

# Good News

October 2022



Newsletter of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Saviour  
420 North Progress Avenue  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17109

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

October is the time of year when we remember specifically our Lutheran Heritage. For it was after all during the month of October in the year 1517 that the Lutheran Reformation began. It was in October 1517 when Luther posted his *95 Theses* that started the events that led to the formation of the Lutheran Church and other Protestant denominations. So October is a most appropriate time to remember our Lutheran Heritage.

And one of the aspects of our Lutheran Heritage, and no small aspect at that, is the notion that “truth is found in paradox.” Now, for those who don’t know, a paradox is a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement or proposition. Here are some examples: “Less is more;” “The enemy of my enemy is my friend;” “The beginning of the end;” and “Earn more money by spending it.”

In the movie *An American President* starring Michael Douglas and Annette Benning, there is a scene toward the end of the movie where Douglas (as the President of the United States) gives a speech during a press conference. His speech in part includes these words: “America isn’t easy. America is advanced citizenship. You’ve gotta want it bad, ‘cause it’s gonna put up a fight. It’s gonna say, ‘You want free speech? Let’s see you acknowledge a man whose words make your blood boil, who’s standing center stage and advocating at the top of his lungs that which you would spend a lifetime opposing at the top of yours.’ You want to claim this land as the land of the free? Then the symbol of your country cannot just be a flag. The symbol of your country also has to be one of its citizens exercising his right to burn that flag in protest. Now show me that, defend that, celebrate that in your classrooms.” *That*, Sisters and Brothers in Christ, that speech is paradox at its finest.

And so again, I reiterate, “Truth is found in paradox.” And Martin Luther understood this very well. He was adept at spouting paradoxes. For instance, Luther said, “A Christian is both simultaneously saint and sinner.” We are saints because of baptism, and yet we still struggle with sin throughout our lives. And Luther said, “The power of God is hidden in suffering.” This is nowhere better seen than at the cross. God’s power to redeem the world from sin and death is on display in all its glory in the violent and gruesome execution of his Son Jesus. And Luther said, “The Bible contains both law and Gospel. The Bible contains both judgment and grace.” Often these two are conveyed in the same words in the Bible. I liken this truism to a pastor who tells his whole congregation “thanks” for helping during such and such a service event. Those in the congregation who had helped at the event would hear those words and feel blessed by the pastor’s word of thanks. Those in the congregation who hadn’t helped at the event would hear the pastor’s words and no doubt feel a twinge of guilt. That is Law and Gospel happening at the same time. I could go on and on with Luther’s use of paradox, but I think I made my point.

So when we look at life around us, I think it is well worth our effort to take note of those places where there is contradiction, where there is a sense of the absurd. And in that paradox we see truth. One such example of contradiction and absurdity, is the image on television of a person using a push broom to sweep up a street when all around that person are demolished buildings. I have seen that image more than once during the war in Ukraine. It is absurd. It is a paradox—trying to clean up with so much destruction all around. But truth is right there for the viewing. For what is God about, and what has God implanted in human beings, but a need for order. That is what God does in Creation: God puts light and darkness in their places, making “day” and “night”; God puts water and dry land in their places, making “seas” and “earth”; so on and so forth. So truth is found where there is absurd, contradictory, paradoxical things. This is what the writer of that speech from *An American President* is getting at, too.

As we think about our Lutheran Heritage this month, think about where truth is often revealed in the world around us, in those places where paradox is very evident. To know truth is to be on the watch for paradox.

In Christ, *Pastor Joel Petruschke*

### **The Lessons for October 2022**

**October 2** — Pentecost 17

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

**October 9** — Pentecost 18

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

**October 16** — Pentecost 19

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

Luke 18:1-8

**October 23** — Pentecost 20

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalms 84:1-7

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

**October 30** — Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 46

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36



### **Our 2022-2023 Church Council**

Anneke Fleming

Brad Neil

Jim Lubrecht

Jeanette Logan

Penny Zimmerman

Steve Barron

Dawne Veet

Pastor Joel

Officers will be elected at the next council meeting in October.



### **Change in Barb's Office Hours**

Beginning the week of October 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a change in the office hours for Barb. Her new schedule will be:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: in the office 9am-12noon

Tuesdays & Thursdays: working from home 8-11am.

During her work from home hours Barb can be reached via

e-mail or her cell phone. That number is in the pictorial

directory. **Pastor Joel's hours remain as is.**



### **Parish Staff**

Rev. Dr. Joel D. Petruschke, pastor

Barbara Johnson, administrative assistant

Mitchell Sensenig, organist

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## About Worship

So, imagine the world's population compressed to a global village consisting of just 100 people. What would the village look like with respect to faith orientation? Well, 33 villagers would be Christians, 20 would be Muslims, 13 would be Hindus, 6 would be Buddhists, 2 would be atheists, 12 would be non-religious, and the remaining 14 would be members of other religions. Of those 33 Christian villagers, about half would be Catholic (17), over a third would be Protestant (12), and a little over 10% would be Orthodox (3). The remaining would be other denominations.\* And, if you were curious, just 1 of those 100 people would be Lutheran.

Here are some other figures pertaining to the village:

61 villagers would be Asian (of that, 20 would be Chinese and 17 would be Indian), 14 would be African, 11 would be European, 9 would be Latin or South American, 5 would be North American, and none of the villagers would be from Australia, Oceania, or Antarctica.

At least 18 villagers would be unable to read or write but 33 would have cellular phones and 16 would be online on the Internet.

27 villagers would be under 15 years of age and 7 would be over 64 years old.

There would be an equal number of males and females.

There would be 18 cars in the village.

63 villagers would have inadequate sanitation.

30 villagers would be unemployed or underemployed while of those 70 who would work, 28 would work in agriculture (primary sector), 14 would work in industry (secondary sector), and the remaining 28 would work in the service sector (tertiary sector). 53 villagers would live on less than two U.S. dollars a day.

One villager would have AIDS, 26 villagers would smoke, and 14 villagers would be obese.

By the end of a year, one villager would die and two new villagers would be born so thus the population would climb to 101.

Source: Rosenberg, Matt. "If The World Were a Village..." ThoughtCo, Aug. 28, 2020, [thoughtco.com/if-the-world-were-a-village-1435271](https://www.thoughtco.com/if-the-world-were-a-village-1435271).

\*The figures regarding the Christian denominational breakdown comes from Statista Research Department, published December 19, 2011.

## GermanFest Wrap-up 2022

Our Saviour's GermanFest was held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 11 AM - 2 PM. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day and mild temperatures. We had a good turnout with returning guests and new ones coming to check out our event. Food sales were busy mostly during the first 2 hours. In total we sold 137 chicken schnitzel meals, 78 sauerbraten meals and 102 bratwursts. The bake table did very well with quite a variety of baked goods. A tag sale was held this year and many people browsed the items. The overall profit this year was \$3,690.04. Many thanks to the members and friends who donated baked goods, tag sale items and most of all, their time and effort to make our 2022 GermanFest a success!



## Manna Food Pantry

Our "2nd Sunday" food collection is still ongoing. During this time of continuous rising food prices food pantries are seeing a greater demand of their services. If you would like to make a donation you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. There is a list of suggested items now on the table. If you would like to make a monetary donations, please mark your envelopes "**Manna Food Pantry**" and place it with your regular giving envelope. Thank you.



### **A Word on Stewardship**

For this stewardship article, I want to tell you about a lecture I was listening to, a lecture given by the former president of Morehouse College, Dr. Robert Franklin. And in this lecture he outlines five “WELLS” that he encouraged the students of Morehouse to pursue. The five WELLS are well-spoken, well-read, well-dressed, well-traveled, and well-balanced.

Well-spoken means that an individual should have a point when they speak, and should be able to express themselves so that they are understood, and that when that individual speaks people want to hear what they have to say. A well-spoken person should be able to talk confidently both in one-on-one situations and be able to speak to large audiences. Good speakers can incorporate humor and can reference other people when they speak.

Well-read means that an individual should be familiar with works from a wide variety of genres. An individual should read history, fiction, poetry, philosophy, art and so on. And a well-read person should not just have a large list of books he or she has read, but that individual should be able to speak intelligently about those books. A well-read individual should be able to critique what they read. And so, being well-read feeds into being well-spoken.

Being well-dressed does not only say something about how you view yourself, but also says something about how you view people around you. A well-dressed individual shows a certain care and attention to one’s appearance, while at the same time is a sign of respect toward others. One should not be vain when it comes to how one looks. Instead, it is more about respect toward other people.

Well-traveled is essential because travel allows one to see the world outside one’s own community. Traveling to new places helps open one’s eyes to opportunities and to the needs of others. Experiencing cultures different from our own humbles us, such that we realize that not everyone speaks our language or sees the world in the same way. And that is okay, and in fact, that should be celebrated.

Well-balanced means that one should develop compassion, civility, integrity, and good listening skills. Being well-balanced helps us appreciate differences, as opposed to thinking everyone should fit into a particular box, or act and behave in a particular way. Being well-balanced means that learning should be eclectic, that we should be open to adopting insights from here and there.

Those are Franklin’s five WELLS, and I wonder if in your experience you would add or replace other WELLS into the mix. One other WELL that Franklin suggested is well-versed in various kinds of food. I find that one of particular interest, because as Franklin rightly observes you can tell a lot about a person and a culture by the food they eat or don’t eat.

As we think about these various WELLS, I can’t help but think about how the WELLS help shape our lives for the better. In fact, these WELLS help us to be better stewards of our person. So, consider again the value you put on certain WELLS in your own life, and plunge deep into the water of those WELLS.

### **Pet Blessing on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

It is time again to have your pets blessed. We will meet on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 pm in the church pavilion. There will be doggie and kitty treats for our four-legged friends. Invite your neighbors and their pets.



*Dear Padre,*

For this Dear Padre article, I want to turn it on its end and ask you, the members of Our Saviour, a question. And the question is this: "What are your long term plans for the future?" Maybe you are thinking about a special vacation in the future. Maybe you are already making plans for the holidays. Maybe you are thinking about your plans for retirement.

I was thinking about this question as my family gets ready again to make sauerkraut. For many years now, my family has made sauerkraut around Columbus Day weekend. Of course, it takes longer than just a weekend. So, I should say that my family prepares the cabbage on Columbus Day. We shave the cabbage, add salt and water, and then let the cabbage sit in the brine in crocks for several weeks. Around Thanksgiving, it is ready to be canned. And then jars of sauerkraut are divvied out to family and friends. And then come New Year's, my family uses some of the sauerkraut for our pork and sauerkraut dinner. So, my family this month will begin our long term plans for New Year's when we prepare the cabbage for sauerkraut.

I bring all this up, and I ask what long term plans you have, because our God is a God of long term plans. Think about God's plan to send a Messiah to God's people. That plan was formulated back in the Old Testament. The prophets prophesied the coming of a Messiah. And it was only centuries later that Jesus arrived on the scene as God's Messiah. Or think about God's promise to Abraham that his offspring would become a great nation. Again, that plan only was fulfilled centuries later when the people of Israel entered the Promised Land and became the Jewish nation. Yes, God seems to like to make long term plans, much longer than a few months to make sauerkraut for New Year's, and even much longer than the years one prepares for one's retirement. No, God works in scales of time that span centuries.

Even now, God is no doubt making plans for our good and not our harm, to give us a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11). And as God's people, we hope and pray God's plans include seeing beyond nations that rise up in war with one another. And we hope and pray God's plans include seeing a world where people are not hungry and destitute. And we hope and pray God's plans include a planet that is not struggling with extreme heat, violent storms, and destructive wildfires. Let us all hope and pray that God's good plans come to fruition sooner than later, and let us do what we can to help make God's plans a reality.

In truth, I hope and pray that our long term plans may include God's plans for us and for creation. I hope and pray that we get on board with the plans God is making. So, again, I ask, "What are your long term plans for the future?"

Signed, *Padre*

**Family Promise**

Our next Family Promise rotation will be Sunday, October 16 through the morning of Sunday, October 23. **PLEASE** consider volunteering for meals, van driving, or overnights. Meal donations/preparations can be shared with another volunteer if you prefer. Therefore, it would not be necessary for you to do the entire meal by yourself.

The number of individuals that we will be hosting is not yet known. This information will be known closer to our host week.

Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex. If you have any questions or would like additional information about Family Promise, please contact me at (717) 497-1200 or [NadineLMartin@verizon.net](mailto:NadineLMartin@verizon.net)

This program can only exist with the help of volunteers. **YOU** do make a difference!



### **Christkindmarkt in Linglestown**

This year's *live nativity* event will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Epiphany & Our Saviour will once again be providing participants in the morning during the time slot of 10-10:30am. If you would like more information or to join us in participating please contact Pastor Joel or Nadine Martin (717) 497-1200.



### **Gettysburg Trip to Seminary Ridge Museum**

The Friends-in-Christ group consisting of folks from Our Saviour and Tabernacle Baptist is going to Gettysburg to tour the Seminary Ridge Museum. We will carpool from Harrisburg at 9:00am on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and arrive back approximately 3:00pm. The executive director, Peter Miele, has agreed graciously to give us a special tour along Seminary Ridge, before we tour the museum on our own. The entry fee to the museum is \$12+tax for adults, seniors \$10+tax. If you choose to tour the cupola the price is \$32+tax for adults, seniors \$30+tax. The plan is to have lunch at Baker's Diner on the way home, which is at one's own expense. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to join us!

### **Jesus Said, "Let the Little Children Come to Me."**

Sunday School for younger children is restarting! The Christian Education Committee here at Our Saviour Lutheran has been busy making plans to restart Sunday School on a limited basis for our children. Sunday School will be the first Sunday of October (2<sup>nd</sup>), November (6<sup>th</sup>), and December (4<sup>th</sup>). The Old Testament topics include Creation, Noah, and the Ten Commandments from a series called *Mighty Messages*. Afterwards, we plan to evaluate how Sunday School has proceeded and make plans for the New Year. The hope is that we can offer Sunday School even more frequently in 2023.

Sunday School sessions will take place during Sunday worship. After the children's message, our children will be dismissed with the Sunday School teacher to attend class in the nursery. The lesson will be approximately 30 minutes long, allowing for the children to return to church to be with their family for communion. Family members are welcome to accompany a child to Sunday School, if they so choose.

We welcome any members of the congregation who would be interested in helping with the Sunday School program to volunteer. (We may need donations of snacks, materials, etc.) Options for assistance include offering to teach a class or donating specific materials. Please let Marcia Schreffler know if you would like to help. Also, please feel free to tell others about our Sunday School program. If you have friends or neighbors who have children, please invite them to join us. And finally and most importantly please keep this endeavor in your prayers so that Sunday School would prove to be a blessing to the children who participate and to their families.

Finally, we thank the Christian Education Committee for all their good work. The members of the committee include Jessica Burigana, Tiffany Landis, Jenna Youngblood, and Marcia Schreffler, who serves as the chair.

**WE ARE EXCITED TO GET STARTED. OUR CHILDREN ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CONGREGATION.**

### Council Minutes

**Please Note:** Council Minutes cannot be included in the newsletter until after Council has approved them.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Saviour  
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

**Members Present:** Pastor Joel Petruschke, President Antonetta Fleming, Vice-President Brad Neil, Treasurer Jim Lubrecht, Secretary Jeanette Logan, Penny Zimmerman, Jared Copeland, and Steve Barron.

At 6:06 pm the meeting was called to order by President Antonetta Fleming.

The minutes from the Council Meeting on July 14, 2022 were edited and approved. Pastor Joel made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Penny. The motion carried and the minutes will be filed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim informed Council that the church has been approved to continue our tax exemption for property taxes per the Dauphin County Board.

Jim reviewed the financial reports with Council members. Jim also reported that all Egg project income was finalized. Income for Egg Sales was \$15,279.10. The profit for the egg making project was \$11,974.61.

Jim informed Council that he has closed both the Fund Raising and Christian Education Accounts as was approved at the July Council Board Meeting.

Jim will investigate and report at the September Council Meeting why there is a discrepancy of \$942.13 from last year to this year in the category of Worship and Music Supplies.

The Treasurer's Report is filed for audit.

**Secretary's Report:** Jeanette informed Council that she sent a thank you note from Council to Donna Miller thanking her for donating the outside bench in memory of Donna's husband Arno Miller.

**Committee Reports:**

**Christian Education:** No Report

**Child Protection Policy:** No Report

**Fund Raising:** Report submitted and filed.

**Mutual Ministry:** No Report

**Property:** Brad informed Council that the roof has been repaired. As far as the stained glass windows are concerned, Brad was advised by the repair man that it is best to leave the windows as they are. There is an access issue with the window due to over caulking. The outdoor lights are still not functioning properly. Brad will find an electrician to look at the lights.

**Scholarship Board of Trustees:** No Report

**Social Ministry:** No Report

**Stewardship:** No Report

**Welcome Committee:** No Report

**Worship and Music:** No Report

**Finance:** Report emailed.

**COVID -19:** No Report



**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Joel informed Council that a free event will be held on October 23, 2022 from 8:45 am to 12:00 noon designed to educate churches and faith leaders on violence, threat assessment and techniques. Pastor Joel and Anneke will attend this meeting.

Family Promise's Director reached out to Pastor Joel to ask if Our Saviour would be willing to let them use the church's facilities at the end of September to hold a Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast. Nadine Martin is waiting to hear back from Family Promise.

Pastor Joel mentioned to Council that his son, Jonah will move into IUP this Saturday to begin his freshman year of college and his daughter Mary will be attending LVC this fall to continue her college education.

**Old Business:**

**Vision Plan:** Council will hold a special Visioning Meeting on August 28, 2022 after the Sunday church service.

**Mom Clothing Swap:** This event will be held at Our Saviour on October 8, 2022 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

Church member donations of clothing and books from birth to age 5 would certainly be appreciated. An announcement of the donation will be written in the monthly newsletter.

**Outdoor Sign and Marque Proposal:** Penny made a motion to approve Dave Scicchitano's proposal to repair the marque and the tan sign. Jarod seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Work schedule change:** Our Church Secretary, Barb Johnson asked for permission to adjust her work hours so she may help to care for her new grandchild. She would work in the office M, W, F from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and on Tuesday and Thursday she would work from her home. Her number of hours per week will not change. Pastor Joel made a motion to accept Barb's proposal to change her work schedule as defined in her written request which will be effective November 2022. Jeanette seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Laptops computers:** Jeanette made a motion to purchase 2 laptop computers, one for Pastor Joel and one for Barb, and in addition 1 or 2 portable hard drives. The money will be taken from the Memorial Fund. Anneke and Jim will go to Costco to make this purchase on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. This purchase will include a purchase of a service contract for the 2 laptops. Jared seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Lord's Prayer was said and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Penny at 8:00 pm. Motion was seconded by Jared. The motion carried.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Brad will preside over the meeting as Anneke will be out of the country visiting her brother.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeanette Logan, Council Secretary



OUR SAVIOUR  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
through August 31, 2022

ENVELOPES AND PLATE	\$	92,061.29
FUND RAISING	\$	15,379.10
FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTAL	\$	180.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$	107,620.39

EXPENSE \$ 132,413.46

DEFICIT \$ (24,793.07)

PNC BANK STATEMENT BALANCES  
AS OF August 31, 2022

CURRENT FUND	\$	7,115.42
MEMORIAL FUND	\$	90,086.91 *

THRIVENT ACCOUNTS

	<u>8/4/2022</u>	<u>7/8/2022</u>
CURRENT FUND MUTUALS	\$ 60,772.84	\$ 62,256.26
SCHOLARSHIP MUTUALS	\$ 153,793.84	\$ 157,799.84

\* \$61,000 of Memorial Fund is from the Neidich estate

\$1,519.39 of Memorial Fund is from the Ruth Knerr estate to be used for Christian Ed expenses



## Thank-You Notes We Received

**HANNA'S** **Serving Susquehanna Township Residents of All Ages at Susquehanna Township High School**  
Pantry

September 1, 2022

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
420 N Progress Ave  
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Dear Rev Joel Petruschke:

Throughout the world and in our nation, prayers of faith, hope and charity continue to rise, in response to the COVID pandemic and national and world crises. These crises are felt right here in Susquehanna Township. Many of our Susquehanna Township neighbors face daily challenges, one of which is **HUNGER**.

With more than half of the students in our school district eligible for free and reduced lunches, a **crisis of HUNGER exists in our community**. In response, HANNA's Pantry, a member agency of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and partner of Susquehanna Township School District, has been providing nutritious foods to children, individuals, families, and senior citizens who reside in Susquehanna Township since 2019, and throughout the pandemic.

Today, we operate as a drive through grocery pickup with choice options, and have **provided groceries for over 40,000 individuals** since we opened. Rising food costs have escalated families' need to put food on their tables, and many are asking for help for the first time in their lives. In August 2022, we provided groceries for more than **475 families**, **DOUBLE** the number served in August 2021.

**CAN YOUR FAITH INSTITUTION HELP US MEET THE NEED BY HELPING HANNA's Pantry? YOU COULD:**

- Schedule us to speak to your congregation, or come visit us and learn more.
- Allow us to place out informational handouts in your lobby or greeting area.
- Organize a group of volunteers to help at a pantry distribution.
- Collect an offering, hold a food drive or a fundraiser. *\$1 provides 6 meals worth of groceries.*
- Ensure that anyone in your community who might have a food insecurity learn about us.

Our neighbors who courageously put pride aside and attend our distributions receive fresh, frozen, non-perishable food, and essential items and are SO grateful for assistance from HANNA's Pantry.

Please join us in our mission to serve them by contacting Executive Director, Lori Shienvold, at [hcf@hannafoundation.org](mailto:hcf@hannafoundation.org) or 717-220-3839 to help in any or all the ways you are able.

Sincerely,  
*Lori Beamer*  
Lori Beamer  
Chairperson, HANNA's Pantry

HANNA's Pantry is a member agency of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and also operates in partnership with Susquehanna Township School District.

3500 Elmerston Ave.  
Harrisburg, PA 17109  
717-220-3839 (call/text)  
HANNAFOUNDATION.ORG

**HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

Thank you for supporting us during Covid-19!

 **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

September 7, 2022

Our Saviour Lutheran Church  
420 N Progress Ave  
Harrisburg, PA 17109-1040

Dear Our Saviour Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$100.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).*

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people near and far feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

With you in the Spirit,  
*Daniel Rift*  
The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, Mission Funding, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

Thank You

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Eva Farling	10/6	George Schreffler, III	10/27
Russ Faber	10/7	Larry Wilt	10/24
Richard Flage	10/12	Madeline Schreffler	10/27
Tyler Cristaldi	10/13	Troy Schreffler, Jr.	10/27
Nadine Martin	10/14	Jim Lubrecht	10/28
Anneke Fleming	10/16	Robert McCann	10/28
Stephen Flournoy	10/17	Marcia Schreffler	10/28
Hayden Brittelli	10/20	Ada Heberle	10/31
Malane Digon	10/22	Mark Zimmerman	10/31
Rick Ecklund	10/22		

### **Calling ALL Congregation Members!**

Church council is looking for you to help with a Visioning Plan. We are planning to discuss three main topics at these visioning meetings: OSL’s assets, gifts, and passions; OSL’s needs; and OSL’s vows! We would like to hear from you on these topics as they relate to where you see Our Saviour currently and where you would like to see Our Saviour in the future.

We have set aside four different dates and times to have the meetings. They will be held at the church and we encourage you to attend a meeting in person (or all of them). However, if that does not work for you, if you call and ask Barb, a few days before a scheduled meeting, she will be able to send you a Zoom link for any of the meetings. The meetings will be held on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, immediately following worship and Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Rumor is there may even be light refreshments served at the meetings!!

In order to help you be prepared for the meetings, we will have questionnaires on each topic available in the Narthex in September so that you can think about how you would answer some of the questions we will be asking at the meetings. Don’t worry, you do not have to turn this in and it will not be graded! Also in the Narthex are sign-up sheets for each meeting or you can call the church office to let us know if you are planning to attend.

At the conclusion of these meetings, council plans to formulate the answers and suggestions they received and then present them to the congregation. This will help us to decide what vision(s) we see for Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

Should you have any questions, please reach out to any council member.





Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

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<b>2 - Pentecost 17</b> 9:30 am - Worship Children's Sunday School after Children's Message 10:45 am - Visioning Plan 3 pm - Pet Blessing	<b>3</b> 6 pm - Welcome Committee  6 pm - Praise Him Singers Rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 2 pm - Bible Study @Manor @Oakridge  6:30 pm - COVID Task Force	<b>6</b> Pastor Joel out of town	<b>7</b> 6 pm - In- Betweeners Strasburg Rail Road event	<b>8</b> 8 am - private event
<b>9 - Pentecost 18</b> 9:30 am - Worship 10:45 am - Adult Sunday School	 office closed	<b>11</b> 1 pm - Visioning Plan  deadline for committee council reports	<b>12</b> 7 pm - Altar Guild	<b>13</b> 6 pm - Council	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 11 am - Memorial Service for Phoebe Drake
<b>16 - Pentecost 19</b> 9:30 am - Worship  newsletter deadline	<b>17</b> 6 pm - Friends-in- Christ @Tabernacle 6 pm - Praise Him Singers Rehearsal	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 2 pm - Bible Study @Manor @Oakridge	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9 am - Friends-in- Christ Seminary Ridge Museum event
<b>Family Promise Host Week</b>						
<b>23 - Pentecost 20</b> 9:30 am - Worship 10:45 am - Adult Sunday School 3:45 pm - Worship @Manor @Oakridge	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8-11 am - Barb starts working from home	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8-11 am - Barb working from home	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Pastor Joel on vacation</b>						
<b>30 - Reformation</b> 9:30 am - Worship 	<b>31</b> 6 pm - Praise Him Singers Rehearsal 					

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