselves for the sake of others.

Without taking responsibility for ourselves for the sake of another, our choices simply affirm what Martin Luther so aptly called “The Bondage of the Will” and they do not reflect the freedom of a Christian, as that same Martin Luther described that very freedom in its twofold (and only seemingly contradictory) reality at the beginning of his Treatise on The Freedom of a Christian:

A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.
A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.

We hear those words as people gathered under the canopy of Christ’s love for us as the writer of 1 John 3: 16 points out: “We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.” So, let us learn to love and enjoy the bloom of love’s health among us.

Together with you in Christ,

Pastor Rahel



Happy Spring from The Friendship Garden!

The sun is shining, birds are singing and crocuses are pushing their way out of the ground. It all feels so hopeful after a very long and difficult year.

Although this past year was extremely difficult we still managed to accomplish a lot in the garden. We worked with children on a regular basis planting, watering and harvesting. We were able to donate baskets of produce to several families all summer and fall. Children were able to get outside and commune with nature in a safe and nurturing environment.

The Albany Art room’s Karen Schupack and her daughter Anna painted a beautiful mural for us providing a bright and happy scene. The shed you donated (*in memory of Trudy Adair*) was completed by the local Amish community and has already made organizing our supplies so much easier! It is just wonderful. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Now in its 21st year, we will be adding another partner from the community to ensure sustainability. The Vegetable Project; a local non-profit, led by Bill Stoneman has been supporting school gardens at Myers Middle School and Albany High School for the past 10 years. This year, Bill and I teamed up to develop a “Children’s Garden Network” in the city that includes Albany School for Humanities, Arbor Hill, Giffen, Radix Center, The Honest Weight Food Coop, and others. Our new partnership with The Veggie Project will offer support, provide sustainability, and open up volunteer and fundraising capabilities. Our goal is ensure that the garden remains a vital part of the neighborhood as it has for the past two decades. We are profoundly grateful to all of you.

Please come on over and visit! If you are interested in volunteering please email me at susanfowler726@gmail.com. We love volunteers and visitors!!

Have a beautiful Spring.

Susan Fowler



FRIENDSHIP GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHS

Happy Earth Day —

Thank you, Mother Earth for your sustenance. May we learn and continue to treat you with the respect ALL Mothers/Nurturers deserve.

- I am honored to carry on the torch from Mary Tennerman and with the help of Patia Henry and God am serving others on the CROP organizing committee.
- The 40th (maybe some shirts say 41st) John U Miller Albany, NY CROP walk will be Virtual. The kick-off ceremony via ZOOM will be 1:30 Sunday, **May 2**. Our guest host will be Christine Arangio of WTEN AM news. We will enjoy the revised CROP song by Ruth Pelham.
- All are welcome and you may register for the Virtual Opening ceremony at www.capareacc.org.

Register to donate or walk at www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny. Please consider sending the above links to your friends/family/neighbors.

We are setting our sights high because the need is greater this year. I want to remind you that 25% of the funds raised in the Albany walk will stay local. Please help by donating or walking. As of this writing Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit is 54th in nation on the leader board.

This is a great start.

Our team this year: Kaelin Bray and her Grandmother Dottie Johnson; Andrea Zaloga and her mother Kori Tomeldon; Rick Hasenbein, Mer Lenegar, Laura and Dean Wayman, Patti Henry, Pastor Knarvik and Marilyn; Pastor Rahel; and myself.

We have until **June 2**, to submit our monies/donations. All checks shall be made out to CWS/CROP. Thank you for the support of our congregation and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Barb Turner, recruiter for LCHS CROPwalk

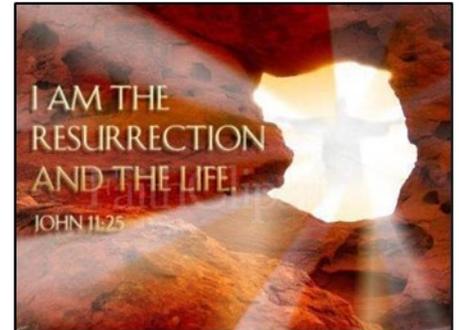
Donna in Ghana

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April 7, 2021

Dear Friends and Family,

Happy Easter! I am a few days late, but I believe we can celebrate the Lord's resurrection every day, as well on Easter. I had the pleasure of worshipping at the church my missionary friends, Jake and Katharine Reddekopp. Later we had a nice meal at a restaurant part way up a mountain that overlooks the nearby city of Ho.



I went to my favorite church on Palm Sunday, Heaven Investment



Ministries in Matsikope, the village church I often mention. I had not been there for a while so it surprised them all when I showed up. I always am delighted to experience with them the joy they have in the Lord. They usually decorate with flowers for Palm Sunday, but not this year because the weather has been too dry.

This picture is from that Sunday. It makes me laugh because while I'm talking about their joy, they actually look so somber in this shot. Pastor Etonam is preaching.

I will be in the good ole USA from 6/4 to 9/7! I am sooooo much looking forward to coming home, and hopefully, seeing many of you!!! *Pray for me* as I wrap up certain things here so I can leave everything in good order, for my residence permit renewal to be approved in plenty of time before I leave, and for the extra concerns that COVID regulations impose. I will have to go to and stay in Accra early to get a COVID test and the results before I leave. If I sound a bit anxious, I am, not so much about the disease, but more about getting everything done and in the right time. *Please pray for me about this too.* I wrote the first part of this paragraph two days ago, and did not have a chance to finish the email. I already have a BIG Praise the Lord! I went to Accra yesterday to get some of the preliminary work on my residence permit done. Instead, I felt an urgency to get it all done. I did not think it would be possible because of the amount of time it would take. Well, I found favor where ever I went! I picked up the quota (the first step), renewed my required ID card, got the physical exam they require and was given the report that they usually make you come back for the next day, and then submitted the forms well in time before they closed! I

was amazed, because in addition to all this, I had also spent some time at the bank and had a quick bite of lunch before going to Immigration. Anyone who works in Africa, and perhaps in all countries when dealing with the government, knows this was a miracle! Then I found out it takes six weeks to get the approval, which brings me to just 5 days before I leave. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for that nudge to get it done yesterday!

We have been increasingly involved on helping people obtain the medical care they need. Most of those we assist are part of our ministry in other ways, such as staff, scholarship students, an IAM Bible school student, our Jesus Elderly Care people, pastors and their church members and relatives, etc. Even for those who have health insurance, there is still much left uncovered. Many times the need is urgent, acute appendicitis, an unexpected C-section, eyes that will soon go blind without the operation, and those stuck in the hospital until they can pay the bill. In 2020, we helped 22 people with different levels of medical needs related to hospitalization, medications, and medical care. In addition, we paid for 2 C-sections, a hernia repair, an appendectomy, surgery for an injured eye, and 8 glaucoma operations. We have bought glaucoma medicine every month for one pastor for years now. This year, we have already helped people with a C-section, an appendectomy, surgery for a stomach tumor, and 3 glaucoma operations.



I asked on the last newsletter that you pray for Stephen, one of our scholarship students. I took him to a specialist for his leg wound. He has had open wounds on that leg on and off for 10 years, since he was in a motorcycle accident at six years old. The bone has grown into an abnormal shape and has little skin over it, which causes the wounds to develop. Surgery is the only way to correct it. A rod needs to be inserted, which is not covered by the insurance. We anticipate the rod and other uncovered expenses will cost between \$1,500 to \$1,800. Stephen will be operated on when he is on school vacation in June. Unfortunately it will be soon after I leave for the U.S.,

however, there are others here who have been involved with him who will see he get the care he needs. *Please pray for him, and if you are able, help us with donations toward this surgery.*

YAY! The plowing for our Jesus Elderly Care people has been completed. They are now in the process of planting and all the work that goes into farming. Spraying will be next when the plants have grown to some level. The cost of spraying is \$22 per person, or \$1,980 for all 90. This project excites me so much because the little we put in multiplies itself over and over in effect it has in the lives of these elderly! (Old picture from a different year)



Ghana is doing very well in regards to COVID-19. Our active cases have dropped significantly and the vaccine has been given to almost 600,000 people. Ghana was the first country to receive free vaccines from an international initiative. While it seems we have been less affected than many nations, there

are still signs of the hardships it has caused. Most people have no "cushion," either of their own or from those family and friends they would normally go to for help when in need. That accounts for why so many have needed help with medical treatments. Churches still have a much lower attendance than before the pandemic. We also limit the amount of traveling we have to do, especially on public transportation systems. Unfortunately, this also makes it difficult for me to get new pictures since Our work is not centralized in one place.

Thank you all for your prayers and financial support. All we do here is made possible by you partnering with us in these ways. Please pray:

- That all I have to get done before leaving, gets done!
- That I will not carry anxiety around with me during this time. The Lord has certainly proved himself strong on my behalf!
- For Stephen and his upcoming surgery.
- For a fruitful growing season for our elderly.
- That all the Lord' plans for this year are accomplished in His timing.

Love in Christ,

Donna

Rev. Donna J. Rohrmiller

Contributions can be made to International Accelerated Missions (IAM) by mail or on www.iamoutreach.org/support-iam

If by mail please do not put my name on the check, enclose a note saying it is for me.

Address: 114 Rock Rd; Berne, NY 12023 Phone: 518-872-0987

To contribute to the work done through Titian Ministries Int'l, give on the website, titianministries.com

or send a check to: Debra Hess, 360 Protection Ave. Apt. J-12, Herkimer, NY 13350.



COUNCIL CORNER

Since I have not been involved with the cemetery since late 1980's, I thought that I would provide a brief interesting history of the Cemetery from its inception to current date, which not many people know about. German Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church purchased 5 acres of land in 1884 in the Town of Bethlehem off Feura Bush Rd to establish a new Lutheran cemetery. In talking to older churchgoers when I was a kid, I was told that many lot owners rode their buggies or walked to the cemetery for weekend picnics before cars were part of the main stream.

In late 1980's, John Ernst and I found 4 Calvary Cemetery infants interred on our lands. While serving on Albany Diocese Building Commission at the time, I was able to help the church resolve this issue by arranging thru Fr Phalen and Fr Belogi a land swap where the Diocese granted the transferring of 2X the land area to LCHS thereby increasing the cemetery size by 5,106 sf. As a result of this transfer, the interred infants would then be buried on Calvary Cemetery grounds. The Diocese paid for survey, corner markers, metes and bounds description, survey map and the amended deed filed with the County Clerk as Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. All effected parties were happy with the deal.

The council authorized that a master plan of the cemetery be prepared in the mid 1980's for three reasons:

- To provide a map to accurately locate a potable seasonal gravity water line with faucets, shutoffs and drain located in a manhole by Feura Bush Rd ROW. It was important that the line did not interfere with existing remains that were located in very close proximity,
- To give guidance to superintendants LCHS's wishes for preparing deeds and burial locations for future lots
- To determine cemetery's potential worth based on the number of lots times lot sale cost.

A copy of the existing conditions map is located in the LCHS area way between church and Friendship Hall. The map has not been updated since it was initially prepared- a goal to address.

At the last annual meeting, it was noted that no lots were sold last year. It is thru the sale of lots that revenue is acquired to run the cemetery. I may be biased but I feel that we have a very beautiful cemetery with a lot of privacy especially up by the pastor's circle. (Incidentally, pastors and their family members can be buried for free.) The Jenkins family (former church members)

who live in South Carolina who also think we have a beautiful cemetery, donated money this past year to provide bituminous top coat to a large portion of the existing road that has a stone and oil base.

If you are looking at purchasing lots, please consider our cemetery. Interim payments could be possibly arranged. I have visited many cemeteries, including those located at civil war battle sites and find our cemetery to be just as nice- quaint, tranquil and a great place to meditate- some of our current members visit the cemetery quite regularly for that purpose.

Respectfully Submitted

Howie Hasenbein, Cemetery Chair



On a beautiful gardening day (April 20th) Patti Henry, Merril-Lee Lenegar, Rick Vandenburg, and myself met at Holy Spirit.

In two hours we picked up litter, spread three bags of mulch on various beds, weeded, seeded and raked.

The bulbs Dawn Hersey gave us before her deployment and various perennials are flourishing!

There is still work to be done.

Stay tuned to your in box for invites to beautify Hurlbut and Garden!

Barb Turner, *Green Thumb Wannabe*



ANTI-RACISM GROUP

Anti-Racism Group will meet via Zoom on Wednesday, **May 26**, at 7:30 PM. You may sign on early at 7:00 PM for fellowship and prayer. All are welcome to attend. Please use this information to attend:

Attend via Computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89390063727?pwd=ZWFwQmZhcqzSTRZci9SNDg3ckJHUT09>

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Passcode: 767603

Attend via Smart Phone: One tap mobile

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Attend via Regular Phone: IMPORTANT! DON'T FORGET THE

Dial: 1 (929) 436-2866

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Participant ID: #

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YARN & NEEDLES AND KOINONIA



Koinonia will gather via Zoom on **May 10 & 24** at 6:30 PM, and Yarn & Needles will gather at 6:30 PM on **May 17**, using this information.

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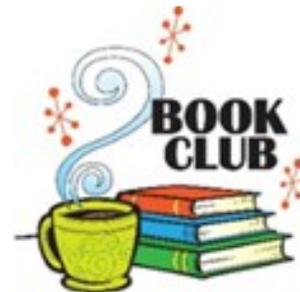
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HOLY SPIRIT BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 14** at 6:30 PM. The book to be read in advance is *Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian. Questions? Please contact Karen Hasenbein.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Looking for a devotional to use in your personal prayer time? We have *Christ in Our Home* daily devotionals for April-June 2021 available in regular print digest size and the large print magazine size. Please call or email the office to have a copy mailed to your home or set aside for you (in a sealed plastic bag with your name on it by the sign-in station) to pick up at church.



Thursday Evening Prayer Service

This brief service includes a structured liturgy, as well as time for individual prayer requests and quiet meditation.

Please join us for a short prayer service from 6:30-7 PM on Thursdays **May 6, 13, 20 & 27** via Zoom.

Attend via Computer:

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FAITHFUL LEARNING AND TEACHING TOGETHER (FLATT)

The Upstate NY Synod is offering many online resources during the COVID19 pandemic via "a collective

of learning opportunities to grow in faithful witness and service as we continue to notice who and how God is calling us to be."

The following information is for all FLATT programs:

SIGN UP HERE FOR ALL COURSES:

<https://forms.gle/QyHPUcamiEomyKpa6>

- Once registered you will be sent the Zoom link for the sessions along with the other necessary information from the leaders.
- There is no cost to participate.
- Questions? Contact Pastor Lori Kochanski

lkochanski@upstatenysynod.org

Listed below are the current FLATT offerings:

Growing Young: Helping Congregations Authentically Engage Young People

Thursdays at 7PM

4 Weeks:

May 6, 13, 20 and 27

Class is Limited to 50 people

Course Leaders: Abby Mandris, Nick Stroczkowski, Megan Wolling

"All churches grow old. Strategic churches grow young."

— Growing Young Research

This course will introduce participants to the growing young initiative and lead people through the six essential strategies to help young people discover and love your church. This is not a quick fix approach to filling your congregation with young people. This is a culture change process that can lead to deeper and more meaningful relationships within your entire congregation and larger community.

This course is based on the research conducted by the Fuller Youth Institute, with 250+ innovative churches engaging 15 to 29-year-olds that are

growing — spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically.

Required materials:

Copy of the book *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*, by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin

Available from: the Fuller Youth Institute

<https://shop.fulleryouthinstitute.org/collections/back-to-school-collection/products/growing-young>

And your favorite online retailers

More about the leaders:

- Abby Mandris is the Program Coordinator of Lutheran Youth of Western NY and a trained Growing Young Facilitator.
- Nick Stroczkowski is the Director of Lutheran Youth of Western NY, the Water Front Director at LCLC and a trained Growing Young Facilitator.
- Megan Wolling is the Central Crossroads Youth Coordinator, Youth Director at St. Mark's, Baldwinsville and a trained Growing Young Facilitator.

More about the sessions:

Session 1 — Introductions & Empowering Leadership

Session 2 — Empathy & Jesus' Message

Session 3 — Warm Relationships Across Generations

Session 4 — Being the Best Neighbors & Planning for the Future



HS Staff, a quick note to let you know how much Joy and I are blessed by our Albany Church Family. We have joined 5 or 6 churches since we left Albany in '84, but Holy Spirit will always be our true church home. We looked forward

to our trips back, and always attended on every available occasion.

I want to especially express a heart felt "thank you" to the church leadership and Pastor Rahel for trusting as you stepped out to accept the new technology! Its proving to be a very effective way to spread the good news and encourage and uplift us all using this most trying of times. A special thanks to Kori and Dave, and all the technophiles who worked so hard to make Zoom work, and to those who are stepping forward to learn to lead and participate. This technology brings a special closeness to our worship. It brings to mind the early church that met in private home to worship the Lord and hear the Good News of love and salvation.

We are currently planning on a long summer trip in July and August. Of course, the priority is my treatments and health, as is support for Danny and Lindsey and Charlotte Elizabeth, due June 6th. I've heard it said "Man plans and God laughs." Not so sure its biblical, but we will bathe our plans in prayer, and seek His guidance.

We look forward to when we will be able to return to our local Lutheran church home. Easter we will brave the elements and attend a chilly outdoor sunrise service. It will be our first in over a year.

He is Risen! Alleluia!

~ Joy and Bob Thibodeau



• Thank you to all who donated to St. Paul's Center, our March-April Cluster Project.

• Thank you to Sheila Pacowski and Pastor Rahel Hahn for providing the Homeless Shelter Dinner on **April 6**.



Throughout May and June the Lutheran Cluster congregations are asked to donate via their website, to Things of My Very Own (TOMVO), a non-profit organization, located in Schenectady that provides crisis intervention services to children who have been impacted by extensive abuse and/or neglect.

Their programs and services aim to give children items for sustainability, a healthy self-concept, and a foundation to start healing.

They also provide services to children at risk of having a Child Protective Services intervention due solely to not having basic items needed for sustainability.

The organization works to keep children with their non-abusive family members and out of the foster care system whenever possible.

You can help children in crisis stay safe and healthy as they work to overcome the abuse they've endured.

Use this link:

<https://thingsofmyveryown.org/>

and click on donations.

Thank you for your support!

TEMPORARY DIRECTORY UPDATE



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c/o St. Peter's Nursing & Rehab
301 Hackett Boulevard
Albany, NY 12208
Phone: 518-264-3126



PLEASE READ THIS!

For your safety and the safety of our neighbors, you will notice that a portion of our green space has been cordoned off. This is in response to an evaluation of our trees by an arborist on **April 24**.

The large silver maple closest to the parking lot; a pear tree located rear left; and a silver maple located rear right; now pose danger of falling branches.

The silver maple (which provides shade during outdoor worship) is in a serious state of deterioration.

Please respect all signage and DO NOT PARK along the green space at the rear of our parking lot.

Thank you in advance for your understanding. Additionally:

- If you recognized all 3 languages above *at-a-glance*: congratulate yourself!
- If you can read *word-for-word* all 3 languages above sans Google translate: congratulate yourself AND enjoy a congratulatory dessert of your choosing!
- If one or both situations apply please tell Parish secretary for June SPIRIT recognition!

SUNDAY ZOOM SERVICE INFORMATION



Attend via Computer:

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GERANIUM PLANTS

Normally, on Pentecost Sunday we place dozens of red **geraniums** in memory or in honor of loved ones in the chancel during Sunday worship. After the service our talented gardening team re-plants them in the flower beds around the church, and there they stay — beautifully — for the entire summer.

The question is: "*What can we do this year when it seems everything has to be done differently?*" An idea has been put forth to request that folks be given an opportunity to purchase geranium(s) at \$4.50 each. These will be planted outside as usual and memorialized in the bulletin on Pentecost (May 23rd). If you'd like to do this, please fill out the form below, and send it back to the church office by May 9th (if at all possible). Still a great way to beautify the neighborhood and honor our loved one(s) at the same time.



Please provide the appropriate information below.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please order by: May 9, 2021. Cost per geranium plant is \$4.50

Please return this form with your payment to: The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit ~ 57 Huribut Street ~ Albany, NY 12209. Checks should be made payable to **Holy Spirit Flower Fund**. Thank you!