

July 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.



July Memory Verse

Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God.

Romans 11:33a

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Upcoming Events:

VBS Rainforest Explorers ~ July 27th - 30th



From the Pastor's Desk

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My father was is a repairman. Yes, I did strike out the word "was" and leave it in there. For the majority of his career my father repaired broken office equipment, such as adding machines, computers, and copiers. While that was his day job, dad would fix a great deal of things around the house. From toys to televisions to the house and cars, you name it he would do his best to fix it. Although he may be retired, his days of fixing things are not over yet. For folks such as my father, there is no sense in buying something new if what you have could be repaired.

To repair something is not always easy. For starters, it takes time. It takes time to figure out exactly what is wrong. It takes time to open things up to get to the broken component. It takes time to figure out what to do and where to get the parts and tools to do the repair. In addition, it may take additional time to learn how to do the repair correctly. Now this is if the repair works the first time. You may need to go back multiple times for the repair to finally work! So not only does it take time to repair something, but it takes patience, a little know-how, and the proper parts and tools to get the job done right.

But not everyone has the time, patience, a little know-how, and the proper parts and tools to get the job done. Therefore, for many, it is easier to get rid of that which is broken, throw it away, and buy the new updated model.

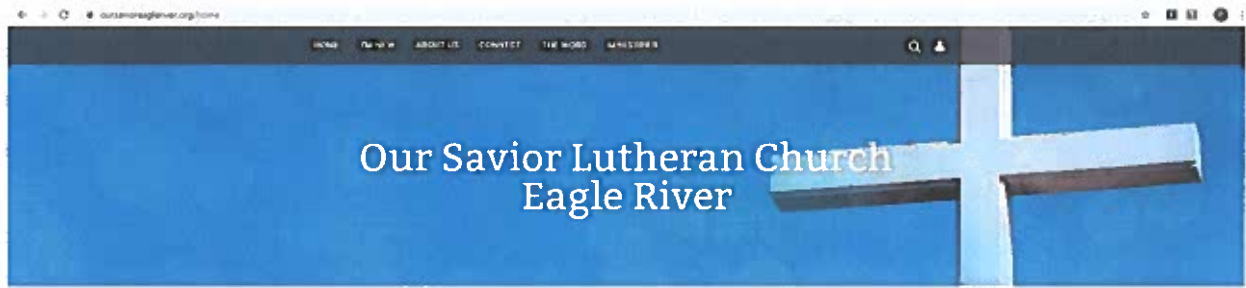
So, what is one to do when the society we live in is broken? Do we take the time, use patience, a little know-how with the proper tools and parts to fix it, or do we throw it away and get a new one? Over the past few weeks we have watched on the news as people have become sick and tired of the failed attempts to fix what is broken in our society. We see anger and frustration so evident as it spills into the streets, crying out and demanding not just a repair, but a new way of doing things that will put an end to injustice against another person seemingly based upon race or sexual orientation. We see the extreme of this movement lash out in destruction of property, destruction of historical statues, and destruction of life. We see a world crying out for something better while it struggles with knowing exactly what is wrong, and our patience is gone. Do we just throw it all away?

"Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28) These are words of a repairman... THE Repairman. Amidst a broken and crazy world, Jesus invites all to come and learn from Him. It is not a quick fix, but one that takes some time. To sit at His feet to read, listen, and study; to meditate and pray. It is a repair that teaches us Scripture as a whole, and not just a band-aid verse taken out of context here and there for a temporary job. It is a repair that may shock us into learning we are the ones with the real problem... not everybody else. And although the bill is high, the bill has been paid in full.

Through the rest and knowledge Jesus gives through His Word, He blesses us and opens our eyes to the world around us. By the working of the Holy Spirit, we are able to see not movements or broken organizations or mobs of angry people, but individuals... people who need the rest that Jesus has.

You may not be the best repairman out there. You may have lost any patience you have with people. But you have Jesus. More importantly, He has you. He has you in order that you may take the time to sit down with someone who sees the world in a different light and have a compassionate conversation with them... to get to know them... and invite them to come with you and sit with you at Jesus' feet. For each one of us is someone worth repairing.

A New Website!



By getting this newsletter, you probably were directed to our new website. We encourage you to spend a little time here and check it out. There are still a few things we will be adding and updating, so please keep checking back. The new website offers many new options for us as members. Through signing in, you will have access to our online church directory and your own private access to your personal information such as your offering contributions. Board members will be able to communicate through specific access pages on the website. You will be able to gain access to the radio messages, Bible Studies, and sermons. The Prayer Chain will have a specific page dedicated to those requesting prayers. And behind the scenes, the website will allow the church staff to contact members more easily through a variety of means. Therefore, please be aware that you may receive invitation requests to gain access to our new website. Check it out!

Dear Members of Our Savior Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generosity over the course of my time with you all! Not only have you been generous in giving me this opportunity to serve at Our Savior, but you have been generous in your time, grace, and prayers! I feel so blessed to have been placed in a congregation that has been so supportive of me!

My favorite part of my time here has been that I have been able to work with people of all ages. I loved playing guitar and singing with the little kids on Sunday mornings! They bring so much joy to their praises, which in turn filled me with joy. Teaching the older kids was an experience! I loved getting to know all of them and their unique personalities, while also teaching them something every once in a while. The youth group taught me more than I could have imagined. Getting to serve alongside them and learn and grow with them was a blessing over the course of this year. And the adults. The adults have taught me so much about ministry and service. I have loved the conversations that led to me learning some tid-bit of life wisdom. I have loved people popping into my office just to say hi and to chat for a while. I have loved getting to visit people who can't make it into church and getting to know them. I am so blessed by all of the connections I made this year, with people of all ages.

My next steps in life include finishing out this summer as a part of Camp Luther's summer staff. I am not sure what that all entails, but it will be an adventure! And in the fall I will be returning to Concordia St Paul to finish my degree and receive my Director of Christian Education certification. I am looking forward to my classes next year and being able to share the lessons I have learned this past year. This has been a year I will never forget.

Thank you all again for your support and prayers this year! I will forever be grateful that I got to spend my internship year at Our Savior.

God's Blessings!

-Anna Reineke



Vacation Bible School 2020

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!

Family Night Sunday, July 26th, 5:30-7:30 pm

5:30 pm Bring your own meal, lawn chairs or blanket

6-7:30 pm Games, puppet show, singing, ice cream treat

Pick up your VBS backpack filled with great stuff!

VBS July 27th-31st

At home or with friends in your backyard

Online resources & home kits (backpacks with crafts, gifts, & more!)

Register today at:

www.oursavioreagleriver.org/vacation-bible-school

Families and volunteers are invited to make videos for our online resources! Choices include: crafts, storytelling, science experiments, and snacks.

To volunteer or learn more, please contact Marlene Rieck: 715-479-6226.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Thursday 06/04/20 – 7:00 pm @ OSLC

**In Attendance: Carol Litchfield, Lynn Parker, Sue Kurth, Rick Behrens, Anna Reineke,
Marlene Rieck, and Pastor Kufahl**

MEETING AGENDA (MINUTES IN PARENTHESIS)

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Led prayer by Pastor)
2. Review minutes from May 2020 Meeting (Emailed to all. Carol motioned to accept, 2nd by Lynn. Approved Unanimously)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Presented and motioned to accept by Rick, 2nd by Lynn. Passed Unanimously)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (Marlene presented. Please see her report for more information.)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Nothing new to present.)
6. Old business Items:
 1. VBS- July 27th-30th (Marlene is looking to purchase VBS materials from Concordia Publishing House as well as home /family ideas to get out to the families. More suggestions from Carol and Marlene online VBS ideas of other things families could do would be geocaching, arts and crafts kits, hikes, Plants and their ties to biblical, something to get everyone outside for family VBS adventures.)
 2. Ark Encounter (Carol worked with the hotel and they have offered the same deal for next year, and the bus would be approximately \$200 more, so plans were tentatively made for the first week of August 2021!)
7. New Business: Confirmation: (Confirmation recognition is tentatively set for June 21st)
8. Next meeting: Thursday July 9th 2020 @ 7pm? TBD
9. Close in Prayer (Pastor led us in the Lord's Prayer)

BOARD OF EVANGELISM MEETING
JUNE 15, 2020

Members present: Pastor Kufahl, Marlene Rieck, Janet Nowers, Gary Fawcett, Ron Ritzer, Jim and Gloria Harper, Holly Nier

Janet called meeting to order with prayer by Pastor Kufahl.

Discussion by Pastor:

*Out of consideration for everyone, Pastor recommends tabling the New Member Reception and Senior Celebration until people are more comfortable with larger gatherings. Everyone agreed. Jim mentioned the Veterans Celebration in November and we will discuss options as we near that time.

*Discussion of supporting FORK by having a Christmas Tree at Our Savior with plates decorating it, and asking the congregation to pick a plate and make a donation of one or more meals for needy families. We will discuss further details as the Christmas Season draws near.

*Requests the Board assume responsibility of maintaining the Project Connect pamphlets on the wall by Pastor's office. Gary, Ron, and Jim will inventory and order as needed.

Discussion by Janet:

*Recommends the Board members make phone calls and send cards to shut ins. Pastor suggested including the entire congregation during this time of Covid19 and it was agreed to share this task between all Board members. Janet brought up a suggestion as to how the Board can serve our community by volunteering with odd jobs or assistance in any way. Ron suggested utilizing the Commission on Aging to reach those who are in need. He will contact them and explore our options.

*Discussion of manning the Welcome Center by Board members and Greeters. Holly brought up that with the uncertainty of membership attendance, at this time it is difficult to schedule Greeters. During discussion it was determined that for the summer months, Board members will assist in manning the Welcome Center and greeting on an as available basis. No formal Greeters schedule will be posted and all Board members and Greeters will be encouraged to pitch when they see that no one is at or near the Welcome Center. It is anticipated that as we enter Fall, the Greeters schedule will resume.

Next Board meeting will be scheduled for August unless a July meeting becomes needed.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer and adjourned by Janet.

Submitted by
Holly Nier

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

As we get ready to celebrate the 4th of July, it certainly will seem different. There will be no fireworks and no parade. What does stay the same is displaying our flag and being proud to be an American. Under that flag we are given our freedom to worship our Lord.

Some of us will be celebrating family reunions, some celebrating quietly. What does the month of July mean for Martha? We will not hold a meeting this month. But I'm hoping we can have one in August. It has been a long time since we were able to be together. Please continue to pray for our sisters and spouses. Some of them are going or have gone through serious health issues. Pray for our missions as they continue to operate with very limited funds. Pray also for our child in India as we continue to receive correspondence from him.

Most of all pray for our church and its members. Pray for our outreach programs. Pray for VBS which will be done in a different format this summer. We will miss working with the children in person.

I miss each and every one of you. I have not heard anything about our Rally, if we are still having it in fall. I will let you know when I know. Stay strong in your faith as we live in this difficult time and pray for one another.

**Teri Kressin
President
Martha Society**



July Birthdays

1	Lily Young	16	Cole Crum
2	Joyce Loyd		Miriam Karll
3	David Liedtke	17	Ezekiel Ross
	Nancy Cameron	18	Curtis Hare
4	Chuck Healy	20	Cheryl Jenkins
5	Lois Parnitzke		Tim Cross
7	Linda Stenschke	21	Bill Hassey
	Michael Otto		Hannah Kadlec
8	Erich Zorr		James Harper
9	Eunice Ball	22	Ann Mai
	Ruth Steinke		Megan Ritzer
10	David Parker	23	Richard Cherney
	Patrick Grosse	25	Kelvin Lindbom
11	John Apfel	26	Dan Sauvola
	Sawyer Otto	28	Joel Ludwig
14	Donn Gauger		Priscilla Ellenberger
	Janice Grosse	29	Larry Steckling
	Jan Toivonen		Mark Olson
	Wayne Campbell		Skip Plisch
15	Vicki Holewinski		

July Anniversaries

1	Chad & Randee Smith	18	Kenneth & Lisa Alft
	Richard & Ruth Steinke	22	Andrew & Priscilla Ellenberger
2	David & Lynn Parker		Scott & Nicole Lea
	Stewart & Pamela Jackson	25	Mark & Karen Olson
3	Don & Diane Schoessow	28	John & Shirley Priefer
11	Skip & Connie Plisch		Todd & Brenda Otto

July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9a Sunday Worship/Comm	29 30	1	2	3	4	Fourth of July 7p Saturday Evening/Comm
5 9a Sunday Worship	6 7	8	9	10	11	7p Saturday Evening
12 9a Sunday Worship/Comm	13 14	15	16	17	18	7p Saturday Evening/Comm
19 9a Sunday Worship	20 9a Newsletter Articles Due	21	22	23	24	25
26 9a Sunday Worship/Comm	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 9a Sunday Worship	3 4	5	6	7	8	7p Saturday Evening/Comm

<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
July 4 7:00 PM Communion	Don Secord Dick Cherney	Dave Goddard Dick Cherney Debbie Holewinski Bob Johnson		Debbie Holewinski	
July 5 9:00 AM	Gary Fawcett	Dave Liedtke Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Jan Toivonen	Shele Fawcett
July 11 7:00 PM	Pat Crum	Jim Harper Jim Bonson		Mary Malinsky	
July 12 9:00 AM Communion	Keith Kentalta Tim Kadlec	Pat Grosse Jan Grosse		Marianne Braun	
July 18 7:00 PM Communion	Dick Cherney Jim Bonson	Marv Jarvis Bob Merz		Mike Rieck	
July 19 9:00 AM	Ron Hagen	Andy Ellenberger Gerhard Becker Gerald Yetter		Priscilla Ellenberger	
July 25 7:00 PM	Pat Crum	Del Keup Jim Bonson		Steven Rieck	
July 26 9:00 AM Communion	Gary Fawcett Keith Kentalta	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth		Sue Kurth	Shele Fawcett

IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!