

The Announcer
September 27, 2020

In your prayers, remember . . .

. . . Jen Zebuhr, wife of Jake.
. . . Don Wickman.
. . . John Johnson, husband of Lois.
. . . Alys Henderson.
. . . Mildred Fritz.
. . . two families of Our Savior: Doug & Leanne; Lauren.
. . . the Iowa District East congregation of St. James Lutheran Church in Victor, with Rev. Michael Kolesar serving as pastor.
. . . to rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you pray for Christian parents.



It is good to see more people in the pews! As you come to worship, please be mindful of those gathering with you. We still encourage the wearing of masks for your wellbeing and that of those around you. If you are attending by yourself or as a couple, please consider sitting at the end of the pew. This will allow someone else to sit at the other end. We want to maintain social distancing, but also have room for everyone to sit. Thank you from the Lay Ministers.

Join us at 8:45 on Sunday morning for the adult Bible class. *Unshakable Hope* is the title of our study. A 15-minute video featuring Max Lucado is shown and then the group will dig into the Scriptures which points us to our source of hope. The meeting place is the Parish Hall.

The Sr. ACTs will assemble care packages for our college students on Wednesday, October 14. Approximately 20 boxes will be sent to the students. If you have items to include, please bring them to the SONshine Center by the 14th. Thank you.

October-December *Portals of Prayer* is available on the guest registry table. Please take one.

The ladies of the Women of Our Savior need your help. They are gathering activity items for the residents of the Penn Center. The list includes colored pencils; coloring books for adults; markers; big boxes of Crayola crayons; boxed puzzles (new); word search circle books; DVD'S appropriate for the general population (preferably comedy or superhero or Marvel flicks). DVD'S could be new or used as long as they are working well. Boxes are available under the table near the mailboxes for your donations. Bring them no later than **October 6**. Thank you.

The Parish Planning Council meets Thursday, October 1, 6:30. Part of the meeting's agenda includes finalizing the 2021 calendar. **DIRECTORS** – Visit with your board members to gather ideas and dates for next year's calendar. Bring that information to the meeting on Thursday so your events may be added to the calendar.

Thursday Morning Bible Class: There is a plan to resume meeting on October 15. It would be an opportune time to join the group if you haven't been a part of it before! We join with members of St. Paul, Delaware, at their place every Thursday morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m. We hadn't quite finished our study on worship when things shut down. We will wrap that up, then decide what to study next. Please join us!

The Board of Church Properties. With the resignation of Wayne Heitshusen, the board would like to fill that position. If you would be interested or need more information, contact Bill Hermes or Darla Weber.

Flu Clinic. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a flu clinic at Our Savior this year. The first scheduled clinic in Delaware Co. will be at the Neighborhood Retreat on **October 1st from 9-11 a.m.** or **Ryan Fire Station on October 4 from 9-11 a.m.** An appointment may be scheduled by calling Regional Family Health at 927-7777. Face covering is required. **No walk-ins.** Flu shots are free with your Medicare Card and covered by insurance.

Thank you for your prayers, visits, food, and cards while I was hospitalized and since my return home. Special thanks to Darla for the quick visits and Pepsis. Your thoughtfulness will be remembered always. - Yvonne Brandt

Church Properties Contact Person for September is Bill Hermes (563.920.1546). Contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



This week's birthdays: September 29: Evelyn; **September 30:** Anthony; **October 1:** Tricia; Stacy; **October 3:** Chloe and Claire; **October 4:** Karen.

Wedding anniversaries this week: September 29: Blake & Caryssa; **September 30:** Brian & Stephanie; Chris & Amy; Mark & Rachel; **October 2:** Dennis & Kathy; **October 3:** Miles & Amy; Eric & Tara.

The Delaware County Food Bank will distribute Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to families in need. If you know of a family or individual that would benefit from a food basket, please fill out the request form located on the guest registry table. The forms must be returned no later than **November 16, 2020**, for Thanksgiving and **December 14, 2020**, for Christmas.

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

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| TODAY, September 27: | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | SONshine Center reserved |
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| MONDAY, September 28: | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | SONshine Center reserved |
| WEDNESDAY, September 30: | 1:30-3:00 p.m. | SONshine Center reserved |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Sr. ACTs |
| THURSDAY, October 1: | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | SONshine Center reserved (new room) |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Parish Planning Council meets |
| NEXT SUNDAY, October 4: | 8:45 a.m. | Sunday School/Adult Bible Class |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | SONshine Center reserved |
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Mission News: Office of the Keys/Confession. Jesus gave the office of the keys to the Church through His Apostles. Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second that we receive the forgiveness of our sins. *Rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you pray for Christian parents, that they would model forgiveness and raise their children in the Christian faith.*

Generosity Moment. Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd ...” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

"Victory in Defeat" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The thing about God is, He's winning—even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom. (Daniel 1) Listen to “The Lutheran Hour” next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Life Quote. “As Christians, we understand better than most that life is weighted with profound suffering and buoyed by eternal hope. As such, it’s time to raise our children to appreciate what a big, beautiful struggle parenthood is and that it simply cannot happen without offering compassion, love, and grace to children still in the womb and to the mothers and fathers who view the scales more filled with suffering than hope.” *Tawnia Hoehne, Frazee, Minnesota— A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org.*

Life Thought in the Church Year. Pentecost XVII - The Lord God Almighty never views death as a solution or even a necessary evil. “For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God” (Ezekiel 18:32). This certainly includes—and plainly prohibits—abortions and physician-assisted suicides. What alternative do we have in the face of surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses? “Count others more significant than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3b)—the way God Himself regards you.

Weekly Grief Support Group meets Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. thru November 24 at The Stone Church (Cornerstone). Contact Carol at (563) 920-1988 for more information.

Building Healthy Families: *James 1:27 says, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."* How can you show love to those in your community? Consider playing cards with elders at your local care center or bringing a meal to the single mom who lives across the street. Look around to see who has a need and do something to help. May God bless your "religion" this week! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722, Phone: 563/359-0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

The Ryan Legion Post 692 will hold a Steak Fry on Saturday, October 10 from 5-7 p.m. or until gone. Meal includes Ribeye Steak, Baked Potato, and Baked Beans. Cost: \$15. Kid's hot dog meal available with chips and beans for \$5.00. Pick up your **TO GO** meal at the Ryan Legion.

Members of the Golden Congregational Church, rural Ryan, invite you to their Lord's Acre Days on Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th. Saturday's activities include a bake sale (on auction), lunch stand available at 11:30, with the opening ceremony and auction starting at 12:30. Sunday, the 12th, features their Pork Loin Dinner, with homemade salads and pies, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **CURBSIDE CARRYOUT ONLY**. Adults \$10; Children (5-10) \$5.00; Four and under are free. Call in orders at (563)932-2545.