



Our Savior's Good News

Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone



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Ponderings from the Pastor.....

Grace, mercy, and peace, to all of you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As I write this note I am sitting in my room at the Catholic Seminary St. Mary on the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois.

We had a wonderful Vespers service, and good fellowship with the brother and sister pastors, and with our Roman Catholic hosts.

Our Pledge of Allegiance reminds us that we are one nation under God, indivisible, and this is both seen and experienced here in Chicago. This is the same experience we have at Our Savior too. Our congregation is made up of many different religious experiences and denominations, but we too are one congregation under God, indivisible, and with salvation for all.

What a blessing this is for all of us! That out of many different backgrounds we become

one! One fellowship, one group, and one church, doing our best to serve Jesus and our people.

As we enter into the Fall and the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, it is good for all of us to be reminded that Jesus is the 'reason for the season' – it was his sacrifice that brought us the blessings of eternal life with him in Heaven. Isn't that a wonderful gift for us to remember as we enter into our sharing with friends and family at Christmas? I think so!

Peggie Sue and I finished our first year with you on the 27th of August – does that even seem possible?

We have all become closer in this year and I especially look positively forward for our future.

God bless you all!

Pastor Steve



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Council Highlights

- Agreed on Concert series dates
- Clarify By Laws
- Add Member at Large
- Congregational meetings 11/4, 11/18, 1/27/19
- Bake sale EJCL Christmas parade 12/8/18

...from the President's pen

As summer fades into a memory, we have been blessed by avoiding hurricanes or any other disastrous events. Although we have been visited by snakes, fire ants, and Iguanas, we have had the Good Lord to protect us from injury. However, we must be prepared for the onslaught of germs coming from the northern environs. Get your Flu shots now!

Our ranks are slowly, but surely growing from reaching out into the local community. Our commitment to, and partnership with, the El Jobean Community League has been a help in both directions. We look forward to continuing this relationship into the future.

We have now included a means of donating to the Church through electronic means by opening a PayPal account, and placing access to it on our Website. As long as you have a PayPal Account, and attach it to your bank account, you may declare Our



Savior Lutheran Church as your "Friend", and transfer money by sending it to donate@oslc-lcmc.com. There are no fees attached, and an announcement of a donation is sent to our Treasurer, with a receipt going to the donor. Isn't progress wonderful?

As we move into the holiday seasons, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Blessings to all,

Treasurer's Report \$\$\$\$

Our Heavenly Father has blessed our people with a strong Stewardship faith !

As of September , 2018

Savings Account	\$ 36,570.00
Checking Account	\$ 27,944.30
Building Fund	\$ 32,711.87
Benevolence Fund	\$ 4,734.57



On the Funny Side!
(who said church has to be boring?)



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?



DON'T MISS OUT!

Our First Annual Concert Series sponsored by Our Savior Lutheran Church! This is sure to be a delightful and uplifting series. Our first concert will be Friday December 14, 2018 @ 7pm. Join us for a wonderful evening of Christmas Carols. The words you probably already know, so SING ALONG! Ron Lang on piano, our own talented Pastor, Steve Dygert on the Sax, and Jeff Cisco on the finger pickin' getah, or that twangin' fiddle!

On Saturday January 26, 2019 the "RECREATIONS" are back for a second year in a row. These are a wonderful group of young adults that volunteer their time and talents. They give up 2 years of their time to travel with the group performing at Living Centers, Churches, and other venues. If you witnessed them last year, you won't want to miss their return performance!. They have an absolutely amazing sound.

Next, The Dunneman's will be with us to share their God giving talents on Friday February 22, 2019 @ 7 pm. The Dunneman's have recorded several albums of **music that lifts the name of Jesus**. Visit their website at <http://www.thedunnemans.net> to purchase any one of their CD's.

Friday March 22, 2019 will be the return of the OSLC band of merry men! These talented group of men play multiple instruments that are sure to delight. There will be something for everyone!

Last concert will be Friday April 19th @ 7pm TBD

Each concert will begin promptly at 7pm followed by refreshments (coffee, tea, punch) and baked goodies. Seating is limited to 90. First come, first seat! Please consider helping out. We need some people for set up and take down of the hall. Donations of baked goods would be much appreciated. Please see Jeanne Keyser, 941-286-7860



What would cause most Americans to switch Churches?

It's not the Music, Youth programs, or even a change in Preacher. Instead it is a shift in a church's beliefs. A new study has found that for the great majority of Americans, the number one reason they go to church is to hear sermons that teach about the Bible and how to apply God's word to their lives.

It should come as a breath of fresh air for those worried about the over-the-top nature of some of today's church services that 83% of Protestants say that sermons about Biblical lessons are a major factor that keeps them coming back to a church and close behind with 80% were sermons that help to apply God's Word in everyday life.

When 1,100 Protestants were surveyed, 15% of them reported to have considered switching churches in the past six months, but interestingly it would seem that switching is actually less common. A full 62% of respondents had attended their church for at least 10 years and, of those 27% had attended the same church for 25 year or more!

Those who had stayed with the same congregation between five and nine years represented another 17% of Protestants surveyed. Though the survey didn't take into consideration reasons for individual changes, there are other factors besides those connected to the church itself, such as moving out of the area for work or marriage, that may also affect the percentages.

Not withstanding, if someone is considering a change to a new church in the same area, odds are that they have already visited it (54%) to see whether it fits with their beliefs and worship style.

So how does a church retain its congregation? The evidence indicates that preaching on Scripture and its relevance to the lives of the Christians in the pews is the best way (68%) followed by community outreach programs(61%) and social activities (49%) that can help reinforce that sense of community.

This Article was taken from the internet— Author unknown. However, I thought it was interesting enough to share with our congregation how a church retains its members.

1. Preaching on Scripture—Pastor Steve does a great job on this every Sunday!
2. Community Outreach—Jesus Loves You Ministry led by Geri McGary and our New Concert Series beginning in December.
3. Social Activities— Potluck dinners, Birthday and Anniversary celebrations, out to lunch at a restaurant after church on Sunday's.

If you have any ideas for Outreach or Social activities just let one of the Council members know. Which is a good lead in to the next question.... **Do you know who the Council members are?**

President/Treasurer—Dean Carson

Facilities—Bob Wilgus

Vice President—Jeanne Keyser

Worship — Bev Wilgus

Secretary/Assist Treas—Bev Cisco

Geri McGary—Community Outreach

Pastor Steve Dygert

Directors/Members at Large: Bubbles Burress and Sheryl Sinico

Upcoming Events



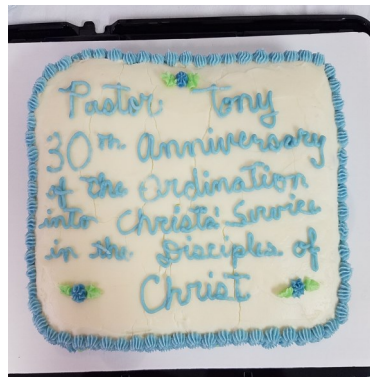
- The follow months has 5 Tuesdays Please help the Jesus Loves You Ministry by making 10 sandwiches: Jan, April, July And October 2019. See Geri McGary for details.
- Nov 4th- Congregation Meeting—Nominations for Council
- Nov 18th—Congregational Meeting— voting
- Nov 25th—Christmas tree and decorations set up
- Saturday Dec 8, Christmas Parade
Donate baked goods for the Bake Sale! We need VOLUNTEERS! See Bev Cisco
- Friday Dec 14 @ 7pm. Christmas Carol sing along.
We need volunteers to bake cookies and brownies and help with the set up and clean up!
- Christmas Eve Candle Light Service at 6pm



Welcome Our New Members Baptized Members: Megan & Wyatt!



Congratulations Pastor Tony and Priscilla 30 Year Anniversary of Ordination !



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The Jesus Love You Ministry Needs Your Help!

Every Sunday for the next few months, we ask the congregation to bring in an item for each week to help those in need.

Nov 4 — Socks Men's, Women's, Children's
Nov 11—Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Beefaroni, Etc)
Nov 18— Crackers, 20-30 ounce Jellies
Nov 25— Razors, Deodorants
Dec 2— Small Men's shorts/underwear sizes 29-36
Dec 9 —Small Women's Underwear
Dec 16—Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Beefaroni)
Dec 23—Soups, Meals—Turkeys and hams
Dec 30— TBD

Please Pray for :

- All those who are sick or injured.
- Families of those who lost loved ones.
- OUR TROOPS here and abroad!
- Our Country's Leaders



Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays :

Ron Lang	11/15
Frank Pierce	11/18
Garrett Owens	11/22
Keith Hazzard	11/24
Richard Aland Jr	12/7
Rod MacKinnon	12/15
Bev Wilgus	12/20
Jesus Christ*	12/25

Anniversaries:

Tony & Pricilla Alonzo 12/4

If you have a Birthday during November or December, please let Bev Cisco or Dean Carson know so we can add you to the list..

