

# 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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## August 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.

### August 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 August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.
- ❖ August 18<sup>th</sup>, Airstream Tales from Pete Yanke for Young @Heart. Doors open at 10:30am for good food & Fellowship. Lunch will be served at 11:30am.
- ❖ August 14<sup>th</sup>, Mexico Mission group will be serving for fellowship.
- ❖ Youth's VBS August 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- ❖ The Singing Saints will be singing Aug 7<sup>th</sup> before Sunday's Service



Dear Friends,

A little perspective. As we enter into August I begin to get serious about the return of an active life at church, with all kinds of programming starting up and people returning from the summer hiatus. Our recent pandemic tossed all that out. But, looking forward now, it feels like the first “normal” August I have had with all of you. And, I can’t wait.

So much has changed, and so much more will change, but we will diligently be moving forward in becoming the best version of ourselves. We will be creating a “Kiddos Korner” in the back of worship space where families with young children will feel more comfortable. We will be welcoming families with their wiggly giggly children. We will welcome their interruptions and catch ourselves from giving them “the eye” when children act up. We need to work at making sure the “Kiddos Korner” is felt in every room, every relationship in the church.

A couple of weeks ago I preached about hospitality is making space for others to be themselves. It is a space that welcomes as they are. It is a space that others monitor their thoughts, and the welcome filter wins over the “blurt filter.”

Besides the work we each need to do to make space for others, there is the attentiveness and awareness of our own spiritual need to grow stronger in faith. Every week we close worship with the sending that includes the statement, Leader: “Not content to leave us as we are, God is growing us in faith,” **All: “And changing our lives. “**

No need to be afraid or dread change. Change is fun! Change is life-giving. It is empowering. It is RESURRECTION!

I am so looking forward to our resurrection this fall.

Pastor Jim

## Rejoice Church Council Update

*Courageous Service,  
Compassionate Justice,*

*Extravagant Hospitality,  
Joyful Generosity,*

*Transformational Worship,  
Purposeful Community*

Your church council met on July 12th.

The land sale to the Food Shelf is moving forward with the very hard work of several church members and community people who have volunteered their professional expertise and time to work toward the completion of the sale. We have a closing date of August 3rd.

Our Finance team continues to meet and has researched the best investment account to meet our needs with our mortgage and building future. There are easy ways to stay current on your giving throughout the summer including text, simply giving, mail, or dropping it off.

THANK YOU for your **Joyful Generosity!**

The council approved to have Elite Remodeling Services replace the roof shingles. This was needed after there was damage as a result of hail storm earlier this year.

The small group of Linnea Lindquist, Jim Lanes, Pastor Jim, Becky Brzinski have finished their initial work on the Constitution and Bylaws for our church. The draft documents have been sent to the Synod for their review and provided to the council for their review also. In August, the council will approve the latest documents and call for a Special Congregational meeting. In August/September we will notify members of the meeting and conduct information sessions. The final Constitution and Bylaws will be ratified at the Annual Meeting in February 2023.

## Treasurer's Report

### FINANCIAL RECAP- 2022

		<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Gain/Loss (-)</u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	June	13,160.33	17,446.73	-4,286.40
	<b>YTD</b>	122,417.96	126,863.74	<b>-4,445.78</b>
<b>MORTGAGE FUND</b>	June	5,845.39	5,705.00	140.39
	<b>YTD</b>	60,660.18	42,790.00	<b>17,870.18</b>

The beginning of summer season has lead to the challenge we often see in summer as we try to cover our monthly expenses. Please continue your summertime giving as you travel and have fun thru electronic giving, mailing in your envelopes (already addressed!), or calling the church office for more info.

We have gratefully covered our new reduced mortgage payment because of your generous commitments.

As always, thank you for your gifts.

Rhoda Senkler, Treasurer

## Young at Heart



I was taken back when I arrived early at church a couple of Sunday's ago and learned that Pastor Jim would not be there. Covid had hit the Bump home. My job was usher and not sure of where I could help out as this was my first time handing out programs and collecting money. Well, the Rejoice Team went to work and we had a great service with a message from Christmas but was good to hear it again. Thank you TEAM!

This is what your Young@Heart Team does. We each do a little to bring you a fun program, well most of the time anyway and a delicious meal.

As a Full-Time RV'er I spend my summers at the MN Airstream Park over in Clear Lake. Ever been there? Well, in August I am going to be sharing a little of the Park and with my Airstream Friend, Pete Yanke who will share his musical talent all to let you know what it's like to spend time in a 'Silver Bullet' living the dream.

So join us on Thursday, August 18th for something a little different. Give Carol a call at the Rejoice Office 320-558-6851 so Jim knows how much food to fix. Bring a friend and enjoy a couple of hours of fun. - Linda Agre



July's Young @ Heart Photos

## Angels of Maintenance:



## Mark your calendars!!

### Maintenance Angels Summer Meeting Thursday August 25th at 6:30 pm

- We will have a short business meeting
- Followed by grilled brats, burgers, and beverages.
- Weather permitting, we will meet behind the church by the garage.
- Free will donations accepted.
- Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

*Rejoice would like to replace tools stolen from the garage last fall. Items included a battery charger, cordless weed wacker and leaf blower. Are you aware of any equipment like this (in good running condition) that could be donated to the church? The lawn crew would sure appreciate some good tools to do their work.*

## Gratitude:

- We are **THANKFUL** to those Servants that help make our Services run smoothly every Sunday.
- Thank you to those who are putting additional effort into recent and ongoing fundraising events.
- We are also grateful for those who are volunteering their time and talent to the Vacation Bible School Activity.

## Youth & Family

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2022

**August 8-9-10 I 5:30-7:30 pm**

*Mountains of Fun!*

All children 4 years old thru going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate.

Older children will be asked to be helpers

Light meal begins at 5:30 pm.

Register on the Rejoice website

[rejoicelutheranchurch.org](http://rejoicelutheranchurch.org)

If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Janelle Rudningen  
320-237-4896

## Sunday Worship Servants

Sunday Worship	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
Greeters	Victoria Jasper	Mary Wilson	Bill & Rhoda Senkler	Jim & Carol Eich
Ushers	Mary Wilson	Kent & Grace Asheim	Kent & Grace Asheim	Ryan & Lisa Pridgeon
Readers	Victoria Jasper	Linda Campana	Rhoda Senkler	Audrey Lidberg
Communion Setup	<b>X</b>	Becky Brzinski	<b>X</b>	Becky Brzinski
Power point				
Sound				
Fellowship		Mexico Trip Group		

## August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>HC</b> Holy Communion	1 9:30-12:00 Library Mtg.  7:00p AA Mtg.	2	3	4	5 Office closed	6 9:00a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church
7 <b>9:30a Worship</b> 10:15 Fellowship	8 9:30-12:00 Library Mtg.  7:00p AA Mtg.  VBS 5:30 – 7:30p	9 6:30p Council Mtg.  VBS 5:30 – 7:30p	10 9:00a Yoga for All  1:00p Stitch & Pray  VBS 5:30 – 7:30p	11 9:30am PALS	12 Office closed	13 9:00a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church
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# August Celebrations

## Birthdays

Woodman, Kaleb , 8/3 ,  
Maehren, Justin , 8/5 ,  
Krogstad, Kay , 8/7 ,  
Hagstrom, Joni , 8/13 ,  
Wilson, Ray , 8/18 ,  
Imdieke, Jonica , 8/21 ,  
Steinkraus, Julie , 8/23 ,  
Eich, Jim , 8/25 ,  
Potter, Barbara , 8/30

Lilga, Randy , 8/3  
Groth, Wendy , 8/7 ,  
Sand, Lindsey , 8/9 ,  
Benson, Maya , 8/13 ,  
Johnson, Jim , 8/19 ,  
Wilmes, Cru , 8/23 ,  
Jacobson, Alli , 8/23 ,  
Reid, Camryn , 8/26 ,

Barthel, Elysia , 8/4 ,  
VanNurden, Ethan , 8/7 ,  
Eckerman, Rhyan , 8/13 ,  
Nelson, Jane , 8/14 ,  
Maehren, Mickaela , 8/20 ,  
Koren, Linda , 8/23 ,  
Jussila, Dennis , 8/24 ,  
Hagstrom, Brandon , 8/27 ,

## Anniversaries

Kunz, Mike & Julie , 8/5/1984 ,  
Hard, Alex & Gohman-Hard, Danna , 8/7/1999 ,  
Nelson, Jeff & Barb , 8/15/1981 ,  
Severson, Jerry & Jenine , 8/20/1999 ,  
Hagstrom, Dan & Joni , 8/24/1996 ,  
Michalski, Mike & Sue , 8/24/1974 ,  
Woodman, John & Erin , 8/31/1996 ,

Bradford, Gail & Bill , 8/7/1993 ,  
Meyer, Dayle & Jean , 8/9/1960 ,  
Johnson, Jim & Marlys , 8/19/1961 ,  
Steinkraus, Jim & Julie , 8/21/1976 ,  
Brunson, Randy & JoHonna , 8/24/1996 ,  
Michalski, Paul & Stacie , 8/26/2006 ,



We are looking for individuals to help with Sunday Services:

- **Greeters**
- **Ushers**
- **Readers**
- **Communion Assistants**
- **Fellowship**

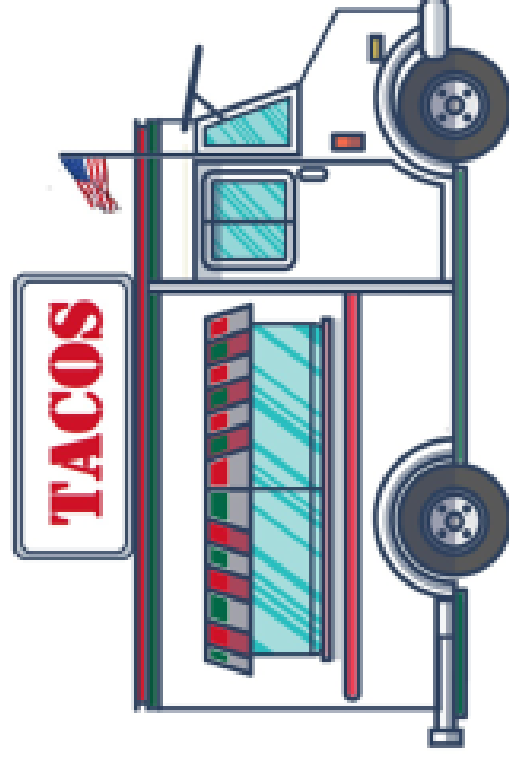
If you can help in any of these areas, please contact the Church Office  
Thank you

**IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

# Garage Sale & Taco in a bag Fundraiser



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August 5th & 6th

8am – 2pm

If you can help, please sign up in Celebration Hall

Donations are welcome. Drop off at Church – Thank You

## Rejoice Lutheran Church (ELCA) Non-Profit Org

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Monday – Thursday  
7:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Friday - closed

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[www.rejoicelutheranchurch.org](http://www.rejoicelutheranchurch.org)

## Staff

### Pastor

James Bump

### Office Administrator

Carol Eich

### Music Coordinator

Nicole Heberling

### Office Assistant

Lisa Pridgeon



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