

The Hilltopper

Our Savior Lutheran Church



June 2018



Benefits of worship:

We go to church to be with others who either know God or wish to know God. The church is a place of acceptance, friendship and fellowship. It's a place to honor and worship our loving Creator who accepts us as family.

In church we pray to God, sing about God, hear God's Word for us and find support and direction for whatever challenges face us. In church we find comfort in our sorrow, encouragement in our struggles and the Holy Spirit's assurance that "all things work together for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28, NRSV).

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

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PASTOR'S PAGE

I seem to say this every year...but the time moves at a speed that does not slow down! Coming to June having shared another busy and happy year with all of you at Our Savior is amazing.

This year was even more special in that we shared Affirmation of Baptism with Lily Fleming on May 20th. It has been a blessing to watch Lily grow in her faith and life at Our Savior Lutheran. What is also joyful is that she has been such a great example for us all, no matter our age. I would pray that in our relationship with Lily we too feel a sense of growing together in our life and faith.

For both Lily's accomplishment and my time of "re-creation" coming up north, Psalm 98 came to mind.

Psalm 98:4-9 *"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.*

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity."

What makes the beauty of the lake, the eagles, loons and fishing, is to know that all creation rejoices in God who has made all things. What makes creation even more beautiful is knowing that we too, should make a joyful noise to the Lord because God has given us each other.

I continue to rejoice as Lily has come up for our Children's Messages and I can regale the stories of Turtle Pond. We share the imagination and yet reality of what it is like to live as part of God's wondrous creation. We rejoice together because it is God's love that holds us together.

May you all have a restful summer giving God the glory for all He has done and continues to do in your life and the life of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Peace,

Pastor Stephen D. Barnes

HOPE ON THE HILL

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love



Congratulations to Lily Fleming!

Thanks,
Everyone!

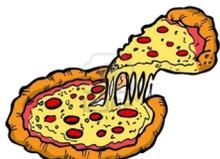
Thank you to all who donated items, food, and time to help at the rummage sale and preparation—we couldn't have done it without all the great help. Also thanks to our Mary/Martha Circle for the \$50.00 donation. We had a profit of \$1,324.10, and Council has voted to add \$500.00 from the Thrivent Choice Fund, so we have a total of **\$1,824.10** to CCO! (Christian Civic Outreach)
~Darlene Daniels

And an extra "Thank you so much!" from the Leitner family! You helped us get Tim's mother's house ready for a nephew to move in.

Supper Out is scheduled for

Sunday, June 10
6:00 p.m.
Rosati's in North Pekin

www.rosatispizza.com



Education Special Sunday

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

Presentations will start again in the fall.

Many thanks to Lee & Mary Sorenson, who will be attending the Synod Assembly Thursday-Saturday, June 7-9, 2018, in Champaign, IL.

Hymn for a Summer Day

Maltbie Davenport Babcock, a minister in upstate New York at the turn of the 20th century, often walked near Niagara Falls to enjoy the view of Lake Ontario and the surrounding scenery. He'd tell his wife he was "going to see the Father's world."

After Babcock's death in 1901, his wife, Katherine, published a book of his writings, including the 16-verse poem "My Father's World." Franklin Sheppard set it to music in 1915, using two verses of text for each hymn stanza.

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

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News & Updates

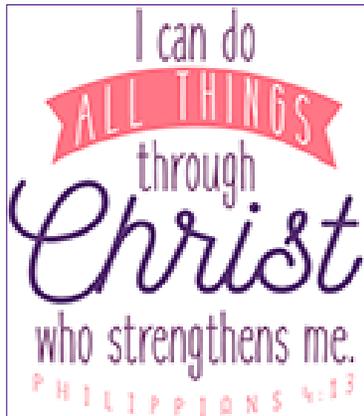
Please note this new address:

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Hallmark House
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Rm. 118-2
Pekin, IL 61554

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will NOT be meeting during the summer months. Meetings will resume in the fall



Sunday School classes and programs will resume on September 16, 2018.



The Mary Martha Circle will NOT meet during the summer. Meetings will start back up in the fall. All women of Our Savior are welcome.

From the ELCA website:

Refer a student to Lutheran Campus Ministry

Do you know a graduating high school senior or current college student? Help them find a church home at college with Lutheran Campus Ministry. Through this online form, you can refer a student to a community of faith on campus: lumin-networkreferral.org/student-referrals/.

Bishop Eaton's Leadership Initiative resources

The Leadership Initiative encourages people to seek out and inspire gifted people in their congregations and communities to consider a call to ministry. You can learn more about the Leadership Initiative and find prayers, cards and other tools to support it in your congregation at ELCA.org/leaders.

Living Lutheran e-digest

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From the ELCA website, <http://blogs.elca.org/advocacy/2018-elca-advocacy-priorities/> Each month, one or more of the priorities will be listed in the Hilltopper.

ELCA Advocacy presents our public policy priorities for 2018. This policy action agenda focuses the work of the Washington, D.C., advocacy office on current issues central to God's vision of a just world where all are fed.

ELCA Advocacy invites you to live out your baptismal identity through participation in opportunities to learn and act with and on behalf of your neighbor with the ELCA Advocacy network. The agenda outlines our primary areas of focus and is flexible enough to accommodate responses to emerging legislation that address disaster response or immediate circumstances.

How do we determine advocacy priorities?

Issue selection is based on many factors, starting with prayerful consideration of God's vision for a more just world. Issue agendas are based on concerns that the ELCA has identified and spoken about through social statements, churchwide assembly memorials or other authoritative documents. Priorities reflect issues on which the ELCA can have a unique and decisive impact with the federal government.

2018 ELCA ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

MIGRATION:

Thousands of children and families from Central America continue to flee their communities due to violence, lacking protections in their home country, hunger and poverty, and environmental degradation. As a church, we envision a world in which children and families are never forced to leave their homes to live a safe and a sufficient life. To do this, we advocate for policies that address the root causes of migration. At the same time, we call for the immediate protection of displaced people, including those who have been members of our communities for years but lack legal status.





FLOWER CHART FOR JUNE

June 3	Mike & Sue Barger—44th Wedding Anniversary
June 10	Carol Guenther—In Memory of Bob Guenther
June 17	
June 24	Tim & Leslie Leitner—Nathan & Jill's 5th Wedding Anniversary

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.



A New Old Way to Pray

An ancient Jewish form of prayer, still in use today, involves sprinkling one's day with short prayers of gratitude to God. The prayer typically begins: "Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who ..." and concludes with a phrase that fits the specific situation. Such a prayer works well in good circumstances and bad. For example:

- "Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who has provided clean water for my shower this morning."
- "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who brings friends to support me in my grief."
- "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who has blessed me with a keen mind; please help me focus while I take this test."
- "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who holds my children in unconditional love."

Try using this form of prayer liberally as a way to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and to weave your faith throughout your day.

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Center for Prevention of Abuse— ****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.

**If you have a ministry need,
you may wish to call
the church office:**

(309) 346-2600



We continue to pray for 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 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.



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.

Prayer Concerns

- Zach Abubeker** (*Tim's nephew, serious car accident in Ethiopia, recovering in Nairobi*)
- Family of Linda Switzer** (*former member of OSLC*)
- Dale Atkinson** (*health concerns*)
- Roman Wegrzyn** (*Pray for him and his family as his Alzheimer's Disease progresses*)
- Becky** (*Beth Dralle's sister-health concerns*)
- Elaine Alexander** (*health concerns*)
- Gus** (*health concerns—Sue Barger's father*)
- Caleb** (*personal problems, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew*)
- Craig Brooks**
- Chad Wahl**
- Ruth Roach** (*health issues, at Hallmark, room 112*)
- Marithza Barger** (*living alone while Josh is deployed*)
- Linda Crandal** (*Chris McCarrell's college roommate, ovarian cancer*)



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



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.

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!!



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.

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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Mike & Sue Barger—June 1, 1974	June 1—Emily Foss	June 16—Deena Burkholder
Ken & Bev Wehr—June 15, 1963	June 4—Judy Barnes	June 25—Mazie Wankel
Nathan & Jillian Leitner—June 22, 2013	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...

- Enjoy your summer!

Looking WAY ahead — the 60th Anniversary Celebration for Our Savior Lutheran Church will be on December 9, 2018!

July 2018						
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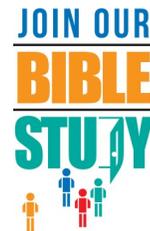


Sundays
9:00 a.m.
Worship Service

10:15 a.m.
Sunday School
(Sunday School will resume on Sept. 16)



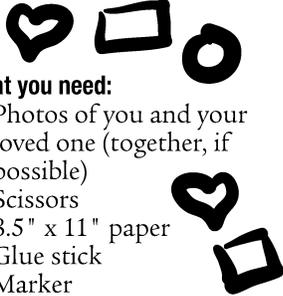
Please join us after service for **Adult Sunday School**. We are done by 11:00-11:15. We will meet in the library and can move if our group outgrows that space! All adults of the church or visitors are welcome!



If you have information you want to be in the Hilltopper, please email Leslie at leitner@grics.net; or put articles, committee information, news, events, and updates in the Hilltopper mailbox in the Library, BY SUNDAY, JUNE 17.

DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame

What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.

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Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, 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.

****CURRENT SPECIAL NEEDS: BOXED MEALS & BOXED POTATOES, FORMULA, BABY FOOD, CHILDREN'S SHOES, SUMMER CLOTHING****



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.

LAY ASSISTANTS	
June 3	Tim Leitner
June 10	Melanie Fleming
June 17	Meri Arnold
June 24	Melanie Fleming

LAY READERS	
June 3	Sue Barger
June 10	Larry Daniels
June 17	Roberta Stiles
June 24	Dennis Eggemeyer

GREETERS	
June 3	Sue Hale
June 10	Steve Gresham
June 17	Melanie & Lily Fleming
June 24	Carol Guenther

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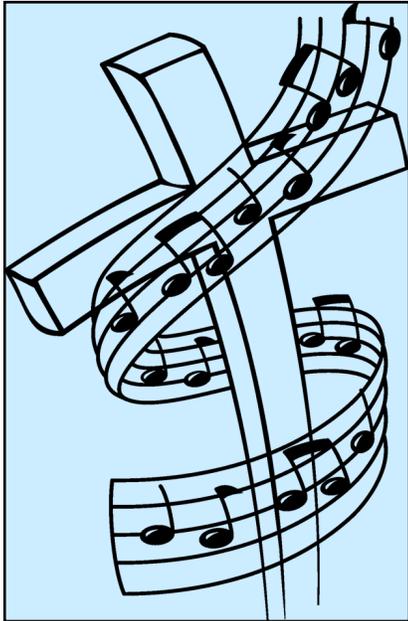
Hospitality
Outreach
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Helping
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USHERS	
June 3	Garold Burkholder
June 10	Mark McCarrell
June 17	Ken Wehr
June 24	Ron Garber & Mark McCarrell

TELLERS	
June 3	Dale & Nancy Atkinson
June 10	Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas
June 17	Tim Leitner & Valerie Gettys
June 24	Tim Leitner & Ken Wehr

COMMUNION SET-UP & PARAMENT COLOR		
June 3	Lee & Mary Sorenson	Green
June 10	Lee & Mary Sorenson	Green
June 17	(Intinction) Dave Sanders	Green
June 24	Carol Guenther & Lillian Pinkston	Green



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

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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.



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.