



## Hope on the Hill

Newsletter

VOLUME 5 ISSUE 4

### A Letter from Pastor

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

#### Pastor's Reflection as we Celebrate EASTER!

Well, we survived the time change, although I think I am still trying to catch up on my "lost hour!" We have journeyed together the 40 days of Lent and walked with Jesus who brought love and life to us even out of the tears in the Garden of Gethsemane. What a gift!

Some thoughts: Too often Easter simply becomes another holiday which after March 31, life goes back to "usual." But this is a faith reality where your life and my life should never go back to "usual." Stores fill with stuffed bunnies and much candy and cards, but soon the shelves will change for another sale. As it is written in Revelation, "the one who sits on the throne says: and now I make all things new!" (21:5) We are Resurrection Christians! Salvation helps us see our daily life lived out in hope and love for others.

Do we live in doubt or live in the proclamation: "He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!"

From Matthew 28 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. *And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.*

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Go and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you shall see him.*

Some still doubted until the upper room. Even so, you might remember on the Road to Emmaus, (Matthew 24:13) Cleopas and other disciple were walking the seven miles to Emmaus from Jerusalem. Looking down at the dirt, discussing what had happened. When the unrecognized risen Jesus joined them, they said: "We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They came back and told us that....Jesus was alive!"

Jesus said to them, *Oh, how foolish*

*you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!"* Jesus patiently taught again the truth of God and in the breaking of bread their eyes were opened.

Every Sunday as we share Holy Communion, it is the reality that Jesus is Risen! Every day beyond March 31 is Easter for us because our HOPE resides in the risen Jesus who walks with us even when we might be tempted to look down at the dirt instead of celebrating the gift of life, because the tomb is empty!

As Easter Christians, may every day find hope renewed and your faith strengthened! As the angel said, let us declare this message of God's love to all...*for nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:39*

*"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being." Psalm 104:33*

Peace,  
Pastor Stephen Barnes

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Monday—Friday

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**Website:** [www.oslchopeonthehill.org](http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org)

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



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#### Prayer Concerns

**Maize Wankel** (health concerns)  
**Lillian Pinkston** (recovering from hip surgery)  
**Ken Wehr** (recovering in Florida)  
**Donna Fleming** (Melanie's mother-in-law, health concerns)  
**Dave Sanders** (at Independence Village)  
**Vickie Rayburn** (healing from surgery)  
**Carolyn** (Mike Barger's sister, health concerns)  
**Garold & Deena Burkholder** (health concerns)  
**Paul Sipka** (health concerns)  
**Jim & Mary Kay Johnson** (health concerns; Mary Kay is at The Loft in East Peoria)  
**Marithaza Barger** (chronic hip problems)  
**Lil Marzinzik** (Sue Barger's mother, health concerns)  
**Chad Wahl**  
**Lily Fleming** (OSLC College student)

*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 Maundy Thursday Service is  
7:00 p.m. March 28.**

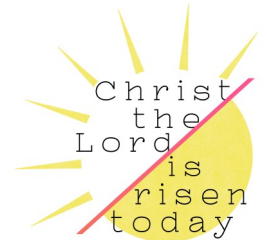


**Our Good Friday Service is  
7:00 p.m. March 29.**



**Our Easter Sunday Service is 9:00 a.m. March 31.**  
The theme is "Guided to New Life!," Romans 7:6

Join us for the celebration at worship and  
stay for the coffee fellowship!



## Change to Communion Distribution

**On Easter Sunday**, we will be changing how the wafers are distributed. We will no longer be using the paper liners in the trays. Pastor (or Tim) will place a wafer in each person's hand. You will have the option of standing or kneeling to receive the communion wafer. There will be individually wrapped Gluten Free wafers available. We will continue to use the pre-filled cups of wine or grape juice. The flow of communion will remain unchanged

The **Pekin History Museum** is not open yet, but will give tours to groups upon appointment. Dennis has made arrangements for Our Savior to tour this museum on Sunday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. The museum is at **the old Franklin School, 100 Broadway**. A \$5.00 per person donation is requested. A sign-up sheet will be posted.



**The annual Rummage Sale is Friday, April 26 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
and Saturday, April 27 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**



A sign up sheet will be posted to sign up to help. Proceeds from the rummage sale will be given to Pekin Christian Civic Outreach (CCO).

Donated items may be brought to church **AFTER** Easter.

Please place them in the lounge area and behind the dividers in the Parish Hall.

We would appreciate any member loans of tables or racks as we are always short of display space. Please plan to come and join the fun!!



*The Mary/Martha Circle is still collecting items for health kits:*

- |                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 towel & washcloth          | 1 shampoo 6-15 oz.         |
| 1 comb                       | 1 disposable razor         |
| 1 nail clippers or file      | 1 deodorant ( 1.0-2 oz.)   |
| 1 bar wrapped bath size soap | 4-7 oz. tube of toothpaste |
| 1 new toothbrush             |                            |



# MORE NEWS & INFORMATION



## Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The next gathering will be  
**Thursday, April 18**  
 at Pekin American Grill  
 3200 Court St.  
**7:30 a.m.**



Mary/Martha Circle  
 meets on  
**Wednesday, April 17, 9:30 a.m.**  
 at Our Savior



The Adult Sunday School class is held in the Gathering Room after the worship service. We are 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.

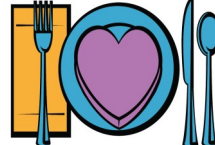
## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Tuesday, April 2,** 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!*

## SUPPER OUT



## TOGETHER

*Hope you can make it!*

**Sunday, April 21**  
 6:00 p.m.

**Kuchie's on the Water**  
 579 Wesley Rd, Creve Coeur

The Zoom call meetings are *suspended* until we learn of more participants. Thank you!



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! *We will resume in April!*



**Dave Sanders**  
 Independence Village  
 Room #314  
 1201 W. Northmoor Road  
 Peoria, IL 61614

**Ken & Bev Wehr**  
 721 Arlann Drive  
 Pekin, IL 61554



**Lily Fleming**  
 318 N. Ninth Street  
 Monmouth, IL 61462



We wanted to thank everyone at Our Savior for all of your thoughts and prayers for our grandson Finn Davis. Finn finishes his leukemia treatment on Good Friday. It has been a very long 2 1/2 years. He was 3 when he was diagnosed and he is now 5. And the best part is that the treatment appears to have worked. The people at Our Savior are very special and your prayers and support during this stress filled time was so very appreciated.

Alton & Ann Davis

## Lillian Pinkston

*Please send cards to Mark & Chris and they will be sure she receives them.*

The McCarrells  
 5011 W. Ancient Oak Drive  
 Peoria, IL 61615





# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR APRIL

*Please switch with someone as needed.*

|                 | LAY ASSISTANT | LAY READER | USHERS | TELLERS        | COMMUNION<br>Set up & Clean up | PARAMENT<br>COLOR |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|--------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>April 7</b>  | Meri          | Roberta    | Dennis | Tim & Valerie  | Tim & Leslie                   | Gold              |
| <b>April 14</b> | Dennis        | Mary Sipka | Mark   | Meri & Valerie | Linda & Sue                    | Gold              |
| <b>April 21</b> | Melanie       | Sue        | Leo    | Leo & Roberta  | Lee & Mary                     | Gold              |
| <b>April 28</b> | Dennis        | Larry      | Larry  | Leo & Roberta  | Linda & Sue                    | Gold              |
|                 |               |            |        |                |                                |                   |

*The 2024 Flower Chart is posted—be sure to sign up for a Sunday or more!*

## APRIL FLOWER CHART

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| <b>April 7</b>  | The Flemings—Lily's Birthday                       |
| <b>April 14</b> | The Bargers—Marithza's birthday                    |
| <b>April 21</b> | The Leitners—Sofia's 5th birthday                  |
| <b>April 28</b> | Vickie & Randy Rayburn—Celebrating Our Anniversary |
|                 |  |

*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 boiler repair, tuckpointing the chimney over the library, repairs in the library, and carpet cleaning.



### **From our Central/Southern Illinois Synod—Announcing a Synod-Wide Survey**

Help us "PIE" the Bishop and raise \$2,000 for ELCA World Hunger!

***"Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches"***  
***(Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22).***

**YOU** are invited to participate in the next phase of our synod-wide listening and vision process through an online survey that will be live **April 3-17**. To access the survey, please click on the following link beginning April 3: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSIS-Survey>.

Help us meet our goal of at least 500 completed surveys! If we meet our goal, we will celebrate at our Synod-Wide BBQ and Hymn Fest on Friday, June 7 during Synod Assembly.

- At least 300 completed surveys = a pie in the face of Deacon Jason Fisher, Director for Evangelical Mission
- At least 400 completed surveys = a pie in the face of both Deacon Jason Fisher AND Pastor Amy Ziettlow, Assistant to the Bishop for Transformational Leadership
- At least 500 completed surveys = a pie in the face of Deacon Jason Fisher, Pastor Amy Ziettlow, AND Bishop Greg Busboom

In addition, thanks to a generous CHALLENGE GIFT from disciples of Jesus in our synod, if we reach our goal of 500 surveys, **\$2,000** will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

**YOUR VOICE** and the voices of **ALL** in our synod are needed! Thank you in advance as we listen together for how the Spirit is calling us to move forward together!

Leading in HOPE †,  
Bishop Greg G. Busboom

# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Chris McCarrell—April 16, 1994



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 4—Lily Fleming

April 18—Bev Wehr

April 4—Tim Leitner

April 23—Roberta Stiles

April 7—Craig Brooks

April 25—Mary Kay Johnson



## 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: oslcpokin1@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!**

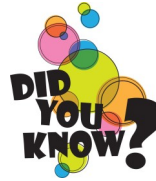


We continue to pray for those in the Military:

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)



Committee and Council minutes are posted by the church office. Check out all the hard work our members are doing!



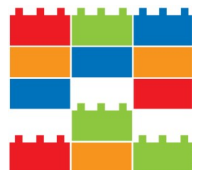
**CONTACT US AT:**

**(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**

## NewsLetter DEADLINE

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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 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24**

at leithaus@gmail.com. Thank you!

## CHURCH COUNCIL 2024

|                       |                         |  |                           |
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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 TO MAY

- Sunday, May 12—Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 19—Pentecost
- Monday, May 27—Memorial Day



### 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](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.**

# APRIL 2024 CALENDAR

| Sun   | Mon | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
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|             | 1   | 2<br>9:30 AM Prayer Shawls<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics | 3  | 4<br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics                             | 5  | 6   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 7<br>WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM<br>Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 AM                         | 8   | 9<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics                          | 10<br>6:30 PM Finance mtg<br>7:00 PM O&F/Chris Ed and W & M meetings | 11<br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics                            | 12   | 13  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 14<br>WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM<br>Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 AM<br>Museum Tour 2:00 PM | 15  | 16<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics                         | 17<br>9:30 AM Mary/Martha<br>7:00 PM Council mtg                     | 18<br>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast<br>10:00 AM Bible Study<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics | 19   | 20  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 21<br>WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM<br>Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 AM<br>Dinner Out 6:00 PM  | 22  | 23<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics                         | 24<br>RUMMAGE SALE SET UP  | 25<br>10:00 AM Bible Study   | 26-27<br>RUMMAGE SALE<br>Friday—8:00-5:00<br>Saturday—8:00-12:00   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |
| 28<br>WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM<br>Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 AM                        | 29  | 30<br>6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics                         |  |  | <b>May 2024</b><br><table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td>31</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |     | S | M | T | W | T | F | S |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |
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| 26  | 27  | 28  | 29   | 30   | 31   |     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |