

Living Logos

*News for members and friends of
Living Savior Lutheran Church
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Alive in Christ: We Worship, Learn and Serve



What is going on around here? While we enjoy our genuinely welcoming, inspiring life together in Jesus' name, we're also adapting to the new governance we adopted in June. The Board is meeting monthly through January to come up to speed.

You may be observing and thinking nothing has changed. You may think nothing is the same.

You're not entirely wrong. We are church together. For all the changes much remains the same. We worship, we learn and we serve. That is what we do. We are still doing many of the activities we've always done. We worship on Sunday mornings. We receive God's gifts of Word and Sacrament. We have Greeters, Welcome Center attendants, Security Monitors, Ushers, Worship Assistants, Acolytes, Audio, PowerPoint, Streaming and Altar Guild. We will worship Advent midweek, Christmas Eve and Day; Lent midweek, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. We have our Preschool, Sunday School, Confirmation, Bible Studies, Choirs, Youth Group, Young Adults, Men's Group, Amazing Grays, Group Home Friends, PinPals and Craft-n-Chat. We support Community Services like Family Promise, Tualatin Food Bank, Community Warehouse, Road-to-Hope, others. We take great care of our Building and Grounds. We have Stephen Ministry and Home Visitation. We have events with food and we have opportunities to bring meals to people in need. We're church as we've always been.

We now have a Governing Board that is aware of the things we're doing, but is focused on the bigger picture and farther afield than the day-to-day operations. The day-to-day they entrust to me and to our Staff and to you all as members of one another, following Jesus, doing the work in Ministry Teams.

We look to have more people engaged in ministry, leading, living out our faith, inviting all people to trust in Jesus, experiencing growth in worship, learning and service. As Pastor and Staff we are here to equip and support you for ministry.

Declared as desired outcomes we begin with *Living Savior Lutheran Church exists so that all people worship, learn, and serve in Jesus' name.*"

We trust that as people of all cultures and generations encounter the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ, they will experience life transformation in the following ways:

Worship - Disciples regularly receive God's gifts in Word and Sacrament, responding in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Thus

they mature, equipped by the Holy Spirit for ministry in the world.

Learn - Disciples of all ages are actively learning from Jesus how to live in relationship with God and with one another. Disciples are intentionally making disciples and bearing witness to Jesus in Tualatin and beyond.

Serve - Disciples are sacrificially serving physical and spiritual needs of others, generously giving of their time, talents and treasures as directed by the Spirit, and welcoming people into this community of faith in Jesus.

More important than program activities are the relationships among us as we worship, learn and serve together in Jesus' name. We look to see all members and friends of Living Savior active and growing in all three activities.

Ministry Teams are coming together. I am encouraged by the progress and with our Staff. I support every one with all the life God gives me. Thus far we have a Pastoral Care Support Team seeking a Team Leader and a Finance Team led by Adam Wilkie. We have an Education Team led by Tania Morejon and a Youth and Family Team seeking a Team Leader. Those teams are priority support for our DCE Sarah. We have a Building and Grounds Team led by Kent Krafve (Building) and Mike McCullaugh (Grounds). We have a new Security and Facility Use Team led by Tom Sonoff. We have a Hospitality Team (formerly St. Lukes) led by Sherry Barless. We have a Worship Planning Team led by Music Director, Susan Moons. More Teams will come together as we go both in support of existing ministry and to support new ministries. Around Staff and Team Leaders are all of you who faithfully serve together as our Lord leads you.

We are adapting to the new organization for mission we've adopted. This will take some time. The mission of Living Savior is ours together. We all need everyone to have a part. So far, so good. Again, thank you all for your faithful devotion to Jesus and His work among us and through us.

Thank you for your patience in learning as Jesus guides us on paths unmarked eyes blind to their ending, not knowing where we go but that Jesus leads us and with His grace precedes us!

Alive in Christ with you,

Pastor Kevin

Kevin Fenster

Adult Bible Class



This fall we resume Sunday School with "Biblical Empathy for Christian Discipleship." Over the course of 10-12 weeks we'll study Scripture and reflect on insights from Stephen Ministry. I

will be teaching together with Andrew Westlund, so you know it will be great!

One of the strengths of Living Savior is our ability to care for people. Leaning in to our strengths, our goal is to nurture a more caring congregation in support of our desire to be learning from Jesus and to serve all people in Jesus' name. We'll explore empathy, and related skills like active listening, caring assertiveness, accountability, and compassion (empathy in action). See you all there!

Peace,
Pastor Kevin



Sunday October 18, during our Adult Sunday School Hour, please welcome Ann Erickson, *Volunteer and Enrichment Programs Coordinator*, at Family Promise of Tualatin Valley.

Ann visited us last year and will again be with us to share the good work Family Promise is doing in our community.
<https://www.familypromiseoftv.org/>

See related article regarding Family Promise [on page 9](#).

On October 18th after church, we invite all youth and families to attend our annual fall corn maze trip.

We will return to The Maize on Sauvie Island where we will have a meeting space and take place in all of the festivities that The Maize has to offer.

You can sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, hope to see you there!



From Our DCE



As we start up Sunday School this fall, the middle and high schoolers have been going through Genesis and are navigating how God formed the world, and what it quickly turned into. We have been talking about how the Bible is one continuous story that is consistently pointing to Jesus. So as we go through the genesis of humanity, it's been clear that the sightline to the cross is God's desire for connection with us.

Starting in the garden, Satan tempts Adam and Eve and they sin. In response they cover themselves and hide away from God, believing that they shouldn't walk with God and instead should hide. The text labels that shame. So, God comes down to walk with Adam in the cool of the day, but Adam is not there.

This is a consistent theme in the Bible of God reaching for us, and His people thinking that they need to hide away. When we feel that we need to hide from God because of something that we've done, we have a low view of the cross. Jesus came to restore us back to full relationship with the Father, the kind where we don't shrink away from God. In fact we get a clear picture of the deepest values of God's heart at the cross by what happens immediately as Jesus breathes His last and Luke says that *"While the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!'"* And having said this He breathed His last (Luke 23:45-46)." This veil had been separating people from God's presence since Exodus! Now, it has been torn as the first order of business and gives us full access to the Father. There is now nothing separating us and God, we get to live in complete unity and communion with Him. Shame tells us that we should not approach God when we have done wrong. But Jesus' death and resurrection calls shame a liar. This was always the plan for redemption God had for us, and was the joy set before Him as He endured the cross. The inheritance that He died for was connection with us.

I've found myself coming back to this and allowing this truth to wash away all of my broken paradigms of the Father's love for me—that God desires connection with me more than I desire connection with Him. Though I know that I can't match His outrageous love, I've decided that I will die trying. I want to be so hungry for God that He gets more than just my spare time and energy. Oftentimes I feel as though I am tithing my heart: God gets 10% and then I've done my duties. But that's not how God approaches us, He loves all the way, all the time. He is extravagant in His love, and my desire is to reciprocate that love back to Him.



-Sarah Hitchler

Living Savior Church - Rekey Project

To enhance the safety and security of our Church and Pre-school, a comprehensive rekeying of the facility will be conducted. This project is intended to help maintain better control over who has keys to the facility. Over time, keys can be misplaced, duplicated, or kept after members have left the Church. Rekeying provides an opportunity to reset access and establish a clear, current record of issued keys. This is an important step in helping to ensure the safety and security of our facility, equipment, furnishings and most importantly our staff, church members and guests.



As part of the rekeying process, existing keys will be collected, and new keys will be issued to authorized individuals along with individual building alarm codes. The individual alarm codes will allow the Church to track the name and date/time a person arms or disables the building alarm.

Keys and alarm codes will be assigned based on need. Keys and alarm codes will not be assigned for convenience. Keys will either be assigned on a "long-term" or "short-term" basis. A long-term key holder must have an on-going daily or weekly need for a key and alarm code. A short-term key holder will be assigned a key and alarm code only for the duration of a specific event. Keys must be returned to the Church office within 48 hours following the specific event. Once the need for a key and an alarm code has ended and the key returned, the individual alarm code will be canceled and no longer functional.

A key must be requested by completing and submitting a Key Request form either online or in the Church office. Keys should be requested at least one week prior to the date needed. You will be notified when the key request has been approved and a time will be scheduled to pick up the key. Training in the proper use and function of keys and building alarm will be required before keys and alarm codes are issued.

The new key-control process will improve accountability. Key holders will be responsible for safeguarding their assigned keys and reporting any lost, stolen, or damaged keys promptly. Keys and alarm codes should not be loaned, copied, or transferred to another individual without proper authorization.

The Security & Facility Use Ministry Team will be responsible for the issuing, tracking and return of all keys issued. The Ministry Team will also be responsible for conducting training.

Rekeying is more than a change to locks—it is an opportunity to establish a consistent and accountable access-control process. By maintaining accurate key records, we can help reduce security risks and ensure the safety and security of our facility.

We are planning for November, but no date has been set. We will give notice well in advance of the work.

In Christ,

Tom Sonoff – Security and Facility Use Team Leader
Pastor Kevin



Annual Phil Fribley/ Dennis Olson Memorial Golf Tournament

The Phil Fribley/Dennis Olson Memorial Golf Tournament was held Sunday, September 13th at the Charbonneau Golf Course in Wilsonville. Nine teams participated in the 9-hole competition and three teams turned in the lowest score. The winning team was chosen by a hole handicap progression formula.

Special thanks to individuals who helped fund the prizes; Kent Krafve, Brad Alsterberg and Charbonneau Golf Club Head Pro – Chris Bensel.



Lauren Hoppert, Ron Olson, Kristi Prasnikar
and Kevin Olson

Winning Team

Kristi Prasnikar
Lauren Hoppert
Kevin Olson
Ron Olson

Second Place

Mike McCullaugh
Emmy McCullaugh
Tim McCullaugh
Ben Wiepert

Third Place

Josh Klein
Darren Blass
Adam Wilkie
Kent Krafve

Longest Drive

Lauren Hoppert
Cory Fribley

Closest to the Pin

Emmy McCullaugh
no male qualified

Save the Date: Friday, November 20, 2026

A Service of Hope Amidst Grief and Loss,

Living Savior will host a community worship service to help those who experience all types of grief (death, loss of job, divorce, health issues, miscarriage/infertility, etc.).

The service will be at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be offered in the Narthex following the service.

More details will be in Parish Notes and the November *Living Logos*.

Amazing Grays in 2026

Coming Soon! Amazing Grays will meet **Thursday, October 8 at 1:00pm**. After a short business meeting and refreshments there will be a presentation about the Bell Choir, led by director, Ray Sievert. We will convene in the sanctuary where the bells are set up to demonstrate chime techniques and music. Those who play find it a wonderful way to praise and serve the Lord.



This will be a great day to learn more about these wonderful musical instruments. See you there!

-Vicki Schaur

October 10, 2026



Men of Living Savior meet Saturday, October 10, 7:30am for breakfast and fellowship. Questions? Please call Mike McCullaugh, 503-473-4306 or Jon Hoppert, 503-936-0203.

Hospitality Ministry Team

Previously known as Saint Luke's Circle

As part of LSLC new Mission Organization, the Board has made some adjustments to Saint Luke's Circle. Now known as Hospitality Ministry.

The Hospitality Ministry Teams purpose is to arrange for, provide and serve food/meals, drink/refreshments for individuals/families in need and at congregational events like Annual Meetings, celebrations, special recognitions, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, retirements, funeral/memorials as scheduled.

The Hospitality Ministry Team members shall assist the Team Leader in equipping the congregation to fulfill its desired outcomes – Alive in Christ, We Worship, Serve and Learn.

If you would like to be a volunteer to assist in these events, provide a meal for a family or individual in need, or if you have a special gift that would benefit Hospitality Ministry, please let us know. We would love to have you on the team. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at the Welcome Center if you would like to be a part of this spiritually rewarding program.

Please reach out to Scherry Barless or Pastor Kevin for more information.

Thank you,
Scherry Barless,
Hospitality Ministry Lead



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH — PARTNERS IN PRAYER

A secure way to submit prayer requests to the church is through our website. Use this link: <https://living-savior.org/partners-in-prayer/> You will be given options for various ways to have your prayer shared. The prayer book will remain available at the sanctuary door.

If the website is unavailable to you, you may also call or email the office by Thursday at 2:00pm to be added to the prayer book for Sunday only or to have your name removed from the monthly prayer requests.

Remember that our prayers are for everyone every day, without ceasing, 1Thessalonians 5:16-18; James 5:16

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those battling illness or cancer

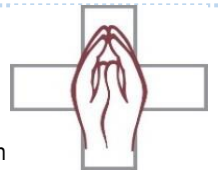
- ◇ Lori Williams
- ◇ Great-Grandson of Ray & Katy Sievert/tumor on
- ◇ Katie F. —ongoing health concerns

For those who mourn

- ◇ Family and friends of Wayne Group Home Friend

For those serving in the Armed Forces

- ◇ Trevor K., Dennis E., Chris H., Grant H., Jeffrey J., Ryan L.



Pin Pals News — Lutheran World Relief Quilts, Baby Care Kits and More

Mission Quilts due to be shipped in October are again on display for your enjoyment. The Pin Pals thank many of you who have donated the pretty fabrics for us to incorporate into the designed patchworks. More variety, more fun!

Included this year in our upcoming shipment will be a number of Baby Care Kits. Each kit contains handcrafted and necessary items that will help keep new babies or young children healthy, clean and comfortable.



Baby Care Kit



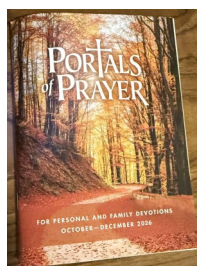
We continue to do our best to represent Living Savior in donations to Lutheran World Relief for distributing to people in need throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Lutheran World Relief distributes five different types of kits: School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, Fabric Kits, and Mission Quilts. For more information regarding any of these please contact the office or one of the Pin Pals.

With Sincere Appreciation,

The Pin Pals

Sandy, Diana, Donna, Sharon and Roberta all worked on these kits.



Portals of Prayer Devotion booklets for October-December are now available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

Living Savior Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, patience, and comforting cards I received last month after the passing of my father.

With sincere gratitude,

Roberta Rinderknecht



STEWARDSHIP NOTES

2026 Contributions as of 9/22/2026

Targeted General Fund Giving: \$453,077

General Fund Giving: \$444,817

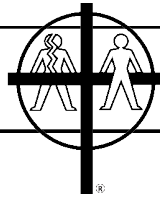
Capital Project Fund: \$ 44,841



Thank you for your generous gifts!

- UPDATE! We are pleased to announce that not only were we able to raise sufficient funds to facilitate paying for the parking lot without borrowing money, but some additional unexpected funds have also enabled us to pay off our mortgage! This is obviously very exciting and a testament to the faithful stewardship of our congregation over many years. So what is next? Future contributions to our Capital Fund will be set aside for large projects that are certain to arise in the future, such as a roof, HVAC, flooring, etc. These are likely to be very expensive and we would like to pay for them without having to undergo another capital campaign. Your ongoing faithful stewardship also ensures that we are able to continue with our ongoing missions, whether it be youth, the music ministry, funding our DCE, or other projects in our community.
- Contributions can be made via credit card through the Vanco Mobile app. Please understand that this method incurs an additional 2.75% fee that is charged to Living Savior. You may also elect to cover this fee for the church, or avoid the fee with a direct withdrawal from your bank account.
- If you would like to make contributions online or through your mobile device, you can download the app "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" on the Google Play Store or through the App Store on Apple devices. If you were previously using GivePlus Mobile, your login credentials for Vanco Mobile, your login credentials for Vanco Mobile will remain the same. You will need to search "Living Savior Lutheran" or use "WE6DP" as your invite code and add LSLC as one of your organizations.
- One giving option that may help you reduce your tax burden is a "Qualified Charitable Distribution". For those with an IRA and have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) (age varies by birth year), you can bypass paying taxes on any proceeds that are gifted to a charity/religious organization/501c3. Instead of receiving the RMD, paying the full tax, and then making your regular offering contribution, you can instead have some portion of your RMD transfer directly from your IRA to a 501c3 organization (like Living Savior) and avoid paying taxes on that income. If you would like more general information about this, please contact Adam Wilkie. For anything more specific or detailed, please consult your tax advisor.

Adam Wilkie



RECEPTIVITY TO CARE—ASKING FOR HELP

Most people are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. When a person is giving care, they are in a position of strength, stability, and authority. When a person is receiving care, they are acknowledging weakness, insecurity, and vulnerability.

As a result, there are countless people today who, though they really could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own. They remain the strong silent type, or wear a smile across a face that is holding back a flood of tears. Society encourages this (particularly for men). To ask for help is to admit weakness. To show weakness is to admit inferiority.



But God did not create us to be independent. We were created to be **interdependent**. God's Word is clear on this all the way back to Genesis: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18). The New Testament underscores this theme with more than fifty verses that contain the words "one another." These verses include admonitions such as "love one another," "encourage one another," "build up one another," and "pray for one another." The "one another" wording has a reciprocal meaning that we need to acknowledge. It also tells us that we are to allow other people to love, encourage, build up, and pray for us!

It is difficult for people to ask for help. Whether it is because of guilt, shame, inadequacy, or fear of rejection, many would prefer to suffer alone than ask for help. But suffering alone is not God's intent for us. Jesus promises, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). We can receive this promised rest when we turn to one another for comfort and help.

Our Stephen Ministers know about receiving care. Many of them have been on the receiving end of care at an earlier point in their lives—something that has motivated them to give care now. They know how difficult it is to ask for help, but they also know the great personal and spiritual growth and healing that follows. They know how to respond in a loving, caring, and nonjudgmental manner. They are equipped and waiting to provide the comfort and care God very much desires you to have.

If you find yourself facing difficulties in life, don't succumb to society's norm of remaining strong and suffering alone and in silence. Take the courageous step of seeking help from someone you can trust. Open your heart to receiving God's love and grace through another person. Our Stephen Ministry Program offers you the opportunity of a very confidential relationship with someone who will listen to you and provide the care, support, and encouragement you need, while Christ works inside to bring rest to your weary, burdened heart. Please contact a Stephen Ministry Leader through the church office to discuss having a Stephen Minister assigned to walk beside you in your troubled times.

Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Andrew Westlund
Nancy Myers

Karen Hoppert
Valorie Westlund

Sandra Pedersen
Pastor Kevin Fenster

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 NIV



2026 Wali Summit



On Sept 14-17, Pastor Kevin, Susan Moons, Bob Dexter and Cindy Jackson were able to attend the Worship Arts Leader Initiative Summit (or WALi) conference in St Louis, Missouri. This is an annual gathering presented by the Center for Worship Leadership (CWL) through Concordia University, Irvine in California. This organization's mission statement: *"To encourage leaders of worship with confessionally Lutheran, contextually artistic, and gospel rooted resources and experiences."*

The conference was held on the large campus of Concordia Lutheran Church. (We were grateful for their AC as the outside temperatures were 90-100!) The main overarching theme of the conference was "One Divine Service, Many Expressions". The CWL has created the Songwriters Initiative which supports modern songwriters serving within the LCMS church body as a positive resource and influence for those writing for the church-at-large., a theme which was woven into the content of the conference. Attendees included pastors, music directors, church musicians and others interested in church worship. Many of the speakers were LCMS pastors (and some of Pastor Kevin's seminary professors!) as well as music directors and worship leaders.

The conference included 5 worship services, 4 plenary speakers, and many breakout sessions. The overall worship experience was heavenly. The Divine service was always incorporated, the sermons profoundly meaningful. The worship team from CWL offered many songs that have been recently written by the Songwriter's Initiative. Stay tuned! Susan may begin to incorporate some into our worship experience.

The opening plenary by Rev. Zenk set the stage for the entire conference.

He spoke:

In regard to both music and liturgy, of the importance of making room for each other, minding how we negotiate our separateness and togetherness.

Of minding the "adiaphora" ...meaning some of the indifferent type things...treat them like a yellow light – be thoughtfully cautious and stop rather than running what may be a red light.

To move closer to each other - though unity does not necessitate uniformity, we, in love, should move toward one another to achieve as much uniformity as possible for the sake of the wider culture of the congregation and community.

Many of those in attendance came from congregations with both traditional and contemporary services and voiced the blessings and the challenges of have both types of service. There was discussion about the "performance" aspect of worship. It was said that worship should be clearly focused on the Word, and not the messenger (pastor, worship team, musician, etc.) That it should be like the Downton Abbey servant whose work is invisible but effective, with the sole focus on the Master of the house.

We all came away with new ideas, thoughts to marinate on, and encouragement from the larger Lutheran worship community. Bob wrote afterwards: *"I was tossing out an empty water bottle and missed the basket. I bent over to pick it up and got talking to the man standing next to it. He told me he was a sound engineer, and I told him I am a harpist. He quickly asked me how do I mic the harp. After I told him, he explained how to do it correctly. He has done sound for all types of music groups like orchestras, concert bands, rock groups and worked at Disney World. I look forward to applying what he told me."*

We were able to celebrate Pastor Kevin's birthday on 9/16 by beginning the day in our Uber ride singing Happy Birthday from the back seat, and hearing the 15-year Uber driver say, "Well, that is a first for me!" Before heading to the airport to come home, we stopped by Concordia Seminary and got a lovely first-hand tour from Pastor Kevin.

We came home with a sense of refreshment and many new ideas, as well as deep gratitude for our Living Savior community. Thank you for supporting our team!



GROCERY BUYERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY

Family Promise of Tualatin Valley (FPTV) is seeking volunteers to help provide weekly groceries for families and individuals currently being served through their housing stability program. With the recent acquisition of Bridge to Home (formerly The Quality Inn) at 11460 SW Pacific Hwy, Tigard, FPTV can now support up to 70 households with food assistance and case management as they work toward long-term, stable housing.

- ◆ **Delivery Dates** : Groceries are delivered on Tuesdays from 1:00–1:30pm on the following dates: **October 13, November 24, and December 22.** A grocery list is emailed the Thursday before each delivery.

◆ **How You Can Help**

Several Living Savior families already participate in this ministry and would love additional partners. You may choose to: purchase groceries as a donation, or request reimbursement from Family Promise at delivery (receipts required), If donating groceries, you may wish to consult your tax advisor about possible deductions. A representative will be available at the Welcome Center to answer questions. To receive the weekly grocery list or to sign up, please contact the church office. For additional information, you may also reach Karen Hoppert at 503-936-3661

- ◆ **Other Ways to Support:** If grocery shopping isn't possible, you can still contribute by:
 - Donating funds (checks payable to Living Savior Lutheran, and note "Family Promise")
 - Providing \$50 WinCo gift cards, which are given to families when they move into housing

To learn more about the mission and work of Family Promise, visit: familypromiseoftv.org

Group Home News

-Kathye Greene

Thank you to Pastor Kevin and the helpers at Wayne Grissom's Celebration of Life. Wayne will be remembered. It was a lovely celebration.



October 25th will be our next Sunday Luncheon (pizza), the devotion will be "The Pumpkin Parable". Pumpkins will be involved. It will be a fun Sunday.

Volunteers will be welcomed to join in the fun.



Check Us Out!



The library is always open to check out material. Directions for checking out items are on the library table.

DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE?.....

- Books for all ages, including fiction and non-fiction.
- DVD's.
- A bookshelf dedicated for books that the Book Club at Living Savior has read.
- Puzzles for you to check out.
- Reference material, Bible studies, children's craft & learning idea books.
- Devotions that you may take home and use for as long as needed.
- Free greeting cards for all occasions.

The library is located on the second floor, next to the Upper Room.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Coming Soon . . .
November 7, 2026
West Hills Zone Fall Gathering

Pilgrim Lutheran Church
5650 SW Hall Blvd.
Beaverton

Theme: Growing the Kingdom

Scripture verse: Matthew 13:31-32! *He put another parable before them saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."*

Ingathering for Northwest Children's Outreach: New or like-new clothes for school-age children and teens, and books or toys for younger children. A list is posted on the "women's Ministry" bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



2026 - 2028 Oregon District LWML

Mission Mite Goal for the 2026-2028 Biennium	\$88,000
The Oregon District Mission Mite Goal	\$66,000
LWML Mission Mite Goal	\$22,000

Mission Grant #3 **\$3,500**
Assisting LCMS Women to Attend LWML Oregon District Conventions and Retreats

The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to women by letting them experience the joys of learning God's word and the blessings of LWML programs. Those who otherwise would not be able to afford the cost of attending conventions and retreats will have the opportunity to apply for a small stipend to help cover these costs.



2026 LWML OREGON DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Chloe Keller



Chloe Keller attends college at Concordia University Irvine and is pursuing a career as a Director of Christian Education (DCE). She plans to graduate in 2028. Last year Chloe was a volunteer at the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans. She led students and their leaders in service projects. This experience reinforced her leadership skills, taught the importance of being a good role model and to reflect on the marvelous things that God has done in her life. Chloe's home church is Trinity Lutheran Church in Bend.

Chloe is one of three scholarship recipients from the Oregon District LWML this biennium.

2025 - 2027 LWML

Mission Grant Goal = \$2,622,270

Mission Grant #16 **\$86,000**
The Teaching of Ltheran Pastors in West Africa—Sierra Leone & Liberia

The project will send two LCMS Pastors to both Sierra Leone and Liberia to teach principles of doctrine and practice to Lutheran pastors in West Africa. LCMS pastors will make two trips per year (four for the biennium). The estimated cost for the team to travel and stay in West Africa is \$21,000.

Students selected by their church body attend training for the Pastoral Ministry. In countries where witch doctors, Muslims, animism, prosperity preachers, and a mix of all of these is prevalent, to have the pure Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed and taught is vital. The project also hopes to purchase Kindles or electronic books since paper books do not last long in this climate. A web portal will be established to allow teaching and completion of assignments between sessions.

This grant will cover travel, facility rental for teaching, lodging, meals, and materials.



A class picture with the students of Liberia.

LIVING SAVIOR PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our preschool year is off to a wonderful start! The building is filled with laughter, learning, and the sweet voices of children singing. It is such a blessing to see and hear these little ones growing in faith each day. They remind us of the joy and purpose of our ministry.

In September, our devotions focused on Jesus blessing the children and how God made the world. The children learned about God's wonderful creation and were reminded of Jesus' love for each of them. In October, we will hear stories about the first sin, the flood, Joseph, Moses' birth, and the crossing of the Red Sea. Through these stories, the children will learn about God's faithfulness and His loving care for His people.



We'd like to invite you to our **FAMILY HARVEST PARTY** on **Saturday, October 31st**, from **1:00pm to 3:00pm** in the fellowship hall. All congregational families with children (ages 3 years to 5th grade) are welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you there! **Please email Christina at lspdirector@living-savior.org to let us know if you'll be joining us.**

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Our annual Preschool Family Harvest Party is coming up, and we'd love for our church youth to help make it a success! We're looking for volunteers to run games and activities - a fun way to serve and get to know our preschool families. This is a family-friendly event, and costumes are encouraged (nothing scary, please). Come join the fun – Saturday October 31st 1:00 – 3:00 (volunteers arrive at 1:00) Email Christina to sign up – lspdirector@living-savior.org.



SUPPORTING LIVING SAVIOR PRESCHOOL

After many years of holding our annual pie fundraiser, we have decided to take a break from the pie sale this year. We know this has been a favorite tradition for many, and we may have some disappointed pie lovers! We are so grateful for your continued support of Living Savior Preschool.

There are still several ways you can support our preschool this year:

- **Oregon BottleDrop:** Pick up a blue fundraiser bag from the preschool. Fill it with your returnable bottles and cans and return the bag to a participating Bottle Drop location. The proceeds will benefit LSP!
- **LSP Gear:** Show your support by purchasing Living Savior Preschool gear. It's a fun way to support our school while representing LSP!

SPRING PLANT SALE

This spring, we will be having a plant fundraiser. Keep an eye out for more information as we get closer!

Thank you for supporting our preschool and helping us continue to grow the whole child in love!

-Christina Hermann, Preschool Director



Book Club

Book Club discussion of *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan Henry will be on Saturday, October 10, at 10:00am in the Jericho room (upstairs, above the office). Fellowship is shared along with goodies, coffee, and tea. Please consider joining the group when you can and invite a friend. There is no obligation to attend every month. Below is the list of books selected to read September through May 2027.

If you have any questions about the book club, contact Karen Hoppert at 503-936-3661 or kchoppert@comcast.net.

OCT. 10 *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan Henry

NOV. 14 *No One's Coming* by Kevin Hazard

DEC. No assigned book or meeting

JAN. 9 *The House of the Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

FEB. 13 *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evan

MAR. 13 *Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

APR. 10 *Where Lilacs Bloom* by Jane Kirkpatrick

MAY 8 *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

PATTERNS

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

When I got my first cell phone, I was trying to think of way to remember this new number. My husband tapped out the number on the face of the phone a few times and then said, "That's an easy pattern to remember." It never did become a pattern for me, but I do tend to look for patterns in life.

From color patterns (such as in quilts) to numbers on the odometer in my car, I keep track of various kinds of patterns for really no apparent reason.

Some patterns are God-ordained. From the symmetry of a snowflake to the order found in the cosmos, we understand that God has a finely balanced creation. From the perpetual cycle of seasons, to the miraculous division of cells over and over again which produce a human body, God's work is evident.

Other patterns are man-made. Artists create patterns in their art. Builders use patterns in their structures. Traffic is controlled by the pattern established by signals. (Some better than others.)

We might even call some patterns "habits." We establish a pattern in our daily routines. When my mother went through a program to quit smoking she was told by the counselor that it is important for people to change their daily routine as much as possible. If they normally shower and get dressed before breakfast, they are to eat first and then shower. If they normally put their right arm through their coat sleeve first they should now start with the left arm. They should sit on the opposite side of the dining table and change the side of the bed they sleep on. This breaks a bad habit.

A lot of these habits are what we call *muscle memory*—things we do without even thinking about it. We go on "auto-pilot" and for the most part, it is good that we don't have to think of routine things. On the other hand there are things that become a habit or routine only with a real commitment to make them so. This would

include prayer time or time spent regularly in the Bible. Is daily prayer a pattern? Or is it something we get around to when we have "extra" time? Or when we are experiencing a crisis? Are daily devotions a pattern?

Some patterns, or habits, take time to develop and most good habits require a period of dedication and discipline to establish. In fact, the better the habit, the more discipline it seems to take. And when it comes to spending time in scripture and prayer, we have an adversary, the devil, who will put distractions and diversions in our path at every possible step. He would like to break the pattern even before it is established.

However, we have an Advocate who is greater than any opposition we may face: 1 John 2:1 *..I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And also we read, For he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)*

The theme verse from Hebrews for this devotion is a warning of a bad habit that can be countered with a positive action.

Lets examine the habits and patterns of our lives and strive to make prayer, scripture reading (study), and worship the traits that are essential in our daily life. Are these habits something that we really need to work at to change? If so, today is the day to begin a new habit. And we must not be discouraged if we have to start over and over with the good intention of developing a new habit. We can't change yesterday, nor do we know what tomorrow will bring, but today is God's gift to us, that it why it is called the present.

One place to begin would be to read a Psalm each morning before that first of coffee or maybe even before getting dressed. This will be a pattern which will allow us to *stir up love and good works* as an encouragement to others and to ourselves.



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Worship: Sanctuary seating, also livestream..... 10:00am

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