

The Hilltopper

Our Savior Lutheran Church



October 2016



"Giving in Gratitude"

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Encouragement to Be Generous

8 We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— ⁵**and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us,**



**Sunday Worship
Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Church School
10:15 a.m.**

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PASTOR'S PAGE

We are all pieces of the puzzle, parts of the whole and stronger together than apart!

When I was recovering from my heart problems, I decided to take on a thousand piece jigsaw puzzle. (I know, insane, right!) It took a long time! I would be lying if there were not more than a few times when I wondered when I couldn't find a piece, if this would be all in vain. How deflating and disappointing to get "almost" the whole picture but missing a piece here or a piece there! It just would not look right, nor be whole. Especially when I looked more times than I can count at the picture on the box trying to figure out the shape and colors of the pieces! Understand for the picture/puzzle to be complete, it takes EVERY piece.

Read these familiar passages of scripture. Romans 12:4-8 (vs.6) "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them." Ephesians 4:11-16 (vs.16) "... the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love."

Age doesn't matter nor whether you are outgoing or shy. The role you play, whether large or small doesn't matter. How long you have belonged to Our Savior Lutheran doesn't matter. To see the whole picture as Christ enables us, takes EVERY piece. You, a child of God, can never be replaced and make our unique picture whole.

You are a piece of Our Savior Lutheran Church Puzzle and family.

This October we will speak of our unique picture as we look to our gifts God has given and stewardship shared. Look for special mailings, inserts on Sundays and our special gathering for EVERYONE in the afternoon of October 23rd.

As your Pastor, I am excited and have enjoyed the picture we create every year. Thank you for your faithfulness!

Pastor Stephen D. Barnes

HOPE ON THE HILL

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education

Helping Individuals Live and Love



**We're having a
Weiner Roast!!**

Join us on
**Sunday, October 16,
4:00 PM at the church.**
The Outreach &
Fellowship Committee will
provide wieners, buns, trimmings, & drinks.



Parishioners are asked to bring a dish
to pass, and lawn chairs and
outdoor games.

Join us for a fun evening!!

Education Special Sunday

Once each month, we will have an
All-Congregation Presentation
after the Sunday Worship Service.

Here is more information about
October's presentation:

October 16—Dr. Paul Boatman will be
speaking on the topic "Compassion Fatigue".

Dr. Boatman was a Counselor and Director
for Safe Haven - Hospice. He has spoken and
taught with our Northern Conference
Professional Leaders group. Dr. Boatman
has since retired from being Senior Chaplain,
Pastoral Care and Education Coordinator yet
still travels for presentations.

For Our Savior, he will be sharing
"Compassion Fatigue" for those who are
investing their life in caregiving for family
and others. He will be speaking during our
Educational Hour on Sunday, Oct. 16.



World-Wide Communion Sunday—October 2

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion
Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way
to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their
dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is
held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has
served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the
same meal in remembrance of Jesus.



The Mary Martha Circle
will meet
October 19, 9:30 a.m., at the
church. Hostess is Roberta Stiles.
Topic Leader is Sue Barger.
The study guide is
"Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith."
All women of Our Savior are welcome!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will be creating lap covers and Prayer Shawls
for Pastor Barnes to take to those in need of comfort.



We plan to meet at the church on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be
October 11, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome for fellowship and to help us with our
projects. Patterns & some supplies are provided. You can also bring your own yarn,
needles, etc. *Questions?* Contact Darlene Daniels.

We will be happy to receive **ANY** yarn or supplies to work on their projects. The pattern calls for 6 oz. skeins
of Homespun by Lion Brand yard which can be found at Walmart, Michaels and Hobby Lobby. Place yarn &
supply donations in the box under the coat rack. Mark any monetary donations as such on your offering
envelope for proper credit placement.

A joyous welcome to our newest members!!

We welcomed six new members to Our Savior Lutheran on Sunday, September 18:



Nancy & Dale Atkinson
Stella & Dale Gettys
Valerie Gettys
Taylor Lodewegen



‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’ —Mark 9:37

Stewardship Time at Our Savior Lutheran

Dear Friends in Christ,



These are exciting days at Our Savior Lutheran Church! They are days filled with God's blessings and gratitude. Blessings and gratitude are the focus of this year's stewardship program: ***First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Gratitude***. Together, we will explore the many ways we are blessed especially with God's grace in Christ and how a response of gratitude moves us to be a blessing to others.

Over the next several weeks, through scripture and reflection, we will immerse ourselves in the delight of blessing and thanksgiving. These weeks will focus our attention on God's gracious giving in Christ and how gratitude for these blessings enable us to grow in our lives as disciples and in our sharing of blessings – to give of ourselves in gratitude.

- ▶ The Kick-Off Sunday for ***“First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Gratitude”*** will be Sunday October 2nd.
- ▶ On Sunday October 23rd we will celebrate Gratitude and Commitment Sunday, which focuses on the blessing God has shared with us and our cumulative expressions of gratitude as individuals and congregation. On this Sunday we will indicate how we will share our gifts in gratitude for God's blessings and the ministry of our congregation.
- ▶ November 2nd will be Our Celebration Sunday bringing the stewardship program to an end in a joyful celebration of God's blessings on our congregation.

Plan to be on hand for worship this October as we consider how ***“First, We Give of Ourselves”***. How exciting it will be to grow together in discipleship and the delight of gratitude.

God's blessings,

The Stewardship committee – Pastor Barnes and Tim Leitner

From the Christian Education Committee:

A Confirmation Class will be offered on one Sunday a month during the months of October through May. Pastor Barnes has selected a curriculum that will be suitable for one to several students in sixth grade or above. He will be sending a letter to the families of potential students offering and explaining the course with dates, requirements, and expectations. **The first class is scheduled on Oct. 9, 2016.** There will be assignments to complete between Sundays. Class periods will be 10:15-11:30 a.m. This is a two-year course.





FLOWER CHART FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 2	Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—32nd Wedding Anniversary
Oct. 9	The Daniels Family in Honor of Larry Daniels' Birthday
Oct. 16	Mark & Chris McCarrell in Honor of Lillian Pinkston's Birthday
Oct. 23	Available
Oct. 30	Available

REMINDER: When you take your flowers home, please leave the green plastic insert in the wooden vase. The inserts are used by The Greenhouse to transport our flowers, and are very costly to replace.

To sign up for flowers on the altar for a specific Sunday, please fill out the flower chart by the front entrance or call the church office.

To pay for your week The price for weekly flowers is now **\$25.00 for 2016**. Please place your check for \$25.00 in the offering plate, or mail it to Our Savior. Thank you.



Center for Prevention of Abuse

The women & children who seek shelter and safety at House of Hope appreciate your support. There is a collection crate by the coat rack for House of Hope.

A list of current needs is posted in the Gathering Room and near the church office.

Special needs now include: Cereal, Diapers of all sizes, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit

Hand mixer

Laundry detergent and dish soap

Iron/ironing board

Pillows

Full/Twin/Crib sheets

Full/Twin size blankets

Full/Twin size comforters, mattress pads

Shower curtain, curtain holders

Pots and pans

Lamp

Your generosity is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Leon Edwards at 309-272-2919 or Gary at (309) 691-0551.



Our Savior Lutheran Value Statement

We spread God's word –
joining with Jesus to heal our broken world.

Our Savior Lutheran Guiding Principles



- We follow Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- We pray eagerly to strengthen our commitment and relationship with God.
- We act boldly based on an abundant picture of God's love.
- We listen to our neighbors to truly know their joys and sorrows.
- We work as God's hands – serving the needs of our community and the world.
- We love to tell the story of Jesus and His love.

***If you have a ministry need,
you may wish to call Pastor,
the church office, or
one of our lay assistants:***

Pastor Barnes—(309) 253-3754
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(SAM) Tim Leitner—(309) 353-2771
Melanie Fleming—(309)-387-6093
Charlie Davis—(309) 347-7522
Chris McCarrell—(309) 691-5313



We also continue to pray for our college student, **Emily Foss** (Bradley University); and those in the Military: Petty Officer 1st Class **Josh Barger** (Navy, San Diego, CA), and **Nick Marzinzik** (Air Force Reserves, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew).

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Prayer Concerns



Craig Brooks
Jim Johnson
Chad Wahl
Richard Massey (*Gene's son*)
Cheryl, Alan and Mitchell
Ruth Roach (*health issues*)
Gus (*Sue's father, serious health concern*)
Ryan
Doris Voller (*health concerns*)
Caleb (*Mike and Sue Barger's nephew*)
Doris Hambleton (*sister of Marilyn Whittington—health declining*)
George & Elaine Alexander (*health concerns*)
Cathy and Kenny (*dealing with some rough times*)
Nancy Lietz (*mother-in-law of Anne Dralle Lietz—Multiple Myeloma treatment*)
Amy Lietz (*sister-in-law of Anne Dralle Lietz—Breast Cancer*)
Grant (*friend of Vickie Rayburn who recently had open heart surgery. Pray for healing & restoration*)
Darlene Smith (*friend of Lillian Pinkston—serious health concerns*)
Connie (*Family of Connie—Sue's Aunt*)
Bob Butler (*Melanie's neighbor-long recovery from foot surgery*)
Family of Lanie Riddle (*10 year old friend of Lily Fleming*)
Bella & Anna (*friends of Melanie Fleming, have broken legs from ATV accident*)
Lily Fleming (*pray for flood victims*)
Doris Voller (*Ensign Tary N. Valler—San Diego USN, Helicopter Pilot*)
Susan Thomas (*pneumonia*)
Family of Jerry Sczinski (*Friend of Lee Sorenson*)
Jacque Davis (*Health concerns*)
The Roach Family (*Prayers for the family of Bill Hopp*)
Darryl Humble (*friend of Lee Sorenson who is experiencing complications following a recent surgery*)

(Contact Gerry with any additions, deletions, corrections or updates)



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!!

We are excited to announce we now have a new website! The monthly Hilltopper and calendar will be available to view, as well as upcoming events and various pieces of information. Material will be updated regularly on our new website so we can keep you informed as quickly as possible.

Leslie, Tim and Gerry have worked tirelessly for some time to get this website up and running, and we are all happy to share it with you.

More features are being planned for the future so be sure you stay tuned for updates and details!

Below is the link for your convenience. Be sure to **bookmark** it on your "Favorites" list. And if you need any help navigating it, call or come into the office for help.

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/>

WELCA Northern Conference Fall Event

Ladies...Please, Mark Your Calendars!

Our exciting WELCA Fall Celebration is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016**. Salem Lutheran in Peoria is hosting the event. We are so thankful to have the talented Kay Price as our presenter.

Our theme is centered on:
"Katie Luther—an Incredible Woman of Faith"

In-Kind offerings of feminine hygiene items are collected for local ministries. Cost for the program and the delicious lunch is \$10.00.

Please make reservations and mail checks to
Barb Hanson, 4118 N. Hawthorne Place,
Peoria, IL, 61614.

Questions? Please contact Christina Hartleib-Jones, Convener for the NCPC at: 309-697-5362.

In October we're celebrating...

Anniversaries & Birthdays

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 6—Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer
 Oct. 11—Tim & Leslie Leitner
 Oct. 27—Garold and Deena Burkholder



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 2—Scott Pinkston
 Oct. 6—James Johnson
 Oct. 6—Bud Brooks
 Oct. 10—Beth Dralle
 Oct. 13—Larry Daniels
 Oct. 15—Lillian Pinkston
 Oct. 18—Nicole Scoville
 Oct. 20—Elsa Keas
 Oct. 20—Ken Wehr
 Oct. 26—Ryan Massey
 Oct. 28—Lee Sorenson



If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know!!

EXERCISE CLASSES @ OSLC!

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
 2223 SHERIDAN ROAD-PEKIN

6:00—7:00 p.m. Tuesdays

6:00—7:00 p.m. Thursdays

- ▶ Come whenever you want
- ▶ Work at your own level
- ▶ Open to the public



😊 FUN!
 😊 FRIENDLY!
 😊 FREE!



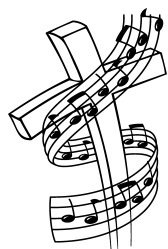
STRETCHING
 STRENGTH TRAINING FOR ARMS & LEGS
 AB & CORE WORKOUT
 CARDIO (WITH OR W/O STEP)

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER...

- **Sunday, November 6, 2:00 p.m.**, at Our Savior: A retired Missionary to Brazil will give a slide presentation on his work in Brazil. The Outreach & Fellowship Committee will provide coffee and cookies.
- **November 1:** Committee Budget Requests for 2017 should be turned in to Garold.
- **Coming soon**—information about *Angel Tree Ministries*. Be sure to watch upcoming bulletins for details.

"Autumn ... the year's last, loveliest smile."

—William Cullen Bryant



Sundays
 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Service
 10:15 a.m.
 Sunday School



NOVEMBER HILLTOPPER INFORMATION

Please send articles, updates, news, etc. for the November Hilltopper by **Sunday, October 23**. Email Leslie or Gerry with committee information, news, events, updates, etc. at leitner@grics.net (Leslie) or Gerry at oslcpekin1@gmail.com, or put articles in the Hilltopper mailbox in the Library. Thank you!

Leslie Leitner is the new editor of our monthly Hilltopper Newsletter. Please email any information for the Hilltopper to leitner@grics.net. You may still send items to Gerry, and she will send them on. You may also put articles, minutes, etc. in the Hilltopper mailbox slot in the Library.



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship.

What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
2. Opposite of hate: _____
3. Opposite of yes: _____
4. Three minus two: _____
5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
7. Opposite of up: _____
8. Opposite of death: _____
9. Best buds: _____

“ _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ has _____ 3 _____
 _____ 4 _____ than _____ 5 _____: to _____ 6 _____ _____ 7 _____
 one’s _____ 8 _____ for one’s _____ 9 _____.”

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13, NIV

from www.newsletternewsletter.com

FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart “hole” with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend’s hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write “FRIENDS” at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.

CHRISTIAN CIVIC OUTREACH (CCO)

♥ There is a collection crate by the coat rack for items for CCO.

♥ Paper products and cleaning supplies are always needed.

CURRENT NEEDS: Produce, Jeans and Shorts All Sizes, Canned Meats, And Crackers

NOTE: The CCO Board meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:30—6:30 p.m. They would like a representative from Our Savior to be on the Board. **PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING IN THIS MINISTRY. THEY REALLY NEED MORE CHURCH REPRESENTATION TO KEEP THEIR ORGANIZATION RUNNING.**



Help for Those
in Need



2016 CHURCH COUNCIL—Contact Information

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULES

Please switch with someone as needed and notify Gerry so the Bulletin will be correct.

LAY ASSISTANTS

October 2	Charlie Davis
October 9	Melanie Fleming
October 16	Tim Leitner
October 23	Chris McCarrell
October 30	Charlie Davis

USHERS

October 2	Dennis Eggemeyer
October 9	Ken Wehr
October 16	Mark McCarrell
October 23	Dave Sanders
October 30	Garold Burkholder

LAY READERS

October 2	Roberta Stiles
October 9	Larry Daniels
October 16	Sue Barger
October 23	Roberta Stiles
October 30	Larry Daniels

TELLERS

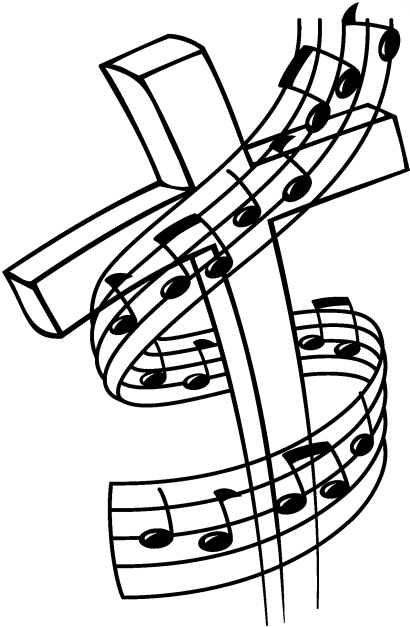
October 2	Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas
October 9	Tim Leitner & Ken Wehr
October 16	Steve and Barb Gresham
October 23	Leo & Roberta Stiles
October 30	Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas

GREETERS

October 2	Roberta Stiles
October 9	Melanie & Lily Fleming
October 16	Jacque Davis
October 23	Roberta Stiles
October 30	Larry Daniels

COMMUNION SET-UP

October 2	Dave Sanders ~ Green
October 9	Lee & Mary Sorenson ~ Green
October 16	Dave Sanders—Intinction ~ Green
October 23	Carol Guenther & Lillian Pinkston ~ Green
October 30	Lee & Mary Sorenson ~ RED



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**Sundays—9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:15 a.m. Sunday Church School**

At Our Savior Lutheran, we offer a
'blended' or 'unified' worship service.

For music, we combine the music from the Organist and the FaithFull Worship Band with our liturgy, hymns & songs, offertory, prelude, and more.

Each part of the service in some way contributes to the "conversation" we are having with God.

The sermon is not the only medium for the word of God. We hear God speaking in the readings, hymns, anthems, and liturgy itself.

We also receive the body and blood of the living Word, Jesus Christ.

Worship provides us with opportunities to offer to God our praise, thanksgiving, prayers and concerns.