



Our Savior's Good News

Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone



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Ponderings from the Editor.....

A lot has happened since my last newsletter. We were taken by surprise in May with the resignation of Pastor Jon Kosec.

The Council immediately formed a call committee and went to work looking for a new minister. We reviewed quite a few resumes and in June found a match. Again, as with Pastor Jon a Minister from Texas. God Bless Texas! In July, Pastor Steve Dygert and his Peggie Sue, arrived in Port Charlotte to meet the congregation. In July the congregation voted to call Pastor Steve. This congregation

is truly blessed. Finding and calling a new pastor is no easy task. The countless hours interviewing and doing all the background work is a difficult mission. We are very fortunate at Our Savior that the Council can discuss and resolve issues that life delivers. God did not say life would be easy, but He is with us in difficult times. I believe it! He is with us and has brought our new Pastor and his wife to Port Charlotte

to serve at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Pastor Steve was installed on August 27, 2017. The congregation welcomed him with open arms with a celebration after the service. If you haven't already, please extend a heart felt welcome to



our new Pastor Steve Dygert and his Peggie Sue.

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At the installation! Pastor Tony Alfonso & Pastor Steve



Priscilla & PR Tony Alfonso, PR Steve & Peggie Sue Dygert

Council Highlights

- Approved capping Benevolence Fund at \$5,000.
- Bylaws Committee formed .
- Nomination Committee formed.
- Catered Picnic in the Park 10/29

... from the President's pen

It's certainly been an eventful and interesting period since our last Newsletter! Pastor Jon Kosec handed in his resignation, having decided that he wanted to spend more time doing Missionary work for the LCMC. A Call Committee was created, and went to work immediately. Before long, we received a whole bunch of resumes.

Thru the use of the telephone, and Committee meetings, the Candidates were diligently interviewed and screened. During this process, we were fortunate enough to be able to fill the Pulpit with the excellent Services of Pastor Tony Alonzo and Pastor Larry Yerger. The Call Committee had taken over the creation and printing of the weekly Bulletins, and produced a fine document for communication with the Congregation.

Having gotten very impressed with one candidate from Ennis, Texas, we had Pastor Steve Dygert come to Port Charlotte to be personally interviewed by the Call Committee, to give a Sunday Service at the Church, and have a question and answer period with the Congregation. It was later decided, in a Congregational meeting, to issue a Call to Pastor Steve. It was accepted, and Pastor Steve & Peggie moved east.



Pastor Steve was installed as our new Minister, and the Call Committee was then dissolved (the committee, not the people). Pastor was shortly thereafter initiated by a hurricane by the name of IRMA. God protected us and His Church, and we are now preparing for a celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We will be having a Catered celebration of the Reformation at the Gulf Cove Park on October 29th after Church Services. Please invite a neighbor and enjoy the fellowship with our Congregation!

Blessings to all,

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

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

As of September , 2017

Savings Account	\$ 36,570.00
Checking Account	\$ 27,944.30
Building Fund	\$ 31,168.44
Benevolence Fund	\$ 4,734.57



On the Funny Side!

(who said church has to be boring?)

A guy named Joe finds himself in dire trouble. His business has gone bust and he's in serious financial trouble. He's so desperate that he decides to ask God for help. He begins to pray..."God, please help me.! I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto"

Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it.

Joe again prays... "My God, why have you forsaken me?! I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you.

PLEASE just let me win the lotto one time so I can get my life back in order."

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens opened. Joe is confronted by the voice of God:

"Joe, meet Me halfway on this....BUY A TICKET!"





Sunday October 29th is the 500th year Anniversary of the Reformation!
Join us for Service at 10am followed by a celebration picnic in
Gulf Cove park



Who Is Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert ?

Steve Dygert is originally from Omaha Nebraska. He was a teacher for 32 years, having taught in public and private schools, and on the college level for over 20 years as a band director, choir director, and administrator. Steve's son Cameron is a 26 year-old graduate of the University of Nebraska in Computer Game Design.

His education was received from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona, and Suffield University in Idaho.

Steve's performance experience as a musician has been extensive over the years. He has played with various groups ranging from the Omaha Symphony Orchestra to the Glenn Miller Orchestra. For ten years, Steve made his living playing in the pit orchestra for musical comedies such as the first two national road tours of 'Annie' with Harry Presnell and Kathleen Freeman; 'Sugar Babies' with Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller; 'Hello Dolly' with Carol Channing; and 'Anything Goes' with Cid Caesar. He has also been a member of the Nelson Riddle Orchestra. In a different mode of musical performance, Steve directed a 44 voice male barbershop chorus in Pinetop, Arizona, the White Mountain Chorus, which is associated with the Far Western District of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Steve comes from a Russian/German family that has produced over 60 pastors for the Wisconsin and Missouri Synods, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America over the last century. Now the family is represented in the newest branch of Lutheranism, Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

Athletics was important for Steve, coming from a baseball family. He played baseball for Omaha Central High School, and was a member of the United States Olympic Judo Team in 1982, which led him to an intimate relationship with traction for over four months after that experience. He has also been selected on three different occasions for Who's Who Among America's Teachers, and he is also listed in Who's Who in America, and Outstanding Young Men of America. Steve was also selected as Teacher of the Year in 2007 in Missouri Valley, Iowa. He was also picked as a Community Leader of the Future in 1996 by the United States Air Force. Because of this selection, Steve was invited by the Air Force to have lunch with the president at the White House in the summer of 1996.

CHURCH LIFE AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN



Welcome Pastor Steve Dygert and wife Peggie Sue

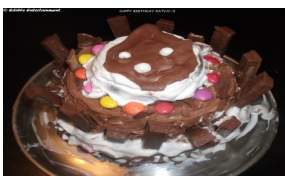


Geri Hope & Daughters



Hey what's in the cup, BOB? Bubbles, Mr Hope, Jean & Bob

Having their cake
and eating it too!



Charter members Willard
& Janet Wilson

Upcoming Events



- Sunday October 29th Reformation Sunday—Picnic in the Park!
- October has 5 Tuesdays Please help the Jesus Loves You Ministry by making 10 sandwiches. See Geri McGary for details.

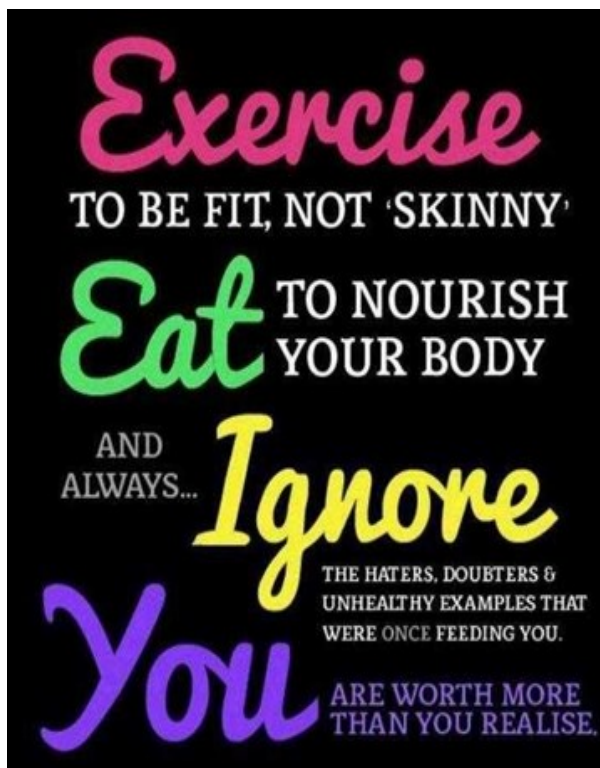
- **Saturday Dec 9, Christmas Parade**

Donate baked goods for the Bake Sale! We need VOLUNTEERS! See Bev Cisco

- Christmas Eve Services:
- Sunday 12/24 @ 10am, Candle Light Service at 6pm



Take care of the body GOD gave you !



Strawberry Protein Smoothie

5 min prep time , 74 calories, 10 g Protein

Ripe, sweet Strawberries with a touch of fresh basil, give this protein smoothie recipe a light, fresh flavor

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 C fresh strawberries
- 1 cup of ice cubes
- 2 tsp fresh basil or mint chopped
- 2/3 cup egg whites

Instructions:

Combine all ingredients in blender. Cover and blend on medium speed until smooth. Serve immediately.

Tip: If berries aren't quite sweet enough add Stevia to desired sweetness.

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays :

Steve GaNun	10/8
Mary Knight	10/10
Susan Carson	10/12
Ken Gilbert	10/22
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

Crock Pot Lasagna

1 lb ground beef or Italian Sausage
Lasagna noodles
1 jar spaghetti sauce
1 1/2 cups cottage cheese
1 1/2 cups Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
2 Tbsp. of grates Parmesan Cheese

Directions:

Brown ground beef and drain. Spoon 1 C spaghetti sauce in bottom of 4 quart crock pot. Mix remaining sauce with beef. Place 2 uncooked lasagna noodles on sauce in crockpot. Spread 1/3 meet mixture on top of noodles. Spread 3/4 c cottage cheese over meat. Sprinkle with 1/2 c mozzarella cheese. Add another layer of uncooked noodles 1/3 meet mixture, the remaining cottage cheese and 1/2 c of mozzarella cheese. Repeat layer of noodles, meat, and cheeses. Sprinkle parmesan cheese over top. Cook on low for 4 hours. Do no overcook

Submitted by Jean Mannenga.

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

