May

4  Preschool Mother’s Tea
5  Bethesda Spring Fling
7, 9 Oregon Pastors’ Conference
18  Confirmation Dinner
19  Confirmation Sunday
27  Memorial Day

June

1  Jane Kirkpatrick event
2  Choir Concert
9  Voter’s meeting
15  Tuatlin Valley Symphony Concert
16  Father’s Day

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!

A Note from the Pastor...
May 2019

The Book of the Acts of the Apostles has been saddled with an unfortunate title. It is labeled: “The Acts of the Apostles” but as you read, it becomes immediately obvious that someone other than the Apostles is directing all of the things that are recorded. The “sound of the wind” and the “tongues as of fire” and the ability to speak “in other tongues (languages)” all find their source in the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit works through the preaching of Peter as 3,000 are added to their number that day. The Holy Spirit enables Peter and John to preach and to heal a lame man. Led by the Spirit, they preach in the Temple courts even though they had been ordered not to do so. Jesus even told them not to worry about what they would say in front of various authorities because the Holy Spirit would enable them. The Holy Spirit rested upon Stephen even as he was being stoned to death. The Apostles were able to choose all kinds of Deacons who were full of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit directed the missionary work of the Apostle Paul – and sometimes prevented him from work in some places and pushed him to other places.

The Holy Spirit calls people to gather for worship unto this very day. The Holy Spirit provides opportunities for the Good News to be proclaimed. The Holy Spirit hovers over the Stephen Ministry relationships, the Sunday School and Bible Classes, our youth workers, our colleges and seminaries and the hospital visits, weddings and Baptisms, Confirmations and funerals. The Holy Spirit works through sermons preaching and ordinary conversations. The Holy Spirit is at work in our families and is especially active in the reading of God’s Word in our homes. The Holy Spirit will guide this congregation in the calling of their next pastor and the fulfillment of the DCE position. Dare we think any less?

The Holy Spirit directs the timing of all things for the sake of the Gospel and the good of Christ’s Church.

I sought to wait to complete my newsletter article – waiting for the decision from DCE Paul White. Along with all of you who were able to meet him and his wife Andrea in one of his two visits here, I was disappointed for the congregation in that he declined the call to Living Savior. I must surely commend the work of the Additional Staff Call Committee. They did an outstanding job. They did everything they should have done and in good order, but what we learn in something like this is that God’s timing is not always our timing. Good will come of this because God only wants what is good for His Church. Here we listen to Jesus. He calls upon us to pray for the fields are white unto harvest but the workers are few. Here He reminds us that when two or three are gathered together that He is among us. Here we read in His Word that His Word will never be sown in vain, but that it will produce that for which it was sent. Here we remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Here we read that all things work together for good to them that love God who are called according to His purpose.

The Holy Spirit has been at work in them from the Day of their Baptism. The Holy Spirit is never really done with us but always leads us to roads not yet traveled and corners not yet turned. My wife and I have a few of them in front of us yet— as do you. But our Lord Jesus stands before us – able to see around the corner – even the corner of death itself and therefore we need no evil, for God is with us and therefore, who can be against us?

Pastor Brandy
Pastoral Call Workshop - Update

Approximately 100 people attended the April 26 & 27 workshop held at Living Savior where we focused on what God has done, what God is doing, and how God will direct our future. Our facilitator, Jon Lorenz, helped us gain a great deal of insight as we begin the call process.

On Friday we looked at our congregation's Mission Statement, and the Values and Vision plans that were developed at our former Strategic Ministry Planning workshop in 2005. Then we developed what we think are unique qualities to our current congregation. On Saturday we had the opportunity to share our thoughts regarding the attributes of a pastor that both the congregation and our Lord might look for in our next minister. High on the list were preaching and teaching talent. Possession of people skills, appreciation of multiple music styles and strong family ministry support were highly emphasized. More details will come with the final summary that Mr. Lorenz will give to us. All information will be blended into the updated self study which is part of the packet to be sent to Northwest District President, Pastor Paul Linnenmann. The packet contains our request for a list of rostered Lutheran ministers that the Call Committee will evaluate for candidates to fill out our coming pastoral vacancy. Compiling this list will take him a few weeks. At that point, members of the Pastoral Call Committee will begin meeting regularly to review and evaluate prospective candidates.

We want to express wholehearted gratitude to the church members who attended the workshop sessions. Relinquishing 5-6 hours of time on a weekend in Oregon is a true sacrifice and we acknowledge it. Your involvement made this program work, and it worked well. Again, “Thank You.”

I personally want to give a shout-out to the members of our committee who volunteered to take on the extra time-consuming task of becoming team leaders. Their enthusiastic and talented efforts supported the workshop function with the efficient undertaking and innovative thinking that resulted in the smooth running, enjoyable event. Mega thanks to the team leaders:

Karen R., Prayer
Sandra P., Hospitality
Judy C., Communications

Numerous individuals including adults and children contributed to make this a successful and blessed event. We thank you all.

Finally, we need your constant prayer and supplication for divine guidance as we move closer to the blessed event. We thank you all.

Mega Devotion - Judy C.

Be still and know that I am God.
Psalm 46:10

Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Even as Jesus was saying this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. They had to be encouraged by two men in white robes who said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way you saw him go into heaven.

It is probably a good thing the angels were there to send them on their way. They would probably still be gazing in heaven, wondering what just happened.

Mark’s account of the ascension of Jesus tells us that Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. Isn’t this His rightful place? After all the trials and tribulations on earth, Christ is installed where He came from. We confess in our Creed that Jesus ascended into heaven and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. However, just because He is physically out of our sight, doesn’t mean that He is absent. We look forward to the sending of His Spirit at Pentecost.

Jesus’ words to the disciples in Acts apply just as importantly to us today as we are waiting and wondering what God is doing in our lives, in our church, in our nation, in our world. While we want to have a timeline for future events and want to know what to expect, we can trust that God is the ultimate authority of all circumstances. While we don’t know His timing for filling the positions we have at Living Savior, we do know that our God will faithfully keep His word. We cling to Christ’s promise of Matthew 28:20: I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Especially in the days where the future is unclear, God tells us to be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10) and in Psalm 27:14 to wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

DCE CALL

Members of Living Savior voted unanimously on March 17 to issue a call to Paul W. to fill our position of Director of Christian Education. Paul has declined the call so it is possible the Christian Education Call Committee will begin meeting again as we seek God’s will and His timing to fill this position for our congregation.
At Preschool

It’s hard to believe we begin the final month of preschool for the 2018-19 school year, where did the time go?! The teachers spent the year telling many Bible stories and especially the story of Jesus’ life: His birth, His many miraculous works, His death and Alleluia! His resurrection, so that we can be forgiven because He loves us. We rejoice with the children at their many accomplishments. From making new friends, learning their colors, shapes, counting, to write letters, and their name.

Our Christian focus in May will begin with the children learning about Pentecost. The time when disciples shared God’s love with others and the Holy Spirit was at work. We will spend the remaining weeks reviewing Bible stories we have learned throughout the school year.

Secular topics this month include the ocean and travel/summer. We will learn about these topics through books, dramatic play, the touch table, and games. 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 playing in the “water”. The last two weeks, children will be able to go camping complete with a campfire and fishing.

We have a few more spots to fill in the afternoon 3’s & 4’s program for 2019-20 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, 2019) who are looking for a wonderful Christian environment to start their family, friends or neighbors with preschoolers? Do you have any photos, memories, or well-wishes that you would like to share with Pastor and Charlotte? Please submit them to brandreitre-ment@gmail.com or to the designated box in the narthex.

A big thank you to the congregation for your prayers and your support through our fundraiser and your encouraging words. We always feel so blessed when looking back on another year. The joy these children bring to us while watching them grow, and from all the support from 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

Save the Date!

Retirement Celebration

for Pastor Brandt

August 18, 2019

Do you have any photos, memories, or well-wishes that you would like to share with Pastor and Charlotte? Please submit them to brandreitre-ment@gmail.com or to the designated box in the narthex.

The Amazing Grays meet on Thursday May 2nd, 1:00 pm at the Church. We will have our business meeting, refreshments, and social time. We will discuss our outing on the paddle wheeler ship down the Columbia on May 23.

Pastor will lead us in our educational program of interest for the day. See you there!
Dave C.

From our church family . . .

We would like to thank the congregation for all the help given to us during Brent’s recovery from shoulder surgery — meals, transportation, help with the sling, calls, cards, and prayers.

All are appreciated!

Love in Christ,
Brent and Sandy B.

Members of Living Savior,

On behalf of my family, I want to extend a very special thank you for all your support during my husband Herb’s extended illness and death. There are so many of you, I won’t name you individually because I don’t want to omit anyone. Pastor Brandt, the Care Giver’s Group, Choir and bell choir members, and Amazing Gray’s have been wonderful. I give special kudo’s to my Stephen Minister. You all know who you are and I am thankful we’ve been cared for and lifted in prayer by so many.

Vicki S.
The next Mission and Service meeting will be Thursday, May 2 at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ministry Fair: Thank you to all who participated in the April Ministry Fair. It was a wonderful time of gathering together for fellowship and to highlight the many active ministries of Living Savior.

Pin Pals: Join us in tying a no sew fleece blanket after Soup Supper and before the Lenten service. These blankets are part of Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project.

Sharing Jesus’ Love through Action: May — Pray as we all are contemplating choices for our call committee, the committees of the church and delegates to our district and annual meeting. Collect children’s storybooks and donate them to a homeless shelter, community center or library. Participate in a fellowship committee, the committees of the church and delegates to our district and annual meeting. Collect children’s storybooks and donate them to a homeless shelter, community center or library. Participate in a fellowship.

LWML—Coming up! June 20-23 — National convention in Mobile, Alabama.

Memorial Day is a time in which we remember all who served and gave their lives for our freedom. The wearing of poppies is in honor of America’s war dead. The red poppy is a symbol of loss of life and a symbol of recovery and new life, especially in support of those servicemen who were damaged physically or emotionally. After the brutal fighting of World War 1, the red poppy was one of the first plants to grow on the war-torn battlefields. Its seeds scattered in the wind sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground was disturbed. The practice of wearing poppies was further inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields.”

Family Promise at Living Savior

Thank you Living Savior Lutheran Church for your support throughout and during the start up of the Family Promise program. Our first week being a host church went smoothly and ended with messages of thanksgiving from both our guests and Family Promise directors alike.

Our guests felt welcome and loved. Some were checked out after their stay with us, both only having been in the area for two and three weeks.

Family Promise successfully meets an urgent need in our community and could not do so without the support of Living Savior and other participating churches in our area.

Although a date has not been confirmed for our next host week, it likely will take place towards the end of the summer. Family Promise looks to continue to meet this need in our community.

Quilts

The Pin Pals quilting group is sending the spring gathering of quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

The beautiful and colorful creations were recently displayed during services.

Come Check Us Out!

DID YOU KNOW THAT?........

- We have a bookshelf dedicated for books that the Book Club at Living Savior has read.
- We have a bookshelf of puzzles for you to check out.
- We have reference material, Bible studies, children’s craft & learning idea books.
- 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 tube to the right of the puzzle shelf in the library.

Scrip

Don’t forget to buy and use scrip to support Living Savior. Orders placed on Sunday can be picked up the following week. Some gift cards are available for purchase at the scrip counter.

Memorial Day

Saturday, June 1, 2019

1:30 pm

Living Savior Lutheran

8740 SW Sagert, Tualatin

The Power of Pioneering Women

Be captivated by what inspires Jane to write books about women who face challenges and overcome them. She explores what these women did to keep going, how faith affected their lives, and what courage really looks like in those really dark times. Jane explores our challenges now as contemporary pioneer women.

 Invite friends and family to this special opportunity to hear Jane Kirkpatrick, award winning author of historical fiction books of the Northwest.

Refreshments to follow.
Community Warehouse is like a food bank – only they focus on household goods and furnishings. They are located in Tualatin at 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 in the fellowship hall. If you are looking for a worthy 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
- Dresses Good condition; 5 ft. or smaller
- Mattresses 15 yr. or newer, stain free
- Kitchen Tables/Chairs Good condition, 5 ft. or smaller
- Sleeping Pillows Free from stains & tears
- Blankets No electric, no stains & tears
- Alarm Clocks Working condition

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

Lutheran Women in Mission

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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 or know of someone we can visit? Volunteers are trained for this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or have questions, contact:

Peggy H. at the church office.
Lola E. at the church office.

Thank you for your generous and faithful giving!

If you would like to give electronically, you can sign up to participate in the “Joyful Response” program. Forms are available on the counter in the Narthex.

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

Thank you.
Adam W.

CHOIR NEWS — SAVE THIS DATE
JUNE 2, 2019
The Spirit Sings

Our annual concert THE SPIRIT SINGS will be held on Sunday evening, June 2 at 7:15pm. We will be repeating some of the anthems that we have sung this year and featuring the wonderful talent that we have in our congregation.

Living Savior should be very proud of their choir. Not every parish has such a large and dedicated group of singers.

Please invite your friends and relatives and support our choir.

Dorothy H.
Choir Director

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, 10:00am 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, May 18, 10:00am
Library
Living Savior Lutheran

>Youth News

SR. YOUTH: don’t forget to come and have a FIESTA good time with our Group Home Spring Fling! May 5th from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall ~ MUSIC ~ DANCING ~ MAGICIAN ~ SNACKS ~ FELLOWSHIP with all those whom we don’t see on a daily basis. Come and put a smile on someone’s heart! Any questions? Kathye G. or Jennifer K. should have the answer!

-Jennifer K. :)

A Note of Appreciation ~

Members of Living Savior wish to thank the youth of the congregation — and the youth board members and parents — for the wonderful job in providing, serving and cleaning up after the marvelous Easter brunch.

Your efforts did not go unnoticed and you are all greatly appreciated.

Mortgage balance: $1,106,114

Building Fund Contributions: $18,969

Contributions through April 21, 2019 are as follows:

- General Fund
  Received: $ 186,581
  Budget: $ 180,000
  Variance: + 6,581
  Mortgage balance: $1,106,114

Thank you to everyone who stopped at display at the Ministry Fair. We hope you enjoyed seeing some of the activities that go on monthly with our Group Home Friends. I will be calling people in the Fall who signed up to make casseroles or desserts. It is a big help to have people help with the dinners and events. Thank You for this support.

May 5th — Cinco de Mayo — is also the date of our Annual Spring Fling. It is event to have fun and enjoy each others company. This year the youth is helping with singing, dancing and snacks and our special quest is “BJ the Clown, Magician Extraordinaire”. It is a fun event for all, children will love the event and it will give parents a chance to teach how we are all a little different but basically the same and that we all enjoy having a fun time. Come Enjoy!

-Jathye G.