

## 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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# REJOICINGS



## July 2024

### 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.

### July Events

- Please join us for a A Congregational Meeting will be held at Rejoice on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM to consider the candidate of choice from the Call Committee.
- Library mtgs will be held at 9:30am till noon, Monday mornings.
- Mondays at 7:00pm, Alcoholics Anonymous gather at Rejoice.
- Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:00am for "Yoga for All".  
No yoga on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Stitch & Pray meet at 1:00pm Wednesday afternoons.  
No gathering on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Community Food Rescue is offered Sunday mornings at 10:30am in the education wing after Sunday Worship. All are welcome.
- Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- "Gift Card" Bingo will be offered this month for Young@Heart on Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 10:30am, lunch will be served at 11:30am and then bingo will follow.
- On July 28<sup>th</sup> Spoke Folk will visit rejoice and offer a program at 7pm.

## **Pastor's Message**

Beloveds,

Thank you for the cards, gifts, prayers, strawberry treats and blessings shared last week. Paige and I are overwhelmed by your love and kindness—as we have been since our very first day with you. We are so excited to keep watch over all that the Spirit is doing with and for you, Rejoice!

In the hope of Christ,  
Pastor Susan

## **Rejoice Church Council Update**

Your church council met on Sunday, June 23. We were pleased to welcome the Call Committee to the meeting, and they shared their candidate of choice to be the next pastor of Rejoice. The council approved the candidate and set a date for a congregational meeting to approve this candidate for call. This is very exciting, and we are so grateful for the months of hard work by the Call Committee! Thank you Danielle Sand, Heidi Graham, Kent Asheim, Kris Maehren, Leah Ahrenholz, Logan Polzin, and Scott Scharmer!

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 14 at 10:45 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the candidate of choice from the Call Committee. A vote will be taken whether to call this candidate as the next Pastor of Rejoice Lutheran Church. No other business will be conducted at this meeting. Please plan to attend the meeting to learn more as we move forward as a faith community.

As she concluded her interim ministry with us on June 23, Pastor Susan Debner shared her insights on several ways that we can welcome a new pastor and make that transition smooth for all. We have been so blessed by Pastor Susan's leadership this year - Thank you!

Pastor Susan has arranged a preacher for all the Sundays through the end of July. June 30 - Dave Nelson, July 7 - Trudy Powell, July 14 - Carol Olson, July 21 - Donna Olson, July 28 - Carol Olson.

Spoke Folk are coming to Rejoice on July 28! Spoke Folk is a community passionate about living and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will host about 30 young people embarking on a 12-day biking tour during which they learn positive faith building habits, share experiences that are physically, mentally and spiritually challenging within a supportive community of believers. They will share a program with our community at 7 p.m. on July 28. The program is filled with music, testimonials, a skit and even a puppet show geared toward young children. Mark your calendars to attend and tell your friends and neighbors to join us - this is a community event and open to all.

The Clearwater Farmer's Market is up and running in the Rejoice parking lot! Spread the word! The next market is July 12 followed by August 2 and 9, and September 13.

There was no Treasurer's report to review at this meeting. Thank you for your financial gifts to Rejoice. They are greatly appreciated and used wisely.

We closed in prayer: Father, thank you for revealing Your love to us today. We invite You to send us out from here in the power of the Holy Spirit. Fan into flame the gifts that you have given us. Come reveal Your grace and truth to us each day. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Chwalek  
Council President

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## Upcoming Events

### Food Shelf



### Open Your Heart Summer Challenge July 1 – 31

Giving to the OYH summer challenge is an efficient way for you to impact thousands of people who are experiencing hunger and homeless. Please consider a monetary donation to the Clearwater Clear Lake Food Shelf during July.

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### Young@Heart



### Please join us for our next gathering on July 18, 2024

It's time to have a little fun and play Bingo. What's not to like about 'Gift Card' Bingo? So come join Wally as he calls all the right numbers. Bring a friend and your Lucky Rabbit's Foot. Card & Games at 10:30, Lunch at 11:30, and Bingo following.

Please give the Rejoice Office (320-558-6851) a call to let them know you are planning on attending so we may get an accurate count for dinner.

# Vacation Bible School

**August 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Monday - Wednesday**

**5:30pm-Gathering Meal**

**6:00pm-Opening Music/Bible Story Time**

**7:30pm-Closing/Wrap Up**

**Sign up available:**

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



To volunteer or if you have questions,  
contact Janelle at [jrudningen@live.com](mailto:jrudningen@live.com).



## Fall Festival - September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024



As we prepare for our annual Fall Festival, we need your help with the following:

### Silent Auction:

- Soliciting items for the silent auction from St. Cloud, Waite Park, Sauk Rapids and/or Sartell area businesses. We have someone soliciting Clearwater, Clear Lake and Becker.
- Donating gift baskets or items you have purchased for the silent auction.
- Donating money or items from your home or business for the raffle.
- Donating items from your home for Granny's Attic.

Becky Brzinski oversees the silent auction this year, so please contact her if you have questions.

***If you are new to Rejoice's Fall Festival or haven't been able to participate, we would LOVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP:***

- Selling raffle tickets
- Selling and taking dinner tickets the day of the festival
- Preparing lutefisk
- Preparing meatballs
- Baking bread
- Making lefsa
- Baking Scandinavian cookies
- Kitchen: preparing food for dinners & serving at 3 & 5 pm, clean up
- Dining area set up, seating and serving Scandinavian desserts, clean up
- Silent auction: preparation, set up, selling, clean up, follow up with items after sale.
- Bake sale; preparing, setting up and selling items, clean up.
- Granny's attic: setting up items, selling items (free will offering) to guests, cleaning up items after festival for donation.
- Gift boutique: making, setting up and selling homemade items and gifts, clean up after.
- Ole's Grill: setting up, preparing and selling food and beverages, clean up after.
- Farmers Market: donating vegetables/produce from your garden, setting up and selling items clean up after.
- Setting up tables for various areas for the festival and cleaning up after the festival to get it ready for Sunday service.

Please bring any items you may want to donate to Rejoice for Granny's attic; they can be put in the education wing in rooms not being used.

Please contact Chari Ahrenholz 320-492-1196 or Doris Scharmer 320-828-0567 with questions.

## July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> No Yoga or Stitch and Pray	<b>4</b> Independence Day Office Closed	<b>5</b> Office Closed	<b>6</b> 9:00a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church
<b>7</b> <b>9:30a</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Pastor Trudy</b> <b>Powell</b> 10:30 Fellowship	<b>8</b> 9:30a-12:00 Library Mtg.  7:00p AA Mtg.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00a Yoga for All  1:00p Stitch & Pray	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Office Closed	<b>13</b> 9:00a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church
<b>14</b> <b>9:30a Worship/HC</b> <b>Pastor Carol Olson</b> 10:30a Fellowship 10:45a Congregational Meeting	<b>15</b> 9:30a-12:00 Library Mtg.  7:00p AA Mtg.	<b>16</b> 10:00a Women's Bible Study	<b>17</b> 9:00a Yoga for All  1:00p Stitch & Pray	<b>18</b> 10:30a-Young @ Heart	<b>19</b> Office Closed	<b>20</b> 9:00a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church
<b>21</b> <b>9:30a Worship</b> <b>Noisy Offering</b> <b>Pastor Donna</b> <b>Olson</b> 10:30 Fellowship 11:00a Council Meeting	<b>22</b> 9:30a-12:00 Library Mtg  7:00p AA Mtg.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00a Yoga for All  1:00p Stitch & Pray	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b> 9:00a 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church
<b>28</b> <b>9:30a Worship/HC</b> <b>Pastor Carol Olson</b> 10:30 Fellowship  7p Spoke Folk Program	<b>29</b> 9:30a-12:00 Library Mtg  7:00p AA Mtg.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00a Yoga for All  1:00p Stitch & Pray			

### July Birthdays

7/4 Cindy Bluhm  
7/4 Ken Hutchinson  
7/4 Victoria Jasper  
7/5 Lynda Ashcroft  
7/7 Linda Agre  
7/8 Sue Severson  
7/8 Susan Chwalek  
7/12 Ron Schneider

7/12 Ron Holm  
7/13 Leah Ahrenholz  
7/18 Barb Nelson  
7/18 Lynn Schneider  
7/21 Paul Nelson  
7/28 Nicole Heberling  
7/28 Adelyn Charboneau  
7/29 Kimberly Willis

7/29 Jim Lanes  
7/30 Danna Gohman-Hard  
7/31 Cindy Kirchoff

## Sunday Worship Servants

Sunday Worship	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Greeters				Mary
Ushers			Sue & Mary	
Readers		Gladys S		
Communion Setup	X		X	
Fellowship				

Please sign up if you're able to help. If you would like an email reminder, please also include your email address. Thank you for your generous service.

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