



Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

The Communicator

≡ August ≡ Issue

Women of the ELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa

We hope that everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer weather.
The WELCA officers met in July to plan another amazing year.



WELCA continues to sponsor the collection of food for the St. Theodore's Food Pantry. There will be a Churchwide Food Drive held from August 1 through September 4, 2022. On Thursday nights, donations can be given to the Service Leader. Please remember that the need for food for the residents in our community is ongoing.



We are looking forward to our annual potluck dinner,
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm.



At this meeting we will discuss upcoming events throughout the 2022/2023 year.
If you are planning to attend, please sign-up on the table in the narthex.

We will have a guest speaker for our October meeting arranged by AnnMarie MacBride, our President.

The Genesee Finger Lakes Conference is in the process of planning a "Fall Retreat".
Further details TBD

*Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable rest of the summer.
Looking forward to seeing you all in September.*

Pastor Joe's Corner



Prayer life is a difficult thing to manage. My prayer life has its ups and downs. As I struggle with it, I ran across this little devotion from John W. Coffey based on Luke 18:1-8. I share it with you so that it might inspire your prayer life as it has mine.

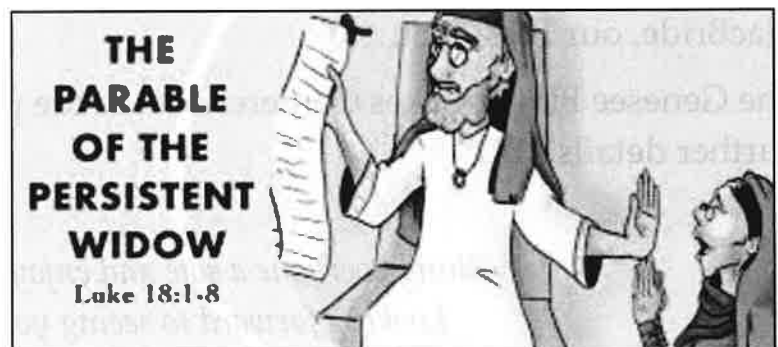
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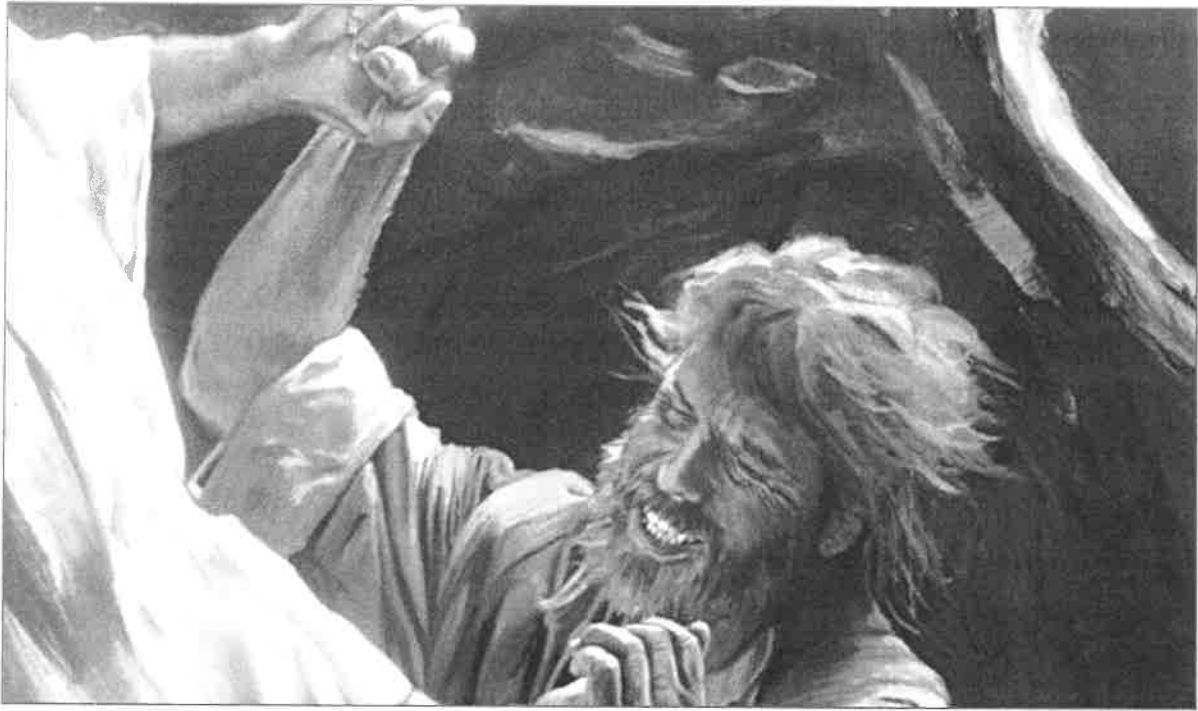
“In medical circles they talk about, ‘vital signs’: temperature, pulse, and respiration. When we are sick or recovering from surgery, these vital signs are monitored carefully. If these are all normal we are at least in fair condition. For the Christian life, the act of prayer is one of the vital signs.”

Prayer to God, prayer without ceasing, prayer in the good times, prayer in the down times, prayer with hope. There is a line in the old hymn, “Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, prayer is the Christians vital breath.”

In Luke's parable of the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8) Jesus teaches us that if humans can be expected to do something right how much more can we expect righteousness from God. Jesus said this judge was without virtue yet he finally yielded to the pleas of a poor woman---if only to get her off his back.

Reflecting on Luke's parable, I read an invitation by God, through Jesus, to sustain the vital signs, the vital breath, to always pray and not lose heart. Like the widow who kept the pressure on the judge, we are invited by Jesus to keep the pressure on God. Apparently, God is not upset over our hounding. On the contrary, God invites it! The parable is an illustration of the beatitude, “blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5:6)





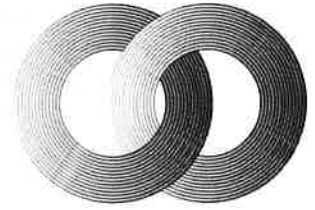
At times it is difficult to hang in there with God. Things go wrong and it seems that our prayers rise no higher than the ceiling. At times there is no Jacob left in us and to wrestle with God all night seems a futile thing. We can so easily slide into the words of the Psalm writer: “O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?” (Psalm 80: 4). But dare we let our prayer depend on how many times we receive a “yes“ from God? No, if we received all that we asked of God, we would soon treat God as a convenience and we would look upon prayer as magic. Then our faith in God would yield faith in prayer; and that is not the way God would have it.

Prayer is the language of faith, and the words of our prayers form the stairs on which God descends to be with us. Surely it is as P.T. Forsyth wrote: “Prayer is the highest form of human speech.” Jesus invites us to pray always and not lose heart. We are to pray with a will and to pray with hope. We don't search for magic words, but rather we come to our heavenly father with words that flow out of the concrete, actual, real experiences of our lives. The words of our prayers flow from the depths of our hearts, for we pray as ourselves—saints and sinners.”

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Council Meeting Highlights

minutes submitted by Ann Seppa

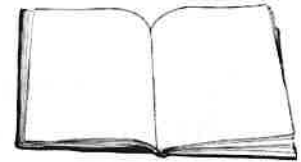
- **Merger:** As the process of merger continues, the Council continues it's due diligence and discussed what questions are left to be asked and answered prior to bringing the merger to the congregations for a vote. The council noted that there is an eagerness to resolve the remaining details.



- **Caring and Sharing:** The Council was updated regarding those who are homebound and those suffering illness. Team Homebound visits are being scheduled.



- **CLC:** The Council discussed the attendance numbers and recommended an increase in the number of bulletins being printed to accommodate increasing numbers of attendees.

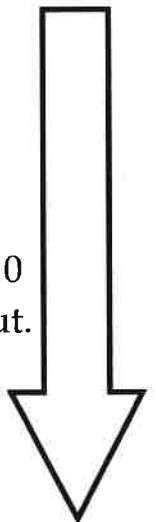


- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Wilck thanked the women of ELCA for the reception for Norma Chapin following her funeral.
 - Attendance numbers are up. Masking has been made optional and we are returning to continuous communion (*communion assistants are needed*).
 - Those agreeing to receive the newsletter by email will save the church \$20 a month in postage.



- **Treasurer:** (June numbers) Income: \$8,844.70, Expense: \$16,295.84.
Net loss for the month of June: -\$7,451.14.
Royal Alliance investment decreased by \$2,428.61.

- **Assistant Financial Secretary:** Total envelope contributions through July 10 are down \$7,453 from a year ago. Giving statements are scheduled to go out. Those who receive the newsletter electronically are being emailed theirs. A printed version can be requested from the office.

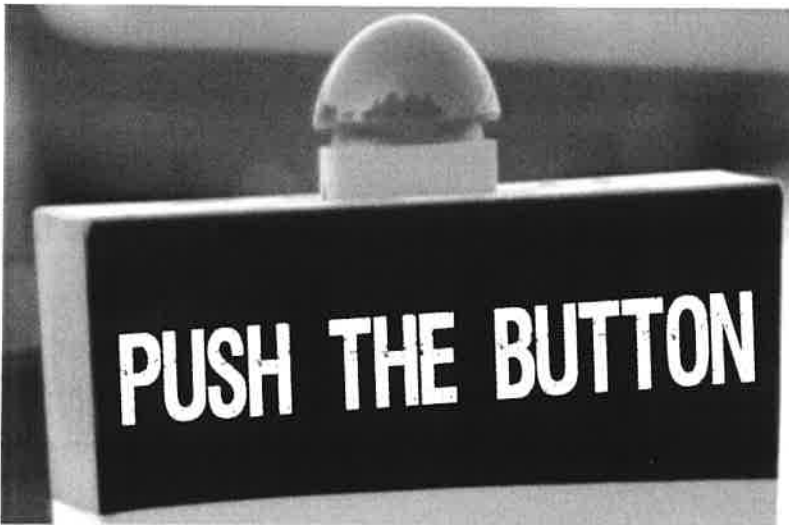
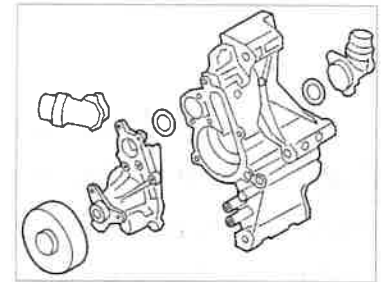


Meeting Highlights Continued...

- **Property Management:** Jerry has acquired three quotes to provide preventative maintenance and to troubleshoot the AC units. One unit is not operational and 2 are only partially working. We are hoping to fix them because the cost to replace will be over \$10,000 per unit.



- Brian Spencer and Ray McQueen continued to try and fix the leaky hot water heating system. A new pump assembly is needed which will fix 2 of the 3 leaks.



- Jerry's upcoming vacation was noted, and there was a discussion about needing someone to push the PowerPoint button during services. That conversation led to further discussion about social media and Yvonne mentioned she plans to meet with Jonathan Howell. It was noted that most of the YouTube traffic is down and most are only watching excerpts.

- **An August meeting was initially not planned but has since been scheduled for August 15th at 6:30 p.m., in preparation for a joint council meeting which will take place on August 22nd at 6:30 p.m.**

April—June Income vs. Expense

submitted by Mary Pleten

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET LOSS
APRIL	\$15,022.71	\$17,301.12	—\$2,278.41
MAY	\$13,608.94	\$17,726.52	—\$4,117.58
JUNE	8,844.70	\$16,295.84	—\$7,451.14

Prayer Writers and Intentions

submitted by Jonathan Howell

Each week our liturgy has a section called, “Prayers of Intercession.” These are taken from an online publication called, “Sundays and Seasons.” Maybe you have noticed that they follow a pattern. We pray for the church, creation, our country, the suffering, our parish, those who have died, and sometimes a Saint or two. There is also a section that we have not been printing that says, “other intentions may be offered here.”



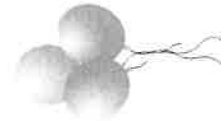
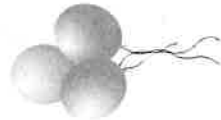
Beginning this fall Pastor Wilck would like offer 2 ways you can get involved in creating prayers for our liturgy.

1. Submit an intention to be added to the prayers. Example, “Let us also offer a prayer for the councils of Reformation and Our Saviour churches; that they may have the wisdom and energy to lead us into our merged future; stronger together than apart.”
2. You may also write an entire set of prayers for a service following the general pattern listed above.

Prayers must be submitted to the office 10 days prior to the intended service, (Two Thursdays before the Sunday in question.) We reserve the right to edit your prayers for grammar and appropriateness. We will publish prayers on a first come first serve basis.

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jennifer Kelly (b.) Karen Preston (b.) Desi Voorhies (b.)	2 Peter Sitter and Jacqueline (w.)	3 Sally Shannon (b.) Drew and Jenny Emerson (w.) Jerry and Patricia Stich (w.)	4	5 Richard and Carole Chapin (w.)	6 Jakob Witt (b.)
7	8 Jaime Walberger (b.) Michael and April O'Connor (w.)	9 Chase Giancursio (b.) Jennifer Guilles (b.)	10 Mary Pleten (b.)	11 Janie Pehur (b.)	12	13 Gabriel Foltz (b.)
14 Donald and Desi Voorhies (w.)	15 Nancy Albano (b.) Joyce Perkins (b.)	16 Christine Gear (b.)	17 Patricia Schulz (b.)	18	19	20 Cindy and Charles Borzilleri (w.)
21 Michele McDonough (b.) Wendy and Kevin Forrest (w.)	22 Carl Kowalski (b.) Keely Lyons (b.)	23 Sharon Castrichini (b.) Linda Guida (b.)	24 Linda Christensen (b.)	25 Anatole and Mary Pleten (w.)	26 Alexander Sovereign (b.)	27 Deborah Yackel (b.)
28 Kimberly Giancursio (b.) Nancy and Karl Schwach (w.)	29	30	31 Richard and Colleen Forsey (w.)			



August Service Schedule

DATE	TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	COUNTER	Altar Care
August 7	10:00 a.m.	Carol Werth	Elton & Patti Schulz	Carol Werth	Rod Potter	Colleen Forsey Jean Lombard
August 14	10:00 a.m.	Frank Johnson	Jennifer Large	Dick Ransom	Rod Potter	Colleen Forsey Jean Lombard
August 21	10:00 a.m.	Diane Parke-Potter	Rod Potter	Rod Potter	Rod Potter	Colleen Forsey Jean Lombard
August 28	10:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen Saur	Kelly Cuff & Mori Stellnecht	Kelly Cuff	Rod Potter	Colleen Forsey Jean Lombard

Virtual Worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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August Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
			<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Modern Traditional Worship Service			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<u>10:00 a.m.</u> Modern Traditional Worship Service Youth Appreciation SEABREEZE				<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Modern Traditional Communion Service		<u>10:00 a.m.</u> Earl Haak Memorial Service
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<u>10:00 a.m.</u> Modern Traditional Communion Service	<u>6:30 p.m.</u> LCOS Council Meeting			<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Traditional Worship Service		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<u>10:00 a.m.</u> Traditional Worship Service	<u>6:30 p.m.</u> Joint Council Meeting			<u>7:00 p.m.</u> Modern Traditional Service		
28	29	30	31			
<u>10:00 a.m.</u> Traditional Communion Service <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Youth Planning Retreat						

Happening In August

Thursday, August 4th

7:00 p.m. Modern Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, August 7th

10:00 a.m. Modern Traditional Worship Service

Following Church—Youth Appreciation @ Seabreeze

Thursday, August 11th

7:00 p.m. Modern Traditional Communion Service

Saturday, August 13th

10:00 a.m. Earl Haak Memorial Service

Sunday, August 14th

10:00 a.m. Modern Traditional Communion Service

Monday, August 15th

6:30 p.m. LCOS Council Meeting

Thursday, August 18th

7:00 p.m. Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, August 21st

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Monday, August 22nd

6:30 p.m. Joint Council Meeting

Thursday, August 25

7:00 p.m. Traditional Communion Service

Sunday, August 28th

10:00 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

11:00 a.m. Youth Planning Retreat



Prayer Concerns

Our Church Family

Members In Need of Prayer

Alice Crawford, Jack Erbelding, Jim Flick, Carolyn Hane,
Jackie Potter, Vera & Joe Scuderi, Bob Snyder, Meredith Fries

Members and Friends Serving our Country

Alexander McDonough, USCG
Dave Oliver, Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard

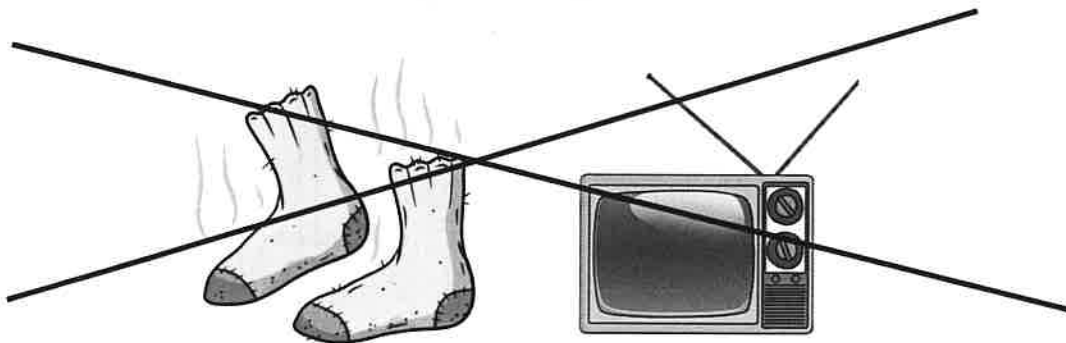


Garage Sale Items



There is still time to bring in your gently used items for our fall garage sale. Items may be left by the office window. The monies raised by the garage sale are used to support our youth program.

Please no clothing or televisions



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