

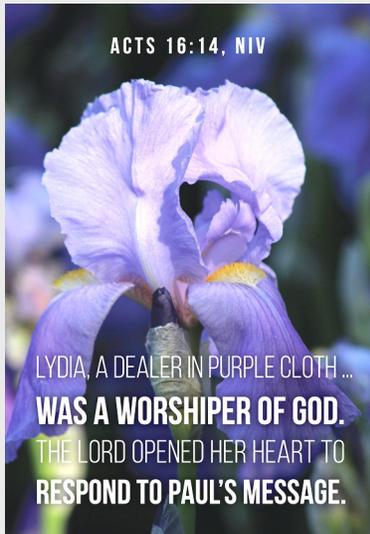
The Hilltopper



NEWSLETTER

Our Savior Lutheran Church

May 2019



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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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PASTOR'S PAGE

I pray that you all had a blessed and wonderful time re-connecting with family and friends for the Easter celebration. On April 21st we worshipped with praise that God raised Jesus from the dead and a promise given that we too shall celebrate life eternal. It is also a time to gather and strengthen ties with friends and family telling stories while sharing love and faith.

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! We shout and proclaim. Yet and even so, we should be living that “resurrection life” now and not waiting until the great banquet feast is shared.

Jesus, for 40 days after his resurrection and before his Ascension appeared to many people in many ways to assure them the promise is true and life should never be the same.

Mary Magdalene at the tomb, thought someone had taken Jesus' body. Mistaking the resurrected Jesus for the gardener, she asked where the body might be. Jesus called her name and life changed as she shared the message with others. Also as the disciples were locked in an upper room for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them saying “peace be with you.” He showed them his hands and side reminding them, this is not an end but a beginning. “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” We are a sent people living in the confidence of faith, standing upon the witness of others and in our community that exudes Jesus presence.

Much like us, those who walked and listened to Jesus, tended to narrow their vision to what this world only has to offer. Expecting not the power and promise of God but the mundane mourning of what might be in our day to day existence. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, said sadly, “we had hoped.” Even Peter who had been in that upper room when Jesus appeared still was stuck in the quicksand weight of our world.

In John 21 the story unfolds. John 21:2 “Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Can in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee (probably the turtle as well!), and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

You know the rest of the story. Resurrected Jesus standing on the shore has the disciples throw their nets on the other side of the boat. They caught so many fish, they couldn't haul in the nets. Jesus has a charcoal fire going and they eat breakfast together. Jesus is with us even in the everyday, encouraging us to continue the good news that the sting of death is gone and love continues.

We have a risen Lord who connects with us even when doubt seeps into our daily details and reminds us the promise goes on in you.

As the Father has sent me, even so I send you, says Jesus. We are ever so much more than members of Our Savior Lutheran Church, we are also “Easter People!”

Peace, Pastor Stephen Barnes

HOPE ON THE HILL

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

Something for you to prayerfully consider: the Synod Assembly is June 6, 7, 8 in Springfield. We can send 2 delegates—*will you be one of them?* Please talk to Pastor for more information.

Members who wish to make contributions towards the cost of replacing the roof may use their offering envelopes and write in the dollar amount and the word “Roof” under the heading of **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** on the envelope.

All-Congregation Presentation
10:15 a.m. Sunday May 19
after worship

The speaker for May has not yet been scheduled.

May 19 will be the last of the All-Congregation Educational Programs until September.



Sign up for the Peoria Chiefs game on Thursday, May 30. There will be reduced prices for bratwurst & drinks during the game, and fireworks after the game. We will attend as a group.

It's that time of year again!!
Our annual Rummage Sale will be Friday **May 3** & Saturday **May 4**.

All proceeds will be going to House of Hope.

The Outreach & Fellowship Committee would like to see if you are interested in a day trip to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield. No date has been set. There is an sign-up sheet posted—let us know if you'd like to go!



The Mary/Martha Circle will meet on **Wednesday, May 15**, at **9:30 a.m.** at the church. Hostess is Rita Wahl. Topic Leader is Roberta Stiles. Members will go out to lunch following the regular Circle meeting.
All women of Our Savior are welcome.



The property committee accepted the bid of Ed Wilson to do our mowing at a cost of \$75.00 per mowing.

The May meeting of Church Women United will be held at Our Savior Lutheran on the afternoon of **May 10**, with our Mary/Martha Circle providing refreshments.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Tuesday, May 14, 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.



Gardener God, as resurrection bursts forth in buds and blooms, help my faith to fully flower as well.

News & Updates

It's a Girl!



Welcome Sofia Gabriela Catherine Olivos!

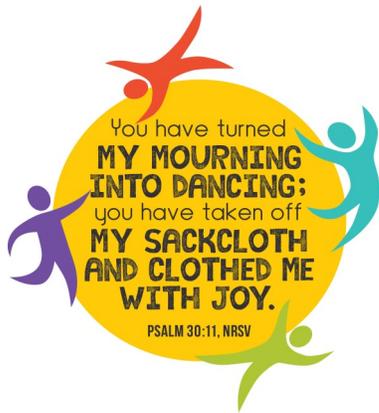
She was born on Good Friday, April 19, 2019, at 7:33 p.m., weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz.

Proud parents are Matt & Emily (Leitner) Olivos of St. Louis. Excited grandparents are Tim & Leslie Leitner.



Thank you, Melanie, for being the Lay Assistant on Good Friday and Easter Sunday while Tim was in St. Louis celebrating with family.

Our first Fish Fry was well-attended. Many thanks to Gene & Scott Massey for the delicious fish, and the many people who brought dishes to share.



Death in our **CHURCH FAMILY** Ruth Roach passed away on April 20, 2019. Our prayers go out to the family.



Ruth A. Roach, 80, of Pekin, passed away at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2019 at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.



Born April 21, 1938 in Litchfield to Orville C. and Ruth C. (Clayton) Heyen, she married Larry E. Roach on August 28, 1954 in Corinth, Mississippi. He died April 24, 2016 in Peoria. She also was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers and three sisters.

Surviving are three daughters, Pamela Cuevas, Lori Major and Susan (Wendell) Wilson, all of Pekin; one son, Larry (Dawn) Roach of Pekin; nine grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren and one brother, Donald (Fay) Heyen of New Berlin, Wisconsin.

A homemaker, Ruth had worked for J.C. Penney in the catalog department. She also had worked for the traffic department at Tazewell County Court House.

Ruth was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pekin and had been a part of Walk to Emmaus and the Cursillo community in Peoria.

Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory in Pekin. Pastor Stephen D. Barnes will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Cremation will be accorded following the funeral, with inurnment at Prairie Haven Cemetery in Pekin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2223 Sheridan Road, Pekin, IL 61554.

To express condolences online, visit www.preston-hanley.com



Update from Margaret & Rosevita:

We truly appreciate everything you have done for us and for the children at the school through us. we thank you for the checks you gave Rosevita and they are received with gratitude. We are very thankful for welcoming us to your church family, we felt so welcomed and loved. We appreciated all the donations in all forms all the gifts are very useful and they are very exciting too and we know the children will really benefit from them and enjoy them too. Mum and her friend will carry as much as they can in May 20th when they leave for Kenya. we are very excited about that.

You had mentioned that we let you know what the children would need. **A wish list would be as follows:**

School book bags, track suits for older kids and teachers. Sport shoes for the same, games like bingo or any other, board books and story books for young children, knitting and sewing materials, any music materials and instruments, anybody willing to teach the children in any of these ,or baking is welcome. A work team will be going in January. The project we are now fundraising for is buying a playground for the children which is a requirement of the government so we can stay ratified as a school, we need to build more bathrooms and dormitories for the children living with my daughter at the school house.

The work team that had gone to Kenya last time we traveled, together with me shall be having a presentation on *May 5th 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Apostolic Christian Church Princeville fellowship hall*, we invite your church family so that they can get an update on all that God has been doing.

FLOWER CHART FOR MAY



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| May 5 | The Leitners—Emily's Birthday and Granddaughter Sofia born April 19 |
| May 12 | The Atkinson's—Nancy's Birthday |
| May 19 | Rita Wahl |
| May 26 | |
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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.

Many thanks to those who helped beautify our sanctuary on Easter with lilies:



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| Dale & Stella Gettys | <i>The Glory of God</i> | Rita Wahl | <i>The Glory of God</i> |
| Gene Massey | <i>In Memory of Joann Massey</i> | Pastor Stephen & Judy Barnes | <i>In Memory of Roger W. Barnes</i> |
| Elsa Keas | <i>In Memory of Bill Keas & Carolyn Murphy</i> | Sharon Foss | <i>The Glory of God</i> |
| Larry & Darlene Daniels | <i>In Memory of Our Parents</i> | Mark & Chris McCarrell | <i>In Memory of Merrill & Katherine McCarrell and Bill Pinkston; and in Honor of Lillian Pinkston</i> |
| Carol Guenther | <i>In Memory of Bob Guenther</i> | The Fleming Family | <i>In Honor and Memory of Loved Ones</i> |
| Ken & Bev Wehr | <i>In loving memory of George & Elaine</i> | Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer | <i>In Memory of Bill Keas and Del & Martha Eggemeyer</i> |

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

- Phil Bolam** (*Health Issues*)
- Ruth Johnson** (*Mary Sorenson's aunt, recent diagnosis of brain cancer*)
- Vera Jones** (*Nancy Atkinson's mother, in Hospice Care*)
- Remi (Remington)** (*premature baby & family*)
- Roman Wegrzyn** (*Pray for him and his family as his Alzheimer's Disease progresses*)
- Ryan Montgomery**
- George Sipka** (*Teresa Massey's father-health concerns*)
- Gus** (*health concerns—Sue Barger's father*)
- Caleb** (*personal concerns, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew*)
- Bob Tertel** (*Sue Barger's uncle-cancer recovery*)
- Chad Wahl**
- Craig Brooks**
- Family of Ruth Roach**
- Dulcie and Scott Shoener** (*Melanie Fleming's sister—broken shoulder, and her brother-in-law—recovering from shoulder surgery*)

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| Scott & Teresa Massey—May 26, 1984 |
| Lee & Mary Sorenson—May 31, 1975 |
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| May 6—Emily Leitner Olivos | May 20—Tyler Fleming |
| May 8—Carol Guenther | May 24—David Sanders |
| May 15—Nancy Atkinson | May 25—Doris Voller |
| May 16—Stella Gettys | May 29—Sonja Sanders |
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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

- Possible trip to Lincoln Museum in Springfield
- Watch for news about a ride on the Spirit of Peoria riverboat!

| June 2019 | | | | | | |
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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! .

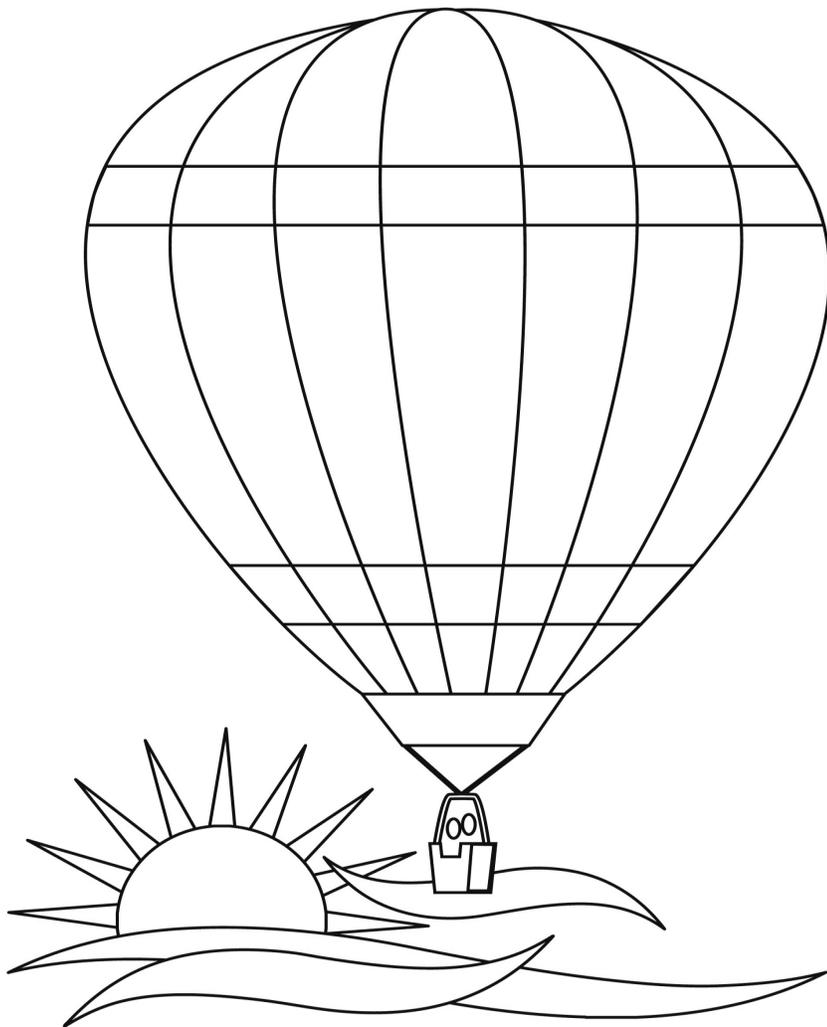


*If you have information you want to be in the next Hilltopper, please email Leslie Leitner **by Sunday, May 19** at leitner@grics.net; OR put articles, committee information, news, events, and updates in the Hilltopper mailbox in the Library. Thank you!*

Meri Arnold's work schedule has changed, and she is now unable to attend council meetings. We would like to appoint a new council member—will you volunteer for this?? Talk to Pastor, or a council member, if you are interested. Thank you!

COLORING PAGE

Print this 8.5" x 11" image to color.
A full-size PDF file is provided on the CD and online.



from www.newsletternewsletter.com



Show your love for your mother, grandmother or aunt this Mother's Day by placing words of appreciation throughout the house for her to find.

What you need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Tape

THANKS!

What you do:

1. Fold construction paper into fourths.
2. Cut paper along the folds to get four pieces.
3. On each rectangle, write words of appreciation, drawings and so on.
4. Tape the papers throughout the house. For example, a note on the refrigerator or pantry might say, "Thank you for making yummy meals for me." A note on a mirror might say, "You are beautiful inside and out!"

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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:****

CANNED MEATS, MACARONI & CHEESE, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY, JACKETS, SPRING CLOTHING, AND JEANS (ALL SIZES)



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.



| 2018 CHURCH COUNCIL—Contact Information | | | |
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| | Leo Stiles | Property | lastiles1@gmail.com |
| | Ron Garber | Worship & Music | |
| | 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 | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| May 5 | Meri Arnold |
| May 12 | Tim Leitner |
| May 19 | Meri Arnold |
| May 26 | Melanie Fleming |
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| LAY READERS | |
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| May 5 | Roberta Stiles |
| May 12 | Sue Barger |
| May 19 | Larry Daniels |
| May 26 | Dennis Eggemeyer |
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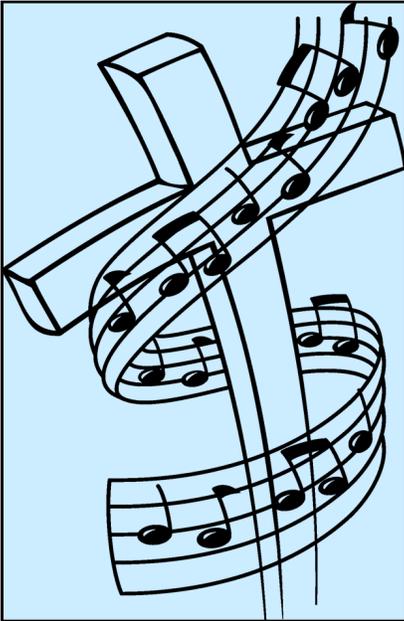
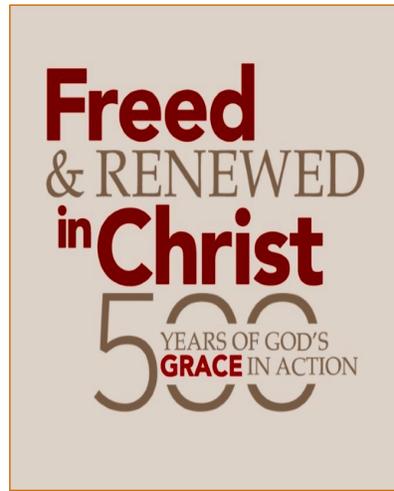
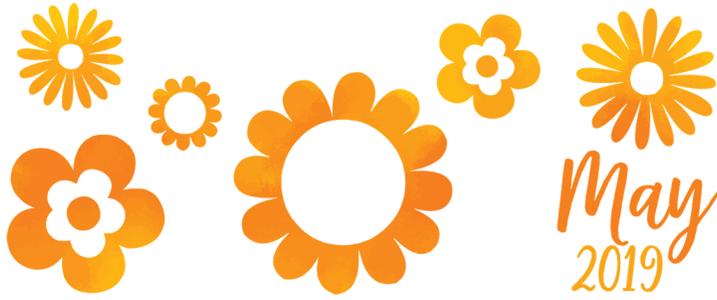
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| May 5 | Steve Gresham |
| May 12 | Bruce Gettman |
| May 19 | Ken Wehr |
| May 26 | Steve Gresham |
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| TELLERS | |
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| May 5 | Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas |
| May 12 | Tim Leitner & Valerie Gettys |
| May 19 | Leo & Roberta Stiles |
| May 26 | Tim Leitner & Ken Wehr |
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| GREETERS | |
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| May 5 | Larry Daniels |
| May 12 | Bruce & Gayle Gettman |
| May 19 | Linda Tanner |
| May 26 | Steve Gresham |
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| COMMUNION SET-UP & PARAMENT COLOR | | |
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| May 5 | Carol Guenther & Linda Tanner | Gold |
| May 12 | Dave Sanders | Gold |
| May 19 | (Intinction) Lee & Mary Sorenson | Gold |
| May 26 | Carol Guenther & Linda Tanner | Gold |
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Rev. Stephen D. Barnes—Pastor**

**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.