



## **FROM THE PASTOR**

As I write this, next week is Vacation Bible School and it is an event we all look forward to!

It will be an exciting week for the young folks, counselors and support people. It's a great way to learn about Jesus in such a caring, accepting and fun environment! It's amazing how God works with and through so many of us and does a good job!

Several weeks ago, I gave the children's message using plastic miniature hands, as finger puppets. I brought plenty so the kids could put a "hand" on each finger. I talked about how we are all God's hands, feet, and brains to carry out God's mission and show God's loving kindness. Since God doesn't have a body like we do, God needs us to do the work of the church, which includes VBS. We are all entrusted to do God's work, whether in the church or the world around us.

About a month ago, as many of you know, I was involved in a car accident, which was my fault because I missed a stop sign. (I cannot blame God or say it was God's will since I ran the stop sign and cars can be dangerous)? Thankfully, I was fine and so was the other driver. However, my poor car was a total loss! I realized even though God couldn't prevent the accident, God did work through and with the neighbors who called for help, first responders, and St. Luke's emergency department staff for their kindness and helpfulness.

Even the process of filing the insurance claim and buying a replacement car wasn't too awful. Even though the accident was my fault, God still worked with and through the situation so it wasn't as bad as it could have been. BTW-I also wore my seat belt, and my car was well built.

Even though the accident was my fault, God worked within the situation, and it worked out okay. Most of all, I appreciated the concern of my dear friends at OSLC. It makes such a difference to belong to such a wonderful faith community who is so caring.

Yes, we all are God's hands, feet, and brains along with showing God's love and concern.

Bless you all and stay safe,

Pr. Cindy

## **A Big Thanks**

A big Thank You to the Congregation for the gift cards, for the Texas Roadhouse and the Irish Democrat, which were presented to me at conclusion of the annual meeting. They were very unexpected but very much appreciated. Also, a huge thanks to Sue Clapp for her very kind words in the July Tidings.

Since Sue's passing over 6 years ago, Our Savior's has filled a huge void in my life and for that I will be eternally grateful. Working with the Congregation and the Council has been so uplifting because of the very great people that we have at Our Savior's. I will definitely miss being a part of Our Savior's Council, but hope to remain very active at Our Savior's wherever I can be of service.

Please support Sue, Pastor Cindy, Therese, and the rest of the Council as they move forward to carry out God's work. There are many exciting things happening at Our Savior's, which will come to fruition with the support of everyone. This is a great Council, and they will represent the Congregation faithfully.

Your servant in Christ, Marv Houg

## **Phil & Andy's Pantry**

**AUGUST MEANS SCHOOL IS STARTING!** Phil and Andy's is planning to collect school supplies for our neighborhood school Kenwood Elementary. There is a list posted by our cart with all the things students will need this year.

We need your help filling our cart for these Kenwood students!  
This is comprehensive list of what the needs are.

- 1" 3 Ring Binders (White, clear front)
- Back Packs (no wheels)
- 24 Crayola Crayons
- Clear Water Bottles
- 24 pack Ticonderoga Pencils
- Disinfectant wipes
- Glue sticks
- Highlighters – (Yellow, green, pink)
- Kleenex boxes
- Spiral Notebooks (wide line)
- Pack of loose leaf paper (wide line)
- Pencil pouch (zipper)
- Fiskar Scissors (round tip)
- Fiskar Brand Scissors
- Vinyl Folders (2 pocket)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Ball Point pens (blue, red)
- Composition Books
- Colored Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Pencil boxes
- Headphones/ear buds
- Crayola Markers

Please let Dorothy Medlang know if you have questions.



### Readers

August 6 – Jeremiah Miller

August 13 – Therese Plummer

August 20 – Ann Larson

August 27 – Sue Clapp

***\*\*Readers can pick up their reading  
in the “Reader” mailbox located between  
the offices in the back hallway***

### Assisting Ministers

August 6 – Nancy Greer

August 13 – Jeremiah Miller

August 20 – Hannah Plummer

August 27 – Nancy Greer

September 3 – Jeremiah Miller

### Ushers

Aug. 6 – Mark & Suzanne Schmitt, Ann Larson

August 13 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson

August 20 – Dave Sampson, Marv Houg

August 27 – Strottman’s

September 3 – Fiester’s

### Prayer for Pastor

August 6 – Arnold Strottman

August 13 – Nancy Trout

August 20 – Leslie Strottman

August 27 – Ardy Erickson

September – 3 – Therese Plummer

### Acolytes

August 6 – Lexi Flockhart

August 13 – Korver Sindelar

August 20 – Natalie Fiester

August 27 – Hailey Clapp

September 3 – Leslie Strottman

### Serving Our Congregation

Cindy McKenzie – Interim Pastor

Sue Clapp – Congregation President

David Sampson – Treasurer

Therese Plummer – Parish/Financial Secretary

Hannah Plummer – Children & Youth Ministries  
Director

Forrest Green – Music Director

Terri Hodge – Bell Choir Director

## Our Savior’s New Website

The Website Team has been working very hard with Informatics to get the design and content of our new website pulled together and they are doing an awesome job – Sue Clapp, Nancy Trout and Mark Schmitt, thank you so much!

A couple of things to share:

**New Church Logo** – we are so

excited to share with you our new logo. It has been many years since our logo has been updated and we think that you all will agree that it looks awesome.



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**Photo Opt Out Form** – one of the

things that makes websites interesting along with content are pictures. If anyone does NOT want their picture included on the new website – please fill out the Photo Opt Out Form and will do our best to make sure that your picture is not included individually or in any group shots (although that will be harder). We have attached a copy of the form (last page) or Therese has copies at church if that is easier. Stay tuned for more updates!!

## **Bell & Choir Practice**

- **Bell choir** will begin practicing again on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the normal 5:30 pm time slot.
- The **Music Choir** will begin practicing again on Tuesday August 22 @ 7:00 pm but there will be no choir practice for sure on August 29<sup>th</sup> or September 5<sup>th</sup> but will resume again on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the choir will plan to sing on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Both choirs are looking for new members and we hope that moving choir practice to Tuesday evening will be more convenient for some who have to work during the day.

## **Youth News**

- **Sunday School**

The first day of Sunday School for the 2023-2024 school year will be Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>! We will kick off our year with "Sundae Sunday!" We will continue to use the DIG IN curriculum from Group Publishing to learn about the life of Jesus. Please contact Hannah with any questions.

- **Youth Board Meeting**

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> following service. **If you are at all interested in being part of the youth team**, please join us! All are welcome!!

- **High School Trip to St. Louis**

Our high school youth: Jeremiah, Leslie and Natalie, had the pleasure of traveling to St. Louis, Missouri along with 7 other Gloria Dei High School youth chaperoned by Hannah and Laurie.

Our first day, we spent at Union Station which houses so many fun activities! We enjoyed a ropes course, mini golf, The St. Louis Wheel, and a carousel (we learned you're never too old to ride the carousel). Later that afternoon, we visited the famous St. Louis Arch where we rode the cable cars up to the top. We also took a river boat tour and got to see other St. Louis landmarks along the river.

Friday, we spent our time at Forest Park which is home to the St. Louis Zoo! We saw so many animals from cute, to scary, big and small. Part of our group also branched off to see the museums at Forest Park - the art museum which displays the work of many famous artists. A favorite of the group was Monet.

The highlight of our trip was meeting brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, a historical church in the once booming, high class neighborhood called "The Ville." Dr. Freeman, president of the St. Philip's council taught us during a presentation that The Ville was a predominantly African American neighborhood that once housed high-class African American residents including Annie Malone, who was a very generous philanthropist in the

neighborhood and used her funds for good; including giving her employees money for homes and education. She also funded the Orphan's home across the street from the church. Just about a block from St. Philip's is Sumner High School attended by many famous African Americans including Tina Turner. While on a walking tour of The Ville with Dr. Freeman, the neighborhood is now run down and dilapidated. There are boards on many windows and building sit vacant with broken windows. Dr. Freeman explained to us that the congregation of St. Philip's has had the opportunity to move into a different building or neighborhood however they have continued to make the decision to stay in hopes the neighborhood will return to it's once booming self.

Following our tour with Dr. Freeman, we were able to be a part of St. Philip's "Grill to Glory" - every Saturday from May to August, members of the congregation grill hot dogs and hamburgers and feed members of the community free of charge. Saturday afternoon, we visited the Griot Museum which features wax figurines of prominent African Americans in St. Louis history.

The last day of our trip, we had the privilege to join the congregation of St. Philip's in worship. Even though they are an ELCA congregation, it was very interesting to see the differences between their worship service and that of our home congregation. The members of St. Philip's were gracious enough to host an Ice Cream social in our honor before we hit the road for home on Sunday afternoon.

We feel so blessed and honored that we were able to attend this trip with our friends from Gloria Dei. **Thank you to everyone** who not only donated money to make this possible but prayed for us on this adventure!





Thank you for your support! OSLC Youth Group

# Our Savior's Social Media

## Photo Release Opt-Out Form

As we work with Informatics to develop a website for Our Savior's Lutheran Church, we will be sharing photos and videos to be posted on the website. Some photos and videos may also be used in brochures, newsletters (Tidings), and on our Social Media sites – like Facebook, etc. Individuals will receive no special compensation for the use of their photo, and they might not be informed in advance of the use of their photo. Unless an individual or family opts out of this release, photos may be used without specific permission as deemed appropriate by Our Savior's.

**YOU ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU OBJECT TO THE INCIDENTAL USE OF YOUR LIKENESS. IF YOU DO NOT OBJECT, YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING WITH THIS FORM.**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, am opting out and prohibiting the use of my image on the Social Media sites of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. In signing this form, I understand that Our Savior's website team will make reasonable efforts to avoid the use of my image on their Social Media sites.

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Member signature

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date

Also please do not use the photos of my family members as listed here –

Return the completed Opt-Out form to the website mail slot at church or use postal mail.