

The Hilltopper

Our Savior Lutheran Church



August 2018



Serve him in
SINCERITY
and in
FAITHFULNESS.

JOSHUA 24:14



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

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PASTOR'S PAGE

You can tell that August is just around the corner because the tempo of life is beginning to change at Turtle Pond. Cattails are about ready to be cut to replace the “used” beds in the turtle homes. Evenings are cooler near the water and Fred frog and his family, are beginning to help gather “pond weed” food for the days to come. Zebedee turtle, “old beyond knowing,” has been teaching the young turtles at Turtle Creek Lutheran Church about the beauty of the earth and God’s gracious love to be shared in this special community that lives in and around Turtle Pond. Even Arthur Otter has been helping by bringing up from the bottom of the pond, shells that can be used to hold food for the months to come.

All of this made me think that we too can see and feel the changes from summer that is waning. Just a few more weeks and children will hoist back packs and sharpen pencils. Final vacations will happen to get in one last “rest” before days begin to shorten more than we would like. As Pastor, I’ve begun to get mailings to order materials for Thanksgiving and Advent!

It is also time for us to renew our spirit that intercedes for us offering prayers to God. It is time to renew the rich gift of God’s love in Jesus by celebrating worship together. Maybe summer has kept you busy and away from Our Savior Lutheran. August is a good month to “change the tempo” just like Turtle Pond.

In my devotions I came across Colossians 3:12-17. The passage opens by saying: “As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.” Let us together try on these “clothes” in community! What brings us together is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Hear verses 15-16. “...Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”

We are one in the body of Christ! Soon, on September 16th will be Rally Day! Why wait? During August we will be singing all the HYMNS you picked out for the month and more! Also, Drucilla Smith will be with us on September 16th to talk of her missionary journeys. Let’s join together with gratitude in our hearts!

Peace,

Pastor Stephen D. Barnes

HOPE ON THE HILL

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

Mary/Martha Circle members are reminded of the **planning meeting** for the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Our Savior Lutheran church.

The meeting is *Wednesday, August 8, at 9:30 a.m.* at the church. Note the change in date to the 8th.

The date for the celebration is December 9, 2018.

-Sharon Foss

Education Special Sunday

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

Presentations will start again Sept. 16.

The Spirit of Peoria Riverboat has cruises for \$16.00 each for seniors age 55 &-up. The date is Sunday, August 12, at 2:00 p.m. Boarding begins at 1:30 p.m. Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



Note from Leslie: we took my dad on this cruise on July 13, and it was a delight! Much cooler on the water, and there are two air-conditioned rooms.



Outreach

As part of Our Savior's goal of Outreach, the Mary/Martha group provided supper for the Salvation Army temporary residents on June 20. They

brought La Gondola sandwiches, chips, and desserts for about 25 people. Thanks to all Mary/Martha ladies who helped with this project!

A Prayer for August:

God, as students prepare to go back to school, remind us all that your Word "is useful for teaching" (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV) — year-round! May we never stop learning the truth of your powerful love!



from www.newsletternewsletter.com

Thanks to Sharon Foss for this—good reading!

PASTOR QUILTS SPORTS

Football in the fall. Basketball in the winter. Baseball in the spring and summer.

Your pastor has been an avid sports fan all of his life. But he's had it! He quits this sports business once and for all. You will not get him near one of those places again. Want to know why?

1. Every time he went they asked him for money.
2. The people with whom he had to sit didn't seem very friendly.
3. The seats were too hard and not at all comfortable.
4. He went to many games, but the coach never came to call on him.
5. The referee made a decision with which he could not agree.
6. He suspected that he was sitting with some hypocrites...they came to see their friends and what others were wearing rather than to see the game.
7. Some games went into overtime, and he was getting home late.
8. The band played some numbers that he had never heard before.
9. It seems that the games are scheduled when he wants to do other things.
10. He was taken to too many games by his parents when he was growing up.
11. He recently read a book on sports and now he feels that he knows more than the coaches do anyhow.

News & Updates

NEW ADDRESS FOR CRAIG BROOKS

Craig Brooks
541 Cumberland Lane
Bolingbrook, IL 60440



Keep close to nature's heart ... break clear away, once in a while, and climb a mountain or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.

—John Muir

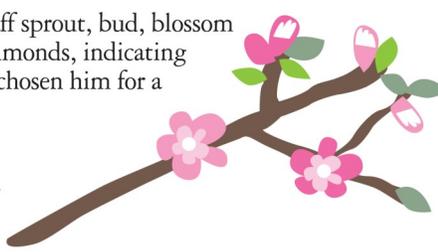
Photo taken at John Muir Woods, July 2017

Good news—Elaine Alexander is back in Florida!

Bible Quiz

Who had a staff sprout, bud, blossom and produce almonds, indicating that God had chosen him for a special reason?

- A. Moses
- B. Zechariah
- C. Aaron
- D. Nathan



Answer: C (See Numbers 17:1-11, specifically v. 8.)



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The website for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has lots of information for you:

www.elca.org/

There are statements from Bishop Eaton; you can find congregations across the country; there are great articles and resources; and you can sign up to receive email updates from the ELCA. Check it out!



Our Synod's website also has a lot of information on it:

www.csis-elca.org/

Pictures, links to Upcoming Events, Ministry Updates, our Bishop's Blog, and more. Take a look when you get a chance!

*From the ELCA website, <http://blogs.elca.org/advocacy/2018-elca-advocacy-priorities/>
Each month, one 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.



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

JUST TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY:

The transition away from fossil fuels will mean changes in the economic livelihood of individuals, families and communities directly and indirectly dependent upon this industry. This transition must include comprehensive planning that incorporates methodologies on how we get from where we are today to where we need to be.



FLOWER CHART FOR AUGUST

August 5	
August 12	Sharon Foss—In Memory of Marvin Foss
August 19	The Flemings—Bill & Melanie's 39th Wedding Anniversary
August 26	Leo & Roberta Stiles—Grandson's 5th 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.

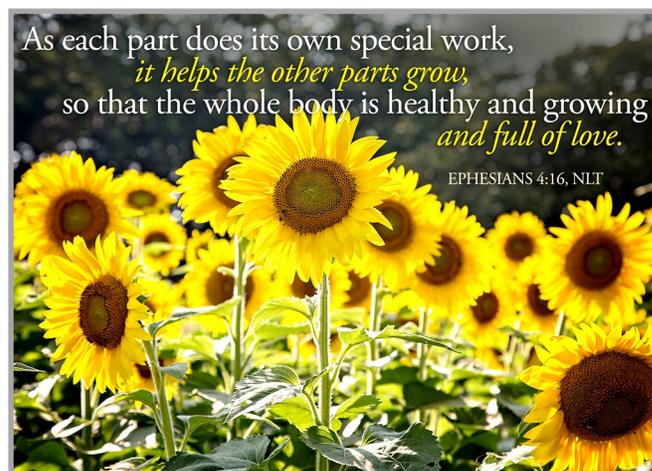


The Mary Martha Circle will NOT meet during the summer. Meetings will start back up in the fall. All women of Our Savior are welcome.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



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



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

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 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

Donna, Drew, and Doug (*grown children of former member Barb Mettam, who recently passed away*)
Anitra Wyatt (*friend of Atkinsons—health concerns*)
Zach Abubeker (*Tim's nephew, recovering from a car accident in Ethiopia*)
Roman Wegrzyn (*Pray for him and his family as his Alzheimer's Disease progresses*)
Becky (*Beth Dralle's sister—has completed a course of chemotherapy and is in remission*)
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 concerns*)
Linda Crandal (*Chris McCarrell's college roommate, ovarian cancer*)

*In Our
Hearts &
Prayers*

(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 August we're celebrating... Anniversaries & Birthdays

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Rachael (Massey) & Mike Wyman—August 7

Leo & Roberta Stiles—August 8

Bill & Melanie Fleming—August 18

David & Sonja Sanders—August 20

Jim & Mary Kay Johnson—August 28



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 13—Virginia Duttarer

August 23—Michelle Eggemeyer



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 SEPTEMBER

- **Sunday, September 16**—Sunday School Classes Resume
- **Sunday, September 16**—Drucilla Smith, missionary, will be speaking
- **Sunday, September 30**—Supper Out at Kuchie's on the Water in Creve Coeur, 6:00 p.m.

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

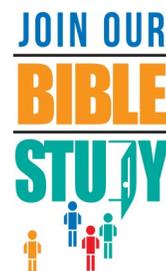


Sundays
9:00 a.m.
Worship Service

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 11:15. (**Class will resume on Sept. 16.**) 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, AUGUST 19.**

BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!

from www.newsletternewsletter.com



GOD'S amazzzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

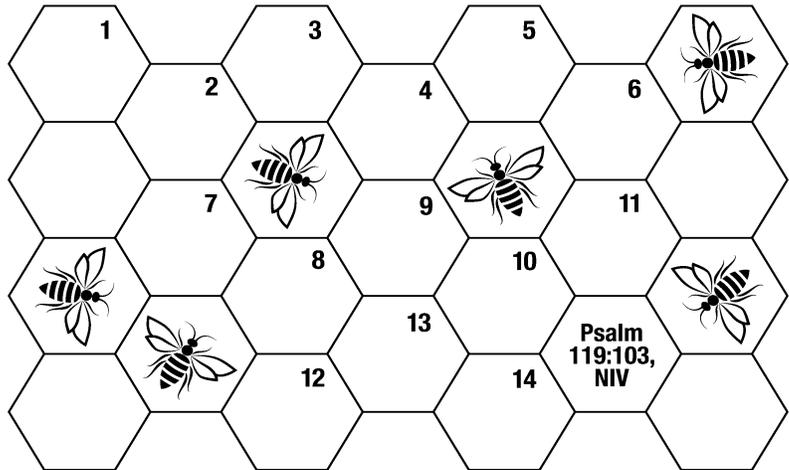
CLUES

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| 1. rhymes with cow | 8. the tongue's job |
| 2. opposite of sour | 9. more sweet |
| 3. pronounced "R" | 10. rhymes with pan |
| 4. rhymes with four | 11. golden liquid |
| 5. Letters create _____ | 12. Pleased __ meet you. |
| 6. not too or two | 13. rhymes with fly |
| 7. rhymes with by | 14. body part |



WORD BANK

than your to are
sweet sweeter How
my honey mouth
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, 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:

Diapers, Shorts, Shoes, Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly



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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	Pastor Barnes	Pastor	barnes.stephen9@gmail.com

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULES

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

LAY ASSISTANTS	
August 5	Meri Arnold
August 12	Melanie Fleming
August 19	Tim Leitner
August 26	Meri Arnold

LAY READERS	
August 5	Larry Daniels
August 12	Roberta Stiles
August 19	Dennis Eggemeyer
August 26	Sue Barger

GREETERS	
August 5	Larry Daniels
August 12	Ron Garber & Steve Gresham
August 19	Linda Tanner
August 26	Sue Hale

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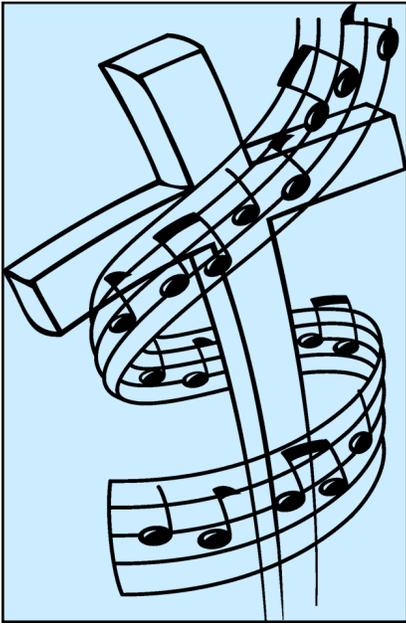
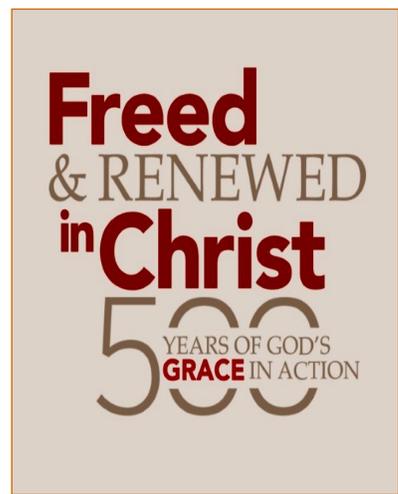
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USHERS	
August 5	Ron Garber/Steve Gresham
August 12	Garold Burkholder
August 19	Dennis Eggemeyer
August 26	Ken Wehr

TELLERS	
August 5	Dale & Nancy Atkinson
August 12	Leo & Roberta Stiles
August 19	Steve & Barb Gresham
August 26	Ken Wehr & Tim Leitner

COMMUNION SET-UP & PARAMENT COLOR		
August 5		Green
August 12	Carol Guenther & Lillian Pinkston	Green
August 19	(Intinction) Dave Sanders	Green
August 26	Lee & Mary Sorenson?	Green



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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.