Dear ones,

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures. He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my limbs, my reason, and all my senses, and still preserves them. In addition, he has given me clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods. He provides me richly and daily with all that I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger and guards me and preserves me from all evil. He does all this out of pure, fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For this I ought to thank Him, praise Him, serve Him, and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Or is it? What is most certainly true are all the statements in the First Article of the Apostles Creed which declare the goodness of the Lord and His generous provision for all that we need in this life. He has created all things and sustains them faithfully until the end of time when creation will find its fulfillment within Holy God’s perfect will. God richly provides for us, protects us from all danger; guards and preserves us. Why? Because He is our Holy Father and we are His kids who look to The Cross of Christ to see the proof of God’s love. God’s goodness is demonstrated in His generous provision of the perfect Lamb, Jesus Christ, sacrificed in full payment for our salvation. Our faith is created and sustained through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

For all this I ought to thank Him, praise Him, serve Him, and obey Him.

This is most certainly true. It’s certainly true what we ought to do is quite different from what we actually do. Consider a young couple standing at the Altar committing their love and faithfulness to each other in the bonds of matrimony. Consider that same couple whose love and faithfulness fades. Taking each other for granted can lead to, “I told her when I married that I loved her - nothing has changed - I just don’t say it much anymore.” Or, “He should know that I love him by now.” Most troubled marriages, by the time they come for counseling, express the sad marital demise due to poor communication. I might suggest that our relationship with the Lord also suffers when we take our God for granted with poor prayer life and practice of our new life in Christ.

Without wanting to sound overly legalistic, might I suggest a self-diagnosis? Write down a list of things for which you might thank The Lord. Next, consider all for which you could praise Him. (You may have already run out of paper!) How about “serving” without counting the cost, without doing so begrudgingly or with a sense of obligation. (“I have to” is far different from “I have the opportunity to.”)

And “I ought to obey Him” ... O Brother! Aren’t we Lutherans all about Gospel Grace and not obedience? No, we’re not. It is precisely because of God’s “Good News” of free salvation that we are liberated to listen - to follow - to trust - to pray, to praise, give thanks, and obey without fear or doubt.

Like all children - learning and practice are involved in everyday life. As children of God, learning and practicing in our everyday life continues. I pray that our journey will continue to be about learning faith and practicing love of God and love for our neighbor.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Phil Alexander
Pastoral Call Committee

Preparing for our New Pastor

Rev. Phillip Brandt was unable to accept our Divine Call to start as Pastor in January 2020. A significantly diminished faculty in the Concordia-Portland Theology Department left a number of senior students with the prospect of not having enough class work to graduate in May, 2020. Reverend Brandt would not abandon his students.

The Pastoral Call Committee considered options and continues to determine that Reverend Brandt best represents the combination of sound preaching content, accomplished teaching ability, understanding of Lutheran worship, spirited people skills and leadership values that our congregation desires. It, therefore, resubmitted the call to Reverend Brandt on October 26, 2019. We ask that you continually support this endeavor with prayer, entreating the Holy Spirit to guide our congregation, Rev. Brandt and his family as we mutually seek the decision that we know that He has already made for us.

Jon H.
Pastoral Call Committee Chair

November Meeting

The Amazing Grays will meet Thursday, November 7, at 1:00pm at the church. We continue with our program of knowing our neighboring communities as we feature Tualatin with a presentation by Loyce Martinazzi. She has some interesting facts of history and the present day issues of the city. Plan to attend our meeting for information, socializing and great refreshments.

There is no scheduled event planned for the month of November. Have a great Thanksgiving.

Save the date: Friday, December 13, for our annual holiday gathering. A potluck lunch begins at noon and we will have a 1:00pm meeting followed by a musical program. Come and join us for a great way to celebrate the Christmas season.

-Dave C.

Living Savior Scholarship

Consider contributing to the Living Savior Scholarship as part of your year-end charitable contributions!

$1,000 scholarships are awarded in the spring of each year to two college bound members of Living Savior. Applicants submit an essay on the subject, “What my Christian Faith Means to Me.” The winning entries are chosen by a 3-member panel and the scholarships are awarded in May.

As members of Living Savior, we need to raise the scholarship funds. You can make a designated contribution directly to the scholarship fund by sending a check to the church and indicating that it is for the “Scholarship Fund” on the face of the check.

Questions? Please call Cathy D. at the church office.

November Devotion

How is it that every autumn I am amazed at the brilliance of the bushes and trees as the leaves change from yellow to orange, to fiery red before they fall to the ground? Do I forget from year to year? Or is this year actually more glorious than previous years? Perhaps God gives me this special blessing of beauty to remember through the gloom of the Oregon winter months and gray, rainy days that are approaching. Whatever the reason, I am truly thankful for this particular phenomenon of God’s creation which points to Him as the creator and sustainer of life. As the seasons run their course, I am continually reminded of God’s goodness in all of life, and I am continually reminded that I am rich in the kind of blessings that only He can provide.

There are some really good imitations in the world that can fool us. At a gathering recently, the tables were decorated with fall leaves. There was a discussion as to whether they were fake or real, until someone actually tore one in half. They were genuine. Have you noticed that you have reached a point where if something looks too real, we assume it isn’t? This seems strange. Maybe that is what contemporary technology and computer generated graphics have done for us. We can’t always tell the artificial from the genuine.

However, there are some “real” things that we do know only God can provide:

- Comfort in our sorrow
- Peace in our turmoil
- Relief from our stress
- Rest in our weariness
- Hope in our despair
- Light in our darkness

During the month of November we have a special day to publicly thank God for the blessings He has given to our nation and to us as individuals. However, we don’t need to wait for the Thanksgiving holiday to thank God for all He has done and continues to do for us.

How do we live in a culture which doesn’t always recognize the riches we have because many if not most people think riches are “things.” We know that the abundant riches that God has for us are not physical wealth or material goods. Riches are found in the gift of eternal life with Jesus Christ for those who believe in His saving grace. How grateful we need to be — not for what we have, but for Whose we are.

The way we show our gratitude and giving is by living in the light of having what we need. The Contemporary English Version of the Bible gives an interesting paraphrase of 1 Timothy 6:6: And religion does make your life rich by making you content with what you have. We have eternal life and we are rich with eternal blessing as we understand that this is God’s greatest gift and the rest is just “stuff.” Yes, we may have a nice home and a good job. And we have luxuries that some people think are necessities, but our computers and iPhones, our fancy (or not-so-fancy) cars and all of our stuff won’t be going to heaven with us. Only people.

The next verses in Timothy continue: We didn’t bring anything into this world, and we won’t take anything with us when we leave. So we should be satisfied just to have food and clothes. People who want to be rich fall into all sorts of temptation and traps. They are caught by foolish and harmful desires that drag them down and destroy them. (vs 7-9) This sounds pretty dismal, doesn’t it? Maybe it will help us get our lives into perspective.

He is then charged to teach that we are not to set our hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasures in heaven for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life. (6:17-18)

God is the author and provider of what is genuine. As we recognize the genuine gift of God, we will thank Him by living in the light of His gift to us.

-Pastoral Call Committee Chair

-Judy C.
**Book Club**  
Please join us for book club discussions. 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. 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:

- **NOV. 9** I’m No Hero by Charlie Plumb & Glen DeWerff
- **DECEMBER** No assigned book
- **JAN. 11** O Pioneers by Willa Cather
- **FEB. 8** The Gown by Jennifer Robson
- **MARCH 14** Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand by Helen Simonson
- **APRIL 11** Carrie’s Maid by Marie Benedict
- **MAY 9** The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

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**Greeting Cards**

The Shut In ministry has collected cards to place in two assisted living facilities, Marquis and Riverwood, in Tualatin. These cards enable the residents to not have to shop for cards or pay for them. However, we have an abundance of cards that you have so generously donated and we would like to share some of them with the congregation. Please help yourself to greeting cards and Christmas cards in the narthex on a round table next to the pamphlet rack. Beginning in December, all cards will be stored in the Library in clear plastic containers with blue lids. Please help yourself to cards anytime you have a need.

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**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.

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**ATTENTION CAMPERS** - It is time to sign up for camping next summer, July 9-12, at South Beach State Park (Newport). Everyone will need to make their own reservation by phone at 1-800-452-5687 or through https://oregonstateparks.reserveamerica.com . It is recommended to get your reservations as soon as possible. Full hook-up sites are $34 per night and yurts are $57 per night and each reservation is charged an $8 service fee. Two sets of campers may share a site if one has a trailer/RV and one has a tent, as long as the total number of campers are noted when making the reservation. Campers are only allowed one vehicle per site for the base fee however an additional $7 can be paid for an extra vehicle. If there is not room at the site for all vehicles one may have to be parked in the overflow lot. Details concerning the service and potluck dinner will be provided in the summer prior to the event. Questions? Contact Jennifer J. at the church office.

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**Scrip News**

If you haven’t already, stop by the Scrip counter and see what we have in stock. It has been a long process, but we are finally on with Fred Meyer. We have a few new options, but have lost some of the locals. Stop by and check it out. Want more options than what we have at the scrip counter? There is a NEW order form with lots of new vendors. Those orders placed on Sunday will be available for pick up the following Sunday, just like before.

Another program - Benefit Mobile - it is an app that you use on your phone for pre-purchase, at the check out purchase or you can send them as gifts via email. Great option for those that didn’t like to have plastic cards to maneuver, or only use a credit card to purchase things.

*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 shopping! https://www.benefit-mobile.com/causes/living-savior-lutheran-church

Stop me any time to give you a short spiel on how it works. What is great is that anyone- anywhere - can have this app and support LSLC.

Questions? Just call Holly at the church office.

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**Volunteers Needed** - Please consider volunteering to set up tables & chairs on Sunday Mornings before Education Hour. We need one person each week to set up about 32 chairs and 4 tables. Sign-up sheet is on the wall outside the kitchen below the Coffee Volunteer Sign Up form. Contact the church office with any questions.
**Education News**

### Youth Education/Sunday School

Sunday School/Youth Education is off to a great start! After many pleas and much begging, we have all of our staff positions filled as of 10/14. God is good!

We are also in the early planning stages for our Christmas Program, which will be December 15 at a single service at 10:00am. This year the program is being coordinated by Sandy Miller with the assistance of many of the Sunday School teachers. Mark your calendars as you won’t want to miss this event!

### Special Adult Education Class

**Dr. Michael Thomas**

Dr. Thomas will lead a five-week study from November 3 thru December 1 entitled *Books and Readers in the Early Church*. He will discuss how the Biblical canon was formed, beginning with scroll and book production. This will be a very interesting study as we look at how our Bible came to be.

- Lori S., Education Board, Chair

### Group Home News

#### And Activities

The Bible lessons are going well. In October we read *The Pumpkin Patch Parable* and enjoyed chili and craved pumpkins. In November we will be learning more about how we know Jesus Loves Us with discussions about Thanksgiving Day and how we should be thankful every day.

Save the Date! Christmas celebration December 7. Help is always appreciated. The Christmas Wish Wreath will be in the Narthex Thanksgiving Weekend. Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday.

#### Upcoming dates:

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

#### From Tom & Joan W.:

Our granddaughter, Krista, underwent her third and final surgery on October 8 that will require about a 6 month recovery period. Please continue prayers for successful recovery for this surgery. We would like to extend a special thank you for all the prayers for Krista. She has felt such comfort during this hard time.

#### A Note

Denice will be calling you to setup a time to come to church and pick up your order that day. Thank you all for your support of preschool! Enjoy your pies during the holidays!

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**Stewardship Update**

Contributions through Oct. 16, 2019, are as follows:

- **General Fund:**
  - Received: $476,001
  - Budget: $461,250
  - Variance: $14,751

- **Building Fund Contributions:** $37,894

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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**Education News**

**Youth Education/Sunday School**

The Preschool Staff are counting their blessings and giving thanks this November for these little ones Jesus has sent to us! Everyone has settled into routines and fall fun is upon us.

This month the children will learn how God watched over and took care of his people with the stories of David, Joseph, and Gideon. We first start with David as a shepherd boy. He faced many trials, including fighting the giant Goliath. Next, they hear how God kept Joseph safe when his brothers sold him as a slave. The last week we will learn how God used Gideon and his small army to defeat the enemy. God is faithful and watches over His people.

Secular themes this month include leaves and Thanksgiving. Various art projects, books, touch table items, and activities will aid in learning exploring these themes.

The first two weeks the drama corner will be set up as a puppet theater. Children will have the opportunity to perform and watch puppet shows.

The last two weeks drama will be set up as a restaurant with a food cart. Children will be able to cook, serve, and eat food at the restaurant.

**Mark Your Calendars for Pie Pick-up:**

*IF you supported the preschool fundraiser and bought a "Pie for Preschool".*

Friday morning, **November 15th** the pies arrive! Denice will be calling you to setup a time to come to church and pick up your order that day. Thank you all for your support of preschool! Enjoy your pies during the holidays!
The library is located on the second floor, next to the Upper Room (arched entries). There is self-service water and hors d'oeuvre gathering at Noreen Spiegel's home. All single women of LSLC are invited.

For questions: Vicki Schaur 503-855-4212 (voice mail or text message), cell: 541-217-1532 (voice mail or text message) or email: crittersx2@gmail.com -Vicki S.

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.

The October Single Women’s Group potluck was very successful. 15 women enjoyed great food and fellowship. It was wonderful getting better acquainted. All those present identified activities in which they were interested. The goal is to easily identify and contact those with similar interests. There is no scheduled group event for November. Saturday, December 14 at 2pm, there will be a wine tasting for those with similar interests.

All single women of LSLC are invited. Those in training are: Andrew W., Karen H., Valorie W., and Marc T. Four people are currently training to become a Stephen Minister. Please keep them in your prayers as they give of their time to prepare to minister to others. Those in training are: Stephanie S, Brad A., Brent B. and Marc T.

The Holiday Blues

Felicia Wallberg and Marita Tiller gave a presentation to the Stephen Ministers on depression that accompanies a loss and the challenges faced as the holidays and anniversaries approach. Marita, MA,PLC and Felicia, MA, LPC Intern provide counseling here in Tualatin at Living Wholehearted. They are located at 19824 SW 72nd Avenue Suite 102, Tualatin. For more information go to www.livingwholehearted.com

Give the Very Best

People are precious and when they hurt or suffer, they deserve the best care and support we can offer. That’s why our congregation has Stephen Ministers. Their training, commitment, and service make them the best at providing care for people who need it.

Four people are currently training to become a Stephen Minister. Please keep them in your prayers as they give of their time to prepare to minister to others. Those in training are: Stephanie S, Brad A., Brent B. and Marc T.

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.
Mission Grant Update: God’s Word Changes Everything

Lutheran Bible Translators $95,000

Martin Luther wrote, “I wish that this book alone, in all languages, would live in the hands, eyes, ears, and hearts of all people.” When people have God’s Word, it changes their lives in ways they couldn’t imagine. Lutheran Bible Translators is training people from churches in Ethiopia to translate the Bible into their own languages as a part of seminary training. This will be four-year project with 15 trainees working each year. The funds will be used to equip pastors and lay leaders in the translation of God’s Word in the numerous local dialects for the benefit of their Tanzanian and Ethiopian people in their everyday worship.

Oregon District Grant:

Support for Concordia Seminary’s Internatio

al Graduate School Students $6,500

Concordia Seminary’s Graduate School enrolls many qualified international students from developing nations who do not have seminaries that offer advanced-level theological degree programs and do not have the financial capability to send passionate, excellent students to high-quality seminaries abroad. This grant would help fund these students’ graduate-level education, thus allowing them to return to their home countries to carry out the Great Commission by becoming teachers/professors and church leaders. The spreading of the Gospel message, by these graduate students, will impact future generations and will help raise up the next generation of pastors.

Two checks were recently submitted to the Oregon District Lutheran Women’s Mission League (LWML) for Living Savior’s Mite Offerings. One was for $131.38 for member donations and the second one was for $400, from our church budget. These monies are added to donations from across the country to fund the LWML mission grant goal of $2,100,000 and the Oregon District mission grant goal of $72,562.50. God is working through our gifts to impact people around the world!

Offerings from the national convention in Mobile, Alabama, last June were as follows:

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All women are invited to meet on Saturday, November 9, to write out tags and begin preparing for the annual Prison Fellowship Angel Tree project. The gathering begins at 8:00am. Living Savior will support 110 children from 54 families. Contact the church office with questions.