From the Pastor’s Office…

A Look at the Calendar…

If you have the right kind of calendar, you will see that September 3rd commemorates someone known as Gregory the Great. Gregory has an interesting story. He served in both the secular and sacred arenas of his era. He served as the mayor of Rome in some very difficult times: the city had been sacked by invaders, the infrastructure was compromised, the economy was a wreck and the plague had brought dread and death to many. Under his leadership, Rome was revived with economic vitality.

Then, taking the lead, Gregory sold his extensive properties and gave the proceeds to the poor and he himself entered into full-time service in the Church. On September 3, 590 AD, he was elected to lead the Church in Rome. Bishop Gregory lived up to the title “Great” that would be associated with him over time. He wrote a book on pastoral care that became a standard for clergy that reached into the 20th century. He oversaw changes in church music, liturgical development, and missionary outreach to northern Europe. He also instigated the development of a Church calendar that is still used in the Western Church unto this day. So, at least to some extent, every time you look at a Church calendar, you can thank Gregory – Gregory the Great.

As Lutherans, I sometimes sense that we have lost touch with those who have gone before us. I didn’t ever hear too much about Gregory the Great as a child. I do know that my father, grandparents and other mentors like Pastor Oscar Bohnert who was my field work supervisor when I was in school in St. Louis, all shaped me into who I am today. I see them – as well as Gregory – as gifts of God who have helped us in our walk of faith. No doubt you have been given such gifts as well.

Looking at our own congregational calendar:

- Confirmation classes start again this month on September 21. This year we will study the Old Testament.
- Dr. Ted E. will be our guest speaker for this fall for our Sunday morning Bible Classes. He will begin sessions with us on September 25 and lead us in a study of Wisdom Literature from the Old Testament (think – Song of Solomon / Proverbs / Ecclesiastes).
- I am eager to start another Adult Instruction Class for people who would like to learn more about the Christian faith or be baptized. Please contact me at lbrandt@living-savior.org or telephone me at: 503-692-3490 if you are interested in the class. The day of the week and time of day have not yet been established as I will be able to teach the class at a time that is good for the majority of those who desire to attend. Sessions are usually about 90 minutes and there are at least ten sessions.

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!

Pastor Brandt
All Living Savior Jr. and Sr. Youth, plus Parent helpers (and other family members) will be washing your cars on

**SUNDAY, SEPT 18**

Yes, SUNDAY! We’re doing something new this year ... Our goal is to wash every car in the Church parking lot on Sunday morning. While everyone is in church and Bible study, we will be washing cars for a free-will offering to Youth ministry, especially the youth mission trip this summer.

Questions? Contact the Church Office

Youth & Parents: Please RSVP to Church Office if you can or cannot be there.

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**WED, SEPT 21**

PARENT ORIENTATION & CONFIRMATION CLASS (7:00-8:15 pm)

**FRI-SAT, OCT 7-8**

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**SEPTEMBER DEVOTION**

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

- Psalm 119:15

This month I want to share a devotion written by Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf, found in the book, Together with Jesus; Daily Devotions for a Year. (This is the 3rd time I’ve used this book for my daily meditations, beginning in 2008. He is a gifted author.)

Some years ago our country adapted standardized traffic signs. Now wherever we travel, we find the same signs directing our way. We even have to learn them to pass the driver’s test.

In His Word, God has given me traffic signs for His highway to heaven. The on-ramp sign is clearly marked and safely carries me to heaven’s freeway. That on-ramp sign, just like the freeway, has two initials on it—JC for interstate Jesus Christ. And it truly is a free way. There are no tollbooths. Every square inch of heaven’s highway has been paid for by Jesus’ death. There are no stop signs, no detour markers, just one straight road leading to the Father’s house above. If I get lost, it’s not the road-way’s fault. It’s because I thought I knew better and turned off to some secondary road that was only a dead end.

God has also given traffic signs in His Word for my travel on this earth. The lane-ending sign means watch out. If I keep on driving down the lane of sin, I’ll end up in the ditch. The speed-reduction sign warns me not to press on in my sins because there is danger ahead. The flashing sign means a dangerous intersection is ahead when I allow what I want to cross what God wants. If I ignore these signs, it’s at my own peril. Or should I say, at eternal danger for my soul? Like those traffic signs I once memorized, I need God’s Word with its signs for my road in life and my travel to heaven.

Lord, let me learn your Word so that I have safe travel. Amen.

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**Bible Study Fellowship Opportunities**

For Men: Mondays 6:55-8:55pm
Lake Grove Presbyterian Church
4040 Sunset Dr., Lake Oswego
Welcome classes: Sept. 12, 19

For Women Days: Tuesdays, 9-10-11:20am
Rolling Hill Community Church
3550 SW Borland Rd., Tualatin
Welcome classes: Sept. 13, 20

For Women Evenings: Mondays, 6:55-8:55pm
Living Savior Lutheran Church
8740 SW Sagert St., Tualatin
Welcome classes: Sept. 12, 19

Or go to BSFInternational.org for more information about Bible Study Fellowship or to find classes in other areas.

The study for September through May will be the Gospel of John.

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**PREK/KE**

It’s Back-To-School!
Our theme for preschool this year will be Kitty Cats!

We are ready for a “Purrfectly” good time throughout the year with our preschoolers & their families who start on September 12th!

The excitement is building for our Pre-K class which will start September 7th, a week before preschool. Their theme is woodland animals with 16 little Owls (Pres-Kers) flying about gathering knowledge!

-Denise Hornberger, Director

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**YOUTH GROUP**

for SEPTEMBER!

**SR. YOUTH**

WEDNESDAYS
9/7 - Parent Fall Meeting & Sign Up / Sr. Youth assemble preschool packets
9/14 - Parents/Youth - Pastor Philemon of Bethesda Lutheran Communities speaks of volunteer opportunities
9/21 - No Sr. Youth
9/28 - Bible Study with Heidi

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**BOOK CLUB**

The LSLC Book Club will resume its regular meetings on the second Saturday of each month beginning Sept. 10 at 10:30am to discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

Everyone is welcome whether or not you have read the book so come and enjoy some good fellowship and refreshments. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will soon begin again!

Fall is just around the corner, and that means …

We’re looking forward to another great year of digging into the Word and helping your kids grow in their walk with Jesus! Sunday School is available to all children 3-years-old through 5th Grade.

**Check out the schedule:**

- **SUN, SEPTEMBER 11** - All Congregation Gathering: Sr. Youth Mission Trip Presentation!
  - 9:45 - 10:45 am - Fellowship Hall
- **SUN, SEPTEMBER 18** - SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF! - First day of classes!
  - 9:45 - 10:45 am (students proceed directly to their classrooms)

**REGISTER NOW!**

Parents: Get ready for Sunday School by registering your child. Registration & Consent Forms are available on Living Savior’s website—hard copies are available at the Information Counter in the Narthex (please place completed forms in the box provided on the counter).

This year we continue our journey through the Old Testament learning how God provided Judges and a King as He guided the people of Israel!

Questions? See Heidi Frank (DCE).

**Presentation! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

9:45 - 10:45 AM
Fellowship Hall

Yes! The Sr. Youth Mission Trip Team will be presenting their experience at Mt. Cross Camp during the Bible Hour. There’ll be pictures on the big screen, testimonies, singing and … donut holes! Bring the whole family. See you in the Fellowship Hall!

**AMAZING GRAYS OUTING**

We will again go to Hood River on September 30. On the way we will see Bonneville Dame, lunch at Betty’s in Hood River then drive the fruit loop in the afternoon. You will need $5.00 gas money as well as money for lunch and for fruit purchases. We’ll stop for pictures on the very scenic drive. More information and a sign up sheet will be shared at the September regular meeting.

We leave the church around 8:30am and plan to be back by 4:00. Contact the Church office with questions.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**

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, 9:00am to share resources, encourage one another and fill our spiritual cup. Please join us in!

Questions? Call the Church office.

**Saturday, September 17, 9:00am**

Board Room, Living Savior Lutheran Church

**STEPHENV MINISTRY**

SOMETIMES IT’S HARD TO ASK FOR HELP

We are brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. We try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that is not God’s plan. Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” God wants us to care for others and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you are sad or struggling inside, don’t suffer alone. Ask for help. We have got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray and help you through a tough time. *(It is confidential too!)* Find out more about Stephen Ministry by contacting the Church office.

**OUR REGULAR MEETINGS WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.**

Plan to meet at the church at 1:00pm for a time of fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

**THEOLOGY & BREW, SEPTEMBER 1, 7:00PM**

**MEN’S BREAKFAST/BIBLE STUDY, SEP. 3 & 17, 7:00AM**

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The tickets will be $15.00 per person. This is a
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