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A Note from the Pastor...

July 2019

Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for this month. You can read additional important details in this newsletter – however, I have a few things to add.

This being the 40th Anniversary of the congregation, perhaps you would be interested in knowing that this congregation really got it's start with a Vacation Bible School. One of the first things that Missionary-at-Large Pastor Hal Hingst did in an effort to start reaching people in the community of Tualatin was to schedule, organize and hold a Vacation Bible School.

I know a little bit about it because I was here. In the summer of 1979 two people from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where I was completing my Vicarage assignment, spoke enthusiastically about helping Pastor Hingst with Vacation Bible School in Tualatin. The two people were Ted and Yvonne Phillips, and they still have ties to this congregation in that their son Paul and his wife Nancy belong to the congregation.

One of the great assets of Pastor Hingst was his ability to organize things and round up volunteers to get the jobs done. One of Dennis Olson's emblazoned memories is, "I went to church once, and by the next week I was reading the Scripture readings."

Vacation Bible School is – as the name suggests, held during the summer vacation. Kids, even my own grandchildren struggle to find enough to do in the summer. VBS is better than watching TV or playing Farm Simulator (or you plug in the game _____). VBS allows children and adults the opportunity to reflect upon the Word of God and this much we know, the Holy Spirit works through the Word of God to build the Christian Church on earth.

Our theme this summer (July 15 – 17 @ 6:00 pm) is "**River of Life.**" Indeed, there are many rivers connected with the people of God in the Scriptures, from Moses and the Nile River to the people of Israel crossing the Red Sea (technically not a river – but it's going to work). And from Naaman in the waters of the Jordan to Jesus baptized in those same waters – standing there born of a woman, born under the Law to redeem those under the Law that we might know the salvation of God.

Another memorable aspect of VBS are the songs. This year we will be singing a song that fits our theme rather nicely by Pastor Terry K. Dittmer:

*There is a river, a river of light, there is a fountain, a fountain of life.
 Makes glad the city, the city of God,
 Abundant in blessing, God's promise expressing it flows like a river.
 God's love is a river, a river of light.*

There is a great danger connected with VBS songs. A pastor friend of mine posted on his Facebook page about a woman who finally entered a West Virginia Emergency Room in an effort to get a VBS song unstuck out of her head. I didn't read the whole article, so I don't know if she was successful. Oh well!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help (and on short notice) and for being one of those enthusiastic people like Ted and Yvonne.

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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 Preschool Office phone: (503) 692-3303
 Sunday school/Christian Education classes will resume in Sept.

July

4 Independence Day
 10 Theology and Brew
 15-17 Vacation Bible School
 18-21 Congregational Campout/Newport
 21-28 Family Promise at Living Savior
 24 Theology and Brew

August

7 Theology and Brew
 18 Pastor Brandt's Retirement Service/Party
 31 Blood Drive



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!



Pastoral Call

Our congregation has received a list of pastors from President Linnemann from which we can select candidates to call. Several of the candidates have impressive qualities and the Call Committee is now sorting out which candidates are the best fit for LSLC. Pray with us that the Holy Spirit will soon guide us to the pastor He has chosen for our parish.

Watch the Parish Notes for future updates regarding the call process.



Welcome New Members

April 7 Dana B.

June 2 Keri E., the G. Family

June 6 Connie K., John & Lou C.

Amazing Grays

We are on summer vacation until September 5th.
Have a great summer!

- Dave C.

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 entrée.

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.



Thank You – Six months ago, around Christmastime, we were diagnosed with cancer – Dwaine with melanoma & Rachel with breast cancer. We were both “standing in the need of prayer” as the old spiritual says. Now our treatments are nearly finished and our doctors have given both of us good reports for the future. We praise our Lord and Creator for His healing hand! He sustains us in His grace. We thank you dear friends of Living Savior, for your many acts of kindness and support – your cards, visits, car rides, food gifts and particularly your fervent prayers for complete healing. We are humbled by your generosity! Thank you! Thank you! ~ Dwaine & Rachel B.



Tualatin School House Pantry

Total contributions of #225 to date of #493.

Current Urgent Needs: Canned fruit, Canned soup, Canned meals (chili, pasta, etc), Boxed mac and cheese, Powdered laundry detergent. **They can always use extra paper grocery bags**

JULY DEVOTION

-JUDY C.

*So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away,
our inner self is being renewed day by day.*

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

There have been several funerals or memorial services at church recently. And whether it is called a funeral or a memorial service, it is a time of grieving for those who attend, most especially to the family members who are most closely related to the one who has died.

It seems popular by some people, to call these services a “celebration of life.” We do want to remember the good things in the life of the deceased, but this term seems to want to avoid the words that are associated with death. Why do you suppose that is?

Do we want to ignore the fact that death is the end of life for that person? No more opportunity to speak with them, or for them to hear us? Or perhaps it is because we don't want to think about the fact that we, too, will die.

For Christians, death is a passing from this life to life with our Lord and Savior. This is something that brings comfort but not joy. We still grieve at the loss we experience. But we do not grieve as one who has no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18~
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Some churches teach that it is wrong to mourn at the death of loved ones since we know they are in a better place, but that ignores the pain and sorrow we naturally feel. It is good to have the opportunity to come together with others, to remember and to say our final earthly “goodbye.” A Christian service gives family and friends to comfort one another and encourage each other.

It is helpful to remember that death was never a part of God's original plan for His people. He created Adam and Eve to live in perfect harmony for eternity. It is only after sin entered the world through rebellion to God's instruction and a desire to be our own god, that our Lord had to limit our time in this world. It would have been terrible to live for eternity in a state of sin.

(Remember Adam and Eve were not forbidden to eat of the tree of life. Adam was forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is a good thing that the pair were forced to leave the Garden of Eden before they ate of the tree of life.)



IN YOUR
PRESENCE
THERE IS
FULLNESS of JOY.

PSALM 16:11

The reality of death is that it will come to all of us sooner or later. We like to think that it will be later, but it is something that we usually have little or no control over.

When contemplating death — whether it is the death of a loved one, or our own — we can be assured that God has provided comfort and encouragement for us in His Word. I have a listing of Psalms which can be used to find comfort and counsel. It suggests that God is our Comforter when we wonder how to Cope with Sorrows, and points to Psalm 31 and 42. When we wonder about what happens at death, we can know that God gives Life Everlasting by reading Psalms 16, 103, 116, or 139.

Having everlasting life means that we have eternal life now which began at our baptism as we were welcomed as a child of God and life everlasting where we will dwell in the presence of God forever — at our physical death or when Christ returns.

St. Paul encourages us in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18~
So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Retirement Celebration
for
Pastor Brandt
 August 18, 2019
 3:30 pm Social Hour, 5:00 pm Program
 6:00 pm Dinner

RSVP REQUESTED
 to
brandtretirement@gmail.com

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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Contributions through June 19, 2019 are as follows:



General Fund:
 Received: \$ 268,559
 Budget: \$ 270,000
 Variance: \$ -1,441

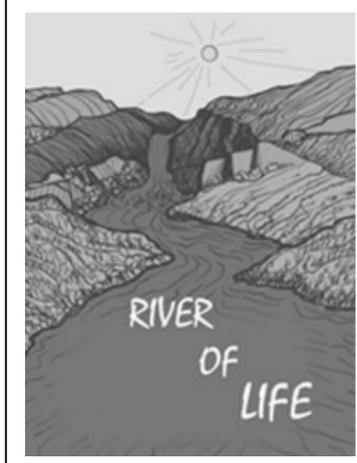
Building Fund Contributions: \$23,224

Thank you for your faithful giving!

- Tired of writing checks? Interested in giving electronically? Please pick up a form to enroll in Joyful Response, available on the counter outside of the church office.

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

Thank you.
 Adam W.



The River of Life ~ Family Vacation Bible

July 15-17

Join us for a trip exploring the "River of Life." We will focus on deliverance as we visit the Nile River in Egypt, the Red Sea and The Jordan River. Each night begins with a meal at 6:00PM followed by the evening's activities at 6:30. Wednesday our potluck meal and last evening's activities will be held by the Tualatin River at the Tualatin Community Park – Main Shelter.

Each night begins with devotions, skits and singing related to our theme. Marketplaces will be offered for all ages. We will end with song and a short closing devotion.

-Charlotte B.

Women's Group

The women's group will be participating in a LCMS World Mission retreat through messages of support to the women in the mission field. Missionary Deaconess Christel Neuendorf and Danelle Putnam have asked for messages of scripture, hymns or prayers for support of these women with the theme 'Rest in Christ'.

Living Savior also shared our Mission and Service Project list with LWML for the book they are compiling to assist the National Women's Fellowship of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ghana. This will show examples of our activities in the congregation, the community and the world.

 **On July 4th** we celebrate Independence Day, which commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 severing our ties with Great Britain.

Sharing Jesus' Love through Action

July is a month of time in the vehicle, use it to listen to uplifting audio CD's. Spend time with folks you have not been able to, go to lunch, have a spa day. Spend time with someone who may have lost a friend or family member sharing your encouragement.

Military Ministry - Living Savior's generous support, thoughts and prayers of Micah, Josh and Dennis during their deployment helps to show our gratitude for their service. We now have an opportunity to recognize one of our own for this service. Please join us on Sunday July 14 for the awarding of a Quilt of Valor to Micah D. Brandt. Quilts of Valor Foundation's mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilt of Valor. Valor is defined as strength of mind, spirit and courage, quality of mind enabling someone to face danger and hardship in service to our country. This once in a life time award is a nomination and confirmation of service and then presented by Quilts of Valor as a gesture of gratitude from a grateful nation for sacrifice and service to defend the United States of America.



THESE NUMBERS HAVE FACES

These Numbers Have Faces have sent a thank you for our support of Innocent in his Impact Circle. He has now \$2,500.00 toward his full scholarship of \$4,200.00. The University Leadership Program has a powerful and lasting impact on the participants.

- 97% of the students graduate from University
- 50% graduate in the top 10% of their classes
- 93% get paying jobs within two years of graduation- 60% in 6 months, even though nationally in Rwanda only 41% of university students get paying jobs in 2 years.
- 33 students will graduate in mid-June, the largest class ever

FAMILY PROMISE



On the week of **July 21-28**, Living Savior will once again open our doors to the homeless in our community. Many of you have in the past offered to help and now after a successful pilot week is behind us, we are eager for your involvement.

Various roles and shifts could be filled by your loving hands and feet (and sleepless eyes) from meal preparation and fellowship, to evening and overnight hosts. If you are interested in these dates or sometime in the future, please contact either Karen R., or Roberta R. at the church office.



Living Savior partnered with Spreetail under a collaborative program called New Beginnings. This program provides mattresses to families moving out of homelessness.

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

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*



During the summer months there will be NO personal orders, but we do have stock to sell at the counter each Sunday. I have stocked up on Fred Meyer, Safeway and Kaady Car Wash, as those are the most popular, and still have some of the others in stock as well. Don't stop using Scrip, let's keep this going. By August I should have us up and running with a National Scrip company and will be sharing how to order online or paper forms as you do now. We will also be adding an App called Benefit Mobile, a way to purchase through your phone, while bringing profits to LSLC. More info to come once it is LSLC is established.

Any questions just email Holly W. at the church office.

Lutheran Women in Mission

Exciting Event...

Hosted by the LWML Oregon District

You are invited to come and meet Rev. John Donkoh who serves as President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kaneshie, Accra Ghana. He was a recipient of an LWML Oregon District Mission Grant and Rev. Donkoh and his wife Monic would like to say

“Thank You” to the Oregon District. Please plan to join in an evening of fellowship and hear how God’s Word is shared with the people in Ghana

Save the date — September 20-22

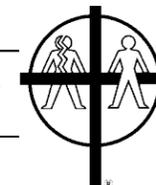
Christian Life Retreat — “Beautiful Feet”

at Macleay Christian Retreat Center (Salem)

Registration forms are available at LWMLOR.org or in the church Narthex.



STEPHEN



MINISTRY

What Does It Take to Become a Stephen Minister (and What Do You Receive in Return)?

Okay, admit it. Stephen Ministry has crossed your mind a few times. You might even have picked up a brochure or talked with someone about it. But now you want to take a closer look at the idea of becoming a Stephen Minister. You’re wondering: Is this right for me? The following are some guidelines that might help you in your decision making.

GIFTS A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion and gives encouragement to and intercedes for those he or she cares for. Many Stephen Ministers say that they receive much more from the caring relationship with their care receiver than they give.

COMMITMENT A Stephen Minister devotes time, energy, and resources to this ministry. In return, a Stephen Minister has the chance to participate in meaningful ministry, make a major difference in another person’s life, and grow as a joyous child of God.

TRAINING A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. He or she learns about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, and many other aspects of caregiving. After completing the initial training, there is continuing education. Stephen Ministers find that their relationships become richer and deeper at home, church, work and with friends

DEDICATED SERVICE A Stephen Minister serves wholeheartedly. This isn’t a casual ministry. It involves prayer, thought, consideration, study, and commitment. In return, the Stephen Minister receives grateful thanks from his or her care receiver, our Stephen Leaders, the congregation, and our Lord.

ACCOUNTABILITY A Stephen Minister is accountable to God, the congregation, the Stephen Leaders, the other Stephen Ministers, and the care receiver. In return, he or she receives support, encouragement, and guidance in Small Group Peer Supervision.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING A Stephen Minister is open to adjusting and adapting his or her caregiving to fit the needs of the care receiver. He or she learns more about caregiving at each meeting with a care receiver and at each supervision session. Stephen Ministry is an experience of continuous learning, growth, and joy.

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.
- Valorie W.
- Andrew W.
- Pastor Brandt 503-692-3490
- Pastor Alexander 978-514-3231



BOOK CLUB

Enjoy a summer of reading books that feed your soul and entertain as well. We hope that you include reading God's word through a Bible study or daily devotion.

We can all look forward to September when we resume our book club which begins Saturday, September 14. We meet the second Saturday of each month, 10:00-11:30am, September-May. A lively discussion of the book occurs, fellowship is shared and we are refreshed with morning goodies, 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. The following is a listing of the books that will be read and discussed:

SEPTEMBER 14	<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i> by Amor Towles
OCTOBER 12	<i>A Duty to the Dead</i> by Charles Todd
NOVEMBER 9	<i>I'm No Hero</i> by Charlie Plumb & Glen DeWerff
DECEMBER	No assigned book
JANUARY 11	<i>O Pioneers</i> by Willa Cather
FEBRUARY 8	<i>The Gown</i> by Jennifer Robson
MARCH 14	<i>Major Pettigrew's Last Stand</i> by Helen Simonson
APRIL 11	<i>Carnegie's Maid</i> by Marie Benedict
MAY 9	<i>The Language of Flowers</i> by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

YOUTH NEWS

JR. YOUTH

Northwest Children Outreach is always in need of help on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Jr Youth families are always welcome, too.

SR. YOUTH

The Mission Trip for 2019 is to be involved with our very own VBS, July 15-19, followed by a trip to Wild Waves in Federal, WA, leaving Thursday and returning Friday for student pick up. More details will come after school is out!
-Jennifer K.

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, **10:00 am** (not 9:00 am as before) 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 20, 10:00 am
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CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES

Trevor K.
Tualatin High School
Future Plans—PCC with plans to transfer to PSU

Kris B.
Portland State University
Graduated with a BS in Geography

Moriah B.
George Fox University
Graduated with a BS in Nursing
Future Plans - Heading to Boise, ID to work

Adrian M.
George Fox University
Graduated with a BA in English
Future Plans - Kent College of Law

Sarah R.
PCC Early College HS Diploma & AA Degree
Future Plans - University of Utah
Business & Dance Majors

Gretchen N.
New England School of Medicine
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine - Family Practice
Future Plans - Residency in Colorado Springs, CO

Emily R.
Silvercreek High School
Future Plans - Soccer Scholarship to
Fort Hays State University in Kansas
Physical Therapy Major



A big thank you to Fred P. and Jenifer K. for stepping up and filling vacant positions during transitional periods!

Welcome to newly elected members Lori S., Dara M. and Mary W.!

CURRENT COUNCIL

President – Cathy D.

Vice-President – Shane J.

Spiritual Life Board Chair – Rae P.

Mission and Service Board Chair – Shari R.

Fellowship and Outreach Board Chair – Shane J.

Properties Board Chair – Dennis O.

Board of Education Board Chair– Lori S.

Stewardship Board Chair – Adam W.

Youth Board Co - Chairs – Dara M. and Mary W.

Co - Treasurer – Roberta R. and Lynette W.