

Hope on the Hill



Newsletter

VOLUME 7 ISSUE 10

A Letter from Tim

Hospitality Outreach Proclamation Education Helping Individuals Live in Love

Hello OSLC Family,

The following message came from the Synod requesting support for the important work of Campus Ministry in our Synod.

God's Blessings,
Tim

Dear Communities of Disciples across our Central/Southern Illinois Synod,

"If only we had more youth and young adults!" Ever heard or spoken these words before in the church? It tends to be a common refrain that communicates both a challenge and a hope. In fact, such challenge and hope are expressed in one of our synod's top ministry goals and priorities: "Renewed engagement of youth and young adults through cross-generational faith formation." The reality is that if we are going to grow the involvement of youth and young adults in the church we need to invest in them—relationally, spiritually, and financially. One of the many ways we invest in our youth

and young adults is through Lutheran Campus Ministry.

This past June our Synod Assembly voted unanimously to grow our investment in Lutheran Campus Ministry through the establishment of a synod-wide Campus Ministry Endowment Fund. The purpose of this Endowment Fund is not only to sustain the ministry of our three current campus ministries at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois State University in Normal, and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, but to encourage growth both at our existing sites and at possible new sites around the synod.

As such, this fall we are kicking off a three-year **REACH HIGHER! Capital Campaign** with a goal of raising \$1 million to fund this Endowment. We are inviting each of our communities of disciples to participate in this three-year campaign, beginning the weekend of September 12/13. Worship materials for use during this weekend are being provided. Pledge cards from both communities of disciples and individual disciples will be gathered

the weekend of November 21/22.

Together, let us reach higher by reaching the students engaged in higher education across our synod, including those who have not yet come to know Christ's love. Together, let us reach higher as we grow new leaders across the church. Together, let us reach higher by growing our own generosity as we make this vital investment in ministry with youth and young adults. As the author of Colossians writes, "So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (3:1). As those who have been raised with Christ, let us reach higher, seeking the things that are above, all for the sake of the gospel—the gospel that proclaims to us that in Christ Jesus, God reaches down to us, lifting us up through Christ's life, death, and resurrection for the sake of the world.

Bishop Greg Busboom
Campaign Co-Chair

Pastor Richard Wehrs
Campaign Co-Chair

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Monday—Friday

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
All-congregation Presentations: 10:15 a.m.



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REMINDER: Fritch Heating & Cooling will be doing an upgrade to our HVAC thermostats this fall.

There will be two 'Zones', one for the Parish Hall and one for everywhere else. There will be 8 sensors throughout the building. Fritch will set up the programming for the usual times the church is used. *For other, unscheduled events, there will be an app.*

When an event is planned outside of the regularly scheduled ones, someone who has the app will have to be notified so they could adjust the temperature. Those who will have the app on their phones is still to be determined. It may also be on the office computer.

Prayer Concerns

Ron Rayburn (Vickie Rayburn's brother-in-law, health concerns)
Julia Rayburn (Vickie Rayburn's sister-in-law, health concerns)
John (Mike's cousin, in palliative care)
John (friend of Vickie & Randy Rayburn, health concerns)
Sandy Brooks (health concerns)
Paul Sipka (health concerns)
Scott S. (Melanie's brother-in-law, health concerns)
Pete B. (Larry & Darlene's nephew, brain cancer)
Carolyn (Mike Barger's sister, health concerns)
Lil M. (Sue Barger's mother, health concerns)
Lily F. (OSLC College student)
Rick Turner (Sue Calvert's nephew-in-law, stroke)
Lillian P., Nancy A. Mazie W., Garold & Deena B., Chad W., Craig B.
For those affected by war, heat, floods, earthquakes
For those unemployed, homeless, and suffering from addictions in our community



NEWS & EVENTS



Welcome
OUR GUEST SPEAKER

**ALL-CONGREGATION
PRESENTATION**

Sunday, Oct. 18

*We will have a speaker from
Lutheran Social Services.*

We will also have
a coffee fellowship hosted
by the Outreach/Christian
Education Committee



Reformation Sunday
is October 25. We will
have special music
with Jim Rimington.
You are encouraged
to wear **red** as we
celebrate this
special day!

TRUNK OR TREAT
Saturday, October 24
Our Savior's
Parking Lot
2:00-4:00 p.m.



A sign up sheet for vehicles/
trunks and candy donations has
been posted.

Always fun to come in costume
but not mandatory!



From Pastor: We will be sending out
our Stewardship material soon. The
theme is from the 4-H "Head; Heart;
Hands; Health."

Each week in October will follow the
theme with our new banner from
Leslie: **Give; Serve; Attend Grow**
We are looking forward to a growing
and joyful 2027!

MORE NEWS & INFORMATION



Men's Coffee/Breakfast Group

The next gathering will be
Thursday, October 15
 Main Street Family Restaurant
 620 S. Main, Creve Coeur
7:30 a.m.



The Mary/Martha Circle will meet Wednesday, Oct. 21, 9:30 a.m. at the church.

They are studying 'Women of the Bible Speak' by Shannon Bream. All women of Our Savior are welcome.

Five ladies from Our Savior met at Grace Methodist Church to help with packing snacks for some of District 108 schools. Working together with people from other churches the group packed over **500 Snack Packs** for October!

All ladies of OSLC are invited to meet with the Mary/Martha Circle on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.



Pictures from the presentation of the Puppets for Jesus from Meri Arnold



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet on **Tuesday, Oct. 13** at **9:30 a.m.** at the church.

YARN NEEDED!!
ALL colors, any type,
usually 4 ply

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!



This group had a good time at Kuchie's on the Water on Sept. 20!



Luther and the Bible

Reformation Day is celebrated by many Protestant churches on October 31. It commemorates the Reformation and honors leaders such as Martin Luther, whose courage and conviction helped shape church history.

Luther's life was threatened because he spoke out against practices he believed did not reflect the true mission of the Church. Forced into hiding, he found refuge at Wartburg Castle as the guest of the ruler of Saxony.

While there, Luther took on an enormous task: translating the Bible from the original languages into German. This was no simple project. At the time, Germany was made up of many regional dialects, making communication difficult from one area to another. Luther wanted ordinary people to clearly understand God's Word. To make sure his translation used everyday language, he is said to have listened carefully to common speech, even consulting the castle's butcher for familiar expressions and wording.

Luther's translation became a tremendous gift to the German people. Not only did it place Scripture into the hands of everyday readers, but the language he used also helped unify the many German dialects. In that sense, Martin Luther is often considered one of the fathers of the modern German language.

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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR OCTOBER

Please switch with someone as needed and let the office know.

DATE	LAY ASSISTANT	LAY READER	USHER	TELLERS	COMMUNION Set up & Clean up	PARAMENT COLOR
October 04	Melanie	Larry	Leo	Donna & Leslie	Tim & Leslie	Green
October 11	Meri	Roberta	Bill	Leo & Roberta	Karen & Arlene	Green
October 18	Tim	Roberta	Mark	Donna & Leslie	Tim & Leslie	Green
October 25	Dennis	Larry	Larry	Leo & Roberta	Lee & Mary	Red

OCTOBER FLOWER CHART

October 04	Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—42nd Anniversary
October 11	Bader Anniversary
October 18	
October 25	

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.

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

- Sunday, November 1: All Saints Day.**
Dedication of gifts given from our Stewardship and remembering those who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year, and dedicate memorials given.
- Sunday, November 15:** All Congregation Presentation—Veteran's Day speaker
- Sunday, November 22:** All-Congregation Presentation—Lutheran Disaster Response



Villas of Holly Brook
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Anniversaries & Birthdays

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Sharon Eggemeyer—Oct. 6
Tim & Leslie Leitner—Oct. 11
Jack & Barb Bader—Oct. 11
Fred & Michelle Sarantakos—Oct. 26
Garold & Deena Burkholder—Oct. 27



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 02—Scott Pinkston	Oct. 18—Mary Sipka
Oct. 06—Bud Brooks	Oct. 20—Elsa Keas
Oct. 10—Beth Dralle	Oct. 20—Ken Wehr
Oct. 13—Larry Daniels	Oct. 23—Amanda Seelye
Oct. 15—Lillian Pinkston	Oct. 28—Lee Sorenson



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. You may also call the church office: **346-2600***

Call the Church office with your prayer request: 346-2600 or email: 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:

Nick Marzinik (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!



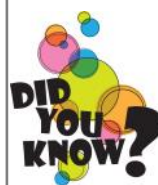
Reminder: If your committee changes or cancels a meeting, or plans an event, or makes an appointment to bring someone in—*please* let Pastor know. And *please* include Pastor on all committee emails. Thank you!



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!



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 would like 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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

at leithaus@gmail.com. Thank you!

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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.

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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.

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, canned soups, sugar, coffee, pancake mix, syrup



THE BLESSING ROOM/ PEKIN OUTREACH INITIATIVE

Men's clothing is always needed.

You'rx nxxdxd!

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll— xxcxpt for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd pxrfxctly. It's trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritxr — not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I'm just onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx church." But it doxs makx a big diffxrxncx bxcausx a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of xvxy pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxcxssary, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdxd vxry much."

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OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM	5	6 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics*	7	8 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics*	9	10
11 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM	12	13 9:30 AM Prayer Shawls 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics*	14 6:00 p.m. Finance 7:00 p.m. W & M mtg OF & CE mtg	15 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics*	16	17
18 WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM 10:15 AM All Congregation Presentation	19	20 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics*	21 9:30 a.m. Mary/Martha 7:00 p.m. Council	22 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics*	23	24 2:00-4:00 PM TRUNK OR TREAT 
25 REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 AM 	26	27 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics*	28	29 10:00 AM Bible Study 6:00-7:00 PM Aerobics*	30	31  Happy Halloween

*Aerobics has a chat group—contact Teresa, Sue B., Sharon, Karen or Melanie for last minute cancelations.



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