

The Hilltopper

Our Savior Lutheran Church



October 2017

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in Christ
500 YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

REFORMATION
Celebration



Worship Service 9:00 AM
Sunday, October 29, 2017
with trumpet & trombone



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

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Our Savior Family;

Seasons change and routines defined by the times also change. Zebedee, old beyond knowing, and the Turtles of Turtle Pond are busily sharing fall stories and getting ready for winter. We had our Rally Sunday on September 17th and the Puppets for Jesus did a fine job!

Our next special All SCS event will be October 15th. Dolores Sheen will be with us to speak on "humor." "A fun and familiar speaker at seminars and churches, she shares insights on laughter and its ability to improve and change lives." It is to see beauty and humor in life.

This October we also begin to look ahead with great enthusiasm to the future of OSLC for 2018! During this month we focus upon our stewardship and are using the theme "Giving in Generosity." Each week will have a special sermon theme and on November 5th – All Saints – we will celebrate our positive future together.

Thought: Do you consider yourself a generous person? Generosity is not predicated by something we have or are persuaded to give, rather it is a condition of the heart. Generosity is a heart brimming with joy and thanksgiving for what has been given along with the delight of sharing what has first been received. Generosity is giving that is done sacrificially, unconditionally, and without measure. Generosity is not about the amount one gives, but what lies behind the gift, the love and grace of God. It is a celebration of God's abundance which is gift wrapped in the love of Christ.

The Sundays of October:

October 1 – "Having the Same Mind"

October 8 – "God's Generosity – Not Our Love"

October 15 – "A Matter of Heart – in Joy"

October 22 – "Beyond Cost – in Thanksgiving"

(This same date we will have two afternoon gatherings to consider our generosity in the coming year for OSLC and beyond – 2 and 4 p.m.)

October 29 – Reformation Celebration!

November 5 is All Saints Sunday and our Stewardship Celebration

Read the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10 and consider how hearts and generosity go together.

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HOPE ON THE HILL

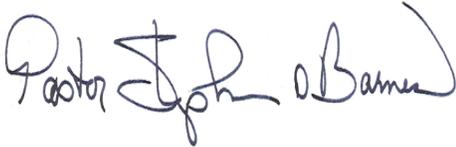
Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

Pastor's Page (Continued)

One final thought. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton wrote an article entitled: 'At Table Together.' Old recipes are precious things. They give instructions about how to prepare a dish, but they are so much more. They are filled with memories. They connect families as they are passed from one generation to the next. They bring events and people from long ago right into the present.

As you consider generosity in your life...consider the people who have been a part of those precious "recipe cards" that have made you and influenced you in many ways. They gave to you generously and have mixed into your heart the many gifts that make up who you are. This too is stewardship.

Peace,



Pastor Stephen D. Barnes

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 15—HUMOR

Dolores Sheen will be with us to speak on "humor." "A fun and familiar speaker at seminars and churches, she shares insights on laughter and its ability to improve and change lives."

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



On **Sunday, October 8**, at the worship service, we will recognize those who serve on the altar (Lay Assistants & Acolyte)

A six week study on 'Luther's Small Catechism' began on Sunday, September 24th, and continues on Wednesdays in October.
Read more details on Page 3!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will once again meet on the second Tuesday of the month. **The first gathering will be Tuesday, October 10, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** Our goal is to create lap covers and Prayer Shawls for Pastor Barnes to take to those in need of comfort. *We would appreciate any yarn/*



monetary donations (a box for yarn is under the coat rack.) We will discuss plans to make shawls/lap blankets to donate outside of our church as we currently have a good supply for our own use. *Questions? Contact Darlene Daniels.*



The Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Wednesday, October 18, 2017,** at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Hostess is Darlene Daniels. 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.



Church Cookout

Cookout at Our Savior!

The OSLC picnic/wiener roast will be Sunday, October 16, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with games and supper beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Outreach & Fellowship Committee will provide wieners, buns, trimmings, and drinks. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to pass, and lawn chairs & outdoor games.

By Heart - Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Experience the Small Catechism in a New Way



**Class sessions this month will be on
Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., leading up to Reformation Sunday:**

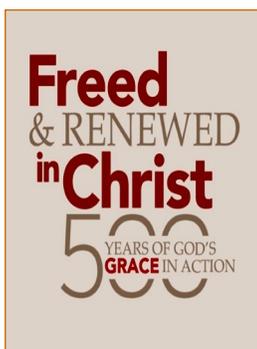
- October 4 – The Apostles' Creed**
- October 11 – The Lord's Prayer**
- October 18 – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confession**
- October 25 – The Sacrament of the Altar**

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.



“I must still read and study the catechism daily, yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and a pupil of the catechism, and I do it gladly.”

~ *Martin Luther in his preface to the Large Catechism*



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REFORMATION

Sola Gratia

Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura

Scripture Alone

Thanks to everyone who brought treats/helped setup/helped tear down/donated food/donated money to the fundraiser for Pekin Christian Civic Outreach on Sunday, August 27 at the video viewing of *Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation*. A total of \$148 plus nonperishable food was donated.

Thanks OSLC,
Lee Sorenson



A Note of Thanks

The “Puppets for Jesus” program on September 17 was enjoyed by about 30 members and families. A free-will donation of \$90 was presented to the puppeteers! The Christian Education Committee wishes to thank everyone who brought treats, helped set up, served, and cleared up after; and to all who donated money for this program. Thank you all for your time and donations.

FLOWER CHART FOR OCTOBER



October 1	Available
October 8	Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—33rd Wedding Anniversary
October 15	Mark & Chris McCarrell—In Honor of Lillian's Birthday
October 22	Tim & Leslie Leitner—37th Wedding Anniversary
October 29	Vickie Rayburn & Marilyn Whittington—In Memory of Jack Whittington

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

- Doris Voller** (recovering from recent surgery)
- Phil Dralle** (recovery from recent surgery)
- Jeff Saville** (friend of the Dralles, receiving treatment for lymphoma with good results; continued prayers for recovery)
- 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)
- Family of Nancy Lietz** (mother-in-law of Anne Dralle Lietz—recently passed away)
- Darlene Smith** (friend of Lillian Pinkston—serious health concerns)
- Ryan** (guidance and protection)



(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.



PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

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.



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!!

MORE NEWS & UPDATES FOR OCTOBER:



"Giving in Generosity"

October is Stewardship Month

"Giving in Generosity"

Generosity is not something we have or are persuaded to give, rather it is a condition of the heart. Generosity is a heart brimming with joy and thanksgiving for what has been given along with the delight of sharing what has first been received.

Our Stewardship Meetings will be on Sunday, October 22, at 2:00 or 4:00 p.m.

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.



Did you know that Pastor Appreciation month is October? October 12th is the official date of Pastor Appreciation Day.



Lay Assistants

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 Leitner.

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 6—Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer
October 11—Tim & Leslie Leitner
October 27—Garold & Deena Burkholder



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 2—Scott Pinkston	October 15—Lillian Pinkston
October 6—James Johnson	October 20—Elsa Keas
October 6—Bud Brooks	October 20—Ken Wehr
October 10—Beth Dralle	October 26—Ryan Massey
October 13—Larry Daniels	October 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 5:** All Saints Sunday and our Stewardship Celebration
- **Boiler replacement** as approved at the Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 17, 2017.

November 2017						
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			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Sundays
9:00 a.m.
Worship Service

10:15 a.m.
Sunday School



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!



NOVEMBER HILLTOPPER INFORMATION

Please send articles, updates, news, etc. for the October Hilltopper by **Sunday, October 22.**

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!



ADVICE FROM A PUMPKIN:
Be well-rounded.
Get plenty of sunshine.
Give thanks for life's bounty.
Have a thick skin.
Keep growing.
Be outstanding in your field.
Think big!
—Ilan Shamir

Sign of grace

Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.



What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers



What you do:

1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.

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PUZZLE

The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.

F	u	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	j	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	o	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

" _____ the _____ was _____
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ ."

_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, 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: CURTAINS, MEN & BOYS CLOTHING, SHOES, BOXED FOOD ITEMS, AND PRODUCE****
They served 226 clients in July 2017. Seventeen were new clients.



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.



2017 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 1	Tim Leitner
October 8	Melanie Fleming
October 15	Meri Arnold
October 22	Melanie Fleming
October 29	Tim Leitner

LAY READERS	
October 1	Larry Daniels
October 8	Sue Barger
October 15	Dennis Eggemeyer
October 22	Roberta Stiles
October 29	Scott Pinkston

GREETERS	
October 1	Jacque Davis
October 8	Ron Garber
October 15	Meri Arnold
October 22	Larry Daniels
October 29	Roberta Stiles

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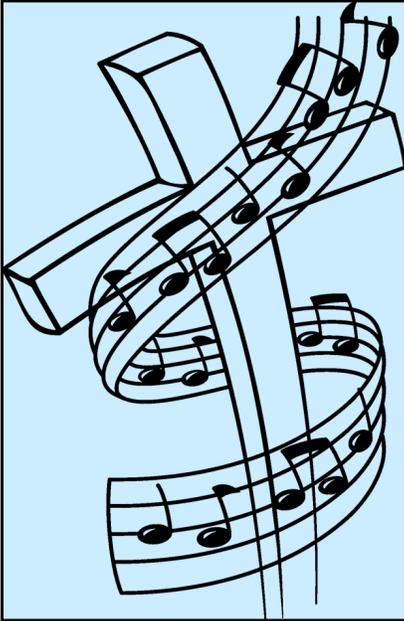
Hospitality
Outreach
Proclamation
Education

Helping
Individuals
Live in
Love

USHERS	
October 1	Ken Wehr
October 8	Mark McCarrell
October 15	Ron Garber
October 22	Dennis Eggemeyer
October 29	Garold Burkholder

TELLERS	
October 1	Steve & Barb Gresham
October 8	Leo & Roberta Stiles
October 15	Tim Leitner & Ken Wehr
October 22	Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas
October 29	Tim Leitner & Ken Wehr

COMMUNION SET-UP & PARAMENT COLOR		
October 1	Lee & Mary Sorenson	Green
October 8	Lee & Mary Sorenson	Green
October 15	Dave Sanders	Green
October 22	Dave Sanders	Green
October 29	Carol Guenther & Lillian Pinkston	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 '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.