



FROM THE PASTOR

Jesus said, "The Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard." We could tell our own story and experience regarding this parable, and in our not so humble opinion, know people who neither earned nor deserved what they got; a job, a promotion, a raise, recognition, happiness, success. The fact that we worked longer and tried harder didn't seem to make any difference. Typically, most of us see the world, ourselves and others through the lens of fairness.

We have been taught the value of fairness at an early age. When we watch children play, often times we will hear them say, "that's not fair!" Maybe you have had the experience of children arguing over the sizes of their pieces of cake, or the number of M&M's.

We like the sense of order, predictability, control and hierarchy fairness offers us, even if it is a false sense. Fairness is based on what we deserve, achieve, and the way we behave. Sometimes it is fair to give a reward and other times, a punishment. WE live in a society in which we earn what we get. We deserve the consequences, whether good or bad, of our actions. So, what happens, like in the parable, when God's goodness trumps human fairness? It suggests wages and grace are opposite to each other. Too often fairness rather than love, acceptance, mercy, forgiveness or generosity is the standard by which we act and judge another person or life circumstances.

Grace reveals God's goodness. It seeks unity and inclusion. Grace just happens. Grace looks beyond our productivity, our appearance, our clothes, our race, our accomplishments and failures. Grace recognizes there is more to us and who we are than what we have done or left undone.

When we allow ourselves to receive what God gives us, we see our lives, the world, and our neighbor differently.

Peace Be with You,
Pr. Cindy





May We Have Your Hat-tention!!

Hat Decorating Party and Bake Sale

Fundraiser for Leslie & The Strottman's

Saturday September 30th – Fellowship Hall 10:00 – 12:00



Your \$10 donation will let you select a hat that has already been decorated or select a plain hat & supplies for you to personalize your hat for Leslie (gift bags, tissue paper & gift tags will be available for your hat). Baked items will be available for you to purchase to enjoy while you are decorating or enjoy at home.

Fellowship Time After Service

Please 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.

Polka Service



Save the date! Sunday October 15 will be OSLC Annual polka service. Music will be played and songs will be sung (and of course scripture will be read). Join us after service in the fellowship hall for a German luncheon (brats, sauerkraut, pretzels etc. - freewill offering).



Adult Forum

Pastor Cindy is leading Adult Forum starting at 8:45 am. Forum will run till 9:30ish so those who need to go to choir practice can do so and won't need to leave early. The first study is "What If God Can't?" Looking forward to seeing you there.

OSLC Book Club

Book club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 after Bible Study in the IMC. Books are chosen from the Cedar Rapids, Marion or Hiawatha Library "Book Club Kit". Please feel free to join us for casual conversation – everyone is welcome. Please contact Lori Hayes if you have questions.

Readers

October 1 – Laurene Case

October 8 – JoAnn Kohl

October 15 – Dale Hovden

October 22 – Nicole Flockhart

October 29 – Dorothy Medlang

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

Assisting Ministers

October 1 – Hannah Plummer

October 8 – Nancy Greer

October 15 – Jeremiah Miller

October 22 – Hannah Plummer

October 29 – Nancy Greer

November 5 – Jeremiah Miller

Ushers/Greeters

October 1 – Fiester’s

Oct. 8 – Mark & Suzanne Schmitt, Ann Larson

October 15 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson

Oct. 22 – Dave Sampson, Marv Houg, Tom
Zuber

October 29 – Fiester’s

Prayer for Pastor

October 1 – Ardy Erickson

October 8 – Therese Plummer

October 15 – Ann Larson

October 22 – Diana Emig

October 29 – Natalie Fiester

November 5 – Nancy Greer

Acolytes

October 1 – Lexy Flockhart

October 8 – Korver Sindelar

October 15 – Natalie Fiester

October 22 – Hailey Clapp

October 29 – Evy Fiester

November 5 – Hailey Clapp

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

New Church Logo – we are so excited to share with you our new logo. It has been a long time since our logo has been updated and we think that you’ll agree that it looks awesome.

Hannah is working on getting t-shirts printed up with our new logo on them and selling them as a Youth fundraiser for their trip to New Orleans. Stay tuned for more information.



Youth News

- **Bloomsbury Farm** - Mark your calendars!! Sunday, October 15th the youth will be making a trip to Bloomsbury Farms. Corn maze, corn pits, pumpkin picking, hayrack rides and so much more! All ages are welcome!! We will plan to depart from church at noon and return between 3 PM and 4 PM. Tickets will be purchased by church, but there are food, drinks, and other additional things available - please bring some spending money for the "extras." Depending on how many kids plan to go, we will need some additional adults for supervision and transportation. Please let Hannah know if your child(ren) plan on attending!!
- **Sunday School** - We are so excited for another great Sunday School year! We will continue to use the "Dig In" curriculum from Group Publishing which will allow us to learn so much about the life of Jesus! Sunday School will begin at 9 AM until 9:45 AM each Sunday in the large youth room downstairs. All are welcome! Our curriculum is for all ages! Please contact Hannah with any questions!
- **Gloria Dei 6th Annual Craft Fair/Bake Sale** - 9:00 am - 3 pm - It is time to start thinking about the holidays (I know it hurts my brain too!) Gloria Dei is holding their 6th Annual Craft Fair/ Bake sale on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 am – 3:00 PM at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church , 153 Cherry Hill Rd. NW. Our Savior's & Gloria Dei Youth will be serving lunch that day as a fundraiser for the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Come on out and do a little shopping and support our youth as they do God's work. Let Hannah know if you have any questions 319-432-2029
- **Trunk-Or-Treat** - We will be teaming up with Gloria Dei for Trunk or Treat once again this year! Last year's turnout was great! More details to come! If you are interested in hosting a trunk or donating candy, please contact Hannah!

Bishops' RAGBRAI Ride Raises \$92,596 to Fight Hunger

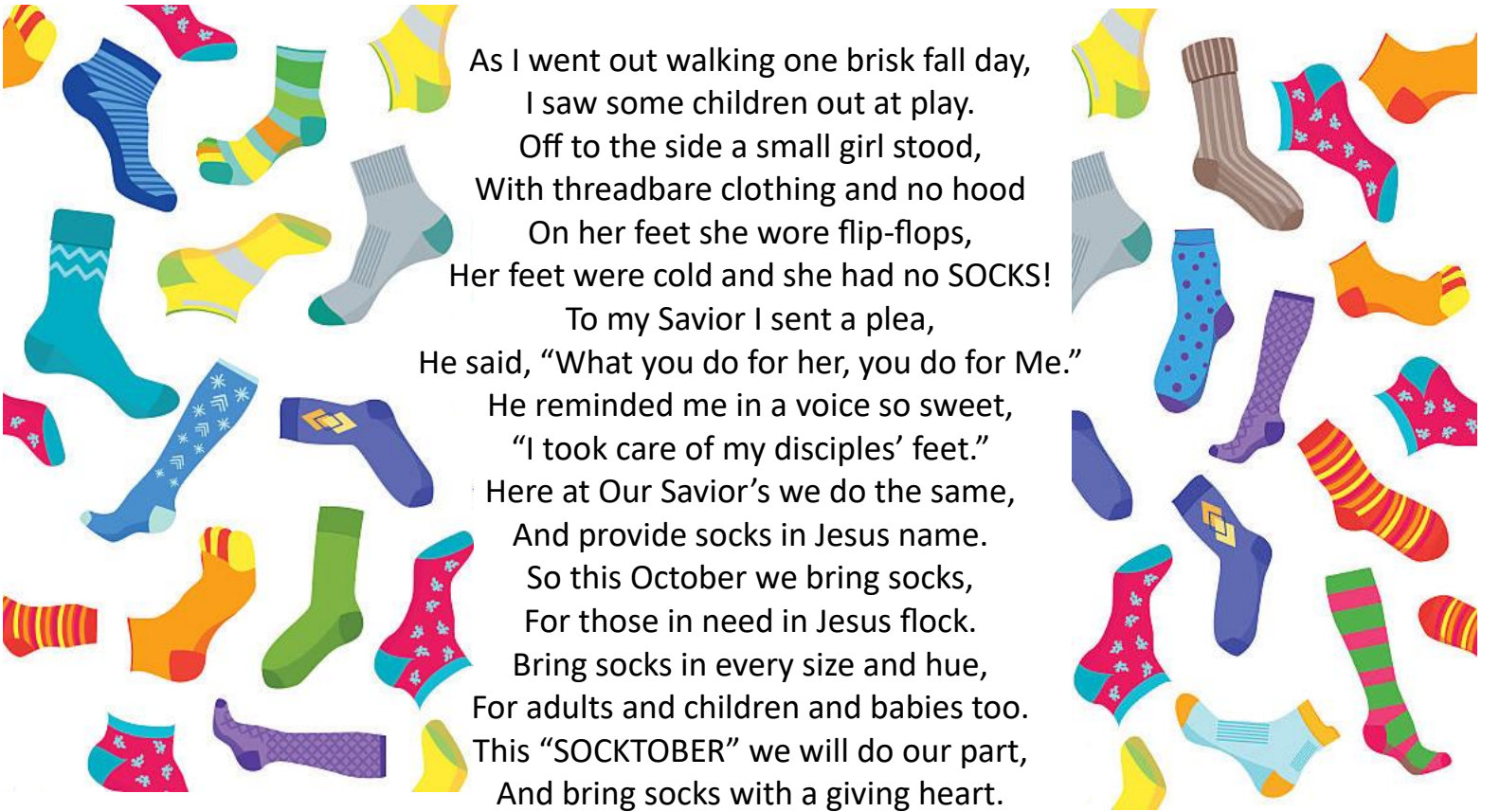
Thanks to the individuals, congregations, and organizations who partnered with the Iowa Bishops in their goal of raising \$50,000 for ELCA World Hunger! The team officially surpassed its goal and has raised \$92,596. Thank you!



OCTOBER BETTER KNOWN TO OSLC AS SOCKTOBER

It is time to start gathering socks for our annual “Socktober” – during the month of October. These socks will go to help families who need some new warm socks for the coming winter months. Please bring socks for men, women and kids – everyone needs socks! “Here’s to keeping everyone’s feet warm and cozy this winter”! Many of you might remember this poem from last year – it was written by our very own Dorothy Powers.

SOCKTOBER



As I went out walking one brisk fall day,
I saw some children out at play.
Off to the side a small girl stood,
With threadbare clothing and no hood
On her feet she wore flip-flops,
Her feet were cold and she had no SOCKS!

To my Savior I sent a plea,
He said, “What you do for her, you do for Me.”

He reminded me in a voice so sweet,
“I took care of my disciples’ feet.”

Here at Our Savior’s we do the same,
And provide socks in Jesus name.

So this October we bring socks,
For those in need in Jesus flock.

Bring socks in every size and hue,
For adults and children and babies too.
This “SOCKTOBER” we will do our part,
And bring socks with a giving heart.

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.

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

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who brought goodies, helped arrange baskets and helped deliver at the last minute. I know that everywhere deliveries were made our First Responders were so appreciative! Thank you again for your generosity! As you can see from the pictures below, we had an incredible response from all of you for God's Work, Our Hands!

