

The Hilltopper



NEWSLETTER

Our Savior Lutheran Church

November 2018

If you have information you want to be in the Hilltopper, please email Leslie by Sunday, November 18 at leitner@grics.net; OR put articles, committee information, news, events, and updates in the Hilltopper mailbox in the Library. Thank you!



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

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PASTOR'S PAGE

1 Peter 2:4 "Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood..."

November is the time when we celebrate "All Saints," giving thanks for those who have run the race, now resting from their labors and witnessed to us the joy and strength of believing. It is also a time to give thanks for the living saints that continue to be those living stones upon which our "spiritual house" is built in love and faithfulness.

I miss my dad. He joined the church triumphant in June of 1994. He was the one to whom I would pick up the phone when I had questions of projects that needed to be done at my house. He would also come and share the load when "building" needed to be done. My dad also helped build our "spiritual house," by showing the way of "letting yourselves be built into that spiritual house." I miss my dad, but rejoice in the gift he gave out of love being precious in God's sight.

I'm sure you all have those who are resting from their earthly labors, but gave you gifts of "building" that continue to guide and keep you. Even more, I'm sure there are many still "building" with us who are examples of hope, faith and love.

We have two spiritual houses. The first resides in your heart and makes you the living stone that others feel and see. The second is coming together as the family of faith at Our Savior Lutheran Church. We have been called to proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

My grandpa Schmekel was a carpenter. I always marveled how he could "eye things up," to come out just right and be level. This he could do whether building a house or sharing his faith in church. As I have grown older I have come to understand grandpa Schmekel could do this because he allowed himself to be a part of that "Spiritual House." Thanks be to God.

Just a couple of closing thoughts. In building this "Spiritual House," no one person builds it all. The miracle is that it all fits as the different gifts are added. It grows and changes as people are responsive to the needs and as people are reaching in and reaching out.

So...what does the "spiritual house" of your heart and Our Savior look like?

Energy or Entropy. Dusty or Dynamic. Responsive or Rusty. Meeting Needs or Musty. Building or Roadblocks. In Jesus Christ, I believe that we are continuing to build and by God's Spirit we are called out of darkness into his marvelous light. Blessings as we celebrate saints of the past and we, the saints together!

-Pastor Stephen D. Barnes

HOPE ON THE HILL

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love



Be sure to return your reply to your invitation to the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Our Savior Lutheran! It is attached to this Hilltopper. The deadline is *Friday, November 30*.

It will be a wonderful service and celebration, with lunch after the service catered by Cracker Barrel.

It is on **Sunday, December 9**.

Two former pastors are planning to attend—Phil Hougen & Lyle Steinfeldt.

Education Special Sunday

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

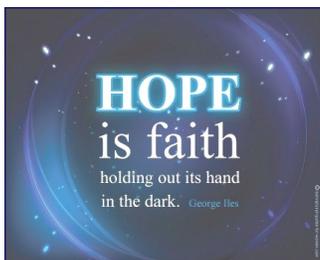
The All-Congregational program will be on **Sunday, November 18**.

Our speaker is **Stacey (Klemstein) Kade**, a “preacher’s kid” and author.

The Christian Education Committee will host a coffee fellowship. Donations of goodies are welcome.



Join us at our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.



Stewardship 2018 of Our Savior Lutheran “Hope is Faith holding out its hand in the dark”

Stewardship is simply living in that hope, that continues to hold out its hand by faith in the dark. It is not to limit us, but to open our hearts and minds to whatever could be, as God speaks to you and me.

On November 4, our commitments will be blessed

ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

We have just received the names of eight local children from Angel Tree Ministries. Please consider supporting this ministry by volunteering your time, or by purchasing one or two gifts of clothing and/or a fun gift for a child whose parent is incarcerated in a state or federal prison this year.

Angel Tree is the means by which Christmas gifts are provided for the children from the imprisoned parent via church members. In this way, we share God’s love to the whole family. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Gathering Room soon. You may contact Gerry for further information. Thank you!



The Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Wednesday, November 28**, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Hostess is Elsa Keas. Topic Leader is Sharon Foss.

Please note the change in date.

The study guide is “**Twelve Extraordinary Women.**” Copies are available at the meeting for a cost of \$5.00.

All women of Our Savior are welcome.

Circle will not meet in December.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Tuesday, November 13, 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



We plan to decorate the church after worship on Sunday, November 25. Hope you can help!



Thank you—\$257 for Operation Santa was given at the coffee fellowship on October 28.



Chime In Check the calendar for when the Chime Choir rehearses and plays at worship!



On Sunday, October 21, OSLC raised \$220 for the House of Hope/Center for Prevention of Abuse. Thanks to all who provided treats, helped with logistics, and/or donated dollars.

Thanks—Outreach Committee

Special Note: Per a recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Council approved adding \$300 to the income raised at this fundraiser! *So the Grand Total is \$520!*



The Outreach & Fellowship Committee would like us to sign up to host Coffee Fellowships on **December 16, 23, 30, and January 6**. There is a sign up sheet—grab some friends to bring treats, or have your committee select a Sunday! Thank you.



We celebrated the final payment on our mortgage after the regular worship service on *Sunday, October 7*.



FLOWER CHART FOR NOVEMBER



November 4	Chris McCarrell—In Honor of Mark McCarrell's birthday
November 11	Richard Bolam—In Memory of Gusta Bolam
November 18	Dale & Stella Gettys—Our Anniversary
November 25	Vickie Rayburn—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.

Coming in December:

‘Supper Out’ for December

On Sunday, December 2,

OSLC will have a ‘supper out’ starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral restaurant, 3525 N University St, Peoria. Then we will go to view the Festival of the Nativity, 3700 W. Reservoir Blvd, Peoria, which features over 500 different Nativity scenes.

For more information, visit their website, www.communityfestivalofnativities.com

The 2018 Community Festival of Nativities is sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the All Saints Greek Orthodox Church. We offer a free exhibit of over 800 nativities and daily musical performances by local artists. We welcome all interested individuals of all faiths to help with the preparations and to attend this event with their families.



Mid Week Advent Gatherings

Plans are being made for the Wednesday Mid Week Services in December—Dec. 5, 12, & 19.



Christmas Caroling will be on Sunday, December 16th.

Carolers are asked to gather at OSLC at 5:30 p.m.

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 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!!



Prayer Concerns

- Dick Bolam** (*health concerns*)
- Remi (Remington)** (*premature baby & family*)
- Pastor Dennis Scoville** (*health concerns*)
- Roman Wegrzyn** (*Pray for him and his family as his Alzheimer's Disease progresses*)
- Elaine Alexander** (*health concerns*)
- Family of Linda Crandall** (*Chris McCarrell's friend who passed away*)
- Family of Gene Wyman** (*Rachael Massey Wyman's father-in-law*)
- Dave Eggemeyer** (*Dennis Eggemeyer's cousin whose son, Brad, recently passed away*)
- Gus** (*health concerns—Sue Barger's father*)
- Caleb** (*personal concerns, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew*)
- Craig Brooks**
- Chad Wahl**
- Ruth Roach** (*at Hallmark House*)

Tim & Leslie Leitner thank you for your many prayers for our nephew, Zach Abubeker, after his serious car accident in Ethiopia. He has been in Chicago for therapy, and is progressing well. He returns to Ethiopia this month.



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



Our Savior Lutheran Value Statement

We spread God's word – joining with Jesus to heal our broken world.

Our Savior Lutheran Guiding Principles

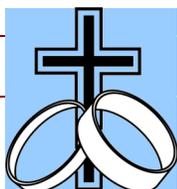


- We follow Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- We pray eagerly to strengthen our commitment and relationship with God.
- We act boldly based on an abundant picture of God's love.
- We listen to our neighbors to truly know their joys and sorrows.
- We work as God's hands – serving the needs of our community and the world.
- We love to tell the story of Jesus and His love.

In November we're celebrating.. Anniversaries & Birthdays

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dale & Nancy Atkinson—November 15



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1—Mark McCarrell

November 9—Bruce Gettman

November 19—Rachael (Massey) Wyman

November 22—Susan Foss



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 DECEMBER

- **December 2**—First Sunday of Advent
- **December 2**—”Puppets for Jesus” All Congregation Presentation after worship
- **December 2**—Dinner Out at Golden Corral and to Festival of the Nativity
- **December 5**—Advent Gathering
- **December 9**—60th Anniversary Celebration of Our Savior
- **December 12**—Advent Gathering
- **December 19**—Advent Gathering
- **Christmas Eve Service**

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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 11:15. We will meet in the library and can move if our group outgrows that space! All adults of the church and visitors are welcome! .

Join Our Class!

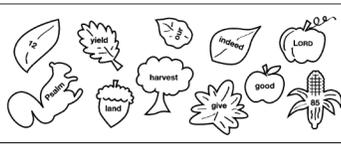
More than Skin Deep Gratitude, said Martin Luther, is “the basic Christian attitude.” Yet gratitude is much more than a state of mind. Often it’s a decision, and it becomes an act of humility when we recognize our depravity — and our need for a Savior. The 10 disgraced lepers who beg Jesus for mercy (see Luke 17:11-19) are described as *allogenes*, Greek for “outcast.” (All humans, sick with sin, fit that description!) The leper who returned to give thanks received more than just physical healing, according to Scripture. When Jesus says, “Your faith has made you well,” he uses the Greek that means “Your faith has saved you.” The grateful leper, recognizing his depravity, humbly decides to return and give thanks, knowing — through faith — that his skin and his soul have been healed.



HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

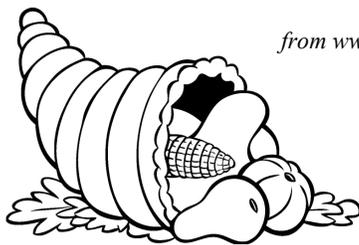
Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



“The  will  
 what is , and 
 will  its .”
  : , NIV

Answer: “The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.” Psalm 85:12, NIV

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“Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie.” —Jim Davis

Puzzle!

Use the music code to find the words for this familiar song of thanks.

CODE:

A	≡	E	♪	I	♪	O	♪	U	♪
B	♩	F	♪	L	>	P	♪	V	♪
C	♭	G	♪	M	♭	R	♪	W	#
D	♪	H	♪	N	♪	S	♪	X	♪
				T	♪			Y	♪

Challenge: What do we commonly call this song?

The 

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him
 all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly
 host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. The
 Doxology

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:****

COATS, HATS, GLOVES, BABY FOOD & FORMULA, BOXED FOODS, & Personal Items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bath wash, combs

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.



Help for Those in Need





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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULES

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

LAY ASSISTANTS		<p>HOPE ON THE HILL</p> <p>Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education</p> <p>Helping Individuals Live in Love</p>	USHERS	
November 4	Melanie Fleming		November 4	Mark McCarrell
November 11	Meri Arnold		November 11	Garold Burkholder
November 18	Tim Leitner		November 18	Ken Wehr
November 25	Melanie Fleming		November 25	Ron Garber/Steve Gresham
LAY READERS		TELLERS		
November 4	Dennis Eggemeyer	November 4	Leo & Roberta Stiles	
November 11	Larry Daniels	November 11	Steve & Barb Gresham	
November 18	Roberta Stiles	November 18	Valerie Gettys & Tim Leitner	
November 25	Sue Barger	November 25	Dale & Nancy Atkinson	
GREETERS		COMMUNION SET-UP & PARAMENT COLOR		
November 4	Carol Guenther	November 4	Carol Guenther	White
November 11	Melanie & Lily Fleming	November 11	Dave Sanders	Green
November 18	Larry Daniels	November 18	Lee & Mary Sorenson (Intinction)	Green
November 25	Roberta Stiles	November 25	Carol Guenther	White

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pekin, Illinois



60th Anniversary

1958 - 2018

You and your guests are invited to attend the 60th Anniversary celebration of Our Savior Lutheran Church on December 9, 2018. Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by brunch and fellowship. Please respond by mail, email to oslcpekin1@gmail.com, or phone (309) 346-2600. Please respond by November 30, 2018. We hope you will join us to celebrate this happy occasion.

Name:

Address:

Phone

Email:

Number attending:

Sorry, unable to attend:

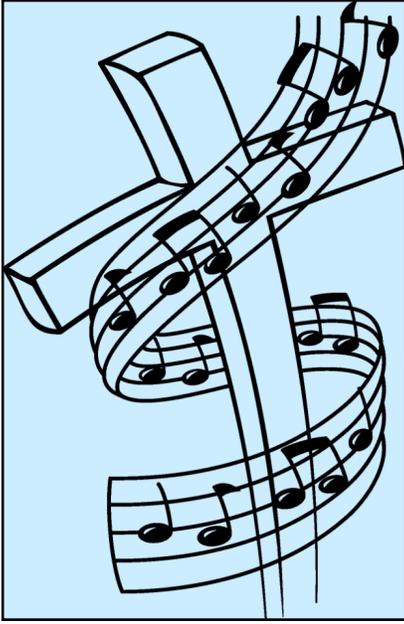
OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

1958 – 1960	Rev. William Swarbrick, missionary and first pastor OSLC established as a mission of Lutheran Church in America House chapel built for worship Building site purchased for permanent facility	1989 – 2008	Rev. Paul Balaban Contemporary worship started 1999 at 10:45 a.m. worship Remodeling project completed
1961 – 1965	Rev. John Meyer Permanent facility built at 2223 Sheridan Road First service held June 2, 1963	2009 – 2013	Rev. Dennis Scoville, Interim pastor Call Committee formed
1966 – 1971	Rev. Anton P. Weber Congregation became self-supporting	2013 - Current	Rev. Stephen Barnes Weekly Thursday morning Bible Study begun "Knitting Group" formed to make Prayer Shawls for shut-ins Pen Pal program initiated between members and local second grade class Christmas ornament exchange, "home to church," & "church to home" started
1971 – 1977	Rev. Philip Hougen Saturday evening service added 1972 through late 1978 Fifth grade students received Communion Refugees from Cambodia sponsored		
1978 – 1989	Rev. Lyle Steinfeldt New "Wicks" organ acquired 1979 Sanctuary remodeled 1980 Pews replaced metal folding chairs		

November



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500 YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION



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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.