



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

THE SEEKER

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Rev. Justin Johnson, pastor



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church
56 Cleveland Drive
Croton-On-Hudson, NY 10520
(914) 271-4632

Sunday Worship Schedule

Sunday School: 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00 am
Coffee Hour: following worship

Weekday Office Schedule

Office hours: 9:00 am - 12:00
Office Phone: (914) 271-4632
Office E-mail: mail@oursaviourcroton.org
Website: www.oursaviourcroton.org

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Mission Statement:

Our mission is to offer spiritual grounding and growth by connecting with God and one another.

Vision Statement:

Our vision is to provide meaningful, well-attended, active, and

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

-Bryan Montgomery

Hopefully we will be able to find more consistent sources of income that will mean that Our Saviour does not have to continually dip into savings. Don't get me wrong though, we are happy to receive any and all gifts. To that note, as you are probably aware the air conditioner for the parsonage is in need of replacement. Council has decided that this needs to be done sooner than later and will be using our savings to cover the costs of this expense; we would be very happy if you feel that you can contribute to offset this expense. Please mark your gift for property maintenance if you would like it set aside from the general expenses of the church.



2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS & OFFICERS

OFFICERS:

President: Sue Montgomery Vice President: Matt Papertsian
Secretary: Marilyn Grantner/Jamie Polcari Treasurer: Bryan Montgomery

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Property: Matt Papertsian Stewardship: Marilyn Grantner
Worship & Music: Eleanor Keil Social Ministry: LeeAnn McCarthy
Finance: Sue Montgomery Christian Education: Jamie Polcari
Evangelism & Outreach: LeeAnn McCarthy Finance: Sue Montgomery
Mutual Ministry: MaryBeth Soucy

CROTON BLOOD DRIVE

The New York Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at the Croton Free Library (171 Cleveland Drive) from 10 am to 4 pm. The Croton Community Blood Drive and the Village of Croton-on-Hudson are co-sponsors of the drive. All presenting donors will receive a sweet treat - a box of Girl Scout cookies!

Appointments are preferred, and walk-ins are welcome if space permits. You must bring id with name and photo....To sign up, call 1-800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org/donate.



Saturday July 22nd
10:00am – 4:00pm

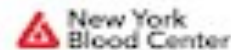
Croton Free Library

171 Cleveland Dr, Croton-On-Hudson, NY

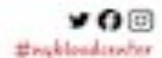
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800.933.BLOOD - nybc.org



#nybloodcenter



It is the beginning of summer and we have already had so many events! From the Croton Fest booth to the Lorraine Hansberry event in the community to voting to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation! It has been a full summer already.

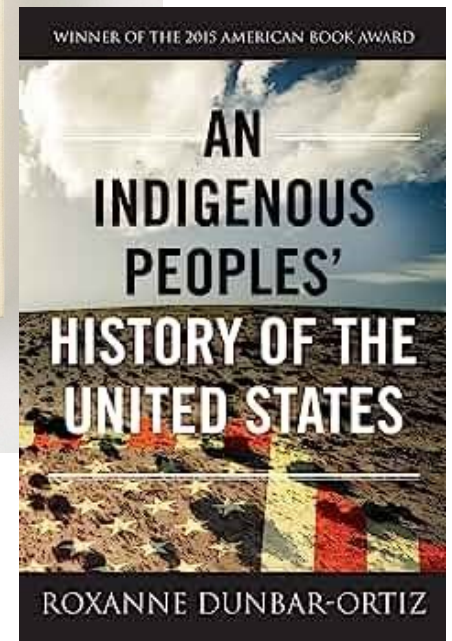
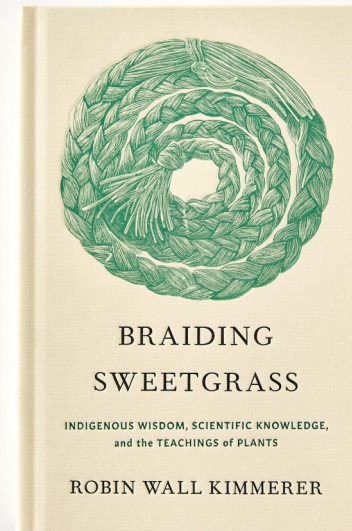
The summer is a time to relax a little, take a vacation, and get a little reading in. Every year I pick a theologian and read all of her/his/their works. This year, my focus is on Indigenous theology and the Christian church. In short, there are two general camps with lots of grey in between. The one camp states that Christianity and the Indigenous communities cannot combine due to the long history of persecution by the church toward the Indigenous people. The second camp states that the two can come together, but there would be a need for deep recognition of harm, including repentance and reparation while allowing the Native voice to shape the new Christian church. That is my focus.

The ELCA has suggested congregations read a book by an Indigenous author throughout the summer. For me, it is like saying, pick your favorite book as there are too many to choose from. I am going to suggest the congregation pick one of two books. One is a great introduction to Indigenous writing and is a “safer” entry into the writing. What I mean by that is due to the trauma of the people, much Indigenous writing contains sexual assault, violence, and unlearned history. This book doesn’t dive into that. It was a NY Times bestseller title “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Kimmerer. In the book, she discusses the relationship between humankind and plants, the healing properties of nature, and care for the Earth.

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The second book is for those who want to be challenged a little bit. It is “An Indigenous People’s History of the United States” by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Dunbar-Ortiz tells the history of the United States from the perspective of those who were living here already. The book discusses the harm of the Doctrine of Discovery, the laws that led to the death of millions of Indigenous people, the Trail of Tears, and other such items of history, but rather than tell them from the European perspective, which we often hear, it is told from documents from Indigenous people.

I hope this summer, you might pick up one of these books and see what you think about a different perspective. Happy summer!



Christian Crafters

Does Christian Crafters do anything else but quilts?

Actually... **Christian Crafters**, name given by Melanie Mueller, started as a craft group to make items for the annual Christmas Fair seven years ago. We have sold new candles from old candles donated by our altar guild. We have made aprons, potholders, placemats, table runners, coasters of cork and donated tiles from Barbara Henninger. Wall art frames, snowmen and bows have been made from supplies from Frank Orts, Rubrums. Also, table trees from sweetgum with help from John Mueller; knock off ornaments from Karen Magerlein's grandmother, and ornaments made from corks, spools, fabric, toothpicks, washers, screws, pipe cleaners, lace and of course glitter... to just mention a few.

We have about exhausted our repertoire of ideas. Starting in July we will start on Christmas ornaments again for the next fair! Come join us on Tuesday mornings to share some new ideas for the next Christmas Fair.

Sincere thanks to everyone that have supported this ministry of **Christian Crafters**. Without you, we would not have been able to purchase 2 new sewing machines, fiberfill and needed sewing supplies over the past 7 year. We have participated in 2 National Quilting Day open houses. Yes, we continue to make quilts for LWR (Lutheran World Relief) and Padre Hispanos along with bookbags for LWR, but we are so much more.

With your continued support, we will continue serving this church, this community and the ELCA world mission of LWR.

Your Christian Crafters:

Karen, Evelyn, Miguel, Carol, Becky, Jeanette, Kathleen and Lois



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 10, 2023.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday Hymn

A hymn titled "God's Work, Our Hands," written by Wayne Wold, was selected as the winning entry in the ELCA's "God's work. Our hands." Sunday hymn contest in 2019. More than 120 entries were submitted to be considered as a hymn for the ELCA's annual dedicated day of service. The selected hymn represents the official tagline of the ELCA and expresses how the people of this church live in service for the life of the world. We offer our thanks to all who submitted original compositions — the large number of entries gives witness to the enthusiasm that "God's work. Our hands." Sunday has inspired throughout this church and in our communities. The selected hymn includes music to a familiar tune as well as music to an original composition. The hymn is available as a year-round worship resource. Wold is a professor and chair of the music department at Hood College in Frederick, Md., where he also serves as concert manager and college organist. He is also the director of music ministry at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, Md.

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm
2 Fifth Pentecost Worship Service 10:00am via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY	3 Girl Scouts 2729 11-1pm	4 Church Office Closed Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm	5 NA 7:00pm	6 AI Anon Mtg 1-2pm	7	8 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm
9 Sixth Pentecost Worship Service 10:00am via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY	10 Pastor on vacation	11 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm Pastor on vacation	12 NA 7:00pm Pastor on vacation	13 AI Anon Mtg 1-2pm Pastor on vacation	14 Pastor on vacation	15 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm
16 Seventh Pentecost Worship Service via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY Pastor on vacation	17	18 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm	19 NA 7:00pm	20 AI Anon Mtg 1-2pm	21	22 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm
23 Eighth Pentecost Worship Service 10:00am via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY	24	25 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm	26 NA 7:00pm	27 AI Anon Mtg 1-2pm	28	29 YOGA Class 9:45am Baptism AA 7:00pm
30 Ninth Pentecost Worship Service 10:00am via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY	31 Pastor on vacation					

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm Pastor on vacation	2 NA 7:00pm Pastor on vacation	3 Al Anon Mtg 1-2pm Pastor on vacation	4 Pastor on vacation	5 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm Pastor on vacation
6 Tenth Pentecost WorshipService 10:00am via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY Pastor at Camp	7	8 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm Pastor at Camp	9 NA 7:00pm Pastor at Camp	10 Al Anon Mtg 1-2pm Pastor at Camp	11 Pastor at Camp	12 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm Pastor at Camp
13 Eleventh Pentecost WorshipService 10:00am via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY Pastor at Camp	14	15 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm	16 NA 7:00pm	17 Al Anon Mtg 1-2pm	18	19 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm
20 Twelfth Pentecost WorshipService via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY	21	22 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm	23 NA 7:00pm	24 Al Anon Mtg 1-2pm	25	26 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm
27 Thirteenth Pentecost WorshipService 10:00am via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY	28	29 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm	30 NA 7:00pm	31 Al Anon Mtg 1-2pm		