



FROM THE PASTOR

"I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

As I write this, the temperature will be once again 100 degrees. The heat reminds me of my deployment to Iraq from 2006-2007. It wasn't unusual for the temperature to climb to 115-120 during the summer. However, since Iraq is located in the desert, there was little humidity which made it slightly more bearable.

Living in a combat zone located in the desert was quite a culture shock! I never realized before how many things in life I took for granted. I arrived on Palm Sunday and since it was early spring, I was able to slowly acclimate to the heat.

This way of living was simplicity at its finest! I could only bring enough "stuff" that could fit in a rucksack, which included uniforms, one set of street clothes for going home, toiletries, and items to sleep in. My living quarters was a repurposed shipping container with a bed and a place to store belongings. At least there was air conditioning, which usually worked. However, there was dust everywhere and nothing was green outside. As you can imagine, water was scarce and the water used for showers was recycled, which didn't smell too good! One couldn't brush their teeth with tap water, but fortunately there was plenty of bottled water for drinking.

There was no beauty shop, and men and women had to get their haircut by the local barber. Shopping was the base PX for necessities. However, there was always Amazon! Transportation was using Humvees on the base and helicopters when visiting Marines and Sailors on the outlying bases. It was a strange feeling to see a Marine with a 50 caliber machine gun, sticking it near the door in case an insurgent decided to shoot a rocket.

Looking back, I am grateful for the unique learning experience that only a deployment to Iraq could offer and believe God called me to provide ministry to fellow deployed service members to remind them that God's love and care followed them wherever they went, whether it was in the middle of a desert or back home in the United States.

Peace Be with You,
Pr. Cindy

God's Work. Our Hands – Sunday September 10th

Last year for “God’s Work Our Hands” we celebrated our local First Responders. It was so well received, and their work is never done! OSLC Council has decided to do it again this year. We are going to put together baskets for several firehouses and the ER and Ambulance Bay’s at both St. Luke’s and Mercy Hospital. We do need your help to make this happen and would like donations of the items listed below. We will assemble baskets after service on the 10th and deliver them to each of the facilities. We need volunteers to help put baskets together and deliver them as well.

God's work.
Our hands.

- Cookies homemade or store bought
- Individual bags of chips
- Individual bags of popcorn or pretzels
- Granola bars
- Packages of cheese crackers w/peanut butter
- Packages of Hostess mini donuts
- Peanuts
- Bottles of Gatorade
- Bottles of Water
- Candy Bars
- Gum

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, we will be happy to do the shopping for you! Please have all items at church before service by Sunday, September 10th. Thank you so much for your support! Please let Therese or Hannah know if you have any questions.



Sunday School - SUNDAE SUNDAY!

Our 2023-2024 Sunday School year will kick off on Sunday, September 17th with Sundae Sunday! Please join us for ice cream sundaes in the fellowship hall! Bring your friends, parents, grandparents, neighbors - there will be plenty of ice cream to go around!

Adult Forum – Sunday, September 17th

Pastor Cindy will be starting Adult Forum on the 17th. Come join us as we celebrate our kids on their first day of Sunday School. What could possibly be better than eating ice cream at 9:00 in the morning? Normal Adult Forum time will be from 8:45 – 9:30ish so anyone needing to practice for choir will not have to leave early.

Family Movie Night

Mark your calendar – Fellowship is planning a movie night on Saturday September, 23rd- movie will be LUCA. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks served at 5:30 pm (Freewill Offering benefiting the youth). Concessions available: Popcorn, Candy, Water, Pop, Coffee during the 6 o'clock movie.



Fellowship Time After Service

We need people to sign up for Fellowship Hour after service on Sunday. Pat Ask has graciously offered to make coffee, so we just need treats. This is an awesome time enjoyed by many to catch up with your Christian Family, Sign-up sheet is on our fabulous new bulletin board (thank you Hannah Plummer) across from Therese's office.

Bell & Choir Practice

- **Bell choir** will begin practicing again on Wednesday, September 6th 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 29th or September 5th but will resume again on the 12th and the choir will plan to sing on Sunday September 17th.

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.



Phil & Andy's Pantry - THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for our local Kenwood Elementary School. If you were at church and had the opportunity to see the table in God's Foyer that had donations on it – it was **over flowing** with your gifts. Sue Clapp and Dorothy Medlang have made one trip over to Kenwood with supplies and plan to make another trip mid-September. OSLC - does not EVER disappoint with your generosity!

*****COMING SOON!! OCTOBER BETTER KNOWN TO OSLC AS SOCKTOBER*****

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!

New Church Logo – we are so excited to share with you our new logo. It has been modified since the debut in last month's newsletter – mainly the fonts and letter positions.

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.



Readers

September 3 – JoAnn Kohl
September 10 – Rachael Sindelar
September 17 – Derek Sindelar
September 24 – Ardy Erickson

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

Assisting Ministers

September 3 – Jeremiah Miller
September 10 – Hannah Plummer
September 17 – Nancy Greer
September 24 – Jeremiah Miller
October 1 – Hannah Plummer

Ushers/Greeters

September 3 – Fiester’s
Sept. 10 – Mark & Suzanne Schmitt, Ann Larson
September 17 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson
Sept 24-Dave Sampson, Marv Houg, Tom Zuber
October 1 – Fiester’s

Prayer for Pastor

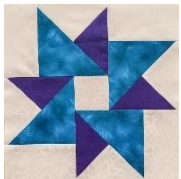
September 3 – Therese Plummer
September 10 – Ann Larson
September 17 – Nancy Greer
September 24 – Natalie Fiester
October 1 – Ardy Erickson

Acolytes

September 3 – Leslie Strottman
September 10 – Evy Fiester
September 17 – Jeremiah Miller
September 24 – Eric Strottman
October 1 – Lexy Flockhart

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



Do Day Ladies

Do you have any sheets or pillowcases that you aren't using? If you are willing to part with them, the quilters could use them.

If you have questions, please contact Betty Goehring 402-657-4703

Youth New

• VBS – Recap & Thankyou

Thank you so much to everyone who attended, helped, and prayed for our sanity during a super fun week of vacation bible school! We were so blessed to have 3 EWALU counselors from Strawberry Point come and run our program! This year's theme was Holy Trinity, Wholly Love where our kids got to learn about Father, Son and Holy Spirit as well as who we are within the Trinity. Wednesday was the ever-popular water day where kids had fun playing water games and getting the adults as thoroughly soaked as possible! We also had visitors that included a mental health counselor, a flight nurse, and a naturalist who taught us some super cool things! The “Snack Master”, Jim, kept us well fed with fun snacks! Kids also spent the beginning and end of each day singing and worshipping, watching some fun skits, and learning prayers. Between Our Savior's and Gloria Dei, we had almost 30 kids in attendance!

Holy Trinity Wholly Love

DAY CAMP 2023







Lutheran Disaster Response Coordinates Wildfire Relief

The significant loss of life and damage caused by the wildfires in Hawaii have turned prayers and attention to mourning those lost, supporting the survivors, and how [Lutheran Disaster Response \(LDR\)](#) can assist with recovery.

Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses, and lines of communication. The Big Island of Hawaii has also been impacted by wildfires, and more islands remain vulnerable to additional fires this season.

LDR is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires, and to provide for immediate needs and long-term recovery amid the widespread destruction.

[Give Now!](#)

For other Lutheran Disaster Response Funds go to:

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>

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.

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.

Member signature

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.*