



# OUR SAVIOR SEPTEMBER LUTHERAN CHURCH 2022

Brothers and sisters in Christ, grace to you and peace,

One of the things I am want to do as I drive on a long trip is to read as many bumper stickers as I possibly can. Sometimes if the speed is just right and the car in front of me is travelling straight I can read the sticker on the bumper. Other times when I've stopped for fuel or food there will be cars with stickers for me to stop and read. I do so enjoy the ingenuity and humor that can be found on those small pieces of plastic and paper. What is more interesting to me is how many people view their car's bumper as their billboard to announce their personal life philosophy. What is interesting when you think about it is the notion that with a few trite words are able to express the fullness of one's thoughts concerning their life.

We are in another election cycle in our country, an off year election, and a busy one at that. There are already bumper stickers appearing for various candidates which allow supporters to declare their desire to see that person elected. Have you ever noticed how many of those bumpers stickers are red, white and blue in color? Just by look-

ing at bumpers you are to be able to make an educated guess as to which party the person belongs to, what issues are important to them and how they would engage you in a conversation about life.

You know, we in the church don't have bumper stickers that our Lord invites us to place upon the bumpers of our cars. Instead, our Lord invites us to dress in, and embody certain unchangeable characteristics, attitudes and behaviors. The Lord is not at all interested in what the bumper sticker on your car reads; he's only interested in you; how you live this life that he has breathed into you.

The bottom line is simply this; you are the living 'bumper sticker' of the Lord's will and wish for this world. For the sake of this world and all that the Lord God has created you are invited to hear this and then live it out. "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." (Colossians 3:12)

What Paul writes as inspired by the Holy Spirit of the Lord is way too long for a bumper sticker, even on a semi-tractor. It is, however, already written into your being and is ever in front of you as it is the word of the Lord. While these verses are far too long to serve as a personal statement, or philosophy on a bumper sticker, they fit your life perfectly.

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And yes, the Lord does indeed desire, for the sake of the one who died on the cross and for the sake of those he died for, that you daily 'clothe yourselves' with such characteristics.

Wearing that which the Lord asks you to wear rarely finds you dressed as the world would like to see you clothed. Not only that the clothing of the Lord is difficult to wear among the people of the world. You see; the characteristics that will mark and norm your life stand in opposition to much of what the world expects and accepts. So when you 'show' the world your wardrobe of; compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience you will receive push-back and any number of people looking for you to fail in living all that out. Not worry though as the Lord has given you an over-coat to wear as well.

Remember to cover yourself at all times with this; "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony." (Colossians 3:14) As you put on the overcoat of love remember what the Lord says about love; as it covers a multitude of sins. And speaking of sin remember to always carry your umbrella which is this; "forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." (Colossians 13b)

Once you have put on the Lord's clothing you are ready to face the world. Now, go out and live! You are all; "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." (1 John 3:1)

In humble service,  
Pastor Mike

## "Now is the winter of our discontent . . ."

Shakespeare's play, "Richard III", opens with Richard of Gloucester describing the re-accession of his brother, Edward IV, Duke of York, to the throne of England:

"Now is the winter of our discontent Made glorious summer by this sun (or son) of York; And all the clouds that lowered upon our house In the deep bosom of the ocean buried."

These often quoted and just as often misquoted opening lines from Shakespeare's 2nd longest play seem strangely appropriate today, even though we are actually nearing the end of what has surely been a summer of great discontent. Every issue that arises seems to stir up such strong political, sociological, racial, ideological or just basic angry emotional reactions that it seems public displays of violent protests or riots could break out at any moment. Events such as the recent Supreme Court ruling on abortion and the Department of Justice's investigation into Donald Trump's possible violation of Federal law have caused deeply divisive emotional reactions all across the political spectrum. I have made it an intentional practice not to address political issues in my articles, but it is

becoming increasingly difficult or even impossible to keep religious and political issues separated these days. Please understand that I have no intention of stirring up any kind of politically divisive feelings and will totally understand if anyone is not interested in what I'm going to address this month. If you wish, just feel free to jump to the Quote of the Month and Peace at the end of this article. Having said that, I state that am a life-long Republican and have voted straight Republican as long as I can remember voting, but my party seems to have left me and wandered off into some strange Never-Land of a personality cult and inability to accept any reality that doesn't fit its weird new vengeful, angry political ideology. And then there is the rising specter of Christian nationalism that I referred to in my July newsletter article and which seems to be gaining support, particularly with the extremist right-wing of the Republican party. I have been following this issue for a while with increasing concern, but may go into it in more detail another time.

But, here's the thing. I was sharing some of my concerns with Joe and Felicia last Sunday morning during Fellowship, and they were both understanding and even a bit sympathetic, I think, of some of them. Felicia noted that while she understands my concern with some

of the issues, she also reminded me that there is no point in worrying about those things over which we have no control. She is completely correct of course, and I know that, but I seemed to have recently lost some perspective and I really needed to be reminded of that simple fact by someone else. Thank you, Felicia, for helping me to get my priorities back in order!

If God is truly in control, and I do believe that He is, then He will work things out according to His will, with, or more likely, without my help, and there is no reason for me to worry about the outcomes of any of these issues, as I had forgotten but need to be constantly reminded in Romans 13:1:

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God."

So, I will continue to lift up my country, all of its citizens and all of our governmental, political, military, and social leaders, in prayer every day. I will continue to exercise my civic responsibility to vote as intelligently as possible and to support issues and decisions that I understand to be best

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for my country and my faith. To repeat what I stated previously in July, while we are here in this world, God has given us the privilege and the responsibility of living with and ministering to all earthly kingdom citizens, all for whom Jesus died. No matter where we plant our flag or to whom we pledge our allegiance, as the Body of Christ we are called to fight all injustice, loneliness and discouragement, hatred and division, fear and anger, judgement and discrimination by proclaiming God's Word of Love for all.

Quote of the month, from the song, "Gotta Serve Somebody", by Bob Dylan, from his 1979 album, Slow Train Coming:

"But you're gonna have to serve somebody,  
Yes indeed, you're gonna have to serve somebody.  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord, But you're gonna have to serve somebody."

Peace, Hap

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers are significant to our worship experience. They remind us of God's beautiful creation and care for this world. Please consider signing up and paying for flowers one or more times this year. It is an opportunity to celebrate a significant event in your lives, memorialize a loved one, or give glory to God.

On the Flower Chart, write your name and a memo as to its significance to you. Carol Fuller can then include it in the bulletin.

Our congregation has a standing order with HyVee each week. Donors only need to write a check for \$40 to Our Savior Lutheran Church with the memo "flowers" and place it in the offering or drop it off at the office. You are to take the flowers with you after the service. It is important that you leave the glass flower vases from the altar. You may use vases in the kitchen to transport the bouquets to your home or future destination. Thank you for signing up and providing flowers for our worship service!

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will resume Tuesday, September 13 at 1:30. Pastor Mike will lead us in a new study which he will choose soon and copies will be given to you at that time. All ladies are invited to attend. If you have a friend that might be interested, invite them to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

Linda Whaley



We will meet Wednesday, September 21st in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am.

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

Ella Harthun to serve refreshments.

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Third Quarter Giving Jug  
(July, Aug. & Sept.)

YSS of Marshall County will be the third quarter giving jug recipient. YSS is a community based private, non-profit human service agency that provides community, school-based, in-office, and in-home services to children, youth and families throughout Marshall County and surrounding areas. They offer a wide variety of services including individual, family and group counseling, outreach, crisis intervention, prevention, skill development, supervised visits/neutral exchanges, and case management, particularly in the areas of family development or transitional living for homeless youth and young adults between the ages of 17-25. YSS and all their programs helps to

give hope and opportunity to youth and families in our area.

Barb Rasmussen  
Service & Mission

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## Out Reach Board

We held our “Cool Cars and Hot Dogs” event on Friday, July the 29th from 5 to 7. I think we served a little over 100 hot dogs and there were 26 cars in attendance. The donation money was for supporting Ukraine families who are coming here to live. We raised \$283 in donations which was pretty good.

I'd like to thank all our volunteers for helping me with the car show. Shirley Gregor and Linda Pepper who are so faithful in getting all the food and setting up the things that we needed. Shirley Ruddick, Tina & Danny Nelson for helping, too. Barry Gaarder who always helps with the parking of cars and setting up grills etc.— Bev Slocum and her family: Troy Jay and Tammy who helped set up tables and serve food. Larry Sease who did all the grilling and Jim Pepper who helped too. And all our church members that came out and helped support us.

Thank you everyone!

Janice Browne  
Outreach



## Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI di-

rector of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

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 LSI (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 [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa](https://Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa).

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## Support for the Long Run

Part of LSI's mission is to ensure hundreds of Iowa children and families have access to quality mental health care, parenting education, and crisis services.

On our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center campus in Waverly, staff are able to provide 24/7 behavioral health care and encouragement for children and teens like N. During her time on campus, N. and her team of therapists and professionals worked on developing coping skills that could help her manage her anger on the difficult days and take space for

herself when she felt overwhelmed.

She was able to participate in Spiritual Life, a voluntary faith-based program offered on campus. N. says the program helped her learn important lessons about forgiveness and trust through reading passages of scripture. She says the biggest lesson she has learned is that "when you make a mistake, there are ways to fix it."

N. is now looking ahead and has goals for her future. She is working on graduating high school, and she is excited to get her driver's license. She wants to become a special education teacher and empower the next generation, and she wants her story to inspire other kids who could benefit from the same care she received through LSI.

\*LSI does not identify the people we serve, except in well-vetted circumstances. The names and some personal details we use in this story have been changed.



The Emergency Food Box has a new address:

**107 N. 1st St.**

The Food Box continues to serve Marshall County families needing food assistance and is in need of the following food items: any kind of juices--apple, grape, orange, as well as cereals, canned vegetables, canned soups, peanut butter and boxed skillet meals.

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 OR mailed to EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158. Please make checks payable to: *Emergency Food Box*. Donated funds are used to buy food items from the Food Bank of Iowa and locally.

If you want to consider volunteering at the Food Box, know that they have many different types of opportunities and are very flexible in arranging times to fit your schedule! Contact: Cindy, (641) 752-4868.

## THE WEATHER IS CHANGING NEW ITEMS NEEDED

**Caring Center  
8 W Church St  
Mon. & Wed. 10-1**

The Caring Center is located at 8 West Church . We still have the same days and hours. Monday & Wednesday from 10 AM to 1 PM for clients. Donations are from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Currently we have no mens jeans size 29, 30 or 32. Almost out of size 34 and 36. Mens shoes are in short supply.

Donna

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Kenna Scott	09/04
Jamey Hutcheson	09/08
Jim Pepper	09/09
Hugh Fuhr	09/11
Rhonda Herschberger	09/22
Ann Erickson	09/26
Michael Sills	09/27
Regan Mazour	09/28

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## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS!

Kellen Ruddick	09/11
Emma De Jong	09/30

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## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

Jim & Beth Carlson	09/02
David & Linda Whaley	09/05
Tom & Lonnie Ethington	09/06
Jamey & Mindy Hutcheson	09/09
Floyd & Ella Harthun	09/14
Owen & Nancy Kerber	09/21



Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Balance Sheet  
as of 07/28/2022

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
<b>Assets</b>		
1000	Checking	\$58,794.50
1005	Debit Card Account	\$1,161.43
1007	Thrivent Fixed Settlement Option	\$14,763.34
1010	Fern Thompson Scholarship	\$43,716.23
1100	Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
1500	Buildings	\$0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>		<hr/> <b>\$118,435.50</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
2000	Credit Card	\$0.00
2100	Accounts Payable	\$0.00
2500	Bank Loan	\$0.00
2600	Federal Withholding Taxes Payable	\$449.00
2602	State Withholding Taxes Payable	\$145.41
2604	Social Security Withholding	\$417.86
2606	Medicare Withholding	\$97.68
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<hr/> <b>\$1,109.95</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
3000	General Fund - Fund Balance	\$4,485.01
3100	Building Fund - Fund Balance	\$18,526.05
3101	Ice Cream Social Fund Balance	\$1,496.56
3102	Fellowship Fund Balance	\$857.82
3103	Memorial Fund Balance	\$26,053.34
3104	Bible Fund Balance	\$100.00
3105	Thrivent Choice Dollars Fund Balance	\$3,815.54
3108	Riverside Scholarship Fund Balance	\$221.75
3109	Alter Flowers Fund Balance	\$963.67
3110	Miscellaneous / Clearing Fund Balance	\$-55.18
3111	Fern Thompson Scholarship Fund Balance	\$43,716.23
3112	Bonnie Riemenschneider Fund Balance	\$14,763.34
3113	Quarter 1 Giving Jug Fund Balance	\$0.00
3114	Quarter 2 Giving Jug Fund Balance	\$1,100.42
3115	Quarter 3 Giving Jug Fund Balance	\$123.00
3116	Quarter 4 Giving Jug Fund Balance	\$0.00
3117	Lenten Offering Fund Balance	\$1,008.00
3118	Lawnmower Replacement Fund Balance	\$150.00
<b>Total Equity</b>		<hr/> <b>\$117,325.55</b>
<b>Total Liabilities + Total Equity</b>		<hr/> <b>\$118,435.50</b>

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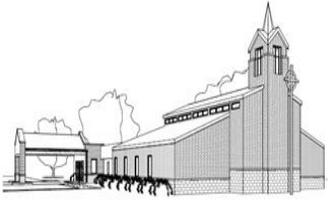
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>September 2022</i>						
<b>4</b> 9:00 am Worship 11:30 am CGPE Sunday School 12:30 pm CGPE Church Service	<b>5 Labor Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>6</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Adult Study	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Pastors Conference 6:30 pm Book Worms 7:00 pm CGPE Bible Study	<b>9</b> Church Office Closed	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm CGPE Church gathering
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<b>18</b> 9:00 am Worship 11:30 am CGPE Sunday School 12:30 pm CGPE Church Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study 12:00 pm Pastor's Text Study State Center	<b>21</b> 9:30 am Wednes- day Wonders 6:30 pm Adult Study <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>22</b> 12:00 pm Optimist 6:30 pm Book Worms 7:00 pm CGPE Bible Study	<b>23</b> Church Office Closed	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm CGPE Church gathering
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**YOU ARE INVITED TO**

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

9:00 AM Worship

### **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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