

The Hilltopper



NEWSLETTER

Our Savior Lutheran Church

September 2019



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

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

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PASTOR'S PAGE

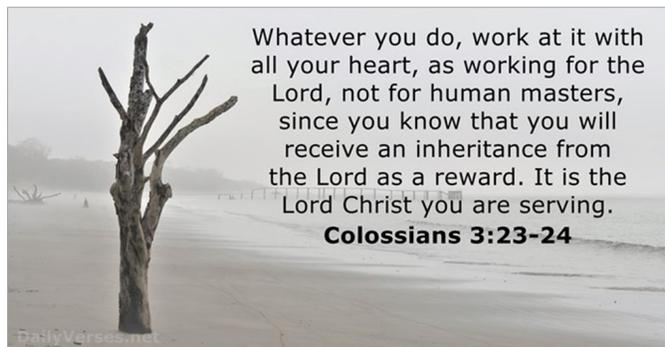
Honestly, I don't know what to write. I find myself oversaturated with the "news" and often turning it off before the weather! We seem to have misplaced our sense of civility and realizing that there is something greater than just ourselves. We have a lot of "permission givers," who don't seem to understand the influence of the permission they are giving! Unity, they proclaim, while shouting phrases that divide the hearts and minds of the vulnerable and susceptible.

Faith seems to be more grandstanding if it gets you what you want, even though it is transgressing the gift of grace, love and forgiveness. So many seem to be trying to "re-create" the world in the image of their own minds. God spoke with a Word and yet there are a lot of folk who think their word is better and not damaging the beauty of people created in His image, in His likeness. Though, many seem to believe that God didn't create all people.

Some passages that came to mind amid this turbulent time:

John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid."

Matthew 18:4-5 "Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."



Peace,

Pastor Stephen D. Barnes

HOPE ON THE HILL

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love



Sunday Evening, September 22,
you have the opportunity for
two fun fellowship events!

'Dinner Out', planned by the Outreach & Fellowship committee, will be at **Venezia Italian Bistro**, 901 Chateau Dr. at **5:00 p.m.** Their menu is posted on their website if you'd like a preview:
<http://veneziaitalianbistro.com/>



Then, head to Our Savior for dessert & music at **7:00 p.m.** Pastor has arranged for the **Todd Kelly Trio** to play!! Dr. Kelly has played trumpet at several of our services in the past few years. What a great opportunity to hear some fabulous music—be sure to invite your friends! If you have other dinner plans, come to OSLC for desserts & music. It will be a great evening.



Leadership
Retreat

Leadership Retreat

September 21
7:30-11:30 a.m.

“Faithing Forward”



Rooted in Faith Forward in Hope

“What has God called us to be in this place
and as we move forward”
—Pastor Barnes

The All-Congregation Presentations
will begin on **September 15,**
Rally Sunday, at
10:15 a.m. after the worship service.

We will be enjoying the
“Puppets for Jesus” group from
East Peoria Methodist Church
as they share their ministry!



*Be sure to stay for the coffee fellowship
and the delightful puppet ministry!*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on
Tuesday, September 17,
at **9:30 a.m.** at the church.



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.



The Mary/Martha Circle will meet
Wednesday, September 18, 2019,
9:30 a.m. at the church.

Hostess is Linda Tanner.

Topic Leader is Sharon Foss.

The study guide is a continuation of
Twelve Extraordinary Women by John MacArthur.
All women of Our Savior are welcome.



News & Updates

Pastor Weber passed away in July. This is the obituary from the Pekin Daily Times:

Anton Paul “Bud” Weber Jr., 78, of Barrington, Ill., formerly of Pekin, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2019, surrounded by his loving family.

Bud was born July 30, 1940, in Milwaukee, Wis. He was a graduate of St. Olaf College and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, Minn., and earned Master of Divinity and was ordained June 19, 1966. His first parish was Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pekin.

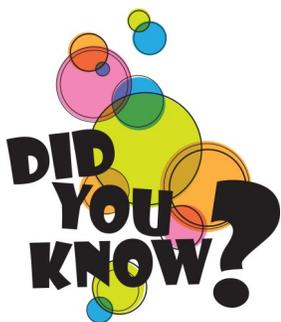
Bud was minister and assistant to the Bishop, ELCA and a colleague mentor with the ELCA Ministry Program. Anton was a master gardener at Chicago Botanic Gardens, he loved fishing and gardening.

Anton is survived by his children, Lisa (Greg) Nelson and Paul (Mary) Weber; grandchildren Emily Rose (Michael Maude) Nelson, Dylan Nelson, Braeden Nelson, Delaney Nelson, Ben Weber, Grant Weber and Henry Weber; great-grandson Landon Nelson-Maude; and brother Eugene Weber.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Weber.

Memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the memorial service at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 30, at the Lutheran Church of the Atonement, 909 E. Main St. (Lake-Cook Road), Barrington. Inurnment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Nelson-Curnyn Free Eye Clinic at www.nelson-curnyn.org; ELCA World Hunger at www.elca.org/hunger; or Atonement Lutheran Church at Barrington in c/o PADS.



Gerry is posting all committee and council minutes on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Take a minute to look them over—it's a great way to see all the hard work our committees and Council are doing!



We continue to enjoy the hymns picked by YOU through the beginning of September. Thank you to all who turned in requests, and to Pastor who is fitting them into our Sunday services.

Repairs to the organ will begin in the fall. We do not have a starting date yet. It will be out of service for approximately three weeks.

While the organ is moved away from the wall for the repairs, the Property Committee will work on several items. They will be painting the back wall and reworking the attic entrance grill. McCamy's Heating & Air Conditioning will be able to check on the valve behind the organ, and non-working valves will be replaced. A thermostat needs to be moved. The back pew by the organ will temporarily be removed to help with the repairs.



Members who wish to make contributions towards the cost of replacing the roof may use the YELLOW envelopes in the rack on the pews. You may also use your offering envelopes and write in the dollar amount and the word “Roof” under the heading of **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** on the envelope. Your offering envelopes may also be used to contribute towards the **organ repairs**—just be sure to write the amount and “For Organ” on your envelope. Thank you very much!

FLOWER CHART SEPTEMBER



September 1	
September 8	The Stiles-Rick & Shannon's Wedding Anniversary
September 15	
September 22	
September 29	Pastor Steve & Judy—Pastor Barnes' 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.

Note: *The September Flower Calendar still has THREE Sundays available to donate flowers! Thank you!!*

The many and the One

When I studied in Spain, it was profound to hear a scripture in Spanish during worship, knowing my friends and family heard the same passage in English that day back home: two languages, various Christian denominations, multiple places — one God.

Many Christian congregations and judicatories hold worldwide partnerships through a “companion church” program. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, for instance, relates to a total of 120 church bodies globally. Companion synods and congregations pray for one another, visit each other, share ministries and learn from far-flung siblings in Christ. Horizons expand, enabling people to see God’s family more broadly: multiple languages, worship styles, cultures — one God.

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts ... so it is with Christ,” writes Paul. “For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body. ... Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many” (1 Corinthians 12:12-14, NIV). Numerous members, diverse functions, unique gifts — one God.

—Heidi Mann

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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 **Robert Murphy** (3rd Class)—
serving on USS Abraham Lincoln in Persian
Gulf (*nephew of Phil & Beth Dralle*)
- 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

- Family of Pastor Bud Weber**
- Timim and Raunak Omeish** (*lost their baby during childbirth*)
- Lee Maki** (*former member; heart health issues*)
- George Sipka** (*Teresa Massey's father; health concerns, & guidance in caregiving for his wife, Teresa's stepmother*)
- Blake Leitz** (*nephew of Anne Dralle Leitz; health concerns*)
- Phil Bolam** (*Cancer treatment*)
- Vera Jones** (*Nancy Atkinson's mother, in Hospice Care*)
- Roman Wegrzyn** (*Pray for him and his family as his Alzheimer's Disease progresses*)
- Ryan Montgomery** (*Gerry Reynold's son*)
- Gus Marzinzik** (*health concerns—Sue Barger's father*)
- Caleb** (*personal concerns, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew*)
- Chad Wahl**
- Craig Brooks**



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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Phil & Beth Dralle—September 22
Mike & Courtney Dralle—September 29

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 10—Jacque Davis	
September 20—Rita Wahl	
September 21—Garold Burkholder	
September 27—Pastor Barnes	



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 OCTOBER

- **Sunday, October 20**—All Congregation Presentation: Speaker from CASA
- **October 27**—Reformation Sunday
- **Watch** for information on the Stewardship Program. “Faithing Forward”

October 2019						
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27	28	29	30	31		



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, September 22** at leitner@grics.net; OR put articles, committee information, news, events, and updates in the Hilltopper mailbox in the Library. Thank you!*

Many thanks to Gerry for finishing up and printing & distributing the September Hilltopper while we are out of town.



Leslie Leitner

Make puppets

and put on a show with your friends.

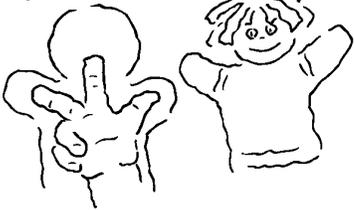
You will need:

- a handkerchief or piece of fabric about that size
- styrofoam ball
- rubber band
- glue
- scissors
- scraps of felt, paper, trim, yarn
- buttons



How to make it:

- Make a hole in the ball big enough to put your pointer finger into.
- The ball is the puppet's head. Add a face and hair. Make sure the finger hole is at the bottom.
- Drape the handkerchief over your hand.
- Put your pointer finger into the head.
- Stretch the rubber band over your middle finger, then around the back of your hand and around your thumb.



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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****

PASTA, BOXED MEALS, CEREAL
SHOES, SHORTS & SOCKS (ALL SIZES-Men, Women, & Children)

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	
September 1	Meri Arnold
September 8	Tim Leitner
September 15	Tim Leitner
September 22	Melanie Fleming
September 29	Tim Leitner

LAY READERS	
September 1	Larry Daniels
September 8	Sue Barger
September 15	Roberta Stiles
September 22	Dennis Eggemeyer
September 29	Larry Daniels

GREETERS	
September 1	Linda Tanner
September 8	Meri Arnold
September 15	Garold Burkholder
September 22	Bruce & Gayle Gettman
September 29	Roberta Stiles

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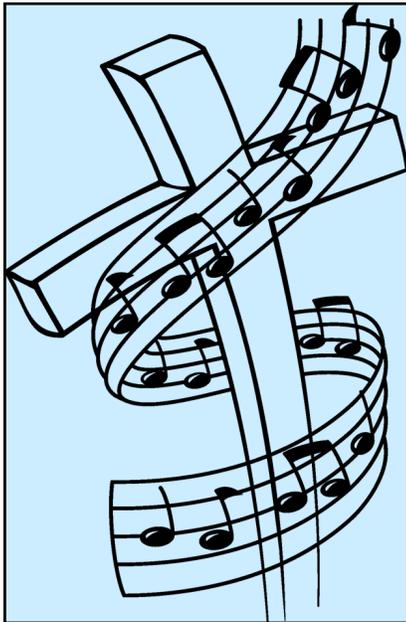
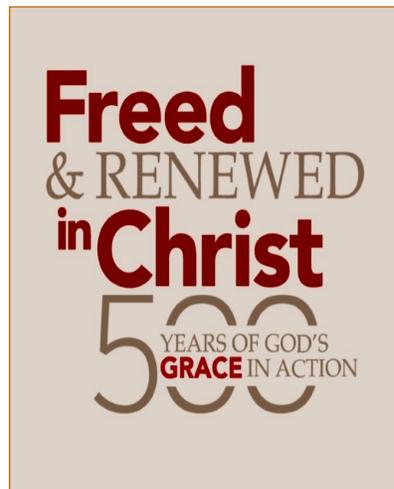
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USHERS	
September 1	Dennis Eggemeyer
September 8	Steve Gresham
September 15	Garold Burkholder
September 22	Bruce & Gayle Gettman
September 29	Ken Wehr

TELLERS	
September 1	Valerie Gettys & Ken Wehr
September 8	Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas
September 15	Dale & Nancy Atkinson
September 22	Sharon Foss & Elsa Keas
September 29	Tim Leitner & Ken Wehr

COMMUNION SET-UP & PARAMENT COLOR		
Sept. 1	Lee & Mary Sorenson	Green
Sept. 8	Carol Guenther & Linda Tanner	Green
Sept. 15	(Intinction) Dave Sanders	Green
Sept. 22	Lee & Mary Sorenson	Green
Sept. 29	Carol Guenther & Linda Tanner	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.