

# REJOICINGS



June 2023

## Sunday Worship Service

Worship will be in person at 9:30am on Sundays, at Rejoice Lutheran Church as well as live streamed on the Rejoice YouTube channel:

RejoiceLutheranClearwater YouTube.

Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and treats after 9:30am Worship.

## June Events

- ❖ Mondays at 7:00pm, Alcoholics Anonymous meets at Rejoice.
- ❖ Library mtgs will be held at 9:30am till noon, Monday mornings.
- ❖ Stitch & Pray meets at 1:00pm Wednesday afternoons.
- ❖ Community Food Rescue is offered Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the Education wing after Sunday Worship. **All are welcome.**
- ❖ Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:00am for "Yoga for All."
- ❖ Fall Festival Meeting Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Educational Wing. Please plan on attending for our main fundraiser event.
- ❖ Sunday June 11th, Mexico Mission group will be serving for fellowship.
- ❖ Thursday, June 15th, Matt Jakubik, EMT/Flight Paramedic will be our guest for Young @Heart. Doors open at 10:30am for good food & Fellowship. Lunch will be served at 11:30am.
- ❖ Rejoice Church Council will meet June 20th.
- ❖ Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, June 20th at 10:00am.
- ❖ Pork Chop Dinner, June 25<sup>th</sup>. \$10 per plate: eat in or take home. Begins after Worship.

## Rejoice Lutheran Church

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## Worship Schedule:

### Sunday:

9:30 am in person worship at Rejoice, as well as on-line. Communion offered 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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Dear People of Rejoice,

I cannot express enough my gratitude for your love and support you have showered upon Pam and me. Thank you for all the cards and gifts. We have already been using the prayer shawls and love them.

We will continue to reside at our current location in retirement, so we will most likely see you around and catch up.

I do need to reiterate that I am no longer available to perform any pastoral functions for Rejoice. We have come so far since my first day at Rejoice, and we want to make sure we do not interfere with your future progress.

I fully expect to see Rejoice continue to thrive. I've seen the energy and new faces over the last year. You can expect a great pastor being called and using that energy to move into a great future. Please do not lose hope should the process take longer than expected. God knows your every need and will provide!

I encourage you to use the interim period as a gift to lean into greater ownership of your ministry and mission. While this is God's church, you are the hands and feet that move it along.

It has been, and will continue to be, a joy to watch you grow into your Rejoice-Full future!

Pastor Jim

## **Rejoice Church Council Update**

Your church council met on May 16. We start each meeting reflecting on the core values of this congregation and talk about where, when and how we've witnessed these values at work in our church and community. Paul Amundson shared that two different groups from our congregation recently spent time at the home of two members helping with yard work and maintenance and that it was courageous service, joyful generosity and purposeful community at work. Blessings on the workers and the homeowners! We also talked about the transformational worship of the confirmation service on May 14. Blessings on Pastor Jim and the musicians for making this service so meaningful for all.

We are about \$15,000 behind budget in the general fund at this time. Please keep up with your giving as we head into the busy summer season and so many of us spend time away from home. Please consider additional support for the general fund as you are able.

It is not too late to sell more Rejoice Savings Cards! The proceeds will support our ministries here at church and in the community.

Congratulations to Chris Schill who has been appointed our new Church Treasurer! He is spending time with Rhoda Senkler to learn the ropes. Thank you Rhoda and Chris!

The Endowment Fund policies and bylaws have been updated. This was a much needed task and we appreciate the work done by the Deb Biorn and the committee and Pastor Jim.

We need your help in completing the transition team. We have plenty of interest in the call committee but the important work of the transition team must come first. The main purpose of this team is to complete the Mission Site Profile and in order to accomplish that the team will need to gather answers from our congregation to questions like:

Who is Rejoice in Clearwater?

What would the community be missing if Rejoice wasn't here?

What is our congregation's identity?

How is Rejoice going to grow God's ministry here in Clearwater going forward?

What do we need in a new pastor?

The transition team will meet with the Synod Pastor in the next few weeks to organize their work and a meeting schedule will be organized thereafter. Please contact Susan Chwalek soon if you want more information or want to be part of this important team.

It's time to start planning the Fall Festival! Please start thinking about where you can plug into this annual event which centers on the core values of extravagant hospitality and purposeful community. Join us for the first planning meeting on June 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer – Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pg. 304

Susan Chwalek

## Young at Heart



Have you ever wondered what would happen if you had a medical emergency and needed to be air-lifted from the sight of the accident or needed to be air-lifted to another hospital miles away? Well come join us on the 15th and find out the answers. We are so fortunate to have a Flight Paramedic/EMT, Matt Jakubik (since 1997) coming to Y@H to give us the answers.

Many of you know that I live full-time in an RV. I have friends that have asked, "Can you have one full day without saying the word Airstream? You travel alone? How about Doctors?" Saying that I spend my winters in Arizona where medical help may be 50 miles away and most transportation to a medical facility is almost always via a helicopter. I even have an extra Insurance policy with Sky Med that will pay for any transportation that Medicare and my supplemental policy will not pay for.

I am so happy that Matt is joining us today to help clear up all our questions. Thank you to Elaine Pauman for suggesting this program.

Just a reminder to call the Rejoice Lutheran Church Office at 320-558-6851 and give our great cooks a 'heads up' that you will be attending. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. with the program following.

Please bring a friend.

- Back in MN, Linda Agre

# BBQ Pork Dinner – Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>

\$10 a plate: eat in or take out.  
Serving begins after Worship



## Gratitude

I would like to Thank Rejoice for all the Love and Support that was shown during the loss of Chuck. The meal and the help in the kitchen were so nice and really appreciated all the great desserts. Thanks again for everything.

The Families of Deena Monk-Kobow and Chuck Coomer

## Fall Festival

**Come One... Come All....**We need All Rejoice Members to join us for a Fall Festival planning meeting on **Monday June 5, 2023 at 7pm.**

Park and come to the **education wing door**; we will meet there and brainstorm for new ideas you may have as well as keeping the favorites you love!

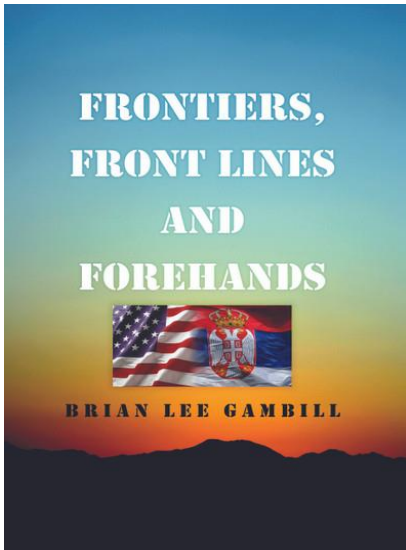
**WE NEED THIS FESTIVAL TO MAINTAIN Rejoice Lutheran Church!**

If you cannot attend the meeting, but are interested, please contact:

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Leah Ahrenholz: [lmahrenholz@gmail.com](mailto:lmahrenholz@gmail.com) 320-492-1759

## A New Book in the Good News Library!



It is my pleasure to share with my Rejoice family that my son, Brian Lee Gambill, has published his first novel: **Frontiers, Front Lines and Forehands**. Brian based the story on his own experiences and interests in languages, time spent in 33 different countries, study of cultures, his love of tennis and 10 years in the U. S. Air Force. While stationed in England he was responsible to ship everything from paper clips to tanks to Iraq during U. S. involvement there. He is a graduate of St. Cloud Tech High School and St. Cloud State University. His love of education broadened into MA degrees in International Business and Business Administration. Brian was also his own illustrator for the novel.

The novel is about a young Serbian boy named Branislav and his family's immigration to America. They bring their Serbian culture, foods, and history to be blended into their American experience. Branislav loves animals, planes and tennis which lead him to become an Air Force Academy graduate and fighter pilot. It is a very positive, upbeat story which will brighten your day.

Brian asked me to be his first editor and I was thrilled to be a part of his project. I hope you have a chance to enjoy his novel. You'll find it on display on the library's book cart, near fellowship hall. Or, available to purchase from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Dorrance Publishing, or me.

Rosemary Christianson Monk



**\*\*\* Please sign up for Sunday Worship Servant opportunities in Celebration Hall \*\*\***

### Sunday Worship Servants

Sunday Worship	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Greeters	Mary Wilson			
Ushers		Pete Lidberg Mary Wilson		
Readers	Susan Chwalek			Gladys Steiger
Communion Setup	X	Karie Monk-Gohman	X	Karie Monk-Gohman
Fellowship		Mexico Mission Group		Pork Chop Dinner

# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>PALS</b> Pastors & Associated Lay People  <b>HC</b> Holy Communion				1	2 Office closed	3 9:00a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church
4 <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:15 Fellowship	5 9:30-12:00 Library Mtg.  7:00p AA Mtg. 7:00 Fall Festival Mtg	6	7 9:15a Yoga for All  1:00p Stitch & Pray	8	9 Office closed	10 9:00a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church
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18 <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:15 Fellowship  <b>Father's Day</b>	19 9:30-12:00 Library Mtg. 7:00p AA Mtg.	20 10:00a Women's Bible Study  6:30p Council Mtg.	21 9:15a Yoga for All  1:00p Stitch & Pray	22	23 Office closed	24 9:00a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church
25 <b>9:30a Worship/HC</b> 10:15 Fellowship  <b>Pork Chop Dinner</b>	26 9:30-12:00 Library Mtg. 7:00p AA Mtg .	27	28	29	30	

## June Celebrations

### Birthdays

Rita Betzler, 6/1,  
 Gary Betzler, 6/2,  
 Greg Bluhm, 6/2,  
 Randy Brunson, 6/2,  
 Paula Lilga, 6/4,  
 Justin Hagstrom, 6/4,  
 Ethan Allen, 6/6,  
 McKenna Benson, 6/6,  
 Bissell, Darryl, 6/7,  
 Janelle Rudningen, 6/8,  
 Bissell, Carolyn, 6/9,  
 Pam Bender, 6/10,  
 Jerrek Neubert, 6/13,

Dan Hagstrom, 6/13,  
 Grady Doering, 6/14,  
 Mike Charboneau, 6/16,  
 Everly Imdieke, 6/16,  
 Marlene Damhof, 6/18,  
 Ralph Brown, 6/19,  
 Ron Stensby, 6/19,  
 JoHonna Brunson, 6/19,  
 Paul Janski, 6/20,  
 Kris Maehren, 6/20,  
 Travis Brunson, 6/20,  
 Sydney Dunderi, 6/21,  
 Jack Dunderi, 6/21,

Amanda Tutz, 6/22,  
 Markie Gohman, 6/24,  
 Linda Allen, 6/27,  
 Carol Eich, 6/27,  
 Tim Tutz, 6/29,

## Anniversaries

Mike & Jill Charboneau, 6/3  
Madeline & Derek Johnson, 6/4  
Rudningen, Lyle & Janelle, 6/6  
Mark & Chari Ahrenholz, 6/10  
Blayne & Penny Leuthard, 6/11

Tim & Marlene Damhof, 6/11  
Dan & Linda Koren, 6/12  
Brad & Martha Johnson, 6/15  
Mark & Karie Monk-Gohman, 6/15  
Michael & Cheryl Wedin, 6/19

John & Becky Brzinski, 6/19  
Ron & Carolyn Stensby, 6/23  
Dick & Susan Chwalek, 6/27  
Bill & Rhoda Senkler, 6/30

## Youth & Family

Vacation Bible School is coming this summer. Watch for more information coming soon.

If you are willing to lead and/or help with Bible School or have any questions, please contact Carolyn Bissell.

Helpers could include story time, snack time, games, crafts, or music. [dcbissell@charter.net](mailto:dcbissell@charter.net)

## Angels of Maintenance

Some of the hard-working crew from the May 20<sup>th</sup> Clean-up day at Rejoice. – **Thanks to all who Volunteered.**



## Community Garden

If you are interested in a garden space at Rejoice,  
please contact Kathy Langva at 612-309-0582 for availability and cost.



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Janelle Rudningen

**Office Assistant**

Lisa Pridgeon

