

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
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The Messenger

Oct 2023

Worship Services Schedule

9:30 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:30 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Spiritual Safety

By: **Pastor Bruce Greutz**

October is an interesting month. We have Halloween and Reformation Sunday all in the same month. When I think of Halloween, I think of running around our neighborhood growing up with Bruce and Frank Becker. We would try to get to Mrs. McGuinness's house early in the evening because she had a limited supply – no, not of Guinness – but of glass bottle 12-ounce Pepsis. Sweet! Halloween wasn't scary and I didn't think the devil was all over that night.

When I think of Reformation Sunday, I think of the Wittenburg door and Luther posting his 95 theses – the start of the Reformation. Now, I do think the Holy Spirit was all over that day and every Reformation Sunday as we remember Luther and the 5 solas – the collective rallying cry of the Protestant Reformers. They are: Sola Scriptura (scripture alone), Sola Fide (faith alone), Sola Gratia (Grace alone), Solus Christus (Christ alone), Sola Dei Gloria (to the glory of God alone).

But it is easy to get caught up in the pageantry of Halloween with Halloween costume stores now all over the commercial landscape. It's easy to forget that spiritual warfare still exists between believers and Satan, our adversary. Spiritual warfare started in the heavenlies when the angel, Lucifer, (Isaiah 14:12, KJV) stated his five "I wills." He was the bright and morning star who was evicted from heaven for his pride (Luke 10:18) and now roams the earth, like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8).

So, if Satan and his demons are literally hell-bent on devouring any and all Christ-followers, how do we protect ourselves from him and his attempts at destroying us?

Retired U.S. Navy Chaplain, Gregory Brown who holds a Ph.D. as well in an article on www.bible.org entitled, "Satan's Names," said, "In Ephesians 4:26-27, Paul said, **"Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on the cause of your anger. Do not give the devil an opportunity."** The title "devil" means slanderer. It is the second most used name of Satan in Scripture. It is used thirty-four times in the New Testament to refer to him.² Devil is an apt name for Satan since slandering others is a major aspect of his character. In Genesis 3, he slandered God to Eve and in Job 1 he slandered Job to God. Satan, likewise, slanders God's and others' motives to us. He is a condemner who provokes anger, division, discouragement, and depression through his slander."

The word "opportunity" in verse 27 is the Greek word, *topon*. It can be translated "place," or "opportunity." I think it is best translated both ways. By letting the sun go down on our anger through unforgiveness of the offense, we give a place to the devil in our hearts. That gives him an opportunity to cause us to slander whoever has hurt us, sinned against us, offended us. If we hold onto our anger, righteous or unrighteous, the devil will push us to say negative things about whomever has offended us. To stay spiritually safe from the devil's attacks we will do well to not let the sun go down on our anger. Instead, God tells us to let go of it and any desire we have to get pay back. Additionally, we can protect ourselves from Satan's push for us to slander (speak lies) about others by only saying good things about others as Paul told us in verse 29, **"You must let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but only what is beneficial for the building up of the one in need, that it would give grace to those who hear" (NET)**. If we are caught up in God's grace in our lives, it will be easier to speak words that give grace and keep the devil at bay. This October may we stay spiritually safe. May we remember that the devil is out there and seeks to tear us down. May we stay focused on the Reformation and God's grace to us – for by grace are you saved through faith – and extend that grace to others.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch

This month I would again like to expound on our Mission Statement, as I believe it has the power to unify us in purpose, remind us of what we have in common, and enable us to be better focused in serving our awesome God.

“Our Savior’s Lutheran Church is a scripture based, welcoming fellowship of believers who proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and who, through our support of and connecting with each other, the local community, and children of God everywhere, strive to love Christ and all others.”

In this article, I will focus on what it means to be **“scripture based.”**

To be scripture based means that we embrace scripture in its entirety as the inspired Word of God, and that we are careful not to use individual chapters or verses to defend a point or to push an agenda. The same 18th chapter in Matthew that instructs us on forgiveness also proclaims woe to the person who causes another to stumble. And in Chapter 17 of Luke, while we are again taught to forgive, we are also instructed to rebuke the one who sins against us, and that repentance is a condition of forgiveness. Hebrews 13:17 charges us to obey our leaders and to submit to them, but in Matthew 3:7 Jesus calls out the Pharisees and Sadducees as being the offspring of vipers, and in Matthew 7:15 we are warned to watch out for false prophets; ferocious wolves coming to us in sheep’s clothing.

Just as it is easy to pick and choose scripture to defend or support a particular position, it is equally easy to take a particular verse out of context, or to choose to ignore or overlook other applicable verses. For this reason, we must constantly be reading and studying the inspired Word of God, and be ever in prayer, that we may find the proper balance between the different sections of scripture and better understand how to use scripture as a guide to make us better Christians and to improve our relationship with our Lord.

Likewise, as it can be difficult to find the proper balance in scripture, it can be equally challenging for the leaders of a church to find the proper balance that serves both the needs of its individual members and the needs of the entire congregation. Your elected representatives of Council are struggling with that situation right now, as we assess not only the findings presented by the LCMC pastors, but also the many serious concerns expressed by many of our members. We are trying to determine if these are isolated circumstances or if there is an underlying cause. We may very likely need to take action that not all will agree with based on their individual knowledge and their own personal experience, but as things stand now, taking no action will have the same effect.

Almost 21 months ago before I was voted onto Council, I pledged to represent every member of the congregation and to serve the church to the best of my ability and in accordance with my Lutheran faith. That is still my commitment, as I hope it is the commitment of every other elected representative on the Council. I don’t ask that you

blindly accept every decision we make; the leaders of the church should and need to be held accountable. However, I do ask that you try to understand that we are trying to serve you the best way that we know how. And if there are decisions we make or actions we take that you do not agree with, I ask that you at least try to respect and understand the basis for those decisions or actions. To that end, I vow to be honest and forthright in my communications to the congregation. I will also respond to any text, reply to any email, and take the time to talk to any individual member or group that desires to speak to me about any matter.

I conclude by once again asking for your prayers for your Council, that we may provide the leadership that you all deserve. We have challenges ahead, but I have faith in the members of this congregation, and I trust the path that our Lord is leading us down. Together we are **OSLC STRONG!**

MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

Worship & Music Ministry:

Mark Nourse (Co-Chairman)
Minuette Grentz (Co-Chairman)

Alan Huss (Counsel Liaison)

Nothing to report

Grow Ministry:

VACANT (Chairman)

Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)

Sunday School has started. It will be 10:30AM

Connect Ministry:

VACANT (Chairman)

Annie Baugh (Council Liaison)

Dates to remember:

- Saturday Oct. 7th Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Fri-Sun Oct. 13-15 LCMC Annual Meeting Idaho Falls, Idaho
- Friday Oct. 27th Trunk or Treat
- Saturday Nov. 4th Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Sunday Nov. 6th Alpha Food Drive Starts
- Saturday Dec. 2nd Men's Prayer Breakfast

- Sunday Dec. 3rd Alpha Food Drive Ends
- Sunday Dec. 10th Deliver Alpha Food Drive
- Sunday Dec. 17th Childrens Christmas Program
- Sunday Dec. 17th Annual Meeting

Service & Outreach Ministry:

Ashley Kaiser (Chairman)

Leo Seeber (Council Liaison)

Hello. Here is the October newsletter for Service and Outreach.

We are blessed in so many ways. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful place. We are blessed with OSLC and our church family. I am so thankful to have found OSLC many years ago, and to raise me family in this church. I have also been blessed to lead this ministry, and with your help opportunities to serve and bless others. We haven't done Blessing Bags since last October, and I would love your help to make this a yearly tradition. We will be collecting items for "Blessing Bags" during the month of October. Items to donate include small sized hygiene items such as shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, mouth wash, chap stick, tissues, deodorant, razors, soap, hand sanitizer, bandaids, socks, hard candies, and snacks. Dollar Tree is a great place to find these items. We will then fill gallon size bags to distribute to those in need. I would love to get our youth involved in the packing of the bags, also. Possibly after Sunday school on October 29th.

The 2nd Sunday Offering on October 8th will go to the Lantern House in Ogden, and helps those in need of their services.

On October 29th, the 5th Sunday Offering goes to LCMC District Support.

It's also time to start saving shoeboxes. Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child is coming up. Shoe boxes will be due by November 19th. More information will be coming in the November Newsletter.

Please pray for children in need around the world. Mark 10:14.

Praise the Lord for the opportunity to bless little ones around the globe with a gift filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name. Ask God to ready their hearts to receive His love.

Blessings,
Ashley Kaiser

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Acolytes Sheila Courtney 385 626-8291	Greeters Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Ushers Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Projectionist Antonio Ramirez 801 425-3356	Camera Barb McFarland 801 668-9709	Altar Guild Sandee Isaacson 801 388-6694
1 Oct	9:30	Callie Cooper	Rena Schmid	Terry Schmid	Dave Engen		Chuck & Kathy G
1 Oct	11:30	Lexi Grentz	Stacy Ames	Stacy Ames			
8 Oct	9:30	Luke Ashcraft	Kris Gibson	Larry Underwood			Kim Sparkman
8 Oct	11:30		Stacy Ames	Stacy Ames			
15 Oct	9:30	Levi Ashcraft	Barb McFarland	Don McFarland			
15 Oct	11:30	Lexi Grentz					Diane Nath
22 Oct	9:30	Wyatt Colvell	Lucy Smith	Russ Smith			
22 Oct	11:30						
29 Oct	9:30	Nate Faris	Pat Simonson	Gerri Wessner			
29 Oct	11:30						

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4 Oct Elly Lund
9 Oct Karen Seeber
11 Oct Lucie Smith
15 Oct Tedi Morlan
18 Oct Conor McCloy
20 Oct Boston Barrett
24 Oct Nate Faris
29 Oct Marty Simonson

OCT HOSPITALITY TEAM

Kathy Tisdale – Coordinator
Linda Chellson
Mark Nourse
Wendy & Lamont Nelson
Adam & Stephanie Nourse
Bruce & Minuette Grentz



What is Stewardship

Stewardship is:

- An invitation to live with joy and gratitude for the blessings you have received.
- A way of life that hinges on developing a personal relationship with Jesus and is the result of spending time with Him.
- An acknowledgement that since God showers His mercy on us and provides His gifts, we return our thanks with gifts of time (prayer), talent (participation) and treasure (generosity). Everything we have and everything we do is a result of some gift that God has placed into our hands.
- Teachings that come directly from the Gospel.
- Returning a portion of our gifts to God
- Trusting God. We believe that our generous God will always provide for us.
- Counter-cultural. While society encourages us to continually strive for more and more, stewardship helps us to recognize that we already have more than enough. In fact, we have enough to share.
- Discipleship. We strive to put God first in all things and to follow where Our Lord might lead.

Our Saviors Lutheran Church stewardship drive will run through the month of October.

Church Wide Info

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on October 7th. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. The Prayer breakfast is open to all men, young and old, members and friends of OSLC. Come one, come all? Great food, a devotional and good Christian discussion (and usually some fun bantering back and forth can be expected) by all who attend. Dave Engen and Aal Huss are hosting this month.

LCMC Intermountain West District Gathering – Registration for the LCMC Intermountain West District Gathering in Idaho Falls is now open. It will be Oct 13 & 14. The fees go up on **Oct 1st**. You may register by visiting the IWD website at lcmc-ibd.net, or by visiting eventbrite.com/lcmc. Registration is \$30.00 per person through 09/30/2023 then goes to \$40.00 per person on 10/01/2023. Questions may be referred to Dan Kartak.

Save the date! The 2023 Advent Bruch and Secret Sister reveal is scheduled for Saturday, Dec 9th beginning at 9 AM. All ladies and teenaged girls are invited to attend as we spend time together with a short devotion, brunch, and the reveal of the 2023

Alpha Food Drive
Nov. 6th- Dec. 4th, 2022
Food Delivery Dec. 11th, 2022

<u>Month</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Food Items</u>
January	Tedi Morlan 406-580-0576	Laundry Detergent, 50 Lo \$3 for perishables
	<u>Last Name</u> Bennington	Morlan Cooper/Aguilar Engen Kartak Smith, Cat
February	Kim Sparkman 801-644-5011	Peanut Butter, 28 oz Spaghetti Noodles, 2 # \$3 for perishables
	<u>Last Name</u> Lange	Sparkman Ashcraft Colvell Showman Carpenter Ruechart
		March
	Mary Harris 801-643-4551	Cereal – 2 boxes \$5 for perishables
	<u>Last Name</u> Gour	Harris Allen Schaffert Heman Leschke McComb
April	Joan Underwood 801-645-4100	Toilet Paper, 6 pk Graham Crackers 1bx Dish Soap, 24 oz
	<u>Last Name</u> Sojourner	Underwood Boll Ames Cross Crossfield Lund Toone Baldor Nielsen
May	Rena Schimid 801-391-2537	Canned Meat, 2 cans Canned Veges, 6 cans Spaghetti Sauce, 24oz
	<u>Last Name</u> Griffey	Guenther Kapinos Mister Tow Isaacson Baugh Larsen
June	Jan Saterlie 702-325-3659	Minute Rice, 28 oz Canned Fruit, 6 cans Rice a Roni, 2 boxes
	<u>Last Name</u> Cooper	Saterlie Wessner Hastings Pancich Bellucci Hallsten Heiskanen

July

Lucie Smith
801-389-0658

Mac & Cheese, 3 boxes
Bottle Juice, 96 oz.
Hand soap, 2 bars OR
1 body wash

Last Name Smith, Lucie Larson, Tammie Risen
Redwine Barrett Scholtec, S Kaiser Moulding

August

Andrea Anopol
801-391-8774

Cookies, 1 pkg
Jelly/Jam, 1 32 oz
Instant Mashed Potato
1 box
\$2 for Perishables

Last Name Anopol Boe Courtney Frey
RSchmid Jones, E Hall Cairns

September

Kim Fasig
801-628-2616

Toothpaste, 1 tube
Hot Choc., 1 box
Instant Pudding, 2 sm
Jello, 3 sm boxes

Last Name Fasig Junk McFarland Nath
Seeber Wolfe, D Fasig, G

October

Kathy Tisdale
435-272-6713

Peanuts, 12 oz jar
M/W popcorn, 6 pkg.
Canned Meat, 2 cans
Pork & Beans, 2 cans

Last Name Tisdale Chellson Nourse, M
Nelson Nourse, A Grentz Kern

November

Lisa Schmid
801-644-9011

Hamburger Helper, 1
Soup, 6 cans
Instant Oatmeal, 1 bx
\$3 for Perishable

Last Name Schmid, L McFadden Simonson
Wolfe, S Smith, M McCloy

December

Gail Campbell
801-510-1953

Saltine Crackers, 1 bx
Ketchup & Mustard 1 btl
Sham & Cond. 1 btl each
\$2 for Perishables

Last Name Campbell, G Gibson Huss
Ramirez Bourgoine Campbell, P Deitsch

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15a Band Practice 9:30a Worship Service 1030a Sunday School 11:30a Contemporary Worship	2 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #773	3 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #773	4 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970 6:00p Band Practice 7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	5 6:00p Praise Band Practice 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 807	6 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710	7 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
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Oct Lectionary

Date	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
1 Oct	18 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalm 25:1-10	Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18	Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)
8 Oct	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
15 Oct	20 th Sunday After Pentecost	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:4-13	Matthew 22:1-14
22 Oct	21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalm 96:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
29 Oct	Reformation Sunday	Revelation 14:6-7	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36