



OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

"Serving Christ—Serving Others—Changing Lives"

December 31, 2017

Weekly Newsletter

Our Savior Offers Three Services on Sunday Morning

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Liturgical Worship Services with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. "Shout for Joy" Contemporary Worship and Praise with Holy Communion

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brian and Mary May announce the birth of their second daughter, **ELIZABETH ANN MAY**, born on December 27th. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Cathy May and the great granddaughter of Jay and Eleanor Mathis. Elizabeth has a big sister, Isabella who is 2 ½ years old.

Please Keep the Following Members in Prayer:

David, Marianne & Michael DeMinck, Roger Detwiler, Debbie Holub, Pastor Ed Nicklas, Luke Strang, Marilyn Gruenbaum, Pastor Rader, Rene Cucci, Rick and Maria Ullery, Jodi Waldron, Barbara Fischer, Wayne Reinhardt, Linda Burkhardt, Phil and Mary Jane Neils, Shawna Cartwright, Al and Val Perry, Josie Rivera-Abdo, Jim Cucci, Debra Bele, Dolores Camillio, Michael Hea, Rolf Fischer, Duane Srot, Gio Pozzo, Rebecca Hale.

Nursing Home/Assisted Living/ Rehab.

Assisted Living: Lillian Velez, Ted and Shirley Ray, Dorothy Hanser, Ken O'Brien, Marlene Venable. **Rehabilitation at home:** Sarah Tabor, Dolores Bethmann.

Other Prayer Requests

Pastor Moore as he leads our congregation as interim pastor, our call committee, leadership, former pastors and vicars of Our Savior, missionaries, chaplains, police, & firefighters. OSLS and Mirror Lake Elementary School, LifeNet4 Families, Food for the Poor, Mission Haiti, Alzheimer's Association, Bold Justice, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Our nation and its leaders, president and all people in armed services.

As Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as the Messiah and rejoiced over him, we also receive him with joy. A warm, joyful welcome to you all!

Flowers that adorn our chancel this morning were given by:

Pastor Elmer Medley, in loving honor of Barb's 80th birthday today.

Members & Family in the Armed Services

Austin Simms (nephew of Mitch and Kim VanSant) in Germany, **Anthony Valladares** in Parris Island, **Jorge Alberto-Peralta** (son of Jorge Peralta) in Saudi-Arabia. **Nicholas Mink** (grandson of Allan and Jan Mink), stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station, IL, **Ingrid Mink** (granddaughter of Allan & Jan Mink) in South Korea. **Jessica Lee** (niece of Randy & Lynne Steinbeck) in Germany. **Matthew Osborne** (grandson of David & Marianne DeMinck) deployed (undisclosed location), **Kyle Thornton**, (grandson of Susan George-Kenyon) Air Force. Members: **Brian Strang** in USA West Point, Us Army Garrison. **Jonathan Brown** in Ft. Campbell. **Brandon Edelstein** in Japan. **Steven Morrison** in Dayton, Ohio. **Scott Tucek** in Germany, **Troy MacLean** in Paris Island-Marines

THANK YOU

We are thankful to have Walter Volz, Pastor Emeritus leading us in worship today and Mr. Gerry Gruenbaum as our organist.

This Week at a Glance

Sun. 12/31

One Morning Service 10:00 a.m.

SPOKE FOLK CONCERT 5:00 P.M.

Monday January 1, 2018

Church Office Closed

Tues. 1/2

Church Office Closed

Wed. 1/3

No Bible Brunch

No Handbell Practice

Thurs. 1/4

Shout for Joy Practice 7 pm

Fri. 1/5

Sat. 1/6

UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH 10-12

Sun. 1/7

Services 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class 9:30 a.m.

Lay Ministry Meeting 12:15 p.m.

Helpers Needed to Un-Decorate

**Saturday, January 6th
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
(need lots of help!!!)**



Adult Bible Study

Starting January 7, 2018
at 9:30 AM

The Book of Daniel

We will be reading and discussing the life, times, dream interpretations, visions and prophecies of Daniel.



SPOKE FOLK CONCERT - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST 5:00 P.M.

You are invited to share in the ministry of Spoke Folk, who will bike here to share their faith using music, drama and puppets. The group will be spending the night at Our Savior and the Children and Youth Ministry is providing a dinner for them. If you can make a dessert for the group please see the sign-up sheet at the guest center. To learn more about Spoke Folk please visit: www.spokefolk.org

2018 Offering Envelopes are available in the front entrance to the church. Please contact Jan in the church office if you have any questions about the envelopes.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE IN CHRIST

As measured by our church attendance:

These numbers represent Jan. – Dec.

Average Sunday Attendance 217

Average Last Year 247

Attendance 12/24/2017 118

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 477

What is the Reserve Fund for?

It has been brought to my attention that some members of Our Savior may not understand the full purpose of the fund and the scope for which it can be used. The Reserve Fund is for emergency expenses that are not part of our budget. The money is reserved for emergency expenses for the entire church and school properties. One of those emergency expenses would be for hurricane damage not covered by our insurance and any other expense associated with a hurricane. Your church leadership has approved spending a small amount (approximately \$3,000) of the Reserve Fund to cover property damage and associated lost wages for our hourly personnel caused by hurricane Irma. We feel this was the right thing to do. If you feel you are not in favor of this decision made by your church leaders to use the Reserve Fund for these expenses or you are financially able at this time, I would encourage all members to prayerfully consider making a donation to our Reserve Fund to offset these expenses. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Brad Heine
President

Looking into 2018

(Updates will be made weekly)

Monday- Tuesday January 1st – 2nd

Offices Closed

Wednesday, January 3rd

NO Bible Brunch - NO Bell Choir

Thursday, January 4th

Book Club 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 6th

Un-decorating the church 10-12

Tuesday, January 9th

School Resumes

Wednesday, January 10th

Bible Brunch Resumes

Bell Practice Resumes

Monday, January 15th

Offices Closed/Martin Luther King Jr

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

December 31st – Jan. 6th

Happy Birthday!

31st Charlotte Ingmire, Barbara Medley,
1st Grace Plass, 2nd Alex Rodriguez,
3rd Jack Lowe, Jennifer Sird-DelLaHorra,
4th Roger Detwiler, 5th Katie Whitt

Happy Anniversary!

31st Al and Melba Wilkat 60 years



Our next Book Club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4th, at 6:30 p.m.

We will be discussing "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver.

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**Classroom Spelling Bee Winners
Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Classroom
Spelling Bee winners!**

First Grade: Mahnila Entezari, Tanner Rassi, Stephen Singh, Avery Williamson

Second/Third Grades: Gabriel Barbour, Brianna Blanco, Reign Jacobs, Destinique Morgan, Amanda Suarez

Fourth Grade: Natalie Becker, Kavori Jacobs, Terry Pierre, Zachary Thoms, Madison Jones

Fifth Grade: Giuliano Natale, Julian Paz-Guerrero, Jayden Rassi, Mishae Harris

Sixth Grade: Kai-Zoe Fellows, Max Williamson, Legend Julmisse

Seventh Grade: Teija Haye, Nia Coakley, Trinity Frazier, Constance Terrazas

Eighth Grade: Matthew Cadogan, Carlito Jaramillo

You are welcome to join us for the Junior Bee, Elementary Bee, and Middle School Bee on Tuesday, January 23, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the church. The winners of the Elementary and Middle School Bees will advance to compete in the Regional Bee held at the Signature Grand in March.

A penguin “parable”

During storms, emperor penguins huddle for warmth, taking turns at the center and on the perimeter of the group. While incubating eggs, up to 6,000 male penguins have been observed clustering for shelter against the harsh Antarctic winter. Partially grown chicks gather in protective “crèches” (French for “cribs”); often surrounded by a colony of adults, these groupings ward off predators and cold.

In stormy times, humans also need supportive groups; we can’t survive alone. A church family allows us to take turns giving and receiving care. Amid social upheaval, injustice, illness, natural disaster and any loss or crisis, God invites us to gather for protection and warmth. In the church community, we support and strengthen one another and are empowered to go out again into the less-sheltered world