This is the month and graduations and celebrations and transitions. Our own Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Programs will witness these milestones. Young people in our congregation will finish with high school and college classes. I have heard of some who will shortly move in connection with the next phase of their lives. Seventy students from our seminaries in St. Louis, Missouri and Fort Wayne, Indiana, will complete their studies and make preparations for their transition into the congregations in which they have been called to serve.

It’s hard to believe that four years have passed us by, but our own son will transition out of the Marines at the end of this month and looks forward to attending Portland State University where he has been accepted. We are exceedingly thankful for the opportunity to welcome him out of the Marines and thankful for what they instilled in him.

One of our recent prayers in our Sunday morning worship encouraged us with these words saying: “Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

Or as I have read in another of my devotions: “Almighty God, You place people in positions to serve their neighbors. You provide daily bread through people endowed with skills and gifts that come from Your hand. So we pray that you would be with new graduates and all those in transition in their lives. Bless them. Help them to use what they have learned in the past for the benefit of their neighbor in the days to come.” To that end, may the Lord bless all graduates of all ages and circumstances.

On another note, we continue with “Theology and Brew” on the church lawn this month. We are going to focus on a Podcast about Dementia – and how our culture responds. The Podcast gives us the opportunity to hold up our Christian values and the support that we give to one another. The first one takes place on June 12th at 7:00pm. We have a propane generated fire ring. Bring a chair and your favorite beverage/snack. There is a chance that we will have a guest speaker on June 26th - but that still hasn’t been confirmed. These have been delightful summer gatherings as we take advantage of the opportunity to sit outside with one another. We have plenty of parking and the circle seems to grow with the group. I’m looking forward to all of our gatherings.

Finally, we will have special guests among us on June 9th with Dave Andersen and Roger Walck. Dave has actually been here at Living Savior before - about 15 years ago. They are both musicians and will help us in our Sunday morning worship that day. They come in support of Shepherds Canyon Retreat Center which is dedicated to helping Pastors who need to be rescued. For we are all fallen creatures as well and not beyond the temptations of the evil one.

May the Lord bless you – for there isn’t a one of us who doesn’t know the “many changes of this world” and all of us are also known by Jesus – where true joys are found.

Pastor Brandt
Pastoral Call

Preparation for Pastoral Call

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We pray that all members will continue to pray for wisdom and guidance through this process.

Look for the colorful origami prayer doves displayed in the Narthex. Paper will be distributed throughout the call process. Watch for details.

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Memorial Service

A funeral service for Joann M. will be at 11:00am on June 8 at Living Savior. We express our sympathy to Joann M.’s family and friends.

Confirmation

May 19, 2019

Congratulations to

Braden B.,
Emma M.
Andrew R.
Kaitlyn P.

CHOIR NEWS - SPRING CONCERT

JUNE 2, 2019

The Spirit Sings

7:00 pm

Our annual concert will be held on Sunday evening, June 2, at 7:00pm with the theme: The Spirit Sings. 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

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June Devotion

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5

Retreat

According to my dictionary:

1 a going back or backward; withdrawal in the face of opposition or from a dangerous or unpleasant situation.
2 withdrawal to a safe or private place
3 a safe, quiet, or secluded place
4 a period of retirement or seclusion, esp. for spiritual renewal.

Whichever way you look at it, retreat seems to involve movement. We can retreat from something or we can retreat to something or place.

When an army retreats, it is often a sign of loss or fear, especially if it is being forced to withdraw due to enemy attack. We may also let our fear or disappointment, our anger or worry, our health issues or job insecurities or any other “enemy” turn us away from putting our trust in the Lord.

As Christians it is good for us to take the opportunity to withdraw to a safe or private place, or a safe, quiet or secluded place. It is not a going backward but a going forward. It is not a withdrawal in the face of opposition or from a dangerous or unpleasant situation, but a time to trust in the Lord with all our heart to prepare ourselves for meeting that opposition or unpleasant situations in the name of Jesus and with the power of His Word.

The Bible is full of passages which encourage us to turn to the Lord. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. Psalm 22:27

Many of the texts are warnings if we don’t turn back to Him and many are encouragements when we do. He spoke to Jeremiah:

Therefore thus says the Lord: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them... for I am with you to save you and deliver you.” Jeremiah 13:19-20

In order to turn to the Lord, we must have faith that He is trustworthy. And the Bible is full of passages which encourage us to place our trust in Him.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Psalm 25:2

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will act. Psalm 37:5

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. Psalm 56:3-4

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; For the Lord God is my strength and my song, And He has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:2

An excellent way to retreat from opposition and to a safe, quiet place would be to do a word study of the words “trust,” “trusts,” “trusted” and “trustworthy.” You will find rest and encouragement in God’s word.
**FAMILY PROMISE**
On Saturday, June 1, Family Promise will host its annual fundraiser like no other--Drive In Sleep Out. That's right, for the hardy supporters of the Family Promise program, that means sleeping in their cars to catch a glimpse into what sheltering in a car is like. Games, live music and food provided! Fear not however, there are many other ways to support this program if guarding your sleep is a must like it is for most of us.

LSLC has been generous with our beautiful building and in offering assistance while hosting our guests. Thank You! Another way to help is by providing financial support, critical to the maintenance of this ministry that lends a hand to people in crisis. To donate, go to familypromiseoftv.org. Click on the Drive In Sleep Out banner, scroll down slightly to “Click Here to Donate.” Then, make sure to choose the “Teams” tab. From there, you can find a link to Living Savior’s fundraising page. Then, simply click “Make a Donation” and your support will be added to Living Savior’s team! Please see the poster in the Narthex. For more information, contact Karen R. at the church office.

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**Congregational Camp Out and Potluck**
July 18-21
South Beach State Park

On Saturday, July 20, there will be a worship service in the late afternoon followed by a congregational potluck. As you are making your camping menu, please plan for the following: Everyone bring your own entree. Odd numbered sites bring a side dish to share and even numbered sites bring a dessert to share. And don’t forget to bring your favorite beverage of choice as well as your own table service.

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**ITALY AND OBERAMMERGAU**

Questions have been raised concerning the Tour of Italy and Oberammergau in September of 2020 and the answer is, “Yes, this trip is happening.” The dates are September 22 – October 2. Brochures and applications are available in the narthex. As of 5/1/19, there are 14 places left for this tour. Pastor Brandt and Charlotte can answer questions.

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**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

If you have a policy or investment with Thrivent – they are required to return benefits to all shareholders, and they are doing so through a program called “Choice Dollars.” However, you must tell them how you want your Choice Dollars directed. And while you may direct them to any charity, many have directed them to Living Savior and over the years Choice Dollars have added up to over $30,000 in helping us reduce our debt load. However, the dollars just sit there unless you direct them. The tedious part is that you must quarterly tell them to direct your Choice Dollars. Thank you for remembering your church!

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**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 brandtretirement@gmail.com or to the designated box in the narthex.

Contact Susan M. if you would like to help with this event.

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**The Amazing Grays**

The Amazing Grays meet Thursday June 6th at 1:00pm at the Church. We will conduct our business meeting and discuss our upcoming trip June 20th to Fort Vancouver. Pastor will give us his last Amazing Grays information talk. At that time we will give him a special treat for all the help and guidance he has given to the Amazing Grays. THANK YOU PASTOR. The Grays do not meet in July or August.

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**Updated Church Directories**

Updated Church Directories of members and friends of Living Savior are now available in the church office.

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**Tualatin Valley Symphony Concert at LSLC**

The final concert of the year will be held June 9. Members of Living Savior are invited to pick up tickets on Sunday morning for free admission to this concert.

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**Family Promise**

**Of Tualatin Valley**

**Old Fort Vancouver**

Thursday, June 20

We will leave the Church at 9:30am and car pool to the fort. There is some walking on level ground, good shoes, sun glasses, water bottle and camera.

If you have a National Parks pass please bring that on our trip. The admission to the Fort is $10, but that is waved with your pass. Each pass allows 4 people to enter at no charge. The docents for the day will be kitchen, blacksmiths, and carpentry shops. The vegetable garden is also impressive. After our tour of the fort, we will drive to the Park office for a 20min movie about what we have seen. At about 12:45 we will travel to Beaches Restaurant on the river for lunch. The menu is varied and delicious. The view of the river from the Restaurant is great. We should be back by 3:00, depending on traffic.

Come join this outing. It is a Blast!

- Dave C.

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**The River of Life**

Last summer we began an evening program which will conclude this summer. Put July 15-17 on your calendar and plan to join in for three nights of drama, music, dance, crafts and more.

Our theme is “The River of Life” where we will visit the Nile river, the Red Sea and the Jordan River. Our last night is a potluck at the Tualatin Park/River.

Watch for upcoming registration and information as to how you can be a part of this event.

-Charlotte B.

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**Vacation Bible School**

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Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Our budgeted contribution was paid out for use in the two new building projects under construction for homeless families for occupancy scheduled in 2020.

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Grant paid in full: Lace Up with Love—Love INC Shoe Drive. $5,462.50

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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 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

Lutheran Women in Mission

The nation convention for LWML will be in Mobile, Alabama, on June 20-23. Judy Chase is the delegate for the West Hills Zone and will be voting on the proposed mission grants for 2020-2022. If you would like to share some thoughts on voting preferences, you are welcome to do so. The proposed grants are listed on the Lutheran Women in Mission section of the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the date — September 20-22
Christian Life Retreat — “Beautiful Feet” at Macleay Christian Retreat Center (Salem)
Registration forms are available at LWML/OR.org or in the church Narthex.

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; 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

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The Al-Anon and AA at a recent continuing education meeting. We thank the volunteers who conduct the meetings throughout the Portland metro. If you are interested in attending an AA or Al-Anon meeting go to: pxkaa.org

Al-Anon and AA: WHERE PEOPLE IN NEED MEET EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT LIVING SAVIOR

A new training class for Stephen Ministers is starting September 5, 2019. The Holy Spirit may be calling you to the joy, commitment, growth, meaning, training, service, and care of being a Stephen Minister. Pray for God’s guidance as you consider this opportunity. For more information contact:

Karen H. 503-694-8773
Valorie W. 503-740-6734
Andrew W. 503-593-4613
Pastor B. 503-692-3490
Pastor A. 978-514-3231

LEGALLY BLIND

More than 7.7 million (2.4%) Americans are either legally blind (having visual acuity [VA] of 20/200 or worse or a visual field of less than 20 degrees) or are visually impaired (having VA or 20/40 or less). Diane H. spoke to the Stephen Ministers about her journey into near blindness. Diane emphasized that the loss of use of any part of your body or sensory ability is like a death and must be grieved. It behooves us to be sensitive to where a person is in the grieving process. She shared with us some great insights into people with blindness or any disability and how we as caregivers, friends or even complete strangers can be helpful.

We have some members of our congregation who are blind or near blind. We learned that asking if we can help and offering an arm for them to hold onto and guide them to where they would like to go can be very helpful. Also, stating who you are when talking to them can be helpful in identifying yourself.

A SIMPLEx, POWERFUL WAY TO CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE GRIEVING

Journeying through Grief is a set of four short books to send to people at four crucial times during the first year after the loss of a loved one. Author Kenneth C. Haugk writes in a warm, caring style, with short, easy-to-read chapters. He talks alongside the reader through the grief journey, sharing helpful insights about grief, biblical truths, and stories that provide comfort and reassurance. The set includes the four books, four envelopes and a tracking card as to when to send them.

We are making them available to you to share with others. They are $8 and can be purchased in the church office during regular office hours or on Sunday from a Stephen Minister leader.

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Thank you for your faithful giving.

Building Fund Contributions: $21,214

LIVING SAVIOR 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, June 15, 10:00am
Library
Living Savior Lutheran

Sad News: 😕 The Scrip Service Center at the Tigard Tualatin School district is closing after 26 years at the end of June. Luckily, I still have a job in the community relations dept. at the district, but Scrip as we know it today will be changing. I am currently signing up with a National program and hope that they can retain some of our local vendors on the program. But, until that happens, the program will be suspended at the end of June, though we will be selling what we carry in inventory during this time, just no individual orders. I hope to get things up and running in August. Please help the Scrip Center deplete some of their stock by ordering some of the following items. Michaels, Cabela’s, Staples, Bath and Body Works, JC Penney, Jiffy Lube, Baja Fresh, Best Buy, Coldstone, Pottery Barn, See’s certificates, Denny’s, Cine-mark, Pier 1, Sears, Taco Time, The Children’s Place and Victoria’s Secret. These can all be ordered on the NEW updated order form found at the Scrip Mailbox and counter. Some items have been removed as they have sold out, so make sure to have the most up to date form when you place your order.

Stock up now on Fred Meyer, Safeway, New Seasons and all other cards you purchase on a regular basis to hold you over until we get up and running again.

Thanks for your support all of these years, and hopefully you will continue as we embark on a new adventure in scrip.

Any questions just call Holly Warner at the church office.

Terry Putnam, Bethesda Auxiliary, Oregon Unit President, thanks you for your prayers and financial support. You are a blessing to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities so they can know Jesus’ saving love and forgiveness.

Fourteen Bethesda people and seven staff attended the Annual Celebration at St. John Lutheran Church. They helped double the day’s attendance.

Thank you to those of you who contributed to the Inagathering.

-YUIN

The 2019 Spring Fling was a lot of fun. Everyone enjoyed the Cinco De Mayo fun activities, Piñata and Sombrero Pictures. The Mexican cookies were delicious. The highlight of the event was BJ the Clown. Thank you to Jennifer Kinsley, Pastor Brandt the youth and all the people who helped and enjoyed the event.

In June we will continue to use bible lessons to show how Jesus loves us and wants us to “Care and Share” with each other. I hope everyone has a peaceful and fun summer.

-Sylvia S.

Kathy G.