



Hope on the Hill

Newsletter

VOLUME 4 ISSUE 10

Pastor's Letter

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love



I know it is difficult to contemplate the year 2024!!! But in our life together as we take our next "faithful step," we need to celebrate what God may have in store for us in the coming year. To that end we always take the month of October to begin planning of budget, time/talent and ministry for the year to come. I am so grateful for your faithfulness and joy in community as we look to God's plans for the future and yes, surprises of the Spirit!

You will receive a letter which includes a pledge card, time/

talent sheet for the New Year. Thank you ahead for your prayers and consideration.

Isaiah 41:13 *For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand, it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you."* God is always present with each of us and Our Savior Lutheran!

An old favorite hymn of mine...*And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other, has ever, known!*

Let me close with a prayer for our stewardship generosity and life we share together:

Gracious and generous God, Creator and Give of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all we have is from you.

You are with us always. In each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are here.

Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing what we have been given.

We remain ever grateful for your constant love, the gift of your Son Jesus, and the presence of your Holy Spirit with us.

We seek to be your faithful stewards. Amen.

At the end of October we will celebrate Reformation on October 29...wear red! Then on November 5, we will dedicate our stewardship gifts and remember our saints in Doris Voller and Phil Dralle. It will also be the day we dedicate memorial gifts given to Our Savior over this past year.

It will be a great month and positive ministry and life we share together!

Peace,

Pastor Stephen Barnes

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study 10:15 a.m.



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Prayer Concerns

Dale Atkinson (healing from a fall)
Nancy Atkinson (health concerns)
Stella Gettys (healing from a fall)
Diana Godby (Elsa's niece, health problems)
Garold Burkholder (health concerns)
Leo Stiles (recovering from surgery)
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 (grandson of Ann & Alton Davis, doing well with leukemia)
Jim & Mary Kay Johnson (health concerns)
Marithaza Barger (chronic hip problems)
Lil Marzinzik (Sue Barger's mother, health concerns)
Chloe (Sue & Mike's niece, diagnosed with lupus)
Chad Wahl
Prayers for our sister congregation, Faith Lutheran, Washington, IL

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



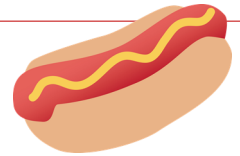
October is our Stewardship Month. You will be receiving a letter from Pastor & Tim, the Stewardship Chairs; a pledge card for 2024; and a Time and Talent sheet. Each Sunday in October will focus on scripture and a hymn that reflects the theme of *Taking the Next Faithful Step*. Our Stewardship gifts will be dedicated on Sunday, November 5.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There will be a blessing of the prayer shawls and lap blankets on *October 8th* during the service. The shawls and lap blankets will be displayed on the altar rail that Sunday. Then we will deliver our extras (not needed for OSLC supply) to the Church Women United group on October 13th.

We're having a **Weiner Roast** on **Sunday, October 8!** beginning at **4:30 p.m.**



Come have fun with us in the church's back yard! Bring a dish to pass, weiner forks, lawn chairs, and any outdoor games you may have to share.

The Outreach Committee will furnish hot dogs, buns, fixin's, and s'mores. Larry will do the campfire.

Trunk OR Treat



Our 3rd Annual
TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT is
Saturday, October 28th,
from **2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Fun for All! Please consider joining in the fun by providing your vehicle trunk for treats for trick or treaters.

Costumes and decorated trunks are encouraged but not required.

You may also come and hand out treats from lawn chairs!!!

A sign up sheet will be posted; candy or Halloween treat donations are appreciated.

Once each month, we have an **All-Congregation Presentation** after the Sunday Worship Service.

October's All-Congregational program will be on **Sunday, October 15.**

We are planning on having **Shannon Saal** from the **Pekin Township** office.

There will be a coffee fellowship. (There will be a sign up sheet for treats to bring to avoid too many leftovers.)

Thank you!



Ms. Oesch, who formerly taught at Starke School and was our pen pal partner there, came to the Outreach & Fellowship meeting in September. She explained that she is teaching a Health Curriculum at Pekin

Community High School, and feels that the pen pal correspondence we had can be a great learning experience for her small group of current students. The committee agreed to do this, and Judy Barnes will be coordinating it! We look forward to having pen pals again.



You can continue to send cards, etc. to Stella at her home address during her recovery from a fall:

Stella Gettys
133 Tuscany Court
Morton, IL 61550 7804

We were happy to welcome Leo back to worship on Sept. 24 as he recovers from heart surgery.

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION



Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The next gathering will be
Thursday, Oct. 19
 7:30 a.m. at Main Street Family
 Restaurant in Creve Coeur.



The next Zoom Fellowship is
Monday, October 16
 at 7:00 p.m.
 Lee will send an email link to the
 meeting prior to that evening.
 Hope you can join in!



The Mary/Martha Circle
 will meet on
Wednesday, October 18, 9:30 a.m.

All women are welcome!

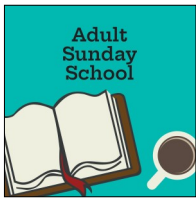


PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group
 will meet on **Tuesday, October 10**, at
9:30 a.m. at the church.
*We would appreciate any regular weight
 yarn donations—we have a good supply
 of white at this time but need some colors. Thank
 you!! Come join us to make shawls or lap blankets!*



Pastor Barnes leads the Thursday Morning Bible Study each
 week. The group begins at **10:00 a.m.** and goes until
11:30 a.m. You are welcome to come whenever you can!



The Adult Sunday School class will be starting **October 1** in the Gathering Room. We will be studying the names and attributes of God by looking up scripture and having informal discussions. Come and practice or begin practicing looking up scriptures in the Bible. We will have several Bibles to choose from (including large print) or bring your own! There will be coffee available. *(We do not meet on Sundays when we have an All-Congregation Presentation.)*



We enjoyed having the Puppets for Jesus
 at Our Savior on Sunday, September 24!



LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Sunday, November 5**—All Saints Sunday and Stewardship Celebration
- **Sunday, November 12**—Celebration of OSLC veterans/fundraiser for Operation Santa
- **Sunday, November 19**—All Congregation Presentation—Love Packages
- **Sunday, November 26**—Christ the King Sunday, last Sunday prior to Advent

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR OCTOBER

Please switch with someone as needed.

| | LAY ASSISTANT | LAY READER | USHERS | TELLERS | COMMUNION Set up & Clean up | PARAMENT COLOR |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|--------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| October 01 | Melanie | Roberta | Larry | Ken & Valerie | Tim & Leslie | Green |
| October 08 | Meri | Larry | Ken | Leo & Roberta | Lee & Mary | Green |
| October 15 | Tim | Sue | Dennis | Ken & Valerie | Linda & Carol | Green |
| October 22 | Dennis | Mary Sipka | Mark | Leo & Roberta | Lee & Mary | Green |
| October 29 | Melanie | Dennis | Larry | Ken & Valerie | Linda & Carol | Red |

OCTOBER FLOWER CHART

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| October 01 | Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—39th Anniversary |
| October 08 | The Daniels—Larry's Birthday |
| October 15 | The McCarrells—Lillian's Birthday |
| October 22 | Paul & Mary Sipka |
| October 29 | Vickie Rayburn—In Memory of her father Jack 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, landscaping, and tuckpointing the chimney over the library.

LOOKING AHEAD

On **Sunday November 19**, for our All-Congregation Presentation we will be having a speaker from **Love Packages**, talking about the donation process they have of getting Christian Literature into the hands of people throughout the world who would not normally be able to acquire it. Love Packages is a non-denominational, not-for-profit ministry that equips pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers all over the world with free Bibles and Christian literature. Everything they send is donated from individuals, ministries, and publishers in the U.S.

A box has been set up for your donations under the coat racks. Thank you! Donations do not have to be complete or in perfect condition. They try to use all donations!

Items You Can Donate: Bibles—New or used, any translation, New Testaments or other portions, individual gospel booklets

Reference Materials—Dictionaries, Bible dictionaries, concordances, commentaries, etc.

Books—All Christian books – adult or children, non-fiction

Magazines and Daily Devotionals, Any devotionals or magazine from a Christian publisher

Sunday School Materials

Adult quarterlies and all teacher manuals in any amount from all publishers;

children's quarterlies with the teacher's manual and full student manuals

CDs, DVDs, BluRay

Music, movies, teaching from well-known speakers (Billy Graham, Swindoll, etc.)

Puppets, Nativity Sets, etc.; Bible games, biblical puzzles – anything that helps teach the gospel, especially to children.

Still not sure? We essentially have two criteria for deciding what material we accept: Something that will lead someone to faith in Christ and/or something that will disciple a believer. If your material does one of those things, send it.

Items We Do Not Use:

Please do not send these types of items:

VHS/Tapes/Records/8-tracks

Guideposts magazine

Handiwork or busy papers from Sunday

School materials

Secular books (other than dictionaries)

Missions magazines

Love Packages is fueling international missions work and sending the gospel to the ends of the earth by putting donated bibles and other Christian literature into the hands of people around the world.



Anniversaries & Birthdays

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—Oct. 6 |
| Tim & Leslie Leitner—Oct. 11 |
| Fred & Michelle Sarantakos—Oct. 26 |
| Garold & Deena Burkholder—Oct. 27 |



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| Oct. 2—Scott Pinkston | Oct. 18—Mary Sipka |
| Oct. 6—Jim Johnson | Oct. 20—Elsa Keas |
| Oct. 6—Bud Brooks | Oct. 20—Ken Wehr |
| Oct. 10—Beth Dralle | Oct. 28—Lee Sorenson |
| Oct. 13—Larry Daniels | |
| Oct. 15—Lillian Pinkston | |



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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*

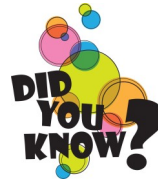
Call the Church office with your prayer request: 346-2600 or email: oslcekin1@gmail.com. An email will be sent to all members when a prayer request is received. Members without an email address may ask that they be called when a prayer request is sent out.

► *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 the Dralles*)
- 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



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, October 22***

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.

OCTOBER 2023 CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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