

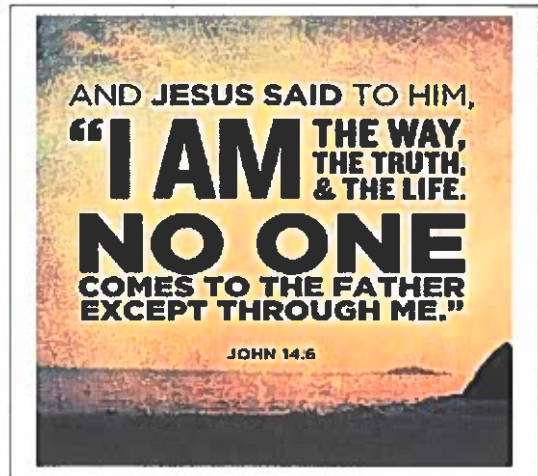
September 2020 Newsletter

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.



September Memory Verse

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

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Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 1st ~ 7-7:50 am
Donuts & Blessings

Saturday, September 12th ~ 6:00 - 9:30 pm
Marriage Night (at church or home)

Sunday, September 13th:
7:30 am ~ Indoor Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 am ~ Outdoor Worship in parking lot
(bring lawn chairs)
10:45 am ~ Rally Day for Christian Education in parking lot



From the Pastor's Desk

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"Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:14-15

These are the days of choices, and the choices that are before us appear to be so drastically serious. Think of all the choices you have to make as to how to live with the unknown possibility of coming into contact with someone who may or may not be a carrier of covid-19. Do you go out? Do you wear a mask? Do you send your kid to school? Do you go places in person or order online? One bad choice could infect you and then you could infect others!

If this wasn't bad enough, then there are all the choices that we have to make as a nation in regards to our leadership. Who do you vote for? Do you support Black Lives Matter? How do you support your local police department? How do you support those who have been taken advantage of by those in authority? It feels that no matter what politician you vote for or what organization you support, either way you are going to come out on the losing end, because somebody is not going to be happy about your choice.

With so many choices to make, how do you arrive at an answer you can be at peace with? Philippians 4:6 reminds us, *do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made know to God.* The Lord our God invites us to bring any concern we have to Him. And that includes anything and everything we have to wrestle with in these days. How often do you come before Him requesting wisdom to make the right choices in these days?

The Israelites also faced a choice as they were preparing to enter into the land promised to them for generations: false gods or the Lord who rescued them from slavery in Egypt and provided for them in the wilderness. You would think that would be an easy answer with all they had seen God do in their lives. But the temptation to worship those gods of the world were so popular...

Each day, whether in pandemic or not, that choice lies before you as well. Recently I read a sobering article of 5 types of people who will never return to church as a result of the pandemic. The logic behind the article was hard to argue with, because we see it in the lives of people everyday. Regular worship attendance is not viewed as all that important. And now with the threat of contracting covid-19, there is a sense of danger to gather for worship.

Yet what does God command in the 3rd Commandment? Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Luther teaches us that we are not to let anything come between us and the hearing of God's Word and the reception of the Sacrament. When we allow something to get in the way, including our fears, we fall in line with the Israelites of old who turned to false gods, thereby also breaking the 1st Commandment.

The virus threat we face is real, and we at Our Savior are doing our best to make our worship setting a safe place for you and your family. We encourage you to join us for worship, and if your health is at risk by attending, please take advantage of joining us online through Facebook or our website, or contact the church office for other options including setting up an appointment to receive the Lord's Supper.

Remember, the Lord your God is bigger than this virus!

Doughnuts & Blessings



Students of all ages are invited to swing by church to receive a prayer with Pastor and grab a doughnut on your way to your first day of the school year, Tuesday, September 1st from 7-7:50 a.m.

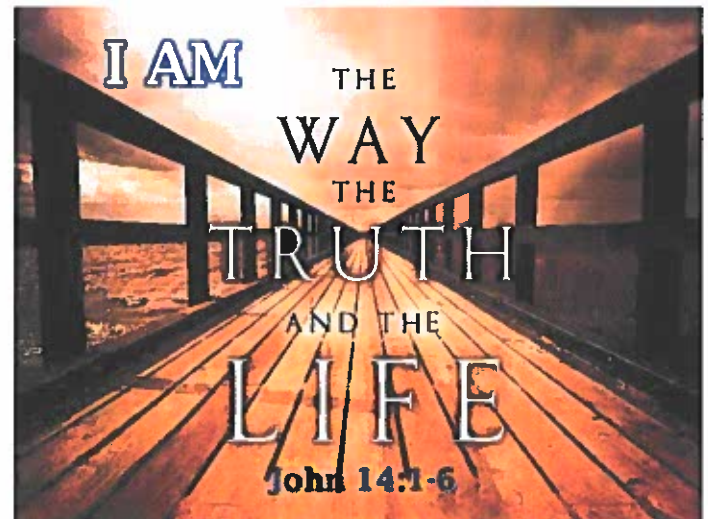
Rally Day 2020

Sunday, September 13th

10:45 a.m. after outdoor worship

*Grow in Christ this fall by joining our
Christian education for all ages!
May Christ be our Leader now and always!*

Sunday School Ministry – Teachers, teacher helpers, and supply assistants are all needed. Please contact Marlene Rieck for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!



Backpack Blessing

Students are invited to bring their backpacks on **Sunday, September 13th**, at the **7:30 indoor OR 10 am outdoor worship service** for a backpack blessing. Students will receive a backpack tag and a blessing to remind them that God is with them at school and wherever they go!

Marriage Night

Marriage Night is a RightNow Media simulcast for married and engaged couples to laugh and learn as they hear from marriage experts and discover how to honor God through their relationship.

Saturday, September 12th

6-9:30 pm

Church Fellowship Hall

(Or at home)

Cost: \$15 per person

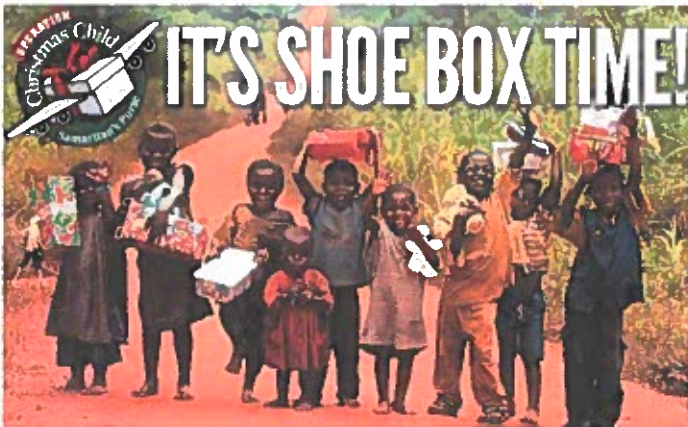
To register go to:

<https://events.rightnowmedia.org/attendee/site/3759>



Operation Christmas Child

Share God's love with a child!



Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, delivers shoe box gifts to children all over the world! They follow up their gifts with a discipleship program that teaches children the love of Jesus. Go to www.samaritanspurse.org for more information.

Starting in September we are collecting **school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, and new toys** for our Operation Christmas Child packing party! Please place supplies in the basket in the narthex or in the lower level. Thank you for your gifts of love!

(Just a reminder: No candy or toothpaste can be sent due to shipping regulations. Toothbrushes are still needed!)

The Exalted State of Servanthood

Martin Luther, the author of the Reformation which we celebrate the end of October, wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." Perhaps those two sentences appear at first to be contradictory. What Luther was trying to help us understand is that we, as Christians, are called to freedom from an obligation to serve, but that we are called to the freedom to serve joyfully.

This call to joyful servanthood is understood and often scoffed at, simply because we have confused servanthood with servitude. Servitude conveys the idea of bondage and even slavery. Servanthood, on the other hand, connotes voluntary service, joyful giving of ourselves, a willing choice to help others, and selfless commitment.

One who is involved in servitude serves unwillingly out of a sense of fear and has no hope of entering into a different state, while one involved in servanthood lives in an exalted state, a healthy and uplifting climate of helping others. Even though challenges must be overcome and problems may abound, the joy of servanthood is the overriding experience.

How do we get from a state of servitude to a state of servanthood? This transition is made when we properly understand the Word of God which clearly defines servanthood by explaining Christ's purpose in coming to Earth: ". . . *the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus has lived the perfect life of the servant in our places, so we no longer are constrained to try to "measure up" to what God expects. The Law never saves, never enables us, only shows us our shortcomings.

When we look at Christ, though, and how He lived His earthly life and what He has done for us, we are freed to respond with heartfelt, sincere, loving service to those He has placed around us. The acts of service we render are the same; the motivation and attitude are what make the difference. Through Christ, we are elevated to the exalted state of servanthood.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Thursday 08/11/20 – 7:00 pm @ OSLC

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

MEETING AGENDA (MINUTES IN PARENTHESIS)

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Pastor opened with prayer.)
2. Review minutes from July 2020 Meeting (Emailed to all) (Motioned by Rick, Second by Lynn. Passed.)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick presented and has a couple of items to talk to office about. Will email board if any discrepancies are found. Motioned by Carol, 2nd by Lynn. Passed unanimously)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (Marlene presented her report. Please see it for more information. The board voted unanimously to have Marlene purchase the CPH curriculum for Sunday School. Motioned by Rick, 2nd by Lynn and Sue.)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Pastor updated. Servant projects have been put on hold, timing/schedules along with the Covid pandemic have caused challenges so far this summer. Will update more if these can happen.)
6. Old business Items:
 1. VBS takeaways from July 27th-30th (The board discussed the feedback from VBS)
7. New Business: TBD
8. Next meeting: Thursday September 3rd 2020 @ 7pm at OSLC
9. Close in Prayer (Rick closed in prayer)

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 11:30 in the Fellowship hall. The meeting will start at 12 noon. Hostesses for the lunch are Jan Toivonen and Dawn Lauber. Christian fellowship will be given by Jan Toivonen.

At our last meeting we had 10 attendees and practiced social distancing and wearing masks. It felt good to see so many of our Christian sisters. We discussed many items for fundraisers. These always brought in the money we then distributed to many missions. This year is different in that we haven't had any so far. With the presence of Covid 19 in our world our normal routines and functions have all been placed on hold or moved to next year. This is the case for our rally. It will be moved and held next spring, God willing.

At our meeting in September we will finalize plans for the Harvest dinner to be held on October 11, 2020. The dinner will be take-out only. As this is our only fundraiser for the year we're hoping for a lot of support from our congregation.

On a sad note, Donna Liedtke has tendered her resignation as secretary of Martha and also resigned as a member. We are looking for a new secretary and hope that someone will prayerfully consider this position. Donna will be available to mentor the new secretary.

Please plan on attending our next meeting to be with your Martha sisters. I have missed seeing all of you and being in our Savior's house. During this pandemic, we especially need to be with and support each and every one of us.

God Bless all of my fellow Martha sisters.

Teri Kressin

President



September Birthdays

2	Barry Holtzman Cameron Birchbauer Carol Duckworth Greyson Rogers	17	Don Schoessow Robert Ginnow Siera Eggleston
3	Ezra Kadlec	18	Marilyn Cooper
4	Lois Schlueter	20	Christine Hopp
7	George Hintz	21	Cassie Tryggeseth Violet Csepp
8	Deborah Holewinski	23	Curtis Frank Debbie Huntington Piper Gensler
9	Herb Numrich Wendy Pluedeman	24	Mary George
10	Ashley Sauer Shirley Prierer	25	Jack Baer
11	Ronald Kressin Sean Lorenz	26	Buzz Getzel Glenn Finger
12	Alex Heck David Karll	27	Fred Wiedenbauer Todd Otto
13	Michael Rieck Vonna Goddard	28	Christine Hare Jill Geoffroy
15	Shirley Knitt	30	Walker Levan Whitney Levan

September Anniversaries

1	Grant & Jean Meyer	15	Kirk & Stacey Klein
2	Chris & Janette Wise Larry & Mary Steckling	16	Bill & Julie LaFriske
3	Adam & Kristie Ross	17	James & Jean Walker Ronald & Teri Kressin
4	Blaine & Bailey Welch	19	Terry & Gloria Lyon
5	James & Nancy Steenport	21	Clarence & Brunhilde Petzold Dave & Vonna Goddard
7	Roger & Caroline Anderson	25	Bill Reckling & Carol Smith
9	Tye & Deana Lindbom	26	Scott & Jennifer Messner
10	Dan & Shelly Sauvola	27	Jon & Diana Sell
12	Harold & Marilyn Versh	30	Rick & Laura Campbell
14	Mike & Cheryl Jenkins		

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 7am Donuts & Blessings	2	3	4	5 7pm Saturday Evening/Comm
6 9am Sunday Worship	7 Labor Day	8 9am Bible Study	9 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha Meeting	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service Outdoor Service	14 6pm HCPA Meeting	15 9am Bible Study	16 5:30pm Confirmation Class	17	18 Office Closed	19
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<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
September 5 7:00 PM Communion	Don Secord Dick Cherney	Dick Cherney Debbie Holewinski Dave Goddard Bob Johnson		Bonnie Jozowski	
September 6 9:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Jan Toivonen	
September 13 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum Jim Bonson	Jim Harper Jim Bonson		Sue Frank	
September 13 10:00 AM Outdoor Worship	Keith Kentala	Pat Grosse Jan Grosse Tim Forss		Sue Kurth	Lynn Parker
September 20 7:30 AM Communion	Pat Crum Dick Cherney	Mark Olson Marv Jarvis Sue Frank Bob Merz		Mark Olson	
September 20 10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Andy Ellenberger Gerhard Becker Gerald Yetter		Cindy Gauger	
September 27 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Del Keup Jim Bonson		Mary Malinsky	
September 27 10:00 AM Communion	Keith Kentala Jacob Husing	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth		Sue Kurth	Sharon Gifford

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