OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Hope on the Hill

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Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

## Pastor's Letter

### Care of What God Created and Gave

October is our usual month to reflect and renew our commitment in being good stewards of all that God has gifted us with.

I know this continues to be difficult and weary times as we are hampered by the hard reality of being careful with COVID and trying to be and stay healthy. Even so, our prayer should continue to abide in the love of God that will always surround us, even in difficult times.

Psalm 145:8-9 says: *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all and his compassion is over all that he has made.*

It also goes on to say in verse 13-14: *The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord up holds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.*

What is that well worn phrase: "God is good all the time. All the time God is good." This "call and response" Affirmation of Faith is often used in the African-American church tradition. On our BEST days, we believe this. On our WORST days, we doubt it. Most of life is lived somewhere between the two extremes. Like most Affirmations of Faith, we profess it on the good days so that we can claim it on the bad days. And there are days when we are like the man who said to Jesus: *Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!*

As your Pastor, I am very thankful that you have shared this Affirmation of Faith in your prayers, worship and yes, Stewardship Commitment! Thank You! We continue to share ministry and community because of your strength in heart and spirit.

So, now we look to the month of October making plans for our ministry life together in 2022.

For the first four Sundays in October, I would like to use the old hymn "Take My Life, That I May Be" to vision ahead in a promise and positive mode. Refrain each week: *Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

**October 3** – Take my hands and let them move…
**October 10** – Take my silver and my gold…
**October 17** – Take my voice and let me sing…
**October 24** – Take my will and make it thine…

Then our Stewardship celebration and thanksgiving would be All Saints Sunday of November 7.

You will have opportunity after prayer to share your Commitment and Time/Talent sheet for the coming year.

Let me conclude with 1 Peter 4:10: *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

May God's blessings and Peace be with you,

Pastor Stephen Barnes

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

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## Prayer Concerns

**Prayer of Joy—Happy Birthday Jim Johnson! Oct. 6—99 years!**
**Steve Gresham** (health concerns)
**Marilyn Whittington** (continued prayers)
**Nicole** (friend of Roberta, returning cancer)
**Terry Reynolds** (Gerry's husband, health concerns)
**Becky Murray** (Beth Dralle's sister, health concerns)
**Connie Huessner** (former member, cancer treatments)
**Gus & Lil Marzinzik** (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**
**Prayers for our sister congregation, St. Paul, Gilman, IL**
**Afghanistan, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and fires**

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

# NEWS & EVENTS

COVID-19 UPDATES

*Due to the rapid spread of the Delta Variant of COVID-19, please note:* The CDC recommends all people, vaccinated and unvaccinated, wear a mask in public indoor settings at this time.

We welcome **Paul and Mary Sipka**, the newest members of Our Savior Lutheran! They joined our church on Sunday, September 19. Teresa Massey is their niece. Be sure to give them a warm hello the next time you see them.

## OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

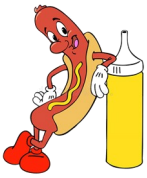
God is good all the time!
All the time God is good!

Pastor has outlined the weekly Sunday themes in his letter on page 1.

Commitment Cards and Time & Talent sheets will be mailed out. Please return these to the office by Thursday, November 3. On Sunday, November 7, you will have the opportunity after prayer to share your Commitment and Time/Talent sheet for the coming year if you have not mailed them to the office.

Library 'weeding' and organization is almost complete. The group who is collecting some of the materials is WPEO FM 97.7 out of East Peoria; the charity is Lovespackages.org, Butler, IL. They will send items, including old daily devotionals (not videos or cassettes) to India. Many thanks to Leo and Roberta for delivering the items, and thank you to Melanie, Sue, Darlene, Roberta, & Leo for working on the library collection.

**Church Picnic/Wiener Roast**
**Sunday, October 17**
*beginning at 4:00 p.m.*



Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs, wiener forks, lawn games, and a dish to share. A signup sheet will be posted.

The Outreach Committee will provide hot dogs, buns, condiments, fixings for s'mores, and a drink.

Thank you to all who helped with the rummage sale! Special thanks to Nancy Atkinson, who provided sandwiches for the workers.

Amount to be donated to Christian Civic Outreach:

$1,136 from the sale
$ 50 donation from Mary Martha Circle
$ 750 from Thrivent Account

**Total donation: $1,936!!**

Mary/Martha Circle

The Mary/Martha Circle will meet **Wednesday, October 20, 9:30 a.m.** at the church. Hostess is Susan Thomas and Topic Leader is Sue Barger. Study continues in the Max Lucado book "A Love Worth Giving."
*All women of the church are welcome.*

Please note: OPERATION SANTA will **not** take place this year (the organization is not doing it)

## TRUNK OR TREAT!!

OSLC will be having a **Trunk or Treat** event! This will be on **Saturday, October 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** in the *Church parking lot.* A signup sheet has been posted. There are eight cars participating so far, and we would welcome more.

It would be fun if participants would decorate their cars, and maybe wear costumes, but that is not necessary to participate. The Outreach Committee is asking the congregation to help with this Trunk or Treat event by donating candy, Halloween trinkets, pencils, or any trick or treat items of their choice.

A box will be set out after the rummage sale for Trunk or Treat donations.

Thank you for helping with this fun event!

# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—October 6 |
| Tim & Leslie Leitner—October 11 |
| Fred & Michelle (Eggemeyer) Sarantakos—October 26 |
| Garold & Deena Burkholder—October 27 |

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| October 2—Scott Pinkston | October 20—Elsa Keas |
| October 6—Jim Johnson | October 20—Ken Wehr |
| October 6—Bud Brooks | October 28—Lee Sorenson |
| October 10—Beth Dralle | |
| October 13—Larry Daniels | |
| October 15—Lillian Pinkston | |

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. Tim Leitner will be our liaison with St. Paul-thank you!

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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 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.

***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.*

*If you have information you want to be in the next 'Hope on the Hill", please email Leslie Leitner*
**BY SUNDAY, OCT. 24**
*at leithaus@gmail.com.* Thank you!

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| | LAY ASSISTANT | LAY READER | USHERS | TELLERS | COMMUNION Set up & Clean up | PARAMENT COLOR |
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| **Oct. 3** | Dennis | Lily | Mark | Leo & Roberta | Linda & Carol | Green |
| **Oct. 10** | Meri | Roberta | Ken | Leo & Roberta | Tim & Leslie | Green |
| **Oct. 17** | Melanie | Roberta | | Tim & Leslie | Lee & Mary | Green |
| **Oct. 24** | Dennis | Dennis | Mark | Tim & Leslie | Tim & Leslie | Green |
| **Oct. 31** | Melanie | Larry | Ken | Tim & Leslie | Linda & Carol | Red |

## OCTOBER FLOWER CHART

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| **Oct. 3** | Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—37th Anniversary |
| **Oct. 10** | Tim & Leslie Leitner—41st Anniversary |
| **Oct. 17** | The McCarrells—Lillian Pinkston's Birthday |
| **Oct. 24** | |
| **Oct. 31** | |

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.***

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT THE ALTAR FLOWERS:** The church has received a letter from The Greenhouse, who prepares & delivers our altar flowers. Due to the rising costs of fresh flowers and other issues, The Greenhouse will be raising the price of our flowers **beginning November 9 to $20.00 PER VASE plus a delivery charge**. More information will be coming as Pastor just received the letter, and he will discuss this with Elsa, who manages the flower chart, and the Worship & Music Committee.

## *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)**

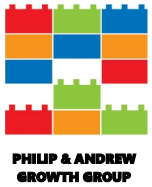
♥ There is a collection crate by the coat rack for items for CCO.

♥ Paper products and cleaning supplies are always needed.

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

The Worship & Music Committee is still looking for several people who are willing to video Pastor's weekly sermon, usually on Thursdays after the morning Bible Study. Those who are doing it now use the cameras on their phones, then upload it to YouTube and email the link to Lori, our church secretary (directions available-not at all difficult to do.) The Committee is also exploring video camera options. Thank you for your help!

**At committee meetings, members will continue to discuss *'Philip and Andrew—Come & See'* to work on the life and ministry of OSLC.**



# OCTOBER 2021 CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Note: Exterior painting of the church to begin this fall | | | | | 1<br>OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH | 2 |
| 3<br>**WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM**<br>Sunday School 10:15 AM | 4 | 5<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics | 6<br>7:00 PM Committee Meetings: Property, Outreach, Worship & Music | 7<br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics | 8 | 9 |
| 10<br>**WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM**<br>Sunday School 10:15 AM | 11 | 12<br>1:30 PM Finance Meeting<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics | 13 | 14<br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics | 15 | 16 |
| 17<br>**WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM**<br>All-Congregation SCS -10:15 AM<br>*Weiner Roast 4:00 PM* | 18 | 19<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics | 20<br>9:30 AM Mary/Martha<br>7:00 PM Council Meeting | 21<br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics | 22 | 23 |
| 24<br>**WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM**<br>Sunday School 10:15 AM | 25 | 26<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics | 27 | 28<br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics | 29 | 30<br> <br>**2:00-4:00 PM** |
| 31<br>**WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM**<br>**REFORMATION**<br>Sunday School 10:15 AM | | | | | | |

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