



# Hope on the Hill

## A Letter from Pastor

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love



Gratitude is the attitude that helps us stand on solid ground of love and giving for we trust God's grace and connection with each one of us! Jeremiah 29 says it very clearly:

<sup>11</sup> *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.* <sup>12</sup> *Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.*

Myself included, too often I store up for myself treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, (and this part takes practice) *but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and*

*steal. (Matthew 6:19)*

Then we come to our "theme" for October's Stewardship Emphasis: ***For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)***

I am so grateful for all your hearts and the life and ministry we share. Even though small, Our Savior does marvelous things in ministry as a whole, but also individually. I was excited to see our "post – it – poster" with all the many ministries you share that made me feel stronger in my faith as we share life together! In the same passage from Matthew 6:33 *But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you.*

I look forward to the joy, strength and grace we will share in the coming year of 2026. Thanks for your relationship as you fill out your time/talent and commitment cards!

One last passage I would share with you from Micah 6:6-8

***What God Requires***

<sup>6</sup> *"With what shall I come before*

*the Lord and bow myself before God on high?*

*Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,*

*with calves a year old?*

<sup>7</sup> *Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,*

*the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*

<sup>8</sup> *He has told you, O mortal, what is good,*

*and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.*

Together in community and loving relationships, let us walk humbly with our God into this new year!

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in and through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastor Stephen Barnes

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**Monday—Friday**

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**Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Bible Study 10:15 a.m.**



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## Prayer Concerns

**Jim & Melissa Green** (friends of Melanie, both diagnosed with cancer)

**Jacque Davis** (health issues)

**Bill Fleming** (recovery from knee replacement)

**Shirley Seelye** (health concerns, friend of Beth D.)

**Sandy Brooks** (health concerns)

**Lillian P., Mazie W., 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, injured in fall)

**Pete B.** (Larry & Darlene's nephew, brain cancer)

**Joyce Bartels** (Darlene's sister, health concerns)

**Alta Daniels** (Larry & Darlene's sister-in-law, 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

Wherever your  
TREASURE IS,  
there the  
DESIRES  
of your  
HEART  
will be also.

Matthew 6:21

October is our Stewardship emphasis:

*Wherever your Treasure is, there the Desires  
of your Heart will be also.*

Sundays, October 5, 12, 19

We will dedicate and bless our commitment cards and  
Time & Talent sheets on  
**All Saints Sunday, November 2.**

Where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.  
Luke 12:34



**Sunday, October 5** will be the  
Blessing of the Prayer Shawl  
Quilts at Our Savior at the 9:00  
a.m. worship service.

**Every one is invited!!**

**Lillian Pinkston's  
97th Birthday  
Open House**

October 15 - 1:00 to 3:00

Villas of Holly Brook - Peoria  
5301 W Everett Dirksen Pkwy, Peoria



Cards are appreciated  
No gifts

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**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**Saturday, October 25**

Our Savior's Parking Lot  
**2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Donations of candy  
appreciated. Please plan  
to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the  
fun. Decorated/undecorated car  
trunks are needed to hand out  
candy. Always fun to come in  
costume but not mandatory!



**Our "Post-it Poster"!**



**Reformation Sunday is October 26.**  
*You are welcome to wear **RED** if you wish!*



**Sunday, November 2**  
**New Member Coffee Fellowship**  
after the worship service



## MORE NEWS & INFORMATION



### Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The next gathering will be  
**Thursday, Oct. 16**  
Creve Coeur Family Restaurant  
620 S. Main, Creve Coeur  
**7:30 a.m.**



No date set yet for the next dinner out. Thank you to Melanie for arranging the meal on Sept. 14—twenty-five people enjoyed the brunch!



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Tuesday, Oct. 14,** 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 yarn, and **any** other colors of yarn is appreciated. *Thank you!*

The Mary and Martha Circle will meet Wednesday, October 15, 9:30 a.m. at the church. All women are invited!



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!



The **Adult Sunday Bible Study** is held on Sundays after the worship service in the Gathering Room. Everyone is welcome—the coffee is always on!

Due to illness, the baptism of Martin Kelly is postponed to Sunday, October 19.



Pastor was contacted by the Pekin Police recently. There was a break in at the house next door. Officers checked the church's outside doors and found the door to the kitchen and the door to the Parish Hall were **unlocked**. We all must be more vigilant in keeping out church secure.

Villas of Hollybrook  
**Lillian Pinkston** Room 39  
5301 W Everett Dirksen Pkwy  
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Villas of Hollybrook  
**Barb Gresham #30**  
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# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR OCTOBER

*Please switch with someone as needed.*

	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHERS	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
October 05	Meri	Roberta	Mark	Leo & Roberta	Sue H.	Green
October 12	Dennis	Vickie	Leo	Meri & Valerie	Tim & Leslie	Green
October 19	Melanie	Sue B.	Mark	Tim & Leslie	Tim & Leslie	Green
October 26	Tim	Larry	Larry	Tim & Leslie	Lee & Mary	Red

## OCTOBER FLOWER CHART

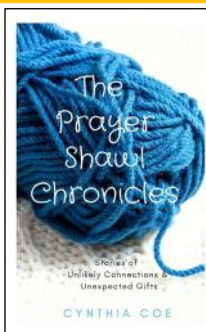
October 05	Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—41st Wedding Anniversary
October 12	Barb & Jack
October 19	Tim & Leslie Leitner—45th Wedding Anniversary
October 26	Vickie Rayburn—Memory of Jack Whittington

*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.



Another new book has been purchased for our church library (it's on its way):

**The Prayer Shawl Chronicles** by Cynthia Coe. Knit with love, Prayer Shawls are handmade pieces of knitting that show someone you care. A Prayer Shawl wraps a person in prayer and love, just like a warm, fuzzy blanket. Each story in The Prayer Shawl Chronicles is a fictional tale of someone who finds herself in need of healing - and that quest for healing ultimately helps someone else heal as well.

There are still some funds available for books for the library (about \$95.00), so please let Leslie, Tim, Melanie, or Pastor know if you have a suggestion!



**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.



The Outreach Committee would appreciate having more helpers for the outdoor OSLC sign. Contact Melanie if you can help. Thank you!



The Worship & Music Committee would like some additional people to set up and take down communion. It is a behind-the-scenes job but a *very* important part of our worship service. If you are interested, please talk to Tim or Pastor and they will show you what is involved. You

*won't have to do it on your own!* You typically would do this once a month or so. Thank you.

Ushers and Lay Assistants, and others who may wish to help with starting & ending the live streaming: It is **very simple!** *Honest!* Check with Tim, Dennis, Mark, or Leslie to learn how to help with this great outreach.



# Anniversaries & Birthdays

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—October 6
Tim & Leslie Leitner—October 11
Fred & Michelle Sarantakos—October 26
Garold & Deena Burkholder—October 27



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 2—Scott Pinkston	Oct. 20—Elsa Keas
Oct. 6—Bud Brooks	Oct. 20—Ken Wehr
Oct. 10—Beth Dralle	Oct. 28—Lee Sorenson
Oct. 13—Larry Daniels	
Oct. 15—Lillian Pinkston	
Oct. 18—Mary Sipka	



## 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:

**UPDATE FROM BETH:** My nephew Robert Murphy has completed his commitment in the Navy & is currently “mustering out”. Thank you for including him in your prayers these past 8 years. 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!



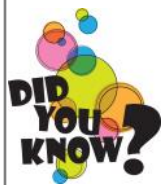
**Reminder:** If your committee changes or cancels a meeting, or plans an event, or makes an appointment to bring someone in—please let Pastor know. And please include Pastor on all committee emails. Thank you!



**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!

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

- **Sunday, November 2:** All Saints Sunday and dedication of commitment cards and Time & Talent sheets.
- **Sunday, November 2:** Coffee Fellowship for new members
- **Sunday, November 30:** Advent begins

## 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, Oct. 22** at [leithaus@gmail.com](mailto:leithaus@gmail.com). Thank you!

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.**

## 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.

*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.



# OCTOBER 2025 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>  <b>2</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study  6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <i>Blessing of the Prayer Shawl Quilts</i> Sunday Bible Study 10:15 a.m. 12:00 PM Dralle Party	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	<b>8</b>  6:00 PM Finance Mtg  7:00 PM Committee Meetings	<b>9</b>  10:00 AM Bible Study  6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Wedding
<b>12</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>  Sunday Bible Study 10:15 a.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawls  6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	<b>15</b>  9:30 AM Mary/Martha Circle  7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>16</b>  7:30 AM Men's Breakfast  10:00 AM Bible Study  6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>  Sunday Bible Study 10:15 a.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  10:00 AM Bible Study  6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  2:00-4:00 PM Trunk or Treat  
 <b>26</b> <b>REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>  Sunday Bible Study 10:15 a.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  10:00 AM Bible Study  6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics	<b>31</b> 	

**November 2025**

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