

Our Savior's Good News

Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone

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## **Ponderings from the Pastor**

Some weeks ago I preached on "Questions." I hope your questions are the typically worldly-type questions which are always well worth asking. I would expect you to ask questions like "How will our congregation grow?" Or "When will we get our own building?" Or "Should we stay here forever?" Those are the questions the newly-formed Futures Committee is seeking to answer, and your suggestions to members of the Committee are always welcome.

The questions I hope you are NOT asking include: "How can I be right with God?" "Why should I believe in Jesus?" "What does God expect of me?" I hope you are hearing these answers each Sunday morning in my sermon. If you don't hear me say that we are all sinners; and that by God's grace in sending us Jesus, we are forgiven of all our

sins if we believe; and God wants us to witness to this truth to everyone we can--if you are not hearing these truths from the sermon, you'd better take me to task. If I do not preach "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone", I do not deserve to be your pastor. You attend Our Savior Lutheran Church in order to hear the answers to these questions, and I need to provide them Sunday after Sunday in order to keep my ordination vow.

So please share with me your concerns about your faith or other matters of God's teaching that you would like to learn about. We can do this by asking me when I'm available or even by anonymous note dropped in the offering basket. That's why I'm here, and I would like to address or talk with you about what you believe and what God teaches about certain topics. Perhaps I could address your concerns in a Sundaymorning sermon.. This is my invitation to you and I hope you will accept it.

In His LOVE and mine,

### Pastor Clyde





matters of spiritual

Pastor Tony

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#### Highlights from Assistant Pastor, Tony

As the Assistant Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church, I have been able to use my training and gifts. My main responsibility is very much to assist Pastor Clyde in his ministry. I am responsible for home visits and offering communion to shut-ins. I also visit members who are hospitalized. As a member of the Church Counsel, I work with the worship,

outreach, and other committees as assigned. I also preach regularly and participate in our Sunday Services as needed.

To fulfill the requirements of my position I am dependent on the congregations help. I need to hear from our members when they know of a need. If this happens, Clyde and I could respond faster to the congregations needs. I would like to visit all of you in your homes: Priscilla would usually accompany me. Shortly I will begin telephoning some of you to see if we could set a brief appointment. It would be very informal, and we can talk about Our Savior or other importance to you.

### **Council Highlights**

- Letter & check for \$100 sent to Jesus Loves You Ministries
- Resignation of the Patterson's from Council with
- Delay Ruby Tuesday fund raising project until our northern friends return.
- OSLC is now a member of the Charlotte County Chamber of commerce
- Letter of thanks sent to Kris Hinterberg.
- We need a volunteer Financial Manager.



#### .....Words from the President

There is good news and bad news. The good news is that there is property out there for our new church. The bad news is that at this time, only the Lord knows where it is. (I wish He'd send us an email!) The good news is that there is some money to pay for it. The bad news is that it is still in our pockets. All joshing aside (seriously?), we need to focus, not on our losses, but on the good things that the Lord is doing and will do for us. Since we are doing His will, that of spreading the Gospel to all who will listen, and to some who won't, He assures us that He will bless our efforts. By standing strong, He will support us, encourage us and provide

As president, I am so proud (yes, pride in

this sense is ok) of our little congregation. We are a bunch of believers who are working diligently for the Kingdom. Oh, I know it is hard work taking down and setting up, dragging things here and then dragging them back. But by doing this, we show the Lord we mean business and that we will not give up! HE loves persistence in the Kingdom. Think of this as a test or a race and we are not going to quit until

Take Heart, God is still in control and..... prayer changes things!

we win. And With HIS help, we

#### Virderie Kaminska



That's all.....

From the president's pen!

Virderie

A Conscience is what hurts, when all your other parts feel so good!

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

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

As of May 31, 2014

Checking Account \$ 50,579.77

Building Fund \$17,463.94

Benevolence Fund \$ 4,390.32

will win.

## On the Funny Side!

(who said church has to be boring? Come listen to our Sunday comedian, I mean pastor Clyde!)



Directions?



A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store.

As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

The little boy replied,

"Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."
The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church

on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."
The little boy replied with a chuckle,
"Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"



#### CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB SITE WWW.OSLC-LCMC.COM

If you haven't visited our new web site, check it out! Dean Carson, our new web master, has done a fabulous job creating and fabricating our new site. Need to know times of our services, special events, or who to call for information? Or how about Biography's of our staff? Do you know we have a Mission Statement and a Statement of Faith? Missed Church service on

Sunday? Now you can get caught up on the sermons !Yes its all there in our web site.
THANK YOU DEAN!



## Worship Committee—Who are we? Chairman Donna Dorr

The Worship committee members include:

Geri McGary—Assist Chair

Nancy Nordell—Head Greeter

Bob Wilgus—Head Usher

**Bev Wilgus** 

**Bev Cisco** 

Jeri Hope

**Marlene Kennedy** 

Betty O'Brien

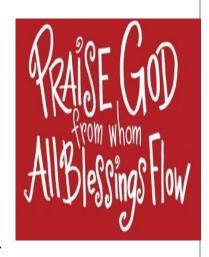
Pastor Clyde & Virderie Kamin-

Pastor Tony & Priscilla Alonzo

Responsibilities:

All necessary components are in place for worship including: Altar, Communion, Assist Pastor with planning & prep of special services, overseeing greeters & ushers, and awareness of the policies of the church.

Term: 2 Years
Please consider doing
your part. Help is
needed in the kitchen
before and after the
service. If you can
help, please contact
Donna Dorr 941-6252699 or
Geri McGary 941-697-



## **Property Search**

Our Property Chair, our Futures Committee are searching for available places to either rent, build or buy. While this sounds like a casual thing, much work goes into finding a site, determining its value to us as a congre-

gation, looking at the property and then meeting to see if the property in question will fit our needs. There are agents to speak to, zoning boards to check with, County statutes to consider – all this takes time and energy and man/

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woman power. But we have to crawl before we can walk. If anyone knows of property our committees should consider, please contact Bob Wilgus at 941.400.2536 or Virderie at 941.





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## **Anniversaries & Birthdays**

## Birthdays

July

7/I Loretta Alt

7/2 Kay Popper

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7/3 Rose Linnell

7/3 Mary Patterson

7/7 Lois Hazzard

7/20 Fay Earl

7/24 Pastor Clyde

7/26 Willard Wilson

August

8/7 Donna Dorr

8/11 Betty O'Brien

8/12 Al Cohan

8/19 Priscilla Alonzo

8/29 Bev Cisco

September

9/6 Tracy Leach

## History or Our Savior Lutheran Church

In early January, 2012, a group of enterprising Lutherans met at the Wilgus residence to talk about forming a new Mission Church in the area. Conversation quickly became planning. The group determined to:

- Find a place to Worship
- Affiliate with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (L..C.M.C)
- Name this new congregation: "Our Savior Lutheran Church"
- Ask Reverend Doctor Clyde W Kaminska to come out of retirement in order to be our "start-up" Pastor
- Assemble for worship "as soon as possible".

Sixteen worshipers gathered on Sunday February 12, 2012 for the first Service with Holy Communion at the El Jobean facility. On March 2012, 38 worshipers became Charter Members. Since then our enrolled Membership has risen to 52 with an average attendance—due to sickness and shut-ins—of 45. One of the first actions taken was to resolve that 10% of every unrestricted dollar received would be set aside in "Benevolence Fund" to help individuals and/or Christian associations in need. Thanks to the generosity of Members and Friends the church is outfitted not only with the usual staples which support worship, but also celebrate Christian Holidays with special emphasis. If you happen to be reading this newsletter and are looking for a church home, it has been said that "Our Savior Lutheran Church" is the friendliest Church in the area. "Try Us!

You'll like us!



#### **Anniversaries**

9/9 Jane Pierce

9/12 Dar Cohan

9/14 Janet Wilson

9/20 Pastor Tony

9/10 Nancy Nordell

Keith/ Lois Hazzard 7/14 Al/Dar Cohan 7/15 Dennis /Tracey Leach 8/18





Coming in September. The famous Bible Study class led by none other than our wonderful Pastor Clyde.

## Please Pray for:

- Alt Family on the passing of Gene.
- Mazur family passing of husband Joe
- McCurry family
- Jeannette Yergler
- Val Davis
- Bill Beaver
- Suzie Palmer
- Dick Dorr
- Rita Cullen
- Dorothy Willis
- Lisa Hoell
- Chuck Kennedy
- Ken Shaughnessy
- Eleanor Szalankiewicz
- Terry LaClair
- Gene Broecker