

# Hope on the Hill



Newsletter

VOLUME 2 ISSUE 3

## Pastor's Letter

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

### "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Yes, we are underway....the 40 days of Lent! I am greatly pleased by the numbers in our community coming to worship on Wednesdays and Sundays. Praise be to God and the Spirit who guides us! We continue to use the "Holden Evening" prayer on Wednesdays focusing upon Love of God and Love of People with the foundation in the Love of Christ for us all.

Greatly to be praised as the COVID numbers continue to come down allowing us to gather more and share our faith face to face more. March 28<sup>th</sup> is Palm/Passion Sunday with Maundy Thursday, April 1, Good Friday on April 2 and the great Easter Celebration on April 4.

This is not only a time to "deny ourselves and take our cross and follow Jesus," it is a time of love given and received. I used the title above to reflect upon the hymn of the same name.

Here are some of the words:

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.....I'LL SING GOD'S LOVE FOR ME, AND THROUGH ETERNITY I'LL SING ON....*

That is the wondrous thing of Lent....love given, love lifted for you and me and love in Christ, willing to empty himself and endure the cross. These 40 days of Lent should also be a time as St. Paul writes in Philippians: *In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*

So, it's okay if you find yourself humming a tune that lifts your heart and reminds you of the love God has

gifted to you. Psalm 98 has a great couple of verses – *O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness...*

I hope to see you during this time of Lent as we worship, study and share community together! May God's peace and contentment be with you, for you know that Christ Jesus is the source of your strength to do and face all things.

Peace,  
Pastor Stephen D. Barnes



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

### Prayer Concerns

**Prayers for all those with COVID-19 and recovering from COVID-19**  
Jim Drake (recovering from a fall-broken arm)

Fritz & Delores Eggemeyer (Dennis's aunt & uncle, poor health)

Connie Huessner (former member, cancer treatments)

OSLC members who cannot yet attend in-person services

**Prayers for all who have Arthrogryposis** (Per Lee Sorenson: *It is a very rare disease that strikes joints and attached muscle tissue. There is an 11 month old boy in Pekin with this disease.*)

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

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

Craig Brooks, Chad Wahl, Ryan Montgomery

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



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# NEWS & EVENTS

## REMEMBER:

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

**COVID-19  
UPDATES**

**Worship Services with Holy Communion continue on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

**We will continue to monitor the virus situation and make changes as needed or required.**

Only attend if you are well, and 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. The bulletin is being projected onto a screen. We are speaking together, but not singing. We continue to post the Sunday bulletin to our website and our Facebook page. We appreciate your patience, support and prayers as we meet together for worship.

## Services in March

### Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. in person service

- March 3: Request of James and John—*Knowing Your Place*
- March 10: Blessing the Children—*A Child-like Faith*
- March 17: The Wicked Tenants—*Ownership*
- March 24: Denial and Prayer—*Where is Your Heart?*

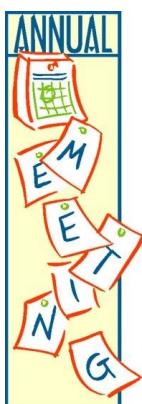
### Sundays: 9:00 a.m. in person service

- March 7: *Cleansing of the Temple*
- March 14: *Woman at the Well*
- March 21: *You Give Them Something to Eat*
- March 28: Palm/Passion Sunday: *Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet*



## April Holy Week Services

- April 1, 7:00 p.m.: Maundy Thursday in person service—*Washing of the Disciples' Feet*
- April 2, 7:00 p.m.: Good Friday in person service—*Is it I Lord?*
- April 4, 9:00 a.m.: Easter in person service—*Weeping at the Tomb*



Council has set the date for our **in-person Annual Meeting:**

**Sunday, April 18, 10:15 a.m. (after the worship service)**

At this time we will review/accept annual reports, and elect council members.

**Committee chairs:** Please email your committee's annual report to Gerry by the week of March 1.

Nominating Committee members have been contacted and plan to meet after a worship service soon.



Mary/Martha Circle will meet **Wednesday, March 17 at 9:30 a.m.** at the church. Hostess is Judy Barnes, and Topic Leader is Sue Barger. We are studying a Max Lucado book titled "A Love Worth Giving." Copies are still available at the meeting. All women of the church are welcome.

**Reminder:** While we are happy to hear that members have been receiving the COVID vaccine, please continue to wear a mask when you are in the building as there are meetings & other events occurring at Our Savior besides our worship service. You don't know who has just been there, or who may be coming after you. This will help not only you but others. Thank you!!

# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Darlene Daniels—March 12

Charlie & Jacque Davis—March 21

Bruce & Gayle Gettman—March 29



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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## 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.

*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)

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1—Dale Atkinson

March 22—Charlie Davis

March 18—Leslie Leitner

March 26—Mary Sorenson



## 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.



**CONTACT US AT:**

**(309) 346-2600**

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

**A reminder:** Please be sure to let Pastor know about committee meeting times & dates. Use this email: [barnes.stephen9@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

Each Sunday worship service bulletin is posted to our website and our Facebook page, usually by Saturday afternoon. 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/>

If you are unable to print out the newsletter and would like a printed copy, please let Gerry know and she can print one for you. *If you want a printed copy mailed to you regularly, please let Leslie know.*

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*If you have information you want to be in the next 'Hope on the Hill', please email Leslie Leitner by Sunday, March 21*

*at leitner@grics.net. Thank you!*

## CHURCH COUNCIL

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	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION	PARAMENT COLOR
<b>March 7</b>	Meri	Larry	Mark	Leo & Roberta	Mary & Lee	Purple
<b>March 14</b>	Tim	Roberta	Steve	Leo & Roberta	Linda & Carol	Purple
<b>March 21</b>	Dennis	Dennis	Mark	Leo & Roberta		Purple
<b>March 28</b>	Melanie	Sue	Steve	Leo & Roberta	Tim & Leslie	Purple

### MARCH FLOWER CHART



Altar Flowers

<b>March 07</b>	
<b>March 14</b>	The Daniels—Wedding Anniversary
<b>March 21</b>	
<b>March 28</b>	The Flemings—Lily's Birthday

The 2021 flower chart has been posted—You may wish to call the office if you would like to sign up for a Sunday.

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!!

**Thanks to OSLC for donating 49 cans of soup, and 15 other nonperishables as part of the USA wide Souper Bowl of Caring. All these food units were delivered to Christian Civic Outreach. OSLC has participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring in every year since 2005.**



### **EASTER LILIES!!**

If you would like to contribute an Easter lily to beautify our worship space for Easter, please let Gerry know as soon as possible: 346-2600, 9:00 a.m.—Noon, or email: [oslcpekin1@gmail.com](mailto:oslcpekin1@gmail.com). You can also place your information in the Secretary's mailbox in the Library. You may wish to mail in your payment; or place it in the Sunday offering plate.

Please include how many, from whom, and In Honor or In Memory of whom.

They are \$14.50 this year. Orders are needed by Friday, March 12, per Gerry. Thank you!

And many thanks to Elsa, who is organizing this.



# Activity Page

# Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

colt	denial	kiss	repent
confess	donkey	lots	silver
cross	forsaken	palms	sins
crown	Gethsemane	penance	suffer
crucifixion	Golgotha	Pilate	thorns
death	hosanna	prayer	vigil

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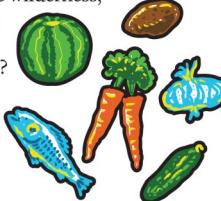
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## Bible Quiz

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers



Remember to put your clocks ahead so you aren't late for church on March 14!

Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)

## 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**

## When God giggles

Before dinner, our family was preparing to pray, which we do by holding hands. Upon discovering that one child hadn't washed his hands, my husband struck a contorted pose to avoid physical contact. The mealtime blessing quickly dissolved into laughter as we each peeked at him.

Afterward, as we passed around the food, I asked, "What do you imagine God thought about us laughing during prayer?" One child quickly replied, "I think he was laughing right along with us."

Yes! Although prayer is reverent, God invites us to converse with words, emotions — and even giggles!

—Janna Firestone

# MARCH 2021 CALENDAR

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