

The Savior's Call



Church of the Savior—Lutheran

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The Continuing Joy of Easter

Holy week and Easter services were well attended this year. Thanks to the assistance of many, and especially the presence of the Holy Spirit, these services brought the special blessings of God in Christ to us. Particular thanks go to all who contributed: the musicians, the altar and flower arrangers, the worship assistants, the office and volunteer staff, the Worship Deacon and ushers, and all others. All of this is occasioned by our Lord's triumph over the grave! Let the victory songs continue!

Thank you, God, for our School

In April we celebrate Lutheran Schools Month, giving thanks to the Lord for this vital and important ministry. We celebrate Lutheran Schools Sunday at Church of the Savior on April 24. We have seen the blessings of God showered upon this ministry - both to our present Nursery School and to the former Grade School. The Lord has brought forth many devoted and faithful workers who have shared unselfishly their love for God and for His children. We continue to be blessed with a very capable and faithfully devout staff and with unnumbered opportunities to share the love of God in Christ with the many families who are touched by our Nursery School ministry.



A joyful announcement! VBS is Aug. 1-5, led this year by Dave and Claudette Kline. It's time to start planning, and we need your help!

We are looking for many helpers to participate in this vital and joyful church ministry - volunteers to help with preparation, shepherding classes, games, refreshments and other areas. Many helping hands and loving hearts are needed to make this a safe and successful week for our small guests, as we share Jesus' love for them. See pages 4 and 5 for more information about our 2016 Vacation Bible School ministry. Please pray about how you can help! Contact David and Claudette Kline at CPVocalstudio@verizon.net.

From the interim pastor A visit to my “home” church, and something to think about

It felt strange a few years ago when I went “home” to Sioux City, Iowa, for the 75th anniversary of St. Luke Lutheran Church. I was not baptized there, but moved into the neighborhood when I was four. I remember Sunday School and worship at the Masonic Hall before the church was built. My family was at the ground-breaking for the building, and I remember processing into the church the day it was dedicated.

The church building is essentially the same, although an education wing was added in the 1970s. The stairways, the church “basement” where we had Sunday School and Luther League meetings were familiar, and I sat in the same pew occupied by my family 60 years ago and when my father and mother were buried in 1975 and 1992. The church no longer owns the house across the street where we used to meet for classes and youth group activities. On one wall was a picture of the first pastor I remember, Pastor Stromberg, a tall, gaunt, stern, sort-of grandfatherly Swede, and pictures of the other pastors, younger and livelier, including the pastor who came to my house to tell my parents that unless I shaped up and did the work, I would not be confirmed that spring. I shaped up.

I remember the Sunday when the congregation “released” more than 200 members so that they could form another congregation about six miles away in an area where new houses were being built. Today the congregation is smaller and has gone through some tough times. The current pastor is also an attorney and runs a small legal practice to supplement his income. Sons and daughters of some of the “old” families, including my brother and his wife, are still active. Mr. Axelrod, one of my Sunday School teachers, was at the anniversary celebration. A Luther League friend is now a pastor in another Iowa congregation. St. Luke’s is not the congregation it used to be, and ironically, that is a good thing. Today is not 1953 when I was confirmed, nor is it 1967 when St. Luke’s pastor was my sponsor as I was ordained. As wonderful as those years were for a young Lutheran, if a congregation today were exactly like St. Luke’s in 1958, I would not go there. Times change; people change; the needs of neighborhoods change; and “living in the past” is impossible.

However, the gospel of Jesus Christ does not change. The same kind of sermons are being preached at that Sioux City congregation as were being preached when I was an acolyte sitting behind Pastor Ecklund’s pulpit. Some topics and applications of the Gospel are different, but the declaration that we are saved by grace through faith, that our sins can be forgiven, and that we know God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the same. Being away from Sioux City for decades (I essentially “left” in 1959) meant that the changes were very visible. There were fewer children, one Sunday service instead of three, a smaller “core” of active leaders. But the “Church,” that is, the gathering around Word and Sacrament and service was still there.

At Church of the Savior, we are in a period of change. A pastor has left, a new pastor will come. The world changes more rapidly than ever. Families change as children mature, move away, find their own lives. Society changes with church membership (sadly) no longer a concern for many. What shall we do? Work harder. Pray more. Tell more people how our faith makes our life better. Reach out to God, to our fellowship, to the world around us. We are not the “church” we used to be, but we cannot be that church any more. We are not sure what kind of “church” we will become, and personally, I think we have to be ready for anything. (That’s hard for me; I like a lot of things the way they are.) But whatever happens, we move ahead trusting in God’s promise to move with us.

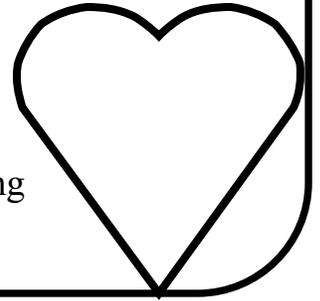
See you in church,
Pastor Austin



NURSERY LOVE CIRCLE

Happy Easter! Jesus brings new life!

Happy Easter and Happy Spring! There is new life everywhere reminding us of the Resurrection of Jesus! Once Easter has come, the environment around us reflects the springing up of new life. I like to think of it as resurrected life. There are a few daffodils breaking through the soil at the back door of the school. The playground snow has melted and the sun is warm. We can enjoy the children as they emerge from the cocoons of their classrooms and burst into the outdoors. We are beginning to prepare for Lutheran Schools Sunday on April 24th. Everyone is invited to the 10 a.m. service to celebrate our school, our staff and the church which birthed this ministry. Please join us on that special morning when the children sing and share what they have learned this year.



Fish & Chips Dinner - Saturday, May 7, from 4 to 8 PM



Come for a mouth-watering fish and chips dinner prepared for us by Tastefully British Fish 'N Chips, and served to us right here on our grounds at Church of the Savior. It's fun for the whole family! Invite friends and neighbors to come for an evening of great food and fellowship. On the menu: fish and chips with all the fixings – coleslaw, cocktail sauce, tartar sauce, and malt vinegar. Optional chicken tender and fries dinner also available. Soft drinks, coffee, tea and dessert will also be

provided. Cost is \$15 per person. Children under age 2 are free. Make your reservations by Saturday, April 30. Contact Susan Conrad at susanconrad65@gmail.com, or call her at 201-982-0831 to reserve your place. Please pay by check or exact change only.



News from our Social Ministries Deacons

Walk in Dinners for 150: Thank you for helping to feed our hungry friends in Hackensack. I was concerned we might not be able to pull off a Maundy Thursday miracle, but we did - thanks to your generous hearts! One gentleman was happy to have Sausage and Peppers. He said one day last week they had served hot dogs and beans and had run out of food! Our next Walkin Dinner is on August 18 (Thursday). If you think you may be able to help again, please let me know.

Dumont Bethesda Lutheran Community: On the 4th Sunday of every month, Church of the Savior volunteers visit Bethesda Lutheran Community in Dumont. They conclude their visit by sharing a snack. We are looking for volunteers to bring the snack (12 cookies) and napkins to church the morning of the visit. Contact Laura or Norman Cardine at LBCardine@yahoo.com if you can help.



Come share a meal! Progressive Dinner – Saturday, April 9, starting 5:15 pm

Join us on April 9 for our annual Progressive Dinner. This is a great chance to get to know the wonderful people in our “family of faith” here at Church of the Savior a little better! This is how it works: Everyone meets at Ken and Joan Baumann’s home in Oradell for hors d’oeuvres, we then break into small groups, “progress”

to a host home to have dinner, and then finally meet up with the whole group again for dessert at a third and final location.

We are looking for two more volunteers to host the dinner part of the evening, and one home to host everyone for dessert. Contact Susan Conrad at susanconrad65@gmail.com or call her at 201-982-0831 for more information, to sign up, or if you might like to host a portion of the evening at your home. We will supply the groceries and recipes for those hosting a dinner for approximately 8 in your home. If you will not be hosting, please plan to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Cost of the evening to cover expenses for food will be announced.

Orpheus Club Concerts April 16 and 17 ... The Orpheus Club Men’s Chorus will present its spring concert Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17 at Ridgewood United Methodist Church, 100 Dayton Street, Ridgewood. The Saturday concert is at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday performance is at 4 p.m. As usual, there will be a variety of music, energetically presented by the men of Orpheus, Pastor Austin among them. Advance tickets are \$15, and you can let him know if you want any.

“Jesus Gathers Us Together” is the theme for our 2016 Summer Fun Week VBS

At this year’s VBS, children will learn that Jesus, their Good Shepherd, knows them by name, loves them with an everlasting love, and brings them home. He is with us always and forever – no matter what. The beloved 23rd Psalm, the Good Shepherd Psalm, is this year’s Bible Memory focus. Our children will learn that our Lord is with us now and forever, provides all we need, and protects us. This year’s lessons:



- 1) Jesus is the Good Shepherd – Jesus cares, now and forever
- 2) Jesus feeds 5,000 people – Jesus provides, now and forever
- 3) Jesus tells about a Sower, sowing seeds – Jesus leads, now and forever
- 4) Jesus tells about a Lost Son – Jesus forgives, now and forever
- 5) Jesus appears to Mary in the Garden – Jesus is our Savior, now and forever

Watch for more information and VBS registration form in next month’s Savior’s Call. And please pray about how you can help!

SUMMER FUN WEEK VBS - AUGUST 1-5

With thanks to God for His many blessings, we're sharing the good news that our Vacation Bible School ministry will continue this summer under the leadership of David and Claudette Kline.



Many children will come! Many helpers are needed! The good Lord always blesses us with many children—over 80 last year—so we need many helping hands and loving hearts to make VBS a happy, safe and loving experience for our all small guests.

Our First Request: To get started, Claudette has requested that we begin with NINE adult or college-age volunteers to “shepherd” our nine classes around from crafts, to music etc. These nine shepherds only have to be loving and kind, and keep the children safe during VBS week. Others will tell stories, teach songs and crafts, and play games.

Please pray about whether you can be one of these nine shepherds or an assistant shepherd. That, and other ways to help are listed below:

YOUR HELP IS VERY MUCH NEEDED TO GET READY! 2016 SUMMER FUN WEEK IS AUGUST 1-5

Here's how you can help! We need YOU to help with the most important job in the world - being a “carrier of God’s love” to His little children! “Jesus loves me, this I know” is the simplest, yet most profound message we can ever give our kids. Set aside the week of August 1-5, and help pass on the eternal truths of our faith to a generation of kids that really needs to hear about the way their Lord Jesus loves them and cares for them. There are many ways to help. Check the area(s) that interest you, and ...

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Name _____ Phone Number _____



... Please bring or mail this sheet to the church or the school office. Thank you!

Open Your Heart To God In Prayer



Pray for our members: Cody Bain, Colin Bassett, Arnold Berzins, Arline Carlson, David Carlson, Fred Conrad, Marge Duffy, Joan Duryea, Taylor Farro, Leah Feingold, Tom Gervat, Jack Grove, Rudy Heydt, Larry & Erna Hused, Marie Kashhammer, Dave Kline, Minda Larsen, Frank McElroy, Art Minck, Brenda & Ed Moderacki, Bob Natusch, Paul and Mary Nordeen, Marge Schaeffer, Audrey & Bud Schuermann, Roger Williams, Art Wilson, Bea Wing, Ed & Mary Wuensch.

Your prayers are requested by many of our members, for friends: Baby AvaRose, Sofia Bodin, Michael Bull, Dina Burke, Tom Gervat, Kent Klophaus, Ted Lane, Heidi Lutjens, Bob Natusch, Lindsay Shopland, Roger Spencer and family, Katie Starenko.

Pastor Bruce and Suzanne Bassett for son Colin, hiking the Appalachian Trail;

Ethel Behnke for her niece Luann Tampe;

Bill Cangialosi for Rose's mother Rose Voorhees, friends Ellen Kummer, Noreen Laughlin, Jimmy Patterson, Lou Majors, and Chriss Osenbrock;

Laura and Norman Cardine for their daughter Laura and son-in-law Donn Sardella;

The Carlson family for Bruce and Lynn Carlson;

Conrad family for friends Rachel Johnson, Kevin Reynolds, Matthew Wierzbicki, Marcus Daniels, Walter Starke, Erin Kelly, Sheila Castroagudin, Heather, Pam and Andrea;

Vicki Coyle for her friends Anne Krautheim and Nancy Kent;

Marge Duffy for her sister Mary and friend Alison Grohman;

Joan Duryea for her friends Linda Brown and Frank Kukol;

Sabrina Edwards for her mother-in-law, Ruth Storer;

Leah Feingold for friend Emily Borstelman Sei;

Jay and Dorothy Ferreira for niece Jayda Falby and friend Victoria Sandberg;

Selwyn Fung for nephew Kevin Salazar and friend Linda Landi;

Silvia Hagmaier for daughter Candice & friends MaryEllen Stiehl, Sean Cox, Paul Gargiulo, Sean McCabe, Norm Stafford;

Bruce and Anita Harvey for friend Lou Hyjurick;

Rick & Maggie Henly for Maggie's Aunt Jo Harrer, Rick's brother-in-law Bob Clyde, their neighbor's son, Gary Witte, and for friends Kathy Schneyer and Ben Ballam;

Brenda Heydt for her son Rudy, and for her brother Edward Koennemann;

Erna Hused for her husband Larry, her brother Willi Wild, and for her friends Brigitte Gerney;

Margie Jackson in the school office for sister Barbara Starrett, cousin Peggy Devenish, neighbor's son, Tim McVeigh, friends Carl Bindel and Donna Boesch, Kenny and Gerry Goodman, and son Robert's friend Tracey Taylor;

Marie Kashhammer for son Robert, son-in-law Frank Sessa, brother Edward Lauer, friends Roy and Lavonne Klemm, and great-niece Ericka Spinner;

Sally & John Leara for Tony Leara, Ken Mosier, James O'Connor, Joy Lane, Anthony, Jackie Santalla, Kyra Kearney;

Marie Millner in the school office for her nephew Teagan Baralo, his mom Ellen, and friend John Spellman

Art Minck for his niece, Jean;

Ed and Brenda Moderacki for Ed's mother Helen;

the Nagles, for Pastor's sister Jan; and friends Eva Hamden, Lydia Lehmbeck;

Bob Natusch for his friend Beatrice (Cherry) Mizerak;

Marilyn Picher for her daughter Sherry, and her friend Joyce Miller;

The Reese and Mason families for Ron and Barbara Radomski, Julia Madsen, Eileen Tamino and Erin Chack;

Marge Schaeffer for Linda Forster; Mike Tirpak; Ann Calanan Shawn McPartland; and niece Pat Schaeffer;

Pat Smith, for son Brian's family, grandson Jason, niece Kerry Kolan and husband Matt, and friend Barbara Franke;

Fred Soka for dear family friend Julia Reynold;

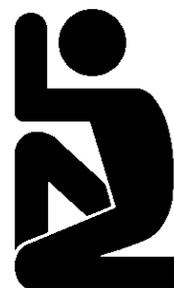
Dorothy Syme for her son David; and for her sister Evelyn Schramm;

TJ Taborelli for his wife, Michelle;

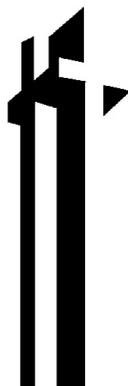
Chalagne Vollinger for daughter, Sara, step-brother Brian Bagnall; friends Irene Genin, David King, Alma McDermott, Claire Willoughby, Maenelle Thompson, Richard Hartman, Barbara McKenna, Shawn Franco;

Roger Williams for George Williams, Mary Ann Kelly and Catherine Dailey;

Adelaide Woods for her mother Ann Lembo, and her niece Nicole Woods.



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Called in Jesus Christ, to live by the power of the Holy Spirit,
Thereby glorifying God the Father in our every day lives.