

# OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## October 2018

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**Bringing Christ to the people...the people to Christ"**



Dear Friends in Christ,

The last few months I've used this newsletter article to work our way through the Apostles' Creed, and I'd like to continue with that. This month we are up to what we call the Second Article of the Creed, the portion of the Creed that tells us about Jesus and His work.

Just a bit of a reminder, we as Lutherans have some great resources in understanding the Christian faith. One of the best is the Small Catechism by Martin Luther. It is simple but profound, a beautiful laying out of the Biblical faith. Luther lifts up various parts of our faith – the 10 Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Communion and Baptism. He succinctly and powerfully explains what each is about.

Last month I shared a section of the Small Catechism on the first segment or article of the Apostles' Creed. (The Apostles' Creed is the confession faith we use most Sundays.) Here is the Second Article and what Luther wrote about it:

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Martin Luther wrote - I believe that Jesus Christ – true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin Mary – is my Lord.

At great cost He has saved and redeemed me, a lost and condemned person.

He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the devil – not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death.

All this He has done that I may be His own, live under Him in his kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Mark

## **Sunday School – We are Kicked-off and Going!**

Sundays School is now going strong. We offer classes for ages 3 through adults. Sunday School is 9:00 a.m. until 9:50. Come and join the fun!

### **Discipleship Opportunities**

We have two “discipleship opportunities” to keep in front of you this fall, both of which we talked about in worship the last few weeks. First, On Sunday mornings, when you come into the worship space and sit down, please take a few moments and pray. Pray for our service, pray for those leading worship, pray for God to fill us with His Spirit. Take a few seconds, or a few minutes, whatever works for you. Let’s intentionally have all of our members supporting our worship with prayer! THANK YOU.

Second, we want all of our members to have a Bible and a good study bible. There is a table in the church gathering space; on it are bibles, study bibles, and brochures to help with Bible study. If you don’t have one of these, please take one! We want all of our members reading the Word of God.

### **Service of Confirmation**

Our confirmation service this year will be on Sunday, October 28. We have two young people being confirmed this year – Rachael Gibbs and Ezra Johnson.

### **Help Wanted – Computer Person**

Our congregation is going to be making some new arrangements in our office this fall. We are looking to hire someone for 6 to 7 hours a week to do our computer work. The job description will include overseeing our new website, sending out weekly flocknotes and the prayer list, working with church windows and our church records, and maintaining membership and mailing lists. Most if not all of this work should be able to be done from home.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mark.

### **First Communion**

Each fall we offer a class to prepare students for receiving communion. Usually students take this class in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but we very much involve parents in the decision as to when they student should take the class. This year our class will be offered on Sundays Nov. 4, 11, and 18 immediately after worship.

### **Electronic Newsletters**

One of our goals for this fall is to begin sending out our monthly newsletter electronically. The newsletter will continue to be sent out at the beginning of each month; we plan to begin sending an electronic version as an expanded version of the flocknotes that we are currently sending. Each week you will receive the flocknote as you presently are; but the first week of the month you will receive an expanded version that will include all the information found in our present newsletter.

We also know that some of our members would prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter in the mail. We will of course continue to send paper copies to those who would prefer that.

We will begin working on this transition this fall. We are excited to make this move forward!

### **Exploring Hispanic Ministry**

Pastor Pedro Portillo from Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Irving will begin helping us to explore the possibility of developing a Hispanic ministry here at Our Saviour’s. We will begin by advertising that we are available to do weddings, baptisms and quinceaneras. Pastor Pedro will usually be with us once a month for a Friday/Saturday. We will keep the congregation apprised of how this is going. Please keep this new exploration in your prayers!

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bibles**

We will give out Bibles to our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students on Sunday, October 7 during our worship service.

### Church Office Hours

Debbie Miller, our congregation's secretary, is in the office on Mondays through Thursdays from 10:00 until 2:00. Please do call her with any questions or requests that you have.

### Prayer Chain

We have an email prayer chain that works wonderfully. Thank you to all who share in this special ministry. If you are not presently on the prayer chain and would like to be, please call or email the church office and we will be sure you are added.

### BYOB

Just a reminder, we say that our worship services are BYOB. What we mean by that is "bring your own Bible"! We want our members faithfully using their bibles, please bring yours to worship with you and use it during worship. If you should forget, there are always extra Bibles available in the narthex.

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

We meet in the conference room at 10:00 AM every Thursday. We are currently studying the General Epistles. We discuss different chapters and verses every week. We have books available, so, please come and join us!

### Oktoberfest 2018: October 13 from 3:00—8:00

Come dressed in your favorite German outfit and enjoy this community outreach event. There will be music, dancing, German food, hot dogs, Sola Bread, Kona Ice, Beer, water and sodas. There will be activities for the kids like cake walk, face painting, bounce houses, Bingo, costume contests and Wiener Dog races. There will also be a Valentine Quilt raffle the night of the event in the Bingo room. There will also be vendors set up inside the church selling merchandise. German meal of Brats, Sauerkraut and German Potato Salad is \$5.00. Sodas and water are \$1.00. Beer is \$5.00. T-shirts are available in adult sizes S-XL are \$20.00 2XL and 3XL are \$22.00 and children shirts are \$15.00.

**What we still need for this fun event!** We still need **drink donations**: coke, diet coke, 7up, Dr. Pepper and water. All donated drinks can be dropped off on the table by the kitchen. We are looking for **volunteers to help with the event**: bounce houses, face painting, cake walk and weiner dog races. You will not have to work the whole night just a couple of hours. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. We are also looking for **people to bake cakes** for the cake walk. We are going to have some polka dancing lessons too prior to the event. If you are interested please sign up. T-shirts will be ready at the end of the month! This is a great opportunity to reach out to the community and a great time of fellowship. Make your calendar for October 13, 2018 3-8 pm.



### Sunday School and Social Ministry

Our Social Ministry Committee just finished their Christmas Shoe Box drive. Thank you to all who have helped. We have had a great response!

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunday School students helped. Here are some pictures!



### Social Ministry

The Social Ministry Committee follows the mandates of scripture to serve others, especially those who are ill, hungry, troubled, suffering injustice, or lacking basic needs. Each month, we will include a brief description of the organization (s) that our donations target.

**August Contributions:** In August, we made a donation to Refuse of Life.

**Path:** The annual Summer Fan Drive began in June and continued through

August. We are grateful for the generous contributions again this year. These fans have made our very hot summer more comfortable for the recipients.

**Shoe Box Drive:** The Shoebox Drive was very successful again this year. The committee is so very grateful to members of the congregation who packed and returned boxes. These not only make Christmas a happy time but shares the Good News of Jesus Christ to children around the world.

**Quilters:** The Quilters are pleased to have quilted wall hangings. These are for sale. If you are interested in any of these, please contact Linda Tumino or Helen Siebert.

The Quilters are always looking for new members. Anyone who is interested, please join us any Tuesday morning. We meet from 9:00 to 11:30 with a coffee break at 10:00. No experience is necessary. Only a desire to learn is required.

**Upcoming Events:** In November, we will again have the **Annual Food Drive for PATH**. The first Sunday after Thanksgiving, will begin our **Christmas In the Neighborhood**.

### OSLC Golf Scramble Set for Oct. 19th

OSLC Golfers, if you would like to participate in a scramble golf event scheduled for 12:00 p.m. on Oct. 19th at Oakhurst Golf Club with fellow OSLC congregants, please contact Bill Videtto via cell phone 903-710-2103 or by email at [bjvidetto@gmail.com](mailto:bjvidetto@gmail.com) for more details.

### PrimeTimers Needed and Wanted

Our next meeting will be at noon on OCTOBER 11th in the fellowship hall.

- ◆ Who are PrimeTimers? Anyone who wants to come - we are not an exclusive group!
- ◆ What are we going to eat? Pizza, salad, and ice cream sundaes.
- ◆ What are we going to do? Have fun, fun, fun  
After our meal and a brief group meeting we are going to exercise -ha ha - our brains. The activity will be friendly competition between groups to correctly answer trivia questions. We have done this before with trivia from the 1970's (too long ago), so these questions will be from the 1980s. And no sports this time - we totally bombed those questions last year.
- ◆ What do we need to do?  
By **October 10th** please let Mary Ferguson or Jenny Videtto know if you plan to attend — and if you will be bringing a friend or friends. This is pretty important if you want a slice or two of pizza.

### Phyllis Guysinger's Thoughts , Thanks, and Praise

I'm a newcomer to OSLC, but not a stranger. From my first contact, you have made me feel welcomed into the fold. The first week I was here, I attended service, a congregational meeting, and a pot luck luncheon. Becky offered to drive me to quilting on Tuesday and Bible Study on Thursday. I felt right at home every where I went.

And, you all are mighty prayer warriors. My health has been seriously affected. The prayer team, all my friends at quilting and bible Study, and those who have become my good friends and acquaintances and so many others have been praying for me. Prayers are mighty in power! Thank you for your prayers.

Though the waters are choppy, my foundation is sure. And, your prayers have helped stay me and steady the boat. Despite the complications, my test results have been the most positive for the situation. God works thru people and medicine to alleviate and cure the complexities in our lives. And, God does the healing. He is healing me!

The Holy Spirit is at work among us. And, praise the Lord for His presence, power, and leadership as we use our individual gifts and personalities for the furtherance of the kingdom.



May the Lord continue to shine His countenance upon us!

### October 2018 Worship Servers

2018	Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost 1st Sunday October 7	Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost 2nd Sunday October 14	Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost 3rd Sunday October 21	Reformation Sunday 4th Sunday October 28	Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost 1st Sunday November 4
Altar Guild	Jan Moch Susan Buntz Audrey Cameron	Carol Lattier Sherry Towns Connie Lucas Ed Lucas	Joni LeBlanc Sandra Hawthorne Randy Hendrickson Jennifer Videtto	Carol Lattier Virginia Coker Kimberly Butler Michelle Smith	Jan Moch Susan Buntz Audrey Cameron
<b>10:00 Worship Service</b>					
LMC & Usher	Ryan Gibbs Milo Miles	Erin Henriksen Bob Tardiff	Connie Gibbs Max Lewis	Cliff Dengerud Sally Dengerud	Ryan Gibbs Milo Miles
Acolyte	Addie Sartor & Mackenzie LeRoy	Ben Snyder	Ezrah Johnson	Rachel Gibbs	Mackenzie Davis
Reader	Donna Bowers	Kristin Blaise	Joan Fleck	Kristi LeRoy	Donna Bowers
Communion	Susan Buntz Dee Miles	Ken Pontious Cheryl Pontious	Amy Norris Jana Snyder	Blaine Davis Jan Moch	Susan Buntz Dee Miles
Projectionist	Audrey Cameron Toby Fite	Jana Coke Toby Fite	Ed Lattier Toby Fite	Jana Coke Toby Fite	Audrey Cameron Toby Fite

PLEASE NOTE: If you cannot serve in your scheduled worship service position, **please find a substitute so that the position is filled.**  
Then call the office at (903-561-1865) so that the right server can be shown on that week's bulletin.

# October Happenings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>7 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship 11:30 Usher Training 4th Grade Bibles</p>	<p>1 6:30 Council</p>	<p>2 9:00 Quilters 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 Oktoberfest Planning Meeting</p>	<p>3 Embroiderer's Guild: 9-3</p>	<p>4 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA</p>	<p>5 6:00 ACA Meeting</p>	<p>6 12:00 AA Meeting</p>
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<p>28 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Choir 10:00 Worship</p>	<p>22 6:30 Council</p>	<p>23 9:00 Quilters 11:30 Social Ministry 12:00 AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 10:00 Bible Study 12:00 AA Meeting 6:00 CODA</p>	<p>26 6:00 ACA Meeting Deadline at Noon for Newsletter Articles/Dates</p>	<p>27 12:00 AA Meeting</p>
						



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## **OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Staff:**

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Mark Braaten  
 Parish Administrator.....Debbie Miller  
 Financial Administrator.....Carol Lattier  
 Organist/Keyboardist.....Dr. Jaeyong Lee

### **Mission Statement**

*“ Bringing Christ  
 To the people,  
 And the people  
 To Christ. ”*

### **Sunday Schedule – Beginning Sept. 9**

**9:00 Children’s Sunday School  
 & Adult Bible Study**  
**10:00 Worship Service**

### **New Members Received**

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