

The Announcer
October 27, 2024



College Care Package Donations: The Junior & Senior ACTs will be packing care packages for the college students on Sunday, November 3rd. They are looking for donations such as sticky notes, pens, gum, candy, chips, chapstick, small tissue packages, individual packages of cookies, other packaged snacks, etc. We are also asking for “gluten free” snacks/candy. Please leave the donations in the church kitchen by November 3rd, labeled accordingly. Thank you for supporting the college students from Our Savior!

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Delaware will have their annual Holiday Candy & Cookie Walk on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00-11:00 am. Cookies will be sold by the box for \$12 and candy will be sold by the pound for \$12/lb. Thank you for supporting St. Paul’s in Delaware!



Save the date! The Women of Our Savior and the Senior ACTs will be having their annual Holiday Cookie & Treats sale on Saturday, December 7th from 7:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will benefit both groups. As always, there will be lots of goodies to choose from to eat right away or freeze for a later date. It’s never too early to start baking ahead and freezing your goodies for the sale. ☺ Thank you for your continued support of the ladies and the youth!

Kopf Family Benefit: Scott & Michelle and their 7 children are former members of OSLC. In early 2023, Scott was diagnosed with Major NeuroCognitive Disorder, a disorder that exhibits decreased mental function and loss of ability to do daily tasks. He also has Functional Neurological Disorder now and has Chronic Lyme Disease (he’s suffered from this for many years). Scott’s various cognitive/mental/physical symptoms are presenting as Lewy Body Dementia. Scott has been unable to work for a year, and is the sole income for the family. He has to go out of state for Lyme Disease treatments which are not covered by insurance. He also needs daily help and supervision in his home. This medical journey has been very tough for the family. The benefit will be November 3rd at the Center Point Community Room from 4-7 pm, and includes a free will dinner, a silent auction with some pretty awesome items, as well as some raffle tickets. Please pray for Scott and his family. For more information, please visit their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565659124066&mibextid=ZbWKwL>



Birthdays this week: October 27: Charles; **October 28:** Hailey; **October 29:** Luke;
November 1: Jordyn; **November 2:** Jamie; Memphis.

Wedding anniversaries this week: October 27: Wade & Janice;
October 28: Jim & Caroline.



Church Properties Contact Person for October and November is Michael (319-521-2817). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.

The October – December edition of the *Portals of Prayer* is available on the guest registry table. Please take a copy.



Church Elections: We will be having our 2-year church elections (2025-2026) for the boards and board directors on December 8th. **A sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board.** Please prayerfully consider signing up to be on a board or the director of a board. If you have questions on what certain boards do during the year, please reach out to Jim or Sara and they would be happy to get you more information.

Thanksgiving cards are available on the card stand in the Narthex for \$1 each. There are also a variety of other special occasion cards always available such as wedding, anniversary, birthday, sympathy, and get-well cards. Thank you for supporting the Women of Our Savior!



Operation Santa Claus is accepting NEW items (still in packaging or with tags attached) to help families in our area give their children a magical Christmas. These include children’s clothing, coats, hats, gloves, shoes/boots, toys, books, games, and non-perishable food. They also accept monetary donations to purchase items. Please drop items or money off at any of the banks in Manchester **by November 1st**. You can also mail checks to: Operation Santa Claus, PO Box 588, Manchester, IA 52057. If you know of a family who could benefit from this service, please contact Kathy Swift (563-920-4788 or Jane Murphy (563-608-2890)

by November 1st. Thank you for helping provide a happy, joy-filled Christmas to local children!

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, October 27:	9:00 am	Worship/Communion
	10:15 am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
MONDAY, October 28:	6:30-7:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
WEDNESDAY, October 30:	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class – SONshine Center
THURSDAY, October 31:	9:00-10:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
NEXT SUNDAY, November 3:	9:00 am	Worship/Communion – LWML Sunday
	10:15 am	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:15 am	Jr. and Sr. ACTs – SONshine Center

The Lutheran Hour: "Working the System" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's Law--a "system" that keeps the world from flying apart while it also shows us we need the Savior Who came to live, suffer, and rise for us. (Genesis 33:8). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: Romans 3:20 – “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” The Law of God is good — it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light as well: as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

Mission News: The LCMS has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies. *Remember God’s gift of the Sacrament of the Altar as you pray for those who do not belong to the Church and that God would call all to faith.*

Life Quote: “Do not doubt, dear sister, dear brother, in the midst of your piercing grief, that you are not alone. Jesus stands with you and the whole company of His heaven stands with you, God’s gang, you might say. So stand firm with God as your mighty fortress, for you are not alone. But the ‘same kinds of suffering you are experiencing are being experienced by your sisters and brothers throughout the world,’ 1 Peter tells us. Yes, the people who are mourning are blessed because they will be comforted.” *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Trinity XXII – God would have us forgive each other “from your heart” (Matthew 18:35). When terrible sins are involved, such as abuse or incest, it is no easy matter to forgive—maybe it even seems impossible. The same is true when trying to forgive ourselves when we have committed some horrible sin, like abortion, for example. The starting point for forgiveness in all situations is not what we should do but what God in Christ has done for us. Only His complete forgiveness can give us peace as we strive to forgive others and ourselves. *Prayer: Father, forgive our many sins for Jesus’ sake and give us opportunity to share this forgiveness freely with others. Amen.*

Building Healthy Families: Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Throughout the week ahead, prepare for the pew! Take a few minutes each day to look up and read the Bible lessons for the following week (many congregations print them in the bulletin, maybe even on this page; if not, just ask!). Note key figures, actions, places and how God is working. Find and mark the account in a picture or story Bible and bring that along in your church bag! Once back in church, encourage your little one to listen and follow along during the readings, pointing out parts with which they’re familiar! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Scrip Gift Cards & Increments

(local cards)**

~ All proceeds benefit the youth group! ~

Retail/Grocery/Fuel:

Amazon: \$25, \$50, \$100
American Eagle: \$25
Barnes & Noble: \$10 and \$25
Bath & Body Works: \$10
Best Buy: \$25
Buckle: \$25
Cabelas: \$25
** Casey's: \$25 and \$100
** Castle Theater: \$5
Claire's: \$10
Dick's Sporting Goods: \$25
** Fareway: \$25 and \$50
I-Tunes: \$15 and \$25
JC Penney: \$25
Kohl's: \$25 and \$100
** Kwik Star: \$25, \$50, \$100
Menards: \$25
Old Navy/Gap: \$25
Scheels: \$25
Target: \$25, \$50, \$100
** Walmart: \$25, \$50, \$100

Restaurants:

Applebees: \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings: \$25
** Burger King: \$10
Caribou Coffee: \$10
Chili's: \$25
Chipotle: \$10
** Chuong Garden: \$10
Cold Stone Creamery: \$10
Cracker Barrel: \$25
** Dairy Queen: \$5 and \$10
Dunkin' Donuts: \$10
** Hardee's: \$10
McDonald's: \$10
Noodles and Company: \$10
Olive Garden/Cheddar's: \$25
Outback Steakhouse: \$25
Panera Bread: \$10
** Pizza Ranch: \$5
Red Lobster: \$25
Red Robin: \$25
Starbucks \$10
** Subway: \$10
Texas Roadhouse: \$25