



# Hope on the Hill

### Pastor's Letter

#### I'm Going Fishing!

You may think that this is my statement of joyful rebellion as my vacation time nears for us to head straight north for about 500 miles. I will be gone from June 7 through the 19th. I do want to make sure you understand that if there are concerns or special needs, please don't hesitate to call my cell number for prayer and support.

Now, back to fishing. Peter's "day job" was a fisherman and after the Resurrection, he said: "I'm going fishing." In other words, I'm going back to work and what I know. Jesus didn't leave it there and will not for you either.

Standing on the beach, the resurrected Christ offered fishing directions which caught them more fish than they could almost haul in. Peter recognizes, "it is the Lord," and jumps in swimming to shore.

Jesus has breakfast going on shore but next comes the interesting conversation between Jesus and Peter:

#### Jesus and Peter – John 21:15-17

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of

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John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

I hope to catch fish while on vacation, but I already know that in Christ I am to continue loving His lambs and sheep!

Summer is a great time to re-create especially after another year of pandemic tension. To re-create is to restore the energy and joy it takes to continue to care and have compassion for our family and others beyond our walls. Notice Jesus asks three times of Peter... "do you love me." "Feed my lambs;" "Tend my sheep;" and finally "Feed my sheep," says Jesus. We are to be Jesus' witnesses both in word and deed for his "sheep/lambs," but cannot keep it up without restoring our "batteries" as it were.

So, I hope and pray that you all will find time to "re-create," rest and restore to be that special person Jesus our Lord has called you to be. I am looking forward to my vacation, but know that I will be fully "charged" to start again in loving, feeding and tending the sheep/lambs because this is what we are ALL called to do.

Psalm 46:10-11 *"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."*

God is your refuge and strength from which you can love as He would have us love.

Peace,

Pastor Stephen D. Barnes



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



### Prayer Concerns

**Troy Henry** (Dennis Eggemeyer's nephew, eye problems)  
**Vicki Rayburn** (Marilyn W's daughter, health concerns)  
**Terry Reynolds** (Gerry's husband, health concerns)  
**Becky Murray** (Beth Dralle's sister, treatment for lymphoma)  
**Jerry White** (Courtney Dralle's stepfather, treatments for brain cancer)  
**Connie Huessner** (former member, cancer treatments)  
**Gus & Lil Marzinik** (Sue Barger's parents, health concerns)  
**George Sipka** (Teresa Massey's father; health concerns)  
**Craig Brooks, Chad Wahl, Ryan Montgomery**  
**Prayers for all those with COVID-19 and recovering from COVID-19**

*Please contact Pastor or the Church Office with any additions, deletions, corrections or updates*

# NEWS & EVENTS

## REMEMBER:

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

COVID-19  
UPDATES

**GOD'S WORK—OUR HANDS**  
Our Savior Lutheran Church  
**CELEBRATES  
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

*The Christian Education Committee planning  
an exciting event at our church!*

God's Work—Our Hands: Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Celebrates Our Neighborhood

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 6:30 P.M.—8:30 P.M.**  
(Rain date—July 15)

The activities for the neighborhood get-together include sidewalk/parking lot chalk drawings; bubbles using bubble machines. 'Kona Ice' has been contacted to come. Pastor would share stores of Turtle Pond and Zebedee (two 5 minutes talks.) OSLC would provide small bottles of water and pre-packaged individual popcorn/pretzels.

Publicity includes distributing flyers designed by Melanie & Lily, around Sheridan Hills, and other areas, possibly Holiday Hills/Marigold Estates, and sharing on social media.

The Outreach & Fellowship Committee hopes to assist with this, ***but many hands will be needed to help make this a success.*** There will be lots of little jobs for many members of our congregation.

***The planning meeting is June 21 at 1:30 p.m.***

Donations can be made to OSLC for the event; a list of jobs and volunteers will be posted on the bulletin board. Let's work together to make this event a success!

At the Council meeting in May, Pastor suggested we create a **task force** to work on the life and ministry of Our Savior, perhaps calling it the '*Phillip and Andrew Task Force*'.

Ideas for the Task Force include: research and discern what we are called by God to do; discuss what is most helpful to strengthen and grow the family or our church community. The focus for now is the Summer Event (bubbles & chalk) coming up on July 14. After that event, the Task Force could get started with some brainstorming!

## **From the Worship & Music Committee**

In April, the Worship and Music committee agreed that we will **maintain** how we currently worship weekly, and this **did not change** with our meeting on **May 12, 2021**. There are a number of 'behind the scenes' items to address before changes can happen, including: bulletins/projection; continued healthy practices for all attendees; a safe way for communion distribution; and type of music in the sanctuary. The sanctuary will also need a thorough cleaning after a year without use. The committee agreed not to meet until July 7th, once Pastor returns from his vacation.

Following the May meeting, the CDC made a major announcement concerning masking for vaccinated individuals. **No updates to guidelines for worship** have been published from the ELCA, the Illinois Department of Health or the Central/Southern Illinois Synod. Bishop Roth did email a letter entitled Considerations for Congregational Ministry and Practice entering the Summer of 2021 on May 21<sup>st</sup>. It encourages taking time to review past and current ministry practices but gave **no** specifics for returning to more normal worship services. Bishop Roth strongly encouraged reviewing past and current practices of the congregation to see if they fit into the missional purpose of the church: "*If the activities glorify God, and build up the body of Christ.*"

*-Tim Leitner, Chair of W & M*



Mary/Martha  
Circle

Mary/Martha Circle **will** meet in June, and will decide month by month if it will meet in July or August. The June meeting is **Wednesday, June 16, 9:30 a.m.** at the church. Hostess is Lillian Pinkston and Topic Leader is Sue Barger. The lessons continue to be from a Max Lucado book titled "A Love Worth Giving." *All women of the church are welcome.*

# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sue Barger—June 1

Ken & Bev Wehr—June 15



June 4—Judy Barnes

June 8—Chad Wahl

June 16—Deena Burkholder

June 25—Maize Wankel

Happy Birthday!



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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### 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 oslcepin1@gmail.com](mailto:oslcepin1@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.*

*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](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 the newsletter at home and would like a copy, please contact the church office and one can be printed for you. *If you want a printed copy mailed to you regularly, please let Leslie know.*

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, JUNE 20**

at [leitner@grics.net](mailto:leitner@grics.net). Thank you!

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	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
June 06	Dennis	Dennis	Ken	Steve & Barb	Lee & Mary	Green
(Tim) June 13	Meri	Larry	Mark	Leo & Roberta	Linda & Carol	Green
(Tim) June 20	Melanie	Roberta	Steve	Leo & Roberta	Tim & Leslie	Green
(Tim) June 27	Dennis	Sue	Mark	Leo & Roberta	Linda & Carol	Green

### JUNE FLOWER CHART



Altar Flowers

June 06	Mike & Sue Barger—Anniversary
June 13	Carol Guenther—In Memory of Bob Guenther
June 20	
June 27	The Flemings—Bill's Birthday

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!!

You may call the office if you would like to sign up for flowers on a Sunday.

### Volunteers Needed! Can you help?

-Can you answer the church phone while Pastor is on vacation? It would be great to have several volunteers to share this responsibility: Monday-Thursday, 10:00-2:00, June 7-17. Please give Pastor or Melanie a call this week if you would like to help.

-Volunteers are needed to bring the mail into the building so Garold doesn't have to drive across town just to get the mail. The mail usually comes after Pastor/secretary have left for the day, and it's best to get the mail into the office.

-It would be nice to have some back up help to run the laptop during the service. Since we don't know yet when we will be changing the style of worship, extra people that could help on a Sunday morning would be great. It is a simple thing to do, and Lily can show you how!

-Don't forget to sign up to help with the Summer Event in July.



Please note the new office hours:

**10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Monday—Thursday**

until our new secretary is hired.

*The Hiring Committee hopes to make a decision before Pastor goes on his vacation this month.*



### SAVE THE DATE!!

Rummage Sale at Our Savior  
Friday & Saturday, September 24 & 25  
More information to come!



# JUNE 2021 CALENDAR

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