

Sermon Series
Nothing Stops God

Can a pandemic defeat God's people?
The Bible says people have gone through worse.
But God always brings a better new normal.
Nothing can separate us from the Love of God.

September 27: Not Division

Next Sermon Series: *Blessed to be a Blessing*

October 4: From Futile to Free

October 11: From Fickle to Fruition

October 18: From Fear to Future

October 25 (Reformation): From Fall to Fruits

Prayers - If you would like to have a prayer request shared with the congregation in a public manner, please email them to Deb Curtis by Thursday at 9 am: rcdciowa@gmail.com. Email private prayer requests to Pastor Scott: pastorscott@reachingoutinlove.org. Pastor Scott will share these latter requests with the prayer team.

Please Pray for:

Sarah Betros (fighting kidney rejection), Dale Covington, Kyle Bopp (Eileen Rosheim's son-in-law), Courtney Cash (Kenley's mom suffering from a bad fall), Bob Frohoff, Frank and Rick Heet (Deb Curtis's dad & brother), Maria Lanahan, Jason Leitterman Family (Dee Ann's nephew in Oregon) and prayers for those in the path of the West Coast fires, Frankie Lindquist, Patrick McKinney, Denise Miller, Bruce and Holly Petersen, Jean Walker (cancer), Dave Williams.

Military Safety: Dylan Benedict, Lucas Frey, Brittany Jackson, Lewis Kempker, Weston Herman.

Sympathy: The Frank Lessing Family upon his death from complications of Covid.

(Names on this list for more than one month are removed at the end of each month, unless an extension is requested.)

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are given in celebration of Steven and Jan Houser's 52nd Wedding Anniversary!

You can contribute flowers for our altar in honor or memory of someone, to celebrate an event, or to the glory of God. A flower chart is located at the Information Center. The cost is \$30.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are growing together in Christ. Therefore, we are reaching out in Love



REACHING OUT IN LOVE

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds; but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs.

Matthew 13:31-32

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Calendar for the Week of 09/27/2020

Sunday:

09:00 a.m.

Classic Worship in the Worship Center

10:30 a.m.

Modern Worship in the Worship Center*

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship, upstairs to the right*

Sunday:

09:00 a.m.

Classic Service in the Worship Center

10:30 a.m.

Modern Worship in the Worship Center*

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship, upstairs to the right*

September Stewardship Verse: – Proverbs 16:3 - 3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

A Special Appeal in a Special Time: We build a special appeal into the yearly budget. We do so because the summer often has lower offerings alongside the fact that each year usually has some unforeseen need arise. We are currently paying our bills with no problem, but there are some items to address. This has been quite the year with much unforeseen. Offerings have been great until last month when they dipped. At the same time, we budget \$5000 a year for outreach fundraisers which isn't going to happen in 2020. Beyond that, we've had some unusual expenses in this unusual year. As you may know, the AV team has been working hard to enhance our online efforts. Even some of our most traditional onsite-oriented folks have been calling attention to some other churches that might be doing "better" with online worship presentation. A big part of the struggle for us is that we are working with mostly ten-year-old equipment. That creates havoc with the new software required to do streaming. The bottom line is that it's time for this year's special appeal. As is usual, there will be a matching gift up to \$3500. So, we're praying for a total by September 27th of at least \$7000. Thank you for your amazing generosity in general. Thank you in addition if you feel called to make a contribution for this particular effort.

Our Church App – We now have our own app which allows us to share needs and prayer concerns in just our faith community; have a pictorial directory, communicate all of us, individuals, and groups in a quick messaging format; make easy online offerings; and check our event calendar. To join this group, please contact Janice Rambo, Pastor Scott, or make a request through the website contact us site. Try it out. This is a great all-in-one resource.

Up For a Railroad Trip? Pastor Ed Merckel and Carole would like to invite anyone that would be interested in an 8 day train excursion on PRIVATE RAIL CARS later this year from St. Louis through Chicago to Denver and back. Contact them at themerckels@centurylink.net. They will send you a copy of the itinerary and cost. Thanks.

Online Offering – Especially as we continue to have very limited, if any, people gathering for worship, this is a particularly good time to consider online offerings. Just go to www.ReachingOutInLove.org and click on "Give." Then create an account. You can set up one time or recurring donations. At present, the costs to the church are less if you utilize a bank account. But you can certainly also use credit/debit cards. Thanks for your generosity as we journey through these difficult times as the body of Christ.

Thanks to all the ladies that attended our September 22 outing at church. It was so good to visit and catch up with everyone.

Next Steps of Life and Faith - The Discipleship team is putting together a slate of resources to assist you in your faith journey this fall. First, Pastor Scott will lead a course on the essentials of Christianity called Alpha. It will take place 6:30 pm on Mondays from October 19 - December 28. All materials will be provided at no charge. Here's the link to register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEdeupqzoiEtQGL2VAb2ziZi7MYGoSk57I>

A look at how the lives of real people in the Bible can speak to us today (some of you have taken this Disciple Fast Track Old Testament course) will be led by David Fitzgerald 7 pm on Wednesdays from October 7 to December 23. Materials can be purchased at Cokesbury and Amazon. Here's the link to register: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApf-mspzIqGdcN_xPjsFkaQTKNfPHCBWxc

If you like book series, Debbie Musselman will lead one by Max Lucado called "How Happiness Happens" 6:30 pm on Mondays from October 19 to November 23. The study guide and book are available on Amazon. Here's the link to register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcuCgrzkoG9ZNUf2-qw1Ec1x-i12d9Bz5>

Women of the ELCA mission effort: It's Time again to gather items for the School Kits that we send to Lutheran World Relief. There are a lot of school sales right now so it's a wonderful time to take advantage of them to purchase the following items:

70-sheet notebooks	Unsharpened #2 pencils
30 centimeter (12 inch) ruler	Black or blue ballpoint pens
Pencil sharpener	16 or 24 count box crayons
Blunt scissors	2.5" eraser

We have received a Thrivent Grant to assist us in purchasing these items. If you would like to give a monetary gift instead of shopping, you may send it to Gloria Sharp or place it in the box attached to the School Kit display at the church. Please make checks payable to Women of the ELCA. Thank you for your help.