



Hope on the Hill

Newsletter

VOLUME 2 ISSUE 8

Pastor's Letter

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

“How Do You Feel?”

Have you ever had anyone ask you that question...How do you feel? My first response is: Why, do I look bad? Did I not get enough sleep? I thought I felt alright when I got up this morning! When in reality, the person was taking interest and making personal connection with me. Just as so many want to connect with you as well.

We are coming to August and the road has been a long one as we make our way back from all the restrictions and concerns regarding this crazy virus. The prayer and hope is that we will continue making the personal connection with everyone so we can get back to our “place.”

I realized just the other day that even though we are now singing and moving towards regular bulletins, etc., for many, this isn't about space, but about

“place.” How Do you Feel? is not about what we have included in our worship morning, but “where” we are...the place. The beauty of worshipping our God and the efficacy of our prayers happens everywhere and anywhere...but how do you feel seems to be the question and frustration of many.

Maya Angelou wrote a famous phrase I quote here: “I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

Our prayer is that as we keep moving forward there is always a need to remember... we are the Body of Christ together and a community that is strengthened by each person's concern for the other. This has never been about one person/group withholding what is needed by the whole. By your presence it is better than, “what you said, what you did,”

because it how we make each other “feel” together.

St. Paul in Galatians, chapter 5/6 says: “*Live by the Spirit.*” “*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.*”

As the old hymn goes...“When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.”

Our strength is in how we help, strengthen and “make each other feel.” My prayer is that “place,” sanctuary, will soon be in the offing. Set your heart always on giving God the worship and praise each Sunday!

Peace,
Pastor Barnes

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Sunday Worship
Service 9:00 a.m.



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Prayer Concerns

Family of Corrine Sinclair (Mary Sorenson's mother, passed away)
Nicole (friend of Roberta, returning cancer)
Troy Henry (Dennis Eggemeyer's nephew, eye problems)
Terry Reynolds (Gerry's husband, health concerns)
Becky Murray (Beth Dralle's sister, had stem cell surgery, is home)
Family of Jerry White (Courtney Dralle's stepfather, passed away)
Connie Huessner (former member, cancer treatments)
Gus & Lil Marzinik (Sue Barger's parents, health concerns)
George Sipka (Teresa Massey's father; health concerns)
Elsa Keas (recovering from knee surgery)
Craig Brooks, Chad Wahl, Ryan Montgomery
Prayers for all those with COVID-19 and recovering from COVID-19
Prayers for our sister congregation, St. Paul, Gilman, IL

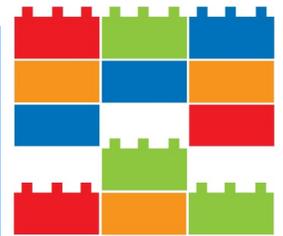
Please contact Pastor or the Church Office with any additions, deletions, corrections or updates

NEWS & EVENTS



At the special congregational meeting on Sunday, July 4, 2021, Our Savior members voted to accept Fitzpatrick's bid of \$14,320 to paint the outside of the church, using funds from the Capital Improvement fund. Painting should happen sometime this fall.

A task force to work on the life and ministry of OSLC is starting! The first unofficial activity was the Chalk & Bubbles event on July 14 (pictures & more on page 3.) The *Philip and Andrew Growth Group* will brainstorm ideas. God will help us, but we need to try! Maybe YOU can share an idea, or help with an event. Contact Melanie or Pastor for more information.



**PHILIP & ANDREW
GROWTH GROUP**



Several people have been sorting through the books in the library. Items will be available for members to take home. Contact Melanie for details.

The next "ZOOM Fellowship" may be Tuesday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m. Check your email for a link to the event.



The Mary/Martha Circle **WILL NOT** be meeting in *August*.

The meetings will resume in **September: Wednesday, September 15, 9:30 a.m.** at the church. Hostess will be Darlene Daniels and Topic Leader will be Roberta Stiles. The lessons continue to be from a Max Lucado book titled "A Love Worth Giving." *All women of the church are welcome.*



Since there is interest in attending a Chief's game, Lee Sorenson is checking into attending either the August 12 or August 19 game. Watch for more information from him!



Sister Congregation Initiative—from our Synod:

"The Spirit gathers and unites the church. As an expression of this unity, and to recognize the shared gifts and resources across our synod, the 2021 Synod Assembly affirmed the Synod Council initiative for congregations, parishes, and specialized ministries to form sister congregation relationships."

The suggestions from the Synod Council include having an individual to serve as a liaison with the sister congregation, and to pray for one another in worship, at meetings, and at other times.

The Synod has paired us with **St. Paul Lutheran Church in Gilman, IL**. Gilman is about 100 miles east of Pekin, by Interstate 57. Their website address is: <http://www.stpaulgilmanil.org/>. There is information on the website about the church, the pastor, and their ministries.

Here is a prayer from Pastor Barnes that you may wish to use:

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that St. Paul's in Gilman and Our Savior in Pekin, will use these gifts to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Bubbles and Chalk Event Thank You!

There are so many people to thank for the success of the Bubbles and Chalk Event on July 14:

- God, for providing great weather and a recent rain to keep the cottonwood away;
- Lily, for creating the flier;
- Meri Arnold and granddaughters Jade and Audry for passing out fliers throughout the neighborhood;
- The Christian Education Committee for the idea and the hard work;
- The Property Committee for all the work they did to the parking lot, the sidewalks and the grounds;
- The Outreach Committee for promoting and attending the event;
- Pastor Barnes and his Turtle Pond friends for the stories;
- Sharon Foss for the ideas and her neighbor Gary for the barriers;
- Linda, Darlene and Roberta for ideas and extra help;
- Everyone who donated, loaned and provided supplies, materials and food;
- Everyone who purchased Kona Ice, blew bubbles and drew with chalk;
- All who took pictures;
- All who attended, and invited, brought and welcomed the guests.

An unofficial count was close to 50 in attendance!

Melanie Fleming, for the Christian Education Committee



Anniversaries & Birthdays

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Leo & Roberta Stiles—August 8
Bill & Melanie Fleming—August 18
David and Sonja Sanders—August 20
James & Mary Kay Johnson—August 28



August 9—Dale Gettys	August 23—Michelle Sarantakos

Our Synod has connected churches in the Synod with other churches, creating "Sister Congregations". Our sister church is St. Paul in Gilman, IL, near Kankakee. More info p. 2.



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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 oslcpokin1@gmail.com](mailto:oslcpokin1@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 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 monthly, please let Leslie know.*

Newsletter DEADLINE



If you have information you want to be in the next 'Hope on the Hill', please email Leslie Leitner **BY SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

at leitner@grics.net. Thank you!

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	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
August 01	Dennis	Lily	Steve	Steve & Barb	Lee & Mary	Green
August 08	Meri	Roberta	Ken	Leo & Roberta	Linda & Carol	Green
August 15	Melanie	Sue	Steve	Tim & Leslie	Tim & Leslie	Green
August 22	Dennis	Dennis	Mark	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Green
August 29	Tim	Larry	Ken	Steve & Barb	Tim & Leslie	Green

AUGUST FLOWER CHART

August 01	
August 08	Leo & Roberta Stiles—Wedding Anniversary
August 15	Bill & Melanie Fleming—Wedding Anniversary
August 22	
August 29	



Altar Flowers

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



SAVE THE DATE!!

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

Clip art in the newsletter is from www.newsletternewsletter.com

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

Nick Fleming has moved to Moline.

Here is his new address:

3441 60th Street Apt. 1D
Moline IL 61265-5825

While we are sad to lose our guitarist, we wish him the best!

Bible Quiz

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times



Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)

AUGUST 2021 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																																	
1 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM	2	3 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	4 7:00 PM Committee Meetings: Worship & Music Outreach Property	5 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	6 	7																																																	
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