

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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“Even the dogs under
the table eat the
children’s crumbs.”

Mark 7:28

Church Council

Church Council meets Sunday, September 1st, following the service.

Ladies’ Guild

Ladies’ Guild will meet Thursday, September 5th, at 6:00 PM. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for food. All ladies are invited. Please come and join us for a delicious meal and fellowship.

Family Time

On Sunday, September 29, we will have a Family Time. Details to follow.

Collecting School Kits

Again, this year we will be collecting school kits for Lutheran World Relief. There is a basket for collection and lists for you as you shop in back. Thank you for all your help! Needed for each kits: FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8” x 10 ½”; no loose leaf paper; ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other; ONE pencil sharpener; ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well); FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons; ONE 2½” eraser. Deadline is September 29.

Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids resumes at Our Saviour Lutheran Church beginning Sunday, September 8th from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM. For ages preschool through 8th grade. Join us for crafts, story time, and snacks.

Labors of love

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, “It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God.” As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer’s end but in celebrating the ways nearly all “duties and labors of life” can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they’ll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in “spiritual union with God”: cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise. In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!



The Family of Ann Daub
The Family of Mark Hanna
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 of back
Mike Sanborn—brain injury
Grayson Rupley—sensory disorder
Margaret Runnells—broken leg complications and cancer
Allison Stickel—health & anxiety issues
Jim—dementia
Diane Jackson—blood clots
Pat Waldfogel—knee problems
The safety of the unborn
Our Saviour Lutheran Missionaries

Happy birthday to — and for — you!

Birthdays are unique because they celebrate who someone *is*, not what they've *done*. Henri Nouwen wrote, "It is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone, 'Thank you for being you.' ... On a birthday we do not say, 'Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished.' No, we say, 'Thank you for being born and being among us.'"

To rejoice over someone purely for who they are is an echo of God's joy over us. Some families celebrate "baptism birthdays" (anniversaries) by lighting candles, sharing scripture and prayer, perhaps looking at photos and recounting stories of that milestone event that marked the beginning of their faith life.

On a birthday, said Nouwen, "we lift someone up and let everyone say, 'We love you.'" In baptism, God lifts us to his very heart and declares, "You are my precious child. I love you."

OSL Ladies' Guild Meeting

June 6, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.

Open with The Lord's Prayer.

Secretary Report read. Motion to accept by Dody F. and second by Diane S.

Treasury Report read. On hand \$609.81, receipts read and disbursements read. Motion to accept Betty R. and seconded Diane S.

Old Business: Secret Sister postponed till further date.

Motion to adjourn Dody F. and seconded Betty R.

Mary Boehk



I read a recent article in USA TODAY title, “*Churches could win back teens like me if they were more welcoming and less judgmental.*” It was the perspective of a 15-year-old girl outlining her current view of the church and what needed to be done to win back the teens. The article pulled out a statement that was felt to summarize her letter. The teenager writes, “***Church should offer more open-ended resources such as meditation, discussion groups and even nature walks. Let teens come to God in their own way.***” There are some truths and misunderstandings in her statement. She is correct that there are parts of the established church that need to be overhauled. Traditions can be either a strength or a weakness and a hindrance for growth. The challenge is determining those traditions that are strengths that need to be retained, in one form or another, and those that can be discarded without jeopardizing the purpose and mission of the church. The teen’s statement illustrates both. “*Church should offer more open-ended resources such as meditation, discussion groups and even nature walks.*” While you may think that her suggestions may seem different and ‘non-traditional’, she makes a valid point that the Church needs to provide a variety of opportunities for people to encounter Christ and the saving grace that he has to offer. It may be different and unusual to those of us who entered the Church many years ago, but we need to remember that the Church is not just about our needs but intended to reach those who are lost. Over the last three years, Our Saviour has been open to a number of ideas to attempt to reach families in Hudson and have put aside, “we never done that before” attitude to do what was felt to be needed. As we continue to seek ways to join Jesus on his mission and remain outwardly focused, the Lord will bless our efforts and new hearts for Jesus will be reached.

The one misunderstanding from the teen’s letter is when she writes, “*Let teens come to God in their own way.*” I fully understand what she was implying but she misunderstands how God works. Luther’s explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles Creed begins with these words, “*I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.*” Because of our sinful nature, we are unable to approach God with the hopes of getting to know Him. Our sinful nature seeks to run away from God rather than towards Him. Our gracious God comes to us through His Word and Sacraments where he reveals Himself to us; His unconditional love and acceptance and the salvation won for us through the work of Jesus Christ.

The teen concluded her letter with this statement, “***Ultimately, young people like me just need to know that “God’s house” does not have to be a room full of people shivering in slightly too cold pews.***” Her desire does not only apply to teenagers but everyone who enters the church’s doors, whether for the first time, or the thousandth time.

We often feel that the young people of today have no desire or interest in the Church. The concerns of this teen are contrary to what our perceptions of the younger generation might be. Our mission is to stay unwavering in the preaching and teaching of the Gospel while having open minds to different ways of reaching the next generation of followers of Jesus.

If you would like to read the entire article, do a Google search for “*Churches could win back teens like me if they were more welcoming and less judgmental.*” I can also provide you with a hard copy to read.

Pastor Al



GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.



Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.

ACROSS

2. David's grandfather
5. Jacob's grandfather
6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN

1. Judah's grandmother
3. Joseph's grandfather
4. Solomon's grandfather
7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obad, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth, Generation



Birthdays

- 1 Betsy Shaffer
Denny Shaffer
- 3 Judith Minton
Dodge Root
- 4 Katie Kwiatkowski
- 5 Debra Heistan
- 10 London Lohr
- 13 Darlene Reuter
Courtney Shields

- 16 Tanya Mattison
- 18 Bryan Gutierrez
- 20 David Klinger
- 21 Eve Root
- 22 Dean Houser
Donna Klinger
- 24 Julie Perkins
- 25 Jessica Martinus



- 1 DeWayne "Bubba" & Sara Elledge
Elliott & Ali Lockhart
- 8 Dale & Erin Wonderly
- 9 Eugene & Kristy Gottschalk
- 11 Bob & Teihlia Rupley
- 25 Bernie & Darlene Reuter



GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO ALL

Bless the students

Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Amen.



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Worship Service Church Council meets	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3	4	5 Ladies' Guild meets at 6:00 PM	6	7
8 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Holy Communion Coins for Compassion	9	10	11	12	13	14 MOPS 10:00AM - Noon
15 14 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Worship Service Newsletter deadline	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Holy Communion Special One Offering	23	24	25	26	27	28 MOPS 10:00AM - Noon
29 16 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Worship Service Family Time—details to follow	30					