

**Sermon Series**  
**Blessings in the Midst of Chaos**

Life is hard.  
It's often hard to see our blessings.  
Paul says rejoice always.  
Because God always brings about good.

September 19: Promise Comes Out of Threat of Death  
September 26: We're Blessed Even When We Mess Up

**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](mailto:rcdciowa@gmail.com). Email private prayer requests to Pastor Scott: [pastorscott@reachingoutinlove.org](mailto:pastorscott@reachingoutinlove.org). Pastor Scott will share these latter requests with the prayer team.

**Please Pray for:**

Kirstyn Ausenbaugh, Paula Barczewsk (Doris & Fred Naes daughter), Carol Balance (Wanda Brenner's sister), Sarah Betros (fighting kidney rejection), Kim Duggan's parents, Pamela Dawson, Bob Frohoff, Sylvia Hanus, Gloria's sister, David Harah, brother of Janetter Johnson, who has kidney disease, Sandy Hicks, Greta Jackson (Doris Naes mother), God's peace for Mary Ann Johnson (from the Linsenbardts), Steve Kennison, Janet Leitteman, Dee Ann's cousin; in-operable malignant brain tumor. Frankie Lindquist, Dale Morris who sustained a significant neck injury and will require surgery within the next few days. Fred Naes (heart concerns), Bruce and Holly Petersen, Dr. Jim Petrick, recovering from cancer treatments; Katie Pomeroy and family (friend of Don Otto) lost home in a fire April 18th, prayers for health for Linda Petersen's daughter Kirstin Sanning, Keno Rendon for health, a co-worker of Wanda Brenner, who had a stroke with left side paralysis, Dorothy Stroeck (Gloria and Wayne Sharp's sister-in-law who has cancer), Healing for Vanessa who is a niece of the Linsenbardts, Aaron Walker (Steve Walker's son) and Steve Walker (blood clot in right leg).

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

**Sympathy:** To the family of Susan Sumner who recently passed away and also to the family and friends of Kathy Jo Noack whose father died recently. Sympathy also to the Mike Goldammer and family upon the death of his uncle, Herbert Strobel.

*(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 09/19/2021**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>09:00 a.m.</b>	Classic Worship in the Worship Center
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Modern Worship in the Worship Center*
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Children's Worship, upstairs to the right*
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>09:00 a.m.</b>	Classic Service in the Worship Center
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Modern Worship in the Worship Center*
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Children's Worship, upstairs to the right*

**September Mission Emphasis - Fill the Truck for Samaritan Center:** Thanks to all who helped fill the truck last Sunday. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Wayne Sharp.

**Thriving in a Pandemic** - While we've done well financially this year from a regular giving perspective, we're always a bit behind at the end of the summer, and we have the considerable impact of not having any of our usual fundraising events this year due to Covid.

So as we look to October when we make our vision plans for the upcoming year, we use the time now to make sure that we end 2021 well. As has been the case in previous years, there will be matching funds up to \$2500. If you care to make a donation to this special appeal, designate it as the Thriving in a Pandemic Appeal. The effort will conclude on Sunday, October 3.

**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](http://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.

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

**Congregational Facebook Group** – Have you joined our Facebook group for Our Savior's? It's a closed group so it's great for sharing vital information in a relatively safe environment. Just search for Our Savior's Facebook Campus. Along with our church app, these are great communication tools for prayer concerns, relationship development, and mutual conversations.

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**Faithful Innovation** - Our congregation is participating in an ELCA project called Faithful Innovation to discover best paths forward; especially in light of most people in America choosing to refrain from church participation, a burgeoning emphasis for online daily life pursuits, and the dramatic changes that are coming from experiencing a pandemic. So from now, through next spring, we will be looking at what next steps in "Reaching Out In Love" we might take to address a culture that is rapidly changing. For comments and information, contact Wanda Brenner (team leader), Marjorie Beenders, Jim Farthing, Lori Langley, or Tricia Schlichte.

**Confirmation Began September 4** - Are you aware of anyone who might like to learn more about what the perspective of a Lutheran Christian is? Usually this is people in early adolescence, but it doesn't have to be so. The Confirmation course started on Saturday, September 4. Classes will take place every other week. Contact Pastor Scott if you know someone who might be interested.

**Bible Studies: All Are Welcome!!**

Both of these bible studies are held once a month and make use of the ELCA Gather magazine bible study which is geared towards women. The Tamar bible study meets at church and the Circle meets at our individual homes. *Please make time in your schedule to attend* and if you have any questions, please contact Gloria Sharp or Deb Curtis for details.

**Tamar Circle:** meets the last Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please speak with Gretchen Mueller.

**Hannah Circle:** Next meeting is 7pm, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Judy Linsenbardt's home at 3908 Carmel Drive.

**Bible Study Retreat:** The Bible Study for this year's retreat is "JUST LOVE Part 2" on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see Gretchen if you have questions.

**Annual Women's Bible Study Retreat** – We will study, "Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone)", written by Angela T. !Khabeb and led by Gretchen Mueller. The three sessions are inspired, in part, by Jesus' proclamations: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" and "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). The sessions include: "Just Wisdom" our faithful response to Wisdom's invitation, "Just Truth" we will witness our Savior's boldness in speaking truth to power, "Just Hope" as the body of Christ how are we called to be co-creators with God in transforming our communities, into a more just society? It will be held on Thursday, September 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. and there is a \$15.00 fee to cover lunch and materials. Sponsored by the Women of the ELCA. All are invited to join us, for more information contact Gretchen Mueller (573) 676-3750).

**OSLC FAMILY TREE is on display.** If you participated in our brunch a few weeks ago, perhaps you took a few minutes to "visit" the OSLC Family Tree and look at all the different photos that are basically a "trip down memory lane." Lots of photos posted on the tree were taken at the different events OSLC has hosted in years past... i.e., Yard sales, Pancake Breakfast, Strawberry shortcake preparation and booth, Trivia nights, Chili Cook-offs, Vacation Bible School, Sweetheart Dinner and "Cupid" games. If you haven't taken the time to check it out, please look at the tree and search for your own photo. If it isn't up there, then, please help us by providing us some of you and/or your family. We like showing photos from our church functions, but, by all means, if you have a photo of your family that you would like to add to the tree, we would love to add it to the tree. More than likely, you'll see some new photos from our outdoor cookout from Father's Day weekend. We'll be adding them as soon as we get them printed. Any family or church photos that you would like to add to the tree, please feel free to do so. Or, you can contact Marjorie Beenders or Gretchen Mueller and they will be happy to help you. Thank you so much for helping us with this project.