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January

1 New Year's Day - Office closed
5 Voters Assembly Meeting
6 Epiphany
12 Baptism of our Lord
18 CPR/AED Training class
20 Martin Luther King Day
25 NW District Director/Teachers meet at LSLC

February

8 Preschool Dad's Breakfast
14 Valentine's Day
17 President's Day
26 Ash Wednesday
29 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!

Living Logos

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

As I write this, I'm looking at the "Futurists" view of 2020. Futurists being the new word for "Wild Guessers". Laughing at some, saddened by some, and dismissing most, I'm reminded of Our Lord's wisdom: **"Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand."** Proverbs 19:21

As usual, the proof is in the pudding:

- 1900, **John Elfreth Watkins Jr.,** the curator of mechanical technology at the Smithsonian Institution, predicted that by the 2000s, "there will be no C, X, or Q in our everyday alphabet. People will be spelling mostly by sound and would only communicate with "condensed words expressing condensed ideas." *(Phonetic spelling didn't work for me any better than the words of rap music does today.)*
- In 1911, a surgeon by the name of Richard Clement Lucas made a curious prediction: that the "useless outer toes" will become used less and less, so that "man might become a one-toed race." *(I wonder if Nike knows?)*
- In 1950, Associated Press writer Dorothy Roe revealed that the "women of tomorrow would be more than six feet tall and would wear a size 11 shoe, have shoulders like a wrestler, and muscles like a truck driver." *(New importance in saying, "Yes, dear.")*
- In 1994, the RAND Corporation, a global think tank said they expected us to have animal employees by the year 2020. *(My cat Peeps sleeps all day and has never looked for work.)*

While we don't know the future, we do know the past and must simply see it for what it was without trying to change or rearrange today. For example, 100 years ago:

- Only 14 percent of the homes in the United States had a bathtub. Eight percent of the homes had a telephone and a three minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.
- There were only 8,000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was ten mph. *(Today, Portland has more than 144 miles of paved roads – but the speed limit is still about 10 mph…… Ugh.)*
- Drive-by-shootings in which teenage boys galloped down the street on horses and started randomly shooting at houses, carriages, or anything else that caught their fancy, were an ongoing problem in Denver and other cities in the West.

So I'm thinking to myself, "Self, be content with what you have, for the Lord has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?' Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace.'" Hebrews 13

It's worth repeating: **"Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand."**

Blessed New Year to you in the Name of Christ Our Lord.

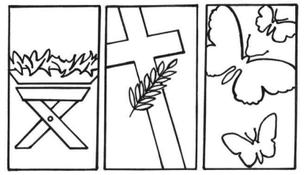
Pastor Phil Alexander

Pastoral Call Committee

Preparing for OUR NEW PASTOR

At a Voters' Assembly on December 8, the congregation voted to issue a Divine Call to Rev. Richard Browning from Bonita Springs, Florida. He has received the call documents and has indicated a desire to visit Living Savior along with his wife and two sons. The best time for him and his family to visit LSLC is over the weekend of January 4-5.

The Pastoral Call Committee will be planning a full schedule for them including a reception here at church on Sunday, January 5. The time has not yet been determined. Please watch for details in the Parish Notes and a member wide email, and continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we look for His direction in this process.



Amazing Grays

The Amazing Grays will have their first meeting of the new year on Thursday, January 2, at 1:00pm at the Church. Our program continues on becoming familiar with places in our area. Our expert for this month's meeting is from the Tualatin River Keepers.

TUALATIN RIVERKEEPERS

This is a community-based organization that protects and restores the Tualatin River watershed. They build watershed stewardship through engagement, advocacy, restoration, access, and education, and they envision a healthy Tualatin River watershed and a community committed to protecting it.

Plan to attend our program and meeting for fun, knowledge, and socializing with friends. See you there .

-Dave C.

A meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 12, after the second service. Staff and Church Council reports will be shared.

Barrett Lee Ryun-soon K.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Child of Oliver Jungman K. and Alissa Michele K.

Barrett was Born July 08, 2018 and baptized November 24, 2019

Our congregation expresses our deepest sympathy to the family of **Cynthia B.** who entered eternal glory on December 7. Services for Cynthia will be help in May of 2020.

We also express our sympathy to the family and friends of **John B.** who joined the Church Triumphant on December 17.

JANUARY DEVOTION

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!
Psalm 27:14

For the most part, we are not good at waiting. How do you feel when the traffic signal turns yellow just when you were hoping to make it through before the red light means you have to stop — when you're in a hurry? The waiting time seems doubly long — and irritating.

How patient are we in the slowest moving grocery line, waiting for our turn, even in the self-serve section? Does irritation fester when our doctor is running late and the we are stalled in the waiting room? Are we anxious when waiting for the check to arrive in the mail or to be deposited into our bank account? No. We are not good at waiting.

How do we feel when we've extended a call to a Pastor and we're waiting for his response? The Bible has some wise words for us. Along with Psalm 27:14 (above), we read

Psalm 37:7:
*Be still before the LORD and **wait patiently for him**;*
Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way….

Psalm 130: 5-6
*I **wait for the LORD**, my soul waits,*
And in his word I hope;
*my soul **waits for the LORD***
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

Isaiah 40:30-31
Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
*but they who **wait for the LORD**, shall renew their strength;*
they shall run and not be weary
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 49:23b
Then you will know that I am the LORD,
*those who **wait for me** shall not be put to shame.*

How comforting it is to know that our God promises that we can put our trust and our hope in Him as we wait.

As we begin a new year — a new decade — we have opportunities to put our waiting skills to the test, but it is good to know that Scripture pairs waiting with hope:

Romans 8:25:
*If we hope for what we do not see, we **wait** for it with patience.*

May 2020 be the year we look at the plans God has for us with 20-20 vision. Whether as a congregation waiting for the man God has chosen to be our Shepherd or as individuals waiting for answers to prayer, we can be assured that our Lord will respond in His time.

Jeremiah 29:11-12 is quoted frequently these days, but these are verses that allows us to hope (have confidence) as we are in our waiting places:

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

While our biological vision may not be 20-20 without the aid of prescription eyeware, our Spiritual 20-20 vision is a matter of choice. We can choose to wait upon the Lord as Scripture encourages us, or we can choose to be discouraged, fretful or impatient.

Let's trust in the Lord's steadfast love and wait patiently for Him with renewed strength and hope. That's the 20-20 vision we can have for 2020.

Happy New Year!

-Judy C.

Serving Schedule

Meet our Guest Pastors

Living Savior Congregants,
In an effort to introduce our congregation to the great Pastors that have agreed to serve Living Savior during our vacancy period, the Spiritual Life Board has asked them to give a brief bio to share. We welcome these Pastors and thank them for their time as they help to shepherd our flock until the time we have a permanent pastor in place. These men will be working with Rev. Phillip Alexander to preach, teach, and visit our members over the coming months.

-Josh W. - Spiritual Life Board Chair

Bruce Strade (Preaching)

I graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1966. My first call was to Concordia College, Portland, where I taught Latin, Greek and Religion. I returned to Concordia Seminary in 1969 to complete my Masters in Pastoral Counseling. I came back to Concordia to serve as Dean of Students and taught New Testament. In 1980 I became the Director of the Washington County Office of Lutheran Family Service (LFS), called through the NW District, and eventually became the Executive Director of LFS. I was instrumental in the merger with LSS of Washington and Idaho resulting in Lutheran Community Services NW. After three years as the operations manager, I retired and became Executive Director of NW Parish Nursing, now Faith Community Nursing NW and served in that capacity for six years. I retired for the second time and now serve on several boards, including WE RAISE Foundation, do volunteer work and some guest preaching, while also being a grandpa to my seven grandchildren. I am a member at Zion Lutheran Church in Portland.

Jim Pressnell (Preaching and teaching)

Jim and his family have been members of Living Savior for over ten years. Having graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in 1982, Jim's first call was to Nigeria, living among the Ekajuk people as an LCMS Bible Translator. Jim also served as a parish pastor for two congregations in Ohio. He also spent ten years working as a management consultant with clients not only in the U.S., but also in places like Kuwait and Venezuela. For the past 20 years, Jim has served in executive leadership roles in Christian higher education and Christian non-profit organizations working internationally. Currently, Jim is serving as Executive Director ofThese Numbers Have Faces, educating, equipping, and empowering university students in Rwanda to make a transformational difference in their communities through the love of Jesus

Jim and his wife, Linda, are members of Living Savior along with their two children, Abby and Zechariah.

Rev. Bill Hering (Preaching)

I have enjoyed 26 years of Ministry: serving as a Youth Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk Nebraska, and at St. Paul Lutheran in Sherwood. My last call was as a Senior Pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Beaverton.

I have three boys, Josiah 11, Levi 8, and Ezra 4. I love missions, sharing God's Word, and equipping, mobilizing, and teaming with people to carry out the mission and ministry God has entrusted to HIs Church.

Rev. Dan Bohlken (Teaching Adult Bible Study only)

I grew up on an 80 acre farm in eastern Iowa, near Cedar Rapids. Following High School, I attended the University of Iowa and graduated with a degree in Political Science. I then attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, IL. After vicarage in Missoula, MT, I graduated with an MDiv degree and served congregations in Prescott, MI, Coralville, IA, Lolo, MT, and Forest Grove, OR, where, after 24 years as Pastor in Forest Grove, I retired in 2012.

I met my wife while at the University of Iowa. She is a Medical Technologist, presently working on call at Tuality Hospital, Hillsboro. We have four daughters and five grandchildren, all living within 25 miles of our home in Forest Grove.

I continue to enjoy preaching and teaching as LCMS congregations make requests, most recently serving Our Redeemer, Tigard for the past two years.

SINGLE WOMEN'S MINISTRY

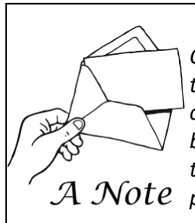
SINGLE WOMEN'S GROUP had a wonderful Christmas event at the Spiegel home. Sixteen women gathered for fellowship, food and fun. To celebrate the new year, mark your calendars for a game night Saturday, January 18, 4-7pm at Living Savior in the fellowship hall. Bring a favorite game plus hors d'oeurves and beverage to share. I look forward to seeing you there.

-Vicki S.

New Choir

Ever wanted to sing in a large choir? ***Celebration Community Choir*** is a brand new community choir in Tualatin, Oregon, performing a wide range of Gospel styles. ***Celebration Community Choir*** is directed by Ron Cochran. Ron recently retired after 30 years, as the Music Director at Portland Christian Center. He produced and directed *Portland's Christmas Celebration*, featuring over 300 singers and live orchestra, drawing over 15,000 people annually.

Celebration Community Choir is open to everyone, ages 18 and up. The first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, February 11, 7:00pm at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8740 SW Sagert St. in Tualatin. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Ron Cochran at rcochranccc@gmail.com or visit their website: CelebrationCommunityChoir.com



Our sincere thanks for all the thoughts and prayers at the death of our son David. We are comforted by all of you that put us in your thoughts. We appreciate your support! *~ Ray & Katy S.*

Stewardship Update

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

General Fund:

Received: $ 559,160
Budget: $ 562,500
Variance: $ - 3,340

Building Fund Contributions: $49,499

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.
- One giving option that may help you reduce your tax burden is a "Qualified Charitable Distribution". For those that are over age 70 ½ and have an IRA with a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), you can bypass paying taxes on any proceeds that are gifted to a charity/religious organization/501c3. Instead of receiving the RMD, paying the full tax, and then making your regular offering contribution, you can instead have some portion of your RMD transfer directly from your IRA to a 501c3 organization (like Living Savior) and avoid paying taxes on that gift. If you would like more general information about this, please contact Adam Wilkie. For anything more specific or detailed, please consult your tax advisor.

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

Thank you.
Adam W.

Christmas/Epiphany Concert

Lutheran Choral Association
Calvin Presbyterian Church
10445 SW Canterbury Ln., Tigard
January 5, 2020, at 3:00pm

Enjoy this ecumenical choir, which has sung continually since 1938. Music will include familiar carols (including sing-s-longs).

Calendar

january at Preschool

Happy New Year!

from the Preschool Staff

The decorations are being put away, the toys are being played with, and a new year is beginning. Even though Christmas has come and gone, the celebration of Jesus' birth continues throughout the year.

Jesus Teaches in the Temple

Our Bible stories in January look at Jesus as a young boy. He was an obedient child, but on one occasion was found in the temple learning from the teachers and priests. His parents were worried he was lost, but glad he was found in his Father's house. The rest of the month we hear of some miracles He performed. Healing a blind man and calming a storm were just a few of the miracles he performed. The week the 4s have conferences, the 3s will hear the parable of the lost son. The story shows the love of a father and son, just as God loves us.

Jesus healing the blind man

The Lost Son

Secular topics this month include the season of winter and transportation. Art projects, touch table, books, and drama will all provide ways to experience these topics.

The first two weeks the drama corner will be set up as a fire station. Children will be able to dress as firefighters and put out fires. The last weeks the area will be set up as a train station. Children will be able to board the train and travel to wherever their imaginations take them.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2020-2021

It's time to sign up for preschool for the 2020-2021 school year! Do you know of family or friends with a 3 or 4-year-old in need of a preschool? Child must be 3 or 4 before or on September 1, 2020 to enroll. For Pre-k, the child must be turning 5 by Dec 31, 2020 or already 5 years old to attend. We will accept registrations and give tours during the month of January & February. All registrations need to be in by February 21st, first come first serve Please stop by the church or preschool office to obtain a registration form. **A nonrefundable registration fee of $75.00 is required.** Please call or email Denice Hornberger, Preschool Director, at **503-692-3303 / dhornberger@livingsavior-preschool.org** if you have questions.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

CARE RECEIVERS SHARE HOW THEIR STEPHEN MINISTERS MADE A DIFFERENCE

The following are comments from care receivers in our congregation who have benefited from having a Stephen Minister:

- *Being able to talk in confidence was so freeing. Having a dependable friend gave me hope and the prayers carried me from week to week.*
- *God was always there in the midst of our relationship. I was blessed by the way His love was shown through her.*
- *He was always there for me and he has two ears and one mouth.*
- *I felt God's love as really being a part of our caring relationship. My Stephen Minister was showing God's love through the care he gave to me.*
- *I always felt valued and appreciated. I never felt like I was rushed or the need to "hurry and feel better."*

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, support, and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and walk with you for the duration of your crisis. To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with:

Karen H.
Valorie W.
Andrew W.
Pastor Alexander

TRAINING TOPICS FOR JANUARY:

Jan. 2: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
Jan. 9: Dealing with Depression; the Stephen Minister's Role
Jan. 16: Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They Need
Jan. 23: Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close
Jan. 30: Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care, Part I

Dinners of Eight

Our first of three dinners will be Sunday, January 12, 5:00-7:00 pm. You may sign up on the "chef" poster in the church narthex until January 5th. Each month you are asked to sign up. You will be contacted the week of the dinner by the host with the host's address and a request for a side dish.

WHAT: Dinners of Eight are dinners for about eight participants, to be held at a host's home. Multiple suppers will be going on at various locations at the same time. The host generally provides the main entrée with other diners bringing a side dish, salad or dessert.

WHY: This is an opportunity to spend more time getting to know each other, renewing friendships, and just having time to talk and enjoy each other's company.

HOSTS NEEDED: Please check the host column on the sign-up sheets in the narthex or contact Karen H. at the church office.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN: There has also been interest in full family participation in the Dinners of Eight. Families who would like their children to participate in these events at the church in the Fellowship Hall or in a home, please sign the sheet labeled "Families with Children" and indicate if you would be willing to host. A host will call/email others to participate in the potluck. Also indicate the number of children.

DINNER DATES: Sundays, January 12, February 9, March 8, 5:00-7:00 pm.

This is a month by month commitment only.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

Mission and Service -Shari R.

There are 2.7 million children in the United States whose story may be filled with the abandonment, loneliness and shame from having a mom or dad in prison. Angel Tree through Prison Ministry Fellowship reaches out to the children of the prisoners' and their families with the love of Christ. Living Savior has again touched the lives of 100 children with the only Christmas that they may have. Kathy V. as coordinator directed the program with the help of the Women's Group and other volunteers who made calls, provided the Angel tags and wrapped the gifts provided by all of you. Mike M. again got the delivery teams together to provide a smile to these families from Living Savior. I want to thank all of you for your generous support and participation.

American Red Cross Training Certification for CPR and AED- Adult and Pediatric Recertification class is scheduled for Saturday January 18, 2020, from 9am-1pm. We will provide our final number of participants on Monday, January 13, to assure we have enough trainers for our class. We were able to secure cost coverage with a budgeted request. Please let me know if you are not able to participate. If you have any questions please contact Shari R. with questions.

Living Savior is scheduled to host our local homeless families during the week of January 26-February 2. Once again we would be grateful for your help. Many roles from room set up and break down, food preparation, and overnight hosts are needed and these roles and shifts can be split between families and friends. Please contact Karen or Roberta in the church office.

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
Hours are: M-F, 10am – 4pm + Sat.-Sun. 10:30am – 4pm

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

Scrip is a great way to support the church and use gift cards to their best advantage. Check out the new order form with lots of new vendors, and also see the Parish Notes to find out about the Benefit Mobile app that you can use on your phone.

Tualatin School House Pantry

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.

Group Home News

Hoping the Joy of the Christmas Season will be with you in the New Year, 2020. Our Group Home Friends and Staff felt the Joy of our Savior's birth and appreciate the generosity of all our church members. Thank you everyone who attended the Christmas Service and Luncheon, it was a fun time. Thank You for all the gifts.

Bible Lessons and dinners will start again this month, dates and times will be on the Bethesda Area as you enter the fellowship hall on the bulletin board. All are welcome. Just let me know so I have enough dinner.(503-693-1307)

God Bless, Kathye G.

Lutheran Women in Mission

The moving Mite Box: Mite boxes are available on the bookshelf which has been moved just inside the doors to the Fellowship Hall. Return filled boxes to the large Mite Box on top of the book shelf. The coins may be put into the large box or you may leave the entire box and take a new one.

Mites for Missions

Mission Grant Update:

Oregon District 2018-2020 Mission Grant Goal: $72,562.50

Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families—$3,000

LCMS Ministry to Armed Forces (MAF) is served by almost 200 Chaplains around the world. Chaplains may be deployed and be away from their families for weeks or months at a time. MAF endeavors to support and care for these chaplains through one of two pastoral training retreats each year. There is a rising need of wellness training and support for our military chaplains and wives, teaching them to care for themselves and their families, thereby enabling them to better minister to those they serve. Cost for chaplains only to attend the seminar is funded by the military. This grant will help fund the costs of wives attending the seminars with their husbands.

National LWML - 2019-2021 Mission Grant Goal: $2,100,000

Teach Me Too – Preschoolers with Learning Needs in Austin - $100,000

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) has seen a growing desire for early intervention support of children with learning needs. In 1976 LSEM began serving children with special learning needs in the Detroit area and has since expanded programs and services to include a presence in Lutheran schools nationwide. Their pilot program is "Let It Shine Academy" at Bethany Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas. The "Teach Me Too" program was designed to administer intervention strategies, address the unique needs of children with autism spectrum disorder and other unique needs such as hyperactivity issues, decreased or delayed social skills, developmental or speech delays, sensory integration difficulties, or other learning differences. As a resource for families, this program provides assessments, consultations, and materials to help children on an individual basis. This grant will help fund "Teach Me Too", expand the "Let It Shine Academy", provide teacher training, and offer scholarship funding for children whose families cannot afford the cost of the program.

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:

JAN. 11	*O Pioneers* by Willa Cather	APRIL 11	*Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict
FEB. 8	*The Gown* by Jennifer Robson	MAY 9	*The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
MAR. 14	*Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson		