



# SEPTEMBER, 2019

## Living Savior Lutheran Church

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**15** Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

<sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

*Luke 15:1-7*

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

September 1	Proverbs 25:2-10 Hebrews 13:1-17 Luke 14:1-14
September 8	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-35
September 15	Ezekiel 34:11-24 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
September 22	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-15 Luke 16:1-15
September 29	Amos 6:1-7 1 Timothy 1:1-13 Luke 16:19-31

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## MUSICAL NOTES FROM JUDY

### Well, we are almost there!

Where is “there”? you might ask. After having Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Confirmation, and Pentecost services in our fellowship hall, the first services in our renovated sanctuary will be on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 and 10:45 a.m. and the Dedication Service will be at 4:00 p.m. that same day! The catered meal you should already have signed up for is after the 4:00 service. There will be special music at all the services.

We give thanks to God to have our fellowship hall to worship in, and we have been blessed with the faithfulness of our brothers and sisters to come together around God’s Word and the Sacraments for these past 41 weeks in our congregation’s history.

We turn the page into a new chapter with great anticipation and again trying to figure out where we put this and that and where does it go now? We have lots of new gizmos, (you should see the sound board!), beautiful lighting, the precious stained glass windows, and totally new and carefully hand-crafted altar, communion table, lecturn, baptismal font, linens and altar paraments. Overlooking and above all of this is our treasured cross continually reminding us of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

With all of this come many new opportunities of service in this house of worship! Two of these are considered urgent in my opinion.

**Greeters!** We are looking for folks with smiles and warm handshakes to be positioned before and after services



at the door leading from the back parking lot into the fellowship hall, at the double doors in the fellowship hall, and at the outside entrance into the narthex gathering area. ( Ushers will take care of the doors leading directly into the sanctuary.) Please see John Burg, Darlene Brown, or Judy Kutach with questions and/or your willingness to serve in this critical capacity. A schedule and guidelines are in the hopper as we speak.

**Sound Board operators!** The professional sound engineers are working to assess the acoustics to give us guidelines and a default setting (hooray). This is a bit difficult since we have no chairs or people in it yet, but that’s why we have them, and they have been very helpful. Mark Dinning, John Nye, Doug and Anita Lee are our folks to talk to about this. It presents a great way for someone interested in this type of thing (young or old) to volunteer for and serve ...just think of how much you can learn! Please consider this to help the schedule for this important task as we hear and learn from Word and song.

## MUSICAL NOTES FROM JUDY

**Our Carillon Bells are up and ringing** during the week at 9 a.m, 12noon, and 6p.m. On Sundays, as in the past, quiet hymns to be sung that day will be played on the organ beginning at 7:50 a.m. and at 10:35a.m. for pre-service meditation.

At 7:59 a.m. and 10:44 a.m., the ringing pattern is set to have constant strikes for 1 minute. during this minute, please take your seat if you have not already, for the prelude, Call to Worship and Opening Words which is the **actual beginning of the service.**

Those remaining in the narthex will be able to hear the service through a speaker, and the Worship Committee has suggested that directed by the usher, they will wait and enter during the Opening Hymn.

RIBBON CUTTING and COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE will be on **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**, from 10 a.m. -12 noon. Come and welcome those who will come out of interest, curiosity or just wondering where the bells are coming from or to see the inside and the changes made! Feel free to show them around. Did YOU know we have an ark upstairs in our Family Life Center Sunday School gathering room? There will be a powerpoint showing various stages of construction and this is a great chance for sharing God's love and the blessings we enjoy! Snacks will be served. Invite your neighbors!

**Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.**



***Hebrews 12:28***



### Ladies' Lunch Bunch

All ladies are invited to have lunch with the Lunch Bunch September 5 at 11:30am at Phil's Road House and Grill, located at 14075 Liberty St. (Hwy 149) in Montgomery (just south of 105/Eva St.).

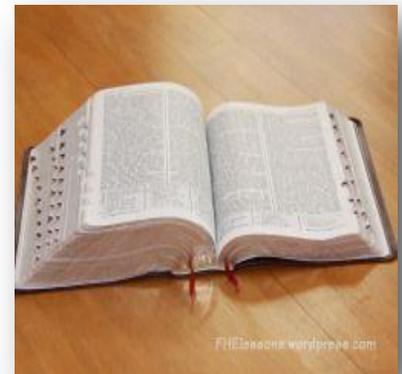
Please sign up on the sheet next to the Flower Calendar near the kitchen so we know how many tables to reserve.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Dunagan at 316-644-8290.

### Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies' Thursday morning Bible study resumes on September 12th. Join us as we embark on the study of Esther; the dramatic story and the person.

See how God's providence works behind the scenes to bring about his purposes as He did with Esther and does with us today. Kim Howze will be leading this study. Please prayerfully consider joining us on Thursday, September 12th. For more information contact Annet Riley at [asriley@ymail.com](mailto:asriley@ymail.com) or (713) 598-2556.



### Special Services to Celebrate the New Sanctuary Opening

All members are invited to a special Dedication Service on Sunday, September 8 at 4:00 PM. A catered meal will follow this service.

The community is invited to an Open House Celebration on Saturday, September 14, from 10:00 AM to noon.



## HELP NEEDED

**BRING YOUR SMILE** and handshake to church to welcome folks entering our church every Sunday!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** (2-3 per Sunday) to welcome, answer questions, give directions at the entrances to our new house of worship to show them what a caring, spirit-filled, friendly church Living Savior is!

To serve the Lord in this way, please contact Judy Kutach to begin the process of being a part of this important ministry.

**[jkutach@livingsaviortexas.org](mailto:jkutach@livingsaviortexas.org)** or contact the church office.



## In Praise to the Lord—38th Biennial Convention

**IT WAS A PRIVILEGE AND HONOR** for me as New Horizon Zone President and delegate to attend the 38th Biennial Convention in Mobile, Alabama on June 20-23. Mary-Martha Society President Shirley Wiese, Annet Riley and Joyce Knighten from Living Savior also attended.

Over 3000 , mostly women, attended the Convention including 477 voting delegates.

The Convention started with an Opening Service with Holy Communion and ended with the Service of Sending Worship.

Thanks to your monthly mite contributions, the 2017-2019 Mission Goal of \$ 2 075 000 was exceeded. The Mission goal for 2019-2021 of \$ 2 100 000 was adopted by the delegates. The Mission grants adopted are listed in the July newsletter and can be found on [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) along with other information of the Convention on the podcast.

Several speakers shared presentations of "Mites in Action" showing how the mites were put to use, eg. eldercare home for the forgotten elders in Haiti, Nursing students serving with Mercy Medical Team, Y4 Life ( Lutherans for Life) , Women of the Pearl in Uganda and many more.

Of course there was other business to attend to like voting for new National Officers and changes on By-laws. Several Bible Studies were held of which two were at 6:45 am and of course singing Praises to the Lord, lots of singing.

Please continue to collect and donate your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters etc and deposit them in the large mite box in the Church . If you need a small mite box please let one of he ladies know and we'll get it for you.

*As always, Serving the Lord with Gladness  
Helga Schuller*

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## Mite Mission Grant—Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya (\$80,000) - In 2008, a man from Nebraska traveling in East Africa saw the need for clean water and sought a way to help. Through contact with a social worker and educator in Nakuru, Kenya, he devised a system of installing water harvesting equipment (rain gutters and tanks), filters, hand washing stations and clean water storage to be installed in schools in Kenya. In 2016, members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod from Nebraska took over the management of the project. They visit Kenya every year, traveling to schools assessing their water needs. Teams from the United States install rain gutters and tanks for storage. Hand washing stations and clean water “buckets’ are placed in every classroom. They teach personal hygiene, handwashing and the importance of drinking only clean water. WASH clubs, made up of students and staff, are formed to be responsible for the clean water program. The grant will help the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) to extend their ministry of Word and Sacrament by expanding the clean water project for their schools and orphanages.

WHEREAS, the children in Kenya struggle to have water in their schools and often walk miles each day to gather water; and

WHEREAS, the pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) would like to provide sound biblical teachings in their sponsored schools; and

WHEREAS, the ELCK is in fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; and

WHEREAS, the LWML has been blessed richly by our Lord, and has a duty to spread his love and gospel; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the delegates gathered at the 2019 Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Convention in Mobile, Alabama, vote the sum of \$80,000 to help fund Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya.

Please prayerfully consider picking up a mite box and adding your change to help fund this LWML mission grant. Thank you!

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### HEALING/SURGERY/HOSPITALIZATION

#### **Lisa Dinning**

Preparing for surgery in September

#### **Stephanie Henry** (Henschel's daughter)

Difficulties with Lupus

#### **Dolly Iselt**

Dizziness due to mitral valve deterioration

#### **Earl McCaleb**

Difficulty with vision in left eye

#### **David Newman** (Mike's brother)

Successful surgery/recovery

#### **Rick Schoppe**

Healing after skin cancer removal and testing

#### **All Schuller**

Skin cancer and breathing difficulties

#### **Janice Stille** (Lee's daughter)

Treatments for vision issues

#### **Haylie Wilson** (Sandy Smith's former student)

Recovering from a car accident with many surgeries ahead.



### PREGNANCY/BIRTH

#### **Megan Winter** (Linebergers' daughter)

Gave birth to Rebecca Michelle, who has had to spend a few days in the NICU.

#### **Amy Perkins**

Is expecting a baby due in March

### MILITARY

#### **Andrew Knauf** (Nye's grandson)

Is currently in boot camp for the Marines.

### CANCER/LONG-TERM ILLNESS

#### **Jan Baker** (Joice Fangmann's sister)

Stomach cancer

#### **Gloria Boddeker** (Anita Lee's mom)

Long-term health care

#### **Elizabeth Dunlap** (LSLC neighbor)

Blood disorder

#### **Ann Griffin** (Charlotte Wilson's friend)

Skilled nursing for cancer care

#### **Barbara Hammond** (Vahrenkamps' Aunt)

Bone cancer & chemo treatments

#### **Mary Hayslip** (Doyle Hayslip's mother)

Cancer and ongoing chemo treatments

#### **Everett Itschner** (Shoppes' great-nephew)

Dealing with RSV and heart irregularity

#### **Ginny Kapeel** (Barbara Handley's extended family)

Cancer treatments

#### **Joanne Musule** (Stefflers' extended family)

Breast cancer

### CANCER/LONG-TERM ILLNESS

#### **Donald Oakley** (Bruce Shutt's brother-in-law)

Multiple myeloma

#### **Bart Powell**

Treatments for cancer & pain management

#### **Warren Richards**

Treatments for muscle spasms from stroke

#### **Butch Robertson** (Steffler's friend)

Treatments for cancer

#### **Weldon Shutt**

Long-term care facility due to declining health

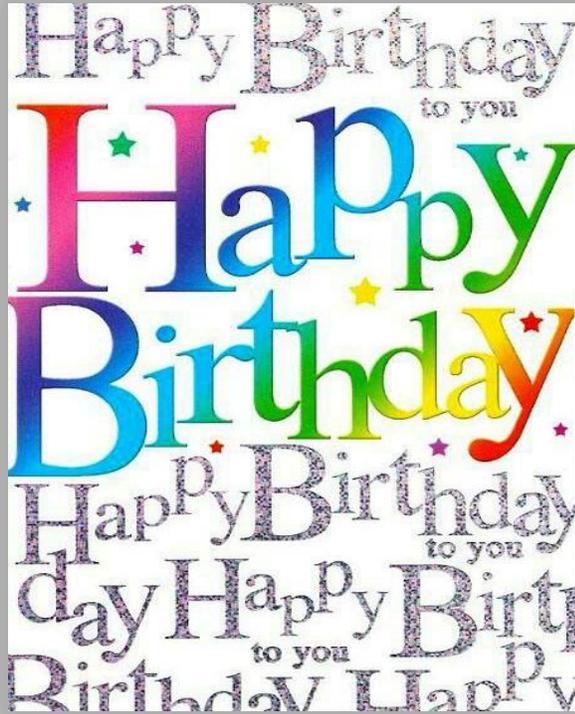
#### **Kenneth Stephenson** (Sylvia Bailes' brother)

Oral cancer

#### **Haydon Wilson** (Charlotte Wilson's great-grandson)

Treatments for a rare blood disorder

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Mark Sanders	9/2
Scott Wiese	9/8
Rick Schroeder	9/11
Janice Stille	9/14
Konner Keith	9/17
Lorraine Wynn	9/17
Justin Perkins	9/19
Tara Angerhofer	9/22
Cheryl Bailes	9/22
Phillip Dinning	9/22
Don Peek	9/22
Tiffany Mattfeld	9/25
Caleb Mold	9/25
John Nye III	9/30

Romain & Laura Godfrey	9/5
Lee & Linda Kurtas	9/13
Bruce & Connie Shutt	9/15
Dennis & Linda Bohman	9/17
Mike & Sandy Newman	9/18
Wayne & Dana Hollis	9/23
Gary & Linda Mattfeld	9/25



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**ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE AT LIVING SAVIOR**

**Introduction**

Living Savior has partnered with a company called VANCO to provide optional online giving. VANCO is the preferred vendor of financial services for Concordia Technology Solutions and is widely used both in business and with religious institutions. Concordia Technology provides many of the software products we currently use at Living Savior and has a solid reputation as a software vendor for churches like ours.

VANCO was selected both for its competitive cost and fee structure and because of its compatibility with our church database, Shepherd’s Staff. Shepherd’s Staff is the CTS product we use to manage both financial and non-financial data.

**Offerings Option**

Online offerings can now be made by selecting the **Offerings** menu option, then clicking on the **Give Now** button.

**Security**

All of the financial data that you provide for the online giving screens is

secured within VANCO. None of this data is saved on Living Savior’s website. The LSLC website “knows” nothing about your personal financial data.

Type of Transaction	ACH Fee	Transaction Fee
<b>eCheck</b> ( <i>Transfer from Checking or Savings Account</i> )	\$0.45	1%
<b>Debit or Credit Card</b>		
<i>Visa/Master Card/Discover</i>	\$0.45	2.75%
<i>Amex Card</i>	\$0.45	3.50%

**Fees**

As with other electronic payment options, there is a fee associated with online giving to a church. VANCO was selected, in part, because of competitive fee structure. These fees are documented above.

**Help**

For help in using the **Give Now** screen, click on this link :

[https://00.b5z.net/i/u/10159209/f/giveplus\\_online\\_embed\\_how\\_it\\_works.pdf](https://00.b5z.net/i/u/10159209/f/giveplus_online_embed_how_it_works.pdf)

To learn how to use the **Mobile Phone App**, click on this link :

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00 Early Service 9:15 Fellowship 9:30 SS & Bible class 10:45 Late Service		5:00 Girl Scout Troop 10822 Meeting	7:00 Choir Practice	10:00 LWML	SS Retreat - Pastor's Day Off -	SS Retreat 10:00 Music Practice
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00 Early Service 9:15 Fellowship 9:30 SS & Bible class 10:45 Late Service 4:00 Dedication Service	5:00 Women's Bible Study at El Bosque		7:00 Choir Practice	10:00 Ladies Bible Study	Pastor's Day Off -	10:00 Music Practice 10:00 Open House
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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