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

1 Peter 3: 15: “In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to give response to any-one who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect…”

Unfortunately, many Christians feel inadequate to respond. Rather than memorizing every chapter and verse in the Bible (although a worthy goal), might I suggest that the Apostles’ Creed contains every element of our faith and the reason for our hope and, as simple as it may seem, is powerful news.

“I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…” In his explanation, Luther says “This is the shortest possible way of describing and illustrating the nature, will, acts, and work of God the Father.” It gives answer to questions such as, “What kind of person is God? What does He do?” Our Creator Father has made everything that exists by simply speaking it into existence. Today “He provides everything that I need for my body and life here and eternally. He defends against all danger and guards and protects from all evil. All of this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy. For all this it is my duty (and, I would say, honor) to thank, praise, serve and obey Him.”

The second reason for our hope is summarized in the Second article: “I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.” Jesus is MY Lord who redeemed ME and released ME from MY sin and MY death. The resurrected Lord claims that “Because I love – so shall you.”

Thirdly, “I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.” None of us could ever know anything about Christ, or believe in Him and receive Him as Lord, unless The Holy Spirit entered into us by The Good News of The Gospel. By His work we are being sanctified (or as I tell kids – “Saintified”) – being made Holy as He is Holy.

“In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to give response to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect…”

We don’t criticize those of different faith; we give answers to their questions with the same gentleness and respect they expect from us.

We’ve heard. We believe. We share.

We give thanks. “This is most certainly true!”

Pastor Phil Alexander

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!
Living Savior.

A note from the Miller Family:
We appreciate so much the many expressions of love and concern shared with us during the extended illness and consequent death of our husband and father, Dr. Tom Miller. It is good to be a part of the family of God at Living Savior.

Sandy and Scott M.

October Meeting:
The Amazing Grays meet Thursday, October 3, at 1:00pm at the church. We continue our program of knowing our neighboring communities this month featuring Wilsonville. Our speaker is Charlotte Lohan, a former mayor, council member, and resident historian of Wilsonville. She will speak on Wilsonville’s history, including the logging and booming grounds on the Willamette River. Come join the Amazing Grays for this informative talk, plus good fellowship and neighborly spirit. See you there!

Dave C. 
Pastoral Call Committee Chair

Pastoral Call Committee
Rev. Phillip Brandt was selected at the congregational voters’ meeting on September 8, 2019, and a call was placed to him to be our next pastor. He has acknowledged receiving the call with a letter that was read to the congregation on September 15. He expects to respond to the call by mid October. He was scheduled to meet with church leaders on September 26.

Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit for this process.

Jon H. 
Pastoral Call Committee Chair

October Outing: Wednesday, October 16
The Amazing Grays are off to Sin City at 10:00am Oct 16. We leave from the church parking lot at 10:00am. Heads up! This is a Wednesday outing due to museum opening. First we visit the Yamhill History Museum in McMinnville. This is free but they suggest a donation. We have a docent for our tour. We then head to the Spirit Mountain Casino for lunch. The buffet lunch is $11.95. It is quite a spread so you will want to go hungry. See you there!

Dave C.

OCTOBER DEVOTION -JUDY C.

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!
Romans 10:15b

I attended the Christian Life Retreat at Macleay Christian Conference Center last weekend. What a fun and inspirational time it was. With the theme of “Beautiful Feet” we talked a lot about shoes.

Slippers are called slippers because they are easy to slip in to and they usually keep us from slipping with some kind of traction material on the sole. Slippers are what we choose to wear for comfort and relaxation. They provide warmth on cold floors and relaxation and rest to tired, worn out feet. They make us think of rest.

God desires that we rest in His presence. We need to step out of our beautiful but impractical high heels, our servant’s sandals or our athletic, on-the-go shoes and put our feet up to take time to shut out the clamor of the world. So much of life is “hurry, hurry, hurry.” Our world seems to become faster-paced day by day. Times of solace and critical to spiritual health. How are you being still before the Lord on a daily basis? Put on your slippers and spend quiet time in God’s Word and prayer with Him.

But when it comes to sharing our faith, maybe we are too comfortable to want to invoke any kind of change. Do we get so cozy in our slippers that we avoid conversations about our faith or our trust in God? We are called to be His witnesses. (See Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8) What kind of shoes do we need for that?

Flip flops or sandals require only a few seconds to slip into. They offer immediate availability. We are ready to go at a moment’s notice to lend a hand to a neighbor, to take a meal to a family in need, to respond to someone’s crisis or to serve in our congregation. We are ready to serve the Lord through our actions and attitudes. Our service is a wonderful witness to our faith and trust in God. As Christians, we have all received spiritual gifts. It only makes sense that God intends us to use these gifts to be His witnesses. Do you know what is your Spiritual gift or gifts? If you do, are you using it/them for God’s Kingdom? If you don’t, begin by reading Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4 and see if you can detect where you find enjoyment and affirmation as you serve others.

Next there is the athletic shoe. Those are the ones we wear when we are ready to go. Whether it is for a walk or a run, this is where the rubber hits the road, literally. Clad in our athletic shoes we are ready to become the messenger of the Good News that the messenger of Romans 10:15 refers to. These beautiful feet are covered with the protection of a shoe especially designed for its purpose. (The feet are beautiful because of the beautiful message they bring.)

As Christians we have been sent to run with the Good News to a world in need of a Savior. You or I might be the only one who has the opportunity to share this message with someone. This Good News is that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, died and rose again to pay the penalty for our sins by faith and this promises us eternity in heaven.

What does being sent look like? We can look for opportunities to plant seeds in casual conversations. We can offer to pray for someone in a tough spot. Pray for three people in your life who do not appear to have faith. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work faith in their hearts. Pray that God would give you an open door of opportunity to talk about Jesus with them. We could take a class in which we meet new people. Read Christian material in a place where someone might observe it and start a conversation. Look for ways to develop a relationship that is casual. We don’t have to impose our faith on others. Conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit. Invite others to worship. They may have been waiting for an invitation. Support mission projects and the people involved in them.

We run to get to a goal. We are encouraged to be prepared to give a response to anyone who asks for the hope that is within us. (See Pastor Phil’s article.) We want to teach, to proclaim, to share, to love.

Christ put on His running shoes. He ran all the way to the cross for our salvation. He ran to the cross to free us. Now it is our turn to run the race that He gives us, to be His witnesses. We pray for the Holy Spirit’s power to work through us, giving us the words to say and the bold, beautiful feet to declare the Good News in our every day walk or run.
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.

Contributions through Sept. 17, 2019, are as follows:

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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.

• We have been blessed as a congregation by sustained giving over many years, which has continued through the initial steps of our recent transition. As we move into the next phase of leadership, the Stewardship Committee remains focused on the financial stability of our church and the reduction of our mortgage balance. We are encouraged to see that we are currently on track to achieve our year-end goals for contributions along with substantial gifts to our Building Fund.

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

Thank you.

Adam W.

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Group Home News
And Activities

October: Halloween Pumpkin Story
November: Jesus loves us and we need to say “Thank You.”

89th Lunches — 9/22; 10/27; and 11/17 at 1:00pm
Santiam Dinners — 9/22; 10/27; 11/17 at 5:30pm
Alsea Dinners — 9/24; 10/29; and 11/19 at 5:00pm
Cayuse Dinners — 9/30; 10/30; and 11/21 at 5:00pm

The Christmas Wish Wreath will be up Thanksgiving weekend.

Christmas Service and Luncheon will be December 7, from Noon to 2:00pm.

- Kathye G.

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Education News

Youth Education/Sunday School

Sunday School and Junior Youth had their rally on September 15! We had approximately 35 kids show up for Sunday School, pre-K thru 5th grade. The first lesson was on Creation. Junior Youth had a good turn out as well. Senior Youth will be starting on Sunday, September 29th! Senior youth is being led by young adults this year under the guidance of Katrin R., which should be fun and engaging for all.

Installation for the teachers was on September 29th and we had some new folks step up this year which was great. All ages Pre-K thru Senior are meeting during Education hour; 9:45-10:45. Please consider registering or bringing a friend. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!! Thanks to all of you who are serving our youth.

I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength for my work. I thank him for considering me worthy and appointing me to serve him (1 Timothy 1:12)

-Lori S., Education Board, Chair

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Italy and Oberammergau

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At Living Savior - Please contact Roberta in the office if you are interested in learning more about how Living Savior is partnering with Family Promise to help temporarily homeless families within our school districts get back into stable housing. Volunteers at Living Savior are needed for the next host week, November 10-17. Volunteer for a couple hours making a meal, hosting dinner or to stay throughout the night. We host up to three families from about 5:30pm to 7:30am. Most critically, we need volunteers to act as building hosts during the evening and as a fire watch at night.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Statistics from the CDC survey shows 20 Americans experience intimate partner physical violence every minute totaling round 10 million victims per year. Domestic violence also known as relationship abuse or intimate partner abuse is defined as a pattern in a relationship in which one partner attempts to gain or maintain power or control over the other. Abusers may use physical, emotional, psychological, sexual and/or financial tactics to establish that control.

Four Signs you're Experiencing Abuse
1 - Partner threatens or tries to control; this may be anything from making you feel inadequate to telling you what to wear or how to look.
2 - Partner controls Money; Keeps cash or credit cards away from you or discouraging you from working as being unacceptable.
3 - Partner isolates you; Cuts you off from family and friends which makes you more dependent on your partner.
4 - Partner physically abuses you - the one most associated with Domestic violence. It's a serious crime regardless of your relationship status.

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-699-SAFE(7233)

Military Ministry:
We continue to support Dennis and Jeffery with monthly shipments from home in their overseas deployment
American Red Cross Training Certification for CPR and AED will be scheduled for 2020. We are trying to gather participants so we know how many to schedule for and be able to budget to cover the cost. The Program can be from 3 to 6 hours depending on the training. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the Narthex so we can start planning. You may contact Brent B. with any questions.

Pin Pals Quilt Display will be Sunday, October 20, before our fall ingathering as a project of Lutheran World Relief. Please know these beautiful quilts will send a message of hope to those in need and let them know they are not alone.

Lutheran Community Service Northwest 2019 Fundraising Luncheon: The Road Home, Join the Journey. Sunday, October 20, at 12:30 at the Portland Marriott Waterfront. RSVP by Oct. 11 by email at kmeyer.org or call 503-731-9576 and let them know you are from Living Savior with seating hosts of Ken D. or Shari R. Keynote Speaker is Dr. Katherine Porterfield, a child psychologist specializing treatment of survivors of torture.

National Prescription Drug Take Back is October 26, 2019. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse and overdose. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment. The take back day is safe, convenient and a responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Medication Disposal Sites: Via a drop box or mail-back program.
Walgreens Pharmacy, 14600 SW Murray Scholls Dr., Beaverton
Police Departments in Canby, Gladstone, Beaverton, Oregon City, Milwaukie, Tualatin
Find a disposal location: www.nabp.pharmacy/AWARXE

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. This is a good time to say “Thank You” to Pastor Alexander and continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to bring us our new pastor.
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.

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**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 now support and social opportunities for widows, divorcées and singles at Living Savior.

Please join us for a potluck on Saturday, October 12, 2:00 pm at Faith’s house. Bring what you like and join us!

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

**Common Needs:**

Participants of this new group have identified some common needs, one of which is a reference for household repairs etc. If you could recommend a workman who is an electrician, plumber, yard maintenance, car repair, handi-man, or the like, please forward the details to me. I will be compiling a list that could be used as a reference for all.

The best and most trusted advertisement I know is word of mouth by those who have already used and been satisfied with the work done. My contact information is listed above. Thank you for your support.

-Vicki S.

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**SUPPORT GROUP AT LIVING SAVIOR**

**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 a 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. or Lola E.

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**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

**GRIEF RELEASE/Joanne Petrie**

Joanne Petrie spoke to the Stephen Ministers about grief during their continuing education time on Wednesday, September 11. Joanne is a nationally certified bereavement Facilitator. She has been a Hospice Chaplain for 32 years and is currently working for Bristol Hospice. She is an author, radio host, and teacher.

She is the founder and Director of ‘One to Another’, a nonprofit organization based in Portland, Oregon. Joanne has been teaching Grief Release classes since 1985, following the death of her late husband. She is the producer of the Grief Release video series and co-author of the book, ‘How to Say Goodbye’. She leads a support group twice a month at the Senior Center in Oregon City and quarterly sessions at Rolling Hills Community Church. In October of 2018 Joanne was the recipient of the ‘Women in Leadership and Management’ Award from the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce, in the nonprofit division. She wants to give people hope out of brokenness.

Joanne Petrie’s Grief Release class is offered at Rolling Hills. You can sign up either on the internet or call to register, 503-638-5900 ext. 248. The cost is only $10. To register and get more information go to:

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**STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING**

**TRAINING TOPICS FOR OCTOBER:**

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**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. Contact:

Karen H.
Valorie W.
Andrew W.
Pastor Alexander

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**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

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

For more information, go to GodLovesMarriage.org or call Carl & Dallas Presley at carl.presley@comcast.net or 206-522-6849.
Preschoolers started the school year learning about Jesus blessing the children. They learned that Jesus loves all people, no matter their age. The following weeks we learned about God creating the world and all the wonderful things in it, even us! Then about the first sin in the Garden of Eden. Because we are sinful, we need Jesus to forgive us. September ended with the story of Noah, and how God saved him, his family, and the animals from a huge flood. The rainbow is a reminder that God will never flood the earth again. We know that God keeps His promises. The first week in October the children learn the story of the Tower of Babel where the people attempted to build a tower that reached heaven. Then we learn of Abraham and his faith in God. He believed and trusted God, and God blessed him with a very large family. The last week in October preschoolers learn about the Tabernacle, or tent church, used by the Israelites in the desert.

JUST a REMINDER: The yellow lines (in front of the preschool door) in the parking lot are there to indicate a no parking zone Monday through Fridays from 8:30am-3:30pm when preschool is in session. Your cooperation in this area would be very helpful and we appreciate the entire congregation’s support throughout the year.

Family Harvest Party: Saturday October 26th 1:30pm-3:30pm

The Preschool will be hosting the HARVEST PARTY for our families in the fellowship hall. All congregational families with children are welcome to attend! The junior & senior youth will be helping us by manning the stations. RSVP: Denice Hornberger at dhornberger@livingsavior-preschool.org

Help support Living Savior Preschool!

Buy a Pie! Bake a Pie! Eat a Pie!

We are fundraising again with the Willamette Valley Pie Company. The pies are handmade with all-natural ingredients and no preservatives. Each pie crust is hand-rolled, hand-filled, and crimped to look as though you made it at home. Simply take them from the freezer and bake following the “easy as pie” directions.

Come sample pie on Sunday October 6th (During Bible study hour) to taste and see how yummy they are! The staff will take your order on these Sunday mornings: October 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th. Delivered to church on Friday, Nov. 16th just in time for the holidays!

Blessings to all, from Denice Hornberger & Preschool Staff

Living Savior will host the West Hills Zone Rally on October 19 Registration begins at 9:00am and the event ends after a noon lunch.

We are excited that Stacy Womack of Abuse Recovery Ministry and Services (A.R.M.S) will be our guest speaker. Please plan to attend this morning of inspiration and fellowship. We will be serving morning refreshments (muffins, coffee cake, fruit, and beverages) and a light luncheon. A sign up sheet will be available to volunteer to help us as we welcome women from the nine churches in our zone. You are especially invited to bring a friend to hear this important topic which will educate and enlighten us regarding multiple kinds of abuse people may encounter.

There will be an ingathering of non-perishable items which will be donated to Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry.

Mission Grant Update:
Lutheran Hour Ministries — $100,000 To help fund Mission Outreach to At-Risk Women in Africa.

Young women in Kenya and Cameroon live in extreme poverty and violence; hunger and limited education force many to sell themselves for mere dollars. Nairobi has one of the highest HIV rates in Africa. With few public resources for treatment, dying from HIV/AIDS is a very real possibility. In Cameroon, sexual exploitation, prostitution, and trafficking is so common that about 30 percent of girls ages 12 to 25 have given birth at least once. Many young pregnant women are forced from their homes, often after rape or domestic abuse. These women are outcasts with nowhere to go — not even to their church. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these countries. Through ministry centers, LHM reaches out by sharing hope and faith in Jesus, changing the lives of these women both physically and spiritually.

Oregon District Grant:
Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God’s Love — $6,000

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) will purchase equipment for a work center to produce specialized, large print, English Standard Version (ESV) Bibles. This new product will enable inmates to read God’s Word. The current large print Bible is not acceptable in most correctional institutions because of size and the metal spiral binding. LBW regularly receives requests from visually impaired inmates and no one else seems to be providing the incarcerated, visually impaired people with God’s Word, free of charge. The grant is being used to help with the start-up costs of producing this large print Bible. Through the Holy Spirit, people will “see” Jesus and live with Him forever.

Mite boxes have changed through the years. A new design was introduced at the Mobile, Alabama, convention last June. These new mite boxes are available on the book shelf by the entry doors. As always, please empty your filled box into the large box, or simply put your entire box into the large box and take a new mite box home. Keep those coins (and even dollars) coming as God is blessing many people through out our world.

Sharing Jesus’ Love Through Action: Suggestions — 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.