

Sermon Series
Help! – And Other Prayers

It's been said the best prayer is, "Help!"
Can Jesus build on that?
How does Jesus say we should pray?
Let's look at how he teaches us.

September 6 – How Do We Get There?

Next Sermon Series: Nothing Stops God

September 13: Not disobedience
September 20: Not Lack of Faith
September 27: Not Division

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: pastor.scott@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, Frank & Jordan Lessing; both have covid, Frankie Lindquist, Patrick and Debi McKinney (both recovering from major surgery), Denise Miller, Bruce and Holly Petersen, Erica Thompson; pregnant and has covid, Jean Walker (Dee Ann's Cousin in Hawaii-PET scan scheduled for cancer scare), Dave Williams.

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

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

Altar Flowers

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 09/06/2020

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.

AV Team Needs You – Whereas literally half of the people who worship with us now are new to us via online access in the last few months, and whereas many of us others will want to worship online for the indefinite future rather than onsite, and whereas the covid reality has given rise to many new resources for online ministry, therefore, the audio-visual team is taken a next step in how we stream our worship services. That means that there are openings for running audio-mixer, programming (not hard at all, just takes some time), operating a camera, and running the video-mixer (choosing which camera is live). Contact Linda Morris if interested: Lindalmmorris48@gmail.com.

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. Just go to your app store and look for Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement. Download it and search for Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Then set up your account with phone number, email address, and profile photo. This can be a central mode for communication going forward all in one place.

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,

September Mission Emphasis - Fill the Truck for Samaritan Center 9/13/20: Sunday, September 13 has been designated "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday by the ELCA. Due to the conditions we are living with our effort this year will not involve a work project but will instead be a food and personal hygiene supply collection for the Samaritan Center. On the 13th, from 10 am to 12:30 pm, we will have a drive-thru "Fill the Truck" collection in the church parking lot.

We are seeking a Thrivent matching grant of \$250. So I am requesting that you save the receipts for your purchases and include them with your drop off. While you are shopping the next two weeks, pick up extra items that you wish to donate.

Collection will proceed rain or shine. Let's "fill the Truck" to overflowing! (Drop off will be touchless to the donor. Checks can be written as an option to the Samaritan Center.) Hope to see you all on the 13th! Thanks, Wayne Sharp.

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.

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.