



## Hope on the Hill

Newsletter

VOLUME 5 ISSUE 5

### A Letter from Pastor

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

#### What Happened to Love?

We have Mother's Day coming on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This reminds me not only of our mothers, but all those who fill that caring, nurturing and loving relationship that accepts you even with all of your (my) faults.

It is obvious that the news, our country, the world, seems to lean/reside more lately in hate, mistrust, diminishing the human spirit and surely not connecting with God who is love.

From Luther's explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, it says: "He provides me with all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger. All this he does out of fatherly (motherly) divine goodness, though I do not deserve it. Therefore, I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him."

To thank him is to reflect him in our daily living with and around each other! It would seem we are too busy about ourselves and pushing others who are different than us, "away." We can be different and still help pull someone out of a car crash and yet some would let the person suffer.

Psalm 107:8-9 "Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to human kind. For He satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things." As children of God, loved by God, shouldn't we reflect this steadfast love and put anger and resentment aside?

Rather than placards that push us apart, maybe we ought to consider writing thank you notes for the gift of each and every person? Karen Kogler wrote this: "Now I'm wondering how I've been doing on thank you notes to my heavenly Father for his gifts. Each new day, a gift, is full of gifts – life, family, friends, the smell of coffee, the beauty of flowers. And the best gift is his grace, knowing he loves me with an eternal love; all these gifts earned by Jesus and not by me."

From 1 John 4:16 *God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Verse 20 Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.*

What would you and I write on our placard in thanking God and loving one another?

In thanks and joy we come together as the body of Christ in this place we call Our Savior Lutheran. Let us continue to rejoice with each other and share forgiveness and grace and love in our relationships! Then we are given strength to go out from OSLC to share this same gift with others, no matter how different they may be.

Just a couple of reminders: On May 19 we will have a speaker from "Family House" where folks can stay while loved ones are in the hospital during our Sunday School time.

Also we are still celebrating the Easter Season, but on May 19<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Pentecost – the coming of God's Spirit that is in each of our hearts.

May you continue to find ways to love and never let your heart be closed to the possibilities and the gifts of God.  
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

- Maize Wankel (health concerns)
- Lillian Pinkston
- Ken Wehr
- Donna Fleming (Melanie's mother-in-law, health concerns)
- Dave Sanders
- 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 Marzinik (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

COVID-19  
UPDATES

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



We have changed how the wafers are distributed. We are longer 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

## Many thanks to those who donated Easter Lilies—they were beautiful!

Linda Tanner	In Honor of OSLC members unable to attend church services
Leo & Roberta Stiles	To the Glory of God
Pastor & Judy Barnes	In Memory of Parents and Roger Barnes
Larry & Darlene Daniels	In Memory of Parents
Elsa Keas	In Memory of Bill Keas and Carolyn Murphy
Dale & Nancy Atkinson	For Blessings Received
Stella Gettys	In Memory of Loved Ones
Bill & Melanie Fleming	In Honor of their Easter Lily
Rita Wahl	Glory to God
Sue Hale	In Memory of Roscoe
Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer	In Memory of Bill Keas and Del & Martha Eggemeyer



Welcome  
OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Our May **All-Congregation Presentation**  
after the Sunday Worship Service will be on  
**Sunday, May 19**

Our speaker will be Shanna from Family House.

*There will be a coffee fellowship—food donations welcome.*



Many, many thanks to those who volunteered for the annual Rummage Sale. HUGE thanks to those who donated items; those who helped set up and price items; those who worked during the sale; those who provided lunch or snacks to the workers; and those who cleaned up after the sale!

It takes many volunteers to have a successful sale, so—THANK YOU!



The Mary/Martha Circle assembled **55 Health Kits** that we will take to CWU (Church Women United) to be eventually distributed in Pekin.

Thank everyone for your help in supplying the Health Kits! Thank you for items, and for cash donations.



We are also **hosting CWU on Friday, May 10** at 10:00 a.m. All church ladies are invited.

The Mary Martha Circle will *not be meeting in June, July, or August*, but we will be providing dinner to the Salvation Army Transitional Center in July.

# MORE NEWS & INFORMATION

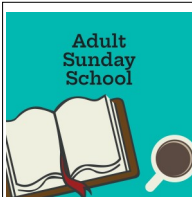


## Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The next gathering will be  
**Thursday, May 16**  
 at Pekin American Grill  
 3200 Court St.  
**7:30 a.m.**



Mary/Martha Circle will meet on  
**Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 a.m.**  
 at Our Savior. After the meeting, the  
 group will be going out for lunch!



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.



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!



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

**“The little word *sorry* can be the impetus to bring a broken relationship back to wholeness. Have you experienced the blessed relief of a sincere *sorry*?”**

This quote is from a letter written by *Vivian Elaine Johnson* for her church's newsletter. She is the wife of Sonja Sanders' cousin, and Sonja has shared several letters. If you would like a copy of the complete letter, please ask Sonja or Leslie!



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



*From Lillian: Thank you for all of the wonderful cards. It is so nice to be remembered by all of you. I frequently reread them. I miss seeing everyone.*

### Send cards to:

Villas of Hollybrook  
 Lillian Pinkston Room 39  
 5301 W Everett Dirksen Pkwy  
 Peoria, IL 61607

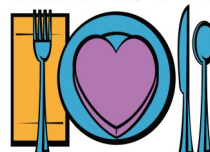
## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



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

## SUPPER OUT



## TOGETHER

*Watch for information about the next 'Supper Out'!*

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



The Outreach & Fellowship Committee is planning a trip to the Peoria Chiefs game on Thursday, June 13.

It starts at 6:35 p.m.

Thursday night games feature \$2 Hot Dogs, \$2 Sodas, \$2 drafts and \$4 crafts. Watch for a sign up sheet!

# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR MAY

*Please switch with someone as needed.*

	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
<b>May 05</b>	Melanie	Roberta	Mark	Tim & Leslie	Tim & Leslie	Gold
<b>May 12</b>	Melanie	Sue	Dennis	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Gold
<b>May 19</b>	Meri	Roberta	Leo	Meri & Valerie	Linda & Sue	Red
<b>May 26</b>	Dennis	Mary Sipka	Leo	Leo & Roberta	Tim & Leslie	White

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

## MAY FLOWER CHART

<b>May 05</b>	The Flemings—In Honor of All Who Helped with the Rummage Sale
<b>May 12</b>	The Atkinsons—Nancy's Birthday
<b>May 19</b>	The Flemings—Tyler's Birthday
<b>May 26</b>	Rita Wahl—Glory to God

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. Upcoming improvements include tuckpointing the chimney over the library, repairs in the library, and carpet cleaning.


Members of Our Savior had a private tour of a local museum on Sunday, April 14. Such wonderful memorabilia of Pekin long ago and the country from a couple of generations ago!

-Melanie Fleming



# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Mary Sipka—May 25
Scott & Teresa Massey—May 26, 1984
Lee & Mary Sorenson—May 31
 ANNIVERSARIES

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 15—Nancy Atkinson	May 24—Dave Sanders
May 16—Stella Gettys	May 26—Cassie Baal
May 16—Mayson Baal	May 29—Sonja Sanders



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!

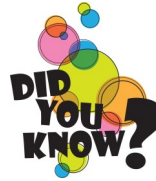


We continue to pray for those in the Military:

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!



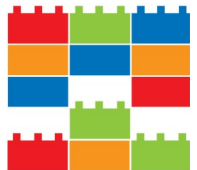
**CONTACT US AT:**

**(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



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, MAY 22**

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 JUNE

- Thurs. June 6-Saturday, June 8—Synod Assembly in Decatur, IL
- No Bible Study in June while Pastor is on vacation
- Thursday, June 13—Peoria Chiefs Game



### 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.**

# MAY 2024 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM Finance mtg 7:00 PM W & M meeting	2 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	3	4 Baby Shower 2:00 p.m.
5 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 AM	6	7 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	8 7:00 PM O& F/Chris Ed meeting	9 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	10 10:00 AM Mary/Martha hosting Church Women United	11
12 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:15 AM 	13	14 9:30 AM Prayer Shawls 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	15 9:30 AM Mary/Martha & Lunch Out 7:00 PM Council mtg	16 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	17	18
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