May Greetings to all! As I write this (the third week of April), a majority of my relatives in the mid-west are digging out from yet another snow storm, which makes our rain look good. I heard the most interesting thing said about the weather on an OPB show recently. A man from Norway said: “There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing.”

One can put a bit of a theological spin on those words. I am mindful of the whole story of Joseph and his brothers, who out of jealousy and envy sold their brother into slavery in Egypt and then lied to their father about what happened. It seems like such a tragic story and especially from the viewpoint of Jacob who daily mourned the loss of his son (the brothers claimed that he had been killed by a wild animal and produced the torn, blood-soaked, multi-colored garment as proof of what had happened). Even Joseph strove to see the hand of God at work. He would get cut down (sold into slavery) and then rise up (become the manager of Potipher’s house), only to get struck down (falsely accused of impropriety) and put into the federal prison. He would rise up as the manager of all the prisoners only to be forgotten by the man who had been freed by Joseph’s interpretation of his dream.

So, like Joseph, our life is full of many ups and downs. There is no guarantee against bad weather. You can fill in the blank: _______________________________.

However, Joseph used the gifts that the Lord had given him even in the midst of the darkest hours. With time and the providence of God he was lifted to the right hand of Pharaoh. The weather (life) hadn’t been all that pleasant, but the Lord had given him the clothing to weather the storms. And then, as his frightened and disbelieving brothers stood before him, it was as though all of the sudden Joseph could clearly see that God was behind everything that was happening. That God had actually sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and keep you alive.”

Young people will be confirmed again here at Living Savior this month. I am never able to predict the weather that is coming ahead. We can all wish for sunny skies and warm temperatures, but we are foolish to think that everyday will be like that – in fact, as all Oregonians know, the beauty of our summers are a product of the rain in the winter (and fall and spring). I sense that some of my task has been to outfit these young people with the proper clothing so that they might weather the storms of life. Of course, right now, my wife and I think of our son and his circumstances he faces while serving on this deployment with the Marines. One might question whether you have dressed them well enough. With Joseph, we are called upon to remember that the Lord is at work in the midst of all circumstances. There really is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing.

Confirmation Day falls this year for us on the Day of Pentecost. The first Pentecost is the day when the disciples were clothed with power from on high. They had been days of Pentecost ever since even as you and I have been clothed with power from on high in the gift of the Holy Spirit in our Baptism. Confirmation is a celebration of this great truth, namely that we have been wrapped in the robe of Christ’s righteousness and so we are called to use our gifts in the midst of every climate and circumstance. I encourage you to celebrate with us on May 20.

Pastor Brandt
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**JR. YOUTH**

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**
CONFIRMATION DINNER

**SUNDAY, MAY 20**
RITE OF CONFIRMATION (8th Graders) - both services
CONFIRMATION RECEPTION (9:45-10:45 AM)

**NOTE:** Last day of Bible Class for Jr. and Sr. Youth is SUN, MAY 13.

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**SPRING TEA PARTY**

**Saturday, May 12**
2:00 - 4:00 pm
**Fellowship Hall**

**FREE FUN for all Females of the Congregation regardless of age (female friends, too)!**

**Dress:** Sunday best!
**Wear:** a new or vintage hat, gloves (all optional)

Tea, finger sandwiches & desserts, children’s interest stations, a little tea history and trivia, hat revue with prizes, and door prizes!

Please RSVP by Sat, MAY 5, to the church office at 503.692.3490

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**SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES**

**beginning May 27th**

- **Early Service:** 8:30 am
- **Late Service:** 10:15 am

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**MAY DEVOTION**

**Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.**

Luke 24:5b-6

In keeping with the theme of Easter being a season and not a Sunday, I noticed the following devotion by Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner,
Senior Counselor
Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

“He is risen ... He is risen INDEED!” Those are the words we speak on this Easter Sunday morning. This is the victory won for us by Christ!

But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened (Luke 24:12).

So whatʼs next? How do we hold on to this victory won for us by Christ 24/7, 365 days a year? By staying in Godʼs Word and by receiving the assurance of forgiveness in the Lordʼs Supper. But the devilʼs going to give you all kinds of “good reasons” to not hold on so tight to that victory, like: “Sunday is your only day to sleep in!” Or, “the kids have sports on Sundays! Missing one Sunday doesnʼt hurt!” And what about this one, “you can start going to Church and Bible Study more when your schedule lightens up...!” The devil is the one telling you those things, because the truth is that we are not going to be able to hold on to that victory without the strength that comes from Godʼs Word and Sacraments! Celebrate everyday. “He is risen ... He is risen INDEED!”

As Pastor Brandt shared in a recent sermon, Easter is about making us resurrection people and this is good news for us every day. This is the reason we have hope in all of our circumstances—good and bad. We have the assurance of eternal life with our Father and with all the saints that have gone on before us.

Another LWML inspired devotion is based on the hymn I Know that My Redeemer Lives:

**In the Word**

“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God: I myself will see him with my own eyes - I and not another.”

Job 19:26-27a

**Of the Word**

In know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

Inspired by the words in Job 19, this Easter hymn reminds us that Christ has risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ lives to bless us with His love, to forgive us, to guide us, to calm us, to wipe away our tears, and to silence our fears. In other words, our Savior who died for us to release us from the stranglehold of sin, is alive and with us in every aspect of life. What a wonder...what a joy!

“He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!”

Taken from Mustard Seed, Joyful, Joyful by Rev Larry and Shari Miller
Once again, this year has flown by! This is our last month of preschool for the 2017-18 school year. We rejoice with the children at their many accomplishments, from making new friends, learning to write letters, their name, counting, and learning about Jesus, all growth we celebrate!

This month’s Bible stories will tell about God taking care of those who love him when we hear the stories of Queen Esther and Lydia. We will spend a week reviewing some of the many miracles Jesus performed. The last weeks we will review Bible stories we have learned throughout the school year.

Secular topics this month include the ocean and travel/summer. Dramatic play will include two things we all like to enjoy during the summer... the beach and camping. Children will explore the beach with blankets and chairs for lounging and buckets and shovels for digging. The last two weeks, children will be able to go camping complete with a campfire and pond for fishing.

We have a few more spots to fill in the afternoon 3’s & 4’s program for 2018-19 school year. Our morning classes at preschool and Pre-k are full. Do you know of family, friends or neighbors with preschoolers? They need to be (Age 3 or 4 by September 1, 2018) who are looking for a wonderful Christian environment to start their child in. Call Denice 503-692-3303 for more information and a tour.

A big thank you to the congregation for your prayers and your support this past year, through our pie fundraiser and your encouraging words. We always feel so blessed when looking back on another year of joy working with each other, the growth of our preschoolers, and from all the support of our preschool families and congregation. We are blessed to work in such a wonderful environment with these precious children the Lord sends to us.

Have a wonderful summer!
Denice & the Preschool Staff
Thank You, Twila!
The Stephen Ministry team thanks Twila for her years of service; first as a trained Stephen Minister in 1996 and leaders training in 1999. She has faithfully supported the Stephen Ministry at Living Savior with her talents and passion. We wish her well as she pursues other interests. Most recently, Twila has added more hours to volunteer service at Medical Teams International, lucky them!

Ministry Team Retreat at BBR!
The Stephen Ministers attended a retreat April 13-15 at Black Butte Ranch, at the home of Jon & Karen H. The Stephen Ministers prepared for the retreat by reading Don’t Sing Songs to Heavy Heart by Dr. Kenneth Haugk. The book is based on Proverbs 25:20, “Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.” This book is a powerful tool in ministering to grieving people with practical examples and specific suggestions about what to say or do – and what not to say or do.

Bob F., Directory of Family Ministry for the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, lead us through some valuable material and exercises that pertained to the study book. We are thankful for Bob’s wonderful presentation and the opportunity for fellowship.

Encourage One Another....

In 1 Thessalonians 5, Paul writes, “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up...Encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.” God has called us all to build up and encourage one another. For those who are experiencing a really difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can provide the special encouragement, care, and support they need until they are past the crisis.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Pastor Brandt at 503-692-3490.

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 usually 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?

Call the church office at 503.692.3490.

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 am
Library
Living Savior Lutheran
**Church Safety and Security**

The Spiritual Life Board is supporting the recommendation of the Safety and Security committee to improve the security protocols during Sunday Worship. Ushers have been trained and beginning in May you will notice an enhanced lockdown of the church. We ask all to help in keeping the church more secure by limiting and monitoring access into the facility. After use of the facility, re-lock inside doors and turn off the lights when finished occupying a room.

Doors from the Narthex to the core of the building will be kept key-locked at all times and some propped open before or between services, so please leave doors as found and key-locked. During service times use the side Sanctuary door by Pastor’s office to access hallway to nursery and restrooms. Thank you.

The Church Security Team is currently looking for volunteers to help unload the door monitor responsibilities of the Ushers. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tom or Arnie at the church office.

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**Shut In Ministry**

“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, contact the church office.

**DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WE CAN VISIT?**

Contact the church office.

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**Community Warehouse**

**USED GOODS TO GOOD USE**

Many thanks to those who have been contributing items in the purple bag in the corner of the entrance into the Fellowship Hall.

For those who are new to the Community Warehouse, it is like a food bank – only they focus on household goods and furnishings. They are located in Tualatin:

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

We will continue to collect smaller items that will fit in or next to the purple bag. If you are looking for a worthwhile organization to donate furniture that truly serves needy people in our community, this is a great place. You can either drop it off yourself or they will pick up large items at your house for $30.

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

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**Come Check Us Out!**

**DID YOU KNOW?..........**

- That we have a book shelf dedicated for books that the Book Club at Living Savior has read?
- That we have a book shelf of puzzles for you to check out?
- That we have reference material, Bible studies, children’s craft & learning idea books?
- That we have devotions that you may take home and use for as long as needed?

The library is located on the second floor, next to the Upper Room (arched entries). There is self check out.

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**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

**Year to Date Contributions, as of 04/22/2018 are as follows:**

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**Debt Update:**

The current balance on the Building Loan is $1,398,869. All gifts to the Building Fund are applied directly to the loan balance.

**Treasurer Duties – UPDATE:**

After turning 90 in January of this year, Dorothy H. announced her desire to end her nearly 20 years of volunteer service as Treasurer. As part of my duties as Stewardship Chair, I selected Roberta R. to assume the Treasurer duties. Dorothy has been diligently training Roberta over the last several weeks. (We will officially thank Dorothy for her many years of service at our Voters’ Assembly Meeting in June.)

**Effective May 1, 2018,** please direct all questions regarding payroll, reimbursement or other accounting questions to Roberta R. Please use this new email address created specifically for Roberta’s Treasurer related activity: bookkeeper@living-savior.org

Funds from Judy B.’s Estate: We are grateful that over $30,000 was distributed to Living Savior in 2017 from Judy’s Estate. Some of those funds were used to install the new hand rails in the parking lot.

If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Thank you.

Lynette
BOOK CLUB

The book for May 12th is *Rise of the Rocket Girls* by Nathalia Holt. *GOODREADS* on the internet describes the book; In the 1940s and 50s, when the newly minted Jet Propulsion Laboratory needed quick-thinking mathematicians to calculate velocities and plot trajectories, they didn’t turn to male graduates. Rather, they recruited an elite group of young women who, with only pencil, paper, and mathematical prowess, transformed rocket design, helped bring about the first American satellites, and made the exploration of the solar system possible.

We meet the second Saturday of each month, 10:00-11:30 am, September-May. This time affords a lively discussion of the book, fellowship and delicious refreshments, coffee and tea. Please consider joining the group when you can and invite a friend! There is no obligation to attend every month and no pressure to have the right answers because there are NO right answers.

Please bring your suggestions of books to read next year!!

THEOLOGY AND BREW

Watch for Theology and Brew to return near the latter part of May. If you would like to have some input as to the subject matter of these evening gatherings, please submit your ideas to the Theology and Brew suggestion box located in the narthex. Looking at the summer schedule it is going to be some “hit and miss.” However, watch the Parish Notes and look for more announcements. Weather permitting, we will gather outside. As in the past, you are encouraged to bring your favorite beverage (brew). It is an informal gathering.

Spring into Scrip

Scrip is a simple way to raise funds to bring down the church’s mortgage. They are just gift cards that we are able to purchase at a discount that can range from 1.5% to 41%. You buy a gift card to your regular grocery store, department store, restaurant or many other vendors at full value, and the discount associated with the merchant goes to the church. It is so easy and doesn’t cost you a thing. It is just changing your regular spending to using Scrip instead. Check out the forms at the Scrip table.

Any questions? Call the church office.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday May 6th Special Voters’ Meeting 12:15 pm
Saturday May 12th Spring Tea Party 2:00 pm
Sunday May 13th Last Day: Sun School/Bible Class
Sunday May 13th Scholarship Award 8:30 & 11:00
Sunday May 20th Confirmation Celebration 9:45 am
Sunday May 27th Summer Schedule Begins
(8:30am & 10:15am)

Assisted Listening

The assisted listening system deployed at church is undergoing improvements and the first is an expansion into the Parish Hall with updated body pack receivers and second a new WiFi based broadcast to personal devices like a cell phone.

The new body packs have a display which switches between “Sanctuary” and “Parish Hall” and have an optional lanyard that also communicates directly to T-coil enabled hearing aids.

The Audio Everywhere WiFi system, from Listen Technologies, also communicates directly to T-coil enabled hearing aids. Instructions are available at Usher’s table.

I would like to get feedback from any users of either system on how well or not the new improvements are working, thanks.

Arnie C.

THE AMAZING GRAYS

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Scherry B.
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The Amazing Grays meet May 3 at 1:00 pm at the Church. We will have our business meeting. Announce coming events with sign-ups, refreshments and social time. Pastor has the program for the day. Plan to attend and see you there. Dave C.

Bobs Red Mill tour and lunch!

The Amazing Grays are heading to Bobs Red Mill on May 17. We leave the Church parking lot at 10:45 for the 25 min. trip to Bobs. A tour of the plant is scheduled from 11:30 to 1:00. After the tour we have lunch at Bobs restaurant. Followed by free time in the retail store. The cost involved is the price of your lunch and items you may wish to purchase from the store. This is an interesting tour and the best lunch in town. See you there.

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