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Musings from the Pastor

October 2018

*Rejoice in the Lord
always; again I will say,
Rejoice. Let your
gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is
near. Do not worry
about anything, but in
everything by prayer
and supplication with
thanksgiving let your
requests be made known
to God. And the peace of
God, which surpasses
all understanding, will
guard your hearts and
your minds in Christ
Jesus....I can do all
things through Christ
who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:4-7, 13*

At the September church council meeting the council approved the formation of a "vision committee" that will begin to explore ways we can address the financial challenges at Our Saviour's and our hopes for growth. Specific details will be made known in the coming weeks. You can trust there will be clear communication between the committee and the

congregation and opportunities for everyone to ask questions, brainstorm, and talk about our ideas, hopes, and goals for life together and ministry at Our Saviour's. The synod will work with us if that's what we want, and I highly recommend we ask for their help.

The process to review ministry is one with no quick, easy answers. It will require patience, curiosity, intentional listening, healthy relationships and boundaries, a willingness to wrestle with hard questions, an openness to new possibilities, courage to make bold decisions. It will also take *all of us* working together. We are each members of the one body of Christ, and each of us is valued and vital for the health of the whole. In the big picture, our goal is to discern in what ways we experience God in our midst, what new things God might be up

to here at Our Saviour's, and in what ways we can most faithfully be the people and church God calls us to be.

The most important thing is to remain centered in worship, Scripture and prayer as a community of faith and seek the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. As Paul writes in Philippians, when we bring our requests to God with prayer and thanksgiving, God keeps our hearts and minds in Christ, and in the strength of Christ we can do all things. We can't be sure exactly what the future holds for us, but we can trust God will continue to use us to do God's work in the church, our communities, and the world. And we can trust that the God who has raised us to new life in Christ and loves us beyond our imagining, whose Spirit both disturbs and delights us, is with us every step of the way. **REJOICE!**

Youth & Family News

One of the most necessary, important, and challenging aspects of making connections can also often be one of the most rewarding. Last month, I spent a LOT of time writing personal messages on Facebook, Snapchat, and Instagram, and texting different youth I hadn't seen in a while. Several of the youth had been confirmed here and then never returned. Some of the youth came to youth group a few years ago-and then stopped. Sometimes when these things happen, we have every intention of checking in immediately...but we don't always do that.

So last month, I was very intentional about reaching out to youth I haven't connected with in a while. The conversations were casual- How have you been? What are you up to these days? How is school going? Are you working? Do you play any sports or other extracurriculars? I made notes and was intentional about asking if the youth would ever like to meet up at any point-

maybe get coffee or go for a walk. I never brought up church or FOCUS. I figured they know who I am and they know where to find me. I wanted them to know I care about more than my numbers-I care about them: their interests, their lives, their struggles, etc.

But guess what? Wednesday rolled around and I wasn't expecting too many kids (the beginning of the year is crazy for kids-back to school, homecoming, fall sports, etc). There were 13 youth present when I walked in-which isn't bad for that time of year. But guess what?! ELEVEN of the 13 were new. Eleven of the kids that came were kids that I had reached out to over the past weekend.

The next week of FOCUS there were three more kids I haven't seen since their confirmation-for some, that means 3 years ago! To say I was excited is a vast understatement. I genuinely think I understand the pure joy and happiness expressed in the story of the prodigal son. I was never mad

these youth stopped coming to FOCUS- I have never taken that personally. I understand life happens; however, I was thrilled when they walked through the door to come back. This is going to be an amazing year. We already have a great group and they are fired up to do some amazing things. God has a plan and the spirit is moving. And God is good. All the time.

Notes to Parents

Please email me so I can add your current email address to my list! This will make it much easier for me to get messages and events to you without a "middle man" (aka the abyss of a teenager's backpack).
jdiestelhorst@gmail.com

Please consider assisting with FROGS, FOCUS, Confirmation, VBS, Sunday School, Mission Trips, Mini Missions, Fundraisers, etc! Your gifts are so appreciated! Talk to Jamie for more information!

Mark Your Calendars

**THE TURKEYS ARE
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Sunday Adult Education

On Sundays October 7 and 21 Pr. Pat will lead bible study and discussion about stewardship after worship in the lounge. You are encouraged to read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 to prepare. We meet from around 10:20 to 11:30. Everyone is welcome! If you are interested in an evening study time during the week please talk to me.

Affirmation of Baptism

This year Confirmation Day will be Sunday, October 28. Being confirmed this year are 9th grade students Bryce Brown, Chase Cortright, Emily Dinges, Jack Hoock, and Evan Jaeger. Evan will be confirmed on Sunday, November 4. They will then meet throughout the coming year with a mentor and work through a program that's based on exploring the

meaning of the five promises they make when they affirm their baptism and ways to live them out. We believe this change of date and structure is a more intentional way to help our young people and families experience confirmation as a milestone of a life-long journey of faith formation. Please pray for these youth, their families and mentors.

Come Gather Round Wednesday Nights!

Wednesday night family meals and worship have begun! The meal will be served at 5:15 and worship will begin around 5:45. The worship is family and youth friendly, conversational, Christ-centered, and Holy Communion is served every week. Some weeks we'll worship downstairs; other times we'll be in the sanctuary. So come, gather round! Taste and see that God is good!

Promotions Committee

How can we share God's

Message with those in our community? How can we let other's know what's going on here at Our Saviour's? Are you a writer, an out of the box thinker, or just someone wanting to share with others why Our Saviour's is a loving fellowship of Christ? Consider joining the newly formed promotions committee. Join us on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6 PM and check it out.

M&M

Did you hear? The Historical Society has a very interesting new set of displays. There are old medicines and medical bottles (you won't believe what they use to prescribe). They also have boat motors and fishing lures. Join us Tuesday, October 9, 1 PM at the Merrill Historical Society. Following our tour, we will reconvene in the church basement.

*Faith is permitting ourselves
to be seized by the things we
do not see.*

Martin Luther



*God made man out of
nothing, and as long as we
are nothing, He can make
something out of us.*

Martin Luther

Memorials

9/2/2018

In memory of Bill Graupman
from Edith Borelli,
Undesignated

In honor of Richard & Elayne
Ollmann's 50th Wedding
Anniversary from Dave &
Carol Finanger, Undesignated

In memory of Arlette Mitchell
from Dave & Carol Finanger &
Edith Borelli, Undesignated

In memory of Bill Graupman
from Marilyn Everts, Carrie
Wiza, Walmer & Maxine
Hoewisch, G. Jay & Vickie
Hansen, Dianne Kueirek,
Robert & Lynn Vondrachek,
Terese Alcantara, and Judith

& David Schweks,
Undesignated

9/9/2018

In memory of Arlette Mitchell
from Bob & JoAnn Opsahl,
Undesignated

In honor of Richard & Elayne
Ollmann's 50th Wedding
Anniversary for Sunday School

Baptisms

September 22, 2018

Violet Rose Evans

Daughter of Douglas Evans &
Tricia Beyer

Weddings

August 18, 2018

Mark Grenwalt

&

Traci Wolff

September 8, 2018

Casey Mulford

&

Danielle Lake

You couldn't ask for a
more conscientious
custodian! How many
times a day would you
guess Tim Ruprecht
cleans the windows on
our main doors so that
they always look nice
when people enter the
building?
#olscbehindthescenes



GUESS WHO'S COMING
TO DINNER?



Did you know that Todd & Joy Annis fill our
candles once or twice a week all year long?
#olscbehindthescenes

Thank You

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,

I am so grateful for your donation of \$103.67. In the coming months, your gift will make a direct impact on the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors.

Everyone who comes to our doors has a story . . . some of them more tragic than others. But all have one thing in common: they are our friends and need our support. Thanks so much for your generosity. God Bless.

With Gratitude,
Denis McCarthy
Conference President
Society of St. Vincent
de Paul

Dear Congregation,
Thank you for the recent gift of \$34.56 on September 10, 2018.

The donation received will be given to the General Fund Program. The fund is used where the Foundation Board Members feel the gift will make the biggest impact to our Residents. This gift truly helps with our ministry, which is to support Faith, Health, and Happiness to our Residents.

Sincerely,
Sarah Clark
Homme Foundation
Coordinator

Dear Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
The Community Food Pantry of Merrill thanks your organization for its recent donation. The Food Pantry functions on monetary donations, grants, and food donations. These

donations allow us to meet the nutritional needs of those less fortunate in the Merrill Community.

Thank you for your generous gift to the Community Food Pantry of Merrill; it is vital and greatly appreciated.

Without donations such as yours, we would not have the privilege of fulfilling our mission to provide food to those in need in our Merrill community. We thank you again for your donation of \$20. May God bless you always.

Sincerely,
Richard Johnson, The
Community Food Pantry
of Merrill, Our Staff and
Volunteers and Especially
from Those We Serve

Odds & Ends

New Email Address

Hi! I'm moving...my email! I'll still keep the other account for awhile, but I'm going to create new cards with this one: revpatschutz@gmail.com

Update

Through August 2018 our Offerings have been up enough

to pay operating and other budgeted expenses without using any of the remaining parsonage funds. Thank you to all who have made this possible.

We did slip \$5,494.64 in August and we have had a poor start for the first two weeks of September, so our

checking account balance is very low. If anyone missed some contributions due to absences or if you can help out, it will help us get through September.

Thank you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
TEAM

Congregation Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 21, 2018
6 PM

Present: Pastor Pat Schutz, Carol Osness, Gene Bebel, Jay Peterson, Bonnie Kloth, Steve Strasman, Larry Wolf, Ruth Ellen Lindstrom, Mary Fischer

Absent: Charlotte Peters, Jose Countryman, Aimee Weisskopf

At 6 PM Gene Bebel called the meeting to order.

Pastor Pat led devotions using Matthew 28, the Great Commission

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of last meeting was read. Steve made motion to accept them as read; seconded by Carol; motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Pat gave a verbal report, including pastoral care needs.

Finance Report: Reviewed.

Team Reports: Christian Education and Property & Maintenance were gone over. Carpeting will be installed; lamps recycled
Larry made motion that Ste-

ve take care of the lamp recycling. Bonnie seconded. Carried.

Discussed snow blower

Steve will talk to Tim about the snow blower

Steve made motion to investigate a new snow blower. Carol seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Worship will be at 10 AM this coming Sunday at Ott's Park with potluck meal to follow Saturday, September 29 we will welcome new members. Bonnie made motion to accept reports. Jay seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Pastor Jean Devoll-Donaldson

Will speak to the congregation on Sunday, September 30.

Congregation asked to stay afterwards for discussion. We need people to participate.

Considered having worship in the basement that day

Looked over print out from Linda Murray

Gene told of things Linda suggested to promote the church.

We have various events over the year (our turn to prepare Community Thanksgiving Meal, every May we provide

the community meal at the Eagle's Club.

We talked about communication for our church

Need to call people and use newsletters

Suggested church T-shirts

Gene will get a promotion committee together by the next meeting.

Print card to be distributed.

Have a couple hundred cards for next meeting.

We discussed the book, The Agile Church, by Dwight J Zacheile.

New Business:

Building use policy

Pastor needs to fill out form

Get new copy machine

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 18 at 6 PM.

Pastor Pat asked Pastor Jean to lead us in prayer, after which we all prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Gene adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Ellen Lindstrom
Church Council Secretary

Our Saviour's Scrip Order Form

Name _____				Date _____			
ON HAND		Qty	Total	SPECIAL ORDER		Qty	Total
GROCERIES				RESTAURANTS			
Cty Market - 5%	25/50/100			Arby's - 8%	\$10		
Lee's PW - 5%	25/50/100			Applebee's - 8%	\$25		
				Cracker Barrel - 9%	\$10		
RESTAURANTS				Domino's - 5%	\$5		
2510 - 7%	\$15			Tex Roadhouse - 8%	\$25		
3's Company - 5%	\$10						
Chips - 10%	\$5			CLOTHING			
Clark's Cup N Cone	\$10			Aeropostale - 7%	\$25		
Club 64 - 5%	\$10			Am. Eagle - 9%	\$25		
Culver's - 5%	\$10			Dress Barn - 8%	\$25		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$10/20			Footlocker - 9%	\$25		
1st St. Coffee - 5%	\$5			Gap/Old Navy/BR -	\$25		
Friendship House -	\$10			Gordman's - 7%	\$25		
Hardees - 5%	\$10			K-Mart - 4%	\$25		
Los Mezcales - 15	\$10			Maurice's - 7%	\$20		
McDonald's - 5%	\$5/10/25			Payless Shoes - 13%	\$20		
Olive Garden - 9%	\$25			Shopko - 2%	\$25/50		
Pizza Hut - 8%	\$10			TJ Maxx - 7%	\$25		
Starbucks - 9%	\$10						
Studio 808-10%	\$5			MISCELLANEOUS			
Subway - 3%	\$10			Barnes & Noble - 9%	\$10/25		
Taco Bell - 5%	\$10			Bed/Bath/Beyond -	\$25		
				Best Buy - 3%	25/100		
FUEL				Cabela's - 11%	\$25		
Kwik Trip - 9%	25/50/100			Claire's - 9%	\$10		
Mobil/Arby's - 4%	\$50			Family Video - 12%	\$10		
				Home Depot - 4%	25/100		
MISCELLANEOUS				Love's - 4%	\$25		
Cosmo - 10%	\$5/8			Menard's - 3%	25/100		
Fleet Farm - 5%	\$25/50			Office Max - 5%	\$25		
Hallmark - 4%	\$25			Pier One Imports - 9	\$25		
Joanne Fabrics -	\$20			Sears - 4%	25/100		
Kohl's - 6%	\$25						
Walgreens - 5%	\$25						
Walmart - 2%	\$25/100						

The following stores offer a check to Our Saviour's Scrip. *Other stores may also be available - a seller for details

Courtside Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Miller Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Central Carpet - 5% up to \$2000 (No installation or other special discounts)

Hargrave Appliances - 3% (No Credit Card Purchases)

VIP & Merrill Radio Shack - 3% (No Credit Card Purchases)

October 2018 Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Marlene Graap Shania Hornischer Emma Jaeger Konnor Peterson	2	3 Olivia Smith Kelsey Thompson	4	5 Edith Borelli Benjamin Hoerstmann	6 Hudson Rhode
7	8 Ryan Niede	9 Shirley Mitchell	10 Jacquelyn Ackley Mary Akey Derry Thorson	11 Steve Diestelhorst Kathy Gruett	12	13 Samantha Bauman David Scharbius Mason Thompson
14 Harley Hixon Sierra Smith	15 Jack Hooch Brad Ollmann Bryan Weisenfeld	16 Bill Kollath Carol Osness	17 Michael Dietzler Mary Urban	18 Arnold Lange Samantha Rampart Aiydyn Tiffany	19	20 Isaac Hanke Sue Van Der Geest
21 Samantha Allen Bill Meier Anna O'Malley	22 Linda Price	23	24 Jackie Arseneau Jamie Diestelhorst Joyce Handlin Felicia Mayfield	25 Josiah Dubar	26 Bridgett Kizanowski	27 Quentin Hebert Mike Springer
28 Videl Hinke Mary Lutzke	29	30 Donald Lutzke Tara Ollmann Rick Steckel	31			

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	1 8 am TOPS—B 8:15 am Yoga—B 1 pm Miriam Circle 6 pm Prop & Main—L 6:15 pm Busy Bees 4-H—B 6:30 pm AA Meeting—CR 7 pm Dartball 7:15 pm Adult Bible Study—L	2 5:30 pm Yoga—B 6 pm Worship & Music—L 7 pm Boy Scouts—B	3 8:15 am Yoga 3:30 pm FROGs—B 4 pm Wednesday Night Ed 5:15 pm Meal/Worship (HC) - B 7 pm FOCUS—YR	4 8:30 am Mission Sewing—B 10 am Ministerium 4:15 pm Yoga—B	5 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal	6 9 am AA Meeting 1 pm Wedding 4:30 pm Worship (HC)
7 9 am Worship (HC) 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Choir—B 10:20 am Adult Bible Study—CR	8 8 am TOPS—B 8:15 am Yoga—B 10:30 am Esther Circle 1 pm Sarah Circle—L 6 pm Promotions Comm—L 6:30 pm AA Meeting—CR 7 pm Dartball 7:15 pm Adult Bible Study—L	9 1 pm M&M Group 5:30 pm Yoga—B 6 pm Finance—L 7 pm Boy Scouts—B	10 7 am LMM @ Hardees 8:15 am Yoga 3:30 pm FROGs—B 4 pm Wednesday Night Ed 5:15 pm Meal/Worship (HC) - B 7 pm FOCUS—YR	11 8:30 am Mission Sewing—B 9 am Ruth Circle 4:15 pm Yoga—B 6:30 pm Christian Ed—L	12 No Events Scheduled	13 9 am AA Meeting 4:30 pm Worship (HC)
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Upcoming event
Adult Bible Study

Sunday, October 7 & 21
10:20 am - following worship



Upcoming event
Promotions Committee

Monday, October 8
6 PM



Upcoming event
Confirmation
October 28, 2018



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