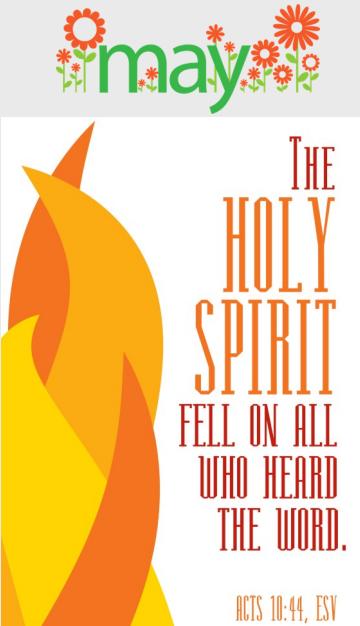


The Hilltopper

Our Savior Lutheran Church



May 2018



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

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please call ahead**

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." We are bold to share the good news that Jesus our Lord is Risen and goes before us. We are excited to tell of grace and salvation because Jesus has conquered death. We are to be the hands, feet, heart and voice of our risen Lord.

But what if you were not convinced? Jesus appears at least 12 times after the resurrection and before the Ascension to convince his followers that by God's power new life is happening.

Peter Marty shares an illustration about life and not death. He wrote: "What if you had to prove you were not physically dead? Such was the predicament a few years ago for Charles Hubbard of Austin, Texas. This Vietnam vet received a letter from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs informing him that he was dead and that his family needed to return thousands of dollars in benefits. A victim of stolen identity, Hubbard found his checking account closed by the VA. After he made an extensive case for being alive, the VA informed him that it would take eight months for him to be officially brought back to life. That's when they would restore his pension benefits."

Jesus shows the disciples his hands and feet. He tells them to go ahead and touch him. Finally he asks, "do you have anything here to eat?" Jesus eats a piece of broiled fish in their presence. I marvel at the patience of Jesus and the desire that they should believe in the reality of the resurrection.

More than an Angel's booming voice saying "fear not." This is our resurrected Lord reminding them and us that we are "sent" people. That we are to be witnesses to all nations. For this to be so, by faith, we must be convinced that Easter is a reality. We are Easter people!

Jesus doesn't need a T-shirt with the words, "I eat, therefore I am," says Marty. What Jesus does need is our foundation of faith to be built in a believing community that reaches out and shares who we are and what we have for those in need. Look closely and you will see Jesus in each other. Look within yourself and you will recognize the heart of Christ beating in the Love that God so graciously gave.

Peace,

Pastor Stephen D. Barnes

HOPE ON THE HILL

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love



The Fleming Family would like to thank all of the OSLC family for all the support you have given to Lily over the past several years. Through your encouragement, kind words and teaching, she will be confirmed on May 20th.

Our new motto, "It takes a congregation to raise a child" is very true in our church. If you have a favorite scripture verse or prayer, please send or give it to Lily. She will carry it with her as she continues her journey through life with God.

Also, join us at the coffee fellowship following the service on the 20th!

Peoria PRAY for the CURE

The 15th annual Pray for the Cure will be held Thursday, May 10, 2018, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, 1700 W. War Memorial Drive, Peoria. The event serves as a prelude to the Komen Peoria Race for the Cure® which is held on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the Metro Centre at 8:00 a.m.



PRAY for the CURE began in Peoria in 2004, envisioned and led by Rev. Linda Butler as part of her personal healing journey. Rev. Butler, an 18-year breast cancer survivor, pursued her vision for the event based on her professional experience and research as a chaplain to breast cancer patients. A survey among her patients revealed that their spiritual well-being greatly contributed to their perspectives toward the disease and their treatment. Their spirituality provided hope for the future and gave meaning and purpose for life. PRAY for the CURE is organized by an independent committee, in collaboration with Susan G. Komen, which includes breast cancer survivors who have the support of community organizations and businesses.



The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Wednesday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m.** at the church. The study guide is **"Revelation: God's Gift of Hope."** Following the meeting, members will be going to lunch at a restaurant selected by the group. All women of Our Savior are welcome.

Education Special Sunday

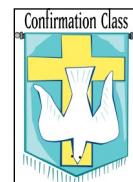
Once each month, we will have an **All-Congregation Presentation** after the Sunday Worship Service.

Presentations will start again in the fall.



May 20, 2018

This will be a joyful service as we celebrate both Pentecost and Lily Fleming!



Sunday, May 6
Final Confirmation class
10:15 a.m.

DELEGATE NEEDED

The Synod Assembly is **Thursday-Saturday, June 7-9, 2018**, in Champaign, IL. A female delegate is still needed. *Please contact Pastor if you are interested in attending!*



Health Kits Update:

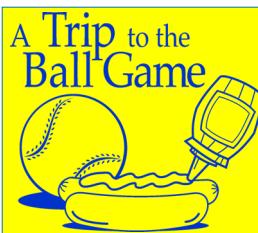
The Mary/Martha Circle completed **55** Health Kits! The leftover soaps were split between House of Hope & CCO.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Tuesday, May 8, 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.) Questions? Contact Darlene Daniels.

News & Updates



"Take me out to the Ball Game"

OSLC members will go as a group to the Peoria Chiefs baseball game on **Thursday, May 17**, at 6:30 p.m. at Dozer Park located at 730 S.W. Jefferson in Peoria. Ticket prices will be a maximum of \$13 per person. The sooner we get many signed up for it, the better chance we have of getting discounts.

That night is a Beer & Brat Thirsty Thursday with \$2 for 12 ounce domestic cans and soda plus \$4 for 16 ounce craft drafts and margaritas. Brats are also \$3 on Thursday. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board!!



Elaine Alexander has provided us with her current mailing address for those who would like to send her a card or letter while she is staying with her daughter. See the bulletin board in the Gathering Room for her address, or contact Gerry at Our Savior.



Emily Foss

will be participating in Bradley University's graduation ceremony on May 12, 2018, as a member of the first Master's in Dietetics class. She will complete her dietetic internship and program in August 2018. Congratulations, Emily!!

Many thanks to those who contributed Easter lilies—how beautiful they were in our sanctuary!

The Gettys Family—The Glory of God

Rita Wahl—The Glory of God

Gene Massey—In Memory of Joann Massey

Pastor Stephen & Judy Barnes—In Memory of Roger W. Barnes

Elsa Keas—In Memory of Bill Keas & Carolyn Murphy

Sharon Foss—In Memory of Marvin Foss

Larry & Darlene Daniels—In Memory of Our Parents

Leo & Roberta Stiles—In Memory of Our Parents

Mark & Chris McCarrell—In Memory of Bill Pinkston, Merrill & Catherine McCarrell, and In Honor of Lillian Pinkston

Carol Guenther—In Memory of Bob Guenther

The Fleming Family—In Memory of Parents and Grandparents, and the Glory of God



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

FARM BILL:

From rural America to developing countries, many of our nation's food and farm policies, as embodied in the farm bill, impact our communities. Programs and policies that curb hunger and malnutrition, support vibrant agricultural economies in rural communities, and promote the sustainable use of natural resources must be prioritized.





FLOWER CHART FOR MAY

May 6	Tim & Leslie Leitner—Emily's birthday
May 13	Atkinsons—Nancy's birthday
May 20	Flemings—Lily's Confirmation & Tyler's birthday
May 27	Rita Wahl—Glory of God

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.

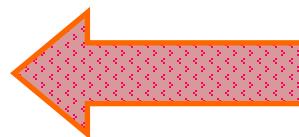
To sign up for flowers on the altar for a specific Sunday, please fill out the flower chart by the front entrance or call the church office.

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.



Just for Pun!

- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.



Yes, this isn't what we usually include in the newsletter, but there it was, on the website we use for clip art & more....

from www.newsletternewsletter.com

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

Prayer Concerns

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)



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.

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 May we're celebrating... Anniversaries & Birthdays

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Teresa Massey—May 26, 1984

Lee & Mary Sorenson—May 31, 1975



MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 6—Emily (Leitner) Olivos

May 24—David Sanders

May 8—Carol Guenther

May 25—Doris Voller

May 20—Tyler Fleming

May 29—Sonja Sanders

Happy Birthday!



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 JUNE...

- June 7-9: Synod Assembly in Champaign, IL.
- Pastor will be taking vacation time.

June 2018						
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Sundays
9:00 a.m.
Worship Service
10:15 a.m.
Sunday School
(Last Sunday School Class
is May 20, until September)



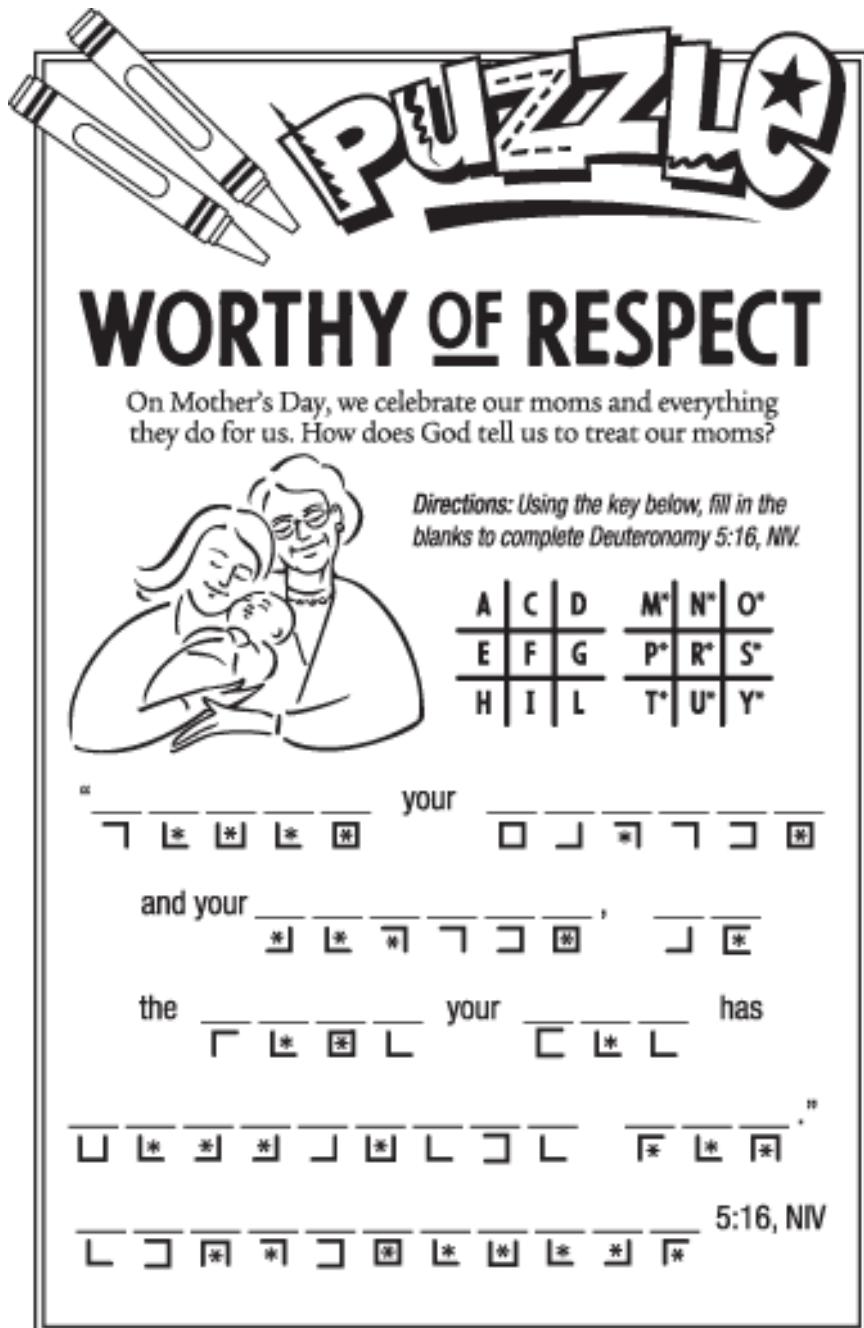
Please join us after service for **Adult Sunday School**. We are done by 11:00-11:15. We will meet in the library and can move if our group outgrows that space! All adults of the church or visitors are welcome!

**JOIN OUR
BIBLE
STUDY**

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, MAY 20.**

Some fun for all ages

from www.newsletternewsletter.com



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: CEREAL, BABY FOOD, FORMULA
SHOES, MEN'S JEANS, TOILET PAPER****

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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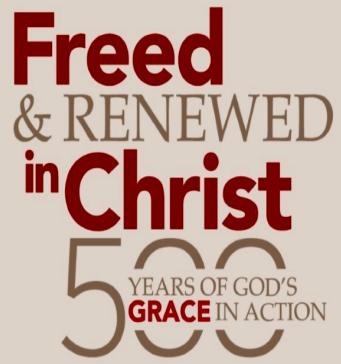
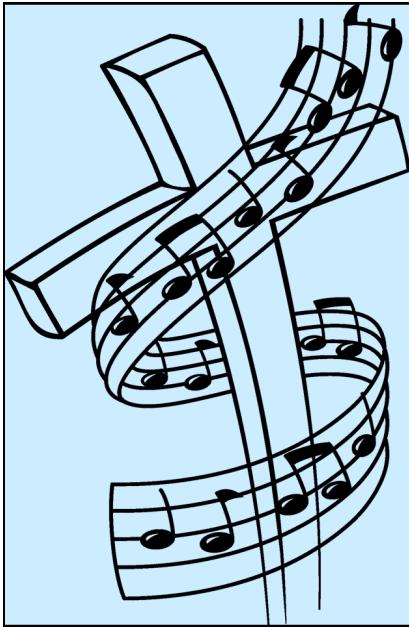
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LAY ASSISTANTS		USHERS	
May 6	Assistant needed	May 6	Mark McCarrell
May 13	Meri Arnold	May 13	Ken Wehr
May 20	Melanie Fleming	May 20	Dennis Eggemeyer
May 27	Meri Arnold	May 27	Ron Garber & Mark McCarrell
			Garold Burkholder
LAY READERS		TELLERS	
May 6	Sue Barger	May 6	Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas
May 13	Larry Daniels	May 13	Tim Leitner & Ken Wehr
May 20	Roberta Stiles	May 20	Larry & Roberta Stiles
May 27	Dennis Eggemeyer	May 27	Steve & Barb Gresham
GREETERS		COMMUNION SET-UP & PARAMENT COLOR	
May 6	Larry Daniels	May 6	Carol Guenther & Lillian Pinkston White
May 13	Roberta Stiles	May 13	Dave Sanders White
May 20	Meri Arnold	May 20	(Intinction) Lee & Mary Sorenson Red
May 27	Linda Tanner	May 27	Carol Guenther & Lillian Pinkston White

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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.



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.