



## Hope on the Hill

Newsletter

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Pastor's Letter

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

### “Won’t You Be My Neighbor”

Do you remember “Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood?” Growing up, watched it and with my kids, watched it. Simple yet deep. Teaching us how to care for one another and how to be patient, kind and caring.

Fred Rogers took time in being a prophet for grace, love, understanding and forgiveness. The puppets and actors were not “state of the art,” but the message timeless and we watched with smiles.

Mr. Roger’s theme song, simple yet sticks in your mind. *“It’s a beautiful day in this neighborhood. A beautiful day for a neighbor. Would you be mine? Could you be mine?”*

*I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you. I’ve always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you. So let’s make the most of this beautiful day. Would you be mine? Could you be mine?*

We had two funerals this past week...Jolaine Scoville and Phil Dralle. People came because in so many ways they felt the touch of being a neighbor to Jolaine, Phil and their families. It was love in grief but shared

in caring. “Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Yes, they all said! Stories told and memories shared. Faith was the bedrock of salvation being proclaimed on those days.

Let’s not wait as we commend people to God’s Kingdom. This summer think of those people that we can show and love and tell of our love.

It reminds me of the parable of “the Good Samaritan” from Luke 10:25-37.

An abbreviated section of scripture:

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read?” <sup>27</sup> And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

If we have to “justify ourselves,” then we have lost Mr. Rogers and Jesus! The text tells the story of the Good Samaritan who takes care of the beaten man, whatever it took. Then

takes him to an inn...

<sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed mercy on him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Go and do likewise, says Jesus.

Have a great and restful summer and consider ways that you can and could be “neighborly.” “Would you be mine? Could you be Mine? Won’t you be my neighbor?” Or as scripture says: *love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all you mind; and your neighbor as yourself.*

We are neighbors and community together! I look forward to seeing you every week. I also look forward to the fall when our ministry grows and moves forward. And being neighbors beyond Our Savior Lutheran!

Peace,  
Pastor Barnes

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**Sunday Worship Service**  
9:00 a.m.



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### Prayer Concerns

**The Dralle Family** (Phil Dralle passed away June 10, 2023)  
**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)  
**Becky Murray** (Beth Dralle’s sister, recurrence of lymphoma)  
**Finn Davis** (5 yr. old grandson of Ann & Alton Davis, doing well with treatments for leukemia)  
**Jim & Mary Kay Johnson** (health concerns)  
**Lil Marzinik** (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.



**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 is available to donate snacks and opportunities to sign up to help.

Kona Ice is coming! There will be bubbles, chalk art, jump ropes, and—  
Turtle Time with Pastor Barnes!

Please plan to help us out if you can or just bring a lawn chair and come and watch!

Many thanks to Tim Leitner and Melanie Fleming for being our delegates to the 2023 Central/Southern Synod Assembly. The Reverend Dr. Greg Busboom of St. John's in Springfield was elected as our new bishop. Pastor Busboom spoke at one of our All Congregation Presentations several years ago.

He has served as lead pastor at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield, Illinois, since 2011. He previously served as pastor of outreach and discipleship at St. John's from 2007 to 2011 and pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Carthage, Illinois, from 1999 to 2007. Pastor Busboom holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio; and Doctor of Ministry degree in congregational mission and leadership from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.



The Outreach & Fellowship Committee and the Christian Education Committee have been meeting jointly for several months. However, as they are really *two* committees, additional members, and an additional Council member, would be very welcome to attend. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m..

Prayers of joy for the birth of Kalyah Christine to parents Kristen & Bruno Calvallo on May 20, 2023. Happy grandparents are Bill & Sue (Swanson) Calvert (former member.)



# MORE NEWS & INFORMATION




**Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group**

The next gathering will be  
**Thursday, July 20**  
 7:30 a.m. at Main Street Family Restaurant in Creve Coeur.



The next Zoom Fellowship is  
**Monday, July 10**  
 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Lee will send an email link to the meeting prior to that evening.  
 Hope you can join in!




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!




No 'Dinner Out' is scheduled for July



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

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



Philip Lawrence Dralle, 73, of Pekin, passed away at 11:11 a.m. Saturday, June 10, 2023 at his home. Born December 3, 1949 in Oak Park to John R. and Rita (Probst) Dralle, he married Beth Marie Anderson on September 22, 1973 in Beardstown. She survives.

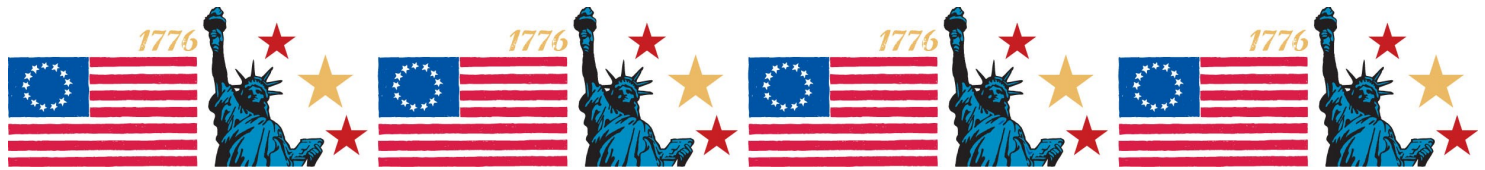
Also surviving are two daughters, Anne (Joel) Lietz of Yorkville and Rebecca (Chris) Kuethe of Pekin; one son, Michael (Courtney) Dralle of Pekin; seven grandchildren, Jack, Julia, Jenna, Luke, Caroline, Ada and Lola; two brothers, John (Vera) Dralle, Jr. and Joseph (Ernesto) Dralle-Moreno and two sisters, Patricia Kendall and Rhonda Edging. He also leaves his stepmother, Barb Dralle and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Mary Gehrke and a brother-in-law, Butch Kendall.

He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and had attained the rank of Sergeant. He retired from Caterpillar, Inc. in 2005 with 31 years of service as a Machinist. He enjoyed spending time with family and was known to many as Uncle Phil. Phil enjoyed playing golf and was a lifelong fan of the Chicago Bears and Cubs.

Phil was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pekin. Phil was also a member of Pekin Moose Family Center 916, William Schaefer American Legion Post 44 and Roy L. King Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1232.

His memorial service was at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 15, 2023 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pekin. Pastor Stephen Barnes officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Midwest Affiliate, 530 Northeast Glen Oak Avenue, Peoria, IL 61637 or to Shriners Children's Chicago, 2211 North Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707. To express condolences online, visit [www.preston-hanley.com](http://www.preston-hanley.com)

*The Sunday after the Honor Flight Phil was able to take with his grandson Luke, he spoke to the congregation about how he was a Vietnam veteran, and this trip finally gave him closure. We are grateful he had this opportunity. We all loved Phil and will miss him greatly.*





# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Wes & Amanda (Eggemeyer) Johnson—July 13



July 1—Chris McCarrell

July 15—Scott Massey

July 1—Gene Massey

July 24—Nick Fleming

July 5—Jared Barger

July 31—Meri Arnold

July 6—Josh Barger

July 7—Sandy Brooks

July 8—Ada Dralle



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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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!*



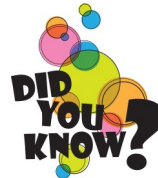
*We continue to pray for those in the Military:*

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!

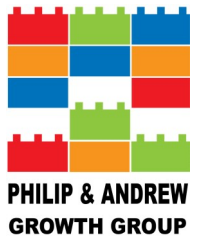


**CONTACT US AT:**

**(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, July 23***

*at [leithaus@gmail.com](mailto:leithaus@gmail.com). Thank you!*

# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR JULY

*Please switch with someone as needed.*

	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
<b>July 02</b>	Dennis	Sue	Larry	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Green
<b>July 09</b>	Melanie	Lily	Ken	Tim & Valerie	Linda & Carol	Green
<b>July 16</b>	Meri	Roberta	Leo	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Green
<b>July 23</b>		Mary Sipka	Mark		Linda & Carol	Green
<b>July 30</b>	Melanie	Larry	Ken	Leo & Roberta	Tim & Leslie	Green

## JULY FLOWER CHART

<b>July 02</b>	The McCarrells—Chris's Birthday
<b>July 09</b>	The Eggmeyers—In Honor of Wes & Amanda's 10th Wedding Anniversary
<b>July 16</b>	The Bargers—Jared, Josh, and Ame's Birthdays
<b>July 23</b>	The Flemings—Nick's Birthday
<b>July 30</b>	Vickie Rayburn—Marilyn Whittington'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. Recent and upcoming improvements include the parking lot and landscaping.

### Keep trying

In *The God Who Stays*, contemporary Christian musician Matthew West writes about the pandemic's fear-filled early days. After his concert tour was abruptly canceled in March 2020, he rode to an airport "feeling utterly hopeless about a world that was spinning out of control."

Then Arthur, his ride-share driver, began singing along to the radio — and the song happened to be West's "The God Who Stays." West joined in, jokingly asking how he sounded. "Not so good," Arthur replied, not knowing West's identity. "You keep trying."

The driver shared how those lyrics uplifted him during life's difficulties, and West later recalled that conversation during lockdown, while wondering where God was. The musician realized he had "settled for a socially distant relationship with the One who is nearer than I dare to believe, closer than the air I breathe." But West pictured "God running toward me with open arms like the prodigal's father," and he resolved to keep trying — and to grow closer to the God who always stays.

*from www.churchart.com*



### 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.



**Jesus, show me who needs a special word of friendship today so I may share**

**your lovingkindness with them.**

**Amen.**

## 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.*



The Sunday worship bulletin is posted to our website and our Facebook page, usually by Saturday afternoon.  
Our website link is:  
**[www.oslchopeonthehill.org](http://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](http://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.**

# JULY 2023 CALENDAR

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