

# OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Hope on the Hill



# JULY 2025

Newsletter

VOLUME 6 ISSUE 7

### A Letter from Pastor

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love



Being Clothed in Christ is an ongoing growth and process in our faith and believing. It changes how you see life and how you live life for self and in relationships with others.

Having just come back from our annual “up north” vacation for fun, family and fishing. A couple of stories to share. Using the words above.

1. Walking outside one day with Benjamin, my 2-year-old grandson, we said, “take grandpa’s hand to be safe.” He reached up and we held hands. I’m sure he couldn’t yet define trust, but it felt wonderful.

2. Love and relationships go together. With my youngest, Susan and her husband, being called mom and dad was wonderful and brought the relationship close with feelings of love.

Now a silly one – 3. I like to fish and study lures and how to use them and cast and reel in hopes of catching a fish. Do we study the life and

teaching of Jesus to better understand how casting in our life brings hope even in tough times? Being further clothed in Christ means our hope keeps learning and growing as life changes and each day is new. Finally let’s talk about faith –

4. My mother would sometimes say, “now Steve stand up on your own two feet!” Okay, but the depth and strength and sometimes the undefinable in life is asking how deep and intricate is our faith?

Look at the picture above once again and notice what is printed faintly behind each word – PRAY. Praying is not only an act of faith but a relationship trusting and knowing God hears and is with you. Faith, Hope, Love, Trust in our praying is what gives us joy as we live each day.

Finally, as I have mentioned several times, there is a Bible passage that says it well.

*Colossians 3:12-17*

*<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive*

*each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

A couple of upcoming thoughts: Committee Night is July 9 and Congregational Council is July 16. THEN Chalk and Bubbles is July 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. Sign ups are in the Gathering Room to help!

We pray for peace in our world in so many places, we pray for peace between people both near and far. Let the Love of God rule your heart!

Peace,  
Pastor Stephen Barnes

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**Monday—Friday**

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**Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.**



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### Prayer Concerns

**Jacque Davis** (health issues)

**Peg Miller** (health concerns, friend of Beth D.)

**Scott Massey** (had a heart procedure June 11)

**Sandy Brooks** (health concerns)

**Lillian P., Mazie W., Jim J., Garold & Deena B.,**

**Craig B., Chad W., Marithaza B., Chad Wahl, Sandy Brooks**

**Paul S.** (failing health)

**Donna F.** (Melanie’s mother-in-law, health concerns)

**Scott S.** (Melanie’s brother-in-law, cancer)

**Pete B.** (Larry & Darlene’s nephew, brain cancer) & **other members of the Daniels family** with health concerns

**Carolyn** (Mike Barger’s sister, health concerns)

**Lil M.** (Sue Barger’s mother, health concerns)

**Lily F.** (OSLC College student)

*Please contact Pastor or the Church Office with any additions, deletions, or updates*



# NEWS & EVENTS



Central/Southern Illinois Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## 2025 CSIS Synod Assembly

The Central/Southern Illinois Synod met on June 5-7 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington. Dr. Dwight Zscheile of Luther Seminary provided three keynote presentations on adapting the church to serve in the 21st century.

The assembly adopted the proposed budget for 2026, approved a memorial to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly for a national day of remembrance for Indian boarding schools and passed a resolution on our synod's financial support plan for our companion synods in Madagascar.

The assembly Festival Worship was on June 5 in the sanctuary of St. John's. Bishop Busboom presided, liturgical music for the service was written by Pastor Patrick Jenkins and the worship offering brought in more than \$14,000 for our companion synods in Madagascar!

Pedal for a Purpose raised more than \$5,000 for campus ministry.

The 2026 Synod Assembly will be an experimental one, with an online-only business session in June and "Synod days" of learning, worship, and fellowship in each conference in the fall. The assembly will be an in-person event in 2027.



## CHALK & BUBBLES EVENT!!

**Wed., July 23 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Our 5th annual 'Chalk and Bubbles' event is Wednesday, July 23, 6:30-8pm.  
*A sign up sheet has been posted to help with the event and provide donations.*

Pastor will be providing "Turtle time" for our visitors.

Kona Ice will be at the event for a minimum charge of \$150.00

Please plan to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the evening watching our "artists" and having a sweet treat from Kona Ice!

## IT'S YOUR TURN to pick hymns for our worship services!!

*There is a small poster by the flower chart.*

**Jot down your favorite hymn number and title from the ELW Hymnal or the Worship & Praise Songbook, and Pastor & Tim will use it in August & September.**

*The dates are listed on the form so you will know when 'your' hymn will be used!*



Members of Our Savior had a fun time at the Peoria Chiefs Game on June. 5. Mark your calendar for August 28, the next time we will be going to the Chief's game!

## **Summer Worship, Summer Joy**

Even in the relaxed pace of summer, God is at work! Our Sunday services continue to be a source of joy and encouragement—join us each week for inspiring worship and meaningful community.

*from [www.churchart.com](http://www.churchart.com)*

## MORE NEWS & INFORMATION



### Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The next gathering will be  
**Thursday, July 17**  
Creve Coeur Family Restaurant  
620 S. Main, Creve Coeur  
**7:30 a.m.**



The Mary and Martha Circle will not meet again until September. However, we will be providing dinner for the Salvation Army in July.



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Tuesday, July 8,** at **9:30 a.m.** at the church.

Our group is branching out to make *lap blankets* for the upcoming veteran **Honor Flights** in addition to our current lap blanket projects. Any donations of red, white, blue and any other colors of yarn is appreciated. *Thank you!*

Our next 'Supper Out' hasn't been scheduled but keep an eye out for information.

Pastor Barnes leads the **Thursday Morning Bible Study** each week. The group begins at 10:00 a.m. and goes until 11:30 a.m. You are welcome to come whenever you can—there is always room for more!



**NOTE:** Adult Sunday School will not be meeting through the summer



Kim & Kathy Hovey hosted a wonderful celebration for their 50th wedding anniversary. Tim & Leslie were thrilled to be able to attend the event in Minneapolis.

Please keep Jacque & Chuck Davis in your prayers. Jacque fell and broke her hip, and is dealing with other health problems. Here is how you can stay in touch:

*Jacque is currently at:*  
The Arc of El Paso  
555 E. Clay St.  
El Paso, IL 61738

Home Address:  
**Jacque & Chuck Davis**  
1637 Duncannon Dr.  
Normal, IL 61761  
cad1206@comcast.net



### VIDEO MINISTRY

We continue to receive positive comments regarding the live streaming of our worship services. Thank you to all who are helping make this possible! You can always go back and watch any service as they are recorded and saved.

Villas of Hollybrook  
**Lillian Pinkston** Room 39  
5301 W Everett Dirksen Pkwy  
Peoria, IL 61607



**Mazie Wankel**  
C/O Reflections Memory Care  
1717 N. Main St.  
Morton, IL 61550

Villas of Hollybrook  
**Barb Gresham #30**  
2720 S. 14th Street  
Pekin, IL 61554

**Lily Fleming**  
318 N. Ninth Street  
Monmouth, IL 61462  
lfleming@monmouthcollege.edu  
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# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR JULY

Please switch with someone as needed.

	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
July 06	Meri	Larry	Larry	Meri & Valerie	Linda & Sue	Green
July 13		Roberta	Mark		Lee & Mary	Green
July 20	Dennis	Mary S.	Leo	Tim & Leslie	Tim & Leslie	Green
July 27	Melanie	Sue B.	Dennis	Leo & Roberta	Linda & Sue	Green

## JULY FLOWER CHART

July 06	The Leitners—Jill's graduation from the ISP Cadet Academy & Nathan's birthday
July 13	The Bangers—In Honor of Jared, Josh, & Ame's birthdays
July 20	The Flemings—In Honor of Nick's birthday
July 27	Vickie Rayburn—In Memory of Marilyn Whittington

You can call the office if you would like to sign up for flowers on a Sunday.

We continue to stay steady financially. **Thank you!!**

You may wish to mail your offerings to Our Savior if you cannot attend worship.



**Please note:** We only receive ONE vase of flowers; your cost will be \$30.00.

## NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY!! We will feature a few each month.

From our own Pastor Amy Zietlow:

### Homeward Bound: Modern Families, Elder Care and Loss by Amy Zietlow & Naomi Cahn

*Homeward Bound shows that as family structure becomes more complex, so too does elder care, and existing institutions and legal approaches are not prepared to handle those complexities. We base our analysis on in-depth, qualitative interviews with surviving grown children and stepchildren whose mother, father, step-parent, or ex-stepparent died. Their stories illustrate the profound ways that the caregiving, mourning, and inheritance process has changed in ways not adequately reflected in formal legal, medical, and religious tools. The solutions center on awareness and preparation: providing more support for individual planning for incapacity and death and, even more importantly, creating legal, political, and social planning for the "graying of America" at a time of increasingly complex familial ties.*

### Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor

*Barbara Brown Taylor is a New York Times best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal priest. Throughout Holy Envy, Taylor weaves together stories from the classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been complicated and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions—even those whose truths are quite different from hers.*

### Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi by Amy-Jill Levine

*Levine reveals the parables' connections to first-century economic and agricultural life, social customs and morality, Jewish scriptures and Roman culture.*

### When Thoughts and Prayers Aren't Enough: A Shooting Survivor's Journey into the Realities of Gun Violence by Taylor S. Schuman

*Taylor invites us to see what it means to be a survivor after the news vehicles drive away and the media moves on. Taylor weaves her own incredible story of survival and recovery into a larger conversation about gun violence in our country.*

To check out materials, there is a clipboard for you to jot down your name, the title of the book, when you checked it out, and then when you returned it.



# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Wes & Amanda (Eggemeyer) Johnson—July 13



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1—Chris McCarrell

July 15—Scott Massey

July 1—Gene Massey

July 24—Nick Fleming

July 5—Jared Barger

July 31—Meri Arnold

July 6—Josh Barger

July 7—Sandy Brooks

July 8—Ada Dralle



## PRAYER CHAIN AT OUR SAVIOR

► **If someone needs prayers, is going into the hospital, or needs a visit—PLEASE LET PASTOR KNOW!** His email is: [barnes.stephen9@gmail.com](mailto:barnes.stephen9@gmail.com). You may also call the church office: 346-2600

Call the Church office with your prayer request: 346-2600 or email: [oslcpekin1@gmail.com](mailto:oslcpekin1@gmail.com).

An email will be sent to all members when a prayer request is received. Members without an email address may ask that they be called when a prayer request is sent out.

► **Please let Lori know** if someone can go off the prayer list—call or email, or fill out one of the blue cards in the pews in the sanctuary. Thank you!



We continue to pray for those in the Military:

Petty Officer **Robert Murphy** (3rd Class)—(nephew of the Dralles)

**Nick Marzinzik** (Air National Guard, Mike & Sue Barger's nephew)

**Josh Barger** (Navy Reserves, Mike & Sue's son)

**Greg Sorenson** (Navy Reserves, Lee & Mary's son)

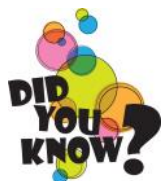
We continue to work on ideas for the 'Philip and Andrew—Come & See' initiative to work on the life and ministry of OSLC. Contact Pastor, or any council member, with an idea you would like to try!



**CONTACT US AT:**

**(309) 346-2600**

**If you have a ministry need, please call the Church office.**



Committee and Council minutes are posted by the church office. Check out all the hard work our members are doing!

**Reminder:** If your committee changes or cancels a meeting, or plans an event, or makes an appointment to bring someone in—please let Pastor know. And please include Pastor on all committee emails. Thank you!

## LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST

- **SAVE THE DATE**—Peoria Chiefs ball game, **August 28**
- **Sunday, August 10 (tentative date):** Coffee Fellowship



If you are unable to print the newsletter at home and would like a copy, please contact the church office and one can be printed for you. **If you want a printed copy monthly, please let Leslie know.**

## Newsletter DEADLINE

If you have information you want to be in the next 'Hope on the Hill', please email Leslie Leitner at [leithaus@gmail.com](mailto:leithaus@gmail.com) by **Wednesday, July 23** at [leithaus@gmail.com](mailto:leithaus@gmail.com). Thank you!

## CHURCH COUNCIL 2025

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### **Our Savior Lutheran Value Statement**

We spread God's word – joining with Jesus to heal our broken world.

### **Our Savior Lutheran Guiding Principles**

- We follow Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- We pray eagerly to strengthen our commitment and relationship with God.
- We act boldly based on an abundant picture of God's love.
- We listen to our neighbors to truly know their joys and sorrows.
- We work as God's hands – serving the needs of our community and the world.
- We love to tell the story of Jesus and His love.



**Watch the livestream of our worship services! Our YouTube page is:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@oursaviorlutheranpekin1287/streams>

The link to our live stream YouTube page can be found on our Facebook page and on our website. Our website is **www.oursaviorpekin.org**.

*The videos can also be viewed after the service.*

Please contact Tim Leitner if you would like to know more, or would like to get involved with this outreach. We would like to create a Digital Production Team.

*Clip art in the newsletter is from www.churchart.com*

### **LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT:**



#### **Center for Prevention of Abuse**

The women & children who seek shelter and safety at House of Hope appreciate your support. There is a collection crate by the coat rack for House of Hope.

**Special needs include: cereal, canned fruit, bottled juice, peanut butter, canned tuna, can soups, sugar, coffee, pancake mix, syrup**



#### **PEKIN OUTREACH INITIATIVE**

After 50 years, as of May 1, 2025 Christian Civic Outreach ended their operations. However, the Pekin Outreach Initiative is continuing the work of CCO! Our Savior will continue to support this organization.



# JULY 2025 CALENDAR

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