



The Messenger

Ordinary people, Extraordinary God.....



January 2020

"Barriers to Belonging"

From Pastor Bruce Greutz

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/4 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
- 1/09 CHARITY QUILTING
- 1/10 ST. LANTERN HOIUSE CHILI LUNCH
- 1/12 2ND SUNDAY OFFERING OSL CHARITY QUILTER'S
- 1/15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
- 1/18 ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING FOR ALL COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL
- 1/25 CHARITY PILLOWCASE MAKING ALL ARE WELCOME

January
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January the month when everyone makes resolutions for the new year. But what about those resolutions? How long do we stay committed to them? I've read that most of us keep our resolutions less than a month. It is tough to stay committed to our resolutions, from weight loss to reading the bible through in a year. Life happens, time shrinks, interest wanes, results don't happen fast enough - whatever the reason, it is difficult to stay on top of our resolutions. We live in a culture that rewards the sprint and forgets the marathon life is.

As difficult as it is for individuals to keep resolutions, how much more difficult would it be for churches to keep their 2020 resolutions? Very difficult. Why? Because we are sinners by nature and churches are a collection of sinners. The odds of staying true to those resolutions would be slim to none. But that doesn't mean churches should not attempt to make changes.

Recently, I received an email from the Barna Group, a Christian Researching Firm, entitled the Church Growth Report - 2019. Some of the findings might interest us as we go forward together for

Christ in 2020.

This Church Growth 2019 Report surveyed 500 church leaders of churches with 100 plus in attendance each Sunday. As all metrics suggest that overall church attendance is declining, the report asked these 500 church leaders, mainly pastors, what are the biggest barriers to attending worship services?

According to these church leaders of all denominations, 63 % said a simple lack of motivation is the main driver behind inconsistent church attendance. And 60% said that not believing church is relevant is another significant barrier to church attendance.

The simple answer to why these two reasons make sense is affluence. People aren't motivated to worship because they don't feel their need - Remember "blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Affluence can inoculate us from our brokenness. Until affluent people hit bottom, they will never feel their need. We can't do much about that except be ambassadors for Christ to them.

Additionally, 42% of the leaders surveyed stated non-attendees see Christians as judgmental. And 35%

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said church attenders are perceived as hypocrites, while 31% of the leaders said non-attendeess feel like they don't fit in.

If these church leaders are correct that our judgmentalness, hypocrisy and exclusivity are the accurate barriers to church attendance, what can we do to help people overcome them and worship with us in 2020?

Knowing we are both Saints and Sinners at the same time should keep us from being judgmental as we know it is only because of God's grace and the gift of faith in Christ that we are saved. Because we can admit we are sinners, we don't have to deny that all of us have a little Pharisee in us as well. We don't need to appear holier than anyone else. it is only by God's grace that

we overcome our natural bent to say one thing and do another. Also, knowing we are accepted by God because of what Christ did for us, and not what we do for him, should motivate us to encourage all who come here to fit into one of our various ministries, bible studies, and groups.

Remember, we might be the only bible an unbeliever or estranged believer reads so let's change the perspectives of those who think believers who attend church regularly are judgmental, hypocritical and exclusionary. Let's be like Jesus to everyone who comes through our doors. Jesus died for them to pay for their sins as well as ours. He wants them in his family. May we do everything we can by God's grace to welcome everyone into our community of faith, our church family in 2020

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce



****FROM THE DESK OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT****

Another year is upon us as we enter a new decade. Remember when you could leave the keys in your car and not worry about anyone stealing it, or leave your front door unlocked and not worry about someone taking your stuff? We have entered a different age as we see society move away from Godly intentions. We all hear everyday about the evils of the world and the constant attack on our peaceful existence. At times like this, it can be easy for the people of God to lose confidence and grow anxious. I'm sure that you, like me, have wondered what the years ahead will mean for the next generation in our church. But we need not lose hope! We must "hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:23-24)

Scripture reveals to us a God of towering majesty who is working out His perfect will, a sovereign God whose purposes for our church will not be derailed. Our confidence and comfort will only be as great as our view of the Lord and His plan. We need a vision of what God has in store for our church so we can be an example of Christ for the world. How can we grow and protect ourselves from the evils of the world? One way is the security team who watch and are prepared to give a response

if we ever need one. How do we protect our youth and assets from being a target? This is the question we are pondering at the council meetings and would like your input. Please talk to a council member.

As we move forward in this year let us come together and love God and love one another!

Your brother in Christ,
Elton Sutherland

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ~ *Vickie Duncan*

Another year is fast drawing to a close. Our Capital Campaign total for November is \$1,037.80; our year-to-date through November 2019, is \$31,856. Thank you all for the hard work and time spent towards this Fund and looking forward to a very Happy New Year for everyone.

FELLOWSHIP ~ *Renaë Schmid - Annie Coyle Council Rep.*

Thank YOU to all of YOU young families who entrusted us with YOUR little ones on December 7th, for Parents Time Out! We had a lively group of 12 young people from age 10 down! Thank YOU to willing and enthusiastic teen helpers, Taryn, Phoebe, Chloe and Abby! We couldn't have done it without YOU! It was a crazy fun afternoon for the adults as well, Sue Heiskanen, Annie Coyle, Mary Daugaard, Lisa Schmid, Kellie Crown and me! So great to be of service this way! Our next quick Fellowship meeting will be Feb. 2, 2020 after second service! Feel free to come and join the fun of planning for the next event!

Blessings for a Merry Christmas and Health full New Year! Renaë Schmid, 801-391-2537

GROW-BIBLE HOUR~ *Kathy Sutherland - Dan Kartak Council Rep.*

January is here already. We are anxious to get back into the Bible Hour routine and learning new Bible verses. I wonder what is next after the birth of Baby Jesus.

MEN'S MINISTRY~ *Elton Sutherland - Alan Huss Council Rep.*

PRAYER TIME:

The Men's Ministry sponsors a time, once a month, when the church is open for anyone to come and seek God's guidance though prayer or meditation. We have a lesson from "The Battle Plan for Prayer" by Stephen and Alex Kendrick. We pray alone or together, your choice. We pray through the prayer requests that have been sent to the church and any brought to our attention. Please e-mail your prayer request to the office at oslcroyutah@qwestoffice.net. The church will be open [Thursday, January 23 from 7 to 8 PM](#). Come and go as you please. Pray always, pray often!

CHURCH SECURITY TEAM:

The security team are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and well being of our congregation. They meet to plan and coordinate a response if needed. If you have any specialized training in defense we would like to hear from you. Any questions or if you would like to join this team please contact Alan Huss.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

We always have needs for the building and grounds. If you feel led to get involved please contact John Crossfield.

BIBLE STUDY AT DENNY'S: We are finishing up a study on Our Savior, Jesus Christ, by John Stott. We will be starting a study on Revelations soon. We meet Thursdays in Layton [at 5:30 AM](#) and would love for you to join us. All are welcome.

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THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

will be held on January 4th. It will be held in the fellowship hall at 8:00 AM. Allan Huss will be hosting this month. The breakfasts will be held on the first Saturdays of the month from September through May. If you have questions, please contact Dan Kartak.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP ~ *Wendy Nelson* ~ *Peggie Tackett Council Rep* **Advent...The Journey Began**

Our Advent journey began on December 1st. And ended on Christmas day. How fast that time flew past us. We will soon begin Lent and Easter. February 26th is Ash Wednesday.

I look forward to giving you an update in the next newsletter for the upcoming church season.

WELCOME/REACH MINISTRY ~ *Mary Kartak* - *Alan Huss Council Rep*

A new year is perhaps the best time to re-focus and sort our priorities. Those who have been active in the efforts of this ministry have determined that these basic targets are in front of us.

Making them work as we reach out and welcome in will be quite a **TRIP**.

Team with other ministries in the planning and execution of activities. **R**emember that Our Savior's was founded primarily due to the needs of Protestants who had moved to the Roy area in the 50's

*Hill Air Force Base was a strong influencing factor

*A large influx of new residents is anticipated to move to this area in 2020

*We will explore and utilize methods of reaching newcomers who are receptive

Involve as many individuals as possible. Although volunteers are wonderful, we will not wait as we recognize the giftedness of various people and ask them to serve where they are best suited. **P**ray first, pray often, pray deeply. We want to be sure that all our efforts are to serve God and not our personal agendas.

Let's make 2020 the year that we take this **TRIP** together. **T**eaming up, **R**emembering our roots, **I**nvolving others, and **P**raying. Yes, Please. And when we **TRIP** and fall, please help your brother or sister to get back up and again move forward.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ *ASLEY KAISER* - *Nancy Gerry Council Rep*

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to the new year and all it will bring. Please let me know if you have any ideas or things you would like to do together.

We will continue with GAB (girls at breakfast). We will be meeting January 11th at the IHOP in Layton. Hope to see you there.

We will also be planning a Saturday in February to do blessing bags. Other ideas include a movie night, game night, and a possible Wendover trip. Please email me with your ideas at abwilkes@yahoo.com.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Advent brunch. It was a nice morning of fellowship, and remembering the reason for the season. I enjoyed the entertainment performed by a few of our ladies. It was also the Secret Sister reveal, and fun to discover who had been showering us with love all year long. If you would like to participate in Secret Sisters next year, be sure to fill out the form and return it by January 5th.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and was able to attend Scrooge. We had about 30 attend. I hope you all enjoyed the Play. Please let me know if this is something you would like to try again.

January Lantern House Chili ~ God Bless You All, Steve and Dawn

1 John 3:17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?



A huge THANK YOU to all who brought cookies for us to hand out at our December chili serve. To know people have something sweet in their pockets to take with them is such a nice feeling. The smiles when receiving this little holiday gift are so sincere and heartfelt. We are 3 serves in and 3 serves left of this chili season. Thanks for the donations of toiletries, food items and monetary gifts. The money we receive from you goes right to the fund for bowls, and chili supplies required to make this meal happen. Again, please note that monetary gifts be specifically marked for "Chili Lunches" so the monies go to this ministry. We appreciate your continued support and I will continue to ask you to search your hearts and calendars to come be a part of this inspiring service. The dates remaining are Jan 10, Feb 7, and Mar 13.

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VIA DE CRISTO RENEWAL WORKSHOP
JANUARY 11, 0020 @ 3PM
Our Saviours's Lutheran Church
2500 E 3900 S, HOLLADAY

Instead of a traditional Ultreya, Let's launch the new year with great resolution and beginnings. Please plan to join in as together we explore:

In what ways we can think outside the box?

What can be done to renew groups?

How do successful reunion groups work?

What conduits exist that can strengthen and build Via de Cristo

You are a vital part of the Via de Cristo Community. Your insight and input are vital.

Homily, Communion, and fellowship will be included. POTLUCK? YES PLEASE!

Remember your name badge, cross and a friend.

Ellen Moulding would like to thank each and everyone who helped or prayed for her during her hospital stay. She wants you to know it helped more than you know.

OSLC, Staff, and Council extend our gratitude to PAT BROWN for her many years as Hospitality Leader and your willingness to help train your replacements. Yup Woman it takes two to fill your shoes. Thank you again and again.

* On behalf of the Council we would like to "THANK" Dan Kartak and Allan Daugaard for their service and dedication while serving on Council. Thank you both for the love you have shown and the dedication you have demonstrated.

* "THANK YOU" for passing the budget for 2020. I would like to bring to your attention that to fund the budget we need to have \$16,000 a month in giving. If you didn't get a chance to fill out a pledge card, it's not too late. We will be publishing in the newsletter, starting in January, the numbers of the amount of giving versus where we are on the budget. Thank you for your generosity and your support for OSLC.

* "THANKS" to all of you who donated to the Alpha Food Drive and the Angel Tree. This food and gifts go a long way showing love and support for the people that receive them. "THANKS" to Pat Brown, Mary Daugaard and Joan Underwood for all the hard work you put into organizing and getting these gifts delivered! God bless you.

Thank you Corner.

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8:00	Jan 5		Peggy Tyler	Bobbi Spring	Bill Lange	Russ & Lucie Smith		N/A
10:30	Jan 5				Annie Coyle & Kristine V.	Annie Coyle & Kathlee Tisdale	Antonio Ramirez	Mary L & Diane N
8:00	Jan 12		Peggy Tyler		Bobbi Spring	Bill Lange		N/A
10:30	Jan 12	Mary Leschke			Larry & Sandee Isaacson	Sabrina Wolfe & Darrel Wolfe		Pat S & Kathleen T
8:00	Jan 19		Peggy Tyler		Joyce Bellucci	Dan & Mary Kartak		N/A
10:30	Jan 19				Terry & Renae Schmid	Larry Underwood & Kris Gibson		Kim F & TBA
8:00	Jan 26	Russ Smith	Peggy Tyler		Elton & Kathy Sutherland	Bobbi Spring		N/A
10:30	Jan 26	Gerri Wessner				Al & Sue Heiskanen		TBA



1/3 Ryan Kaiser
1/3 Chloe Colwell
1/3 Martha Jones
1/5 Kim Sparkman
1/8 Ross McClellan
1/8 Gail Gildemeister

1/9 Teri McCloy
1/9 Jon Schwartz
1/9 Thomas Curtin
1/10 Bob Tyler
1/15 Shailee Atkinson
1/17 John Griffith

1/19 Graham Faris
1/19 Patrick Oram
1/25 Ben Mister
1/25 Joy Kern
1/28 Walt Novak
1/29 Dema Jo Call

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 No Sunday School/Confir 10:30a Contemporary Svcs.	30 Office Closed 11:00a Mary Kay Meeting 6:00p Boy Scouts	31	01 No 6:00p The Good, Bad & Hungry @ The Village Inn	02 5:30a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's in Layton	03 Office Closed 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank	04 8:00a Men's FS Bkfst 9:00a Band Practice
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12 8:00a Traditional Svcs. 9:15a Sunday School/Confir 10:30a Contemporary Svcs. 2nd Sunday Offering Charity Quilters	13 Office Closed 11:00a Mary Kay Meeting 6:00p Boy Scouts	14	15 12:00p Brown Bag Lunch 6:00p The Good, Bad & Hungry @ The Village Inn Newsletter Articles Due	16 5:30a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's in Layton	17 Office Closed 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank	18 9:00a Band Practice 9:00a annual planning Meeting for ALL committees and council
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***Next Months Newsletter Articles
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January Lectionary

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Newsletter

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Dec 5	1 Kings 3:4-15	Psalm 119:97-104	Ephesians 1:3-14	Luke 2:40-52
Dec 6 Epiph.	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-15	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Dec 12	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Romans 6:1-11	Matthew 3:13-17
Dec 19	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42a
Dec 26	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-25



