



Hope on the Hill

Newsletter

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Pastor's Letter

Pastor's Page for the May Hope on the Hill

May 18th is the day of the Ascension. From the empty tomb of Easter, till Ascension, there are 40 days that give us time to reflect on the meaning of "Christ Is Alive" let Christians sing and how He walks with us.

This is a time to celebrate that the tomb is empty but also that we are "sent" people. Jesus says: "As the Father has sent me, even so, I send you."

On the road to Emmaus, two disciples downcast could see nothing but the ground in front of their feet. They said: "We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel." But Jesus has redeemed so much more, his presence for the many and you and me! We need to lift our eyes and see that Jesus walks with us.

Now with eyes open and energy imbued from Jesus the disciples ran 7 miles back to Jerusalem to share their story! As we move into summer keep

your eyes open for the surprises of Jesus presence in your life.

I'm looking forward to my "up north" vacation in June with fishing, reading, relaxing...but even more refreshed to pray, doing my devotions, writing and YES, going to church. It seems when relaxing we ought to move closer to Jesus than further away. I hope your summer provides "open eyes" to His presence that will give you joy and strength as you are able to rest.

Psalm 121

- I lift up my eyes to the hills.
 From whence does my help come?
 2 My help comes from the LORD,
 who made heaven and earth.
 3 He will not let your foot be moved,
 he who keeps you will not slumber.
 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.
 5 The LORD is your keeper;
 the LORD is your shade
 on your right hand.
 6 The sun shall not smite you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
 he will keep your life.

8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

By the way, we just celebrated the life of Doris Voller and commended her to God's everlasting Kingdom. Also we rejoiced with Mary Kay Johnson as she celebrated her 100th birthday on April 25. She and Jim have known Christ's presence walking with them and have been witnesses to us all.

Peace,
Pastor Stephen Barnes



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Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m.



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Prayer Concerns

Family of Doris Voller (passed away April 17, 2023)
Prayers as Pastor & Judy await their newest grandson this month!
Nancy Atkinson (experiencing severe leg and back pain)
Melanie's brother-in-law, Pat (heart issues)
Becky Murray (Beth Dralle's sister, recurrence of lymphoma)
David Aper (brother of Rita Wahl, health concerns)
Paul Sipka (health concerns)
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Finn Davis (4 yr. old grandson of Ann & Alton Davis, doing well)
Jim & Mary Kay Johnson (health concerns)
Lil Marzinzik (Sue Barger's mother, health concerns)
Craig Brooks, Chad Wahl, Ryan Montgomery
Prayers for our sister congregation, Faith Lutheran, Washington, IL
Prayers for Ukraine and other countries with unrest

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

NEWS & EVENTS



No updates. You may wear a mask if desired but masks are not required at Our Savior at this time.



Peoria Chiefs Game Thursday, May 11

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for everyone interested in attending a Peoria Chiefs game on Thursday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. start time.

It is the rare event night of both a Thirsty Thursday (all drinks half price) *and* Fireworks!!

Interested parties please sign up at your earliest convenience as the sooner the better for getting tickets at group rates.



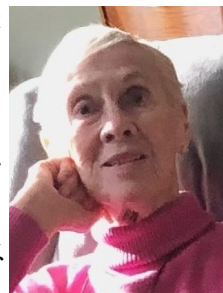
There will be a reception after the worship service on Sunday, May 21 for **Lily Fleming,** **2023 graduate of Morton High School!**

Refreshments will be provided by the Flemings.



Maddison Baal and Kolbe Baal celebrated their First Communion on Easter Sunday. Pastor worked with them to create special banners and cups.

Doris Arlene Voller, 91, of Pekin, Illinois passed away at 9:12 a.m. Monday, April 17, 2023 at Hopedale Nursing Home in Hopedale, Illinois. She was born May 25, 1931 in Fairbury, Illinois to Claude and Ruby Cooper. At the age of four, she was adopted and raised by Henry and Inez Meisenhelder, also of Fairbury, Illinois.



Doris married Dr. Richard Charles Voller on February 9, 1952 in Chenoa. Doc Voller passed on March 8, 2008. She was also preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, and two sisters. Surviving are two daughters, Vicki Lynn (Keith) Winter of Aurora, Illinois and Kim Louise (Kevin) Walsh of Port St Lucie, Florida and one son, James Richard (Deborah) Voller of Port St Lucie, Florida; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her longtime companion, Dr. Stuart Ruch.

A homemaker, Doris loved spending time with her family and friends. She was an avid reader and loved to travel, especially spending time in the Lake of the Ozarks, or on the beaches of Grand Cayman and Hollywood, Florida. Doris was also a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, enjoying a cocktail when her Cubs won and two when they beat the Cardinals.

Doris was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Pekin for many years, where she was a leader of the Lutheran League Youth Group. She also taught Sunday School and was an active member of the Altar Guild.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Hopedale Medical Complex for their kindness and caring.

Her funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2023 at Preston-Hanley Funeral Home & Crematory in Pekin. Pastor Stephen Barnes will officiate. Visitation will from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Pekin.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Midwest Affiliate, 530 Northeast Glen Oak Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61637 or Tazewell Animal Protective Society, 100 TAPS Lane, Pekin, Illinois 61554.

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION



The next Zoom Fellowship is
Monday, May 8
 at 7:00 p.m.
 Lee will send an email link to the meeting prior to that evening.
 Hope you can join in!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet on
Tuesday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m.

Anyone wanting to come and knit or crochet are welcome!!! Questions? Contact Darlene Daniels.



Mary/Martha Circle will meet on
Wednesday, May 17, 9:30 a.m. at Our Savior. Roberta will lead the lesson and Lillian will provide a light snack. Since it is the end of the year for the Circle, we will be going out to lunch! All ladies of the church are welcome.



Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The next gathering will be
Thursday, May 18,
 7:30 a.m. at Main Street Family Restaurant in Creve Coeur.

Future gatherings will continue to be on the third Thursday of the month.



Thank you to those who donated the beautiful lilies that adorned the altar for Easter Sunday:



- Elsa Keas: *In Memory of Bill Keas and Carolyn Murphy*
- Leo & Roberta Stiles: *In honor of our parents*
- Bill & Melanie Fleming: *In honor of our children: Nick, Tyler, and Lily*
- Lillian Pinkston: *In honor of Bill Pinkston and Pastor Swarbrick*
- Carol Guenther: *In memory of passed family and friends*
- Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer: *In memory of Bill Keas and Del and Martha Eggemeyer*
- Larry & Darlene Daniels: *In memory of our parents*
- Rita Wahl: *Glory of God*
- Mark & Chris McCarrell: *In honor of Bill & Lillian Pinkston and Merrill & Katherine McCarrell*
- Stella Gettys: *In memory of Dale Gettys*
- Pastor & Judy Barnes: *Dedicated to those whom we love and miss*
- Sue Hale: *Glory of God*
- Vickie Rayburn: *In remembrance of our parents—Jack & Marilyn Whittington and Earl & Dorothy Rayburn*

And thank you to Tim & Leslie Leitner, who donated the palm trees for Palm Sunday and Easter in honor and memory of Dick & Gusta Bolam.



HEALTH KITS UPDATE from Mary/Martha Circle

A great big thank you to all the members of our congregation who gave items or cash to help us make the Health Kits. Thanks also to all the Mary and Martha members who also donated items and then helped assemble them in zip lock bags. We made **50 kits**. These will be taken to the next Church Women United meeting who in turn will distribute them locally. Health kits will go to House of Hope, CCO, Salvation Army, Veterans' Assistance, POI, (Pekin Outreach Initiative) and possibly others. Thank YOU for helping to make this possible.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

MAY BIRTHDAYS

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Mary Sipka—May 25
Scott & Teresa Massey—May 26
Lee & Mary Sorenson—May 31



May 8—Carol Guenther	May 24—David Sanders
May 15—Nancy Atkinson	May 26—Cassie Baal
May 16—Stella Gettys	May 29—Sonja Sanders
May 16—Mayson Baal	



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH



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We have a 'Sister Congregation'! Our Synod has connected churches in the Synod with other churches, creating "Sister Congregations". Our sister church is **Faith Lutheran in Washington, IL**. Their minister is **Pastor John Rothfusz**. Their website is www.shareourfaith.org.



PRAYER CHAIN AT OUR SAVIOR

► *If someone needs prayers, is going into the hospital, or needs a visit—PLEASE LET PASTOR KNOW! His email is: barnes.stephen9@gmail.com. You may also call the church office: 346-2600*

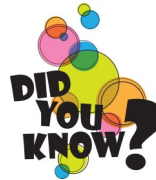
Call the Church office with your prayer request: 346-2600 or email: oslcekin1@gmail.com. An email will be sent to all members when a prayer request is received. Members without an email address may ask that they be called when a prayer request is sent out.

► *Please let Lori know if someone can go off the prayer list—call or email, or fill out one of the blue cards in the pews in the sanctuary. Thank you!*



We continue to pray for those in the Military:

- Petty Officer **Robert Murphy** (3rd Class)—(nephew of Phil & Beth Dralle)
- Nick Marzinzik** (Air National Guard, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew)
- Josh Barger** (Navy Reserves, Mike & Sue's son)
- Ensign **Tary N. Voller**—San Diego USN (Doris Voller)



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

Reminder: If your committee changes or cancels a meeting, or plans an event, or makes an appointment to bring someone in—please let Pastor know. And please include Pastor on all committee emails. Thank you!



CONTACT US AT:

(309) 346-2600

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

We continue to work on ideas for the 'Philip and Andrew—Come & See' initiative to work on the life and ministry of OSLC. Contact Pastor, or any council member, with an idea you would like to try!



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, May 21***

at leithaus@gmail.com. Thank you!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR MAY

Please switch with someone as needed.

	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
May 07	Dennis	Sue	Larry	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	White
May 14	Melanie	Lily	Mark	Tim & Valerie	Linda & Carol	White
May 21	Meri	Roberta	Leo	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	White
May 28	Meri	Mary Sipka	Mark	Leo & Roberta	Linda	Red

MAY FLOWER CHART

May 07	
May 14	Rita Wahl—Glory to God
May 21	Paul & Mary Sipka—55th Anniversary
May 28	The Flemings—Lily's High School Graduation

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!!**
You may wish to mail your offerings to Our Savior if you cannot attend worship.



Please note: We will only be receiving ONE vase of flowers; your cost will be \$30.00.

Visit our Library

Our Savior's Library

Don't forget to check out the selections available at our 'indoor' Library! There are devotionals, fiction books, various bibles, study guides, and more. Feel free to browse what is on the shelves.



We have a new option with Waste Management for garbage pickup. It will now become an 'as needed' service. We have to contact them when our dumpster needs to be emptied. It may take as long as a week before they come. Talk to a Property Committee member or chairperson Chris McCarrell for more information.



We now have **Activity Bags** ready for children coming to our church services! The Mary/Martha Circle took on this project. They are near the usher shelf in the hallway.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **July 26:** Chalk & Bubbles Event 6:30-8:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL 2023

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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.

A prayer for OSLC and our Sister Congregation,
Faith Lutheran in Washington, IL:

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.



The Sunday worship bulletin is posted to our website and our Facebook page, usually 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.

Clip art in the newsletter is from www.churchart.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 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.

Special Needs: jackets, jeans, socks, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit.

MAY 2023 CALENDAR

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