

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Pentecost

On May 31st Christians around the world will celebrate the Day of Pentecost. It's often remembered as the church's birthday. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he promised that the Holy Spirit would come upon those who believed in his resurrection.

Three thousand people were gathered in Jerusalem when the Spirit came upon them. They were so touched by the Holy Spirit that they began to worship regularly, especially on Sundays, the day of Christ's resurrection.

To symbolize the "tongues, as of fire" (Acts 2:3, NRSV) that came upon the people present at Pentecost, liturgical churches display the color red in their worship services on Pentecost Sunday. Many people attending worship wear red on that day.

Close to God

I can take my telescope and look millions and millions of miles into space. But I can lay it aside, go into my room, shut the door, get down on my knees in earnest prayer, and see more of heaven and get closer to God than I can assisted by all the telescopes and material agencies on earth.—Isaac Newton

Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss—Unknown

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"Where flowers bloom, so does hope."
—Lady Bird Johnson



Nancy-hospitalized at Allegiance in Jackson in ICU for respiratory illness and other conditions.

Naleigha, Theron & Genesis—safety and protection as they transition back home with bio parents

Samantha Rupley—kidney stones

Roger Sholl—upcoming surgery

David Noriega—healing

Mary Boehk—healing

Diann Muck—healing from surgery

Bernie Reuter—healing

Gloria Spencer—healing of broken arm

Evelyn—strength

John Boehk—healing

Carolyn Myer—broken nose, migraines, fibromyalgia

Julie Rupley—heart problems

Scott Jackson—congestive heart failure

George Bridge—continuing recovery of cancer

Anthony Turowski—congestive heart failure

Dawn Nichols—flesh eating bacteria on her arm

Juanita Kunkle—dementia & physical problems

Grayson Rupley—sensory disorder

Allison Stickel— health & anxiety issues

Jim—dementia

Diane Jackson—blood clots

Pat Waldfogel—broken wrist and knee problems

The safety of the unborn

Our Saviour Lutheran

Missionaries

National Day of Prayer

The first Thursday of May each year is designated as a day for the people of our country to pray. Yes, there is separation of state and church in America, but religious people in our nation would never vote for the separation of America from God. This country surely will always remain, “one nation under God.” Therefore we are right to set aside a day for national prayer — a day when we can beseech God’s guidance regarding our nation’s policies and actions, and pray for the general welfare of all citizens, especially for the helpless and those suffering injustices.

A prayer for Mom

A young boy had been misbehaving, so his mother sent him to his room. Sometime later, he came out and told his mom he’d prayed about the matter. “That’s good,” she replied. “If you ask God for help to not misbehave, he’ll help you.”

“Oh, I didn’t pray for help behaving,” said the boy. “I prayed for God to help you put up with me.”



Christ Risen!

He is Risen Indeed.

Alleluia!

Dear Family of Our Saviour,

I long for the day when I will be able to see you face-to-face and see all of you in your proper pew as we can worship together once again. The day is coming when we will be together again, but until then, we wait upon the Lord. Every Sunday, as I stand in the pulpit, I continue to pray for each you that the Lord will keep you in good health and continue to provide for your needs as the challenges caused by this pandemic continue.

Until the governor gives us the green light to resume in-person worship, we will continue to livestream our services on **Facebook Live at 10:15 am**. You also can access the service directly from our web page, www.oslHUDSON.org without a Facebook account. Each week, a video of the service is emailed to all for whom we have an email address. If the church does not have your current email address, you can send your address to me at pastorosl@stjohnsadrian.org. My greatest challenge is finding ways to stay connected to you and keep up with what is happening in your life. I am always available through email or my cellphone, 314-517-0873, never hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can be of service to you.

I am amazed how the Lord is using our live broadcasts to reach many more people than who would normally be sitting in the pews on Sunday morning. On average, over 150 people, have viewed some portion of each recorded worship service. I don't always know how long someone views our service or from where they are watching. What I do know is, the Holy Spirit is entering the hearts of the viewers and will begin or continue His work of calling people to faith.

I want to thank you all for your continued faithfulness in your regular offerings. It is a topic that I rarely need to preach about as you have a correct understanding of returning a portion of God's blessings back to Him for the work of the church. There are financial strains, for everyone, over the last weeks but you have found ways to continue your offerings to the extent that you are able. The Lord knows the needs of our congregation and will not just continue to provide for His Church, but also for you, His redeemed child.



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When we have the “ALL CLEAR” to gather again, I am hoping for an Our Saviour Family Reunion! We all will have been away from each other for many weeks. What a great opportunity to reconnect with one another and reestablish our habit of gathering for worship on a regular basis! I believe this pandemic has shown how important being a part of the Our Saviour Family is to all of us—something we all have missed. It has also shown the value of gathering together to worship our Lord, hear His Word and receive His Sacrament—a privilege that we may often have taken for granted. I am looking forward to our Family Reunion, whenever that may be.

Let me close with these words from Isaiah 43, verses that I have shared with many of you during a time of personal crisis. They are a reminder to each of us that you are special in the eyes of God, that He has, and will, overcome any adversity we face because He is our God and Savior.

*“But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,*

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

Isaiah 43:1-3

May the Lord continue to watch over you and keep you in His care.

Pastor Al



Birthdays

12 Mary Boehk
Amelia Klinger
19 Ben Rupley
21 John Boehk

24 Katie Cox
Brantley Root
25 Erin Wonderly
28 Janice Barrow

MEMORIAL DAY



12 Chad & Eve Root
16 Tom & Beth Fowler
19 Daniel & Jessica Patrick
21 Mark & Lori Butts

GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO ALL

Memorial Day

Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones – especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:15 AM Worship Service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:15 AM Worship Service Coins for Compassion	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sixth Sunday of Easter 10:15 AM Worship Service	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:15 AM Worship Service Special One Offering	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 The Day of Pentecost 10:15 AM Worship Service						