



# THE WORD June 2018 Our Savior's Lutheran Church



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT....

***We are active believers renewed  
by the Holy Spirit, giving glory to  
God.***

***Reaching out to others,  
we bring hope in Christ to the  
community  
and the world.***



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# From the Pastor's Desk

Siblings in Christ,

During our Lenten journey we are encouraged to take up with our Savior, and walk with Him, but this is not just something we should pay attention to in Lent but throughout the whole year. We take care to note, we are not called to simply walk like Him. We are called to walk with Him. Called to go to the places he goes. Called to serve the people he serves. We often wonder "How might I best serve God?" The answer has always been that we work not for Him, but with Him. We work alongside our Lord, serving those whom He serves. We best serve God by serving our neighbor.

We believe that the church is the body of Christ. The church is not simply *\*like\** the body of Christ, it *\*is\** the body of Christ. We, the church, are not called to simply be *\*like\** Jesus, we are called to actually *\*be\** Jesus, for the sake of one another, and for the sake of this world that thirsts desperately for meaning and purpose which can be found only in the very Creator of life. Our call is to truly *\*be\** Christ for any and all who need Christ.

At the foot of the cross Jesus still meets us. Here He takes our sins and offers us life. It is this example by which we are sent out to create community, loving our neighbors as

Christ loves us. It is God's faithfulness that defines this community, and it is our goal to live boldly into that faithfulness, offering to our neighbors the same grace that God has gifted to us. This is the grace found throughout Scripture but especially in the following verse.

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

The world continues to evolve rapidly. People thirst for true relationship with God but have grown so cynical that many do not believe this kind of relationship is even possible. Effective witness must be both faithful to God's Word and compelling to its audience. It requires patience, persistence, flexibility, compassion, creative thinking, and a humble heart. The task is daunting but the need is critical. Do we respond by looking back mournfully at what might have been, or do we look forward with hope at what might yet be? What an honor to be given such a privilege and to take part in such an adventure.

Yours in Christ's service,

Pastor Megan





*June 2018*

## *Happy Father's Day!*

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

Many of the boys and young men that LSI serves in our Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers have never had a positive male role model in their lives. But our caring volunteers are there to help guide them.

In our Early Childhood fatherhood program, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

You are making all of this possible through your support of LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America).*

*We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### **On the Road to Success**

As everyone was preparing for the Christmas season last year, Ali was eager to finally give his family a gift he'd been dreaming of: a second car.

After Ali came to the U.S. as a refugee from Somalia in 2014, he dedicated his time to finding a job and building a better life for his family. But he and his wife struggled to keep up with both of their busy jobs and caring for their four children with one vehicle.

"It was a very stressful time for my family, especially when emergencies happened or schedules changed," Ali says.

Ali decided to make it his goal to set aside money for a second car. He used LSI's Refugee Community Services Individual Development Accounts (IDA) program to save the money he needed.

Through the program, Ali has received guidance through basic financial literacy classes and one-on-one coaching to prepare him for the new car-buying experience.

Now, Ali and his family are thriving. They have reliable transportation, and Ali feels confident knowing his family's needs will be met every day.

"I'm very thankful for LSI and this opportunity," Ali says. "It is really good of them to offer this program, and it has made a great impact for my family."





# GRADUATES 2018

**Kathryn Crawford** graduated from the University of Northern Colorado on May 4th with a Master of Science in Nursing, emphasis on Family Nurse Practitioner. Proud parents are Ken and Debbie Crawford.

**Seth Petersen**, son of Doug and Lucy Petersen will graduate this spring from East High School. Future plans include attending Hawkeye Community College. Seth and his family would like to invite you to his open house on Saturday, June 2nd from 1-4 p.m.

**Drè Gantt** graduated from Expo School this spring. He is the son of Shauna Hacker and the grandson of Dorothy Hacker and the late David Hacker.

**Cady Alcott** is graduating from West High School. She is the daughter of Terry and Diane Alcott and the granddaughter of Paul and Rachel Quist. Cady has been accepted to Coe College and plans to major in history and theater. You are invited to her open house on June 10th from 1 to 5 p.m. at South Hills Golf Course.



**Brayden C. Penning**, eldest grandson of Henry Kerns is graduating from AGWSR (Ackley Geneva Wellsburg Steamboat Rock) High school in Ackley Iowa on May 20th, 2018. Brayden is the son of Curtis and Cambray Penning. He has received several athletic awards, is a member of the National Honor Society and is a straight A student. He is planning on attending Iowa State to pursue a degree in health sciences.

All Graduates were recognized during the May 20th morning worship service. Please keep them in your prayers. Also pray for these loved ones who are facing struggles and health concerns— *Dale Knoblock, Ralph Guhl, Wayne Kerns, Bev Bunn, Jeananne Tharp, Bob/Margaret Browne, Charlene Ingalls, Grace McDaniel, Earnie/Julie Bean, Elaine Steinbronn*— **to be added/removed from the prayer list or desire a visit, please contact the church office 233-3156/ Pastor Megan at 231-7112.**



In Loving Memory of:

## David Hacker

Mary Ann Spragg                      Louis Starkey  
Henry/Nancy Kerns                  Richard Sorensen  
Jerry/Pam Hamlyn

## Walter Spragg

Mary Ann Spragg

## Leota Farrell

Jeananne Tharp

## Bill Butcher

Bernie/Joyce Arends

## Condolences

Extending sympathy to family and friends of Bill Butcher who passed on Wednesday, May 2nd at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo. His service was held at Immanuel Lutheran in Cedar Falls on May 7th. Many in the congregation will remember Bill as a member years ago here at Our Savior's.

## Memorial Fund—April 2018

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Worship supplies	642.29
Roof	3,150.11
Office equipment	1,692.06
Kitchen	1,835.55
Sound system	1.48
Youth equipment	10.00
Choir/Music	668.10
Church Furnishings	416.79
Church Lighting	1,466.00
Heating/cooling	390.00
Lawn/Snow removal	<u>135.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,407.38</b>

## Homemade Christmas Dinner in June!

Hungry for something special? You won't have to wait until December to have delicious homemade rolls, mashed potatoes, turkey, stuffing—the works! Jane Hopper and crew invite you to come and enjoy all the yummy tastes you usually have to wait until the end of the year for. Meet us in the Social Hall after the morning service on June 10th and bring your appetite! All free-will donations will go to the general fund to help offset high costs of water damage this past winter. Thanks for participating!

## WELCA RECAP

In response to the May WELCA meeting, the WELCA organization of Our Savior's will be considered inactive. Circle Bible Study groups will remain active and meet at their chosen times. There will be no scheduled general meetings. If the need arises, a special WELCA general meeting will be called. This status can be changed at any time with a general meeting. Since there are no other board members, questions can be addressed to joint treasurers Sandy Stuber and Jane Blough.

**NE Iowa Food Bank**— Our Savior's has a large wooden box in the narthex for collecting items to help our local food bank. If you would like to donate something toward this cause the suggested items for the month of June include: Crackers, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Canned Tuna, Canned Pasta, Tuna Helper, Cereal and Powdered Milk. Expiration Dates matter! Please be sure to check the expiration date on your donations to make sure to donate safe food items. Thank you for your generosity!

## " I Like Pancakes "

Our Savior's Pancake Breakfast June 24th, 2018—10:00 a.m. until noon—pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, juice, and coffee. A Great Deal for \$6.00!

\* **The Word**, our Newsletter, is printed monthly and mailed toward the end of each month. Items to be included in The Word are due on the 15th of the month. If the 15th falls on a weekend, items are due the following Monday. Thanks so much!

**\*When you are needing to use the building, please schedule all activities involving the building through the church office. Communication is important in regards to planning events that require use of the building. Sometimes individuals or groups come to the church building and there is already an activity scheduled that prevents them from doing what they came for. The building, or specific areas of the building, may be reserved for church activities on a first come first served basis. If you would like to schedule please call (319) 233-3156 Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**



\*Announcements are printed weekly for the Sunday morning service. If you would like to add something to the announcements please call the office before Noon on Wednesdays. (319) 233-3156.

**\*Note that if you would like a pastoral visit while hospitalized please call and let the Pastor or office know. HIPAA law prevents calling or visiting without your permission. Thank you!**



\*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Have you added a cell phone or no longer have a home phone? Has your physical address changed? How about your email address? You can help keep information current by calling (319) 233-3156 or email us at [oslcwloo@mediacombb.net](mailto:oslcwloo@mediacombb.net).

## Garden of Eatin' News

This is the 5th year for our church garden. We planted it on May 10 after some weather delays. The ground looked great after rototilling by Conrad Hopper. Thanks Conrad!

We have planted a variety of vegetables including: radishes, lettuce, beets, carrots, potatoes, butternut and acorn squash, pea pods, bush beans, pole beans, zucchini, and tomatoes. We also have nasturtiums, marigolds and zinnias to keep the bees happy. Work days will be on Mondays and Fridays beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**See you at the garden!!!!**

## Young at Heart 50 Plus Group:

What a great year we have had with our outings and events. We've traveled together and have enjoyed some great dining experiences, but most of all, we've enjoyed each other and just being together. Because the summer months are so packed full of busyness, we will skip June, July and August and plan to meet again in September. Thank you all for your participation and involvement! Have a great summer!



## Directory Update

Please change the following in your latest directory. The "Directory Updates" section of the newsletter is your opportunity to keep your directory as close to accurate as possible.

**Jan Carbiener** (319) 231-0631  
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Waterloo, 50701 [jan.carbiener@gmail.com](mailto:jan.carbiener@gmail.com)

**Travis & Sarah Brown** (319) 429-5108  
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Evansdale, 50707-1534

**Linda Joy** (319) 429-4818  
736 Home Park Blvd.  
Waterloo 50701

## From Your Treasurer

### \$\$—Financially Speaking—\$\$

Amount needed to meet our budget:

Weekly = \$ 3,462.00

Monthly = \$15,000.00

\*For the month of April 2018:

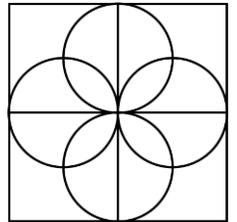
<b>Income</b>	offerings	\$15,491.00
	Miscellaneous Income	5,781.05
	Savings & M/M Transfer	<u>7,835.00</u>
	Total	29,107.05
	Total Expenses	<u>— 26,805.47</u>
<b>Total</b>		\$ 2,301.58

Average Weekly Giving April = \$3,110.80

Average Attendance April = 70

## Ladies Circle News

**Rebecca Circle** – Monday, June 4th these ladies will enjoy lunch together at 63 Diner beginning at 11:30 a.m. Please contact Roberta Jacobson with any questions at 235-1544.



**Ruth Circle** – Monday, June 11th the Ruth Circle will meet at Olive Garden beginning at 11:00 a.m. Louise Starkey can answer any questions at 296-7135.

**Deborah Circle** – May 8th was the last meeting of the Deborah Circle for the summer. They will meet again in September. If you have questions, please contact Mary Martin at 235-7597.

**Tabitha Quilters**— Because of the election event on June 5th the Quilters will meet only once in June. We will get together on the third Tuesday, June 19th beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending around 2:00 p.m.



## Widow's 'n' Widower's Group—

You are invited to come eat with us on Monday, June 18th at 11:30 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant located on off San Marnan next to the Re-Store. Please direct any questions to Joanne Lubbert at 232-8129.



## Honor Flight



Our own Kathy DiDomenico flew with 177 others on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. on May 22nd. God answered our prayers for all of them as

they traveled to and fro safely. She reportedly had a fantastic time and was grateful to be able to make the trip! We are thankful for you, Kathy and for all those who have served in our military!



## Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

*Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.*

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

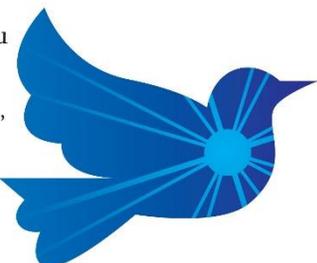
Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV

?? ? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

What word can be placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage?

"But just as he who called you is \_\_\_\_\_, so be \_\_\_\_\_ in all you do; for it is written: 'Be \_\_\_\_\_, because I am \_\_\_\_\_.'"

- A. righteous
- B. holy
- C. loving
- D. merciful



See 1 Peter 1:15-16

Answer: B (See 1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV.)

Thank you to Dawn Holmes for coming to the April activity night to teach us how to make a molded hand lotion and creating the Mother's Hands poem/ instructions for Our Saviors Mothers. (Recipe is available in the narthex) To Cindy Moline for editing the poem/instructions. To Dawn Holmes, Rodney & Janice Hartman, Todd & Cindy Moline, Cindy Isaacs for donating plants for the plant sale. To everyone for purchasing plants to beautify your gardens. The sale was a success with a profit of \$250.00. We have extra purple iris for sale. Also, go green with our handmade t-shirt bags for your shopping convenience. Board of Youth and Evangelism.