

August 13, 2020 – Congregational Letter #14 regarding COVID-19

Dear Friends and Members of Our Saviour's;

"You are a chosen people a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." 1 Peter 2:9-10

During the Reformation, Martin Luther made reference to a radical new concept – "**The Priesthood of All Believers**". It is a biblical concept. Luther pointed out that not only were the clergy of the Catholic church called to ministry, but based upon the above scripture from 1 Peter, God calls out EVERY BELIEVER in Christ Jesus, as a minister, and given a particular ministry in the Kingdom of God. One of the functions of the church is to help prepare and equip its members to carry out their Calling and works of service to glorify God.

Over the next five weeks, I have called upon a number of **our members to write devotions** to be sent out on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They all readily accepted the call and are excited to participate. I am excited to see the continuity and connections that will continue with our congregation. I'm also hoping that this might plant seeds in putting together an **Advent Devotional from our members** this Advent/Christmas Season. If you are interested to participate in this effort – please let the office know and I will give further directions as we get closer. **We will need at least 25 writers**, hopefully more. Consider this another opportunity in learning how we go public with our faith, in a safe environment.

Also, if you want to participate in our Sunday Drive-In Worship services, please contact me or the office. We want to involve anyone willing to serve; as **readers or special music**. Also, if you are willing to help with **servicing coffee** or helping to **set up the sound system** before service, please contact us.

Sharon and Sig Hanson used our new camera for the first time this week. Our plan is to videotape the Drive-In Service and have it available to watch early Sunday afternoon. We need a stronger internet connection before we are able to go "Live". We are praying for a few individuals who will feel called to serve on the **Video Team** to learn how to use the camera and download the service. **Training is free and fun!** Going online will be more and more important as we try to reach the public and our community. Please pray about finding an area to serve. **We Need You!**

Stanwood Food Bank needs us!

We are going to have a food drive on August 30th. Bring items to the "Drive-In" service. You may swing through the parking lot and someone will take them from you, or after you park, flash your lights and we'll come to your car. If you don't attend the drive-in, you can send a check to the Food Bank. Let's fill the grassy area by the stage!

Suggested items needed: cereals, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, brown rice, peanut butter, baby formula and diapers, tuna and chicken in water, and no-salt soup and veggies.

OSLC Mission Outreach Team (MOT)

Stephen Ministry, from Annette Bowden: Hopefully you all heard Pastor's sermon on the 9th which included some good information about Stephen Ministry at Our Saviour's. If you, or someone you know, would like to have one of the Stephen Ministers make a "socially-distanced porch visit," or take a walk with you to listen, or to be there on the phone—please let one of the leaders or Pastor Mark know. This continues to be a very isolating time for a lot of us, and we're encouraged to lean on each other for support. Here's the contact information:

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Thank you for your help in maintaining safety throughout our building during the week. We have a station set up at the one entry point into the building. People entering have done a great job following the check-list protocol: temperature check, masks, sanitizing and filling out the form. Thank you for the help and support.

Get ready to honk your horn this Sunday. Pastor Paul and Elsie Wietzke will be celebrating their 68th wedding Anniversary this Sunday, August 16th. Congratulations and thank you for your wonderful witness of Christian love in marriage!

God Bless You All,
Pastor Mark

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

The family and friends of Annabelle Birkestol; Bill Williams; Howard Wangsness; Jessica Sande; Bruce Richert; Les Stahley; Michele Kunzman; Margaret Berk; Mike Olson; Gary Rygg; Mardi Jorgensen Shannah and Dave Rodenberger; Elsie Wietzke; Tina Wallin; Cindy and Ron TD; Robin Erickson; Shary Richards; Beverley Klatt; Dave Matthewson; Marylee and Leon Sams; Gary Aldinger; Jessica Sande; Nastassia (daughter of Joyce Zeigen); Lois Samson (mother of Peggy Land and Kathy Slack); 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.

Prayers also for:

Our school district: schools, preschools, and daycares; administrators, teachers, support staff, students and parents.

OSLC Budget 2020 - \$501,377.00

August 3, 2020 Offering Report

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Offering	\$ 8,265.00	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 8,265.00	\$ 9,642.00
Year to date	\$283,535.35	\$298,902.00

Building Fund Balance 7/31/2020	\$11,283.59
Building/Pledge offerings	<u>\$ 1,172.43</u>
Building Fund Balance 8/3/2020	\$12,456.02

August 10, 2020 Offering Report

	Actual Received	Budget Need
Offering	\$ 7,490.00	\$ 9,642.00
Month to date	\$ 15,755.00	\$ 19,284.00
Year to date	\$291,231.94	\$308,544.00

Building Fund Balance 8/3/2020	\$12,456.02
Building/Pledge offerings	<u>\$ 1,275.00</u>
Building Fund Balance 8/10/2020	\$13,731.02