



Hope on the Hill

Pastor's Letter

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

My Cup Runneth Over Overflowing Blessing in our Stewardship – all that God gives!

October is our “usual” month to reflect again on the abundance that God continues to bless us with, even in difficult times.

Yes, we look to our life and ministry at Our Savior for the year 2021, but more than that, we need to understand that our “cup overflows.” *Our God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.* (Psalm 103) We don't really want a God who is “fair” do we?

I remember when playing games in grade school if something happened that “missed the rules,” someone might yell, “hey, that isn't fair!” Having grown up with 2 brothers, someone was always yelling, “that isn't fair!” Even now in all of our sports, each person is very concerned that they get what they deserve and might even yell as well, “hey, that isn't fair!” But God is abundant in his love and in his giving. I don't know about you, but I do not want a God who is fair, I want my God who is full of grace, forgiveness and as a father/mother having great compassion on me and you.

Now is the time to reflect and

respond to our “cups that runneth over” and how our life at Our Savior and together in community should continue.

It reminds me of John 2 when Jesus was invited to a wedding feast. The guests must have been drinking freely for they were running out of wine. Mom says to Jesus, they are out of wine, and a mother/son conversation ensues. BUT, Jesus has the stewards fill the 6 stone jars with water, each holding about 30 gallons. So 180 gallons becomes wine....but not just any wine! The steward goes to the bridegroom and says – usually you wait till people can't tell anymore and then serve the inferior wine, but you are serving the best last! God continues in Christ to give us His best. Jesus is God's best for you and me.

The 23rd Psalm may be the most beautiful of all chapters in the Bible because it gives an accurate description of the Great Shepherd's protection, provisions, and praises. David writes “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows” (23:5) so the question is; what does the “cup” represent? In the context of his verse and chapter, it speaks about God's provisions and blessings. The cup is our normal portion in life that God

gives each man and woman as He pleases. This psalm made sense to the Jews because when they received a guest, they would intentionally OVERFILL the cup and allow it to run over and by doing this, the guest would know that they're welcome to stay as long as they want.

The psalmist says that God has prepared the table for him (and us). He has anointed our heads with oil, and has provided all that we will ever need, even in our times of need. Our cup is not half empty – it is running over!

We don't have a “fair” God, thank goodness! We have a God who is overflowing with love and grace towards each of us. Like David, we know this and can affirm – “surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!”

Soon you will be receiving the materials to form the foundation of our life and ministry for this coming year of 2021 at Our Savior. AND hopefully this pandemic will finally be in our “rearview mirror!” No matter what, I rejoice with you and celebrate the blessings God continues to share and the strength we have together.

Peace, Pastor Stephen D. Barnes

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Sunday Worship
Service 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Prayer Concerns as of September 27, 2020

Prayers for all those with COVID-19

Bud T. (recovering from heart problems)

Family of Cindy Taylor (friend from Salem Lutheran of Pastor)

Emily Foss (on bed rest, baby will be here soon!)

Deena Burkholder (treatment for cancer)

Sharon Eggemeyer (recovering from gall bladder surgery)

Betty Barnes (Pastor Barnes' mother, on hospice)

Phil Bolam (on home hospice)

Gus & Lil Marzinzik (health concerns—Sue Barger's parents)

Nicole (Sue's niece, had surgery)

George Sipka (Teresa Massey's father; health concerns)

Craig Brooks, Chad Wahl, Ron Garber, Ryan Montgomery

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

NEWS & EVENTS

REMEMBER:

- *Wear a mask
- *Watch your distance
- *Wash your hands

COVID-19
UPDATES

my cup
runneth
over

The theme of our Stewardship Program this year is

"Psalm 23: My Cup Runneth Over"

Stewardship Focus in October:

October 4—verse 1: 'The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want'

October 11—verse 4: 'Even though I walk through the darkest valley—you are with me'

October 18—verse 5: 'You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over'

October 25 is Reformation Sunday.

Stewardship 2020

November 1—verse 6: 'Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.'

Your
Commitment Card
and
Time & Abilities
sheet
will be coming soon,
either through email
or the mail.

Many thanks to Lily & Leslie for



preparing a
special
stewardship
gift for you,
which will be
available at
church this
month.



Mary/ Martha
Circle

The Mary/Martha Circle of Our Savior Lutheran has resumed meeting.

The October meeting is **Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.** at the church. Sue Barger is the Topic Leader and Rita Wahl is the Hostess. Physical distancing and other COVID 19 precautions will be followed.

All women are invited!

Worship Services continue on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. We are happy to say they are well-attended!

Our aim is to minimize the risk for all that wish to attend these worship service. Only attend if you feel comfortable coming to church during this time. *We do ask that you wear a mask entering the building and during the service.* There will be masks available in case you do not have one. There are hand sanitizer at several locations.

We are having worship in the **Parish hall**. Chairs are spaced out in order to maintain distancing. We ask that you sit in family/ household units during worship. The bulletin is being projected onto a screen. We are speaking together, but not singing. Lillian continues to play the Prelude and the Closing Music on the electric piano.

Communion Update: Our first worship service with communion was Sunday, September 13. During communion, you will come to the tables in front and pick up your own wafer and communion cup. You may also stay seated, and Pastor and the Lay Assistant will come to you with the wine tray and wafer tin. We remain physically distanced as we are in line to receive communion from Pastor and the Lay Assistant.

If you are interested in being a part of the communion preparation/clean up team please contact Tim Leitner. Many thanks to Mary & Lee and Linda T. and Carol G. who have volunteered already. Pastor or Tim will show you what is involved with this important duty.

We are still posting the Sunday bulletin to our website and our Facebook page.

*We will continue to monitor the virus situation and make changes as needed or required.
We appreciate your patience, support and prayers as we continue to meet together for worship.*

OPERATION SANTA



We are collecting again for Operation Santa. There is a cardboard box for the collection of goods for Operation Santa at OSLC under the coat rack. They have an extensive wish list so feel free to pick and choose from it. Their wish list includes: **IMPORTANT: NOTHING WITH GLITTER!**

Holiday Greeting Cards Thank you notes Lip balm Individually wrapped beef sticks Black crew sox Individual drink mixes for bottled water Hand wipes 20 to 30 count Twizzlers and Rice Krispie bars (Individual and store wrapped) Pocket pack tissues Small game books Tooth brush Floss Travel size toothpaste DVD movies Chewing gum, hard candy breath mints Instant cocoa— individual packets USB thumb drives

Operation Santa is centered in Bloomington, IL and its yearly goal is to send a Christmas “sock” to every US Serviceperson stationed overseas at Christmas. It takes place well before Christmas because it takes the volunteers time to pack the “socks” and time for the packages to reach the overseas destinations.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—October 6
Tim & Leslie Leitner—October 11—40 years!
Fred & Michelle Sarantakos—Oct. 26—1 year!
Garold & Deena Burkholder—October 27



Our Synod has connected churches in the Synod with other churches, creating “Sister Congregations”. Our sister church is St. John’s in Bluffs, Illinois (near Jacksonville, IL).



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Gerry Reynolds—Oct. 1	Lillian Pinkston—Oct. 15
Scott Pinkston—Oct. 2	Elsa Keas—Oct. 20
James Johnson—Oct. 6	Ken Wehr—Oct. 20
Beth Dralle—Oct. 10	Ryan Massey—Oct. 26
Larry Daniels—Oct. 13	Lee Sorenson—Oct. 28

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.

Prayer Chain at Our Savior

Call the Church office with your prayer request 346-2600 or [email oslcpekin1@gmail.com](mailto:oslcpekin1@gmail.com).

An email will be sent to all members when a prayer request is received. Members without an email address may ask that they be called when a prayer request is sent out.



CONTACT US AT:

(309) 346-2600

If you have a ministry need, please call the Church office.



Prayers of joy for Raunak and Timim, from Libya, who spoke at Our Savior. They had a baby boy, Ziad, recently. His name means Being Blessed by God.

We continue to pray for those in the Military:

Petty Officer **Robert Murphy** (3rd Class)—(*nephew of Phil & Beth Dralle*);

Nick Marzinzik (*Air Force Reserves, Mike & Sue Barger’s nephew*)

Ensign Tary N. Voller—San Diego USN (*Doris Voller*)

A reminder: Please be sure to let Pastor know about committee meeting times & dates. Use this email: barnes.stephen9@gmail.com or contact him on his cell phone. It would also be helpful to include him on committee emails. Thank you!!

This is also the best way to contact him with personal requests and needs.



We will continue to post the Sunday bulletin to our website and our Facebook page. There are links within the bulletin to great music, and Pastor or Tim’s spoken sermon. Be sure to check the website tab:

‘News & Events’—‘Sunday Service Material’ and keep an eye on your email!

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/index.php/news-and-events/sunday-service-material/>

Newsletter DEADLINE

Our Savior Newsletter
Lutheran

*If you have information you want to be in the next ‘Hope on the Hill’, please email Leslie Leitner **by Sunday, October 18***

at leitner@grics.net. Thank you!

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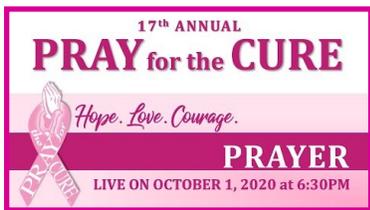
OCTOBER	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION SETUP	PARAMENT COLOR
October 4	Meri	Roberta	Ken or Mark	Steve & Barb	Tim & Leslie	Green
October 11	Dennis	Dennis	Ken or Mark	Leo & Roberta	Mary & Lee	Green
October 18	Meri	Sue	Ken or Mark	Tim & Leslie	Linda & Carol	Green
October 25	Tim	Tim	Ken	Steve & Barb	Mary & Lee	Red

OCTOBER FLOWER CHART

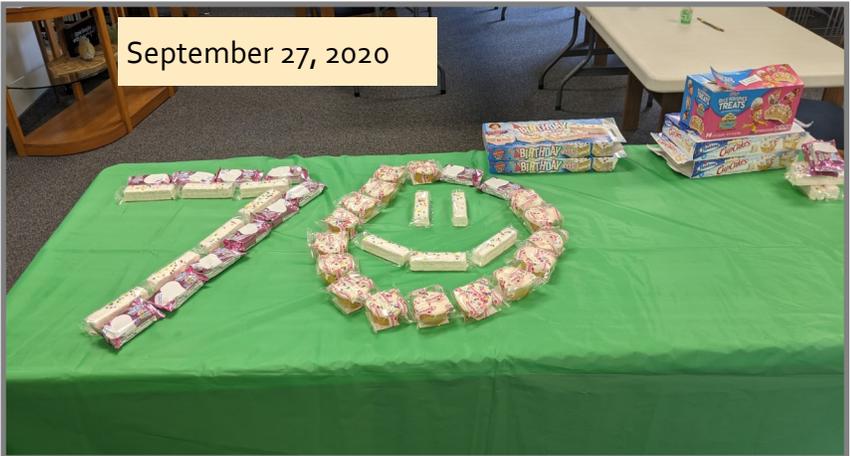


October 4	Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—36th Wedding Anniversary
October 11	Tim & Leslie Leitner—40th Wedding Anniversary
October 18	Chris McCarrell—Lillian Pinkston's Birthday
October 25	Fred & Michelle Sarantakos—1st Wedding Anniversary

We continue to stay steady financially. Thank you for mailing your offerings to Our Savior. Please continue to do so if you opt to not attend worship services—thank you!!



Virtual 17th Annual Pray for the Cure
 A special prayer service dedicated to breast cancer survivors
Thursday, Oct 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
 Facebook: @KomenPeoria
www.salemofpeoria.com
Join us for this Virtual Ecumenical Prayer Service enhancing the breast cancer survivor's spiritual well-being in healing and recovery through special music, reflections and prayers from survivors and encouragement for survivors.



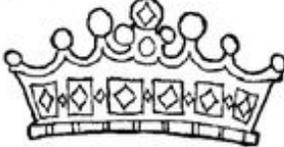
Lily arranged the birthday treats for Pastor's 70th birthday. We were able to celebrate his birthday with applause, & we brought cards for him. Thank you Flemings for the (individually wrapped) goodies we could take home.



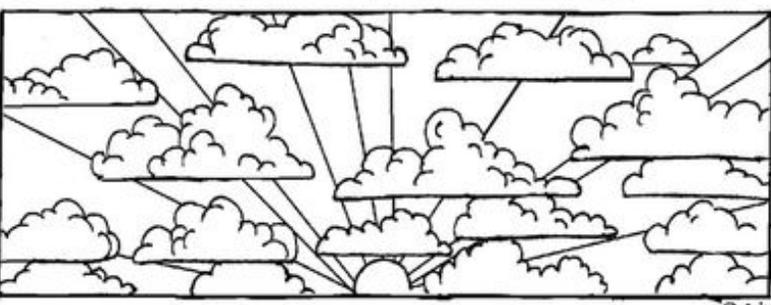
In Jesus' parable about people who hear and live by God's words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks

Answer:
 See Matthew 7:24-27.)



Surely goodness
 and mercy shall
 follow me all the
 days of my life,
 and I shall dwell
 in the house of
 the Lord
 forever. Psalm 23:6



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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:



Center for Prevention of Abuse

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.

Special needs RIGHT NOW include: cereal, canned fruit, bottled juice, peanut butter, can tuna, can soups, sugar, coffee, pancake mix, syrup



CHRISTIAN CIVIC OUTREACH (CCO)

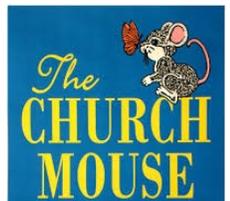
♥ There is a collection crate by the coat rack for items for CCO.

♥ Paper products and cleaning supplies are always needed.

CURRENT SPECIAL NEEDS: CRACKERS, CEREAL, BLANKETS, & SOCKS

*Our Savior received an email recently from Lisa Mack: Have you been to **The Church Mouse** lately? 600 W. Main St., Peoria, near the campus of Bradley University. A sanitizing business was recently hired to perform a thorough cleaning. It's ready for you to come in and browse. Stop by on Thursdays or Fridays between 10-4 or on Saturday between 10-3. A variety of merchandise at low prices!*

Do you have a desire to volunteer or work part time at The Church Mouse? Volunteer clerks and a warehouse person are needed at this time in order to keep the store open and keep it running efficiently. Please call the current assistant manager, Joan Resler, at (309) 673-2363 for more information.



OCTOBER 2020 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> October is Pastor Appreciation Month! </div> <div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 10px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> Reminder: There are meetings & other events occurring at Our Savior, so remember the 3 'W's"! (Wear a mask, Watch your distance, Wash your hands.) </div>				1 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	2 	3
4 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM <i>Please Wear Your Mask</i> Sunday School 10:15 AM	5	6 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	7 7:00 PM Outreach Comm. Worship & Music	8 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	9	10
11 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM <i>Please Wear Your Mask</i> Sunday School 10:15 AM	12	13 1:30 PM Finance 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	14 10:00 AM Property	15 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	16	17
18 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM <i>Please Wear Your Mask</i> Sunday School 10:15 AM	19	20 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	21 7:00 PM Council Meeting	22 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	23	24
25 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM <i>Please Wear Your Mask</i> REFORMATION Sunday School 10:15 AM	26	27 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	28	29 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	30	31

November 2020						
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