



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2021

Brothers and sisters in Christ; grace, peace and mercy,

The world around us is one which is now normed by 'anonymous' people at a computer who can write whatever they really please about you, a business or the church. There are seemingly few rules which would constrict one from becoming the mouth-piece of evil or becoming less than one for whom Christ died. It has become easy and trendy to share with "the whole wide world" every opinion one has on every subject under the sun. It seems that the order has become; first type it on the screen, then hit send and finally give it a thought. And if pushed real, real, hard maybe offer some sort of soft and non-effacing mea culpa, not heart-felt or genuine but written on the screen none the less.

While the world might be-moan the loss of that which it calls civility, one can only wonder how Christ must feel when He looks upon His church. Christ is the giver and author of life, whose very word brought into creation and whose very birth brought about salvation. It was a word spoken on a cross to one like Him, soon to

be crucified, which gave eternal hope and comfort. Jesus' response to a man deserving of death, his view not Jesus' or mine, was not anonymously posted or spoken but spoken directly to that condemned man. Rather than condemning him for his life choices or his illegal acts Jesus replies; "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)

I believe that Jesus has left us an example as how we are to respond when we feel attacked or are attacking others via social (sic) media. It is all too easy to feel a certain type of freedom when sitting in front of a computer screen and not in front of the person and saying the unthinkable. That type of perceived freedom is not freedom but rather the snare of the evil one who invites one into licentiousness which leads to death. It does not take self-control to not tap those keys and push that send key or button. Nope, not at all. It takes a gift from God to refrain from such an activity.

What it takes to not act as the world does while sitting in front of a screen is the gift of faith. Faith in God, that no matter what an anonymous person writes about you on any of the

social (sic) media platforms, to live with joy. Your worth is not self-worth but divine-worth in that you have so much value to God that He died for you. You have the gift of faith that empowers you to believe that what God has to say to and about you is eternally greater than some anonymous,

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unknown and evilly-driven person's drivel. Yes, God invites you not to be "that" person.

It is time for the church, that is those for whom Jesus Christ died and those who confess His as lord and savior, to think before sending. It is time to remember the Eighth Commandment and its meaning. I would draw your attention to this portion of the meaning as you remember your neighbor (the one on the receiving end of your post) you are to; "defend them, speak well of them and explain their actions in the kindest of way." Those are God's expectations of you when you sit at your computer and tap away while on social (sic) media.

The church, while on the computer is called to remember that the fingers are an extension of the tongue as it now "speaks" for the whole body. To that end then God speaks through James when he is inspired to write about the tongue. The church is given this warning about the tongue; "So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire." (James 3:5-6a) It's hard, if not impossible, to be received as a body which serves life and brings healing when its members are known to speak with the ferocity of the ruler of this world. It is the

Lord who calls to the church and says; "Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. (James 4:11)

"Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness and of your praise all day long." (Psalm 35:28),

Pastor Mike

Parking Resurfacing

This was discussed and approved at the Annual Meeting on 2/27/21 as below.

Reseal parking lot (~\$8K) by funding with 50% building fund, 25% memorial funds, and 25% Bonnie Riemenschneider funds in 2021. After discussion, motion passed.



Will meet Wednesday, October 20th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

All are invited to attend for a time of conversation and treats.

Ella Harthun to furnish treats.

THINK ON THESE THINGS!

Philippians 4:8 (KJV): “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things.**”

There are positive things that we should think about, particularly as we prepare to go about our daily lives and activities. (Inspired by a recent Crosswalk.com article by Aretha Grant)

I am a Child of God! “**The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.**” (Romans 8:16) Our adoption into God’s family is much more important than what we look like, the amount of money we make, or the family into which we were born. It’s both an honor and a privilege to be one of God’s precious children. We need to daily remind ourselves of our relationship with the Creator of the universe.

I am fearfully and wonderfully made. “**I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are your works, and my soul knows it very well.**” (Psalm 139:14) God knew each one of us and named us and created us in our mother’s womb before our parents even knew that we existed. That is a wonderful thing to remember.

I am filled with God's Spirit. “**And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.**” (Ephesians 5:18) God the Father, took of His Spirit, and placed it inside His children. We carry greatness. Think about that for a second. God loved us so much that He gave us the Comforter to help us walk the Christian walk. Whenever we feel down about ourselves, remember that we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

I am a doer of the word. “**But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.**” (James 1:22) The word of God means a lot to God’s children. We don’t merely hear the word; we strive to do what the word commands. Although we may not get it right every time, God honors our desire to obey His word. We need to remind ourselves

about that. We may not be perfect, but we are being perfected and transformed through God’s word.

I Pray for my enemies. “**But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.**” (Matthew 5:44) This is a hard thing, but we must remember the importance of praying for our enemies. We don’t have to treat our enemies the way they treat us. We don’t have to approve of what they do. We don’t have to seek vengeance. We do have to pray for them. This is a particularly important scripture to remember today with so much division and hatred in the world. Pray for our enemies.

I don’t have to be anxious. “**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**” (Philippians 4:6) Children of God don’t have to be anxious. We can relax in God. We can trust Him and rely upon Him. We don’t have to stress out about anything we’re facing. Indeed, we can walk in a peace “...which surpasses all comprehension” (Philippians 4:7).

Everything works together for good. “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28) God's children can rest assured that the trial or test we are facing is working together for our good. Although the trial is harsh, God can use it to produce good fruit. We should remind ourselves of this scripture every day, regardless of the intensity of the obstacle we're enduring.

Put on the full armor. “Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.” (Ephesians 6:13) The devil is busy, but God didn't leave us unprepared or defenseless. God is our protector, and He tells us in this verse how to combat the enemy. We should remind ourselves every day to guard ourselves against the devil. We must not let down our defenses. We must remind ourselves to put on the full armor.

Jesus came to give us abundant life. “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10) We must never forget that Jesus came so that we can have

an abundant life. Our lives can be filled with joy, peace, love, forgiveness, and hope because Jesus came and died to give them to us. No matter what we face, remember, the abundant life is ours.

I'm not who I used to be. “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17) Daily we must remind ourselves that we aren't who we used to be. We are new in Christ. We must learn to use our pasts only as a testimony of God's healing and delivering power. We must not allow our pasts to control us or hold us in bondage. Our past has passed away. We are new in Jesus.

These are a few of the many passages in Scripture that remind us that the Glory of God is always present in our lives, and I'm sure that we can find plenty of others for us to meditate on as we live our daily lives.

Peace, Hap

Worship Board

Now that we have returned to a more normal service routine we need to have more readers. Worship Board would appreciate your help by signing up to be a reader. It is not a difficult thing to do. Most of us are capable of reading and if we can get several people you will not need to read too often. Even just trying it once will give you a feel for how easy it is. There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall or contact Linda Whaley or Amy Mills. Please consider assisting with this.

Thank you from the
Worship Board

I want to thank the congregation for the prayers, cards and phone calls related to my recent surgery. Your prayers were answered as the surgery went well and recovery has been good. Again, thank you.

Jerry Duder



Leaving a Legacy

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

One Backpack and a Simple Act of Kindness

The start of fall classes can be difficult for any child – especially as youth of all ages adjust back to “normal” following a year of virtual classes and Zoom meetings. But for kids who have experienced trauma, back-to-school season can bring additional stress: anxiety about meeting new people; worry that their family may not have enough grocery money for lunch every day; insecurity if they come to school without some of the fun supplies other kids have.

Thanks to donations of backpacks, crayons and pencils, glue, and more, LSI is ensuring Iowa youth have access to the school supplies they need to

succeed. And because of this, kids are empowered with the ability to choose their own supplies that show off their own styles and personalities so they can feel confident as they return to classes.

After having a tough day, Marisol was feeling sad and was told she and her guardian would be stopping by the LSI office for some school supplies. She wasn't in the mood for a visit but after arriving at the office, she found a bright spot in her day: her LSI worker was there to help her pick out a new backpack of her own. She was delighted after finding her favorite, and eagerly walked around the office to choose more back-to-school items she could place in her backpack.

Thanks to these contributions, Marisol's day was turned around by a simple act of kindness and a new backpack.

Third Quarter Giving Jug

FREEDOM FOR YOUTH is the recipient for the 3rd Quarter Giving Jug monies. Freedom for Youth Ministries has two primary objectives: 1) to share the gospel of Jesus Christ as the true source of transformation, and 2) to love all of the youth we serve as Jesus loved us. One program that helps do this is the Freedom Construction Services. This program lets participants explore different trades and getting hands-on-experience from experts. This helps the ministry focus on developmental aspects of growth which produces dignity, courage, and self-confidence. Pastor Mike has met with the local leadership and thinks they are pretty solid people. Besides the financial help, volunteers and construction projects are needed. A letter from the organization will be posted on the church bulletin board with more details on the organization and with more information how you personally can help.

Service & Mission

Supply Closet

We will be having our annual OSL House of Compassion Supply Closet donation drive in September. A display will be set up to collect supplies in the fellowship hall. Please see the list below for specific items needed. Thanks so much for participating in this event, your generosity will help many local people with their basic daily needs.

Service & Mission Committee



Called by our faith in Jesus Christ to act in love, the House of Compassion responds to the needs of our neighbor and advocates justice and dignity for all.

Items needed for the Supply Closet

Shampoo/Conditioner
 Bodywash/Soap
 Laundry Detergent
 Dishwashing soap
 Toilet Paper
 Paper towels
 Kleenex
 Disposable diapers
 (especially large sizes 4,5 & 6)
 Baby and Child care items
 (wipes, soaps, teething meds, etc)
 Cold and flu medicines
 Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Aspirin, etc



The Emergency Food Box is currently in need of the following food items: any kind of juices--apple, grape, orange...-, cereals, canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned soups, peanut butter, cheese. Please no glass containers. (Please check the expiration dates to make sure the food items are not outdated.)

Food items or monetary (check/cash) donations may be brought to the EFB (109 S. 3rd St.) Monday through Thursday afternoon, 1:30-4:30. Please make checks payable to: Emergency Food Box. Our mailing address is: EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158. Donated funds are used to buy food items from the Food Bank of Iowa and locally.

We are always looking for Food Box volunteers. We have many different types of opportunities that are available, and we are very flexible in arranging times to fit your schedule! Contact: Cindy, (641) 752-4868.

THE WEATHER IS CHANGING NEW ITEMS NEEDED

**Caring Center
132 W. Main St.
Mon. & Wed. 10-1**

The Caring Center has to move. We have no place to go at the present time. So everything will be put in storage till we do find a bldg. We are taking **no donations** and the last day we will be open to clients is Sept. 22nd.

Donna

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

D J Eastman	10/02
Maurice Ruddick	10/04
Owen Kerber	10/05
Carol Terry	10/09
Jeremy Ruddick	10/09
Tom Ethington	10/12
Kim Ruddick	10/12
Hap Kretzmann	10/21
Heather Van Buren	10/31

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS!

Dwayne Scott	10/07
Lane Larson	10/21

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

Pastor Mike & Rhonda	10/02
Brian & Kayla Danielson	10/13

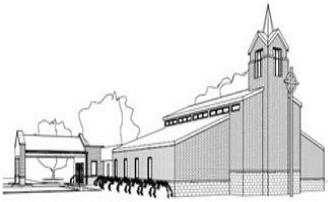
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Our Savior Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet
as of 08/31/2021

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Assets		
1000	Checking	\$42,621.50
1005	Debit Card Account	\$506.20
1007	Thrivent Fixed Settlement Option	\$18,692.21
1010	Fern Thompson Scholarship	\$52,953.23
Total Assets		\$114,773.14
Liabilities		
2600	Federal Withholding Taxes Payable	\$236.00
2602	State Withholding Taxes Payable	\$68.94
2604	Social Security Withholding	\$258.35
2606	Medicare Withholding	\$60.36
Total Liabilities		\$623.65
Equity		
3000	General Fund - Fund Balance	\$-4,570.92
3100	Building Fund - Fund Balance	\$19,714.57
3101	Ice Cream Social Fund Balance	\$1,496.56
3102	Fellowship Fund Balance	\$868.97
3103	Memorial Fund Balance	\$17,208.34
3104	Bible Fund Balance	\$100.00
3105	Thrivent Choice Dollars Fund Balance	\$6,478.54
3108	Riverside Scholarship Fund Balance	\$221.75
3109	Alter Flowers Fund Balance	\$678.99
3110	Miscellaneous / Clearing Fund Balance	\$36.25
3111	Fern Thompson Scholarship Fund Balance	\$52,953.23
3112	Bonnie Riemenschneider Fund Balance	\$18,692.21
3115	Quarter 3 Giving Jug Fund Balance	\$121.00
3118	Lawnmower Replacement Fund Balance	\$150.00
Total Equity		\$114,149.49
Total Liabilities + Total Equity		\$114,773.14

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			October 2021		1 Church Office Closed	2
3 9:00 am Worship	4 6:00 pm Outreach Board Meeting	5 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 3:00 pm Service & Mission Board Mtg	6 4:00 pm Worship Board Meeting 5:15 pm Adult Study	7 12:00 pm Optimist	8 Church Office Closed	9
10 9:00 am Worship	11 Columbus Day	12 ***** 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm WELCA 7:00 pm Executive Meeting	13 5:15 pm Adult Study	14 12:00 pm Pastor's Colleague Group 6:30 pm Book Worms	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 9:00 am Worship	18	19 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	20 9:30 am Wednes-Day Wonders 5:15 pm Adult Study Newsletter Articles Due	21 12:00 pm Optimist	22 Church Office Closed	23
24 9:00 am Worship	25	26 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	27	28	29 Church Office Closed	30
31 Reformation Day Halloween 9:00 am Worship		***** October 12 7:00 pm Carl Scafferi Fellowship Hall				



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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Worship

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