

# OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER

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**A good name is  
more desirable  
than great riches.**

PROVERBS 22:1, NIV

### Vacation Bible School

VBS is for ages preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. VBS will run from August 14 to August 17 from 5:45 PM to 8:00 PM. The theme for this year's VBS is "Mighty Fortress." Children will learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! We will sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more.

### Have Extra Veggies in Your Garden?

Are you having a bumper crop this year? Don't know what to do with all those extra tomatoes and zucchini? Let's give them to someone else that needs them. We will again be using the vegetable cart for the whole community to use. If God has blessed your garden, bring the extra in and put it on the cart. If you need some veggies, take what you need. If you have extra herbs, that would be good, too.

Please tell your friends and neighbors so everyone in the area can benefit from God's blessings.

### Church Council

Church Council meets Sunday, August 6, following service.

### Ladies' Guild

Ladies' Guild meets Thursday, August 3, at 6:00 PM at the church.

### The power of weakness

In Tramp for the Lord, Corrie ten Boom describes traveling to Russia during the Cold War — when Christians were being persecuted — to thank an old woman who'd been secretly translating Christian books (including ten Boom's). Ravaged by multiple sclerosis, the woman could move only an index finger. Yet with it she typed constantly, translating words while praying for people who'd eventually read them.

Ten Boom's reaction was, "Oh Lord, why don't you heal her?" But the woman's husband said God had a purpose in his wife's suffering. Although the secret police closely watched other Christians, they left this woman alone, assuming she couldn't accomplish anything.

Jesus works through our weaknesses, making his power perfect in them (see 2 Corinthians 12:9). He doesn't ask if we're capable — only if we're willing.



The Family of Frank Styron  
Jayme Lohr—the ability to sell house, find a job, a new place, and start of a new and better life  
John Boehk—triple bypass heart surgery  
Sandy Risedorph—breast cancer, chemo & radiation  
Mike Sanborn—heart attack  
Grayson Rupley—sensory disorder  
Margaret Runnells—broken leg complications and cancer  
Allison Stickel—health & anxiety issues  
Helen Meyer—foot pain & problems  
Shirley Klinger—continued strength, cancer gone  
Roger Sholl—cancer treatments

Raelene Prothero—strength, chemo for colon cancer  
Ben Rupley—unexplained body pain  
Kathy Surfew—house burned, total loss  
Kennedy Rose—brain injury  
Eric Lewis—healing of his body  
Larry Palmer—terminal cancer  
Jaykob Robinson—autism  
Kylee Claeys—lost her third child at birth  
Church Council  
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Missionaries

## Holiness 2.0

For the Hebrews, who had experienced the anguish of slavery and exile, holiness had to do with separation. Adherence to sacred law [ensured] that they would not be absorbed into a foreign culture, a legitimate fear for them as a people. The Law was quite functional in preserving their Jewish identity.

[But] Jesus turns this custom upside down. Rather than insist on separation, he preaches inclusion. Rather than remove himself from “sinners,” he joins with them in love. For Jesus, holiness is about connection, not separation. It is about putting aside the fear of our own alienation and annihilation while trusting in love to heal every breach. —*Quantum Grace*, Judy Cannato

## But what about here?

At age 4, Anna was starting to make sense of prayer. Her parents had been praying with her since birth, but now her developing cognitive and language skills caused her to really ponder what prayer meant for her.

One night, after tucking her into bed and leaving the room, Anna’s dad heard her voice. He paused outside the door to see if she needed something. But she was speaking to her heavenly Father: “Dear God,” Anna prayed, “when is the best time for me to talk to you? I mean, Mama and Daddy say I can pray anytime, and I know you’re always listening. But when will you be listening especially hard in Minneapolis?” —Adapted from *The Children’s God*, David Heller



## VBS 2017

During the week of August 14-17, Our Saviour, with the help and support of St. Johns, will be offering Vacation Bible School to the children of Hudson, ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It will be the beginning of our effort to begin establishing relationships with other families with the desire that we are given the opportunity to share the hope and promise that can be theirs through faith in Jesus Christ. VBS will run from 5:45 – 8 pm each night. Your help is needed as volunteers to assist with the many areas where help is needed. There is a sign-up sheet that lists the many areas of need and what is involved in that particular position. I am especially challenging the men of the congregation to step up and volunteer. It is important for our children to have men as positive, Christian role models.

**What is *Mighty Fortress* VBS?** At *Mighty Fortress* VBS, our children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! Kids confidently celebrate that Jesus, their champion, has won the victory over sin, death, and Satan and that He acts through His Word and keeps His promises. Because the victory is won, every day is a day to celebrate! At *Mighty Fortress*, kids will look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, to discover that God is our *Mighty Fortress*, our Shield, and our Deliverer and discover God's victory in the five Bible accounts.

**Take home the Take-Home Point!** Each lesson, we'll share a Take-Home Point, something to remember always about Jesus at work through them.

**Bible Memory Verse.** The children will explore, learn, and remember each lesson's Bible Memory Verse from God's Holy Word in *Victory Village Bible Challenge!*

**Mission Project.** As part of *Mighty Fortress* VBS, we share God's blessings with other children through the Sharing God's Mighty Word mission project. Information will be shared at a later date.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us during our planning and as we welcome the many children to Our Saviour.

Together in Christ,

*Pastor Al*

Our Saviour Lutheran Church  
Ladies' Guild Minutes  
July 6, 2017

Attending: Dody F., Betty C., Helen M., Linda R., Janice B., Gloria S.

Meeting called to order at 6pm with devotions by Betty C. titled "Hats that Jesus Wore".

Secretary's Report: motion made to accept, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: report given by Betty. Motion to accept, motion carried.

Old Business: Compassion child information to be filled out and to send it in.

Vacation Bible School: volunteers needed to help. A signup sheet will be posted  
Discussion on snacks for VBS and advertising.

New Business: A Hudson parade will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Dody to give \$50.00 toward candy for the parade. A VBS note of day and time will be put with the candy. Linda R. to purchase candy and bags for 200 to be filled. Friday before parade Janice and Linda to fill the bags.

Motion made by Gloria to adjourn, motion carried.

Refreshments served by Gloria.

Next meeting: Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>. at 6pm Devotions by Mary B. and hostess by Betty C.

Secretary, Janice B.

# August - Happy Birthday!

- 1 Caylan Pickford
- 2 Rex Smith
- 3 Brad Ruggles
- 4 Madlynn Bills
- 6 Madilyn Grayer  
Linda Ruggles
- 9 Betty Rupley
- 10 John Hubinger
- 11 Ronna McNamara
- 12 Lisa Daub  
Brian Nichelson
- 13 Madeline Wollett
- 14 Maranda Messersmith
- 16 Dennis Shaffer

- 17 Kristen Fowler
- 19 Sarah Fowler  
Dustin Mattison  
Karen Messersmith
- 20 Rex Murphy
- 21 Sharon Shields  
Micajah Stegg
- 22 Chad Root
- 23 Aniston Valentine  
Jim Wollett
- 24 Christine Daub  
Trudy Gatz
- 25 Bob Rupley
- 27 Danny Sullivan



- 7 Ryan & Jessica Smith
- 8 John & Lisa Lucas
- 10 Steve & Kim Rieger
- 11 Justin & Kandyce Butts
- 23 Bill & Betty Rupley
- 24 Dennis & Lynn Pickford
- 27 Pastor & Trudy Gatz  
Rex & Ruth Smith



## **GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO ALL**

### **A work in progress**

A Christian is always in the process of becoming, never in the state of having become. The Christian life is not being pious but becoming pious, not being healthy but becoming healthy, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet [what we are to be], but we are becoming it. It is not yet done and has not yet happened. It is, however, going on and coming to be. It is not the end, but it is the way.—Martin Luther

## August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Ladies' Guild meets at 6:00 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Worship Service Church Council meets	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Holy Communion	<b>14</b> VBS 5:45-8:00 PM	<b>15</b> VBS 5:45-8:00 PM	<b>16</b> VBS 5:45-8:00 PM	<b>17</b> VBS 5:45-8:00 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Worship Service Newsletter deadline	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Holy Communion Special One Offering	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		