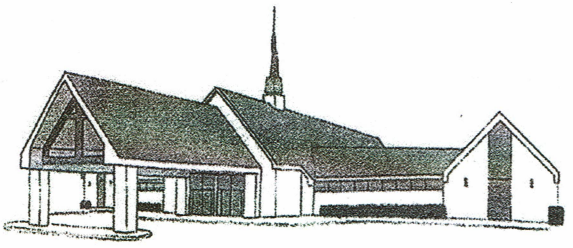

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OSLC Newsletter

September 27, 2020

Favorite Bible verse of the week: John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Welcome/Announcements

We hope that this 17th Sunday after Pentecost finds you healthy. This newsletter is a way that we can continue to connect with each other and worship together, yet apart, as we continue our social distancing to combat COVID-19.

Highlights from the OSLC Church Council meeting

The church council met on September 15. The ministry site profile has been updated. The worship team continues to secure pastors for each Sunday. We are pleased to have the church open and to make it as safe as possible for everyone. We continue to take temperatures, provide hand sanitizer as you enter and in each pew. Communion is individually packaged. Please continue wearing your mask while in church.

A huge Thank You to our members who set up with Win By Faith and to those participating. Check out the poster as you enter the church to see how much money has been raised to fix the parking lot.

Please mark your calendars for the annual congregational meeting to be held Sunday, November 15 at 9:30. We are looking at ways to include those who are worshipping at home. We want you to be able to participate in the meeting, to hear your concerns or questions. More information will be provided on this.

As always please reach out to a council member if you have questions or concerns.

Lutheran World Relief Quilts:

This is normally the weekend you would see the colorful quilts, made by Sewing Friends over the year for Lutheran World Relief, on display This is not happening this year due to the pandemic but more importantly due to the blast in the Port of Beirut early this August. It was feared that three LWR shipping containers filled with quilts, school kits, personal care kits, and baby kits were destroyed in the explosion and fire. These items were valued at $624,000 and were to go to the refugee camps in Lebanon where Syrians and Palestinians live. (1 in 4 persons in Lebanon live in a refugee camp.)

Fortunately, these containers were found near the site of the Beirut blast but damaged. Another agency that LWR works with, Anera, had volunteered to sort through the damaged goods to see if anything could be salvaged. Meanwhile, LWR said they would replace the lost quilts from a warehouse in Dubai, which is managed by the United Nations.

We have never felt so personally close to a disaster that occurred so far from our community. But thanks to the generous donation of fabric and other sewing supplies from the congregation, 61 quilts were made this year and will be headed to a warehouse in Elgin and then shipped to a LWR processing center and then into countries in need.

Attendance (September 20, 2020)

8:15 – 16
10:45 – 27
Facebook – 101
You Tube - 8

Thank you

To our Worship Assistants for your help for In-Person Worship Services. You are truly a blessing to OSLC. Thank you for your services.

Please Pray for:

Please let us know if there is someone who needs prayers by contacting the church office by email at oursaviors@oursaviorschurch.org or by phone (708)599-4780.

Thank you to this week's Music Team

Your gift of song is greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes out to our audio/visual team. And as always, thank you to our worship assistants!

An Update from our Food Pantry

Our Savior's Food Pantry served 92 households with 288 people in those homes during the month of August. According to Feeding America, 1 in 9 people in this country struggle with hunger. In 2020, more than 54 million people may face hunger in the United States because of Covid-19.

Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. Phil. 2:4

Living Waters Food Pantry

We have just learned that our Mission Partner, Living Waters, is struggling with their food pantry. They are feeding hundreds every week and have not received any grants or assistance, just road blocks. We have been so blessed with all of the grant money and assistance we have received for our food pantry from the Greater Chicago Food Depository. If you can find it in your heart to help out Living Waters Food Pantry, donations can be sent to:

Living Waters Lutheran Church
30 Locust Rd.
Cherokee, N.C. 28719

Assistance Needed for Church Services

Wonderful to see everyone back in church. With the reopening of church we need everyone to help in the following areas for the 8:15 and 10:45 services: Temperature checks, recording of attendees, and lay assistance for readings and prayers. Between services and after 10:45, we need to disinfect in the church and bathrooms; with a couple people this will only take a few minutes. We also need assistance with the sound board for each service. Training for the sound board is easy. If you can assist in anyway, please talk to those assisting at your service. We really need your help! Please prayerfully consider helping with your church. God Bless

Notes about in-person worship

We hope that you were able to pick up a communion packet as you entered the sanctuary. We ask that you keep your mask on for the duration of the service, with the exception of receiving communion. To minimize the risk of spreading the virus, words to the hymns are included for meditation purposes only. Please sing along in your heart. Words in bold print are for a congregational response. To create a safer environment for all, please respond softly. Masks must be worn at all times. The restrooms in Library Hall are open, but we request that just one person at a time use the facilities. At the end of today's service, we will exit the sanctuary, beginning with the last row. Offering plates have been placed in the Narthex to minimize touch. Please do not congregate in the Narthex, but continue to exit the building. Thank you for conforming to these standards which were set in place to ensure everyone's safety.

Reminders:

-We will continue preparing the weekly OSLC Newsletter and uploading worship services to our website. Please join us Sundays at 10:45 am for LIVE online worship on our Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/oursaviorsburbank. The weekly newsletter and Sunday worship bulletin will be also be available on our website - www.oursaviorschurch.org. Each week, our 10:45 a.m. church service will be recorded and uploaded to You Tube with a link on our website and available later in the week. Consider subscribing to our *You Tube Channel* (Our Savior's Lutheran Church Burbank, IL) for updates when the service is available to view.

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Please continue to support Our Savior's Lutheran Church at this critical time. The COVID-19 pandemic has posed many challenges, including the loss of offerings due to the cancelling of services and other events. Our Savior's relies on the generosity of our members to cover expenses related to ministry, maintenance, staffing, our Food Pantry and other pressing needs. Please continue to mail in your weekly collection envelopes or drop them in the slot on the office door. **To help us in our mailings, please consider including a few stamps with your offering**. **Every little bit helps!** Our deepest gratitude goes out to those already doing so. God Bless you for your continued support of Our Saviors. May God watch over you, your families, friends and neighbors in this time of stress, anxiety and uncertainty.

Thank you for keeping your church, your church family, your local community and the world in your prayers. With God, all things are possible!