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

O Day of Rest and Gladness



O day of rest and gladness
 O day of joy and light,
 O balm of care and sadness,
 Most beautiful, most bright;
 This day the high and lowly,
 Through ages joined to bless,
 Sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
 The triune God confess.

(LSB 906)

It's summer – who couldn't be happy? Well, I suppose if you are allergic to the sunlight, or have trouble bearing heat or are suffering from all of the pollen floating in the air – perhaps you are not all that glad. But it is proven that a little sunlight on the skin actually has a positive impact on our mental attitude. Having spent some summers in the Midwest, the summers here are wonderful – low humidity, very rare tornados, exceptionally pleasant evenings, very few bugs and mosquitoes, pleasant nights for sleeping.

Our grandchildren are out of school and will be visiting us for a little while this summer. Austin studied Mount St. Helens in school this past year, so we are going to camp nearby and visit the real thing with them. I don't know if you got to visit your grandparents when you were a child. I did. What a treat. Those visits provide a backdrop for some of the most pleasant memories of my life. Recently I did a memorial service at Marquis. It was heartwarming in that all of the relatives pointed to a grandson who faithfully went and visited his grandfather. He was a balm of care – most beautiful, most bright.

Members of the both the Junior and Senior High Youth Group will be traveling this month. The Junior High to the Coast in a Retreat and the Senior High with adults on a Mission Trip. The Senior High group leaves July 7 and will be traveling to work on the native American Crow Agency Reservation in Montana. The whole week is already planned out for them. They will be exceptionally close to and get to visit the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. For a number of years already, this monument has been staffed by the Native American community. They speak with visitors of the great victory that was won that day as General George Armstrong Custer and his army of soldiers belonging to the United States Calvary were defeated in battle. Clusters of headstones mark the grave sites where men were buried. They also speak of the great sadness that seems to carry on and somewhat evidenced by the fact that youth groups go on mission trips to reservation. I personally know both of the pastors who serve on that reservation and they have given their lives working for the well-being and the proclamation of the Gospel. It is good and important to listen and truly to listen to all sides of a story. Let us pray for their safety in travel and for their work and for what they will bring home with them in their stay among the Crow people.

Summer is typically a time when many take some time for rest and prayerfully gladness comes with it. So that is my prayer for you. A day (or a few of them put together) of rest and gladness. May you find and know balm for your cares and sadness. May you always remember that Your heavenly Father, through His Son Jesus Christ and the call of the Holy Spirit seeks you, knows you, loves you, forgives you and will not abandon you.

Pastor Brandt

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Summer Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:

Traditional Worship 8:30am
 Celebration Worship 10:15am
 Secretary's office hours: Monday: 9:00am - 11:00am
 Tuesday through Friday: 10:00am - 2:00pm
 Office phone: (503) 692-3490
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July

4 Independence Day
 8-11 Sr. youth mission trip - Crow Lake, Montana
 10-13 Jr. youth summer retreat at Devil's Lake

August

12 Annual Church Picnic (one service, 10:15)
 23 Preschool & PreK popsicle/potluck

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!

Sr. Youth Mission Trip 2018 Crow Nation, Montana

Sat-Sun, July 7-15

The Sr. Youth mission trip team of 4 youth and 4 parent chaperons are very excited to be serving Jesus and sharing His love with the people of the Crow Nation—southeast Montana! Our 2018 Mission Trip Team includes:



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| Madalyn A. | Trevor K. |
| Lindalynn S. | Ryan G. |
| Kori A., Chaperon/Trip Leader | Brian A., Chaperon |
| Jennifer K., Chaperon | Paul S., Chaperon |

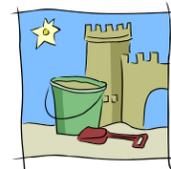


Sponsored by YouthWorks (out of Minnesota), our youth and adults will be assisting with Kids Bible Club, home improvement projects, and their Outrageous Sports Camp. The team will have the opportunity to travel to the Little Bighorn Battlefield and learn more about the Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, and Arapaho victory over the Seventh Calvary. They'll also visit Willow Creek Dam, learn from a community friend and share a meal with community members at a cookout.

JR. YOUTH SUMMER RETREAT TO ...

DEVIL'S LAKE STATE PARK

JULY 10-13, 2018 (Tues-Fri)



Who: 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Graders

Fun in the sun and on the water! We're heading to Lincoln City where we'll have the lake AND the ocean to enjoy, as well as Yurt camping!

Depart: Tuesday, July 10 - late afternoon (Time: TBA) - Meet at church

Return: Friday, July 13 – about 2:00 pm to church



**Sunday,
August 12
One Service
10:15am**

The annual church picnic will follow the service. The Men's Club will supply the entree and the women's group will provide corn on the cob. Bring a salad, dessert or side dish to share. Drinks and table ware will be provided. **Please come and enjoy the fellowship**



Confirmed
Sunday, June 10
Abby P.
Zechariah P.

JULY DEVOTION

-JUDY C.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10*

Early on a Monday morning several months ago I tripped in the dark, and on my way to the floor, I tore the skin back from the corner of my eye on the point of a 12" platform. The details of how it happened are not relevant, but the outcome is. After going from the emergency room at our hospital, to the emergency room at OHSU, I ended up with an ocular plastic surgeon at Casey Eye Institute who stitched me up with great skill and sent me on my way home that evening. By the next morning I had what my daughter called an epic black eye. It got worse before it got better.

I praise God that the vision in my eye was not damaged but it was greatly impaired as I had to put a salve into my eye and along the stitches. I wasn't allowed to put on lotion or make up. Inasmuch as I was feeling well enough, I managed to complete most of my regular commitments the following week. Of course, this got a lot of attention as I was asked how it had happened, how I felt, and so on.

Although the instructions that were sent home with me said no make-up, they didn't say how long I should go without any, so I just decided to muscle through all of the questions and let my black/blue/swollen and red eye and face speak for itself. In fact, I usually forgot what I looked like to others, until I looked in the mirror and reminded myself. In fact, I was kind of shocked sometimes.

And then I thought that perhaps I only noticed my sin like I noticed my damaged eye. I see it when I look into the mirror, but pretty much forget about it the rest of the time. Certainly others can see it, but do I even look for it? And over time, it fades away, so that I don't even noticed it any more.

While my body has the ability to bring healing to specific, wounded areas, it has no ability to bring healing to the source of my sinfulness. That only comes through faith in Christ and the forgiveness of sin which comes by the work and power of the Holy Spirit.

I have been encouraged to think about sin and its consequences recently. It is so easy to just not think about it. Period. But if I don't acknowledge my sin, I don't acknowledge that I need a Savior. Satan would have me think that I am unworthy of being saved, that I have done things for which I could never be forgiven, or even that there are "little" sins which don't really matter. This is why the devil must be called, "Liar."

I am grateful for being able to sing the words from Psalm 51 as the Offering is taken forward on Sunday mornings. The words are directly quoting the Psalm"

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. (Psalm 51:10-12)

The ESV translation of that vs 12 is *...and uphold me with a willing spirit.* I must be willing to examine, confess and accept God's willing forgiveness. Other verses from this Psalm are familiar in our liturgy

*:15 O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth will declare your praise.*

Of course, this Psalm was written by David after he was confronted by his sin with Bathsheba. He confessed his sin and recognized that a broken heart, not sacrifices, is what God desires (*you will not despise.* vs 17).

It behooves me and all believers to be aware that God desires confession (admitting the sin) repentance (I am done with that sin) and renewal (I am forgiven). The Psalms and other scriptures are useful in taking a look at ourselves in an honest fashion and then rejoicing in God's forgives as we recognize He has made us His own dear children, baptized into His family, and cleansed us from all unrighteousness. Even from the sin that we fail to recognize until we look into the mirror. We don't need make-up to cover our sin. God has removed it.



Church History Project

In 2018 Living Savior celebrates its 40th anniversary. If you were an early member of the congregation or have any articles from important events that have taken place at Living Savior or regarding the church, please contact Kathy at the church office, 503.692.3490.



From the Very Beginning...

A Land Flowing with Milk...and Probably Honey too
On April 15, 1852, William Robbins and his family, in a party of 55 individuals, began their 6 month overland trip from Missouri to Oregon with wagons, oxen, cattle, horses, and as many supplies as they could carry. William had no way of knowing whether the trip would be successful and what hardships he and his party would endure. Along the way two of his children died of illness, the whole party was plagued

with dysentery, they were nearly stampeded by their cattle, had horses stolen by natives, and almost lost their belongings while crossing rivers. Once they got to Oregon, the home they were temporarily living in near Oregon City was flooded, and many of their belongings were lost. However thanks to his success in finally getting here, and the Donation Land Claim Act of 1850, William Robbins was able to claim 320 acres of land in Tualatin, Oregon. His heavily wooded land extended north from current day Robbins Road to Sagert Street, and west from 65th Avenue (the Willamette Meridian) to Boones Ferry Road (named after Daniel Boone's grandson, who made the road and the ferry crossing over the Willamette in Wilsonville near the present-day Boone Bridge on I-5.) This made William Robbins the original owner of the land Living Savior Lutheran Church currently sits on and possibly the original owner of the land many in our congregation currently reside on.

From 1853 to the present day, the William Robbins property was sold in parts to others. From 1929 – 1959, it was a land flowing with milk—the site of the Valley Dairy Farms—worked by Harry and Dina Muniksmas and their family. The dairy farm was a critical part of the economy in the area, especially during the Depression years. The dairy farm was sold in 1959 to a Portland dairy. The land was resold in 1971 and subdivided, acquiring the property name Lot 1 of the Bryn Gweled development area.

“Bryn Gweled” translates roughly as “hill of enlightenment” in the Welsh language, a very appropriate name for a property that would become Living Savior Lutheran Church. The land was purchased by the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in 1974 for the purpose of establishing a congregation in Tualatin, Oregon. When the time was right, a call was made to Pastor Harold “Hal” Hingst on April 1, 1978, and Pastor Hal began his employment with the Northwest District on July 1, 1978—working William Robbins land gathering members for the new church. The trees in the “grove” to the north side of the church are over 145 years old, most likely planted after the initial clearing of the land and a testament to its history. The church property was officially deeded to Living Savior in 1981.

There is, of course, more to this history, as we are all here—in this place and time—as members of one body, one congregation. Not only are we members of Living Savior Lutheran, but also members of Christ's family. We are grateful to be able to look back on our history as well as looking forward to the many opportunities and gifts that await us.

Lutheran Women in Mission

July Mite Focus

Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries



Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM) —\$93,000

This is a ministry primarily to Arabic-speaking peoples and Muslims in particular. They bring the Good News of salvation through their teaching and by the power of the Holy Spirit. BOLM's outreach impacts lives in the United States and in the Middle East. They educate and disciple new believers and, as the Lord wills, commission them as missionaries. They need funds to support their internet seminary for two years; acquire Bibles in various languages for distribution, acquire and distribute copies of *Luther's Small Catechism* in Arabic, and for expenses for phone and internet.



PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

Especially on July 4th, we want to recognize our members and friends serving in the Armed Forces.

Shari R., the newly elected Chairman of the Mission and Service Board is again taking donations for boxes which are being sent overseas. Please bring protein bars, top ramen, Emergen C, antifungal cream and powder, sunscreen and socks. Please no liquids, aerosols or pork related products.

The mailing cost for shipping is \$17.40 per box and all of the funds contributed to date have been used. Thank you for your generous support.

If you have any questions, please the church office.

Thank you to all those who have donated time, items, or postage money to support those on our prayer list: Micah B., Chris H., Grant H., Dennis E. and Josh S..

Call Committee Updates

According to our constitution, it is the responsibility of the Spiritual Life Board (SLB) to form the Call Committee. A number of SLB members were able to commit to serve and then an attempt was made to identify areas of “need” in representation and/or abilities that would be beneficial to our effort. Candidate suggestions made by SLB, Board of Ed and Youth Board were added to our list for consideration, as were volunteers from within the congregation. An attempt was then made to match the identified “need” with a qualified candidate. Serving on the Call Committee:

Jon H.	Spiritual Life Board
Kori A.	Spiritual Life Board
Darin D.	Spiritual Life Board
Phil B.	Spiritual Life Board
Rae P.	Spiritual Life Board
Michelle W.	Pre-School Teacher
Julie I.	Youth Board Chair/Member
Bob D.	Youth Board Member/Band
Brenna M.	Sr. Youth
Tara E.	Sunday School
Peter P.	At Large
Tim M.	At Large
Jon L.	Youth Board Member /At Large
Pastor Brandt	

At the first meeting on June 19th, Jon L. was elected as chairperson and some procedural items were agreed upon. It is our intent to communicate regularly with the congregation throughout this process using Living Logos, Parish Notes or email. We encourage you to share your thoughts but ask that you do so in writing using the Call Committee Communication form found in the Narthex. The committee will review all submissions placed in the white box adjacent to the blank forms.

Thank you,
Living Savior Call Committee

NEW PEW CARDS

You may have noticed a new pew card, ‘**Emergency Evacuation Info**’.

If not, take a look as it shows the five exit locations from the first floor of the Sanctuary. On the back it shows, in case of a building evacuation, the two Emergency Gathering Areas outside.





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**SUPPORT:
TO HOLD IN
POSITION SO AS
TO KEEP FROM
FALLING, SINK-
ING, OR SLIPPING**

For more information about Stephen Ministry please contact one of the following individuals at the church office.

- Karen H.
- Valorie W.
- Andrew W.
- Pastor Brandt

“When I said, ‘My foot is slipping,’ your love, O LORD, supported me”

Psalm 94:18

Support is something we all need. God gives us support through our Christian brothers and sisters. Let us all be sensitive to one another’s needs and take the time to support each other through prayers, phone calls, friendly chats after church, and even visits. Also, remember that we have Stephen Ministers who are willing to give their support.

Amazing Grays

The Amazing Grays are on Summer Break. We will meet again on September 6 at 1:00pm at the Church. Have a great Summer. -Dave C.

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.

Summer Scrip Dates:

- July 8
- August 5
- August 19 and then every Sunday after that.

Summer Scrip

Questions: Call the church office.

Give it a try or stop by the Scrip counter for more information.



Come Check Us Out!

In addition to the regular library material,

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.

PUZZLES!



The church library is offering puzzles for lending. We use the honor system so please return a borrowed puzzle in a timely fashion so others may use them. If you have quality puzzles, no pieces missing, that you would like to share with others, place them in the plastic tub to the right of the puzzle shelf in the library.



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

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



Ministry Opportunity

A volunteer is needed to take over the Cradle Roll ministry of Living Savior. This person would send out cards and other materials to infants and the very young children in the congregation. It requires no meetings, and it is greatly appreciated by the families who are touched by these gifts. Contact Kathleen F. at the church office for more information or to volunteer.

THEOLOGY AND BREW

Theology and Brew is back for the summer. If you would like to have some input as to the subject matter of these evening gatherings, please submit your ideas in 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 or otherwise). It is an informal gathering. The next meeting is scheduled for July 5.



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 Peggy H. or Lola Erickson at the church office 503.692.3490.

• DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WE CAN VISIT?

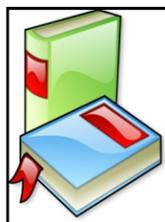
Contact Peggy H. or Lola Erickson at the church office.

New Directories of

Members and Friends are now available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings and in the church office on other days. They are not kept out for privacy reasons.



BOOK CLUB



This was a year of reading some great books. We have put together a list of books for next year that bring variety into our usual reading choices. Remember, you are not expected to come every time. Select the books that you find interesting and that you have time to read and please join us next year.

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.

Sept. 8	<i>Island of Saints: A Story of the One Principle That Frees the Human Spirit</i>	by Andy Andrews
Oct. 13	<i>The Warmth of Other Suns</i>	by Isabel Wilkerson
Nov. 10	<i>The Present</i>	by Spencer Johnson
Jan. 12	<i>Little Women</i>	by Louisa May Alcott
Feb. 9	<i>Border Child</i>	by Michel Stone
Mar. 9	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas, An American Slave</i>	by Frederick Douglas
Apr. 13	<i>Albanian Escape: The True Story of U.S Army Nurses Behind Enemy Lines</i>	by Agnes Jensen Mangerich
May 11	<i>The All Girl Filing Station's Last Reunion</i>	by Fannie Flag



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 Karen H. at the church office.

Saturday, July 21, 9:00 am
Library
Living Savior Lutheran

Assisted Listening

Audio Everywhere Wi-Fi is here:

The latest upgrade to the Assisted Listening System at church is up and running on the church's Wi-Fi intranet.



You can now download an app from either the Apple Store or Google Play called "Audio Everywhere" (by ExXothermic Inc) for your phone, tablet or other Wi-Fi enabled device. With this simple app you can either listen to at church the Sanctuary or Parish Hall audio using your own ear buds or with Blue Tooth enabled hearing aids. You might need to use the app's "Scan" button on first use. This app may also work in other venues outside of LSLC. -Arnie C.

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STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Year to Date Contributions, as of 06/17/2018 are as follows:

General Fund:

Received: \$ 280,486
Budget: \$ 265,384
Variance: \$ + 15,102



Building Fund Contributions: \$29,677

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Debt Update:

The current balance on the **Building Loan** is \$1,259,112. All gifts to the Building Fund are applied directly to the loan balance.

Thanks to all of you who have given consistently to exceed our budgeted revenues the last couple years. The Church Council approved a recommendation from the Stewardship Board to make an additional payment of \$100,000 from our excess funds to reduce our debt. Including your gifts to our Building Fund, we made payments in June totaling \$129,846 to reduce our debt.

If you have questions, please contact me at the church office.

Thank you.
Lynette

Serving Opportunity

Would you like to help with worship services?

The Altar Guild is looking for more volunteers to serve on a regular basis. Training will be provided. Please contact Margaret H. at the church office for more information.



VBS 2018 - Biblical Arts, Music and Food



Dearest Living Savior members and friends:

How can I possibly thank you all enough for the Best Retirement Party ever!? And where do I start?!

From the minute Paul and I walked into the Fellowship Hall, it felt special—beautiful corsage, boutonniere, place settings, music, and people! And what a spread of delicious “love dishes” (Thanks for including chardonnay on the beverage menu. Ha!)

Best Retirement Party ever!



Thank you for the “live” centerpieces! (we planted half the flowers at our house and half at the farm house in Florence)
 And a party would not a party be without Kim W. as MC!
 Thank you Living Savior Choir for the blessing of your inspirational singing!
 Thank you to all who shared in the very touching video—and to Jim S. for creating it!
 Thanks to Julie I. for the slide show!
 Thank you for the beautiful “rooted in Christ” necklace!
 Thanks to the Pin Pals for the autographed quilt!
 Thanks to Sandy V. for my t-shirt quilt!
 Thanks for all your well wishes through cards and gifts.
 Many thanks to Denice & Marlow H., Ginger L., Kim and Betsy W., Marilyn G., Joanne V., Julie M., Lisa T., Cathy D., Linda K., Jim & Debbie S., and Janelle P. who put it all together.
 Thanks to everyone for the many hours of preparation, your servant hands and tired feet that made it a special night full of JOY with the Living Savior family!
 Thanks to ALL of you for the very generous cash gift!! I am overwhelmed and humbled.



God is good all the time; all the time God is good! God has truly blessed me through these 36 years as a Called servant of Christ, including the blessing of serving half of those years with you, Living Savior friends!

*God's Peace & Joy to you,
 Heidi F.*

HEIDI FRANK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A special fund for the youth has been set-up in honor of Heidi and the program she has served for 19 years. The Heidi Frank Scholarship Fund monies will be set aside for all youth in need of financial help for youth events and mission trips. Our first donor donated \$1000 to the fund! Contributions may be made anytime in support of our youth. Make special note that you want your money to go to the **Heidi F. Scholarship Fund**. Thank you.

Welcome New Members

Officially accepted into Living Savior membership on June 17 were **David and Elaine K.**, and their son and his family, **Tim and Jeni K.** with their children, **Max and Alex**

