



Hope on the Hill

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

Pastor's Letter

Revelation 21:2-5

² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

All Saints Sunday is November 7th and we give thanks for the

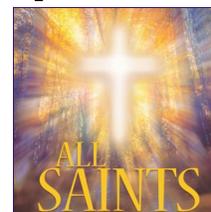
life of Steven Gresham. We also remember others connected to Our Savior through family: Charles, Doretta, Dolores and Frank. They are in God's care and we rejoice not only in their salvation, but in the many ways they gifted our lives. There is no greater honor, nor tribute than to remember and live the ways Steven and others made a difference in how we see life. Thanks be to God!

November 7th is also the day we dedicate our Stewardship – the gifts of ministry and life for this coming year, 2022. If you think about Steven and others who have gone before us, their stewardship has always been centered in who they are and whose they are. That is a gift beyond price. We have that same gift to give, again, thanks be to God!

The writer of Revelation in verse 5 says, "see I am MAKING" all things new." To be made "new" is not just beyond the grave, but God's creative action in our hearts that is going on now. Each morning we should arise and pray, "Please help me live and recognize the newness you will give to me this day O Lord. Amen"

With Steven and others, let us make memories together of how we are the Body of Christ in this place. There can be no greater gift!

Peace,
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

Family of Steve Gresham (passed away October 9)
Family of Doretta Godby (passed away October 19, sister of Elsa Keas)
Marilyn Whittington (continued prayers)
Jim & Mary Kay Johnson (health concerns)
Richard Bolam (Health concerns)
Nicole (friend of Roberta, returning cancer)
Becky Murray (Beth Dralle's sister, health concerns)
Connie Huessner (former member, cancer treatments)
Gus & Lil Marzinzik (Sue Barger's parents, health concerns)
Prayer of Joy—Sue's mother, Lil, celebrated her 90th birthday with family
Troy Henry (additional eye surgery)
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

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.

Sunday, November 7 is the dedication & celebration of our Time & Abilities and Commitment Cards.

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



The Mary/Martha Circle will meet **Wednesday, November 17, 9:30 a.m.** at the church. Study continues in the Max Lucado book "A Love Worth Giving." *All women of the church are welcome.*



The Church Picnic/Wiener Roast on Sunday, October 17 was very well attended and lots of fun was had by all!



November All-Congregation Sunday School

November 21: Greg Ranney from the *Pekin Outreach Initiative* will be here to speak about their efforts.

Many thanks to Emily Foss for her great health & wellness presentation on Sunday, October 17.



On October 3, thirteen Lap robes/prayer shawls were blessed during our church service! They were then delivered to Church Women United on Oct 8th for distribution to local nursing homes. We maintain a good supply at OSLC for Pastor Barnes to take to our members as needed.

Please note: OPERATION SANTA will not take place this year as the organization is not doing it.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dale & Nancy Atkinson—November 15



November 1—Mark McCarrell

November 9—Bruce Gettman

November 22—Susan Foss



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Our Synod has connected churches in the Synod with other churches, creating "Sister Congregations".

Our sister church is **St. Paul Lutheran in Gilman, IL**, near Kankakee. Tim Leitner is our liaison with St. Paul. Their minister is **Pastor Pete Hinrich**. Their website is <http://www.stpaulgilmanil.org>. This article was in the October 19, 2021 Central/Southern Illinois Synod (C/SIS) Newsletter:

"Prayer Vigil for the Healing of the World" The congregations of the Northeast Conference of the C/SIS are inviting and encouraging other congregations to join in a prayer vigil on Saturday, November 13. Beginning at 6:00 A.M. and ending at 7:00 P.M. we are inviting parishioners to pray for one or more 30-minute time slots. People can pray from home or come into their respective sanctuary. Resources will be provided for participants to use as a guide. If you or your congregation would like these resources, please contact Pastor Pete Hinrich at phinrich76@yahoo.com. What a bold witness this will be knowing that congregations throughout our synod will be gathering in prayer for the healing of the world. Just imagine all the ways and places that are in need of such healing."

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.



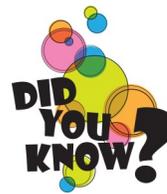
We continue to pray for those in the Military:

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

Nick Marzinik (Air Force Reserves, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew)

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

Prayer Concern: Andre Street & family (neighbors of Melanie, involved in a recent murder)



Committee and Council minutes are posted by the church office. Check out all the hard work members are doing!

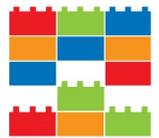


CONTACT US AT:

(309) 346-2600

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

At committee meetings, members will continue to discuss 'Philip and Andrew—Come & See' to work on the life and ministry of OSLC. Contact Pastor, or any council member, with an idea you would like to try!



PHILIP & ANDREW GROWTH GROUP

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DEADLINE

Note: December's newsletter may be late as I will be with Emily, Matt, and Sofia as we await the birth of Sofia's little brother. ~Leslie Leitner

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, November 21**

at leithaus@gmail.com. Thank you!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NOVEMBER

	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
November 07	Dennis	Larry	Mark	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	White
November 14	Meri	Sue	Mark	Tim & Leslie	Linda & Carol	Green
November 21	Dennis	Lily	Ken	Leo & Roberta	Tim & Leslie	White
November 24 <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>		Sue				
November 28	Melanie	Roberta	Mark	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Blue

NOVEMBER FLOWER CHART

November 07	Lillian Pinkston—In honor of Mark McCarrell's birthday
November 14	Lee & Mary Sorenson—Joy for a new granddaughter
November 21	
November 28	



You can call the office if you would like to sign up for flowers on 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!!

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 we will only be receiving ONE vase of flowers; your cost will be \$30.00.



—Worship & Music Committee



Can you help?

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 and training are available—not at all difficult to do.) The Committee is also exploring video camera options. Thank you for your help!

There is a *need for additional tellers*. The Finance Committee is requesting additional tellers. Tellers (after approval by Council) are trained to count our weekly offerings. Please contact Pastor, or a member of the Finance Committee: Garold, Leslie, Sharon F.



Meri Arnold and Rita Wahl are our Angel Tree coordinators this year (thank you!) A list will be given to them soon—watch for more announcements.

We will be working with Angel Tree Ministries to supply area children with a gift of clothing and a toy item “from their incarcerated parent”. Hope you will sign up to provide this ministry!



The “Trunk or Treat” event held at OSLC on Saturday, October 30, was a great success! There were 12 cars, and over 100 children visited our parking lot.

You can view pictures on our website. They are under the ‘Photo Gallery’ tab on our site, www.oslchopeonthehill.org.

<https://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/index.php/photo-gallery/trunk-or-treat/>

Volunteers are needed for lighting the Advent candles on the Sundays of Advent: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, & Dec. 19. Please let the office know if you are available. Thank you!



Enjoy your extra hour of sleep—the time change is Saturday/ Sunday Nov. 6/7



NOVEMBER 2021 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	5	6 
 7 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM Worship & Music meeting 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15 AM	8	9 1:30 PM Finance Meeting 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	10	11 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	12	13 Prayer Vigil for the Healing of the World 6:00 AM— 7:00 PM
14 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM	15	16 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	17 <i>BUDGET REQUESTS DUE</i> 9:30 AM Mary/Martha 7:00 PM Council Meeting	18 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	19	20
21 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM All-Congregation Sunday School 10:15 AM	22	23 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	24 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	25 	26	27
28 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM First Sunday of Advent	29	30 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics				

December 2021						
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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.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Online Bulletin

The Sunday worship bulletin is posted to our website and our Facebook page by Saturday afternoon. Our website link is:
www.oslchopeonthehill.org.

The video of Pastor or Tim's sermon is within the bulletin, as are some music videos. Pastor also records the Gospel reading and the Children's message. Hope you take a look! It is also emailed to our members.

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, canned 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 (Sept.) SPECIAL NEEDS:
Jackets, jeans, socks, underwear, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, book bags.




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