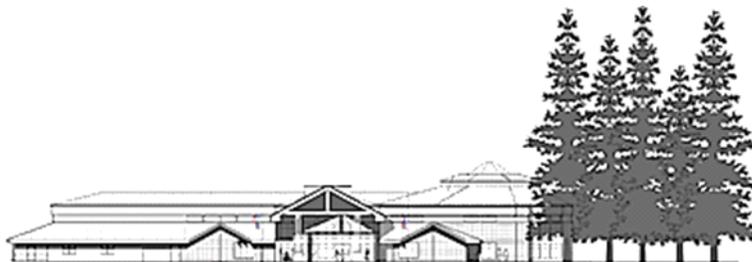


LIVING LOGOS

News for the members and friends of
Living Savior Lutheran Church
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A Note from the Pastor...

Post Eclipse

Millions of people in America (inclusive of many from outside the country) gazed in wonder through their disposable eclipse glasses, special telescopes – even welding helmets, as the moon briefly blocked the light of the sun.

We had been warned of catastrophic traffic. It was to be compared with a Duck game, Beaver game and the Tulip Festival all occurring at the same time. If you were like me, you were braced for the worst because scores of people have been moving to the Portland area in the last few years and the traffic is already worse than it has ever been. Over an extra million people added to the roads? Therefore, what I witnessed on Friday afternoon bordered on, “Eerie!” 99W was unusually empty and I heard reports from others that the same was true of I-5 south that same evening. Had everything been over-hyped?

My wife and I ended up traveling to McMinnville. Making a “day trip” out of this, we were worried again about the traffic. We arose at 3:00am and made our way south. Very few were on the road with us. Coming home was a different story.

I will say that it was worth getting out of bed so early, worth the trip, worth the effort – though brief – it was spectacular, even on the edge of mysterious. I was amazed at how much light we still had on earth even though so much of the sun was blocked. It was an unparalleled view to look at the whole horizon and see dusk all around. And in those few moments when the sun was totally blocked, you could tell that that it was still alive behind the moon in a view that cannot be captured by any camera.

In the era of Martin Luther, such events were immediately connected with the judgment of God, and interpreted as signs of His anger. I am thankful for a different view and interpretation. If anything, I sense we must join with the Psalmist who in Psalm 8 says,

“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

*Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength
because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.*

*When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have
set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?*

*Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory
and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;*

*you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

The Lord, Jesus Christ, brings a light to our world that cannot be hidden by the darkness of sin. Even death could not hold Him. Behind it all He is alive and His ways will not be thwarted. Perhaps as we gather for worship in our sanctuary and look at our stained-glass window, we too will be reminded of His gracious promises to all of us.

Pastor Brandt

YOUTH GROUP for SEPTEMBER!

SCOOP

SR. YOUTH

WEDNESDAYS 9/6 Service Project: Preschool Parent Packets

9/13 TBA

9/20 TBA

9/27 TBA

SAT, SEPT 9 Final Rehearsal for Mission Trip 2017 Presentation (10:45 am)

SUN, SEPT 10 MISSION TRIP 2017 PRESENTATION! (9:45-10:30 am, Fellowship Hall)

SUN, SEPT 17 BIBLE CLASS BEGINS! A time to create! (9:45-10:30 am, Youth Room)

SAT, SEPT 30 SPAGHETTI DINNER!

JR. YOUTH

WED, SEPT 13 PARENT ORIENTATION & CONFIRMATION! (7:00-8:15 pm, Great Room)

SUN, SEPT 17 BIBLE CLASS BEGINS! Getting Acquainted! (9:45-10:30 am)

JR & SR. YOUTH

SAT, SEPT 23 OPERATION OVERCOAT! (8:15 am-1:30 pm)



presentation!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:45 - 10:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

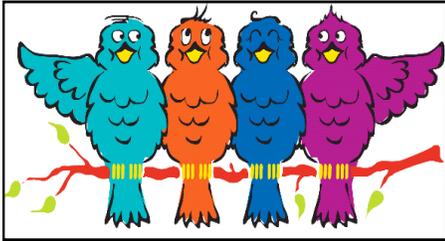
Yes! The Sr. Youth Mission Trip Team will present their experience at "The One Gathering" during the Bible Hour.

There'll be pictures on the big screen, testimonies, singing and ... donut holes!

Everyone is invited!

Bring the whole family!

See you in the Fellowship Hall



It's Back-To-School!

Our theme this year in preschool will be BIRDIES! The teachers are planning on flying high with these little birdies (preschoolers). We are ready to build a nest and settle in for a wonderful year with our preschool families who start on September 11th!

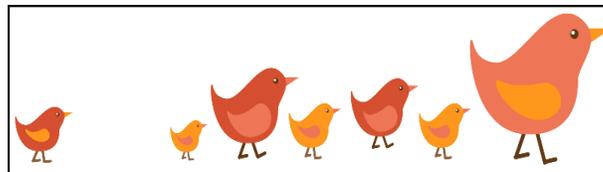
The excitement is building for our Pre-K class which will start September 6th, a week before preschool. Their theme is woodland animals with 16 little Owls (Pre-Kers) flying about gathering knowledge!



Our students and their families met their teachers and classmates on Popsicle Days and the Potluck Play date the last week of August. Now the children know school will be starting

We start the 2017-18 school year off completely full! 112 students are ready to hear about the love of Jesus while we prepare their minds and have some fun with these little ones! The staff and I rejoice and give thanks for the Lord's presence in our lives.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



Just askin'

Do you drive?

Do you attend church on Sundays?

Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to pick up and bring to church members who are no longer able to attend

services due to a lack of transportation. Please contact the church office if you would be available to do this act of love on an occasional basis.



SUPPORT GROUP AT LIVING SAVIOR

We invite you to connect with others at Living Savior who are giving care or have given care to a loved one. Those who are in the midst of care giving could greatly benefit from those who have gone before them. We meet the third Saturday of the month, 9:00am to share resources, encourage one another and fill our spiritual cup. **Please join us!** Friends of Living Savior Lutheran are welcome to join us as well. You may know someone in the work place or community who would benefit from our group. Questions? Contact the Church office.

Saturday, September 16, 9:00am
Library
Living Savior Lutheran

A sign up board is posted by the kitchen door to volunteer to make coffee for our Sunday fellowship time. Choose your date. Thanks!



Amazing Grays

Coming September Events

Thursday, September 7 — Pastor Brandt presentation

Thursday, September 21 — Timberline Lodge at Mt. Hood.
Leave LSLC parking lot at 9:00am to experience a guided tour
with lunch at the Ramshead Restaurant on the second floor with
a beautiful view of Mt. Hood.



Fifteen years ago, Community Warehouse began with a clear intention: to provide household goods and furnishings to local families in need, so they could turn empty housing into homes. With each day, it is better understood how significant furnishings are in the lives of families and children. Community Warehouse helps people create homes that nourish dignity and encourage empowered, self-sufficient community members.

Furniture is their currency, but what Community Warehouse really provides is happiness, housing security, stress relief, and improved quality of life for our neighbors in need.

Community Warehouse uses resources that already exist in our community. The answer to the problem of empty housing is here, circulating through our homes. They can redistribute furnishings and housewares that each of us have in our own homes.

If you have useable used items in your home that you would like to donate, please drop them into the blue Community Warehouse drop bag in the entrance into the fellowship hall or drop off your item at:

Community Warehouse
8380 SW Nyberg St., Tualatin
503-612-0020
M-F, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sat-Sun, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

For more information about Community Warehouse go to: communitywarehouse.org

Most needed items, no missing parts:

Pots & Pans *Clean; no excessive wear*
Baking Pans & Dishes *Clean; no chips, cracks or broken parts*
Toasters/Toaster Ovens *Working condition*
Can Openers
Dressers *Good condition; 6 foot or smaller*
Mattresses *15 yr. or newer, stain free*
Kitchen Tables/Chairs *Good condition, 5ft. or smaller*
Sleeping Pillows *Free from stains & tears*
Blankets *No electric, no stains & tears*
Alarm Clocks *Working condition*



Studying to Serve

We celebrate the beginning of a 50-hour training program to become a Stephen Minister. We ask for your prayers and encouragement as those attending training learn ways to walk along someone who has a loss or challenging event in their life. A listing of study topics will be in each week's parish notes.

Calendar of Events

- September 7 – Welcome Potluck
- September 14 – Stephen Minister training begins
- September 21 – Stephen Minister training & peer Supervision

It's Your Ministry!

Stephen Ministry is YOUR ministry. It is an important way we at Living Savior Lutheran care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone else who is facing difficulties, suggest that they request a Stephen Minister. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you.

Contact:

Pastor Brandt 503-692-3490



Living Savior will host a Red Cross blood drive on September 9 from 8:00am to 1:30pm. To register to donate blood, please call 800-733-2767 or access redcrossblood.org/make-donation.



Oktoberfest 2017 will be held this year on October 21 at Living Savior. The happy hour starts at 4:30 with the dinner at 5:00. This is the only fund raiser that we have at the church.

Please plan to attend this enjoyable event and invite your friends. The tickets will be available this fall. Adult tickets are \$20 with adult beverages included. Children's tickets are \$10.



New Worship Schedule

**SUNDAY
SCHEDULE
TIMES TO
CHANGE**

Beginning September 10:

8:30am Traditional Worship

(Remains the same)

9:45-10:30am Education classes

10:45am Celebration Worship

(New Time)



News from Bethesda Lutheran Auxiliary

Red and white checked table cloths and music welcomed clients and staff to the Bethesda Oregon picnic in Cook Park in August. Dickie's provided a choice of barbecued pork or chicken for lunch. Baked mashed potatoes, beans, mac & cheese and salad greens were choices to complete the meal. Some came back for a second or third helping and still had room for a cookie or two.

All the clients and staff from the four homes in Tualatin came to the picnic along with many others in the greater Portland area. Many had very colorful designs painted on their faces. The same young woman made balloon animals for those who stood patiently in line. The octopus was the most impressive of all the animals.

This was an opportunity for Bethesda Auxiliary and congregations to share the love of Jesus in word and deed. Let me know if you would like to be involved with the auxiliary. **-Sylvia S**

News from Our Group Homes

Dear Friends,

The Group Home Mission in our church was established in 1986, 31 years ago. People in the homes have changed and people in our church have also changed but still our mission to share the "Love of our Lord" has not changed. This past year we studied prayer in our monthly classes. Sadly at our last class we all prayed and cried because of the death of a truly wonderful staff, Owen. He will always be remembered in our hearts. I know that praying helped in all of our grief. Lunches and dinners were enjoyed monthly. Our carnival was lots of fun and starting our Christmas season with a Christmas service and luncheon is a special function. Thank you to everyone for all the Christmas gifts and help at the two functions. If you think of it, take a look at the garden boxes. They are overflowing with lots of vegetables and even a few pumpkins.

Other things that we have done this year is Christmas Caroling and cookies by the 4th, 5th grade Sunday School class. This class always has a class on what it must feel like to be "Mentally Challenged" in a "Welcome to My World" presentation. This past year they requested some classes on other handicaps so they learned about being blind, having a hearing deficit, not being able to walk or use your hands, learning disabilities and more. It was a special time to help people understand and think about people not as their handicap but just as "People". The Auxiliary activities have been supported and all these things help us enrich the lives of our Bethesda friends.

We are in need of a few caring people to be on a committee to help plan activities. We would only need to meet about three times a year. There is a need for some new and fresh ideas to continue to share the "Love Of our Lord". I would like to have our first meeting this month. Please pray that the Lord would open your heart to share the Love he gives us all because we believe. **-Kathye G**



Annual Phil Fibley Memorial Golf Tournament

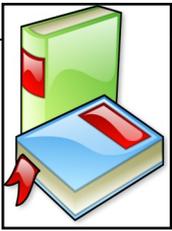
WHEN: September 10, 2017, 1:00 pm, trophy presentation to follow play

WHERE: Charbonneau Country Club, Wilsonville

WHAT: Nine holes of play, scramble format

Four person teams – coming as a single? We will assign you to a team. Or sign up with three friends as a team of four.

Sign up sheet in the narthex. Questions, contact the Church office.



Book Club

Book Club will resume regular meetings on **Saturday, September 9th at 10am**. We will be discussing **“Mornings on Horseback” by David McCullough**. This is a historical novel about Teddy Roosevelt and written by the author of the historical novel “The Wright Brothers” which we enjoyed reading this past year. You are welcome to join us on the second Saturday of each month from September through May whether you have read the book of the month or not. We enjoy good fellowship, lively discussions and of course refreshments. If you have questions contact the Church office.

Our reading list for 2017-2018 is:

Sept. 9	<i>Mornings on Horseback</i>	David McCullough
Oct. 14	<i>Luther and Katharina</i>	Jody Hedlund
Nov. 11	<i>The Return of the Prodigal Son</i>	Henri Nouwen
Dec.	(no meeting)	

Jan. 13	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	L.M. Montgomery
Feb. 10	<i>Astoria</i>	Peter Stark
Mar. 10	<i>The Secrets of Mary Bowser</i>	Lois Leveen
Apr. 14	<i>The Girl Who Wrote Silk</i>	Kelli Estes
May 12	<i>Rise of the Rocket Girls</i>	Nathalia Holt

Greeting Card Collection



We are once again collecting cards to replenish the Marquis and Riverwood assisted living facilities. If we receive enough cards we hope to also offer cards to The Springs in Sherwood. The Shut In ministry team will be sorting all of the collected cards in October. If you have Christmas cards that you don't have use for, please add these so that we can get them to the facilities for use during the holidays. Please contact the Church office if you have any questions.



“You are those who have stood by me in my trials.” -Luke 22:28

Living Savior has an active team of people who have a heart for those who are unable to attend church because of illness or disabilities. As a visitor to shut ins, they have an opportunity to make a positive difference in someone's life by visiting and bringing to them fellowship and love from the congregation.

◆ WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT SHUT INS?

Volunteers are trained for this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or have questions, please contact the Church office.

◆ DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WE CAN VISIT?

Contact the Church office.



CHOIR ALERT

SINGERS – Once again it is time to re-group and join together for our Wednesday rehearsals. Last year was such a successful year – lets do it again! I found this little bit of wisdom that I will share with you. “MUSIC is the supreme solace because it is so much more, it is the spiritual counterpoint to the world's cacophany essential as a

heartbeat.” Add to that the fellowship we enjoy as we sing wonderful words of love and praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. One of the highlights will be the Reformation Service that Living Savior will be hosting with the West Hills and Pacific Circuits. We plan to invite their choirs and instrumentalists to join us our special anthem for the day.

We welcome anyone who likes to sing = young or old. Rehearsals start on September 6th in the balcony from 7 to 8:30 PM. Come, lets MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Dorothy H, Director

Fall Bible Study Opportunities



1st & 3rd Saturdays: Men's club/breakfast —7:00am

Mondays at 6:55pm: Bible Study Fellowship for women at Living Savior (Info at BSFInternational.com or ask Marliese White)

Mondays at 6:45pm: Bible Study Fellowship for men at Lake Grove Presbyterian. (Info at BSFInternational.com or ask Arnie Chase)

Tuesday at 9:10am Bible Study Fellowship for women at Rolling Hills Community Church (Info at BSFInternational.com or ask Judy Chase)

Fridays 9:30-11:00 for everyone in the community room (AKA the Jericho room). Study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

Sundays at 9:45am: Education hour. Everyone is invited.



Come Check Us Out!

DVD's and books are plentiful in our church library. Please take a minute to browse through our inventory. The library is located on the second floor, next to the Upper Room (arched entries). There is self-check out.

PUZZLES!



The church library will be offering puzzles for check out by the end of September. If you have quality puzzles, no pieces missing, that you would like to share with others, place them in the Rubbermaid tub under the clock in the library.



Women's Retreat

The Oregon District LWML is hosting a **women's retreat** September 29-October 1. The theme is "Above All Else, Guard Your Heart" and will be held at the Macleay Christian Retreat Center just east of Salem. Check out the *Oregon Leaguer* in the tract rack or find registration forms on ORLWML.org

The cost is \$150 for two nights lodging and five meals. Scholarships are available if needed. The deadline for submitting registrations has been changed to Sept. 15.

Contact the Church office
For more information.



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Mighty Mites

Good news! Living Savior sent a check for **\$65.04** to support Mission Grants for Lutheran Women in Mission. These donations are gathered in Mite Boxes which are available on the bookshelf between the entrance doors and the Board Room in the Narthex.

Children's boxes are also available.

Mite monies are divided between Oregon District grants and LWML (national) grants. A list of the current projects for both national and Oregon District grants is posted by the large box on the bookshelf.

Please feel free to take a box, fill it with your spare coins and change and say a prayer for the mission money to be used to God's glory as you drop in the coins. When it is full, place your change into the large box which is emptied regularly.

SEPTEMBER DEVOTION

-JUDY C

Backpacks

September is traditionally thought of as the beginning of a new school year. Parents celebrate the routine that a school schedule creates and most people find themselves moving from summer to fall activities and commitments of one kind or another.

Backpacks seem to be an essential item for school kids these days. If you are filling a pack or just purchasing supplies to be sent to school, you may want to use some items as a way to give spiritual significance to some of the items and share your faith.

For example

Ruler: Let Christ rule your life.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!...You made him (man) ruler over all the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet.
(Psalm 8:1,6)

School Glue: Stick to God like glue.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. (Romans 12:9)

Pencil: Write God's word on our heart.

These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up...Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates...(Deuteronomy 6:6-7,9)

Eraser: God erases our sins with His righteousness.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Crayons: The rainbow colors reminds us of God's promise to be our God.

I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.
(Genesis 9:13)

Markers: The marks in Jesus' side and hands are proof of His death and resurrection.

Jesus said to Thomas, put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.
(John 20:27)



Calculator: Count the cost of discipleship.

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? (Luke 14:27-28)

Tissues: To wipe away our tears.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth. (Isaiah 25:8)
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. (Revelation 21:4)

And perhaps the most important item: Not a book, but The Book. **The Bible** lays out the foundation for our faith and the is God's true word for our life.

Is your backpack ready for hiking or camping? What necessities of life might be added to a survival backpack? Water, food, matches, etc.

Is there something in your backpack that shouldn't be there? Fear, worry, guilt, pride, greed, jealousy? Remove these by recognizing and confessing them to God our Father and lighten your load so you carry only that which is wholesome and beneficial.

Are we ready to go? As we trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, we are prepared to speak of God's love and protection each and every day.

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Education Hour: Classes resume in September

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September



- 4 Labor Day
- 10 Sr. Youth Mission Trip Presentation
- 10 New Worship Schedule begins
- 11 Patriot Day
- 10 Bible Study Fellowship begins
- 17 Sunday School Rally Day
- 22 First Day of Autumn

October

- 21 Oktoberfest
- 28 Harvest Party
- 29 Reformation service



The Mission of Living Savior Lutheran Church:

Alive in Christ, we share the love of Jesus—we serve, care for, support and nourish each other, our community, and the world!