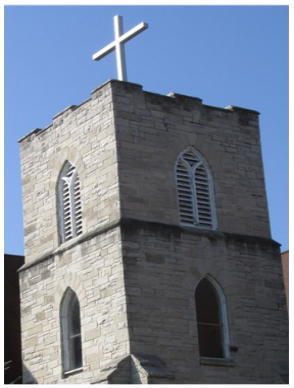


The Carillon

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

connecting families to Jesus

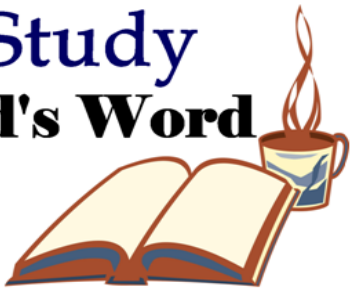
www.oslfamily.org ***connect@oslfamily.org***

September 2019

Sunday School Rally Day
Sunday, September 8th
9:30am in Fellowship Hall

More information inside in the Sunday School Article.

Study God's Word



Thursdays
10:30am & 6:30pm
The Gathering Room

Our regular Thursday morning and evening Bible Study will resume on September 12th at 10:30am and 6:30pm. Each week we will be focusing on the gospel text for the upcoming Sunday, taking it in the context of our Lutheran faith.

This Bible Study is geared for those who are both new to the faith and those who have followed Jesus for a long time. There are no requirements for attendance, other than a desire to learn more about our Savior, Jesus Christ and what He means to our lives right here and right now.

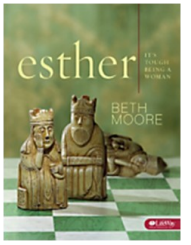
The coffee's on and you're invited.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group

Caregivers meet the first Monday of the month at 6pm in the Gathering Room. Because of Labor Day they will not meet until October 7th. Any questions please call Gretchen at 906.828.1624.

The Truth Project Bible Study
Monday, September 9th
1:00pm - Gathering Room

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 13 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life. As it has been throughout history, God continues to call ordinary people to make an eternal difference in our world. There are no books for this study. Everyone is welcome.



Esther Bible Study
Tuesday, Sept. 10th
5:15pm

The Old Testament story of Esther is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's overloaded & stressed woman. Esther, while a queen, lived as an outsider in a hostile environment. Women will learn strong lessons of faith, providence, and hope to equip them to live courageously "*for such a time as this.*" Study books are $18. Please call the church office by Sunday, September 1st if you want a workbook.

Pastor Paul, Joy Nasi, Steve Faust, Dave Bradley, John Kelm, Kris Kreh, Jim Meier, Ted Sparapani, Geoff White, Nick Jungles, Bev Wadke, Jaeme Kaski, Bruce Buckman, Christina Maki - Financial Administrator & Terri Shoquist - Recording Secretary

Action

- Election of Council Officers;
  Council President - Steve Faust
  Vice President - Geoff White
  Treasurer - John Kelm
  Secretary - Ted Sparapani

Informational

- Thank you to outgoing Council members; Eileen Anderson, Nancy Buchcuski, Mark Klossner & Sonya Nelson
- Sixth Grade Confirmation Orientation - Sunday, August 25th, 10:15am
- Fall Sunday Schedule begins Sunday, September 1st with 8:30 & 10:45am services
- Church Council Installation - Sunday, Sept. 8th at the 8:30am service
- Youth Ministry Installation - Sunday, Sept. 8th at the 10:45am service
- Sunday School Rally Day and BASIC Training - Sunday, September 8th, 9:40am
- Computer Update
- Pastoral Acts for July

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 8th
4:00pm

Our Special Needs Service will resume this month. The service includes piano led songs, a message/skit and snacks in a completely relaxed atmosphere. All in the community are welcome. If you know of someone that could benefit from this service, please let them know.

If so we have a few projects here at church to help you out. Please call the office for details. 774.2733

Sunday School Rally Day

ZOOFARI
Sunday, September 8th
9:30 - 10:40am
Fellowship Hall

Get ready for untamed family fun at our Zoofari Rally Day event. Kids and families are on the prowl, spotting wild animals and finding fun games and gadgets along the way.

But that's not all! At each station they'll charge into valuable experiences and discover that God is WILD about them!

You can preregister for Sunday school on our church website at www.oslfamily.org and click on the Sunday School registration button. It is very helpful if you can do this in advance. Paper forms are also available in the office.

We are super excited to see all of our Sunday School families back again for another great year of learning all about God's plans for us. For more info call the office at 774.2733.

In Christ's love,
Your Sunday School Ministry Team

An Invitation to...

God Club

With the start of a new school year comes a brand new and exciting year of God Club at Our Saviour's. God Club meets right after school until 5:00 every **Wednesday** downstairs in the Creation Station. Here students from **grades 2 through 5** gather together to learn about, practice, and celebrate God's love in all different ways. Along with enjoying plenty of yummy after-school snacks, some of our weekly activities might include Bible verses, stories, songs, crafts, puppetry, games and videos.

Please come and join us for our first meeting on September 11th -- and bring your friends. Hope to see many of you there!

Miss Joy

Fortune Lake's Fall Fest 2019: Quilt and Fine Arts Auction Saturday, October 5th

Fortune Lake Camp's Fall Fest is just around the corner. Join them on Saturday, October 5th. Viewing begins at 9:00am and Auction starts at 11:00am. You may enjoy a Buffet Brunch from 9:00 - 10:30am.

A Country Market will be selling home-made breads and pies. There will also be a Country Store featuring small handcrafted items.

Don't miss out on this special day at camp. Donations are now being accepted. In September check out their Fortune Lake Fall Fest 2019! Facebook album for the quilts being auctioned.

You may bid on items by proxy – information on website in September.

Upper Elementary Retreat Grades 3-6 October11 - 12

Youth retreats are designed for groups to attend together. They are an opportunity to build a strong foundation of faith and friendship within your congregation!

Registration deadline is Thursday, October 3rd, noon. $50

Fortune Lake Inspired Yoga Retreat September 13 - 15

Designed to create a sense of renewal and restoration for your mind and body. They hope you find joy, laughter, fund friendship and inner peace.

This wellness journey will help bring balance back to your life with the power of yoga, nature, prayer, healthy cuisine and community. Come as an individual or with a group Starts at 6pm on Friday and ends at 11am on Sunday.

Highlights

- Sunrise Yoga
- Evening Restorative Yoga
- Massages & Meditation
- Hike & Yoga Adventure
- Food as Medicine Cooking Demo Mediterranean Lifestyle

Lodging

Grace or Emanuel Retreat Lodge
(double occupancy, linens provided)
Cost $120/person

Duplex *(up to 5 adults/side, no linen service)*
Cost $100/person

Optional 30 minute massage for $45

WELCOME TO

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Andrew and Aurora Poulos, along with their daughter, Kora, age 3 1/2, are extremely happy to have found OSL Church and are looking forward to becoming members!

Andrew is a family medicine physician at Bellin Health. Aurora is an early childhood education teacher. However, she currently spends time as a stay-at-home mother with Kora. They recently moved to the area in 2017 from Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

As a family they enjoy playing games, traveling, exploring outside and spending time with family and friends.

Fortune Lake Camp Recap

This year Our Saviour's gave eight mini week camperships, four full week camperships and one family week campership for a total of $1,800. Money raised from Easter flowers, interest from the Lisa Huebner Memorial CD, and offerings designated for camperships were all used to make it possible.

If you are a member and had children attend camp this summer, it's not too late to submit! Call Christina in the office for information.

GIVE Blood

UP Regional Blood Drive

Our Saviour's
Monday,

September 23rd
2:30 - 6:00pm

To schedule an appointment call 906-449-1450. Walk-ins welcome!

Add Your VOICE

The Our Saviour's Choir & Praise Team are gearing up for another year. They are always looking for more singers and musicians.

Our Saviour's Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 11th at 5:30pm and will sing at the 8:30am Sunday worship services throughout the year. Betty Soderberg is our choir leader. For more information contact her at 906.875.3403.

The Praise Team practices Sunday morning at 9:15am prior to the 10:45am service the 2nd and 4th Sundays and then leads worship those days.

Renee Yake and Jonathan Ringel are our worship leaders. For more information or to join call the church office.

The Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers are open for the next several weeks. They can be sponsored in honor or in memory of loved ones, anniversaries, birthdays, etc. Cost for radio is $50, but any donation over $20 is accepted. Altar flowers are $30. Give the church office a call to schedule a date.

2nd Grade Bibles

Sunday, September 22nd
9:40am

We are excited to present our second graders with their own Bible to read and use to help them learn more about God and grow in their faith throughout the years ahead.

Third graders and their parents will meet with Brett & Karen Baij during Sunday school for 4 weeks, beginning September 22nd and running through October 13th. Each lesson will include a half-hour "Buck Denver" video lesson, a question and answer time, and an activity to help them get acquainted with their Bibles.

Students will be presented with their Bibles at the 10:45am service on Sunday, October 13th.

Parents will be mailed a letter the week of September 9th. If you have a third grader and do not receive a letter, please call the church office.

What Is MOPS?

Dickinson County MOPS & MOMSnext is led by mothers of babies, preschoolers and school age children who are passionate about bringing women together to share in the joys and challenges that this season of motherhood brings. They are compelled by the movement of Jesus Christ and invite others to explore their own faith journey toward him and with him .

A THURSDAY MORNING AT MOPS CONSISTS OF:

- Warm breakfasts
- Inspiring relevant speakers
- Fun activities & crafts
- Faith based conversation & discussion
- Meaningful connection with other moms

WHAT WILL MY KIDS DO?

Their MOPS KIDS program is a fun, nurturing environment for kids to play and learn. MOPS KIDS teachers interact with your children through Bible stories, songs, play and crafts. Babies who are six months old or younger will stay with you during MOPS.

WHEN DOES MOPS MEET?

They meet at First Covenant Church, 125 E. H Street, Iron Mt.

2019-20 Meeting Dates:

September 5 & 19	February 6 & 20
October 3 & 17	March 5 & 19
November 7 & 21	April 2 & 16
December 5	May 7 & 21
January 16	

REGISTRATION COST

$35 PER MOM. THIS INCLUDES YOUR MOPS International Membership for the year & your MOPS KIDS registration which is available at their meetings. Need based scholarships are available.

IS MOPS RIGHT FOR YOU?

- You're a mom who is pregnant/adopting or has a child newborn through school age.
- You enjoy making new friends and connecting with other moms.
- You want to share the joys and the challenges of motherhood with others.
- You are open to discussing your faith & religious beliefs

The MOPS theme for this coming year is: "To the Full." As their program starts this fall they need support and a foundation built with women who walk with Jesus through motherhood. They need women to come in support, display love, provide mentorship & show the participants that they can walk in complete fullness when they walk with Jesus. Volunteer areas include: Nursery, Toddlers, MOPS kids, mentor moms, prayer partners, breakfast providers, hospitality & more.

CONNECT WITH US:

- MOPS.DickinsonCo@gmail.com
- Stephanie at 906.281.1384
- DickinsonMI.MOPS on facebook

In ***John 10:10*** Jesus says, ***"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it TO THE FULL."***

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Back to Fall Worship Schedule* 8:30 Communion Service 9:30 Fellowship 10:45 Communion Worship	2 *Office Closed* *Labor Day*	3 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 5:00 Council Executive 7:00 Ultreya	4 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 8:30 Sewing Bee	5 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at the Altar	6 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's	7 5:00 Evening Communion Service
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Imagination Factory Children's Museum
Community Announcement

Iron Mountain will be home to an interactive and imaginative learning center through a new crowdfunding campaign, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and local nonprofit, Our Place Community Center-Imagination Factory Children's Museum, announced on July 15. The campaign is being offered through the Michigan-based crowdfunding platform Patronicity. When the campaign reaches its crowdfunding goal of $25,000 by September 15, the project will win a matching grant with funds made possible by MEDC's Public Spaces Community Places program.

The Imagination Factory Children's Museum will be the centerpiece of the new Our Place Community Center serving children, youth and adults throughout the local area, especially focusing on the 12 school districts/schools. This campaign will provide the funding needed to purchase and build museum exhibits creating a place where everyone belongs, and children can learn by doing. All ages will be able to gather and meet new friends. The nonprofit has worked to consult with community members to support a collaborative design process with inspiration from thriving children's interactive play spaces across the country. The Our Place Community Center will transform a vacant middle school into a thriving community gathering space. The Imagination Factory will occupy the upstairs creating 30 or more interactive exhibits within the space. The first meeting for interested volunteers is scheduled for the end of October.

Public Spaces Community Places is a collaborative effort of the MEDC, the Michigan Municipal League and Patronicity, in which residents can use crowdfunding to be part of the development of strategic projects in their communities and be backed with a matching grant from MEDC. "The Imagination Factory will engage the leaders of tomorrow and create a gathering space for the region," said MEDC Senior Vice President of Community Development Katharine Czarnecki. "We are confident that our campaign will enable the creation of an interactive learning children's museum to be open to the public at the end of 2019. As the exhibits are created, success in opening the doors of the Imagination Factory will be accomplished through the generosity of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Public Spaces Community Places (PSCP) grant program, our loyal community contributors and grant funders," said Barb Reisner, Co-Director of the Imagination Factory Children's Museum. "We are excited to be participating in the PSCP program that will double each donation when we hit our goal by September 15."

MEDC, Kathy Achtenberg 517.335.4590

For project details and to donate, please visit: patronicity.com/if

For updates: ourplacecc.org

If you care about children, we have GREAT news for you!

IMAGINATION FACTORY
Children's Museum

We are EXCITED to announce that a Children's Museum is coming our way! This great addition to our community will be a centerpiece of the new Our Place Community Center.

As exciting as this is, we will need community support to make it truly a reality, and to qualify for Michigan matching grant funds.

Are you willing to help our children?

If you are, more detailed information is on the back of this insert!

SEPTEMBER 2019 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Ushers	Lectors	Acolytes	Nursery
Sept 1	**8:30 am**	Dennis Veale Todd Veale Ernie Larson Pam Larson	Steve Faust	Audrey & Garrett Veale	Mandy Shogren Gabe Celello
	10:45 am	Doreen Olson Deb Sleik Molly Gustafson	Bev Wadke	Sammy Chartier Matthew Richer	Kayla Johnson Abby Richer
Sept 8 Praise	**8:30 am**	Brett Baij Karen Baij Ken Marchetti Troy French	Cris Hamlin	Sophie & Clara Anderson	Kayla Johnson Mya LaFreniere
	10:45 am	Bill Wagner Dodie Wagner Jon Walimaa Marge Sparapani	Blanche Walimaa	Julia Bradley Mya Watkins	Mandy Shogren Macy Edwards
Sept 15	**8:30 am**	Jason Anderson Family	Tania Taff	Anna Bortolini Lexi Stanley	Mandy Shogren Sophie Anderson
	10:45 am	Michele Johnson Kalie Johnson Sandra Edgar Bruce Buckman	Jan Buckman	Madison Jungles Eden Janousek	Kayla Johnson Morgan Sleik
Sept 22 Praise	**8:30 am**	Tim Hallenbeck Family Chuck Vercoe	Heidi Gareau	Geno Schinderle Mya Grunlund	Kayla Johnson Jane Vercoe
	10:45 am	Doug Luoma Julie LaCost Sandra Bale Jason Roell	Deb Jump	Connor Watts Nolan White	Mandy Shogren Ali Metras
Sept 29	**8:30 am**	Larry Partanen Barbara Partanen Larry Nasi Joy Nasi	Donna Westphal	Hailey Greenleaf Jared Johnson	Mandy Shogren Donna Tanguay
	10:45 am	Geoff White Family	Gretchen Strom	Adyson Weber Evan Mendini	Kayla Johnson Ellie Smart

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Date	Time	Ushers	Lectors	Acolytes	Nursery
Oct 6	8:30 am	Terry Reed John Reed Raquel Reed Eli Reed	Jim Meier	Garrett Veale Audrey Veale	Kayla Johnson Clara Andesrson
	10:45am	Fred Shoquist Molly Gustafson Debbie Sleik Doreen Olson	Bob Williams	Addyson Shogren	Mandy Shogren Dominic Schinderle
Oct 13	8:30 am	Mark Klossner Harrison Klossner Bennett Klossner	Kellie Klossner	Clara Anderson Sophie Anderson	Mandy Shogren Lexi Stanley
Praise	10:45 am	Bill Wagner Dodie Wagner Jon Walimaa Blanche Walimaa	Doug Luoma	Matthew Richer Sammy Chartier	Kayla Johnson Abby Richer
Oct 20	8:30 am	Steve Faust Kory Pontbriand Damian Taff Tania Taff	Patrick Tanguay	Wyatt Scott Adyson Weber	Kayla Johnson Josie Scott
	10:45 am	Michele Johnson Kalie Johnson Sandy Edgar Bruce Buckman	Julie Lacost	Julia Bradley Mya Watkins	Mandy Shogren Ali Metras
Oct 27	8:30 am	Steve Westphal Donna Westphal Verna Hower	Chuck Vercoe	Anna Bortolini Alexis Stanley	Mandy Shogren Mya LaFreniere
Praise	10:45 am	Doug Luoma Julie LaCost Sandra Bale Jason Roell	Dodie Wagner	Madison Jungles Eden Janousek	Kayla Johnson Morgan Sleik
NOV 3	8:30 am	Adam Buchcuski Brent Buchcuski Hayley Buchcuski Mike Prost	Steve Faust	Mya Grunlund Geno Schinderle	Kayla Johnson Aurora Poulos
	10:45 am	Geoff White Family	Doreen Olson	Connor Watts Nolan White	Mandy Shogren Macy Edwards

Praisefest

A praise filled day full of wonderful Christian music was held on Saturday, August 3rd outdoors at the R Cabins in Channing. Present and former members of the Praise Team from Our Saviour's ended the evening with many of their favorite songs.

Bay West Meal

Our Saviour's will be serving the Bay Meal on Thursday, September 26th. If you would like to help prepare the meal Wednesday, September 25th or help serve the day of, please call Terri in the church office.

Preschool Board

Do you have a passion for children? Are you interested in supporting a program where little ones are taught that Jesus is our friend and Savior who loves and cares for us? Our Saviour's Shepherd's Pre-school is looking for additional board members to join in this cause.

Meetings are usually held only 4 times per year, so if your free time is limited, this could be the perfect opportunity for you to serve. Please stop in the church office or see Joy Nasi if you can join them.

september
BirTHDays

1 Jonathan Ringel
Amanda Rudnick
4 Wade Edwards
Patti Forgette
Travis Giguere
5 John Edlebeck
6 Arlo Maki
7 Betty Soderberg
8 Mya Grunlund
9 Scott Camp
Gabe Celello
Sandra Meier
Travis Smith
Laura VanGuilder
10 Jim Myllyla
Brittany Pugh
Elizabeth Seymour
Alex Swartout
Andrew Swartout
11 Adam Kruppstadt
Austin Plonke
Dean Ruohomaki
12 Patricia Menza
Mary Parrott
13 Kay Conery
14 Alison Bray
15 Chris Carlson
Greg LaFreniere
Jaycie Marchetti
16 Nikki Recla
Geno Schinderle
17 Clark Robb
18 Carlye Buchcuski
Estelle Halborg
Aubrie Moore
Mandy Shogren
19 Zaeda Bowers
Laura Olsen
20 Grace Flunker
21 Bonnie Greenleaf
Jeremy Maki
Wyatt Scott
Cassie Taff
Matthew Willman
22 Don Coplan
Donna Westphal
Peter Kennedy
Mariann Goodchild
Ethan LaVarnway
Tom Nelson
Steve Westphal
23 Jay Gareau
Soren LeMire
Nathan Markell
Nicholas Opolka
Christine Kruppstadt
25 Nan Johnson
29 Chris Moore
Joann Seppi
30 Richard Bath
Miriam Belding

Confirmation

Confirmation is about to begin! We look forward to some great times together as we meet for large group learning, small group fellowship and servant activities, and worship with the congregation. As we dig into God's word, study the catechism, talk about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will grow in our faith and relationships with Jesus and with each other.

Our leaders (Barb Partanen – 6th grade, Gretchen Strom – 7th grade and Pastor Paul– 8th grade) are excited to journey with the students and guides through the year ahead!

Schedule

Sunday, September 8- 10:45am
Worship service – Guide Installation

Wednesday, Sept. 11 - 6:30 – 8:00pm
First night of Confirmation

Please pray for our students, guides, and leaders that God's Spirit will work in powerful ways in their faith and relationships.

BASIC Training

B.A.S.I.C. *(becoming a servant in Christ)* Training is set to begin on Sunday, September 8th at 9:40am upstairs in the Youth Room with leader Eileen Anderson. She hopes to see all 6th - 8th graders there each Sunday morning.

Dear OSL Family,

Thank you very much for all your prayers and support. Al has been making remarkable progress in physical and occupational therapies. He was discharged on August 17th. He has a way to go to regain strength, balance and endurance, but will be in outpatient therapy from home.

We both felt the love, support and uplifting from prayers offered for us.

God Bless You All-
In Christ's Love,
Al & Linda Westman

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 8th- 40 Years
Jim & Brenda Benbow
Sept. 13th - 50 Years
Doug & Sally Karttunen
Sept. 23rd - 30 Years
Scott & Ruth Camp
Sept. 29th - 40 Years
Terry & Lynne Reed
Sept. 30th - 40 Years
Dr. Toby & Michelle Carlson

Baptized into our Family of Faith:

** Anthony Costa, grandson of Mike & Colleen Holmes

** Henley Hamlin, granddaughter of Mike & Cris Hamlin.

Thank Yous:

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
Marci Veale - Food Bag Program
First Lutheran Food Pantry
Seth Greenleaf

Congratulations to:

** Paul & Emily (Mattson) Rotter on their recent wedding.

** Andrew & Teresa Swartout on the birth of son, Barrett Solomon and to proud grandparents, Larry & Joan Swartout.

Sincere Sympathy to:

** Wade & Kristin Edwards and family on the death of his grandmother, Lu Edwards.

Financial Report

July Receipts	$30,506.00
July Expenditures	$44,410.00
Balance	($13,904.00)

Attendance

August 4	146
August 11	185
August 18	165
August 25	184

Monthly Benevolence Disbursed $300 Alpha Omega Local

Welcome, Miss Mandy!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Mandy Shogren, "Miss Mandy", as the new Teacher/ Director of our Shepherd's Preschool program. Mandy carries an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education and comes to us with many years of experience working with young children. Already familiar with our program, Mandy is the mother of three Shepherd's preschool students and has been a regular substitute at our school in recent years. She and her family are members of Our Saviour's, where they are quite active in our Sunday School program.

We look forward this year, as in the past, to great things happening as our students begin their school years in a setting where they will learn about the love of Jesus and about loving each other, too.

Classes begin the week of Sept. 2nd.

See You at the Pole
Wednesday, September 25th
7am

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land." ***2 Chronicles 7:14***

See You at the Pole began in 1990 as students humbled themselves, put away their pride and fear of their peers to seek God and turn to Him for their own lives and their generation. God answered and a grassroots movement of prayer among students swept around the world.

Today, 29 years later, the movement quietly continues with the goal and heart of this international day of prayer still the same. IF you humble yourself and pray, you will see what only God can do in your generation!

Check with you local school for details.

Lutheran World Relief

Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits give families around the world some of life's essentials, as well as a reminder that they are not alone.

From chronic poverty to conflict to drought and typhoon, the intensity of humanitarian needs continues to increase. Your quilts and kits are urgently needed!

Each month during 2019 we have collected specific items required to put Health Kits together for the LWR shipment. We are nearing the time when our kits have to be completed. **We are still in need of bars of soap (3.75 – 4oz) and dark colored, lightweight bath size towels "52 X 27". Please drop off in the church office this month along with any other items you may have.** Thanks to all who have given so generously.

Our quilts, kits & pillowcase dresses will be blessed the weekend of October 5th and 6th and will be shipped Saturday, October 12th.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help load the truck that morning at 8:00am. If you would be willing to lend a hand, please call the church office at 774.2733.

Walk to End Alzheimer's Saturday, September 7th 9:00am

The *Walk to End Alzheimer's* is sponsored by Family Ties Adult Center. It is the world's largest event to raise awareness & funds for care, support and research. This is our nation's 6th leading cause of death. For more info or to register go online at www.act.alz.org/ironmountain or call 800.272.3900.

The Pastor's Link

The turn of the calendar to September initiates a series of shifts in our life together as a congregation, most notably in our worship life and Christian Education programming. Add to these the start of fall school terms, sports practices and games, music lessons, and the like; it makes for schedules that can feel overwhelming at times. How do we find our way through the thicket of appointments and obligations? When do we breathe?

I invite you to see your involvement in our congregational life not as one more in a series of obligations, but as an opportunity to connect more deeply with others who share the same journey of faith with the source of faith and life itself. At a time when our culture is fragmented and cannot find common ground for the common good, Christ's presence in Word and Sacrament gives us solid ground on which to stand. In the company of Jesus we experience an acceptance of others that touches the core of our very souls. In the company of Jesus we learn to see each other through accepting and compassionate eyes. In the company of Jesus we can risk sharing the hopes and longings of our hearts.

The opening lines of William Stafford's poem, "A Ritual to Read to Each Other", we hear a description of the dangers we face living in a fragmented, disconnected world that is without a caring community where we can know others and be known by them. There are many entities active in the world, which seek to bend our minds toward their "truth"; toward how they would have us see the world and act in it. Being a person of faith means remaining awake and vigilant about which voices we listen to and whose steps we follow. Incorporating Christian Education—whether it be Sunday School, Adult Bible study or Confirmation class—into the pattern of our lives keeps us awake to ways of practicing our faith day in and day out.

Stafford's poem references this: "*And as elephants parade holding each elephant's tail, but if one wanders the circus won't find the park, I call it cruel and maybe the root of all cruelty to know what occurs, but to not recognize the consequences. And so I appeal to a voice, a remote important region of our faith in all who talk: though we could fool each other, we should consider, lest the parade of our mutual life get lost in the dark. For it is important that awake people be awake, or a breaking line may lead them back to sleep; the signals we give; yes or no, or maybe — should be clear: for the darkness around us is deep.*"

When it comes to the "mutual life" we share as Christians, Stafford's warning strikes deep. So much seems to be up for grabs; so many routes into the future look like beelines into darker places. But the hope which is ours through our crucified and risen Lord is that no matter how deep or endless the dark may seem, it cannot and will not change God's plan to redeem and heal all things. As Easter reveals; even the deepest darkness of death could not eclipse the Light which shone in the manger at Bethlehem and burst out from the empty tomb.

Each of us will make choices this fall. I invite you to invest yourself in our congregational life. To choose from among the many doorways and opportunities that have been set out for connecting to Christ Jesus and to others here at Our Saviour's Lutheran.

Sincerely
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Sunday, September 1st

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm
Sunday Morning: 8:30 &10:45am

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Fellowship & Coffee between services each Sunday.

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