

The Communicator  
July and August 2014



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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## Pastor's COLUMN

I often get asked are there any devotional book that you have found helpful. I have many but one that I have been reading lately speaks especially to my heart. The book is Whispers of Hope by Beth Moore. It is not only a devotional but a prayer guide as well. I commend it to you and I share an

excerpt from it to start your summer reading.

"Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens" (Ps. 68:19)

Oh that we could see the daily-ness of God. Often we picture God so focused on His big plan that we forget how involved in our daily process He desire to be.

Do you really believe and understand how much God wants to be a part of your daily life? God is looking for a daily, give-and-take relationship with us, but in this unique relationship he TAKES and He GIVES.

What does God desire to "take" from us daily? According to Psalm 68:19, He intends to take our daily burdens. Are you bearing your own burdens? If so, the load is so unnecessary. Perhaps your heart is in the right place—certainly no one can worry like you because no one loves that person like you. No one understands the circumstance like you. It's complicated. Personal. Secret. Not really God's "Field." It's not a religious matter. Anyway, God may not fix this one like we want it. On and on we go until we reason ourselves into burdens too heavy

Daily---God is willing to take those weights from our weary shoulders. 1 Peter 5:7 says to cast "all your care upon him; for he cares for you" The invitation applies everyday. He daily "bears our burdens" if we will release our grip on them.

If God takes our burdens daily, what does He give? Lamentations 3:22-23 records one of Scripture's most beautiful promises describing the daily-ness of God: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning: great is your faithfulness." New every morning---He sees every need in advance. He is acquainted with every burden even before the bad news. Before the sun rises, He metes out His mercy in direct proportion to your day's needs.

God desires to TAKE our burdens and GIVE His mercy. How many times have we carried a burden we could have daily traded in for His mercies? Far too many.

Consider what we do to ourselves. We carry a daily bag of burdens. We add today's to yesterday's until the load is more than we can balance. Finally, it gets so heavy, our backs nearly break and our joy evaporates. We add to the bag until it starts to tear. Sadly, by the time everything spills, we're usually torn apart as well. We feel exhausted, hopeless, and angry at God for not helping. All the while, His hands were outstretched as He whispered through His Word, "Cast them to Me! I care for you."

God never meant for us to keep heaping burdens in the bag. He wants us to pour them at His feet each day and trade in our burdens for fresh mercies. I have lots of regrets for past burdens I refused to release---times I made life harder than it had to be. I can't go back and pick up last year's mercies, and neither can you, but we can receive today's. Our God is so willing to TAKE AND GIVE. If only we're willing to GIVE AND TAKE.



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SERVING The Months OF JULY AND AUGUST AT THE 9:30 am Services

**Ushers**

**Lectors**

**Communion Assts**

July 6  
July 13  
July 20  
July 27

Jack Erbelding  
Daryl and Ed Jarvis  
Bob Snyder  
Mary Pleten

Jack Erbelding  
Ed Jarvis  
Norma Snyder  
Tony Pleten

July 13—Jack Erbelding  
and Ed Jarvis  
  
July 27—Janeen Oliver  
and Ann Marie MacBride

August 3  
August 10  
August 17  
August 24  
August 31

Mary Pleten  
Rod Potter and Diane Parke-Potter  
Carol Ransom  
Ed Jarvis  
Carol Werth

Tony Pleten  
Rod Potter  
Carol Ransom  
Ed Jarvis  
Bob Snyder

August 10—Rich Yackel  
and Jack Erbelding  
  
August 24—Ed Jarvis and  
Pam Spencer

Counters: July —Mary and Tony Pleten  
August —Bob and Norma Snyder

Altar Care: July —Joan Plowe and Bettie Curry  
August—Colleen Forsey and Norma Muolo

**ELDERS—THURSDAY SERVICES**

July 3	Deb Ciccone
July 10	Jim MacBride
July 17	Deb Ciccone
July 24	Deb Ciccone
July 31	Deb Ciccone
August 7	Tony Pleten
August 14	Carol Werth
August 21	Jim MacBride
August 28	Ayden Plowe

**ELDERS—SUNDAYS SERVICES**

July 6	Carol Werth
July 13	Diane Parke-Potter
July 20	Skip Kipybida
July 27	Dick Ransom
August 3	Jeff Blank
August 10	Carol Werth
August 17	Dick Ransom
August 24	John Tesch
August 31	Diane Parke-Potter



The members of Our Saviour extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of Kurt Pleten.

Kurt died June 12, 2014 at the age of 48, he was confirmed here at Our Saviour in 1980 by Pastor Kitts. Kurt was the son of John and Heike Pleten and grandson of Helen Pleten.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.



**First Communion**

**FIRST COMMUNION** for the fifth grade youth of the congregation was celebrated May 11 at the 11:15 AM service. We welcomed to the Lord's Table Stephanie Dalba, Jessica Denz, Sarah Denz, Joseph Eldred, Tyler Emerson, Dillon Griffin, Lexi Guiles, Connor Large, Peyton Osterling, and Ashley Yackel.



## July and August Birthdays

**JULY BIRTHDAYS . . .** HAPPY BIRTHDAY and BEST WISHES to all these members of

Our Saviour who celebrate birthdays during the month of July. We pray for your continued growth in God's grace.

- 1-Janine Lyons
- 2-Alison Kendall
- 2-Jenny Emerson
- 3-Jill Evans
- 4-Jan Carmichael
- 4-Ann Seppa
- 4-Timothy Lewis
- 6-Mia Josephine Eldred
- 7-Christopher Hladis
- 8-Tiffany Francisco
- 8-Charles Gates, Jr.
- 8-Cynthia Blank
- 9-John Crombe
- 9-Brad Morningstar
- 10-Richard Mitchell

- 10-Alexis Knapp
- 10-Zachary Blank
- 11-Rebecca Sovereign
- 12-Tamara Mochrie
- 12-Teri Vogel
- 13-Michael Palumbo
- 13-Emma Grace Bonanno
- 13-Kristina Saucke
- 13-Jennifer Meli
- 14-Joseph Randall
- 14-Miles Sovereign
- 14-Heather Lewis
- 14-Jacob Carpino
- 14-Cameron Derleth
- 15-Jacob Dewyea
- 15-Melana Willard
- 16-Caitlyn Reinecker
- 16-Norma Muolo
- 17-Olivia Kuter
- 17-Bailee Evans
- 17-Justin Follett
- 18-Colleen Forsey
- 18-Emma Girvin
- 19-Kendall Gielski

- 19-Laura Crombe
- 20-Joseph Douglas Eldred
- 20-Michael Gabriel Panzer
- 21-Alberta Carlson
- 22-Thomas McDonald
- 22-Danielle Graupman
- 22-Vera Scuderi
- 22-Meshia Eggert
- 22-Ayden Plowe
- 24-Ava Bonanno
- 25-Darlene Lee
- 25-Jeffrey Reese
- 25-Katie Crnkovich
- 26-Peter Glanville
- 26-Norma Chapin
- 27-Richard Albano
- 27-John Oldfield
- 28-Martin Maas
- 28-Hans Strasser
- 28-Barbara Rauber
- 29-Brian Lane
- 29-Hans Witt
- 30-John Erbeling
- 31-Marty Mance

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS . . .** HAPPY BIRTHDAY and BEST WISHES to all these members of Our Saviour who celebrate birthdays during the month of August. We pray for your continued growth in God's grace.

- 1-Desi Voorhies
- 1-Jennifer Kelly
- 1-Serena Forest
- 2- Andrew Pond
- 3-John Rath
- 3-Sally Shannon
- 3-Emma Bryce
- 3-Stephen Hughson
- 3-Jennifer Kipybida
- 5-Pamela Ford
- 5- Debra Stahl
- 5-Virginia McMullen
- 6-Jakob Witt
- 8-Jaime Walberger
- 9-Skip Kipybida
- 9-Jennifer Guiles

- 9-Birgit Hafner
- 9-Evan Palmer
- 10-Mary Pleten
- 10-Allen Peters
- 11-Michael Perkins
- 11-Debra Reinecker
- 12-Amanda Stevens
- 15-Brian O'Connor
- 15-Joyce Perkins
- 15-Nancy Albano
- 15-Madelaine Heid
- 16-Christine Gear
- 16-Connor Shannon
- 16-Aiden Shannon
- 20-Gunter Berndl
- 21-Jackson Balonek
- 21-Michele McDonough
- 22-Keely Lyons
- 22-Carl Kowalski
- 23-Sharon Castrichini
- 23-Linda Guida
- 24-Linda Christensen
- 24-Sharon Neal
- 24-Alice Wanzenried

- 25-Kaitlyn Dietrick
- 25-Brandy McElroy-Wright
- 26-Alexandra (Pleten) Pond
- 26-Frances Cranston
- 26-Alexander Sovereign
- 27-David Hladis
- 27-Thomas Dougherty
- 28-Kimberly (Klein) Giancursio
- 29-Edward Schaad
- 30-Damon Carpenter
- 31-Paul Edwards
- 31-Randi Mousaw
- 31-Stacey Hamblin



# Our Mission

We, the members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, as baptized followers of Jesus Christ will foster a living, expressive relationship with our Lord and our neighbors.

We will do this in a way that seeks to serve all segments of our congregation and community by:

- ◆ Providing a welcoming environment for youth and young adults.
- ◆ Strengthening the family unit.
- ◆ Involving the elderly and recognizing their special needs.
- ◆ Making Christ visible through worship.

*Recommended by the Long Range Planning committee on October 27, 2010*



**VACATION BIBLE**

**SCHOOL**

**July 7-11**

**9:00 AM — 11:30 AM**

**Registration form enclosed**

## Prayer Shawl

Happy summer! As we go into some hopefully warmer days I'd just like to remind you the need for shawls goes on. The inventory is a bit low at this point, so if there is a cooler day or the AC is on please think about picking up your yarn. I'd also like to remind you that we don't always know the person who is receiving a shawl, so think of a one size fits all shawl. We also like the soft cozy kind if possible.

We are in need of shawls for 2015 confirmation class. There are 10 young adults and I have 4 committed for sure. If you are able to help with this please let me know. If there are any Moms' Grandma's etc who would like to make there child's that would be great. Please let me know that as well. Thanks.

Thanks so much for your work in the past and as we continue with this ministry. I have heard how very much it means for someone to receive a shawl. See you in the Fall for a get together. Barbara King

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Summer is here and with it comes summer chores. The usual is keeping the grass cut and trimmed, pruning the bushes around the church and maintenance items that are only accomplished with warmer weather like exterior painting and heating system repairs. The lawn is looking good with ample spring rain and weekly mowing. Pete Sitter is again our main lawn mowing person with help from me, Ed Jarvis, Rick Chapin and Rich Yackel. Mary Ellen Saur is active again in the gardens with pruning, weeding and watering with help from Ed and Daryl Jarvis. I would like to add more names to the list of contributors and that is easy, you can help. There are always more things to do than we have time for; we manage to keep the high priority items in check but there are some tasks on our to-do list that seem to never get done. Show up on a Saturday morning and I can give you one of those "never seem to get done" tasks that will help maintain and improve the church and grounds.. One large job that needs to be done this summer is the painting of 1,2,3 or 4 sides of Dell Hall. This will require a planned effort and you will see notices in the bulletin anda sign-up sheet in the fellowship area when we decide on a date(s).

Jim Flick, Trustee, Chairperson



# JULY



# AUGUST

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- 2—James and Linda Flick
- 3—Rodney Potter and Diane Parke-Potter
- 4—Anton and Bronislava Suk
- 6—Emil and Christa Witt  
*Happy 51st Anniversary*
- 9—Carl and Marjorie Kowalski  
*Happy 54th Anniversary*
- 10—Leon and Becky Duthoy
- 11—Bill and Sharon Neal  
*Happy 50th Anniversary*
- 13—Matthew and Annette Maas
- 16—Deb and Ed Housel
- 19—Michael and Janine Lyons
- 20—Robert and Amy Priestley
- 21—Thomas and Yvonne Dougherty  
*Happy 30th Anniversary*
- 21—Nicole and Mark Lee
- 22—Jan and Pam Carmichael
- 25—Eugene and Ann Northrop  
*Happy 44th Anniversary*
- 26—Stephen and Karen Nash
- 28—Andrew and Julie Lowe
- 29—Brian and Laurie Forest
- 30—Joseph and Vera Scuderi

- 2—Peter and Jacqueline Sitter
- 2—Michael and Kimberly Giancursio
- 3—Gerald and Patricia Stich  
*Happy 40th Anniversary*
- 3—Drew and Jenny Emerson
- 5—Richard and Carole Chapin
- 7—Richard and Sharon Yackel  
*Happy 54th Anniversary*
- 7—Al and Lisa Schroff
- 8—Michael and April O'Connor
- 8—Jeremy and Erin Noll
- 10—Edward and Patricia Duignan
- 11—Stephanie and Jacob Martin
- 11—George and Shelly Borrelli
- 12—Elena and Rob Marvin
- 14—Donald and Desi Voorhies
- 14—Glen and Simone Harter  
*Happy 10th Anniversary*
- 15—James and Jacqueline Greene
- 18—John and Linda Loughlin  
*Happy 30th Anniversary*
- 19—Richard and Tina Sihto
- 20—Charles and Cynthia Borzilleri  
*Happy 20th Anniversary*
- 20—David and Linda Guida
- 21—Kevin and Wendy Forrest
- 22—Jeff and Katie Doherty
- 25—Tony and Mary Pleten
- 25—Nicklos and Kathleen Carpino  
*Happy 30th Anniversary*
- 28—Karl and Nancy Schwach
- 31—Richard and Colleen Forsey  
*Happy 46th Anniversary*
- 31—John and Susan Dietrick



**THE CHURCH SERVICES ARE RECORDED  
AND ARE ON YOUTUBE  
GO TO  
[WWW.OURSAVIOURROCHESTER.ORG](http://WWW.OURSAVIOURROCHESTER.ORG)  
AND  
CLICK ON WATCH AND LISTEN**

***Bring a lawn chair or blanket to Thursday evening outdoor worship service this summer!***

***Thursday, 7:00 PM  
July 3 to August 28***

# LYO Happenings

SAVE THE DATE:  
HELLO-GOOD BYE YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY AT DARIEN LAKE

The LYO will be taking their annual trip to Darien Lake. We send out a warm welcome to all youth sixth grade through twelfth. Come join us for a fun filled day at the park and experience the fellowship LYO offers. We also invite our outgoing Seniors to join us in celebration of their achievement.

When: August 17, 2014

Time: 10:30 AM

Where: at the church

We will be having a planning meeting before leaving to plan activities and set a tentative calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. We encourage the parents to attend this meeting.



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## Women of the ELCA

. Our last meeting of the year was a potluck picnic held at the home of Sharon Yackel. The food was delicious and the fellowship even better. Special thanks to Sharon for always being the “hostess with the mostest”.

A calendar of upcoming events was discussed at this meeting. A detailed brochure of events will be coming your way in the near future.

This year's Upstate New York Synod Gathering, “Called to Mission” will be held October 3-5 at the Best Western Hotel, Carrier Circle, Syracuse, New York. If anyone has any questions or is interested in attending, please contact Barbara King at 247-2727.

Our first meeting of the year will be a potluck dinner on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at **6:30 pm.**

**Please note that starting September, all our meetings will now be held at 6:30 p.m.**

Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe and Blessed summer.

Ann Seppa, Secretary

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## 2014-2015 PRE-SCHOOL ENROLL NOW!

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Enrollment for Pre-school School Year beginning in September is underway! If you have, or know a friend or neighbor who has an eligible three or/and four year old child, and are interested in enrolling him/her please contact the church office (247-7824). We have openings in Monday-Wednesday-Friday AM and PM the Tuesday-Thursday AM three year old class.

Office Manager Mary Pleten is happy to advise you about class openings and registration procedures. Please call the church office (247-7824) Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM—3:30 PM if you have any questions.

# THANK YOU



- ❖ **Gordon and Ann Seppa, Mary Ellen Saur, Alexandra Pond, Carol Werth and Daryl Jarvis**, for collating, stapling, addressing and mailing the June newsletter.
- ❖ **Ayden Plowe and Ed Jarvis** for filling the oil candles. **Ed Jarvis** for installing the aisle candles for the McCall/Wetherbee Wedding.
- ❖ **Marielies Renke** for continuing to care for the plants in the narthex.
- ❖ **Mary Ellen Saur** for updating the church sign on the front lawn and for watering the plants everyday it doesn't rain.
- ❖ **Mary Ellen Saur, Sharon and Rich Yackel** for assembling the Sunday bulletins.
- ❖ **Mary Ellen Saur, Daryl and Ed Jarvis** for sprucing up the rose garden.

- ❖ **Jerry Stich** for setting up speakers for the McCall/Wetherbee wedding
- ❖ **Jim Flick, Ed Jarvis and Peter Sitter** for mowing the church lawn.

The commitment and dedication of all members of Our Saviour are important to the congregation's mission and ministry. We want to recognize the tasks done by members. Committee/Board Chairs and others are asked to share these names with Office Manager, Mary Pleten for inclusion in future issues of the **Communicator**.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Next time you hear a baby laugh or see an ocean wave or listen to a bird sing, take note. Pause and listen as his Majesty whispers ever so gently, "I'm here."

**INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS**—New Congregational leaders were installed, Sunday, June 1, members of the Church Council, Board of Directors for Our Saviour Child Development Center, officers of the Women of the E.L.C.A., Sunday School Superintendent and the Altar Guild Chairperson were installed into office. Those installed include....

### Church Council

*President*, Pam Spencer  
*Vice President*, Ed Jarvis  
*Secretary*, Ann Seppa  
*Treasurer*, Andrew Pond  
*Assistant Financial Secretary*, Rod Potter  
*Board for Christian Education-Chairperson*, Sheila Foltz  
*Board for Church & Community-Chairperson*, Jerry Stich  
*Board for Stewardship-Chairperson*, Cindy Borzilleri  
*Board for Trustees-Chairperson*, Jim Flick  
*Board for Evangelism-Chairperson*, Pam Spencer  
*Board of Elders -Chairperson*, Dick Ransom



### Board of Elders:

Skip Kipybida  
John Tesch  
Diane Parke-Potter  
Tony Pleten  
Richard Ransom  
Gene Northrop  
Jim MacBride  
Ayden Plowe  
Deb Ciccone  
Jeff Blank  
Carol Werth  
Mary Ellen Saur

**Women of the ELCA-Co-Presidents**, Ann Marie MacBride and Barb King *Secretary*, Ann Seppa, *Treasurer*, Cheryl Stone.

**Altar Guild Chairperson**-Marielies Renke

**Sunday School Superintendent**-Michelle Coval

**Our Saviour Child Development Center Board of Directors**-Kevin Yackel, *President*, Colleen Forsey, *Vice-President*, Linda Gatto, *Secretary*, Stephanie Manella, *Treasurer and Financial Secretary*; Tony Pleten, Cindy Borzilleri, Pastor Wilck.



*Those who are homebound or reside in nursing homes...* Audrey Citro  
(St. John's Home), Betty Tesch (Emeritus Home on Long Pond Road)



**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
BEGINS July 6  
Sunday—9:30 AM  
Thursday—7:00 PM (July 3)**

*Remember to bring your lawn chairs or blankets to Thursday evening service*

**WEDDING HUMOR**

*From Holy Humor by Cal and Rose Samra*

*At a wedding, a pastor asked the groom: "Do you take this woman to be your wedded wife, for better, or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness or in health..."*

*"please, pastor," the bride interrupted, "You're going to talk him right out of it."*



*A little boy was at his first wedding. After the service, another child asked him, "How many men can a woman marry? Sixteen, the little boy said.*

*How do you know? His friend asked.*

*The preacher said it—four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer, the boy replied. —Rev. David Polek*



*Seating guests at a wedding, an usher asked a middle-aged woman who had entered the church: "Are you a friend of the bride, ma'am?"*

*"Lord, Have mercy, no", she said. "I'm the mother of the groom."*

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## DAY CARE NEWS AND NOTES

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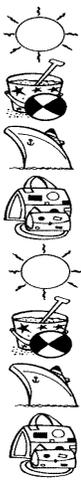
Summer vacation is almost here. The schoolers are excited about the long vacation, and the teachers are busy planning the summer program. The summer activities include art, science activities, cooking, games, bike riding, water play, and lots of time to run and play outdoors. Although the end of the school year is exciting, it is also a sad time since some of the children will be leaving us as they start middle school and age out of day care. We will miss them, and we wish them all the best as they move ahead in school.

Would you like to know what the children are doing in the CDC? Find us on Facebook, and you will see lots of pictures and articles about their day.

Meg Ross  
Day Care Director



Our Saviour Day Care Center continues to provide quality child care throughout the year for children 18 months through age 12. Currently there are openings for children in our Day Care Center. If you have a child, or know of a family with a child, who needs care between the hours of 6:30 AM—6:00 PM please contact the Day Care Center at 247-7849 for information.



## STEWARDSHIP LETTER ENCLOSED

As you step into summer and times of relaxation we know many of you will be traveling and will not be at church. We remind you that our financial needs continue through the summer months and ask that you do not forget your church before you go. Enclosed in this newsletter you will discover the letter and "Before you Go" envelope reminding you to send your offering to your church before you leave town. Your gifts are always appreciated and we thank you in advance for remembering our ministry at Our Saviour.



### WOMEN OF FAITH

The Women of Faith Conference will be held in Rochester on August 15-16, 2014. The women of faith *A Journey from Survival to Revival* tour is the life-changing, live Christian event for today's woman. Where chart topping music artists and world class authors and Bible teachers create an unforgettable, day-and-a-half experience for women from all walks of life. You'll hear stories that strengthen, practical Bible teachings that can transform your everyday living, and experience authentic praise and worship with music that moves you closer to God, opening your heart to know what it means to truly believe God Can Do Anything. We are trying to get a group of women from our church to go. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Borzilleri.



### EVENTS AND MEETINGS SCHEDULED

#### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

##### **BEGINS July 6**

Sunday 9:30 AM

Thursday evening 7:00 PM

##### **CDC MEETINGS**

Wednesday July 9, 6:00 PM

and Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 PM

##### **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, August 29, 8:00 PM

##### **YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY**

Sunday, August 17, 10:00AM

##### **SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING**

The staff for Sunday School will meet Tuesday,  
August 19 at 7:00 PM.

##### **FIRST YEAR CONFIRMATION CLASS**

##### **PARENTS ONLY MEETING**

Wednesday, August 20, 7:00 PM

##### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Worship meeting is Thursday August 14 at 8:00 PM



**INDEPENDENCE DAY**



## EVANGELISM

Chili Liquor Store  
 Rochester Community Baseball/Redwings  
 Rochester Rhinos  
 Walmart  
 Alexandra Pond  
 Alice Popen  
 Carol Ransom  
 Deb and Tom Reinecker  
 Topps

Mary Ellen Saur  
 April O'Connor  
 Ann Seppa  
 Becky Wiesmore  
 Wendy Forrest  
 The Pletens  
 Karen Saur  
 Jill Klein  
 Cindy Borzerilli  
 Michelle Covell/Cheryl Stone  
 Jessica and Sarah Denz  
 Katie Hyatt

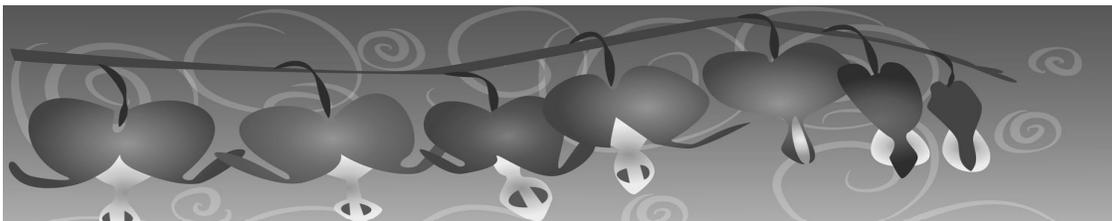
We want to thank all of you for your support. We raised \$780.00 which will be used for Alpha Course, Children Events such as Trunk or Treat, and mission work in our community.

We will be holding another Alpha Course beginning September 15, 2014. We ask that you think about someone who may want to learn more about Christianity, want to revitalize their Christian Life, seeking answers to questions, struggling with something in their life, etc. Please share this information with them. We have found the Alpha Course can be very helpful in all aspects of life. While there are 14 lessons, we do combine a couple of these lessons to shorten the length of the Alpha Course. We ask people to attend to learn what Alpha is about. If you cannot attend all of the sessions, that is okay. Those who have attended to date feel they have gained knowledge, made new friends, and have walked away energized/revitalized in their faith. I have lead all three sessions and each time I learn something new. That is because I continue to grow in my faith and the people who attend bring so many questions, stories, thoughts and opinions.

One of the outcomes of Alpha is to become more involved in the community. It can be in supporting each other or reaching out to others in the community. For the month of July, the Alpha Groups are planning a visit to Legacy, an assisted living center, on Sunday, July 20, 2014, at 3:00 PM to provide a service, songs and cookout for the residence. You are more than welcome to join us.

The Christian Book Club is meeting July 31, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the church. We are reading "Heaven is for Real" by Todd Burpo. It is in book and CD formats.

In August, we are going to show Billy Graham's video "My Hope America." Billy Graham is encouraging Americans to build a close relationship with Jesus. We are going to show the video and have time for discussion on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 7:00 PM. and Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 5:00 PM at the church.

**Jubilees news:**

We will be having our Summer progressive picnic on Saturday, August 2nd. Watch for more information in the Sunday Bulletins and a signup sheet on the Narthex table. We are looking for suggestions on what we can do for our Fall event, please contact Ed or Daryl Jarvis.



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June 20, 2014

Dear Members of Our Saviour:

“What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works?” (James 2:14)

Does one person make a difference? Let me ask you, did Christ? God so loved the world that he *did something*. He didn't select a committee. He didn't theorize how great it would be for someone to come to our rescue. He didn't simply grieve over our waywardness and wring His hands in sorrow. He did something! And, in turn, the Son of God said to God the Father, “I will go.” He *did something* about it. And that's why we can be saved. We don't believe in a theory; we believe in the person of Christ, who died and rose again that we might live and make a difference. The question is not simply, what do you think of Christ? The question is, what have you done about what you think?

Christians respond to the grace of God by living lives of faithful service and stewardship. We respond by sharing time, talent and treasure. We live lives of gratitude. How blessed are we as a congregation in your faithfulness.

Summertime is here! For many of us, summer offers the opportunity for some long awaited traveling, vacations of family time.

For Our Saviour Church, summer brings a challenge of a different sort: cash flow. Because members are often away from home and vacationing, it is common for the congregation's offerings and envelope contributions to “dip.” Then, after summer is over, members “catch up” on their offerings in the fall. Unfortunately, many of our bills and expenses do not take the summer off.

This underscores our need for your faithful response. Some of us need to catch up now. We are asking you to look again at your giving and remember your church before you take that summer break.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope, which can be used to mail part or all of your summer offerings to Our Saviour.

We are blessed in so many ways in our congregation. Our program, our worship, our fellowship sustain our life and encourage our faith. With faith we can see that Christ has indeed made a difference. We ask you to help us to continue to make that difference a reality in our community.

Your gifts make it possible for the gospel to be heard and our Lord Jesus to be proclaimed. As you have faithfully responded to the needs of our church in the past we ask you to continue to help us and contribute to our present and future.

In His grip,

Pastor Wilck

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**Church Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**8:00-3:30 PM**

Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message on 269-9086. On Friday Pastor's day off, he is available for pastoral emergencies. When calling the church after hours, and wishing to leave a message for Pastor Wilck, when prompted dial Extension 311 for his personal voice mail.

Please inform Pastor Wilck whenever there is an illness or hospitalization in your family. He appreciates your help. When you are admitted to a hospital, please list your religious preference as "Lutheran Church of Our Saviour" and contact Pastor or the church office. ]

**SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**Sundays and Thursdays**



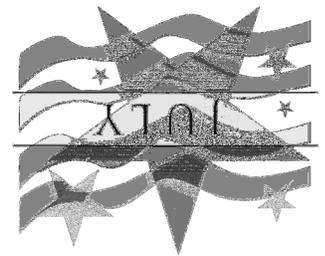
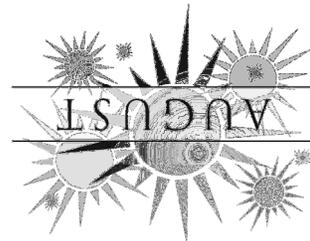
**Outdoor  
Worship**

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour holds worship services during the summer on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM and on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. This schedule begins Sunday, July 6 and Thursday, July 3. It is in effect until Sunday, August 31.

During the summer, Holy Communion is celebrated, as usual, on the second and fourth Sundays and the Thursday evenings prior to them.

The Thursday evening services, which anticipate the coming Sundays, will again be held outside as much as possible. This year members and friends are asked to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets for the service.

Please mark your calendars and tell your friends... worship during the summer at Our Saviour is at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings and 7:00 PM on Thursday evenings.



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