

June 2020 Newsletter

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Our Mission...

...is to equip and encourage followers of Christ to share the love of Jesus with people in our community and in the world so that all may have eternal life.

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation,
through prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.
And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds
in Christ Jesus.

June Memory Verse

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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Upcoming Events:

Live Stream Worship - Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm

Chalk Extravaganza - June 11-13 9:00am - 4:00pm

Re-open services to the public -
Saturday, June 13 @ 7:00pm and
Sunday, June 14th @ 9:00am



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June 1, 2020

To members and guests of Our Savior Lutheran Church,

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

It is a time to plan.

Actually, we have been planning for quite sometime in regards to what it will look like when we are able to gather together once again in the Lord's house for a time of worship. As this pandemic has progressed and we have learned more and more how to "live with it," one thing is certain: everyone has their own idea as to what should be done.

The members of the Board of Elders and Trustees, as well as our staff have been in discussion as to what our worship life at our Savior will look like for the foreseeable future. In addition, each day more and more information comes across my desk as to how this is to look with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, state and county, the church's district office, insurance companies, and the like. There is much we are called to put into consideration for the safety of the public before we can gather for worship.

With all that being said, it is our goal to open the doors for worship the weekend of **June 13 and 14**. If there is a great spike of positive tests within our community, this date needs to be postponed

Your first weekend back will be different. Things will look, feel, and sound different than what we had been doing up to the time we were requested to close our doors in March. But that which stays the same is the One who is unchanging and the message of His eternal Word for all people. Below are some items we desire you to know about before we gather again in this place.

- Online worship will continue.
 - If you are feeling ill in any way or do not feel comfortable being in the midst of a group setting, please stay home. You will still be able to watch the service on-line at home or through recorded DVD.
- As we are called to continue to practice social distancing of 6 feet, we will need to be mindful of our seating within the sanctuary. Seating will be limited, with additional seating available in the fellowship hall.
 - If needed, we will be adding additional worship services to accommodate members and guests
- In caring for your neighbor, personal protection will be provided on a limited basis
 - Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building for your use
 - Facemasks are ***strongly encouraged and recommended*** to be worn by all in attendance
 - A limited number of masks will be made available to those who need one.
- The church will be cleaned between services

- An offering box will be made available for those who do not give electronically
- The Lord's Supper will be served through a continuous line method

As we strive to keep everyone safe, we will be available to guide you through our new procedures. Our ushers, greeters, elders, and pastor will be available to assist you in your time at church.

We recognize the changing nature of how this virus is affecting people. This is not an ideal situation for any of us. Yet God's eternal Word still needs to go out; we cannot contain the forgiveness that Jesus offers to ourselves! We thank you and continue to pray for you and your patience in these days and we look forward to actually seeing you and worshipping with you in person again in the near future.

In His service,
Rev. Peter Kufahl



From the Pastor's Desk

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Each and every one of us has at one point of time or another spoken too soon about a topic, only to later regret what we said.

In the early days of the pandemic's outbreak when so much of life as we know it was shut down, we pondered to reflect how this will affect us. We believed that the mandated time would bring us closer to our families, yet how sad it is that calls to domestic abuse hotlines have been increasing. We believed that this would be a time in which we can get things done around the house, while binge watching television, alcohol consumption, and internet addictions have all increased. The desire was there to make the best of a bad situation, and it does not always work out for the best.

The same goes for our spiritual life in these days. Shortly after gatherings with fellow believers in groups of 50 or more... 10 or more were requested to be suspended and find other ways of worshiping the Triune God, people boldly proclaimed that although the devil and the world may close the doors of the church, they can't stop the Lord's work from being done. It was a bold claim that caught fire on social media. A claim I believe the devil responded with, "Hold my drink. I'm not done yet."

For as the days turned into weeks and weeks turned into months, the social distancing mandate continued, and we really started to get on one another's nerves. We began to see this isolation turn us against one another. As one person was terrified of the suffering and death this virus could bring, another believed it is not that bad. While one person believed face masks should be worn, another would not. And we turned on one another. The belief was there that if someone would not take steps to protect themselves and others, they in turn didn't care if they brought their illness to others. The belief was there that if you would not allow non-essential businesses to open, you didn't care about the owner and their employee's livelihood. And don't forget the attitude of, "We don't want your kind around here, because **you** may be a carrier." This basically enables us to view such visitors as carriers of the virus, when more than likely they are not.

What the devil rejoices in is the fact that he loves to create division. He loves to find ways of turning us against our Father in heaven, and he loves to find ways of causing division within our homes, society, and at church. In a world where truth is subjective and so much that is unknown causes fear, we have One who desires to gather us together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings (Matthew 23:37). Through the forgiveness that Jesus brings, He alone unites us to be one body and members of one another (Romans 12:4-5). This means setting aside our pride, wants, and desires, for the sake and security of our fellow members of the body of Christ.

Are we pleased with how things are playing out? Do we recognize that there are those who have ulterior motives behind their actions? Are there those who overreact? In this broken world, we know there are people such as these... people who need Jesus, just like you and me.

Therefore, with God-given wisdom and understanding, may we seek to care for one another; for those desiring to worship together, for those afraid to, for those who live here year-round and those who come from far away. May we serve as we have been served for the sake that all may receive His love and forgiveness.

In His service,
Pastor Kufahl



Summer Adventures!

A Journey through the Lord's Prayer

Join us for summer Sunday school!

Who: All ages; activity focus is elementary but all can enjoy!

When: Starts Saturday, June 6th

Where: Our Savior Facebook Page

Home Kit: Please let Marlene Rieck know if you would like a home kit for your family. You can pick up at church or we will deliver to you! (Email: marlenerieck87@gmail.com)



VBS 2020

July 27th-30th

Ages 3-12

At Rainforest Explorers VBS, learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and in life. He leads us to the treasure of eternal life, and He'll never leave us!



To register go to:

www.oursavioreagleriver.org

Please register to help us plan and prepare home kits for each child filled with crafts & gifts!

Money and the Great Commission

Jesus' parting command was: "*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*" (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with His mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere. He has given us our marching orders, and, in His strength, we can give ourselves fully to His work.

Because God has chosen to use us as His tools to bring salvation to all people, we must use our lives and gifts to spread the Good News. Paul wrote, "*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us*" (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the tools that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, "Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible." Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus' command to reach out to all people. Paul wrote that, through our giving, we "*test the sincerity of [our] love by comparing it with the earnestness of others*" (2 Corinthians 8:8).

For nonbelievers and those who lack spiritual maturity, the giving of money is done begrudgingly out of a sense of obligation. By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a "want to" rather than a "got to" give. We view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel through our money. Our giving expresses our gratitude for who God is and all that He has done for through His Son. Through faith, we hold onto our money loosely and then are privileged to experience the joy of giving as we give God our first and best. As Christians we understand that God has a claim on all that we have, so we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God's love. Money is an important tool for God's mission. Through our faithful giving, we are able to leverage our witnessing to all people.

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

WE HAD SCHEDULED A MEETING FOR JUNE 10TH AND IN JULY, UNLIKE LAST SUMMER, GIVING OUR SNOWBIRDS MORE OF A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE. DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES OF A PANDEMIC WE'VE HAD TO CHANGE OUR PLANS. PLACES ARE SLOWLY STARTING TO REOPEN WITH CAREFUL PLANNING, INCLUDING OUR SAVIOR. IT'S SO VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET BACK TOGETHER TO DISCUSS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO FOR FUNDRAISERS AND ALSO THE FALL RALLY WE ARE HOSTING FOR OUR ZONE. ORIGINALLY IT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THIS PAST SPRING. MOST IMPORTANT WE NEED TO SEE EACH OTHERS' FACES AND REASSURE ONE ANOTHER THAT WE'RE OKAY!

IF PLANS CHANGE AND WE CAN HOLD A MEETING IN JUNE WE'LL EMAIL AND CALL ALL MARTHA MEMBERS TO INFORM YOU. WE THANK GOD FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS AND PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE OR ARE FACING HEALTH OR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. MOST OF ALL WE PRAY FOR THE DAY WE CAN ALL BE TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN AND GIVE GLORY TO GOD.

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June Birthdays

1	Ronald Schoessow	17	Beverly Ginnow
3	Brett Mai		Madelyne Duval
	Carol Johnson	18	Graysen Lea
	Nicole Mai		Marianne Braun
4	Diane Kentala	19	Rick Campbell
	Mara Rothenbach	20	Deborah Schutt
5	Roger Anderson		Donna Timm
6	Barbara Moak		Gloria Harper
	Lauren Cross	21	Bonnie Fischer
	Sue Ziegler	22	Sandy Wiedenbauer
7	Wallace Oswald	23	Alan Geoffroy
9	Richard Pluedeman		Emily Sauer
10	Mark Lauber		Vickie Schoessow
	Terrance Luebke	24	Jay Braun
12	Kathleen Mackin	25	Kenneth Moak
13	Andrew Holewinski	26	Benjamin Parling
	Elizabeth Schmidt		Jay Shifra
	Vicki Holewinski	27	Chris Jost
14	Marvin Jarvis	28	Haylei Frank
	Sandra Apfel		Jake Campbell
15	Amelia Husing	29	Katrina Kadlec
16	Keith Kentala	30	Jessica Kadlec
	Taylor Gensler		Nancy Anderson
	Terry Tryggeseth		

June Anniversaries

1	Dave & Cindy Watts	19	Peter & Amy Kufahl
3	Andy & Kelly Skarbek	21	Adam & Amy Young
4	Jennifer & Christopher Frank		James & Jan Thomas
	Robert & Sharon Bauer	23	Zachary & Alicia Otto
6	Jack & Michelle Klotz	24	Jeff & Carla Mueller
	Robert & Carol Johnson	26	Bill & Karen Hassey
7	Perry & Rebekah Pokrandt		Martin & Kim Sauer
9	Chuck & Nancy Atwater	27	David & Miriam Karl
10	Michael & Nicole Rogers		Richard & Karen Behrens
11	Robert & Christine Hopp	28	Larry & Kathy Mortimer
13	Thomas & Kathleen Mackin		Robert & Jodi Popp
14	Mark & Dawn Lauber	29	Daniel & Loriann Scafaro
16	Roger & Carol Pluedeman		

