

The Hilltopper

Our Savior Lutheran Church



June 2017

A Hymn's Long Journey

The beloved hymn "How Great Thou Art" came together across many years and miles. In 1885, when Swedish preacher Carl Boberg wrote a poem titled "O, Great God," he probably never dreamed he'd hear it performed years later to an old Swedish tune. Or that a Russian version would impact Stuart Hine, an English missionary to Poland, several decades later. Hine penned his own English version, resulting in the now-familiar lyrics.

From "the rolling thunder" echoing off the Carpathian Mountains, to the "woods and forest glades" of Romania, to powerful conversions to Christianity, Hine was inspired to craft each verse. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes time to complete a work, and that journey is as important as the destination.

Find it in the ELW—#856.



**Sunday Worship
Service 9:00 a.m.**

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Hello Family of Our Savior!

I judge my year by the month of June. That is...we will have completed all the ministry challenges and activities for the past year and will begin putting together plans for fall/winter and 2018!

BUT, the break for me is that June also signals that my "Up North" time of rest, relaxation and fishing is about here! In fact, most of you will probably read this while I'm rocking gently in my boat catching Crappie for dinner! ☺ It is also reading and reflective time as well as family time. It is a time to recapture what it means to be "content."

This contentedness is not by sight of where you are, but of vision that is in your heart. So everyone can capture contentment. This reminds me of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, chapter 4 Vss. 4ff "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." This rejoicing, this peace, this gentleness can and will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus! For me, my "up north" brings this back into focus, but it should be done all the time.

If we daily connect with God in prayer and devotion, then we should expect that joy and peace. If we connect with Jesus who teaches us courage and kindness no matter where you are, then the lesson of St. Paul is true..."I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

"Up north" I renew and reconnect with this contentedness and my relationship with God in Christ. Maybe we all need to have "micro vacations" each day to remind ourselves of this joy and strength in our prayers and devotions.

By the way, on my way north, I will stop briefly at Turtle Pond and pass your greetings on to Zebedee, "old beyond knowing." It will be a Sunday, so I will stop in at Turtle Creek Lutheran Church....I'm sure he will be there.

Peace,

Pastor Stephen D. Barnes

HOPE ON THE HILL

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love



Pentecost Sunday is June 4

- Wear **RED!** to the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- We plan to have a trumpeter and a trombonist at this service!
- Many thanks to Elsa for getting red geraniums which will decorate the sanctuary on that Sunday, and then will be planted outside.

CENTRAL/SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SYNOD
30TH ANNUAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY

JUNE 1-3, 2017

GATEWAY CONVENTION CENTER
COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS

Redeemed for Reformation

"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life a ransom for many." ... Mark 10:45



Lay Assistants
Needed

HELP NEEDED: We would like to add to those people willing to serve as a Lay Assistant. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Barnes or Tim Leitner.

One of the issues voting members to the
2017 Synod Assembly
will participate in is the election of a bishop.

Keynote Speaker: Sarah Hinlicky Wilson

Pastor & Judy Barnes and Tim Leitner
will be attending the Synod Assembly.

Reminder: No Bible Study on Thursday,
June 3 (Synod Assembly;) or June 8 & 15
(Pastor on vacation.) Bible Study Group
will resume on **June 22 at 10:00 a.m.**



Sign up for "Supper Out"
Sunday June 4, 6:00 p.m.
at **Sorrento's Italian Cuisine**
901 Chateau Drive, Pekin
off of Route 98

Christian Civic Outreach (CCO) continues to be
in desperate need of new Board Members. CCO
meets 10 times a year from 5:30—6:30 (no meeting
in July and December), and one annual fundraising
event at the Marigold Festival.

Please consider joining us at our next meeting on
Monday, June 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Current churches on the board are: First
Presbyterian, Normandale Reformed, Grace United
Methodist, Congregational UCC, First Christian
Church, and Trinity Lutheran.

Destination Devotions

Planning a summer trip? Take along a Scripture passage befitting your vacation
to use for devotions and prayer time (all NIV):

- **In the mountains:** "The mountains and hills will burst into song before you" (Isaiah 55:12).
- **At a lake, perhaps on a fishing trip:** "They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people'" (Matthew 4:18-19).
- **Near an ocean or river:** "Let the sea resound ... let the rivers clap their hands" (Psalm 98:7-8).
- **In the desert:** "They looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud" (Exodus 16:10).
- **In the woods:** "Blessed is the one ... whose delight is in the law of the LORD That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season" (Psalm 1:1-3).
- **In the flatlands:** "'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest'" (John 4:34-35).
- **On a "staycation" close to home:** "Love the LORD your God These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ... Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).





Welcome Lola Reese Dralle!!
Mike, Courtney, and big sister Ada welcomed Lola on May 22, 2017. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 inches long. Congratulations to all, including Grandma & Grandpa Beth & Phil Dralle.



The Mary Martha Circle would like to thank everyone who donated items for the Health Kits. Thirty-two kits were completed and delivered to the Church Women United group at their May meeting. These kits will be given locally to needy people. Thank you!



We have a new address for Jim & Mary Kay Johnson:
2425 Delaware St.
Pekin, IL 61554



A BIG, BIG thank you to all who helped with the rummage sale. All donated items, food and time given to this event is greatly appreciated. We could not do this without everyone's help! A total of \$1,067.51 was raised for House of Hope/Center for the Prevention of Abuse!! —Darlene Daniels

Rummage Sale Volunteers, Thank you to all who helped in any way with setting up, sorting, pricing, etc. and/or purchased/donated to the rummage sale for House of Hope/Center for Prevention of Abuse. —Lee Sorenson



Update on the state of the boiler from the Council minutes for May:

“Ken Wehr presented information about the boiler explaining that it has been consistently leaking; was evaluated by McCamy’s Heating & Air Conditioning who determined that the boiler after 52 years of service is not repairable and needs to be replaced.

Ken stated that the estimate provided by McCamy’s for a 94% efficient boiler was \$25,000.

To also change the ductwork in the attic would cost an additional \$900. This is a separate concern which has been ongoing for some time. Ken may have an alternate plan for the ductwork that would be less costly.

There was some discussion and agreement that a congregational meeting is required for financing the boiler. Members agreed with Ken that more bids should be acquired for the replacement. The President and Pastor thanked Ken for his efforts and presentation. Council members are hopeful that additional bids can be reviewed at the June meeting.”

Christian Symbol: Bee



The bee symbolizes various traits across cultures and faiths, including community, industry and resurrection. Its sting may represent judgment, while its honey calls to mind the sweetness of divine riches. Multiple times in the Old Testament, the Promised Land is described as “flowing with milk and honey” (e.g., Exodus 3:8), and the Psalms declare God’s words “sweeter than honey” (19:10; 119:103).



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will not be meeting during the summer.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group is creating lap covers and Prayer Shawls for Pastor Barnes to take to those in need of comfort. Questions? Contact Darlene Daniels.



The Mary Martha Circle will not meet during the summer months.

The next scheduled meeting will be in September 2017.

All women of Our Savior are welcome.

FLOWER CHART FOR JUNE



June 4	Mike & Sue Barger—43rd Anniversary
June 11	Carol Guenther—In Memory of Bob Guenther
June 18	Tim & Leslie Leitner—In Honor of Nathan & Jill Leitner's 4th Anniversary
June 25	The Flemings—In Honor of Bill's birthday

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 **\$25.00**. Please place your check for \$25.00 in the offering plate, or mail it to Our Savior. Thank you.



Center for Prevention of Abuse— **UPDATED LIST OF NEEDS**

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 RIGHT NOW include: cereal, canned fruit, bottled juice, peanut butter, can tuna, can soups, sugar, coffee, pancake mix, syrup

Towels, washcloths
Laundry detergent and dish soap
Coffeemaker
Kitchen towels

Pillows
Twin sheets, blankets, comforters
Shower curtain, curtain holders
Diapers-all sizes

Your generosity is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact (309) 353-7512 or (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 the
church office:**

(309) 346-2600



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)
Nick Marzinzik (Air Force Reserves, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew)
Ensign Tary N. Voller—San Diego USN, Helicopter Pilot (Doris Voller)

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

1 Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Prayer Concerns

- Susan Foss** (recovering from hip surgery)
- Jim Johnson** (recovering from broken hip)
- Doris Voller** (recovering from broken shoulder)
- Craig Brooks**
- Chad Wahl**
- Cheryl, Alan, and Mitchell**
- Cathy and Kenny** (dealing with rough times)
- Ruth Roach** (health issues)
- Don & Jean Heyen** (in-laws of Ruth Roach, both have serious health problems)
- Nancy Lietz** (mother-in-law of Anne Dralle Lietz—multiple myeloma treatment)
- Darlene Smith** (friend of Lillian Pinkston—serious health concerns)
- Family of Jerry Sczinski** (friend of Lee Sorenson, family has both personal and medical issues)
- Family of Doris Hambleton** (sister of Marilyn Whittington)
- Jamie Fitzgerald** (Elsa Keas' granddaughter, thyroid cancer treatment)
- Darryl Humble** (friend of Lee Sorenson, complications following surgery)
- Ryan** (guidance and protection)
- Jacque Davis** (health concerns)
- Those who are traveling this summer**



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



We try to stay current with your prayer concerns. Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin/Hilltopper for 4 weeks. Requests may be repeated if desired. If you wish to update a prayer or to continue it, just fill out the form that is in the pew.

New prayer concerns may be added at any time. For any prayer request or update, you may also contact the church office by phone or email.



Prayer Chain at Our Savior

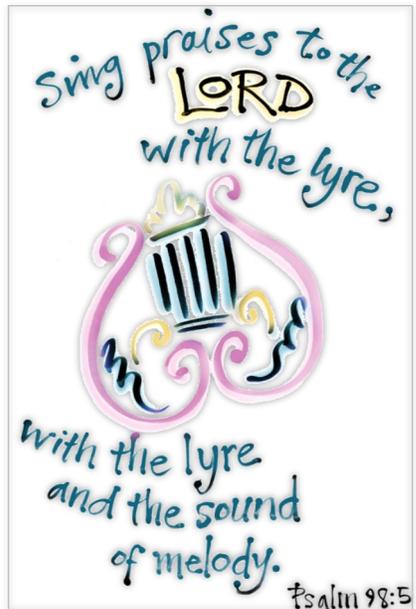
An email will be sent to all members when a prayer request is received. A group email can reach a large number of members quickly. Members without an email address may ask that they be called when a prayer request is sent out.



Did you know... There is a Master Calendar on the wall in the office? If you have any events or meetings which need to be noted in the bulletin or the Hilltopper, please be sure you post them onto the Master Calendar as soon as possible.



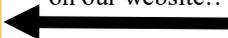
*You will go out
IN JOY
and be led forth
IN PEACE.
ISAIAH 55:12, NIV*



Don't forget to visit our website!

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

If you'd like to see the Hilltopper in full color, take a look at it on our website!!



In June we're celebrating... Anniversaries & Birthdays

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 1—Mike & Sue Barger
June 15—Ken & Bev Wehr
June 22—Nathan & Jillian Leitner



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1—Emily Foss	June 16—Deena Burkholder
June 4—Judy Barnes	June 25—Mazie Wankel
June 8—Chad Wahl	



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 JULY...

- **June & July:** Pick your favorite hymns/songs to sing in August



Sundays
9:00 a.m.
Worship Service

Sunday School
classes resume on
September 17.



Please join us after service next fall, on most Sundays, for **Adult Sunday School**. We are done by 11:00-11:15. We will meet in the library and can move if our group outgrows that space! All adults of the church or visitors are welcome!



JULY HILLTOPPER INFORMATION

Please send articles, updates, news, etc. for the July Hilltopper by **Sunday, June 18.**

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!



HELD IN
YOUR



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift – and a hug!

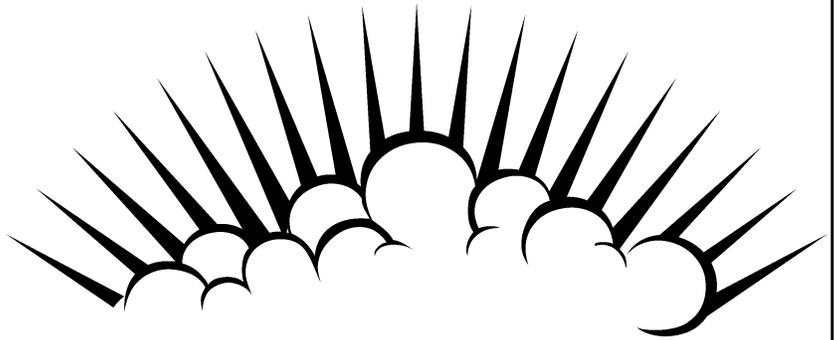
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Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H_ w_ll c_ll _ _ t t_ m_ ,

'Y_ _ _ r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_r.'" "

Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

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.

****SPECIAL NEEDS: SHORTS, SHOES AND SOCKS****
They served 203 clients in April 2017



Help for Those
in Need

From CCO: We appreciate anything that you can give to help the disadvantaged in our community. We also welcome monetary contributions for our general operation fund, and also for our emergency help fund. We also accept clothing in good condition. At the present time, we do not accept furniture because of transport and storage problems.

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



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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULES

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

LAY ASSISTANTS	
June 4	Tim Leitner
June 11	Melanie Fleming
June 18	Chris McCarrell
June 25	Tim Leitner

USHERS	
June 4	Ken Wehr
June 11	Ron Garber
June 18	Mark McCarrell
June 25	Dave Sanders

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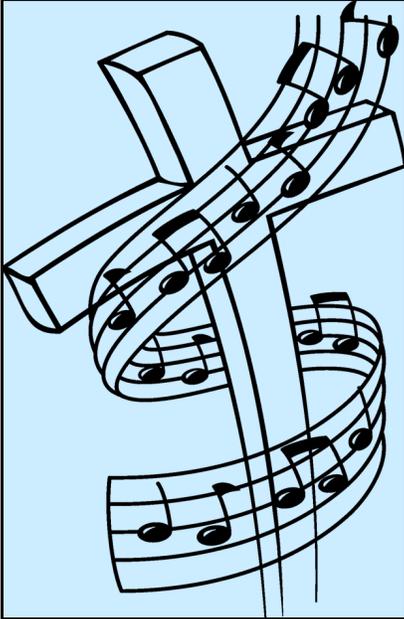
LAY READERS	
June 4	Roberta Stiles
June 11	Sue Barger
June 18	Larry Daniels
June 25	Dennis Eggemeyer

TELLERS	
June 4	Tim Leitner & Ken Wehr
June 11	Leo & Roberta Stiles
June 18	Steve & Barb Gresham
June 25	Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas

GREETERS	
June 4	Jacque Davis
June 11	Meri Arnold
June 18	Ron Garber
June 25	Roberta Stiles

COMMUNION SET-UP & PARAMENT COLOR		
June 4	Carol Guenther & Lillian Pinkston	Red
June 11	Dave Sanders	White
June 18	Tim Leitner (<i>Intinction</i>)	Green
June 25	Carol Guenther & Lillian Pinkston	Green

June



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Sundays—9:00 a.m. Worship Service

At Our Savior Lutheran, we offer a '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 the 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.

Holy Communion



Communion in the Lutheran Church is celebrated in the belief that Christ is truly present and truly gives himself to us in, with, and under the bread and wine. We cordially invite all baptized Christians who commune in their own congregation (regardless of denomination) to join us.