

# **Our Savior Lutheran Church**

## ***September Newsletter***

*Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)*

It seems to be getting more difficult to write this letter each month. We seem to just keep repeating our days over and over again. There is so much going on in our communities and world and some days it might just be best to lock ourselves in a room and let the world go by. But then there is something that brings back our faith in the world and a little love in our hearts.

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another.” Just love one another. That would solve a lot of the divisiveness in our world right now. I’m going to share a devotion with you that sums Love up in this world.

Vince Amlin contributed this devotional: Still Speaking Devotional.UCC

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. - Romans 12:2 (NRSV)

“Nola told me she loved me today.” This was our daughter’s speech therapist when my wife arrived for pick up. “Yeah she’s doing that a lot right now. Just running up to everyone she knows to say, ‘I love you.’”

“I told her she could say, ‘I like you.’ I’m not one of her close people that she should say, ‘I love you,’ to me.” “She works with you for an hour every week. I think she sees you as one of her close people.”

“Well, I just want her to be prepared.” She didn’t need to say any more. My wife understood. As a speech therapist, Erica’s job is to prepare Nola to express herself in the world as it is.

To prepare Nola for a world in which words of love are meted out with caution, as if they were somehow shameful. To prepare her for a world in which classmates will laugh if she says those words too readily. To prepare her for a world in which partners will withhold them to gain the upper hand.

As her speech therapist, Erica is preparing Nola for the world as it is. But as her parents, we are interested in preparing Nola for a different world. The world as God would have it.

A world in which love is shared with friends and strangers and even enemies. Too readily. A world in which our circles of care grow wider and wider. A world in which it makes complete sense to run up to everyone you know and tell them, “I love you.”

This is what our world needs right now; more I love you and less I don’t care what you think toward people we can’t agree with. As Christ’s church it’s our job to be that love and show love to our neighbors. To love is to fulfill the law of God.

With love,

Lynne



# Parish Nurses

Dear Family and Friends,

September is recognized as National Cholesterol Education & awareness Month. This month I would like to visit with you about Cholesterol and Low Fat diets.

## Faith Friendly Fixed Fat Feasts

We can enjoy food and feasting within the context of our Faith! Listed below are several suggestions we would encourage you to consider.

- Recognize that all food is a gift from God's loving hand and ask Him to help us make and live out healthy choices
- Read food labels carefully and limit your fat intake to 30% of total daily calories (less than 60 fat grams for an 1800 calorie diet)
- Likewise limit your saturated fat intake to less than 10% of total calories (less than 20 grams for an 1800 calorie diet)
- For cooking purposes use vegetable oil sprays or olive and canola oil in moderation
- Eat more meatless meals or use meat dishes as a side dish rather than the focus of the meal. Choose light colored meats and prepare without the skin on
- When using ground beef select lean cuts and after cooking, rinse fat off (in a colander) and/or blend with ground turkey.

***-Your Parish Nurses***

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# We're Open!

## *Things you should know:*

- All visitors are required to wear a cloth face covering while in the building. (We'll have some available at the door, in case you forget.)
- We ask that each family in attendance keep to a minimum distance of six feet apart.
- To decrease risk of viral spread, the worship service will not include any singing or communal speaking, i.e. praying aloud. Praying in your heart is encouraged!
- If you don't feel comfortable attending worship in person just yet, don't fret: we're going to continue posting online worship services. **If you feel sick or unwell, please stay home!**

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition back to in-person worship!



### ***~ IN OUR PRAYERS ~***

We lift our following siblings in Christ in prayer for their ongoing concerns, as well as in celebration for God's walking with them during times of continued healing: the family and friends of Jace Held (brother of Alexa Johnson), the family and friends of Charles Yohnka (Keith's father), Pat (friend of Marcie Kolberg), Penny Baker, Bart Robbins, Jackie Hackley, Steve (friend of Carl Johnson), Scott Rigby (Karen Hoffman's son-in-law), David (nephew of Muriel Denault), Mary Lou McLeroy (friend of Mike & Sheryl Johnson), Eldon Overright, Shirley Overright, Richard Reeder, Helen Warke, Ken Shubinski (cousin of Sally Yeates), Reid Landis (nephew of Jerry Snedecor), Isabelle Boudreau (aunt of Sue Paris), Nora Jerrels (friend of Lisa Yohnka), Ty, Christine, & Josephine Lemna (friends of Carl Johnson), Jeannie Manley (friend of Phyllis Reeder), Angel Meier (friend of  
of Marcie Kolberg).

### ***Online Worship Services***

A friendly reminder that regardless of whether the building is open for worship, we will continue to share online services to Youtube each week! Moving forward, each week's video can be found by checking the OSL Facebook page or checking your email Sunday morning.

## **Virtual Communion**

Our online worship service for September 20<sup>th</sup> will include virtual communion with Pastor Pete Hinrich. Those intending to participate are encouraged to have bread/crackers and wine/grape juice prepared that morning at home.

## **We offer our condolences...**

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Charles "Bud" Yohnka, who passed away Friday, August 21st at his home with his family by his side. Memorials may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church organ fund or Kankakee County Bureau Foundation Kevin C. Yohnka Memorial Scholarship. Cremation rites have been accorded. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the family will have private gathering at a later date.

We also offer our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Jace Held (brother of Alexa Johnson), who passed away Monday, August 31st. A memorial service was held September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

## **Bulletin Sponsor**

The bulletin sponsor for September are Paul & Ann Bischoff, in celebration of September birthdays.

## **Virtual Bible Study**

We are planning on starting up a Bible study over Zoom! Times are yet to be determined but are planned to be once weekly for the duration of October, and again in December. Those interested should contact the church office and let Alexa know. We look forward to being able to engage with God's Word in fellowship together!

## **Cloth Face Masks**

At the current moment, the church office has a small supply of homemade cloth face masks available to members. If you would like some for yourself or your family, call the church office at (815) 932 1448 to arrange for pick-up or drop-off. Because supplies are limited, masks will be distributed in the order they are claimed.

## *Bulletin Sponsors*

September ~ Paul & Ann Bischoff	October ~ Open
November ~ Roger & Jeanne Benjamin	December ~ Michael & Marcie Kolberg

## *July Worship Attendance*

	9:00 AM		9:00 AM
Aug 2	23	Aug total	77
Aug 9	16	Aug Average	19
Aug 16	18		
Aug 23	20		
Aug 30	(no service)		

## *Happy Birthday!*

Ann Bischoff	Sept 1
Paul Bischoff	Sept 9
BreLee Petry	Sept 10
Linda Davison	Sept 18
Sheryl Johnson	Sept 18
Josh Martin	Sept 21
John Warring	Sept 21
Brenda Bogusch	Sept 22
AJ Landrey	Sept 23
Laura Yohnka	Sept 30
Alexa Johnson	Oct 15
Charlotte Wolter	Oct 19
Anthony Johnson	Oct 20
Ada Johnson	Oct 24

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Keith & Lisa Yohnka	Sept 1
David & Marla Omundson	Sept 23
John & Carol Warring	Oct 1
Dan & Carrie Petry	Oct 12
Richard & Phyllis Reeder	Oct 29

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mike Johnson, President of Council. Members present: Mike Johnson, Michelle Marcukaitis, Linda Davison, Gloria Granger, Sharon Baron, Carl Johnson, Mike Kolberg, SAM Lynne Culkin, Rev. Pete Hinrich. Church secretary Alexa Johnson filling in to take minutes for Lana W.

Absent: Lana Waselewski, Keith Yohnka.

**Devotion:** Meeting was opened with a devotion by Pastor Hinrich based on Psalm 127.

**Minutes** from July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Church Council were distributed for review. Motion by Michelle, second by Mike K. to approve. Approved 8-0.

**Parochial Report:** The first in-person worship service was held July 19<sup>th</sup>. YouTube viewership from June and July was reviewed; general good feeling about current numbers.

**Treasurers' Report:** Balance at the end of July was \$58,971.75. Motion by Gloria, second by Carl to approve Approved 8-0.

**Administrative Pastor Report:** Congregations in our synod received a recent letter encouraging financial support for the two synod-affiliated college campus ministries, at UIUC and ISU. Pastor Pete will enquire for details about what sort of help would be most appreciated, i.e. grocery gift cards. The ISU ministry is also in our conference.

**Financial Secretary Report:** There was an issue with payroll taxes not having been paid, now fixed. Offering statements are planned to be mailed out to members at the end of September, and again by the end of the year.

**Board Reports:**

**Property:** The downstairs restrooms off Luther Hall have been renovated and designated



unisex, with new light switches installed by Robert Alexander in the old men's restroom. There is an issue with electrical outlets not working on the east and south sides of the sanctuary; Mike has asked Robert Alexander to look into it, offering up to \$600 worth of labor to fix. DeYoung Landscaping has completed project around the Brookmont-facing side of the church for cost of \$2,300.00. Hired Mark Benoit to apply weed killer to church and rental property lawns. In addition, he will apply seasonal fertilizer application(s) at rate of \$165.00 per application. Finally, met with Surprenant Masonry to survey building for tuckpointing. Initial estimate of \$6,000-\$8,000, possible increase to \$12,000 if we wanted tuckpointing of higher sections due to rental of necessary equipment. CCG Restoration has also surveyed, but not gotten back with estimate.

### **Old business:**

- Church rummage sale was a success, with split profits of \$1,133 for the church and \$1,135 for women's group. Everything has been cleaned up, with non-sold items donated.
- Posts were purchased to guard steps to the basement kitchen, will be installed soon.
- No church doors have yet been painted.
- Haven't done anything yet with prayer garden.

### **New business:**

- Discussion to revise the audit committee to be comprised of two council members, who would audit on a monthly basis instead of a yearly. Agreed to begin doing so next month; likely auditors would be the vice president and stewardship council member, pending.
- Alexa J. left room; decision to raise church secretary's pay to \$11.00 per hour from August 16<sup>th</sup> forward. Motion made by Gloria, seconded by Mike K. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Mike J. at 8:17 pm.

Next Council meeting Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexa Johnson, Church secretary

**Mission Statement**

*Living in God's Amazing Grace  
We share the good news of Christ's love  
With all people*

**OSL Church Information**

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Instagram: [oslbradley](#)

**Our Church Staff**

Lynne Culkin, SAM

Alexa Johnson, Church Secretary

Gordon Teske, Organist/Choir Director

Carl Johnson, Sexton

Jerry, Custodian

**Weekly Worship Schedule**

**Sunday Mornings**

Traditional Worship: 9:00 a.m.

**Secretary's Office Hours**

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**2020 CHURCH COUNCIL**

Administrative Pastor: Pastor Pete Hinrich

*(2 year term – maximum 2 consecutive terms)*

President: Mike Johnson (2020-2021)

Vice President: Michelle Marcukaitis (2020-2022)

Secretary: Lana Waselewski (2020-2021)

*(2 year term)*

Treasurer: Sharon Baron (2018-)

Financial Secretary: Michael Kolberg (2020-)

*(2 year term – maximum 2 consecutive terms)*

Linda Davison: Education, Elders (2020-2022)

Gloria Granger: Evangelism, Social Ministry (2020-2022)

Carl Johnson: Worship (2020-2022)

Keith Yohnka: Stewardship (2020-2021)

**Committee Members**

*(2 year term – maximum 2 consecutive terms)*

Audit: John Marcukaitis (2018-2021)

Audit: Greg Dams (2020-2022)

Voting Member: Carl Johnson (2020-2022)

Voting Member: Alexa Johnson (2020-2022)

Alternates: Mike & Sheryl Johnson (2020-2022)

**2020 Women's Group Officers (WELCA)**

*(1 year term)*

Carrie Petry, President

Karen Hoffman, Vice President

Charlotte Wolter, Secretary

Marsha Casteel, Treasurer