

Our Savior's Good News

Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone

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#### Ponderings from the Pastor

There is an old joke in church humor that asks: "How many Lutherans does it take to CHANGE a light bulb?" The answer? "None. Lutherans don't like change. That doesn't seem to be the case with our congregation. I have had nothing but positive comments each time I have changed our Order of Worship. That either means that the naysayers don't speak up, or we're not very Lutheran. But we even have a program called "Change for a Change." Yes, I think Our Savior Lutheran Church knows the word "CHANGE" very well, and this note to all of you is to alert you that from my perspective, change is coming!

Our Futures Committee has spent a great deal of time evaluating our present financial situation while searching the area for another building or land in order to locate a place for a new church. We love this Cathedral of ours and the League has been very kind and cooperative. But most of our

parishioners think that if we were in a more visible location, the CHANGE would help us grow more quickly. But it probably won't happen overnight. That's the funny thing about CHANGE. Some things stay the same for centuries, while other things like fashions and tastes seem to change almost every day.

Certainly the face of our congregation changes and will change from time to time. Snowbirds come and go. New members will join us while some present members will move away— some to their heavenly home. Our officers will rotate. Our leaders replaced, and some day we'll have a new pastor. CHANGE!

There was a popular song not too many years ago titled, "Times, they are a CHANG-ING!" They certainly are!

But one big promise has not and will not ever change, the fact that God loves us, forgives us and saves us for all eternity through His Son Jesus Christ. True, there will be wars, abuse, terrorism, and perhaps even persecution for Christians. But in the face of the most terrible difficulties, God and His promises stand secure. "I will never leave you nor forsake you!" His promise will never CHANGE, and you and I can find reassurance and peace in God's word. A famous comedian once made popular the expression, "You'd better believe it" Again, from my perspective, you and I had better .....!!!



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As LCMC continues to grow \* in faith and in numbers, many of you have asked for \* more information about it. The LCMC website provides the following description:

- \* Lutheran Congrega- \* tions in Mission for Christ is an association of congregations and individuals who are:
- Free in Christ;
- \* Accountable to one another

- Rooted in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions;
- Working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples of all nations.
- We have a great respect for the reality that the church is where the people of God gather together around Word and Sacrament. The local congregation is where the church becomes a concrete reality for God's people

Current statistics from LCMC:

- \* Total # of Congregations: 832
- \* US Congregations: 715
- \* US States represented: 40
- \* US Territories represented: 2
- \* Countries represented: 14

## **Council Highlights**

Contributions approved & letter sent from Pastor Clyde to:

- LCMC
- · LCMC Church in Michigan,
- Backpack Program for Jubilee Ministries
- Jesus Loves You Ministry

Annual Congregation meeting set for Sunday January 11, 2015 following the service.



## ..... From the President's Pen

The news from the sports world surrounds us daily, and while not all of you may be sports enthusiasts, you can't help but be touched by it, sometimes whether you want to or not! Baseball has wound down to the inevitable World Series (which is not really from all over the world) and football is pounding us with more and more accounts of domestic violence. But in spite of all this, I am excited! Why? Because we at Our Savior have not only survived our "Sophomore" year without the expected "sophomore slump," we are into our third year going strong!

What, you say? Show me! Who's not looking forward to our missing members coming home? Who's not concerned about those in our family who are ill or hurting? Who's not working to make this the best little cathedral in the . . .(swamp?)? We all are in some way or another. As the hymn says: If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul; you can tell the love of Jesus. You can say He died for all.

Well, Virderie, I can't get out much. I'm embarrassed to bring up coming to church. I'm not comfortable with being a hallelujah shouter. So, ok, maybe those are not your gifts. BUT, there is nothing to stop you from raising the roof in silent prayer, from thanking our great and sovereign Lord for the blessings He is giving Our Savior, for asking Him to strengthen our pastors in the work that they do. There is a job for everyone and you all are intensely needed to help us keep the connectedness we have with our Lord and each other.

As president of this congregation, I am humbled by the work which you have entrusted to me. But I am so proud of the way you, the members of Our Savior, have taken up the challenge to press forward for the

### **Virderie**



difficult at though it has been. Someone once told Pr. Clyde that he was surprised that our church "lasted this long." Instead of being insulted by those words, let us rejoice that the God of our salvation has equipped us for His service and is blessings our efforts. So keep praying, keep staying - in the Word, and keep laying our needs at the feet of the Lord. He and we, together, are an awesome team! And that's all.

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

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

As of September 30, 2014

Checking Account

\$ 52,751.54

**Building Fund** 

\$ 20,664.44

Benevolence Fund

\$ 5,196.55



## On the Funny Side!

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

#### Correct a mistake?



A minister and lawyer were chatting at a party: "What do you do if you make a mistake on a case?" the minister asked. "Try to fix it if it's big; ignore it if it's insignificant," replied the lawyer. "What do you do?"
The minister replied "Oh, more or less the same.
Let me give you an example. The other day I meant to say 'the devil is the father of liars,' but instead I said 'the devil is the father of lawyers', so I let it go."







#### 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!



#### AHH THE GOLDEN YEARS!

Special poem for older Folks: A row of bottles on my shelf, caused me to analyze myself. One yellow pill I have to POP, goes to my heart so it won't stop. A little white one that I take, goes to my hands so they won't shake. The blue ones that I use a lot, tell me I'm happy when I'm not. The purple pill goes to my brain, and tells me that I have no pain. The capsules tell me not to wheeze or cough or choke or even sneeze... The red ones, smallest of them all, go to my blood so I won't fall. The orange ones, very big and bright, prevent my leg cramps in the night. Such an array of brilliant pills helping to cure all kind of ills. But what I'd really like to know..... is what tells each one where to go!

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Order Christmas Poinsettias \$7 each
Sunday November 30, 2015

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 6pm

New Years Eve Service II am
Watch Sunday Bulletin for more details

Bible Study
Wed 12/14 and 12/31 has
been canceled for the holidays.
Classes will resume on Wed
January 7, 2015



Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia



## **Futures Committee Meetings**

It has been decided this committee will meet quarterly, in January, April, August, and November 2015. The meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each of these months. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday January 7, 2015 immediately following Bible Study. Please contact Bob Wilgus—941.400.2536 or Virderie - 941.766.7567.





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## 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 59 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 are able to 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 & Birthdays

# Birthdays October Birthdays;

Mike Popper, 10/3 Mary Knight, 10/10 Susan Carson 10/23

November Birthdays;

Chuck Kennedy, 10/15

Rita McCurry, 11/8
Warren Hope 11/8
Virderie Kaminska, 11/14
Frank Pierce, 11/18
Garrett Owens 11/22
Keith Hazzard, 11/24

#### **December Birthdays**

Bev Wilgus, 12/20

# Anniversaries

**December Anniversary** 

Pastor Tony & Priscilla Alonzo, 12/4



# LORD prayers

# Thank You!

Jeanne Keyser & family wishes to thank everyone who sent condolences, cards, contributed to the building fund in Ken's memory and assisted with Ken's memorial service.

"I am truly blessed to have such a kind and loving church family."

With a grateful heart!

Geanne

# Please Pray for:

- Keyser family on passing of Ken.
- Shaughnessy family on passing of Ken
- Sue Whiteman on passing of Joe
- Susan Carson
- Dick Dorr
- Rita Cullen
- Dorothy Willis
- Lisa Hoell
- Chuck Kennedy
- Eleanor Szalankiewicz
- Terry Le Clair
- Gene Broecker
- All those who are sick or injured.
- OUR TROOPS here and abroad!

# CHURCH LIFE AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN



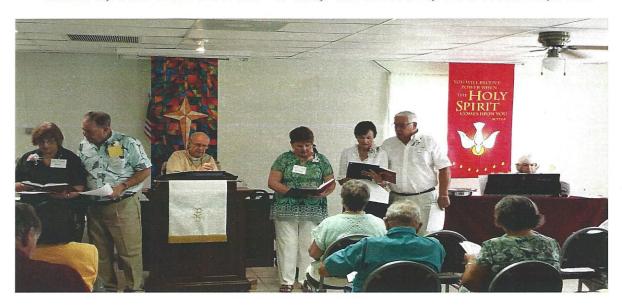
# Veteran's Day Service

Our church members who served during the various conflicts were honored during the service:

From Left to Right: Bob Wilgus, Willard (camera shy hiding behind the flag). Frank Pearce (playing the harmonica), Fay Earl, Dean Carson, Jeff Cisco, Ted, and Pastor Tony Alonzo. We the congregation, Thank You for your honorable service on behalf of the citizens of

The United States of America!

# CHURCH LIFE AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN



On November 23, 2014 - Installation of our new Eucharistic Ministers, from left to right: Beverly and Jeff Cisco, (Pastor Clyde behind the Pulpit), Bev Wilgus, Jane and Frank Pearce, and Virderie Kaminska (behind the piano)



Above: Communion Kits for the new ministers

Below: Mary Patterson's donation of a Communion Kit to Our Savior Lutheran Church.

