Our Savior Lutheran Church

Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Marc Cohen 209 West Jones Street, PO Box 188, Milford, IL Email: oursavior@oursaviormilford.com Phone: 815-889-4121 July 12, 2020

Welcome Visitors!

We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Please sign one of the visitors' registration cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate.

As We Gather

"God is love." "God so loved the world...." Most people have heard the message of the Church that the Gospel of God in Christ Jesus is about love. Yet many don't know that love because they think God will love you only if you are "lovable" enough! Today's Scripture readings describe God's love as "unconditional." God loves the world, and God loves us not because of anything in us but because of who God is. By showing His love on the cross for us, we discover who, why, and what we are by faith in Christ. Baptism joins us to the name of the Holy Trinity; through Word and Sacrament, we are claimed to be God's chosen and treasured people. What wondrous love this is that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Serving Today July 12, 2020

Head Usher: Jake Harms
Elder: Bob Storm
Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals
Organist at 11a: Linda Kellerhals
Sound Board: Rich Rieches

Radio Monitors: Chris Catron and Brian Neukomm Altar Guild: Marilyn Reeves and Chris Schroeder

Serving Next Sunday July 19, 2020

Head Usher: Jake Harms
Elder: Doug Morgeson
Organist at 9a: Linda Kellerhals
Organist at 11a: Theta Lee
Sound Board: Neil Rieches

Radio Monitors: Justin and Brenna Schroeder Altar Guild: Marilyn Reeves and Chris Schroeder

This Week at a Glance

Monday: 1:00 pm Comforters in Quilters' Room

Tuesday: 7:00 pm Elders' Meeting in Annex

Thursday: 7:00 pm Council Meeting in Annex

Next Sunday: 9:00 am Worship (masks required)

10:00 am Voters' Meeting

11:00 am Worship (masks optional)
1:30 pm Congregational Call Meeting

July 12, 2020

Opening Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

LSB 901



Please stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

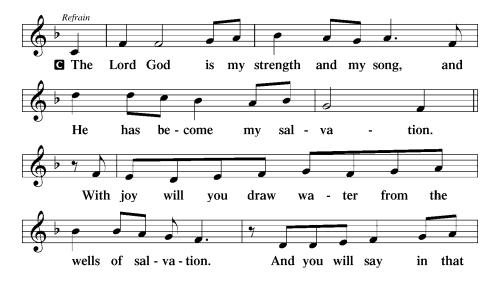
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. I have not honored my Lord's name as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace that I may amend my sinful life.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

 John 20:19-23
- C Amen.

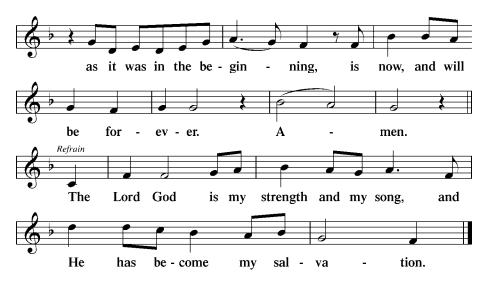
Opening Versicles

- **P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- **P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- **C** Teach me Your paths.
- **P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- **C** Your Word is truth.
- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle LSB 261







Collect of the Day

- P Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Isaiah 55:10–13

P A reading from Isaiah, the fifty-fifth chapter.

¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty. but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but

you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

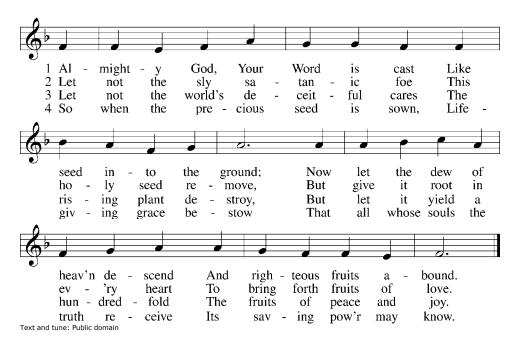
¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

- **P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Please stand



Please be seated

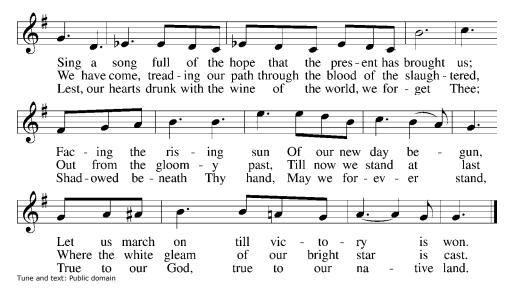
Sermon

Sermon Hymn

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LSB 964





Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.

Offering

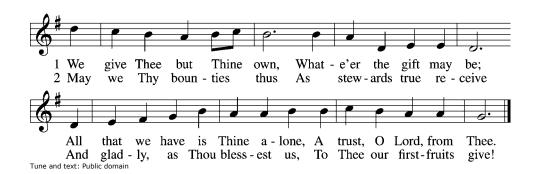
All members of this congregation take this opportunity give back to the Lord in thankfulness for what He has done for us and in trust of His continued provisions for all that we need for this body and life.

Visitors are welcome to give, but should not feel compelled to do so.

Offertory Hymn

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB 781, sts. 1-2



Prayer

P Almighty God, hear the prayers of Your people, grant to us all things needful and beneficial, and keep from us all things harmful.

Brief silence

- P Holy Lord, mighty God, You are the strength of the hills and the hope of the ends of the earth. Give to our hearts Your perfect peace, that we may not be anxious nor live in fear but rest all our hopes, dreams and desires upon Your merciful goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy Lord, mighty God, You send forth water upon the earth, that it may bring forth abundant fruit and feed our bodies with all that we need. Help us to be wise and faithful in the use of the rich bounty of the earth, that the poor may be supplied and that we never fail to give thanks to You for all You have given us for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Holy Lord, mighty God, Your Word will not return to You empty but will accomplish Your purpose in sending it. By Your Holy Spirit, make our hearts good soil for Your Word to be planted, that we may give evidence of a sturdy faith and show forth in our lives the good works You have called us to do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy Lord, mighty God, Your Spirit accompanies the witness of Your people who speak Your Word before the world. Grant success to the missionary and mission planter and to every pastor and church worker, that those who hear may believe and those who believe may bear the good fruit of faith in their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, You have given power to the nations and those who govern to act for the good of Your people. Bless our president, the Congress, our governor and all those elected and appointed to lead us, that justice may prevail and Your people may be free to live at peace with all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Holy God, mighty Lord, You know how weak and frail we are. Give to those afflicted in mind, body or soul the fullness of Your healing grace, that according to Your will they may be restored to health. Hear us for all those suffering or recovering from the pandemic's ravages, for those who have requested our prayers, and for those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, You have granted us great riches and gifts. Keep our hearts from being overburdened by the things of this mortal life, whether in time of plenty or in time of want. Deliver us from persecution and sustain us from all tribulation, that our hearts may ever be fixed upon the true treasure of Your grace. Accept the tithes and offerings we bring as part of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, Your Word endures forever. Keep us from being tossed about by every wind of change and chance, and help us to endure upon the firm foundation of Your Word and Sacraments. Prepare us so that we may worthily receive the Lord's body and blood and be kept by this blessed communion toward the day when we shall be reunited with all who have gone before and dwell in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P In Him, with Him and through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore.
- C Amen.

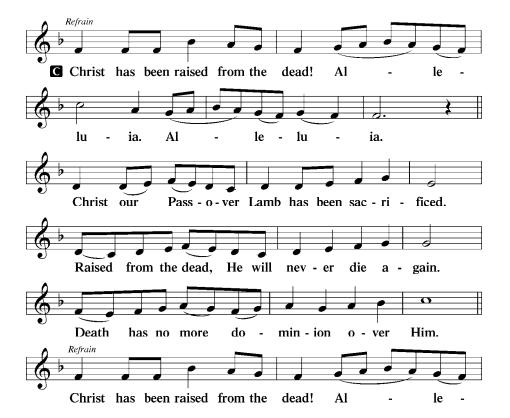
Lord's Prayer

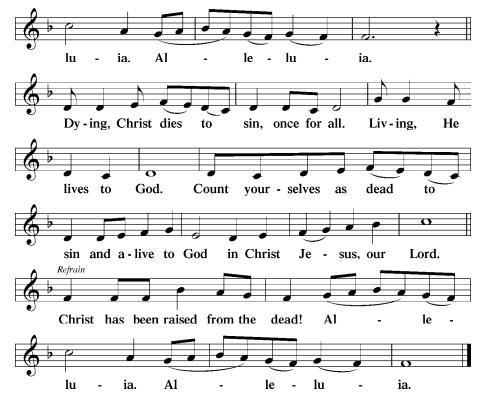
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

New Testament Canticle LSB 266





Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

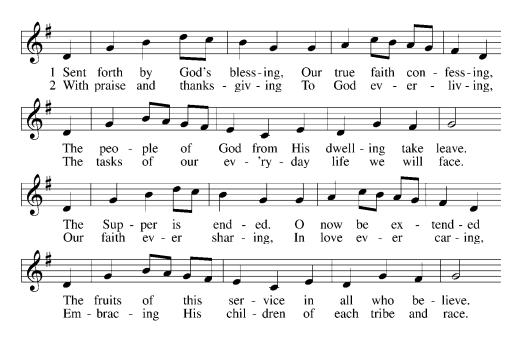
- **P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the

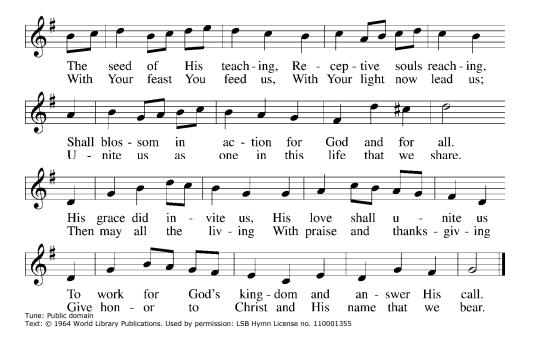
 → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

LSB 643





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Announcements July 12, 2020

July Worship Services

We will be holding 2 Divine Services throughout the month of July at 9a and 11a. The church office will send an email with a link to sign up to attend or you can sign up at oursaviormilford.com with the link provided. If you have not received previous emails and wish to be included in the email list, please verify your email, with the church office at kendra@oursaviormilford.com. If you wish, please feel free to contact Kendra at 815-867-7407 or the church office and she will help you sign up

Worship Services

Our Savior will continue to offer 2 worship services each week during the month of July. As a reminder, the 9a service requires masks to be worn by everyone and social distancing guidelines will be adhered to with every other pew available and hymnals will not be used. During the 11a service, masks are optional but the social distancing guidelines will continue to be followed. The bathrooms will be accessible by the south stairwell only. We also ask that everyone enters and exits through the south (Jones Street) entrance only. Hand sanitizer will be available in the Narthex and Sanctuary. Clorox wipes and disinfectant spray will be available in the restrooms. The Sanctuary and restrooms will continue to be cleaned weekly. The doorknobs, hand railings and frequently touched areas have been and will continue to be cleaned weekly. Please direct questions and concerns to Dean Lingley, Jon Goldenstein, Bob Storm or Doug Morgeson. Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

Communion on July 19

We will offer communion on Sunday on July 19 with individual communion elements. Communion will be held as one table. Pastor Cohen will bless the elements and the congregation will receive communion together in our seats. The elements will be available as the congregation arrives for worship at the back of church along with the bulletins. The elements will be in a sealed bag and the bag can be disposed of as you leave church. Please direct questions and concerns to Dean Lingley, Jon Goldenstein, Bob Storm or Doug Morgeson. Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

Voters' Meeting Next Sunday at 10:00 am

Our quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting will be held immediately following the Divine Service at 9:00 am next Sunday, July 19. Please be present to help chart the course of this congregation as we seek to bring glory to God in all that we do. Remember, all communicant members, age 18 and above, are eligible to vote.

Special Congregational Voters' Meeting Next Suday at 1:30 pm

We will hold the Special Congregation Voters' Meeting next Sunday, July 19 at 1:30 pm to vote on the call selection. Each household should have received a letter from the call committee. The letter included the names of each candidate and a short biography to give you a chance to prayerfully consider the candidates. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Selk.

Milford Food Pantry Volunteer for November

Milford is very fortunate to have a food pantry and it takes the community to keep it stocked and available for those who need it. Each church takes two months during the year to monitor and help those individuals who call needing assistance. Our Savior needs someone to monitor and distribute to those in need during November. If you are available to help, please contact Judy Hudgens at 815-889-4975. Thank you for your consideration.

Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

If you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin or prayer request, please send to the church office at by Wednesday at 10a to kendra@oursaviormilford.com.

Lutherans for Life Quote

"What does it say to our neighbor when in our own families we care for our elderly, become foster parents, adopt children, care for the handicapped, or carry through with an unplanned pregnancy? What does it say to our community when in our churches we care and pray for each other, offer families respite care, visit nursing homes, or provide for the needs of pregnant women? It says that we are truly For Life because we are living it." Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Prayer List

July 12 - July 18

Those celebrating a birthday:

Pastor Marc Cohen Monday Connie Hartley Monday Reatha Henrichs Wednesday Karry Hines Thursday **Ethan Morts** Thursday Isaac Brown Friday Don Hubner Friday Gretchen Brown Saturday Mary Kamin Saturday Bob Storm Saturday

All those affected by the unrest in their communities

We pray that the peace and love of Jesus would prevail where sinful tension and public unrest has torn communities apart.

All those affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic

We especially remember in our prayers those suffering from the virus, those mourning the death of loved ones at the hands of the virus, and all those who are working to treat those affected by the virus.

Those suffering from cancer:

Norman Anderson – father of Karry Hines and grandfather of Emily and Jessica Hines

Lindsay Boyden - friend of Brenda Mowrey

Charlotte Brammer – sister of Hazel Carter and aunt to Patty Bruens

Connie Bruns – friend of Al and Linda Kellerhals

Jeff Cavitt - friend of many within the community

Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith

Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes

Diane Goldenstein - OSLC member

Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms

Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson

Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles

Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner

Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner

Bruce Johnston – friend of Patty Bruens

Brenda Knuth - mother of Craig Smith

Shawn Lane - Milford High School Volleyball Coach

Ken Lehmann – brother-in-law of Sheila Selk

Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleef

Judy Miller –friend of Erica Anderson

Dawn Mullen - niece of Jim and Linda Buhrmester

Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith

Sue Williamson - friend of Patty Bruens

Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

The OSLC Congregation - as we continue the Call process by which God will provide a new Pastor

Erica Anderson – OSLC member, health concerns

Lew Alwardt - friend of Larry and Nancy Tobeck, health concerns

Cora Armatrout -OSLC member, health concerns

Becky Bellman - friend of Cora Armatrout and Becky Hiles

Marie Burgett - friend of Erica Anderson and Patty Bruens, mourning the loss of her grandson

Hazel Carter -OSLC member health concerns

Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, heath concerns

Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues

Rev. Raymond and Ione Harms - friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns

Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues

Dorothy Knake – OSLC member, recovering from hospitalization

Randy Lauterbach – OSLC member, recovering from triple bypass surgery

Pam Menard - sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from auto accident

Danny Manullang – brother-in-law to Doug Benner, upcoming surgery

Carol Ragel - friend of Cora Armatrout, suffering from health issues

Kristin Randall - friend of Patty Bruens, suffering from a heart condition

Kierci Schaumburg - step-daughter of Doug Benner, suffering from several health issues

Tyrone Schaumburg - cousin of Mike Hines, Parkinson's

Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident

Julie Towers - OSLC member, recovering hip surgery and suffering from an infection

Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout

Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, kidney dialysis and awaiting heart transplant

Sharon York - friend of Joyce Williams

Harlan Ziebart - friends of many the community, recovering from surgery

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, serving with the U.S. Army

Rachel Fenner - friend of the Moore family, serving with the U.S. Army

Alex Janssen – son of Sara Janssen, serving with the U.S. Army

Jay Kindle – OSLC member, son of Dean and Laurie Lingley, serving with the U.S. Navy Brandon Legan – member of our Comfort Dog Ministry Team, Iroquois County Sheriff's

Deputy and Milford Police Department

Corey Moore -OSLC member, son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, U.S. Marine Corp

Scott Muench - husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer

Sawyer VanHoveln - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Army

Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Joel Fritsche, his wife, Clarion, and sons, Viktor, Sergei and Andrei our "adopted" international missionary, currently serving in the Dominican Republic

