

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
2nd & 4th Sunday.

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June 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.

June Events

- Library mtgs will be held at 9:30am till noon, Monday mornings.
- Mondays at 7:00pm, Alcoholics Anonymous gather at Rejoice.
- Stitch & Pray meet 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."
- Rite of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) will be June 2nd.
- New Members will be welcomed on June 9th.
- Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, June 18th at 10am.
- Young@Heart will host photographers Cal & Coleen Schoenleben Thursday, June 20th. Doors open at 10:30am Music, good food & fellowship. Lunch will be served at 11:30am.
- Outdoor service will be held on Sunday, June 30th.

Pastor's Message



The Spirit is moving around here!

Last month we read about the roaring wind and tongues of fire that accompanied the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. This month we're experiencing the energy and passion of the Spirit each week in worship:

Sunday, June 2 Core Values Camp Sermon Series: Transformational Worship

Blakely Hartman will be baptized. McKenna Benson and Addy Charboneau will affirm the promises of their baptism through Confirmation. Holy Communion will be celebrated. We will offer prayers of thanksgiving for Heidi Eckerman's role as our bookkeeper.

Sunday, June 9 Core Values Camp Sermon Series: Joyful Generosity

Kyla Khambong will be baptized. We will welcome new members and share holy communion. This will be a great opportunity to try out some of the befriending skills learned in our children's sermon series on Zacchaeus.

Sunday, June 16 Pastor Carol Olson will lead worship and preach this week. Pastor Susan is on vacation.

Sunday, June 23 Worship includes holy communion.

Sunday, June 30 Outdoor worship

Bring a lawn chair and wear your comfy shoes and shorts as we worship in the glorious MN summer under the canopy on the north side of church.

Minnesota summers encourage us to slow down and take it easy—but at Rejoice, we are bursting at the seams with all God invites us to join!

See you at worship,
Pastor Susan

Additional Events

New Members, Anyone? :)

As Rejoice gets closer to calling a next pastor, there are several folks who are regularly worshipping, serving, and giving at Rejoice but not yet officially welcomed. Are you one? Do you know one? Please get names and phone numbers to Pastor Susan or the church office ASAP so we can welcome new members during worship on **June 9**. One of the many perks of joining the congregation in this official way is the ability to be part of the vote to call our next pastor.

Graduation Blessings were shared in worship last month. Please continue to hold our wonderful Annandale High School grads in your prayers as they boldly go into their next season of life.



Tyler Canon

Tyler has been accepted into the Architectural Construction Technology Associate of Applied Science program at St. Cloud Technical College where he will begin this fall. He is excited to begin this next chapter.

Maya Benson

Maya is excited to go to her aunt and uncle's ranch in July. She is taking a gap year to see if ranch life is really for her. She plans to get her own apartment with some of her friends and can't wait to be out on her own experiencing what life has to offer.



Owen Holm

In the fall, Owen will be attending MState in Wadena. He will be majoring in Electrical Lineworker Technology.

Thank you, Heidi Eckerman! Heidi has been working as the part-time bookkeeper for our congregation since last summer. Her position wrapped up at the end of May due to changing schedules, but we are so thankful for her hard work. We'll say a prayer of thanksgiving on Sunday, June 2 as part of worship. Please feel free to share a card and/or a warm word of thanks with Heidi when you see her.

Rejoice Church Council Update

Your church council met on Sunday, May 19. We reflected on the Core Values Camp sermon series so far and discussed where we've seen the Holy Spirit at work through these values since our last meeting. I hope you reflect on these values as well as you think about our work together in this community of faith: Courageous Service, Extravagant Hospitality, Transformational Worship, Compassionate Justice, Joyful Generosity, Purposeful Community.

On recommendation of Pastor Susan, the council approved the confirmation of Addy Charboneau and McKenna Benson. Congratulations Addy and McKenna on reaching this milestone in your faith journey!

We'll welcome new members during worship on June 9.

Heidi Eckerman has resigned as bookkeeper and will conclude her work on May 27. Thank you for your work in this position Heidi! We are not moving to fill this position immediately. Sara Nelson is making all journal entries. Mark Ahrenholz has agreed to reconcile the books at month-end and Sue Henstein will do payroll at this time.

We raised \$2000 in a little over a week to purchase a new laptop for the office coordinator. THANK YOU! We will keep the remaining funds until after our new pastor arrives and gets settled and we understand what computer/technology needs she/he may need.

We are close to the goal for the purchase of a new lawn mower just in time for the summer season! THANK YOU!

The council reviewed the use of our facility by the Clearwater Cast of Characters, and all agreed that this was a positive experience, and we would be happy to host the production again next year. We raised \$2774 from concession sales in addition to the \$3000 the group paid to rent the facility.

Mark Ahrenholz reported that we are about \$27,000 behind budget for the year. He continues to spend a significant amount of time generating reports for use by the council. THANK YOU, Mark!

Replacing the outdoor sign continues to progress. Paul Amundson has designed the sign and is recruiting people to build the new structure. The new sign will incorporate an electronic sign and the estimate for this part alone is \$6,000-\$10,000. Please consider how you can be involved in bringing this sign to completion.

Kent Asheim was unanimously approved to fill the Social Concerns position on the council until the annual meeting in February 2025. Welcome Kent!

We are pleased to announce that Rejoice will host the new Clearwater Farmer's Market in our parking lot this summer! The market will be held on Friday June 14, July 13, August 2 and 9, and September 13. There are two dates in August so that the market can be open during Heritage Days. Hours for the market will tentatively be 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. with final hours to be announced very soon.

We closed in prayer –

Father, thank you that you have revealed 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

Save the Dates



Vacation Bible School

Monday, August 5th–Wednesday, August 7th

5:30pm-Gathering Meal

6:00pm-Opening Music/Bible Story Time

7:30pm-Closing/Wrap Up



Please contact Janelle at jrudningen@live.com if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.



Fall Festival - September 28th, 2024

We are underway with planning for our 20th annual Fall Festival September 28, 2024. A letter via email is being sent to all businesses in the area for donations. Please consider making a monetary donation for the raffle, making up a basket for the silent auction, or purchasing gift cards or items from establishments you frequent.

The following members have stepped forward to be team leaders:

Doris Scharmer & Chari Ahrenholz: Co chairs of Fall Festival 24

Granny's Attic: Rhoda Senkler; 320-266-1770

Christmas Room: Kathy Langva; 612-309-0582

Farmers Market: Mary Bergeron; 320-828-2373 & Wally Westerberg; 320-558-6021

Posters: Mary Bergeron: 320-828-2373

Bake Sale: Danna Gohman-Hard; 320-333-1380

Hilda (Previously Lena): Sue Oelke; 612-670-6769

Dining Room 3pm & 5pm): Linnea Lindquist; 612-306-5888

Meatballs: Grace: 320-333-0623 & Kent Asheim; 320-266-2543

Lefsa: Linda Campana; 715-491-7498

Swedish cookies: Audrey Lidberg; 612-205-1542

Krumkake: Linnea Lindquist; 612-306-5888

Gift Boutique: Deb Biorn; 320-291-1865

Silent Auction: Becky Brzinski; 320-420-6356

Lutefisk: Brad Johnson; 320-290-5307

Kids Corner: Leah Ahrenholz; 320-492-1759

HELP PLEASE

The following areas need leaders:

Raffle tickets:

Advertising:

Pick up supplies:

Pick up business donations:

Bread making:

Kitchen (to make & serve food):

Set up tables:

Ole's Grill:

Thank you on behalf of Fall Festival 2024 planning team and co-chairs,

Doris Scharmer: 320-828-0567

Chari Ahrenholz: 320-492-1196

Young@Heart

Update: We had 43 attend Y@H on May 16, 2024. About average for lunch. What a great program by the Weavers. Y@H donated \$300 to their Nonprofit.



Please join us for our next gathering on June 20, 2024

Who in Minnesota doesn't enjoy the birds, bees, and flowers? I believe we all do so join Y@H as we take a trip discovering some of God's awesome creations. We will see birds, flowers, wildlife, and beautiful scenery and learn how to make your photos better all under the direction of photographers Cal and Coleen Schoenleben. You will have a chance to help guess names of birds and ducks. We have a fun and enjoyable event planned for you on the 20th. Kent & Grace Asheim will do the introductions.

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.

Library

The book cart has returned to the Fellowship area. Please take a look and follow the checkout process if one catches your interest!

Thank you for visiting the library during our anniversary. The drawing winners are Evan Rudningen, Lucy Sand, Logan Polzin, Rosemary Monk and Danielle Sand. We look forward to seeing you throughout the summer.



Sunday Worship Servants

Sunday Worship	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Greeters	Ron & Carolyn Stensby	Linda Agre	Linnea Lindquist	Kay Krogstad	
Ushers	Cheryl Zimmerman Joan Gardner				
Readers	Susan Chwalek	Becky Brzinski	Audrey Lidberg		Becky Brzinski
Communion Setup	Kari Monk-Gohman	Kari Monk-Gohman	X	Kari Monk-Gohman	X

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30a Worship/HC, Baptism, Confirmation 10:30 Fellowship	3 9:30a-12:00 Library Mtg. 7:00p AA Mtg.	4	5 9:00a Yoga for All 1:00p Stitch & Pray	6	7 Office Closed	8 9:00a 7 th Day Adventist Church
9 9:30a Worship/HC, Baptism, New Members 10:30 Fellowship	10 9:30a-12:00 Library Mtg. 7:00p AA Mtg.	11	12 9:00a Yoga for All 1:00p Stitch & Pray	13	14 Office Closed	15 9:00a 7 th Day Adventist Church
16 9:30a Worship/ Noisy Offering 10:30 Fellowship	17 9:30a-12:00 Library Mtg 7:00p AA Mtg.	18 10:00a Women's Bible Study	19 9:00a Yoga for All 1:00p Stitch & Pray	20 10:30a-Young @ Heart	21 Office Closed	22 9:00a 7 th Day Adventist Church
23 9:30a Worship/HC 10:30 Fellowship 11:00a Council Meeting	24 Memorial Day Office Closed	25	26 9:00a Yoga for All 1:00p Stitch & Pray	27	28 Office Closed	29
30 9:30a Outdoor Worship 10:30 Fellowship						

June Birthdays

6/1 Rita Betzler	6/6 McKenna Benson	6/14 Grady Doering	6/20 Paul Janski	6/27 Linda Allen
6/2 Gary Betzler	6/7 Darryl Bissell	6/16 Mike Charboneau	6/20 Kris Maehren	6/27 Carol Eich
6/2 Greg Bluhm	6/8 Janelle Rudningen	6/16 Everly Imdieke	6/20 Travis Brunson	6/29 Tim Totz
6/2 Randy Brunson	6/9 Carolyn Bissell	6/18 Marlene Damhof	6/21 Sydney Dunderi	
6/4 Paula Lilga	6/10 Pam Bender	6/19 Ralph Brown	6/21 Jack Dunderi	
6/4 Justin Hagstrom	6/13 Dan Hagstrom	6/19 Ron Stensby	6/22 Amanda Totz	
6/6 Ethan Allen	6/13 Jerrek Neubert	6/19 JoHanna Brunson	6/24 Markie Gohman	

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