

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Church Council

Church Council meets Sunday, October 6th, following service.

Ladies' Guild

Ladies' Guild meets Thursday, October 3rd, at 7:00 PM at the church.

Keep clinging

When his wife received a stage-four cancer diagnosis, Mike Nappa was asked why he wasn't angry at God. His first answer: Anger is "beyond futile," as it can't change tough circumstances. His second answer was another question: "Why would I lash out in anger toward the only thing that brings me solace? That'd be akin to punching the lifeguard who's trying to save me from drowning."

"I must cling to Christ — desperately, determinedly, gratefully — for strength to see myself through every moment, both good and hurtful, both joyful and sorrowful," Nappa writes. "I've found Jesus to be more than sufficient. He is a man of sorrows who knows how to share mine and who tells me gently, in ways that I can believe, that in the end, everything is going to be OK. God is good; he is always good."

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Pillars of the faith

Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses, or thoughts, to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, many Christians remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted.

Luther's theses contained three main pillars, which have stood for over 500 years.

1. *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture Alone) - The Bible is the sole authority in matters of faith, life and conduct. 'All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV).

2. *Sola Fide* (Faith Alone) - Christians are justified, or declared righteous, only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. Although morality and good works are important, they alone cannot lead to salvation. 'A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ' (Galatians 2:16, NRSV).

3. *Sola Gratia* (Grace Alone) - Grace is God's unmerited, or undeserved, favor. Salvation is a free gift from our gracious God. 'For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast' (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV).



The Family of Kevin Grimm
The Family of Mark Hanna
The Family of Mike Sanborn
Dr. Leland Wolf—heart attack
Addie Clock—inflamed appendix (was to
start teaching in Grand Rapids Monday)
Anthony Turowski—congestive heart
failure
Jayme Bujdos —healthy pregnancy
Dawn Nichols—flesh eating bacteria on her
arm
Ray & Cathy—to have a healthy baby
Gloria Spencer—recovery from stroke
John Boehk—strength

Juanita Kunkle—dementia & physical
problems
Donna Klinger—healing from back surgery
Grayson Rupley—sensory disorder
Margaret Runnells—broken leg
complications and cancer
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

“Jesus no cry”

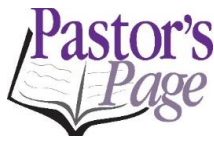
Author Marlo Schalesky recalls her 2-year-old’s first table prayer: “Jesus no cry. Jesus be happy. Amen.” Her 5-year-old sister was unimpressed, calling it “a funny prayer.” But Mom affirmed it as fine, later blogging: “I saw how woefully self-centered my own prayers had become. ... [In my daughter’s] language ... they would sound more like ‘Marlo no cry. Marlo be happy.’”

So Schalesky made some intentional changes. “Instead of only asking for God’s blessing, I’m focusing more on asking God to help me to be pleasing to him. ... When I ask for wisdom, I also ask him to help me honor him in all I do and think. And instead of focusing on my desire for all to go well, I ask him what I can do to bring him joy. ... I am learning to pray with childlike faith. I’m learning to pray, ‘Jesus no cry. Jesus be happy.’”

Unimaginable impact

You don’t know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death. But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.

—John Ortberg, *The Life You’ve Always Wanted*



Who likes deadlines? It is a rare person who enjoys and gets excited about deadlines. Most of us have a little thread of procrastination that runs through our veins that keeps us from accomplishing a task before the pressure of a deadline looms. Tax season is the most well-known deadline. File by April 15 or express face the wrath of the IRS and face penalties and prosecution. **No Mercy!** Miss paying a credit card bill by the deadline, even by a minute, and you are penalized with a late fee. **No Mercy!** College students often thrive by the pressure created by deadlines. A paper has been assigned that won't be due for several weeks. The paper will count a good percentage of the student's final grade. It would make sense for the student to begin work on the paper long before the deadline so as to avoid any unnecessary stress as the due date approaches. The attitude of the average student is, "*I have plenty of time to get the paper finished!*" Days and weeks pass with no progress but then reality sets in, "*My paper is due tomorrow!*", resulting in a long day at the library and the burning of the midnight oil.

Who likes deadlines? Talk to any church worker and ask them what deadline they dislike the most and it will be the church newsletter! Every month, the church administrator reminds the staff of the newsletter deadline and all the staff members hide their heads in shame because they know they often wait to the last minute before submitting their article. Who likes deadlines! Your pastor is no different! The newsletter is a valuable way of communicating information to church members but the newsletter deadline comes around so quickly! No sooner do I finish with an article for the current newsletter that I am soon reminded of the deadline for the next month. Time passes so quickly when you have a newsletter deadline! **No Mercy!**

This month, I saw the deadline for this month's article was fast approaching. I could have taken a few moments to compose an article and submit it before the deadline but that would be the result in a perfect world that doesn't exist, at least my world. My intentions were noble but the execution flawed. The deadline came and went and I was prepared for a well-deserved but gentle reprimand from JoAnn. I deserved **no mercy** but received **mercy** and given some extra time to submit my article.

"*The wages of sin is death.*" Romans 6:23. That's a REAL deadline! It is a deadline that no one can escape. **No Mercy!** Thanks be to God it is a deadline that we do not need to fear or stress over. "*The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life.*" To all those who confess their faith in the redeeming act of Jesus by His death on the cross and repent of their sins...they shall receive **MERCY!** There are many who will either procrastinate or completely reject God's invitation to follow Jesus. Look around you, who is procrastinating their following of Jesus? God may be bringing them to your mind that you might be the one whom He use to help them beat the final deadline. We are entering the season of the year where we have many opportunities to invite others to encounter Jesus. Rather than getting a head start on your Christmas list, don't procrastinate and begin making your list of those you can invite to worship. Keep a friend from procrastinating—the deadline is coming!

Pastor Al

MEMBER INFORMATION CLASS

A six-week member information class will begin Tuesday evening, October 1. The time will be determined when the number of attendees is known. During the class, participants will explore the teachings of Scripture and the doctrines and teachings of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Upon completion of the class, members will be given the option to become a part of the LC-MS and Our Saviour Lutheran Church. If you are aware of any individual who might have an interest in learning more about faith and living as a follower of Jesus, please speak with Pastor Al. Any member who would like a quick refresher course is also invited to attend.

Ladies' Guild Minutes
September 5, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM. Eight members present. First business to vote Mary Boehk, secretary.

Treasurer's Report: balance \$1,207.01.

1. L.W.M.L. Sunday is October 6, 2019.
2. Fall Rally is October 19. Begins at 9:30 AM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jackson.
3. Convention – Gaylord, July 10-12, 2020.

All motioned.

Lutheran World Relief Kits delivered at Howell, Michigan October 12-13.

Put Kits together at October 3rd meeting. Linda picks up bags. Motion, Mary Boehk, second, Linda Ruggles.

1. Hygiene Kits – Gloria Spencer in charge.
2. Change have Secret Sister – September thru May. Start again in May.
3. Voted September 28, 2019, Saturday, for Hot Dog Roast at 6:00 PM at the church.

Adjourned.

Mary Boehk, Secretary



- 3 Watson Clark
- 5 Stephanie Betz
- Ryan Bush
- Jim Gutierrez
- Taylor Styron
- 6 Bill Klinger
- 9 Malia Grayer
- 10 Bryce Gutierrez

- 11 Samantha Rieger
- 13 Genesis Hines
- 17 Jesse Heistan
- Brandon Murphy
- 24 Lucas Gutierrez
- Sarah Manders
- 25 Gracen Lucas
- 28 John Mattison



- 4 Watson & JoAnn Clark
- 22 Gary & Julie Perkins
- 23 Ted & Sue Minton
- 27 Doug & Sharon Shields



GOD’S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO ALL

Pastor Appreciation Month

Many churches observe October as Pastor Appreciation Month. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it’s not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him, the answer would likely be, “Pray for me.”

St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, “I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God’s will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company” (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).



October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Ladies' Guild meets at 7:00 PM	4	5
6 17 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Worship Service L.W.M.L. Sunday Church Council meets	7	8	9	10	11	12 MOPS 10:00AM - Noon
13 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Holy Communion Coins for Compassion	14	15	16	17	18	19 Fall Rally at Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson 9:30 AM
20 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Worship Service Newsletter deadline	21	22	23	24	25	26 MOPS 10:00AM - Noon
27 Reformation Day (Observed) 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Holy Communion Special One Offering	28	29	30	31		