

# REJOICINGS

## 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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## November 2022

### Sunday Worship Service

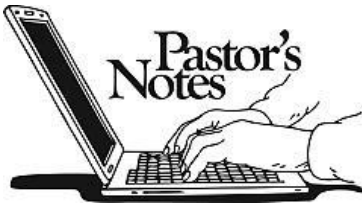
Worship will be in person at 9:30am on Sundays, at Rejoice Lutheran Church as well as live streamed on the Rejoice YouTube channel:

RejoiceLutheranClearwater YouTube.

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

### November 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."
- ❖ Rejoice Church Council will have a Meeting November 15th.
- ❖ Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, November 15th at 10:00am.
- ❖ Young @ Heart - November 17th, Gift Card Bingo. Doors open at 10:30am for good food & Fellowship. Lunch will be served at 11:30am.
- ❖ November 13th, Mexico Mission group will be serving for fellowship.
- ❖ Sunday School 3-K Sundays at 9:45 AM (Part of Worship) FUNday School Grades K-5. Confirmation Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 5:30 PM Meal, 6:15 – 7:15PM Lesson & Worship ( 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month is intergenerational -ALL ARE WELCOME!)
- ❖ Faith Formation Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Weds 6:30 pm



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A group of us have been reading and discussing the book, "Somewhere in the Unknown World." It is edited by a Minnesota author around stories of refugees. We have learned that Minnesota has the most refugees of any state, making the topic very appropriate for us.

Lutheran Social Services provides a great deal of help to refugees. Their website states, "There are 25.4 million refugees worldwide. A refugee is any person, living outside of his or her home country, who is unable to return to their home country due to a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion. Less than one half of 1% of the world's refugees each year find a safe haven through resettlement in another country. Those who are lucky enough to find safety and a new start in another country wait an average of 17 years in refugee camps."

LSS helps refugees secure housing, enroll in school and English language classes, find jobs, offer cultural and safety orientation, tend to medical needs and connect to other community resources to help refugees start their new lives.

Did you know that the Bible has a preferential treatment for refugees? The Bible is littered with commands to welcome the stranger. Among them is Deuteronomy 10:19, *Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.* It began with Adam and Eve being expelled from Eden, making them the first refugees. Abraham and Sarah left home and travelled to a foreign land making them refugees. Moses lived as a refugee when Pharaoh sought his execution. Following the liberation from slavery in Egypt, God's people lived as refugees for forty years. The psalms recount Israel's experiences as refugees and how God watched over them. Even Jesus, as an infant, was a refugee when Herod tried to murder all infants in hopes of killing any rival to his throne. Jesus and his family fled as refugees to Egypt, of all places for Jews to become refugees.

The stories we are reading in "Somewhere In the Unknown World" have caused us to breathe in the trauma and tragedies inherent in the refugee experience. It has put faces and names to those God has directed us to welcome. We have been able to celebrate the new life many have found here among us.

As Lutherans who value God's Word and our legacy for welcoming the stranger, we are reminded of who we are, from where we have come as people of faith, and to whom God bids us to extend a special place in our midst.

Pastor Jim

### **Rejoice Church Council Update**

On October 2nd & 9th, we held two meetings for Constitution & Bylaw questions & answers. Thank you to those that were present and participated. The Congregational meeting was held at the end of the service on October 16th, for the first vote on the constitution & bylaws. The motion to accept the Constitution & Bylaws passed with a unanimous vote.

We are transitioning to new programs upgrading our bookkeeping and financial records. On-line access is being set up for financial reports to be generated. Council has voted to meet the third Tuesday of the month, instead of the second Tuesday, to better accommodate our new finance company. During software mergers there are glitches that may create unusual events. Please be patient and understanding with the process and let us know if you have questions or problems.

The council is looking at and discussing a fund raiser regarding annual coupon cards for the congregation to sell. This is a very good opportunity for raising additional funds for our church. There will be further planning in December for a January kick-off. Look forward to additional information.

The Personnel ministry team is working on a job description for Carol's replacement when she retires at the end of December. This will obviously be a difficult position to fill since Carol has provided Rejoice with her many gifts of leadership and fulfilled this role so efficiently and effectively for many years.

Once a month there will be an intergenerational meal on Wednesday night. This ministry began with a tailgating party and fun games. Look for more information about the November gathering.

The backpack program has started for the 2022-2023 school year. The backpacks are packed by confirmation students with food purchased by your generous giving and grants and are delivered to Clearview Elementary each week. There are four families currently benefiting from this program.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to begin work on council positions for the next council terms. If you receive a call or request from this group, please prayerfully consider your gifts and whether you are the right candidate for a position on council.

If you are at church on a Thursday, you may smell the wonderfully delicious smells of bread making. We have entered into a new contract with a bread baker who has requested use of the kitchen. This will also bring in added funds to our church.

We want to say a special thank you to Rhoda Senkler who has volunteered years and hours as our treasurer. She continues to graciously help us while we transition to the new programs.

Praise God for Rhoda's ***Courageous Service!***

## Treasurer's Report

Many thanks for your cards, hugs and kind thoughts as we enjoyed that delicious cake to honor my retirement from Treasurer duties. We share a very valuable community here at Rejoice and as we rebound from Covid and changes in our world, please always remember your church. It has been my honor to serve our church, and I thank you for your support and trust for all these years!

In Christ, Rhoda Senkler



**THANK YOU TO ALL THE BUSINESSES WHO DONATED AND HELPED OUT AT OUR FALL FESTIVAL.**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sunset Ridge Ranch     | Clearwater Legion        | White Horse                      |
| Air Maxx               | Skatin' Place            | Texas Roadhouse                  |
| Homestyle Country Café | Marcus Theater           | McDonald's Meats                 |
| Sweet Escape           | Miller's Jewelry         | Charlies' Sports Bar & Grill     |
| China Buffet           | Noodles & Company        | Grey Duck Screen Print & Apparel |
| Papa Murphy's          | Buffalo Wild Wings       | Territory Golf Club              |
| Boulder Tap House      | Mango's Grill            | Mexican Village Restaurant       |
| Mimbach Fleet          | Firehouse Subs           | Clearwater Animal Hospital       |
| Scheels                | True's Pizza             | Andra K                          |
| Clearwater Corners     | Lateral Elements         | Copper Lantern                   |
| T & R Meats            | Simonson Lumber          | MT's                             |
| Just North of Memphis  | Bernick's                | Goenner Potatoes                 |
| Lake Central Bank      | St. Luke's Area Quilters | Franklin Signs                   |
| JF Cruze Jewelry       | Z-Marine                 | La Casita Mexican Grill          |
| Parts City             | DJ Bitzen Jewelry        | Clearlake Elevator               |
| Annandale Embroidery   | Handy Man Hardware       |                                  |

And to all of you who were a part of this special celebration of heritage and good food, many THANKS for your participation!

**Young at Heart**

So who doesn't like BINGO? I can only name one person.



Join us and the Young@Heart Team in November for Gift Card Bingo. That's correct. Prizes for this Bingo will be a gift card and people, 'Who can't use money?' An afternoon of fun with Wally calling numbers and a delicious lunch served by Jim and his team, it doesn't get any better than that. Give Carol at the Rejoice Office (320-558-6851) so we may count you for dinner.

See You There, Linda Agre

**Angels of Maintenance:**



After a snow fall Rejoice has a plowing service for the parking lot, but there is always work to do clearing the sidewalks and doors. We are looking to assemble an on-call snow removal team. If you could be available, even occasionally, drop me an email ([amundsonp@frontiernet.net](mailto:amundsonp@frontiernet.net)) or text (320-224-6119).

**YES..... IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!**



MIGHTY AND WILLING HANDS WORKING TO MAKE REJOICE A WELCOMING PLACE FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS.



Hello Thrivent Choice® Recipient Friends,

THRIVENT CHOICE® Strengthening communities. Changing lives. The Thrivent Choice program gives eligible Thrivent members the power to recommend where some of the organization’s charitable outreach funds are distributed, using a vehicle called Choice Dollars®. Making a measurable difference since its inception in 2010, Thrivent has provided more than \$414 million in charitable outreach funds through Thrivent Choice, to help support the initiatives of churches, educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations.

Are you looking to maximize the most of your partnership with Thrivent? Yes? Join one of our monthly Power of Partnerships virtual meetings! We will share ideas and resources to increase your impact! Looking for immediate info? **Visit our website to dive in and learn more today at [Thrivent.com/ThriventChoice](http://Thrivent.com/ThriventChoice).**

Wednesday, November 9th at 10:30 am CT

Tuesday, December 6th at 10:00 am CT

### All Saints Day

Come and join with us, Sunday, Nov 6th as we worship, light candles and offer up prayers of gratitude for all of blessings. (Wear Red)

**Thanksgiving Meal & Service – Weds, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm / Service 6:30 pm**  
**Please bring a Soup to Share**

### European Christmas Tea & Bake Sale – December 3<sup>rd</sup>

During your Holiday baking please plan on baking extra for these events – Thank You!

**Doors are open for walking 8-3:30pm Monday – Thursday**

### Sunday Worship Servants

| Sunday Worship  | November 6                     | November 13           | November 20   | November 27          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Greeters        | Sue Henstein                   | Ron & Carolyn Stensby | Liz Smith     |                      |
| Ushers          | Janet Moeller<br>Rhoda Senkler | Kent & Grace Asheim   | Sue Henstein  | Ryan & Lisa Pridgeon |
| Readers         | Glady Steiger                  | Jim Lanes             | Linda Campana | Becky Brzinski       |
| Communion Setup | <b>X</b>                       | Karie Gohman-Monk     | <b>X</b>      | Karie Gohman-Monk    |
| Power point     | Dick Chwalek                   | Lori Lanes            | Lori Lanes    | Dick Chwalek         |
| Sound           |                                | Jim Lanes             | Jim Lanes     |                      |
| Fellowship      |                                | Mexico Trip Group     |               |                      |

# November

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                              | Saturday   |
|--|--|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HC</b><br/>Holy Communion<br/><b>PALs</b><br/>Pastors &amp; Associated<br/>Lay People<br/><b>PJ</b><br/>Pastor Jim</p> |  | <p><b>1</b><br/><b>PJ - OFF</b></p>   | <p><b>2</b><br/>9:00a Yoga for All<br/>1:00p Stitch &amp; Pray<br/>5:30p Youth<br/>gathering meal<br/>6:15-7:00<br/>Sunday School Conf,<br/>6:30-7:30p Sr. High<br/>Faith Formation<br/>7:00-7:15 Worship<br/>7:30 Book Study<br/><b>PJ - OFF</b></p> | <p><b>3</b><br/><b>PJ - OFF</b></p>                             | <p><b>4</b><br/><b>PJ - OFF</b></p> | <p><b>5</b><br/>9:00a 7<sup>th</sup> Day<br/>Adventist Church</p>  |
| <p><b>6</b><br/><b>9:30a Worship</b><br/>9:45 SS 3yrs-K<br/>10:15 Fellowship<br/>10:30 Revelations BS</p>  | <p><b>7</b><br/>9:30-12:00<br/>Library Mtg.<br/><br/>7:00p AA Mtg</p>    | <p><b>8</b></p>   | <p><b>9</b><br/>9:00a Yoga for All<br/>1:00p Stitch &amp; Pray<br/>5:30p Multi-<br/>Generational<br/>gathering meal<br/>6:15-7:00<br/>Sunday School Conf,<br/>6:30-7:30p Sr. High<br/>Faith Formation<br/>7:00-7:15 Worship<br/>7:30 Book Study</p>   | <p><b>10</b><br/>9:30 PALS</p>                                  | <p><b>11</b><br/>Office closed</p>  | <p><b>12</b><br/>9:00a 7<sup>th</sup> Day<br/>Adventist Church</p> |
| <p><b>13</b><br/><b>9:30a Worship/HC</b><br/>9:45 SS 3yrs-K<br/>10:15 Fellowship –<br/>Mexico Mission<br/>10:30 Revelations BS</p>                       | <p><b>14</b><br/>9:30-12:00<br/>Library Mtg<br/><br/>7:00p AA Mtg</p>    | <p><b>15</b><br/>10:00a Women’s<br/>Bible Study<br/><br/>6:30p Council Mtg.</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>9:00a Yoga for All<br/>1:00p Stitch &amp; Pray<br/>5:30p Youth<br/>gathering meal<br/>6:15-7:00<br/>Sunday School Conf,<br/>6:30-7:30p Sr. High<br/>Faith Formation<br/>7:00-7:15 Worship</p>  | <p><b>17</b><br/>10:30a-Young @<br/>Heart.</p>                  | <p><b>18</b><br/>Office closed</p>  | <p><b>19</b><br/>9:00a 7<sup>th</sup> Day<br/>Adventist Church</p> |
| <p><b>20</b><br/><b>9:30a</b><br/><b>Worship/Noisy</b><br/><b>Offering</b><br/>9:45 SS 3yrs-K<br/>10:15 Fellowship<br/>10:30 Revelations BS</p>          | <p><b>21</b><br/>9:30-12:00<br/>Library Mtg.<br/><br/>7:00p AA Mtg</p>   | <p><b>22</b></p>  | <p><b>23</b><br/>9:00a Yoga for All<br/>1:00p Stitch &amp; Pray<br/>5:30p Soup Supper<br/>6:30p Worship</p>   | <p><b>24</b><br/>Office closed<br/><br/><b>THANKSGIVING</b></p> | <p><b>25</b><br/>Office closed</p>  | <p><b>26</b><br/>9:00a 7<sup>th</sup> Day<br/>Adventist Church</p> |
| <p><b>27</b><br/><b>9:30a Worship/HC</b><br/>9:45 SS 3yrs-K<br/>10:15 Fellowship</p>   | <p><b>28</b><br/>9:30-12:00<br/>Library Mtg.<br/><br/>7:00p AA Mtg .</p> | <p><b>29</b></p>  | <p><b>30</b><br/>9:00a Yoga for All<br/>1:00p Stitch &amp; Pray<br/>5:30p Youth<br/>gathering meal<br/>6:15-7:00<br/>Sunday School Conf,<br/>6:30-7:30p Sr. High<br/>Faith Formation<br/>7:00-7:15 Worship</p>  |   |                                     |  |



# November Celebrations

## Birthdays

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|-------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 11/2  | Tracy Nickolauson  | 11/5  | Carolyn Stensby   |
| 11/6  | Brian Johnson      | 11/6  | Aria Williams     |
| 11/7  | Rhoda Senkler      | 11/7  | Kevin Sanders     |
| 11/9  | Paul Amundson      | 11/10 | Hollie Dagner     |
| 11/10 | Jessa Haug         | 11/14 | Jeff Hoff         |
| 11/14 | Wally Westerberg   | 11/17 | Robert Eckerman   |
| 11/18 | Alexandra Eckerman | 11/18 | Stella Heberling  |
| 11/19 | Mark Ahrenholz     | 11/22 | Elizabeth Barthel |
| 11/24 | Grace Gillitzer    | 11/24 | Gene Krogstad     |
| 11/25 | Bradley Johnson    | 11/26 | Raya Dunderi      |
| 11/27 | Amber Doering      | 11/27 | Matthew Damhof    |
| 11/30 | Leigh Holman       |       |                   |

## Anniversaries

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|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 11/5  | Ryan & Lisa Pridgeon  | 11/5  | Joyce Middendorf & Toni Jesinoski |
| 11/13 | Michael & Linda Allen | 11/15 | Curt & Julie Alveshere            |
| 11/30 | Randy & Paula Lilga   |       |                                   |

## Gratitude

Dear Family of Rejoice,

Scott and I want to extend our most grateful Thanks for the many acts of kindness since the motorcycle accident. Thank you for the food, gift cards, loving cards visits at our home and most of all, the many prayers.

We know we have an extended family with Rejoice and Blessed to be a part of it.

Remember each day, to share your love, life can change in an instant!

God's Blessings to all,

Scott and Doris Scharmer



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**Music Coordinator**

Nicole Heberling

**Office Assistant**

Lisa Pridgeon



Join us at Rejoice  
Wednesday, November 23rd.  
5:30 Meal – 6:30 Service  
Please bring a Soup to Share  
Be Blessed!