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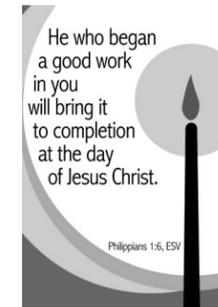
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 Living Savior Lutheran Church
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A Note from the Pastor...



“To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Living Savior: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Portions of Philippians 1:1–6)

Paul always greets the reader with “Grace and peace”, which I think is an appropriate way to begin this, my first letter to you – “all the saints in Christ Jesus at Living Savior.” You may remember that this text was read at Pastor Brandt’s “Farewell and Godspeed” service on August 18th; it is a favorite text for Pastors as they think about the people of the congregations they serve. It certainly remains my point of reference as we serve each other and in so doing serve Jesus Christ our Lord.

I ask each of you to “Thank God in all your prayers for the joy of being partners in the gospel from the 1st day until now.” Pray with confidence knowing that “He who began a good work in you – sanctifying and growing each of us in the Holy Spirit’s gift of grace and faith and peace - will carry it on to completion until the day that our Lord returns or we go home to be with Him.

Pray for me. I will pray for you. Our mutual prayer should be that we “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God’s people who are in need.” (Romans 12:10–13)

To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Living Savior: Grace and peace to you.
 Amen.

Pastor Phil Alexander



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Summer Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:

Traditional Worship 8:30am
 Sunday school/Christian Education classes resume Sept. 15 9:45am
 Celebration Worship 11:00am
 Secretary’s office hours: Monday: 9:00am - 11:00am
 Tuesday through Friday: 10:00am - 2:00pm
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 Preschool Office phone: (503) 692-3303

September

- 2 Labor Day
- 8 Regular worship times and Christian Education classes resume
- 8 Single Women’s Ministry meeting
- 9 Bible Study Fellowship begins new study
- 9-11 Preschool begins
- 14 Altar Guild Meeting



October

- 6 World Communion Sunday
- 12 Women’s Seminar
- 19 West Hills Zone Rally
- 26 Family Harvest Party
- 27 Reformation Sunday
- 27 Tualatin Valley Symphony Fall Concert

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 Committee



Preparing for
OUR NEW
PASTOR

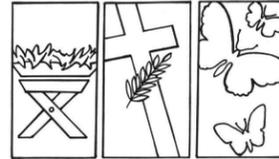
The Committee has now thoroughly studied the pastoral candidates whose names came from either the Northwest District or from members of our congregation. Interviews have been conducted with those deemed to be the best fit for our congregation. Three candidates have been interviewed personally here at Living Savior Lutheran which included question and answer meetings with the congregation.

A congregational voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, where our next pastor may be selected for a call. This voter's meeting will follow the second service and a light lunch will be served. Circle the date and plan on being there. We need full participation of the congregation in this process.

Please pray for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit as we enter this next and what may be the final phase.

Jon H.

Pastoral Call Committee Chair



Amazing Grays

The Amazing Grays meet on **Thursday, September 5th** at 1:00 pm.. We will start our Fall Program called History of Our Neighboring Communities. This month's program is focuses on Sherwood and St. Paul Lutheran Church. This Church is the oldest Church in our area. We have invited the senior group from St. Paul to come join our group for this informative gathering. See you there.

- Dave C.

The Amazing Grays will be visiting the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge on **Thursday, September 19th** for a tour of the Visitor & Environmental Education Center, a presentation by the staff and a short guided walk on the trails. Join us to learn about this special place, the wildlife that lives there and the habitat that supports it. Lunch will follow at HopsnDrops Restaurant near Sherwood.

I'll have more detailed info at the Amazing Grays meeting on Sept. 5th and will post a sign-up sheet soon. Please let me know if you have any questions.

- Mary F.



While I am not writing an article for the newsletter, this is still a good tool for conveying our deep appreciation for a tremendous amount of work that went into our "Retirement Celebration." Charlotte and I have been blessed by you and your kindness to us throughout time among you. Thank you!

The work of Dennis O. and all of the men of the men's group for the social hour was just right. And just last night I spoke with one of Micah's high school buddies who said, "Man, they were really having a party on the lawn at that church last week. That thing was huge!"

And Susan M. orchestrated a great send off in the Service of Praise and Thanksgiving, the singing of the choir, the children, the PowerPoint by Kathy V. (and I know the hours that can be expended on such things), the food and hours of planning and prepping and serving and cleaning up. The effort involved in contacting people from our past and arranging for their time before us. I came back to my family as we arrived at our house and I thanked them for coming and then I said, "And that is how you do a retirement party!" To which they all agreed!

Keep on singing with one another. In those songs it is the Lord who speaks to you and you, in turn offer to Him your praise and thanksgiving, but there is also the equally valuable building up of the body of Christ as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. With your singing you have held us up and you will hold one another up. And the day will come when hosts of heaven (angels, archangels and all the company of heaven) will be made one with all the people of God as we join before the throne of God.

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Nathan and Charlotte Brandt

SEPTEMBER DEVOTION

-JUDY C.

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

Isaiah 26:4

One morning recently I woke up very early—too early actually — at least earlier than I wanted to be awake. After trying to get back to sleep for about half an hour, I gave up and got up and went into our office/computer room as is my custom to start the day with my devotions. One of the regular ones which show up in my inbox is a Mustard Seed/Daily Devotion from Lutheran Women in Mission. This particular day the title was "I Am Blessed" and was based on Proverbs 16:20: *Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.*

The point of that devotion was that sometimes life just "becomes too much for us to handle." Although we know we can trust in God's word, and we know He will help us but when fear and discouragement come our way, our trust may become a little shaky especially when we want the problem solved in our time, not God's. However, the Proverbs passage says, *blessed is he who trusts.* God's blessings come from His Word as the gift of faith. We may receive these blessings through a friend, through scripture, through family circumstances, or perhaps as a monetary gift, a promotion or an escape from a near accident.

The devotion ended with a Point to Ponder: *In what beautiful way has God already blessed me today?* And my thought was, "Good grief! It is only 5:30am! How much blessing could I have already received today?"

But then I came to my senses — or perhaps the Holy Spirit gave me a nudge, and I began to mentally list all of the blessings I had experienced just that morning, from waking up—a sign that I have been given another day to walk upon this earth— to having a bed to sleep in, a husband to wake up next to and a house to call home. I have electricity which provided light, access to the internet and a computer which I was sitting in front of. We have hot and cold water available from a faucet for cleaning and making coffee, and plumbing which makes it unnecessary to use an outhouse. I have my faith and my Bible and opportunities to read because I have my eyesight. The fact that I have reading glasses to make reading easier is a blessing. Oh my! I was just getting started.

How often do we take things for granted, either assuming they will always be available for us or just not thinking about them at all? So the next thing after thinking about our blessings is to recognize where they came from and to offer prayers of thanksgiving for them.

So combined with thankfulness for our blessings is the bonus of being able to trust the God who has provided so abundantly for us. *Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord.* So I ask myself, "For what do I need to **trust** the Lord today? This week? This month? This year?"

*And those who
know your name
put their
trust in you,
for you,
O LORD,
have not
forsaken those
who seek you.*

Psalms 9:10, NRSV

Not all challenges are inherently bad. For instance, the birth of a baby is a joyful occasion, but that child does change many things in one's life. The parents may need to trust God for sleep enough to get through each day or for patience and wisdom in creating a new routine. We often learn something about ourselves and our faith grows when we see how God has worked through a situation that seemed beyond our ability to understand or to withstand. This is when we look back and say, "Thank You God!"

My Mustard Seed Devotion that prompted my 5:30am prayers of Thanksgiving ended with this prayer:

Gracious Lord, by Your Spirit help me to live my life in faith and with trust, knowing You hear my prayers and will answer them in Your time. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

It is probably a good prayer for all of us to begin each new day.



BOOK CLUB

Welcome back to Book Club! We resume our discussions on Saturday, September 14. We meet the second Saturday of each month, 10:00-11:30 am, 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:

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



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, September 14, 10:00 am
Library
Living Savior Lutheran Church

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 either person at the church office.

Peggy H.
Lola E.

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.
- We have a book shelf 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.

WHAT'S NEW WITH SCRIP!

Scrip is not over - just different. We have 2 options for raising funds for the building fund!

1. BENEFIT MOBILE - it's an app that you use on your phone for pre-purchase or at the check out purchase. It is really easy to get started.

- Just load the app on your phone. Set up an account and choose Living Savior as the benefactor.
- Set up payment option - either direct withdrawal from bank account for full % profit - or credit card for reduced % profit.
- Start using it!! There are ton of choices of stores or restaurants to choose from. It's a great option for those of you who do not want to carry cards around in your wallet or don't know what you need in advance.

<https://www.benefit-mobile.com/causes/living-savior-lutheran-church>

2. SCRIP GIFT CARDS - order forms coming soon.

- Purchase at the scrip counter what we are carrying in stock. The options will change a little from before due to availability. Some new ones too.
- Place an order like you have done in the past. Place the paper order found at the Scrip Mailbox on Sunday.
- Go online and order directly on your computer or phone. Continue to pay by check to LSLC in the box for now until I see how it goes. There may be an option to pay directly online too. www.scripzone.com
- Pick up order at the Scrip counter. Not sure of the turnaround yet but should be 1 week.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Contributions through August 19, 2019 are as follows:

General Fund:

Received: \$ 379,914

Budget: \$ 371,250

Variance: \$ +8,663

Building Fund Contributions: \$30,794

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.
- Reducing the mortgage balance continues to be a top priority for the Stewardship Committee. The Committee recently approved a supplementary payment to reduce the mortgage balance by \$20k through gifts made to the Building Fund. Through the congregation's discipline we have been able to reduce the balance outstanding from over \$2.2 million to less than \$1.1 million in the last five years.

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

Thank you.
Adam W.

Stop the Hopping



A church is an imperfect mix of imperfect believers, so it's easy for members to find faults or feel disappointed. That, in turn, may tempt us to shop around.

C.S. Lewis addresses that in *The Screwtape Letters*. "If a man can't be cured of churchgoing," Screwtape advises his demon protégé, "the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that 'suits' him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches." How Satan must hate when Christians maintain long-term commitment to one church!

The urge to church-hop harms congregations as well as believers. "Spiritual depth isn't fostered by satiating your sense of felt needs," writes James Emery White. "It's receiving a balanced diet of teaching and challenge, investing in service and mission, living in community and diversity that you probably would not select for yourself."

September is Suicide Prevention Month

There are 123 suicides every day. It is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, the 2nd leading cause for ages 25-34 and the 3rd leading cause for ages 15-24. In order to create awareness and strengthen the fight against suicide, the entire month of September is focused on Suicide Prevention. For every suicide there may be as many as 40 attempts. This gives us all an opportunity to help someone in crisis and to endeavor to remove the stigmas. WE can ask the question: "Are you O.K.?"

Use the LEARN steps in identifying and assisting prevention.

- L** Look for warning signs
- E** Empathize and listen
- A** Ask about suicide
- R** Remove danger
- N** Next Step National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-272-8255



Tualatin School House Pantry

Total contribution of #55. Brings the total to date: #709.
Current needs: canned fruit, canned soup, canned pasta meals (chili, pasta, etc.) boxed mac & cheese, and powdered laundry detergent. They can always use extra paper grocery bags.

Camp Lutherwood Harvest Festival is Sunday, September 29 from 2:30-5:30. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at lutherwoodoregon.org

These Numbers Have Faces: annual Thrive event— Saturday, September 29, 5:00-7:00pm at Lagunitas Community room, Portland. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at thesenumbers.org/thrive

Sharing Jesus Love Through Action: Make a point to pray for specific missionaries and missions. Make dinner for your child's teacher or a teacher you may know. Bring snacks for the teachers as they start their new school year. It is the month for collecting coffee donations for a shelter.



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*

It's Back-To-School!

Our theme this year in preschool will be Monkeys! The teachers will be going bananas for these little monkeys (preschoolers). The children are ready to hear about the love of Jesus while we prepare their minds and have some fun in the jungle (classrooms) with these little ones!

Preschool families will start on September 9th!



The excitement is building for our **Pre-K class** which will start September 4th, a week before preschool. Their theme is woodland animals with 16 little Owls (Pre-Kers) flying about gathering knowledge!

Our students and their families met their teachers and classmates on Popsicle Days and the Pre-K Potluck Play date the last week of August. Now the children know school will be starting soon!



Popsicle Play Day



We start the 2019-20 school year off with six openings in our afternoon 3 & 4's class. Do you know of any families in need of a preschool? Children must be 3 or 4 by September 1st to qualify for preschool. Please pass the word along!



The staff and I rejoice and give thanks for the Lord's presence in our lives.
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14

We look forward to welcoming back returning families and getting to know all our new families. Thanks to the congregation for your support and prayers for preschool.

Denice and the Preschool Staff

SINGLE WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Research shows that happy people live longer and people with strong social networks are happier and healthier. So often our social networks change dramatically at the loss of a spouse or change of church, job or neighborhood. This is exactly the time when we need those strong social ties and support. There is a need for support and social opportunities for widows, divorcees and singles at Living Savior.

Please join us Sunday, September 8, 5:00pm at Living Savior for appetizers. A questionnaire is being sent by email to those who are single due to divorce, death of spouse or by choice. The questionnaire can be picked up from the counter in the church narthex as well. They are to be **completed and returned to the box on the counter by September 3.**

At our first gathering, we will explore activities and events for this fall, based on results from the questionnaire and discussion. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to explore and support the unique life that each of us have as a single woman.

For questions: Call Vicki S. at the church office.



Henry James D.
Born — August 4
Baptized — August 18

Violet Adele F.
Born — July 30
Baptized— August 25
Daughter of Chad and Sarah F.
Sponsors/Godparents: Cory & Jenny F.
Grandmother: Mary F.



It is that time again! The Living Savior Choir starts rehearsals on Wednesday September 11th from 7 – 8:30 PM. You like to sing – you are welcome to join us. Every year I remind you of all of the advantages of singing in a group. Here are just a few.

- It lowers blood pressure
- Boosts the cuddle hormone oxytocin that bonds you to your neighbor
- Provides serenity after an illness like cancer
- Reduces stress and eases anxiety

Some people feel a rush of joy after singing—especially when we spend an hour and half singing words of praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Isaiah Chapter 12 it says it all.

Singing is expressive of our deepest feelings. It can express love, it can bolster courage and dismiss fear. It can express grief and sorrow, and is appropriate for praise. We should never sit through the hymns and songs in church but should lift up our voices in song—even if we are not good at singing. God listens to the heart.

See you in the balcony on the 11th.
Dorothy H., Director.



Handbell practices will be Wednesdays

September 4, 11, 18, 25 at 5:45pm. New Members are welcome. 



The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held November 1-3 in Vancouver, Washington.

For more information, go to GodLovesMarriage.org or call Brent and Sandy B. at the church office.

STEPHEN



MINISTRY

STUDYING TO SERVE

We celebrate the beginning of a 50-hour training program to become a Stephen Minister. Those attending training classes most every Thursday evening, September through February are: **Brad A., Brent B., Stephanie S. and Marc T.** We ask for your prayers and encouragement as they learn ways to walk along someone who has a loss or challenging event in their life. A listing of study topics will be in each week's parish notes.

It's Your Ministry!

Stephen Ministry is YOUR ministry. It is an important way we at Living Savior Lutheran care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone else who is facing difficulties, suggest that they request a Stephen Minister. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you.

Contact one of the following at the church office.

Karen H.
Valorie W.
Andrew W.
Pastor Alexander

A SIMPLE, 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 walks 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.

Looking Forward in September

Sunday, September 8

Return to regular service schedules:
8:30am Early service
9:45am Adult Bible Class
Sunday school Rally Day
11:00am Second Service

Wednesday, September 11

7:00pm Choir begins

Sunday, September 15

9:45am Sunday school classes begin

Wednesday, September 19

7:00pm Confirmation Classes begin

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.



4th Annual Phil Fribley Memorial Golf Tournament

The Phil Fribley Memorial Golf Tournament was held Sunday, August 25th at the Charbonneau Golf Course in Wilsonville. Ten teams participated in the 9-hole competition. A special thanks for prizes to Chad Fribley for golf balls, Ray & Diane D. for sports socks and Larry D. for providing hats for all participants.

Winning Team

Mary F.
Chad F.
Cory F.
Parker F.

Second Place

Lisa T.
Curt T.
Kevin D.
John K.

Longest Drive -

Alyssa C.
Pastor Nathan Brandt



Closest to the Line -

Lauren H.
Curt T.

Closest to the Pin -

Josh W.



Calling All Altar Guild Members and Acolytes/Parents of Acolytes

In anticipation of Fall, Advent, and Christmas, we are having a training for All Altar Guild Members & Acolytes, along with their parents on Sat. **SEPTEMBER 14**, 9:00am in the sanctuary. We hope to have both a training time and set schedules for serving at that meeting. We still need one additional late service Altar Guild member...feel free to invite someone you know to come and serve. We look forward to seeing each of you there!

Late Service: In the near future, with the impending retirement of some of our long-serving ushers, our church will have a need for ushers during the late service. Beginning the first Sunday of October, we will have only six ushers at the late service so we hope you will prayerfully consider serving our church in this capacity. Please contact the church office for more information.

Ushers Needed



Group Home News

Thank you to all the farmers in our church who shared their wonderful vegetables. We enjoyed zucchini, lemon cucumbers, string beans, plums and lemons. We really appreciate the bounty of your gardens and had some delicious meals.

I hope everyone has been enjoying our wonderful summer and looking forward to Fall. The Group Homes have enjoyed some vegetables from their garden boxes, thank you to Leonard Dooley for the plants. The Bible Lessons and meals will start again in September. It is always fun to start visiting all our friends in the homes after summer break and find out what everyone did—lots of picnics and summer camps.

This past year our theme for Bible Lessons was "Sharing and Caring" and our theme for this year will be "Jesus Loves Me". I will be calling all the people who signed up to help with meals and thank you again, it really is appreciated. I also will be planning a short meeting to discuss our Christmas Celebration and the Wish Gift Wreath, in October. Jesus Loves us all and our Friendship with our Group Home Friends shows how we Love Jesus and are thankful for all the Love and Blessings we receive. God Bless.
- Kathy G.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION



Women's Retreat

September 20-22

Christian Life Retreat — "Beautiful Feet"

at Macleay Christian Retreat Center (Salem)

Register now.

Forms are available at LWMLOR.org or in the church Narthex.

Contact Judy Chase for more information.



About our Mites . . .

Water & the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya \$80,000

In 2008, a man from Nebraska traveling in East Africa saw the need for clean water and sought a way to help. Through contact with a social worker and educator in Nakuru, Kenya, he devised a system of installing water harvesting equipment (rain gutters and tanks), filters, hand washing stations and clean water storage to be installed in schools in Kenya. In 2016, members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod from Nebraska took over the management of the project. They visit Kenya every year, traveling to schools assessing their water needs. Teams from the United States install rain gutters and tanks for storage. Hand washing stations and clean water "buckets" are placed in every classroom. They teach personal hygiene, hand-washing and the importance of drinking only clean water. WASH clubs, made up of students and staff, are formed to be responsible for the clean water program. The grant will help the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya to extend their ministry of Word and Sacrament by expanding the clean water project for their schools and orphanages.



This teacher is teaching these children the importance of handwashing and of drinking filtered water, free of dirt, worms, parasites, and other water-borne diseases.

Oregon District Grant:

Financial Assistance for the Concordia Theological and Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op \$5,000

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, in Fort Wayne, Indiana plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Grant funds would be used to purchase eggs, milk, ground beef, fresh fruits and vegetables and other perishable items. This is a vital ministry to our seminarians and their families who may have left jobs to attend Concordia Seminary and no longer have a regular income but continue to have the same financial obligations. During 2016-17 the Co-op assisted 130 students and their families.

Mite offerings may be left in the large box on the bookshelf by the entry/exit doors of the Narthex. Leave the box and take a new one.

LADIES — SAVE THE DATE! WOMEN'S FALL SEMINAR

On Saturday, October 12, we will again host speaker Bobbi Hassman to teach to us on the topic "THE UPSIDE OF BEING DOWN". The Seminar will start at 9:00 and includes small group time to share with each other. Mark your calendars and bring a friend. Questions or want to help? Call Cathy D. at the church office for more info.