



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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July 16, 2020 – Congregational Letter #12 regarding COVID-19

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's;

I hope you all are staying safe and healthy!

It might be hot this Sunday, so if you plan to sit on the grass, please remember to bring your own chairs, social distance, wear a mask and don't forget sunscreen.

Volunteers needed. Around 30 people stay after Sunday worship for coffee. Elsa Schwartz and Katherine Abdallah have been preparing and serving the coffee each week. If you are willing to learn how to safely **prepare and serve coffee** – please let either one of them know. Also, if you have interest in **reading** or willing to add **special music** to the service – please let me know. In general, we have planned services with many of the same people week after week for safety and planning purposes. But as time moves on, we need and are asking for others to share in leading various elements of the service and fellowship - as long as you feel safe participating. If you are – call me.

A huge thank you to Erik and Anna Ronning, Arnold Ronning, Nate and Elsa Schwartz, Donna Cook and Sheri Durham, Brother Dave, Mellisa Williams and Alex, Katherine Abdallah for being mainstays in making this Drive-In experiment work! Thank you to Steve Dams, Kathy Beauchamp and Mario Mendez for leading the singing this Sunday.

Thank you to Paul Eide and Alex Abdallah for the recent staining and original construction of our worship platform.

If you would like to join **the Prayer Team Sunday morning**. We will be meeting from 8:45 a.m.- 9:15 a.m. in the grassy area. Those who come, please be aware of our needing to mask up and social distance – and please bring your own chair or blanket.

I'm not sure if you are aware but Nate Schwartz has pretty much made Drive In Worship possible. Months before we were able to gather together, Nate ordered the FM transmitter that makes it possible to hear the service over the radio. Since then, he has run wire over to the youth house and sets up speakers so that those sitting outside can hear the service. He has run the sound every week.

As we look to the future, we are considering **Live Streaming** our service – whether we are outside or when we move inside the church building. If we take this step, we will need a new, quality camera. Nate has found a camera, tripod, cables, etc. – it will cost around \$2000. (This is a great price considering what electronics cost these days) If you are interested in donating toward this equipment – please make the notation “Live Stream Camera” in the memo – so Sheri knows where to direct the gift. We ask that any gifts given would be in addition to your normal offering. Thank you for your consideration.

Because of your faithful giving, our church remains financially strong and steady during these uncertain times. Thank you so much for your commitment to Jesus Christ and this church!

As I mentioned in Tuesday’s Devotion, if you are interested in my ordering for you **Ravi Zacharia’s** new book, **The Logic of God** – please let me know. I will be ordering them **Monday morning – cost is \$15.**

Have a great weekend. Looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

In Christ, Pastor Mark

Please pray for the following members and friends of Our Saviour’s:

Dee Jonson and family; Bill Williams; Shannah and Dave Rodenberger; Jennifer Flint; June and Carroll Gilbertson (June is sister-in-law of Annette Bowden); Lois Samson (mother of Peggy Land and Kathy Slack); Marybeth Sande; Elsie Wietzke; Tina Wallin; Cindy and Ron TD; Dale and Barbara Tetlow; Ingeburg Paul and her son, Hugo Paul; Robin Erickson; Shary Richards; Beverley Klatt; Dave Matthewson; Marylee and Leon Sams; Gary Aldinger; Ryker (grandnephew of Judy and Paul Anderson); Koreen Guillermo (niece of Jon and Jane King); Jim Dahlman (neighbor of Gard’s and Pastor Mark); Analeece Jamison; Stephanie (no last name); both parents of a local family, with young children at home, who cannot work due to having COVID-19.

*We have included an updated offering report please see next page.

OSLC 2020 Budget \$501,377.00

June 30, 2020 Offering Report

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Weekly offering	\$ 3,625.35	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 29,554.00	\$ 38,568.00
Year to date	\$221,358.41	\$250,692.00

Building fund Balance 6/21/2020	\$1,911.65
Building/Remodel pledge offerings	<u>\$1,065.00</u>
Building Fund Balance 6/30/2020	\$2,976.65

July 6, 2020 Offering Report

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Weekly offering	\$ 8,332.00	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 8,332.00	\$ 9,642.00
Year to date	\$229,690.41	\$260,334.00

Building Fund Balance 6/30/2020	\$2,976.65
Building/Pledge Offerings	<u>\$2,038.34</u>
Building Fund Balance 7/6/2020	\$5,014.99

July 13, 2020 Offering Report

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Weekly offering	\$ 13,396.00	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 21,728.00	\$ 19,284.00
Year to date	\$243,086.41	\$269,976.00

Building Fund Balance 7/6/2020	\$5,014.99
Building/Pledge Offerings	<u>\$1,845.00</u>
Building Fund Balance 7/13/2020	\$6,859.99