



THE REPORTER

Brothers and Sisters in Christ-

This weeks Epistle reading contains Romans 12:12, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” In many ways, that speaks deeply into our lives and is both comforting and challenging at the same time.

We rejoice in the hope that we have in Christ. We know that victory has been won and we have our life in him. We rejoice that have full assurances of a future that is beyond our imagination. It is an amazing promise that we rejoice in and are granted by God’s grace alone.

However we are challenged in the now, by tribulations and all sorts of troubles. Through it all we are patient wading through the problems of the world. We continue to face challenges with Natural Disasters, Plagues, Inequalities and Injustices, but we persevere with patience that only the Hope in Christ can provide. Life can’t hold a candle to the hope we have in Christ. While we might feel lost at times we continue to be patient in our tribulations.

Throughout this all Paul points us back to prayer, in times of tribulation and in times of hope he says to be constant in prayer. Constant in looking for him and his promises. Constant in asking for His will to be done. Constant in seeking his guidance in life. Constant in giving thanks to the one who has given us everything. After all, the more constant we are in prayer, the more we are focused on the hope and not the tribulation.

In Christ-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc" with a stylized flourish.

Pastor Marc

September Worship Services

Are you signed up? We will be holding 2 Divine Services throughout the month of September at 9a and 11a. The church office provided a link to sign up to attend or you may sign up at oursaviormilford.com on the Covid-19 tab. Any questions, please feel free to contact Kendra at 815-867-7407 or by email at kendra@oursaviormilford.com.



Pastoral Call Selection Meeting

We will hold a Special Congregation Voters' Meeting on Sunday, September 13, 2020, at 1:30 pm to vote the call selection. Each household will receive a letter from the call committee the first week of September. The letter will include 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.

Dorcas's Famous Cinnamon and Pecan Rolls

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13, 2020!!!

The Dorcas Society / LWML will be holding their annual Our Savior's Vintage Bazaar but on a smaller scale – Our Savior Mini Vintage Bazaar!! You will be able to purchase cinnamon rolls and various other treats and items on Sunday, September 13 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The mini bazaar will be held in the parsonage garage and driveway area. This event is for Our Savior members only. More details to come or feel free to contact Linda Kellerhals and Theta Lee.



Sunday School Classes / Adult Bible Class – September 20, 2020



Sunday School

The Board of Education of Our Savior Lutheran Church would like to announce that Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes will return for the new school year beginning on Sunday, September 20, 2020, from 10:15 am to 10:45 am. A formal letter for parents of Sunday School children explaining the layout of classes and teachers, as well as the guidelines and protocols regarding COVID-19 will be sent out this week. Once letters are received, should you have any questions, please direct them to any Board of Education member, Brenna Schroeder, Melissa Storm, Brian Neukomm, or Courtney Rieches.

Women's Bible Study

Join the ladies of Our Savior on Thursday evenings to study God's Word. We will be studying the Sermon on the Mount through a 9 week course taught by Jen Wilkin. The study will begin Thursday, September 24th at 7pm, these studies will be held at the home of Olivia Harms. Reserve your spot by Sunday, September 13th by contacting Olivia at 815.471.9072 or oharms2010@gmail.com.



Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

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Danville Women's Care Clinic Walk for Life

On September 26, the Danville Women's Care Clinic will host their annual Walk for Life fundraiser. The walk will take place in Lincoln Park, Danville, IL starting at 9am. Olivia Harms will be participating in this year's walk, if you are interested in sponsoring her you can place a check in her mailbox made out to Danville Women's Care Clinic or donate online using this link: <https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/2873906>. If you have any questions or would like to join Olivia in the walk please contact her at 815.471.9072.

Worship Services for September

Our Savior will continue to offer 2 worship services each week during the month of September. 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.



More Info

Prayer Partners Needed

Another session of Youth Confirmation is soon to begin and with it comes new students. As we have done in past years, it is our hope to again partner each student with prayer partner. Prayer partners are assigned to students so that they will have someone who will check in with them every so often to see how they are doing and to support them in their journey toward communicant membership. but most importantly, someone to remember them in prayer every day. If you would like to be a prayer partner for one of our confirmands, please contact Pastor Cohen or Kendra.



Prairieview Lutheran Homes Fish Fry – Friday, September 11

Prairieview Lutheran Home will host a drive thru, carry out fish fry on Friday, September 11, 2020, from 11 am – 2 pm and 4pm–7 pm Each meal will contain 1 Batter-Fried Fish Sandwich, cole slaw, chips, and 2 cookies. Free will donation will be accepted. Picnic Seating will be available under tents and canopies. Masks are required when not eating. Social distancing regulations will be followed. Pumpkins and Mums will be sold in a separate area. There will **not** be a Fall Festival as usual this year. A Pork Chop Dinner and Quilt Auction will be held at a later date. Quilts can be donated at any time. We will have a quilt show for our residents in September with the quilts that have been donated. We are not accepting silent auction items at this time. Call with any questions 815-269-2970.



CID Scholarship Sunday – September 13, 2020

CID Scholarship Sunday is September 13th. Fourteen undergraduates and nine seminarians, all from our Central Illinois District, are in great financial need to help them continue their studies. Please make a generous gift on September 13th using an envelope provided by your congregation, or mail your gift to: Scholarship Sunday Gift, Central Illinois District LC-MS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. You may write a check payable to the "CID Endowment Fund", which will be invested and the annual proceeds used to assist students for years to come, or to the "CID Scholarship Fund", where your gift will be used to aid students in the 2020-2021 school year. Thank you for your support of our future pastors, teachers, and full-time church workers.

Dorcas Society / LWML

The Dorcas Society / LWML will hold their next monthly meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Your hostesses will be Charlene Rieches and Chris Rieches. Luc Wright of Wright's Shoto-Jitsu & Martial Arts Center in Watseka will share a presentation on martial arts and safety tips for women. Everyone welcome! As a reminder, all of the ladies of the congregation are welcome. Hope to you see you there!!!

Stewards of the Kingdom

In the hope of capturing a renewed emphasis on our role as stewards of God's creation, our monthly newsletters will include a brief article, published by the Synod's Office of Stewardship Ministry, to assist us in living out our baptismal identity as a child of God.

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord's Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God's will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God's will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God's temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God's own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God's will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.



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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30 am

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service
starting at 9:00 am
Our Savior Lutheran Church
209 West Jones Street, Milford
or listen to the service live on the radio
on WIBK 96.9 FM / 1360 AM or
listen to a live audio stream on our website**

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