



Hope on the Hill

Newsletter

VOLUME 4 ISSUE 11

Pastor's Letter

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

Letter from Tim:

November is a time for change, although the last Friday in October brought a change in our weather. I started the day in shorts while working from home but after bringing in the mail after work, I quickly changed into long pants.

As we begin November, we look forward and we look back. With the end of the church year on the last Sunday of November, we look forward to Advent and the start of the new church year, taking us into the year of Mark's gospel.

But we start this month with All Saints Day, celebrating the past year, remembering and giving God thanks for those who have gone before us with special focus on our church members who joined the Church Triumphant in this past

year, Doris Voller and Phil Dralle.

November is also a time we concentrate on Thanksgiving Day, not just turkey dinners and football games but truly taking time to thank God for all we have; our families and friends, the earth we inhabit and enjoy and especially thanking God for calling us into God's family.

I turned to **Colossians 3:15-17** for words of thanksgiving and guidance:

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And

whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Let us celebrate our past year, look forward to what the new church year will bring and give thanks for God.

God's blessings,

Tim



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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)
Leslie Leitner (toe surgery)
Dave & Sonja Sanders (health concerns)
Lillian & Scott Pinkston (health concerns)
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 Marzinik (Sue Barger's mother, health concerns)
Chloe (Sue & Mike's niece, diagnosed with lupus)
Chad Wahl

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

NEWS & EVENTS



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



Our Stewardship gifts will be dedicated on Sunday, November 5.

On All Saints Sunday, November 5, we will honor our saints who joined the Church Triumphant in the past year:

Doris Voller

Phil Dralle

Memorials Purchased since All Saints November 1, 2022

File Cabinet and a Safe

Funds used: Betty Updike, Mark Wankel, Betty Barnes (Pastor's mother), Pastor Scoville, Stephen Swisher (Meri Arnold's brother), Marilyn Whittington, and Bud Thomas

Flagon to be used for baptisms

Fund used: Ron Garber

Plastic Strip for the outdoor sign with service time and phone number

Fund used: Steven Wehr

Banners for Lent (Amazing Grace)

Funds used: Gusta Bolam and Larry & Ruth Roach

Pall & Corporal Communion cloths

Fund used: Larry & Ruth Roach

Landscaping for front of church

Funds used: Steven Wehr, Phil Dralle, and In Honor of Wehr's 60th Anniversary

Laptop Computer for Pastor

Funds used: Steve Gresham, Bob Guenther, and Larry & Ruth Roach

Desktop Computer for Office

Fund used: Steve Gresham

Eternal Flame for Sanctuary

Fund used: Dale Gettys

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

November's All-Congregational Presentation will be Sunday, November 19.

Our speaker will be 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.

There will be a coffee fellowship. *(There will be a sign up sheet for treats—thank you!)*

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



MORE NEWS & INFORMATION



Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The next gathering will be
Thursday, Nov. 16
 7:30 a.m. at Main Street Family
 Restaurant in Creve Coeur.



The next Zoom Fellowship is
Monday, November 6
 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, November 15, 9:30 a.m.

Vicki Rayburn will be the hostess;
 Sue Barger will lead the lesson.
 Note: NO meeting in December.
All women are welcome!

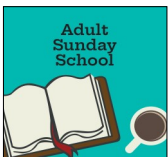
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group
 will meet on **Tuesday, November 14,**
 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 is held in the Gathering Room. We will be studying the names and attributes of God by looking up scripture and having informal discussions. We have several Bibles to choose from (including large print) or bring your own! There will be coffee available.



The Baal Family: Cassie, Kolbe,
 Maddison, Mayson, and Bennett.

With great joy we welcomed new members to Our Savior on Sunday, October 15!



New Members October 2023



Vicki Rayburn, Jackie Scoville, & Arlene Conaghan

Not pictured: Jaquel (JQ), Keniya, and Jazmyne Scoville



Honor Our Veterans Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, November 12

All members are invited to bring a photo of a family veteran to be displayed on a table in the fellowship hall on Sunday, November 12. We will honor Veterans past and present. Monetary donations will also be collected that day for **Operation Santa** to help cover shipping costs to send Christmas stockings to troops overseas.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NOVEMBER

Please switch with someone as needed.

	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
November 5	Tim	Roberta	Ken	Tim & Ken	Tim & Leslie	White
November 12	Melanie	Sue	Mark	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Green
November 19	Meri	Larry	Larry	Meri & Valerie	Linda & Carol	Green
November 26	Dennis	Mary Sipka	Ken	Leo & Roberta	Tim & Leslie	White

NOVEMBER FLOWER CHART

November 5	The McCarrells—Mark's birthday
November 12	
November 19	Valerie Gettys—In honor of parent's anniversary and Aubrey's birthday
November 26	Vickie Rayburn—Thanksgiving

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.



Our *Thanksgiving Eve Service* is
Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.

There will be Thanksgiving placemats with prayers and activities. To share our bounty, we have 'food bags' so you may bring non-perishable food items.



On October 8 during the worship service there was a blessing of the prayer shawls and lap blankets made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry group at Our Savior. The extras (not needed for the OSLC supply) were delivered to the Church Women United group in Pekin.



Larry Daniels was the 'fire tender' for the Weiner Roast on October 8 at OSLC.



Anniversaries & Birthdays

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dale & Nancy Atkinson—November 15



November 1—Mark McCarrell

November 9—Bruce Gettman

November 22—Susan Foss



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH

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: oslcpekin1@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!*



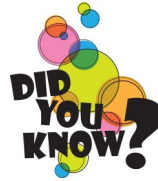
We continue to pray for those in the Military:

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!



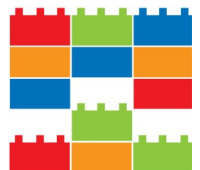
CONTACT US AT:

(309) 346-2600

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

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!

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!



**PHILIP & ANDREW
GROWTH GROUP**



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, November 19

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.

LOOKING AHEAD



Outreach & Fellowship is planning to have coffee fellowships the **first 3 Sundays in December**. A signup sheet

will be posted so members or groups can sign up to host these coffees.



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.

NOVEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

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