

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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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.

The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who "are witnesses of all that he did." He was anointed by God "with the Holy Spirit and with power," and "he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil," and so He was with those whom He sent "to preach to the people" (Acts 10:38-42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are "baptized in the name of Jesus Christ," so that "everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:43-44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with "the water and the blood" in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6-7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our "joy may be full." For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to "go and bear fruit" in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15-16).

✠ Sixth Sunday of Easter ✠

✠ Service of Prayer and Preaching ✠

Opening Hymn

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

LSB 487



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
His deep peace, which ev - er-more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.
 God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

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Please stand

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;

C 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.

C 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



C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed.”

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Please be seated

Mother's Day Litany

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

For mothers who have given birth this year, that they may celebrate God's gift of a child by bringing him/her to the waters of Baptism and raising them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

For mothers who are pregnant with their first child, that both mother and child may have God's grace and favor throughout the pregnancy to be safe and that the child may be delivered healthy and brought to the waters of Baptism for the new birth in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have lost a child through miscarriage, whose joy has been turned into sadness, that God's mercy may comfort them and help them accept God's mysterious yet good and gracious will in this sorrow, reminding them of Jesus' lifegiving Word, let us pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have lost a child through stillbirth or whose child has died shortly after birth, that they may be strengthened by God's grace in their sorrow to trust in their heavenly Father and to depend on His boundless mercy and made confident for their child's invitation into Jesus' loving arms, let us pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have endured and still endure the stresses of complications or disabilities, whose child, by none other fault than our shared sinful nature, needs special attention, that God's care and love for their child may encourage them to patiently endure with peace and strength the cross that they and their child must bear in this life, let us pray to the Lord.

For women who desperately want a child but cannot conceive a child or bring a child to term, that they may be reminded that God has promised to never leave them nor forsake them, that they may cast their cares upon Christ who bore all our sufferings and that God may bring a child into their life to show their love through adoption, foster care or by being a loving Aunt, let us pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have adopted a child or are a stepmother, that they may give thanks to God for the blessing of their child, not bom to them but given to them to love by God, let us pray to the Lord.

For mothers who suffer the shame of choosing to abort their child, that they may find solace and forgiveness in God's Word, that God may protect them from the accusing voices both from others but also from within and that their faith in their loving heavenly Father may ever be increased, let us pray to the Lord.

For mothers who aborted their child and feel no shame, that God's Word may soften their hardened heart to see their sin and to repent of it and that, in repentance, they also may hear God's forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

For mothers who have a child missing for any reason of estrangement, that their hearts may be calmed with heavenly peace and patience and that God may move both parent and child into a place where reconciliation may occur, let us pray to the Lord.

P A reading from Acts, the tenth chapter.

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

P ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

C **His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

P ²The LORD has made known his salvation;

C **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P ³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

C **All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

P ⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

P ⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

C **with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

P ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn

C **make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

- P** ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
C **the world and those who dwell in it!**
P ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
⁹before the LORD,
C **for he comes to judge the earth.**
P He will judge the world with righteousness,
C **and the peoples with equity.**

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Please stand

Gospel

John 15:9–17

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

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.**



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Please stand

Ten Commandments

- ☐ **You shall have no other gods.**
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- Honor your father and your mother.**
- You shall not murder.**
- You shall not commit adultery.**
- You shall not steal.**
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

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.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Holy Baptism - Third

LSB 325

P *How can water do such great things?*

C Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)

Please be seated

Sermon

“Faith Gives Forgiveness”

Acts 10:34-48

Sermon Hymn

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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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.

During this time the offering basket is located at the back of the Sanctuary.

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

Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. . .

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

P O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, 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.

Morning Prayer

C 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



C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to



sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymns

“Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won”

LSB 490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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Serving Today

May 9, 2021

Pastor Doug Minton
Head Usher: Patrick Teig
Elder: John Goldenstein
Organist: Linda Kellerhals
Sound Board: Dave Lucht
Radio Monitors: Rich and Charlene Rieches
Acolyte: Molly Harms
Greeters: Patrick and Dawn Teig
Altar Guild: Linda Kellerhals and Gloria Schleef

Serving Next Sunday

May 17, 2021

Pastor Doug Minton
Head Usher: Patrick Teig
Elder: Bob Storm
Organist: Theta lee
Sound Board: Rich Rieches
Radio Monitors: Marilyn Reeves and Chris Schroeder
Acolyte: Hailey Rieches
Greeters: Michael and Stacie Trumann
Altar Guild: Linda Kellerhals and Gloria Schleef

This Week at a Glance

Today: 9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class

Monday: 1:00 pm Comforters

Tuesday: 9:00 am Circuit Winkel
7:00 pm Elders' Meeting

Friday: **Pastor's Family Day**

Next Sunday: 9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 am Sunday School / Adult Bible Class
4-6 pm All Youth Group Fellowship

Announcements

May 9, 2021

Happy Mother's Day

The Our Savior family wishes to all the mothers in our congregation a wonderful Mother's Day. It is very fitting for today's readings to come to us on Mother's Day as we also consider how the "one holy, catholic and apostolic Church" is our Mother as Christians. May God grant that we honor our mothers and all that they have done for us.

High School and Middle School Youth Group Fellowship

Let's meet and have some fun!! The High School and Middle School Youth will be meeting together on Sunday, May 16th at the church from 4-6 p.m. We will be having a wiener roast (weather permitting); all youth please bring 1 package of hotdogs and 1 package of buns to share. Please let Melissa Storm know if you will be attending. Thank you!

Hymn Requests

Don't forget to get your requests in for the Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing. You can request a hymn via email or the web site. The form can be found on the web site under "Contact Us." As was stated in the newsletter, certain hymns from *Worship His Majesty* are also acceptable and can be requested. Requests are ongoing and if not chosen for this fifth Sunday, they will be kept for future services.

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will begin our study of the book of Acts as we look at Jesus' Ascension into Heaven from the top of the Mount of Olives (Acts 1).

Open House

Come and celebrate Gabe as he graduates from high school! After four long years and three high schools, he will graduate as a Milford Bearcat. Even though you may not know him well, come and wish him well at an Open House in his honor on Saturday, May 22, from 2-5pm in Our Savior Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

Memorial Service

Phyllis Carter's memorial service will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church on Monday, June 14, 2021. More details to come.

Moments of Meditation

Moments of Meditation is coming to WIBK on Memorial Day! Pastor will begin a series of daily meditations on WIBK around 7:50 am each morning. These meditations will begin at the beginning with a focus on the first chapters of the book of Genesis. Each Moment is designed to help give a little boost to your faith throughout the week.

PreKindergarten / Kindergarten / High School / College Students and Parents

As the end of the school year approaches and graduation plans are being made, please share with the church office your graduates' date of graduation and their further plans. If you have any questions, please see Kendra

Are You and Your Team Ready to Tee Off?

Prairieview will hold their 32nd Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 11, 2021 at Shewami Country Club. Register by June 1st at 815-269-2970. Entry fee is \$75, includes green fee, cart, dinner and range balls. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex or see Jim Knake for additional information. Register early!!

High School and Middle School Youth Group

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, June 13th our youth group, along with the Youth Group from St. John's Schwer, will be meeting together. We will be hosting this meeting at OSLC. Youth Group will be held from 4-6 p.m.

Bulletin and Newsletter Deadlines

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

Lutherans for Life Quote

"Little though you can see it now, God intends to do wonderful things with you. If He is taking it slowly, that's no surprise; He did it the first time, too. Nothing the devil can do will stop the Lord from finishing His work in you. After all, He has already laid down His life to make you His own." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

July 5th -9th (Monday-Friday)

5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Free Kid Friendly Suppers

5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Ages 3 years-7th grade

Masks optional

Grab your sunscreen and beach totes!

At *Mystery Island*, prepare to be thrilled from the top of your sun-drenched head to the tip of your sand toes as we explore an intriguing and mysterious tropical paradise while tracking down the one true God.

Vacation Bible School at *Mystery Island* will be an amazing adventure filled with excitement, so register today!

OSLC VBS begins on Sunday, July 5th! All children ages 3-7th grade are welcome. Have you registered your child(ren) yet? Registration can be done online at www.oursaviormilford.com, or you may pick up a registration form in the Narthex. Register soon to ensure your child's *Mystery Island* t-shirt! (*while supplies last*)

Please prayerfully consider ways that you can help make VBS 2021 great. Volunteer your time and talents or donate snacks or food for the nightly suppers. Please check out the sign-up sheets located in the Narthex.

We are also in need of a prop.

- Old brief case that no one wants anymore

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Storm
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Moments with Mahlah

For the Week of May 2, 2021

She's back! Actually, Mahlah hasn't been away, but for more than a year, her visits have been mostly virtual, with intermittent one-on-one private visits as called for and possible. Now her schedule is beginning once again to grow, starting with the area church visits she has been doing for a while. In May she has several new visits on the calendar, and so we are able to share information by way of the service folder as in the past.

On Sunday, May 2, Mahlah began her week on duty at Our Savior, Milford, as she and handler Al Kellerhals met members and visitors as they arrived for the Confirmation Service for 2021. Then Mahlah settled under her regular back pew for the service itself, and then was happy to pose with the three new confirmands and Pastor Minton afterwards. Then it was down to the fellowship hall to visit with Sunday School and Bible Class attendees to complete her morning.

On Wednesday Mahlah, accompanied by Al Kellerhals as handler and Diane Estes as ministry partner, traveled to Bourbonnais to give a presentation at the school chapel service at St. Paul Lutheran Church and school. Afterwards, they enjoyed visits with all the classes from the school throughout the morning, 200 students in all! Two other area Comfort Dogs were also on hand, to share the fun.

Still on the schedule was a visit Saturday morning at the Ashkum Go Getters 4-H Club meeting. Susan Yergler and Brenna Johnson were to be handlers for this presentation and visit with new friends.

Remember to email Mahlah at Mahlah@K9Comfort.org if you know of an individual or organization that would benefit from a visit. Thanks for your continued support as we seek to bring the compassion, mercy, presence, and proclamation of Jesus to all.



Prayer List

May 9 - 15

Those celebrating a birthday:

Sherry Garrelts Today
William Rapp Today
Chris Schroeder Thursday

Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Phyllis Carter, OSLC member

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
Linda Buhrmester – OSLC member
Jeff Cavitt –friend of many within the community
Payton Ens – acquaintance of Alan and Suzie Smith
Don Estes – husband of Dianne Estes
Tim Evans – brother-in-law of Bob Storm
Pat Gorski – step-mother of Olivia Harms
Cheryl Hastings – friend of Erica Anderson
Lisa High – friend of Becky Hiles
Jan Hoult – niece of Larry and Nancy Tobeck
Kendra Howard – niece of Doug Benner
Adam Hubner – grandson of Donald and LaVerne Hubner
Bruce Johnston – friend of Patty Bruens
Richard (Dick) Knake – cousin of Carolyn Reed, Jim Knake and Cindy Maro
Brenda Knuth – mother of Craig Smith
Shawn Lane – Milford High School Volleyball Coach
Greg Luecke – friend of Randall and Gloria Schleeff
Erin Strinni – sister-in-law of Shannan Neukomm
Marsha Thompson – acquaintance of Beth Smith
Fred Wright – brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your general and ongoing prayers:

Bill Adsit – uncle of Doug Benner, health concerns
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
Hazel Carter –OSLC member, health concerns
Nick Costello - husband of Diane Costello, health concerns
Todd Davis - friend of Patty Bruens, heart issues
Janet Doyle – friend of Patty Bruens, health concerns
Bernear Franke – mother of Glen Franke, health concerns
Judy Goldenstein – mother of Jon Goldenstein, recovering from a stroke
Ione Harms – friend of Dave and Ethel Lucht, health concerns
Alan High – friend of Becky Hiles, awaiting tests results

Becky Hiles – daughter of Cora Armatrout, health issues
Darlene Larimore – grandmother of Sara Seyfert, recovering from hospitalization
Dave Lucht – OSLC member
Joanne McFarland – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from a fall
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
Randall Schleef – OSLC member
Kay Snyder – sister of Cora Armatrout, recovering from an automobile accident
Larry Tobeck – OSLC member, health concerns
Gert Wade – OSLC member, waiting on test result
Diana Webster - friend of Cora Armatrout
Joyce Williams – OSLC member, recovering from surgery
Bailey York - friend of Joyce Williams, awaiting tests results for potential kidney transplant
Sharon York – friend of Joyce Williams

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

Nick Allen – brother of Sara Seyfert, serving with the U.S. Army
Nate Bushong – OSLC member, son of Cory and Mary Bushong, deployed overseas, 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, deployed overseas, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp
Scott Muench – husband of Shannon Muench, Watseka Police Officer
Kaleb Waldbeser – friend of Bob & Donna Flesher, serving with the U.S. Marine Corp
Thomas Wimmer – friend of Emily Hines, member of the Roseville Police Department

Those serving in the Seminary:

Seminarian Luke, Elowsky, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
Seminarian, Joshua Schiff, Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

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

