



Hope on the Hill

Pastor's Letter

Living in Hope and Faith

Hope is the foundation where you and I go deep to sometimes “re-start” our faith life when difficulties seem overwhelming. I have this little book called “Lessons from the Lake – on Living and Loving.” Written by (Tim and Leslie will like this one), Penelope Stokes. This particular one is kind of a fishing story called: “Inner Peace” and “when it’s hot; the fish go deep.” AND having fished for many years, I can tell that is absolutely true. So you have to adjust your fishing depth and lure...because the fish are there! Catches can be made! Here in part is what she wrote: *Life has a way of turning up the burners from time to time. Decisions, choices, family struggles, job stresses, relationship breakdowns, financial troubles, health crises. The heat rises, so intense that we can barely breathe. The walls close in, we can find no way out. That’s when it’s time to go deep. Down below the noises that confuse our minds, beneath the surface fires that threaten to shrivel our spirits and drain our souls. There, in the depths of the heart, we find the inner peace that cannot be shaken by circumstance. Going there is not an escape, nor is it an easy answer to life’s difficult questions.*

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

It’s not the end of the search, but the place of beginning again. When we look into ourselves, into the inmost places of our souls, into our relationship with God and with one another, we find the trust and the courage and the fortitude to face life’s challenges. We find the faith to believe through our present situation.

In my heart, hope is the foundation that cannot be shaken even when the “heat is on.” Two passages I would share with you to bolster your belief in the hope that resides within your heart. **Hebrews 10: 19-23** ¹⁹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction ^[b] of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith

^[c] our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible¹

I fish even on the hot days when the fish go deep. I just make sure I wear a good hat and put on sun-screen. But in our faith life, hope is the foundation upon which you can always know that God in Christ is there with you in the silence of your heart no matter what you may face. Hope is not about perfection but clinging to the love that God places deep in your soul.

Living in Hope and Faith we are the Body of Christ together! Come and be with us in worship on Sundays, 9:00 a.m. as you are able. Think of ways we can live out our hope in bringing invitation so others will “Come and See” Puppets For Jesus will be with us on September 24th! We continue to pray for those who need strength in difficult times—heat, flooding, war and life issues.

<https://youtu.be/rkMapZB8qMk>
“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”
Peace, Pastor Stephen Barnes

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Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m.



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Prayer Concerns

Garold Burkholder (health concerns)
Nancy Atkinson (recovering from surgery)
Becky Murray (Beth Dralle's sister, recurrence of lymphoma)
David Aper (brother of Rita Wahl, health concerns)
Simon & Judy Aper (Rita's brother and sister-in-law, 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 Marzinzik (Sue Barger's mother, health concerns)
Chloe (Sue & Mike's niece, diagnosed with lupus)
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

COVID-19
UPDATES

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

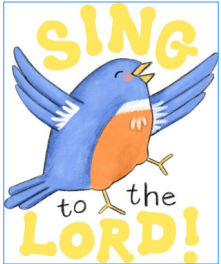


Here is Lily's address at Monmouth College, and her email, so we can all keep in touch.
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COMMITTEE

The Outreach & Fellowship Committee and the Christian Education Committee would be delighted to have you join them at their next meeting on **Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Both committees would like additional members. Thank you!

 Christian Education Committee



It's your turn! August is 'Birds Sing, All Sing, Pick-a-Hymn for September!'

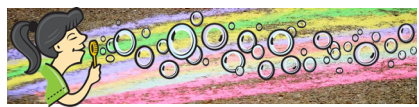
Find your favorite hymn in the ELW, or song in the Worship & Praise Songbook, and write it on the poster by the flower chart. Pastor and Tim will work them into the worship services in September (& October if necessary.)



The Outreach & Fellowship Committee is planning for to go to another Peoria Chiefs game on **August 3rd.** A signup sheet is posted!



CHALK & BUBBLES!! It was a hot night but that didn't stop some artists and thirsty kids! Thanks to all who donated and came! We think around 50 total attended including 20 children!!! Turtle Time with Pastor Barnes was moved into the Gathering Room for a cool comfortable break! Chalk and Bubbles #3 is in the books!



MORE NEWS & INFORMATION



Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The next gathering will be
Thursday, August 17
 7:30 a.m. at Main Street Family
 Restaurant in Creve Coeur.



The next Zoom Fellowship is
Monday, August 14
 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 continued our outreach to the community by
 taking supper to the Salvation Army on July 24.
 We wish everyone a very enjoyable summer!

No 'Dinner Out' is
 scheduled for August



Thanks

Many thanks to
 Darlene & Larry for
 the "Pop-up"
 coffee fellowship
 July 16 after the service. All who
 could stay enjoyed the time to
 gather & visit!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

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

Try these apps (applications) on your phone or tablet!

Go to Your App Store or your Play Store on your phone or tablet to find these free apps!

Apps:
The Bible Gateway—explore several dozen versions of the Bible! See which version helps you understand scripture the best! If you see a symbol that looks like a speaker or an ear next to a version, you have the ability to have this read aloud to you! You can also click on book, chapter and verse easily, make notes, get a devotional or reading plan or use a Bible Dictionary!

Luther's Small Catechism—read and get explanations for the Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer and more! There are also daily prayers which you can read.

Podcasts: Podbean, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, You Tube, Pandora and many others. These are some of the *platforms* (ways you can listen to a podcast of your choice) you can choose.

But what is a podcast? Simply put, a podcast is an audio program, like talk radio, but you subscribe to it on your smartphone, tablet and some laptops. After you have the platform set up, you can subscribe to a "show or "lesson" or "program" and listen through your phone, tablet, headphones, or perhaps your car or speakers if you have Bluetooth capability.

There are many types of podcasts for many interests! Listen to lectures, sermons, jokes, mysteries, music, info on your favorite hobbies, your favorite authors, history, emotional health, politics, so many options. Try looking up **ELCA** podcasts, or **Max Lucado** podcasts (we have read several of his books in Mary Martha and Adult Sunday School), or some **Bible** Podcasts. I love the **Bible Recap** which gives me a Bible reading plan and then the host discusses what I just read.

Podcasts vary in length and frequency. Some podcasts have a new one daily, whereas others are released weekly or less frequently. One I listen to daily is about 7-9 minutes long! Maybe you have some favorite apps or podcasts that help you in your daily devotional or prayer life! Let us know and we can share with and learn from each other!

Melanie Fleming, Christian Education Committee

Podcast suggestion from Tim: Gospel Beautiful Podcast with Michael Chan
App suggestion for devotions from Leslie: Our Daily Bread, can read or listen to



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR AUGUST

Please switch with someone as needed.

	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
August 06	Melanie	Roberta	Dennis	Ken & Valerie	Linda & Carol	Green
August 13	Dennis	Sue	Ken	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Green
August 20	Meri	Larry	Ken	Ken & Valerie	Linda & Carol	Green
August 27	Dennis	Mary Sipka	Leo	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Green

AUGUST FLOWER CHART

August 06	Leo & Roberta Stiles—Wedding Anniversary
August 13	
August 20	The Atkinsons—For Blessings Received
August 27	

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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Sunday, Sept. 17**—Rally Sunday for Sunday School classes
- **Sunday, Sept. 24**—Puppets for Jesus will be here!

Tentative future Outreach Committee events:

- Weiner Roast—October 8
- Truck or Treat—October 28
- Coffee Fellowship for Veterans—November 12

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.

SPECIAL THANKS

to Gerry for filling in for our secretary while Lori was on vacation!

Daily reasons to celebrate

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Leo & Roberta Stiles—August 8
Bill & Melanie Fleming—August 18
David & Sonja Sanders—August 20
James & Mary Kay Johnson—August 28, 1943 80 YEARS!!!

August 13—Kolbe Baal	
August 13—Virginia Duttarer	
August 23—Michelle (Eggemeyer) Sarantakos	



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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*

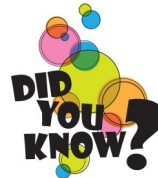
Call the Church office with your prayer request: 346-2600 or email: oslcekin1@gmail.com. An email will be sent to all members when a prayer request is received. Members without an email address may ask that they be called when a prayer request is sent out.

► *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.***



*If you have information you want to be in the next 'Hope on the Hill', please email Leslie Leitner **by Sunday, August 20***

at leithaus@gmail.com. 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.

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

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.

AUGUST 2023 CALENDAR

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