

# The Hilltopper

Our Savior Lutheran Church

September 2017



**Freed  
& RENEWED  
in Christ**  
500  
YEARS OF GOD'S  
GRACE IN ACTION



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

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## PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Our Savior Family;

Summer has waned and the weather is changing – fall is upon us! It's also a time to become excited and enthused over our educational/learning opportunities.

If someone asked you – “Do you know Jesus?” What might you say? I suppose the forthright answer would be, “yes.” But is that really fully true? To deeply “know” someone takes time, focus, learning from them or from their teachings as to who and what they are. I feel like I am still in the process because I learn from the Word, from devotion, prayer and other people. As I mature it also gives me another vantage point to begin to understand this Love of God in Jesus.

Take a moment and read Jeremiah 31:31-34. “The days are surely coming says the Lord...” We are still in the learning process! This knowledge will be written in our hearts that God is for us and we are his children. The goal...”No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest...”

So let's rejoice and learn together! August 27<sup>th</sup> we will view “Luther and the Reformation.” September 17<sup>th</sup> is our Rally Sunday with “Puppets for Jesus.” September 24<sup>th</sup> we begin a study of Luther's Catechism called “By Heart.” October 15<sup>th</sup> (our first ALL SCS) is “Humor” with Dolores Sheen. November 19<sup>th</sup> “Best Buddies” with Taylor Lodewegen. December 17<sup>th</sup> is A special on Christmas music. January 21<sup>st</sup> will be “Learning to Live Again” with John Plunkett. February 18<sup>th</sup> – “Five Wishes” on health with Lori Reimer. April 15<sup>th</sup> – “Human Trafficking” with Cindy Kuro. May 20<sup>th</sup> is Pentecost with Lily Fleming being confirmed!

AND if that were not enough...You are welcome to join our Thursday morning Bible Study from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. or our Sunday morning Bible Study during the Sunday School time.

Psalm 100:3 “KNOW that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”

I look forward to seeing you at all of our special times as we learn more of God's unfathomable love in Jesus our Lord.

Peace,

Pastor Stephen D. Barnes

## HOPE ON THE HILL

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love



The Mary Martha Circle will resume meeting on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017**, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Hostess is Lillian Pinkston. Topic Leader is Sharon Foss.

The study guide is **“Revelation: God’s Gift of Hope.”** Guides may be purchased at the meeting at a cost of \$8.00. All women of Our Savior are welcome.

### Education Special Sunday

Once each month, we will have an **All-Congregation Presentation** after the Sunday Worship Service. **Here is more information about September’s presentation:**

### September 17—Rally Day for SCS & PUPPETS FOR JESUS!

Once again we will enjoy Puppets for Jesus! The Christian Education Committee will host a Coffee Fellowship.

There will be monthly all-congregation programs on the third Sunday of the month with the exceptions of December and March.



An Ice Cream Social with music from the 40’s by Roman will be held on **Sunday, September 24**, at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

The Outreach Committee will provide ice cream and drinks.

Listeners are encouraged to bring dessert treats.

The first Confirmation Class of the 2017-2018 year is **October 1** following the worship service. This is the second year of the Confirmation program for Lily Fleming. Class periods will be 10:15-11:30 a.m.



A seven week study on ‘Luther’s Small Catechism’ will begin on Sunday, September 24th, and continues on Wednesdays in September & October. **Read more details on Page 3!**

**Special**  
MEETING

**There will be a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 10, after worship, for the purpose of approving the contract for a new boiler.**



A Lutheran Marriage Encounter is being held in Peoria on October 13—15. Registration is being taken now until September 22.

If you are interested, please call Gerry at the church office for further information. A flier is posted on the bulletin board.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



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.**

# By Heart - Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism

## Experience the Small Catechism in a New Way



**When: *Begins Sunday, September 24 after worship – The Story of the Small Catechism***

***Continues the following Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., leading up to Reformation Sunday:***

**September 27 – The Ten Commandments**

**October 4 – The Apostles' Creed**

**October 11 – The Lord's Prayer**

**October 18 – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confession**

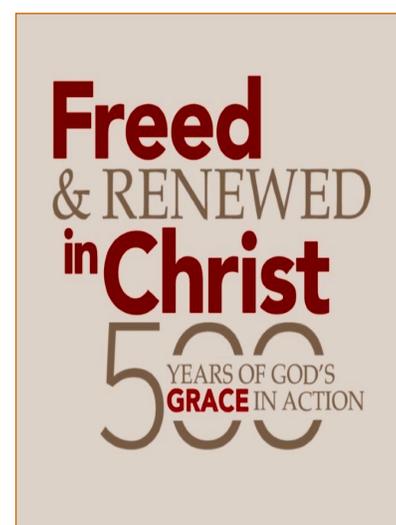
**October 25 – The Sacrament of the Altar**

*Note: Sessions led by Pastor Barnes & Tim Leitner*

- ▶ Each session will include readings from the book, *by heart*, which is a comprehensive resource on the Small Catechism, along with a video to inspire conversation.
- ▶ A light meal will be offered on the first Wednesday evening, and may continue to be available if it is helpful for those who wish to attend.
- ▶ You don't have to make every session – Come as you are able – All are welcome!

***The entire course is built around three kinds of source material that we see as essential to a meaningful experience of Luther's Small Catechism:***

- Scripture and Tradition. For example, the Ten Commandments as cited in Exodus 20 or the Apostle's Creed as we have it from Christian traditions.
- Luther's explanations of the scripture or doctrine from Christian traditions.
- The "backstory" of Luther's own life and times, the fertile soil of the Reformation itself.



“Faith is God’s work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times.” ~Martin Luther



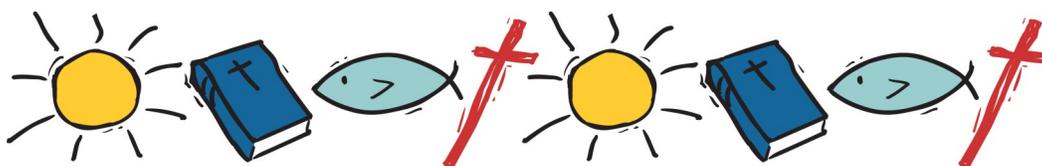
## FLOWER CHART FOR SEPTEMBER

<b>September 3</b>	<i>Available for you!</i>
<b>September 10</b>	<i>Available for you!</i>
<b>September 17</b>	Phil & Beth Dralle—44th Wedding Anniversary
<b>September 24</b>	Sue Hale—In Memory of Roscoe

**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)



**Prayer Concerns**

- Phil Dralle** (recovery from recent surgery)
- Jeff Saville** (friend of the Dralles, diagnosed with lymphoma, to begin treatment soon)
- Gus** (health concerns—Sue Barger's father)
- Caleb** (personal problems, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew)
- Craig Brooks**
- Chad Wahl**
- Cheryl, Alan, and Mitchell**
- 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)
- Ryan** (guidance and protection)



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

*Prayer Chain*



**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.



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.



**Lay Assistants Needed**

A Blessing of the Assisting Ministers who serve on the Altar will be October 8th. Will you be a part of this blessing? We need your help. Please consider volunteering for this ministry. Pray about taking on this honor and then talk to Pastor Barnes or Tim Leiter.



**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.

When you have a sense of calling — whether it's to be a musician, soloist, artist, in one of the technical fields or a plumber — there is something deep and enriching when you realize it isn't just a casual choice; it's a divine calling. [That's] not limited to vocational Christian service, by any means.



—Charles R. Swindoll



**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 September we're celebrating... Anniversaries & Birthdays

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 12—Bud & Sandy Brooks
September 22—Phil & Beth Dralle
September 29—Mike & Courtney Dralle (10 years)



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 10—Jacque Davis
September 20—Rita Wahl
September 21—Garold Burkholder
September 27—Pastor Stephan Barnes



*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 OCTOBER...

- **Sunday, October 8:** Blessing of those who serve on the altar (Lay Assistants & Acolyte)
- **Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 6:00 PM:** "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism"
- **Sunday, October 29:** Reformation Sunday

October 2017						
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**Sundays**  
9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service

Sunday School  
classes resume on  
**September 17.**



Please join us after service 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!



## OCTOBER HILLTOPPER INFORMATION

Please send articles, updates, news, etc. for the October Hilltopper by **Sunday, September 17.**

Email Leslie or Gerry with committee information, news, events, updates, etc. at [leitner@grics.net](mailto:leitner@grics.net) (Leslie) or Gerry at [oslcpekin1@gmail.com](mailto:oslcpekin1@gmail.com), or put articles in the Hilltopper mailbox in the Library. Thank you!



## APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

### What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

### What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

from [www.newsletternewsletter.com](http://www.newsletternewsletter.com)



## APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



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PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV



Help for Those in Need

### 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: SWIMSUITS, SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR, PAPER PRODUCTS, PRODUCE, CANNED MEAT, CEREAL\*\***  
**They served 248 clients in May 2017**



**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 this ministry.



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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULES**

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

<b>LAY ASSISTANTS</b>	
<b>September 3</b>	Melanie Fleming
<b>September 10</b>	Melanie Fleming
<b>September 17</b>	Chris McCarrell
<b>September 24</b>	Melanie Fleming

<b>LAY READERS</b>	
<b>September 3</b>	Sue Barger
<b>September 10</b>	Larry Daniels
<b>September 17</b>	Dennis Eggemeyer
<b>September 24</b>	Roberta Stiles

<b>GREETERS</b>	
<b>September 3</b>	Ron Garber
<b>September 10</b>	Meri Arnold
<b>September 17</b>	Roberta Stiles
<b>September 24</b>	Larry Daniels

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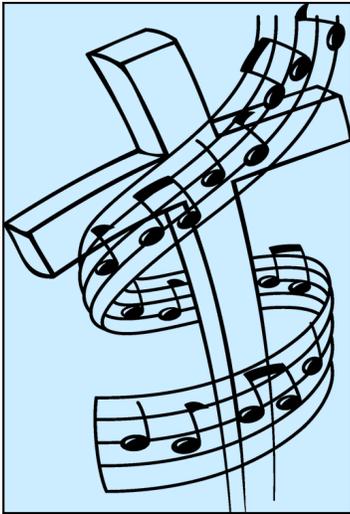
<b>USHERS</b>	
<b>September 3</b>	Ken Wehr
<b>September 10</b>	Ron Garber
<b>September 17</b>	Mark McCarrell
<b>September 24</b>	Dennis Eggemeyer

<b>TELLERS</b>	
<b>September 3</b>	Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas
<b>September 10</b>	Steve & Barb Gresham
<b>September 17</b>	Leo & Roberta Stiles
<b>September 24</b>	Tim Leitner & Ken Wehr

<b>COMMUNION SET-UP &amp; PARAMENT COLOR</b>		
<b>September 3</b>	Dave Sanders	Green
<b>September 10</b>	Lee & Mary Sorenson	Green
<b>September 17</b>	Dave Sanders	Green
<b>September 24</b>	Carol Guenther & Lillian Pinkston	Green



## SEPTEMBER



The Hilltopper Newsletter  
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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 ‘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.*