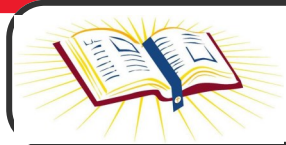
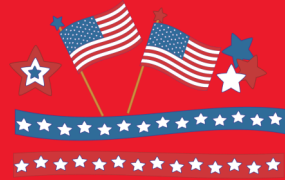


Good News

July & August 2023



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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to use this month's newsletter article to thank everyone for your well-wishes at the time of the 25th anniversary of my ordination. Twenty-five years ago on June 12, 1998, at the chapel at Gettysburg College, I was ordained into Pastoral Ministry. That is difficult to fathom; that it has been 25 years already. And what can I say but that it has been a wonderful ride.

What I like most (aside from preaching and teaching) about being a pastor and what still humbles me, is the fact that I am invited into people's lives at the most significant of times. It is an absolute privilege to be able to conduct the wedding ceremony of a couple who are starting their married life together. It is a gift to see a child who has recently come into this world and to offer a prayer for the newborn and their parents and family. It is a sacred blessing to be there with an individual as that individual transitions from this life to the world to come, and to make the sign of the cross on their forehead, so as to remind the individual of baptism wherein God keeps them in life and in death. It is a holy confidence that individuals will seek my guidance and reassurance when facing a difficult diagnosis.

I know of no other calling in life where one accompanies people in life's journey as in the calling of Pastoral Ministry. And, as difficult as that can be at times, whenever I think of why I do what I do, it is this accompaniment with people, this "being invited into people's lives," that still inspires me each and every day. And I give thanks to God.

And so, on this silver anniversary of my ordination, I want to thank all of you for our journey together for almost 15 years. Back in December 2008, I began my ministry with all of you. We have gained some new members along the way. And unfortunately, we have had to say "goodbye" to some members along the way. But the good news is that on the Lord's great and glorious day, all of us will be gathered again as one people in God's presence. So, it is never really "goodbye."

So again as I celebrate 25 years of ministry, and as we celebrate nearly 15 years together, I say, "Thank you." Thank you to those who organized the anniversary dinner at Our Saviour on June 9th. Thank you to those who sent a card to me. Thank you for all the gracious gifts. Thank you for all your kindness and generosity, and for being part of this wonderful journey we really all share together called the "ministry in the Lord." And, thank you to those who contributed to Family Promise in honor of my anniversary. Family Promise has been a program dear to my heart for many years now. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Let me share then a quote with all of you as we continue our journey together seeking to do the work of the gospel. I am going to nuance the quote slightly. The quote comes from J.R. R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*. It consists of words spoken by Samwise Gamgee to Frodo Baggins: "It's a blessed business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to."

Let us pray...Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

In Christ, *Pastor Joel Petruschke*

The Lessons for July 2023

July 2 - Pentecost 5

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9 - Pentecost 6

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16 - Pentecost 7

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:1-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23 - Pentecost 8

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-15
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30 - Pentecost 9

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



The Lessons for August 2023

August 6 - Pentecost 10

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 - Pentecost 11

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 - Pentecost 12

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-28

August 27 - Pentecost 13

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



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About Worship

In order to worship, one must first and foremost know the Lord. The Lord wants to be known. This is what we hear over and over again in the Bible. Jeremiah 31:34 presents God's hope for the world in a nutshell: "No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, for the least of them to the greatest," says the Lord.

In fact, we see in the Bible that it is when people do not know the Lord that it gets dicey. The story of Joseph in Genesis begins with the Pharaoh recognizing Joseph's God (Genesis 41:37-39). Joseph becomes Pharaoh's right-hand man in Egypt, predominantly because the Pharaoh acknowledges the power of God at work in Joseph. But then a new Pharaoh comes to power who does not know Joseph, and so does not know his God (Exodus 1:8). And so, the Egyptians suffer the Ten Plagues as a consequence. And over and over again, God tells the Israelites what He (God) is about to do so that "you may know the Lord" (Exodus 8:22; 10:1-2; 11:4-8; 14:1-4, etc.).

I find this idea of "God wanting to be known" quite fascinating. I find it fascinating because this is how scientists as well speak of the universe. The universe wants to be known. What do I mean by that? Well, it is not enough for the universe to just exist. No, the universe wants to be "pondered." It wants to be "recognized." It wants to be investigated, examined, and explored. In this way, the universe is, for lack of a better word, "worshipped," or "revered."

So, scientists say that given enough time hydrogen and helium, the gases that existed in the universe at the dawn of time, will become "self-aware." Hydrogen and helium gases condensed and formed stars. Stars produced heavier elements in their cores through the process of nuclear fusion. The heavier elements then were expelled into the universe when those stars imploded at the end of their life cycle. Those heavier elements then coalesced to form planets around new stars. And over time, life developed on those planets. And more time passed, and intelligent life formed at least on earth, such that we humans can ponder and know the universe. So, indeed, given enough time, hydrogen and helium will become humans, and thus the universe becomes "self-aware."

The universe wants to be known; because otherwise, the universe just exists. It is like the saying, "If a tree falls in a forest and there is no one there to hear it, does it make a sound?" If the universe exists and there is no one to ponder it, is there still a universe. So, it is like the biblical idea that "the Lord wants to be known," but from the scientific cosmic viewpoint. So again, worship begins by acknowledging and knowing the Lord.

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 donation, please mark your envelopes "Manna Food Pantry" and place it with your regular giving envelope.



A Word on Stewardship

Are you familiar with what is called a “think tank”? A think tank is a group of people that does research and develops policy around a particular topic. It is a term that exists in the secular world. But I feel that it is appropriate to use this term “think tank” with regards to the role of the Visioning Team here at Our Saviour. Another way to say it, in more “churchy” language, is that the role of the Visioning Team is to steward their intellectual powers for the sake of creating a vision for Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

The Visioning Team meetings have been wonderfully productive, the most recent meeting being particularly fruitful. The Visioning Team is planning a “Friends in Faith” breakfast event for Saturday, August 19 from 9:30am to 11:00am. The Visioning Team hopes every church member will make every effort to attend the event, because we want you, in fact we need you, to be part of the “think tank.” There will a sign-up sheet at church, or you can call the church office (717)-545-9992, to let us know that you plan to attend, as well as to note what you are able to provide regarding breakfast items.

Note, one of the significant findings from the Town Meetings was the interest of many members to have more social events at the church to build up the community here at Our Saviour. As we know, the pandemic had impacted our community life. And so, this “Friend in Faith” breakfast event is in response to that interest among our members to reinvigorate our community. But there is more to it than that.

At the breakfast event on August 19, we will be having a panel consisting of several church members. It will be a time to get to know one another better. But it will also be a time for visioning. The panel will be asked several focus questions pertaining to their faith stories, questions like, “Why did you decide to become a member of Our Saviour?” “Why do you still attend Our Saviour?” “Who or what has been most influential in your faith journey?” “What are your aspirations for Our Saviour?”

The Visioning Team’s hope is that as the panel is asked these focus questions, the members in attendance will consider themselves how they would answer these questions, not that you will be put on the spot at the breakfast to share your answers. But this is part of the “think tank” process, because the vision for Our Saviour needs to be a collaboration of the many members in our church, working to discern together what the identity of Our Saviour will be for the future. We need all of us to get the creative juices flowing, so as to re-imagine who we are, to re-envision what we want to be about, and to rethink what we want the community to know us for. So, our hope is to steward the greater intellect of our community to understand how the Spirit is re-shaping us for ministry in the world.

But it all starts with your willingness to be present and involved at the “Friends in Faith” breakfast event. So again, please mark the date on your calendar. Please sign up, so we know to expect you. And please continue to be open to share your wisdom. Let us steward together our collective thoughts regarding the vision of the church, and may God empower our “think tank” to do the work of the Gospel to His glory. Thanks be to God.

Dear Padre,

There are a lot of Nepalese immigrants in the Harrisburg area. Out of curiosity, what religion do people from Nepal practice?

Signed, Wanting to Know More about Our Neighbors

Dear "Wanting to Know More,"



In the "2020 Report on International Religious Freedom: Nepal" from the U.S. Department of State's Office of International Religious Freedom, dated May 12, 2021, it says these words:

According to the 2011 census, the most recent, Hindus constitute 81.3 percent of the population, Buddhists 9 percent, Muslims (the vast majority of whom are Sunni) 4.4 percent, and Christians (a large majority Protestant and a minority Roman Catholic) 1.4 percent.

There are also a number of other groups that make up less than 5 percent of the population. I have no idea what the percentage of Nepalese practice their faith in our area, and if the percentages are different from that of the native population.

Nonetheless, the follow-up question seems pretty obvious, "What exactly makes for a Hindu?" What do they believe? How do they practice their faith?

There are seven beliefs/practices which are commonly held by the majority of Hindus:

- 1) Karma—you reap what you sow. Every thought, word, or deed sets up a chain of cause and effect for whose consequences the individual will have to pay in this life or in some future life
- 2) Dharma—it means the way things are and ought to be. Dharma is why the caste system in India has such a strong hold.
- 3) Reverence for asceticism—fasting and begging are long-established features of Hinduism
- 4) Reverence for the Vedas (Books of Knowledge)—these include the many sacred scriptures of Hinduism
- 5) Pantheism—the idea that all life is so sacred that nothing must be killed. The cow is particularly holy.
- 6) Transmigration of souls—most Hindus believe that after death they are reborn into some other person or animal, and that souls go up or down in the life scale in proportion as they have been good or bad during the preset life.
- 7) Final liberation of the soul (Know Thyself)—leads to Nirvana, which is defined as "passionless peace" or as "absorption into the infinite" or as "final union with Brahm." Yoga is the direct answer to the question of how to attain liberation, how to know thyself; in fact the word means union—union with the universal spirit Brahm.

Hindus worship at a Mandir (Temple). They worship three gods: Brahma (the creator), Vishnu (the preserver), and Shiva (the destroyer). Hindu worship is called puja, which may include lighting a lamp, burning incense, making offerings of fruit and flowers, and ringing a bell. The goal of worship is to please the gods through all five senses.

Thanks for your question.

Signed, *Padre*



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, May 10, 2023

Members Present: Pastor Joel Petruschke, Anneke Fleming, President, Jim Lubrecht, Treasurer, Jeanette Logan, Secretary, Penny Zimmerman (via ZOOM).

Members Absent: Brad Neil, Vice-President, Steve Barron and Dawne Veet.

At 6:40 pm the meeting was called to order and Pastor Joel offered a word of prayer.

Pastor Joel made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. Penny seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jim reviewed the Financial Report with Council. He noted that the Easter Egg Sales made a big difference this year. For 2023, the Net Profit for Easter Eggs was \$15,784.18. In 2022, the Net Profit was \$11,112.86. The Net Profit for 2023 shows an increase of \$4,671.32. Jim mentioned that egg expenses were higher in 2023 than in 2022. The expenses for egg making totaled \$3,214.00.

PNC Bank Linglestown Branch Closing: Jim informed Council that as of July 15, 2023, the Linglestown Road Branch will no longer have tellers at their location and they will no longer have a night deposit box available to customers. The Union Deposit PNC Branch will still be open and that is where the deposits will need to be made. Jim will hold a Temple Talk in church to inform counters of the need to change the deposit location beginning, July 15, 2023. The Treasurer's Report is filed for Audit.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: No Report

Child Protection Policy: No Report

Fund Raising: No Report

Mutual Ministry: No Report

Property: No Report

Scholarship BOT: No Report

Social Ministry: No Report

Stewardship: No Report

Welcome: No Report

Worship and Music: Report Reviewed

Finance: Report Reviewed

Pastor's Report: Report Reviewed. Pastor added the following comments to his report.

- ◆ Pastor Joel picked up the Costco card. Jim agreed to check on prices of stamps sold at Costco.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bylaws: They have been sent to Synod by Barb on 4-21-2023.

Scholarship BOT: Jim will reach out to Lisa Neil to follow up with her about the Finance Committee's

recommendation letter.

Update on cost effective ways to help lower our costs: Dawne was absent tonight. We will discuss this at our June meeting.

Update on outdoor address sign and marquis sign repairs: Anneke suggested that we use a paint color like the paint used on the back of the church. She showed council members the Red Barn color swatch for the paint. This color will match the color used for the rest of the outside of the church and the sign will be very eye catching with the use of white lettering. Dave recommended that we do not try to repair the marquis because there are no parts available to make the repair. He will fix the latch on the marquis door so it no longer swings open during windy weather. In addition, he has replaced one of the bulbs in the two spotlights used to illuminate the address sign and will work on replacing the other one. By doing this, the sign will be easily visible at night.

Election Day Bake Sale, May 16th: Jeanette reported that we have volunteers to man the bake sale table as well as volunteers to bake items to be sold that day. Jim placed the cash box which contains \$100.00 in change in the cabinet in the office. Sandy Moritz and Jeanette will set up the bake sale tables on Monday evening, the day before the election.

Lawn Mower: Pastor Joel made a motion that we sell the old lawn mower once we have received the new mower from Katherine Kreischer. We will put the sale price for the mower per Herb's research advice on the mower. Penny seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Outdoor Shed for storage: Jeanette updated Council on the shed research.

Mitchell's Contract: Pastor Joel provided Council Members with a copy of the contract.

Update on Ad hoc Support Committee during Arrangement with St. Stephen's: Anneke explained to Council that this committee's purpose is to support Pastor Joel throughout his arrangement with St. Stephen's. Pastor Joel commented that it is sometimes tight, time wise, in getting from Our Saviour to St. Stephen's. He is doing a lot of visiting for St. Stephen's and he commented that there is still a lot of healing going on. He is enjoying this time with them and St. Stephen's is pleased with the way things are going. The question was raised as to how will we measure how this arrangement has worked for Our Saviour? We want to make sure that nothing is being missed here at Our Saviour. Thoughts were discussed about doing a survey of our congregation to get a read from members as to how they are feeling about this arrangement.

Visioning Committee Update: Anneke agreed to chair this committee. There will be a meeting on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 10:00 am.

New Business:

Outside Non-Profit organizations requesting meetings during church service: It was agreed that it would be better to limit a meeting time of 5 to 10 minutes if an outside organization would like to speak to the congregation during worship. Pastor Joel has a small window of time to get from Our Saviour to St. Stephen's on a Sunday morning and lengthening our service makes it more difficult for him to arrive at St. Stephen's in a timely manner.

Development of an Internal Technical, IT Committee: Anneke would like to create an Internal Technical (IT) Committee. She was thinking of Alice Lubrecht, John Zimmerman, Dawne Veet and Herb Logan as possible committee members and she would like to have other members of the congregation help with this committee as well.

Cost-Saving Ideas for the church:

Jim Lubrecht shared the following ideas with Council.

“Sundays and Seasons” online membership. The yearly fee is \$339.00 and will be going up to \$349.00 in 2024. We can cancel this membership and buy a “Sundays and Seasons” Book for Mitchell for only \$42.00. Jim made a motion that we cancel “Sundays and Seasons” online membership and purchase the “Sundays and Seasons” book for Mitchell for \$42.00. Anneke seconded the motion. The motion carried.

“One License”: This membership is \$279.00 per year and can now be cancelled since we are no longer Livestreaming our church services. Jim will cancel this membership.

Lutheran Camping Corporation: They always ask Our Saviour for a donation. It was discussed by Council that we ask the congregation to consider donating to The Lutheran Camping Corporation by using the special pew envelopes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Faber	7/4	Alice Lubrecht	8/1
Bill Sheetz	7/5	Clare Gibson	8/2
Evan Collins	7/7	Justin Pitassi	8/8
Billy Youngblood	7/9	Evan DeArmitt	8/11
Penny Zimmerman	7/9	Leo Pitassi	8/12
Jessica Burigana	7/13	Jana Bernardi	8/15
Marianne McCann	7/17	Brooke Schreffler	8/22
Marlana Zimmerman	7/17	Melanie Trea	8/22
Joan Bateman	7/21	Donna Miller	8/27
Maria Parson	7/22	Pastor John Schaertel	8/28
Candy Evans	7/24	Nancy Pinko	8/30
Rita Capp	7/28	Sue DeArmitt	8/31
Karen Hoch	7/30	Thomas Pitassi	8/31
		Tom Snyder	8/31

**OUR SAVIOUR
FINANCIAL REPORT
through May 31, 2023**

ENVELOPES AND PLATE	\$ 57,589.35
FUND RAISING	\$ 21,237.12
FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTAL	\$ 1,375.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$ 80,201.47</u>
EXPENSES	<u>\$ 82,880.16</u>
DEFICIT	<u>\$ (2,678.69)</u>

PNC BANK STATEMENT BALANCES
as of May 31, 2023

CURRENT FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 10,880.04
MEMORIAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$ 13,363.85 #

THRIVENT ACCOUNTS

	5/31/2023	4/30/2023
CURRENT FUND MONEY MARKET	\$52,457.14	\$52,235.45
SCHOLARSHIP MUTUALS	\$151,542.59	\$157,831.10
MEMORIAL FUND MONEY MARKET	\$80,449.62 *	

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

\$1,310.57 of Memorial Fund is from the Ruth Knerr estate to be used for Christian Ed expenses



GermanFest 2023 Is Happening!

Mark your calendars! This year's GermanFest will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be no 9/11 Remembrance Service due to low attendance in previous years. We will need the help and support of the whole congregation again this year to offer GermanFest to our members and the community.



Chicken schnitzel and sauerbraten meals will be available, as well as brats(bratwurst) and hot dogs on the grill. German potato salad and red cabbage & apples will be the sides included in the meals. The wonderful bakers in our church will be providing many 'goodies' for the Bake Sale. We hope to have live music again this year and we are bringing back the Silent Auction (please see article below).

More information will be coming in the bulletin and emails as far as the Silent Auction, bake table items and help needed for prep days and GermanFest itself. If you have questions, you can talk to the following people:

Food – Pastor Joel, Otis Martin and Jim Simmons

Grill – Brad Neil

Bake Sale – Sandy Moritz

Silent Auction – Jenna Youngblood

General information – Deb Flage

We look forward to another successful GermanFest at Our Saviour!

GermanFest Silent Auction

It's time to begin preparation for this year's GermanFest event which will be held on: Saturday, September 9th, 2023. With that in mind we are in need of donations for the Silent Auction. If you can't help with this event physically on the day of, this is your opportunity to still help out! Please see down below for frequently asked questions and their answers in regards to donations. If you would like a letter for tax purposes, please let me know.

What can I donate?

Any item that is either new or in like new condition will be accepted. Gift cards will also be accepted, and they have been proven to be a popular item in the past. Gift baskets can also be a good idea but if donating these need to be already packaged for display. On a side note, items do not need to be German oriented. Please avoid a lot of small items, as they are difficult to display. If you are uncertain of an item you want to donate, just call me and we can discuss. Overall your item(s) needs to be new or in like new condition and in its original packaging if applicable.

Can I ask a business for a donation(s)?

Yes! There will be business solicitation letters available for members to take. They will be located on the table in the narthex. Take as many as you need to solicit donations from business owners you may know or frequent regularly.

What information should be attached to my donation(s) when I drop it off?

1. Your name
2. Name of item/description of item
3. Suggested value - if you don't know the exact value, please give an estimated value. This is very important when it comes to determining the starting bid price.

When should I drop off my donation(s)?

Donations will start being accepted on July 2nd and go until September 3rd. On September 3rd the donations need to be in before 2:00pm that way there is enough time to get everything organized. No new donations will be accepted after 2:00pm.

Where do I put my donation(s)?

You can put all donations on or under the tables in the Youth Room. Please make sure you have the above information attached to your donation(s).

How to contact me?

Neiljr693@gmail.com

(717) 623-5697 (call or text is fine) (if I don't answer please leave me a message)

Thank you in advance for your help and generous donation(s)!

Graduation News



Congratulations to Savannah Bechtel on her high school graduation from Central Dauphin High School Wednesday evening, June 7th. Savannah has participated in Our Saviour's scholarship program where she has faithfully attended worship and participated in GermanFest and the egg making project as well as other church activities. We will be acknowledging Savannah on her participation in the OSL scholarship program during our church service on Sunday, July 9th. When you see Savannah please join us in congratulating her on both accomplishments as well as beginning her next chapter! She is going to continue working for now so she can purchase a car and then she will begin the process of enrolling in HACC to work towards a degree in accounting.

Donna Miller's granddaughter, Kaelyn Antolick graduated, with honors, from Camp Hill High School in June. She will be starting Penn State University in State College at the end of June, 2023.

Congratulations to all!

Our Saviour's Scholarship Program

I know everyone is currently enjoying the summer season however before we know it the new school year will be upon us. I want to remind everyone that here at Our Saviour we have a Scholarship Program for our high school youth that are beginning their 10th through 12th grades. Our scholarship program begins on Sept. 1. If anyone has any questions regarding this program please contact Lisa Neil lbnail83@gmail.com or 717-558-0006 Enjoy your summer! ☀️

Jesus Said, “Let the Little Children Come to Me.”

We have Children’s Sunday School on the 1st Sunday of the month during the service. At each session the children complete a craft and enjoy a snack. **The next class will be in the fall!!**

Children will be excused for their lesson after the children’s message. Please share our news with anyone you know who may be interested. We welcome every child to join us and learn!



Christian Education Announcement

The Christian Education Committee is reaching out to see if anyone would like to help with Sunday School this upcoming school year. This past school year we did a trial of bringing it back and we realized that it was a great re-addition to our congregation and that it was very well favored by all members.

We are looking to see if any members would be interested in helping with Sunday School. Helping can look different in so many ways. Some ways of helping can include:

- Being a ‘regular’ teacher that gets added onto the rotation schedule with those of us that have been teaching. You would then be assigned specific dates to teach.
- Teaching a lesson or two to give it a try.
- Donating some of our needed supplies.
- Willing to be a substitute that could be ‘on call’ in case someone is not able to teach the week that they were assigned.

We have purchased a Sunday School curriculum so there is not much prep work involved when it comes to teaching! You would be provided with the lessons ahead of time and all materials would be made available to you!

We are planning on having Sunday School the first and third Sunday of each month for this upcoming school year. It takes place during worship service: the children leave after the children’s message and then they come back to join their parents around the time that we say the Lord’s Prayer in service.

If you are interested in helping out in any way please reach out to Jenna Youngblood. All help is appreciated and no help is too small!




Our next meeting will be held on August 30th at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend and if you would like to teach we would really encourage you to attend.

List of supplies for Sunday School:

- Kid scissors
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Snacks/drinks for the kids to enjoy during the lesson
- Washable markers



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						 Family Promise Host Week continues
2 - Pentecost 5 9 am - Worship	3 Pastor Joel @St. Stephen's 6 pm - Racial Justice Forum @OSL office closed - vacation day for Barb	4 - Fourth of July  office closed	5	6	7	8 10 am - Bible Study here @OSL 2:30 - 5:30 pm private event
9 - Pentecost 6 9 am - Worship w/Scholarship Presentation	10 Pastor Joel @St. Stephen's 6:30 pm - Scholarship BOT deadline for committee council reports	11	12 6:30 pm - Council	13	14 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Pastor Joel begins Continuing Ed. </div>	15
16 - Pentecost 7 9 am - Worship	17	18	19	20	21 9 am - 1pm private event	22
Pastor Joel on Continuing Ed.						
23 - Pentecost 8 9 am - Worship	24	25	26 6:30 pm - GermanFest meeting	27	28	29
Pastor Joel on Continuing Ed.						
30 - Pentecost 9 9 am - Worship	31 Pastor Joel @St. Stephen's					



Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat

		1 6:30 pm - Visioning Team meets	2 6:30 pm - Mutual Ministry	3	4 Pastor Joel on vacation	5
6 - Pentecost 10 9 am - Worship	7 deadline for committee council reports Pastor Joel on vacation	8	9 6:30 pm - Council	10	11 office closed - vacation day for Barb	12
13 - Pentecost 11 9 am - Worship	14 Pastor Joel @St. Stephen's	15	16 6:30 pm - Worship & Music meets via Zoom	17	18	19 9:30 am - 11 am - "Friends in Faith" Breakfast
20 - Pentecost 12 9 am - Worship newsletter deadline	21 Pastor Joel @St. Stephen's	22	23	24	25	26
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Mission Statement

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, a caring congregation dedicated to the word of Christ, welcomes all people to worship and to grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children and ourselves.

Worship

9:00 am.

Please join us!
Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Sunday.

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