



Hope on the Hill

Newsletter

VOLUME 4 ISSUE 6

Pastor's Letter

We have just finished the 50 days post Easter and celebrated the day of Pentecost...the gift of the Holy Spirit. We each have this special gift that lifts our hearts for we know God is working in and through us.

Oh, I know, most of us are thinking more towards, "what will the summer be like" and time to recharge before the fall season comes around again. Yes, indeed I'm also on the brink of my vacation up north to relax, read and fish! June 2 through the 17 is the time and much thanks to Tim Leitner who will lead ministry while I'm away.

Having said all that...is God's Spirit merely a season or holiday to be celebrated and then put away? Kind of like Christmas when the tree comes down and the decorations get put back in the attic...I don't think so. Pentecost and the gift of God's Spirit has happened and is happening and continues to nudge each one of us in daily life as we listen.

When you are caught by the winds of change in your life, look for the rustling of God's Spirit. The Holy

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

Spirit is a bridge and connection between the ministry of Jesus and the life of the church. God's Spirit blows among us, calling us into common community, kindling our faith, inspiring our mission, and sending us out to share the good news of Christ's peace and forgiveness in the world.

If this sounds heavy, think about the negativity of our politicians and fear that is posited in our hearts to gain favor or conspiracy. Cling to God's Spirit for we are the Words of Christ in the world.

Galatians 5:22-26 says this: ... *the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.*

Let us be guided by the Spirit! That gift is given and the Holy Spirit blows the love of God into our lives.

It made me think of Phil Dralle and others who were on the honor

flight recently as well as many others who served our country. The key word is "served." Phil among many others put their life secondary to giving what was needed, truly a gift. That is what the Spirit whispers in each of our hearts....to serve as God calls and Jesus taught.

From Psalm 104 – Creator God, maker of the earth and sky, sea and mountain: Send forth your Spirit and renew your people. Fill us with awe and wonder that we may delight in your handiwork. May all of your creation live in harmony.

As you enjoy the breezes of summer and the aroma of flowers also feel the gentle breeze of the Spirit in your heart! Have a blessed summer.

Peace,
Pastor Stephen Barnes



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Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m.



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Prayer Concerns

- Prayer of Support** for recent Graduates
- Prayer of Joy** for Pastor & Judy's new grandson, Benjamin
- Family of Pekin Police Officer Dan Graber** (friend of Vickie Rayburn)
- Family of Jolaine Scoville** (passed away April 25, 2023)
- 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** (5 yr. old grandson of Ann & Alton Davis, doing well with treatments for leukemia)
- Jim & Mary Kay Johnson** (health concerns)
- Lil Marzinzik** (Sue Barger's mother, health concerns)
- 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.

Congratulations to our Graduates!!

Lily Fleming, Morton Community High School

JQ Scoville, High School

Phil & Beth Dralle's grandchildren:

Jack Kuethe, Monmouth college

Luke Kuethe, Pekin Community High School

Caroline Kuethe, Broadmoor Junior High School

Gracie Guenther, Pekin Community High School (Carol's granddaughter)



The rummage sale this year raised a record \$2,648!! All proceeds were sent to House of Hope. Many, many thanks to those who organized and participated in it this year, especially Darlene and Melanie.

Contact Information

If you have a need or concern while Pastor is on vacation, please contact the Church Office, 346-2600, 9:00-12:00 Mon-Fri., or Tim Leitner, SAM, tim.j.leitner@gmail.com

Welcome Benjamin Matthew Oldenburg!
Pastor & Judy's grandson was born May 3, 2023.
Proud parents are Matt & Susan Oldenburg.



Tim Leitner and Melanie Fleming are our delegates to the **2023 Central/Southern Synod Assembly**. This is taking place at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria June 1-3. The theme of this year's assembly is "To the Glory of God." A new bishop will be elected as Bishop John Roth is retiring in August.

Synod Assembly Festival Worship will be held at **8:00 PM** at **St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**, 6001 North University Street, Peoria. The worship offering is designated for ministries of our companion synods in the Malagasy Lutheran church in Madagascar. Giving to the worship offering can be done in person, through your congregation, or online at [CSIS-ELCA.org/offering](https://www.csis-elca.org/offering).

Festival worship is open to all regardless of registration for Synod Assembly. The service will also be streamed at [YouTube.com/@csiselca](https://www.youtube.com/@csiselca).



Coming **July 26!** 6:30-8:00 pm

Chalk & Bubbles Event!!

NOTE: NO chalk or bubbles needed this year as we have a large supply—thank you!

A sign up sheet will be posted for snack donations and volunteer helpers.

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION



The next Zoom Fellowship is **Monday, June 5** at **7:00 p.m.**
Lee will send an email link to the meeting prior to that evening.
Hope you can join in!



The next 'Dinner Out' is at **La Fiesta in Morton**, 837 W. Jackson St.
6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20th.
Taco Tuesday!



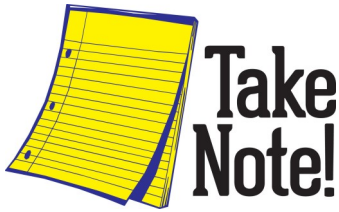
Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The next gathering will be **Thursday, June 15** 7:30 a.m. at Main Street Family Restaurant in Creve Coeur.



Mary and Martha **will not meet** until Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

We continue our outreach to the community by taking supper to the Salvation Army on May 22, and again on July 24.
We wish everyone a very enjoyable summer!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Group will **NOT** be meeting during the summer.
We will resume in September.

Several meetings **NOT** taking place in June:

- No Council meeting in June
- No Outreach/Christian Education meeting in June
- No Worship & Music Committee meeting in June
- No Thursday Bible Study in June
- No Sunday School until Sept. 17

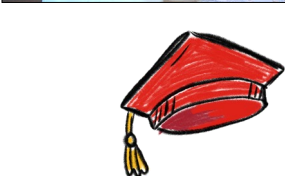
Property Committee **WILL** meet on Sunday, June 4 after worship.

Finance Committee members Tim & Sharon will meet June 11 after worship

From the Outreach & Fellowship Committee:

Dave Sanders will be at Independence Village, 1201 W. Northmoor Rd., Peoria, beginning approximately June 8 for 2 plus weeks as Sonja travels on a family trip. Visitors are welcome!

From Lily Fleming: *Thank you so much for all the support over the years! I appreciate everyone who came to my graduation party and provided me with gifts that will help me with my college journey! Thank you again!*



Anniversaries & Birthdays

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Sue Barger—June 1

Ken & Bev Wehr—June 15, 1963



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 4—Judy Barnes

June 16—Deena Burkholder

June 8—Chad Wahl

June 25—Mazie Wankel



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!*



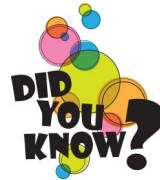
We continue to pray for those in the Military:

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, June 18***

at leithaus@gmail.com. Thank you!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR JUNE

Please switch with someone as needed.

	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
June 04	Melanie	Roberta	Dennis	Tim & Valerie	Tim & Leslie	White
June 11	Dennis	Sue	Ken	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Green
June 18	Dennis	Larry	Mark	Tim & Valerie	Linda & Carol	Green
June 25	Meri	Mary Sipka	Leo	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Green

JUNE FLOWER CHART

June 04	Meri Arnold—In Honor of my mother
June 11	Carol Guenther—In Memory of Bob Guenther
June 18	
June 25	The Flemings—Bill Fleming's birthday

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**.

The Finance Committee would like to encourage donations to the Capital Improvement Fund. Upcoming improvements include landscaping and the parking lot.

Seasonal humor

For summer weddings:

- The wedding was so beautiful, even the cake was in tiers.
- Did you hear about the two spiders who got engaged? They met on the web.
- Two cell phones got married. The reception was terrific!
- Why did the King of Hearts and the Queen of Hearts get married? They were perfectly suited.

For baseball season:

- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger. Then it hit me.
- What did the baseball glove say to the ball? "Catch ya later!"
- Why are frogs good baseball players? Because they're good at catching flies.
- Why did Cinderella get kicked off the baseball team? She ran away from the ball.

And for Father's Day, some dad jokes:

- My dream job is to clean mirrors because I can really see myself doing that.
- We're renovating the house. The first floor is going great, but the second floor is another story.

from www.churchart.com

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Wed., July 12**—Committee Meetings resume
- **Wed., 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 Faith Lutheran in Washington 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.



Online Bulletin

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.

JUNE 2023 CALENDAR

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