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## Living Savior Lutheran Church

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### Who is the Greatest ?

**18** At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup> and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup> “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

*Matthew 18: 1-6*

### SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURES

September 6	Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:1-10 Matthew 18:1-20
September 13	Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
September 20	Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:12-14,19-30 Matthew 20:1-16
September 27	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 Philippians 2:1-18 Matthew 21:23-32

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## MUSICAL NOTES FROM JUDY

Well, we should all be thankful August is overwith, particularly this past week. Unfortunately, many of our Louisiana and East Texas friends are just beginning their clean-up and sorting through what is left of their possessions after Hurricane Laura, plus dealing with red tape and insurance issues. Our locale has so much to be grateful for, and what an opportunity we now have to fervently pray and monetarily support the Texas District Disaster Relief Fund to aid our brothers and sisters who suffered damages.

Isn't it interesting that all of our attention last week was on coordinates of not only 1, but 2 hurricanes, and covid numbers were not to be found or heard demanding our attention?. This diversion came with particular timing, the why only known by God. Think about it. Then we had the surprise 6 hours of no power which truly humbled us, as we thought about what hardships others were facing, and ours was miniscule in comparison. Think about it. Then our loving Heavenly Father gifted us with a refreshing much needed rain and more favorable covid numbers!

As you have noticed, we have modified our live services somewhat, yet keeping the integrity of the liturgy components intact. These changes have come due to Covid and CDC suggestions for prevention.

As much as Lutherans like to sing, singing is one of the most prolific ways to spread possible droplets containing the deadly virus. Thus we have intentionally cut down the number of verses of the fewer hymns we are singing. Believe me, it is tough to figure out which 2 verses fit best in the theme for the day with appropriate content that flows well.

As we all wear our masks we have also lowered the quantity of droplets that could possibly be out and about in our church sanctuary surroundings. I must say, some lovely masks have made a definite fashion statement in the accessory category. Of course, yours truly wears a "clear welding mask", a baseball catcher's mask, or a Star Wars' Storm Trooper head gear. But I am so thankful for it

for less glasses' fog! (Thank you Sandy Newman) as we all due our due diligence in protecting others as well as ourselves, loving one another!



Thank you also to all attending in compliance and sitting where the ushers direct you as we position seats for correct social distancing. It is like a jigsaw puzzle, but the ushers have the code! Already, folks are getting "it" and settling in to their "new place".

We applaud the gargantuan job Pastor, Cheryl, Mark, Lisa, Anita and Doug and others have accomplished in order to get the technology up and running. Still a few glitches, but we all have troubles with our media devices at times. If you are interested in learning the ropes for this ministry, contact those just mentioned.

Heads up! October is Clergy Appreciation Month, so Prayer Calendar sign up for Pastor and family will be towards the end of September...stay tuned.

I just watched the Undergraduate Convocation Service at Concordia University, Irvine. What a breath of fresh air that our synod has wonderful Christ-Centered opportunities for higher education. Special prayers for families who have sent a college student to a new place for their education and for a hedge of protection for them as they face many new challenges and temptations.

Choir is still on hiatus due to the mask thing, and I must say the singers are getting restless. So many uncertainties, but one thing we hold as true and certain is God's love for us, **in that while we were yet sinners, CHRIST DIED FOR US! To God be the Glory.! Great things He has done and still does!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MITE SUNDAY** - Sunday, Sept. 6 is Mite Sunday. Don't forget to put your mites in the big mite box. If you are still sheltering in place at home, please continue to feed your mite box. If you don't have a mite box, you can still help support LWML mission projects by putting money aside for mites and dropping it in the big mite box on the first Sunday of the month. Don't forget to put nine dimes in your dime stocking or container.

**ALTAR GUILD** - is looking for new members to help with setting up the Communion Table. You are never on your own, there is always someone to assist you as long as you need, and 3rd Service, you will always team up with a partner because of the cleanup after the service. Please call or text Dawn Dunagan on her cell at 316-644-8290 or email her at [artisticemb@yahoo.com](mailto:artisticemb@yahoo.com).

**MISSING GROUP BIBLE STUDY?** – With three services currently taking place on Sunday morning, we are migrating our Adult Bible Class to two times on Wednesdays: 9:30-10:30am and 6:30-7:30pm in the Sanctuary. The study starts this Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and continues through November 18<sup>th</sup>. No registration needed. We will be studying the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> John.

**FILL THE BACKPACKS** – it's that time of year again. LWML is filling backpacks to donate to the World Relief Fund and they need your help. Although they still need a little bit of everything, they are in desperate need of spiral notebooks (70 sheets/one subject) and ball point pens (no gel type pens). All items are need by Sunday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> and can be dropped off in the Fellowship hall.

**GARAGE STORAGE** - The Board of Trustees wishes to make parishioners aware that they are preparing the new garage to accept storage items. Shelving is being constructed and stair railing is being installed. Expect the garage to be ready to accept items sometime in October. If an item or items are currently being stored at considerable hardship, contact Mike Newman to work with you on a solution. Your patience is appreciated.

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** -The Thursday Morning Ladies' Bible study will resume this Thursday, September 10 at 10:00. Sandy Smith will be leading a four-week Bible study by Donna Snow, formerly Pyle. The study is entitled *Unveiled Faces* and is based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18. Come study with us as we discover that just as oxygen gives life to our body, so the Spirit gives life to our soul. Take a deep breath and be refreshed by the very breath of God. For more information about the Ladies' Bible study, contact Annet Riley at [asriley@ymail.com](mailto:asriley@ymail.com) or (713) 598-2556.

# September 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,



This teacher is teaching these children the importance of handwashing!



This is what the water looks like, in a lot of cases, before it goes into the filter. Without the clean water system, the students would drink this water that was gathered from the local river.

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

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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.



This is what the water looks like right out of the filter. Not only is it free of dirt and debris, but also worms, parasites,



**We love this project, because kids are the same everywhere!**



## Online with Living Savior

Online Offerings are a quick and easy way to continue contributing to your church, while we are all worshipping at home and apart.

Donating online is easy :

- Open our website at **[livingsaviortexas.org](http://livingsaviortexas.org)**
- **For Help**, select **Offerings**, then any one of three videos
- **To Make a Donation**, select **Offerings**, then press the **Give Now** button
- Select **Sign In / Sign Up** to create your account
- Select a Fund, donation frequency and amount

**You can save money for yourself and the church, if you donate using the eCheck option. Credit or Debit cards incur about twice the processing fee of eChecks.**

If you have questions or need help:

- Check out the videos
- text or email Eric  
(936-448-2343) or  
[eric.r.yeager@gmail.com](mailto:eric.r.yeager@gmail.com)

# IN OUR PRAYERS



## ***Healing/Surgery/Hospitalization***

**Richard Bailes** (Pastor's cousin) recovering after heart surgery

**Kimberly** (Connie Crowley's granddaughter) hospitalized due to severe medical problems

**Lucas McCaleb** (McCalebs' grandson) recovering from Covid-19

**Irene Nixon** (Ayres' sister-in-law) hospitalized with Covid-19

**Warren Richards** going through home-based physical therapy

**Mary Schroeder** recovering from major surgery

## ***Military***

**Everett Lake Hames** (Hames' grandson) Air Traffic Controller training at Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

**Andrew Knauf** (Nyes' grandson) prayers of protection

## ***Cancer/Long-Term Illness***

**Jan Baker** (Joice Fangmann's sister) stomach cancer

**Gloria Boddeker** (Anita Lee's mom) long-term health care

**Danny Bond** (Donna Bond's son) treatment for liver disease

**Steve Brown** (Darlene's son) ongoing therapy for injuries after a motorcycle accident

**Kathy Edmonds** (Mattfelds' friend) oral cancer

**Barbara Hammond** (Vahrenkamps' Aunt) bone cancer & chemo treatments

**Stephanie Henry** (Henschel's daughter) dealing with Lupus

**John Hudson** (Dennis Bohman's cousin) being treated for Parotid gland cancer

## ***Cancer/Long-Term Illness***

**Everett Itschner** (Shoppes' great-nephew) dealing with RSV and heart irregularity

**Bill McCalister** (Dianna Wood's brother) Parkinson's Disease

**Jo McCalister** (Dianna Wood's sister-in-law) ongoing weakness and fatigue from an unknown cause

**Patricia Minor** (Valerie Krizan's mother) congestive heart failure

**Joanne Musule** (Stefflers' extended family) breast cancer

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

**Bart Powell** treatments for cancer & pain management

**Butch Robertson** (Steffler's friend) treatments for cancer

**Clara Rosales** (Ivonne Gourlay's sister)-stage 4 brain cancer

**Richard Sharpe** stage 4 cancer

**Rick Schoppe** healing of cancer

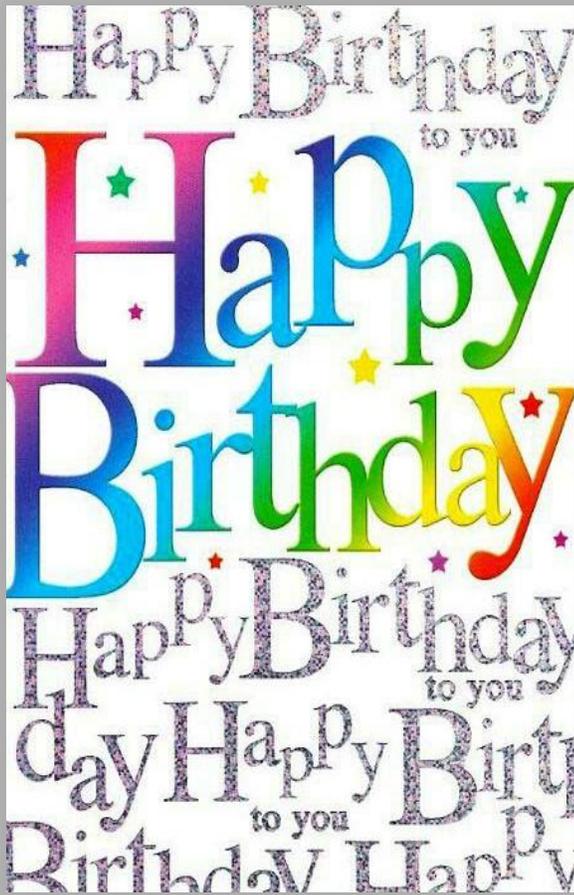
**Al Schuller** skin cancer and breathing difficulties

**Kenneth Stephenson** (Sylvia Bailes' brother) recovery from oral cancer surgery

**Elaine Walquist** (Pr. Walquist's wife) intestinal cancer

**Cindy Pratis** (Debra Demery's sister) Lung Cancer

NEWSLETTER : SEPTEMBER, 2020



Michael Smith	9/7
Scott Wiese	9/8
Rick Schroeder	9/11
Bobby Davis	9/12
Janice Stille	9/14
Lorraine Wynn	9/17
Konner Keith	9/17
Justin Perkins	9/19
Don Peek	9/22
Jean Hopperdietzel	9/22
Sandy Smith	9/22
Cheryl Bailes	9/22
Phillip Dinning	9/22
Tara Angerhofer	9/22
Tiffany Mattfeld	9/25
Caleb Mold	9/25
John Nye	9/30

Romain and Laura Godfrey	9/5
Lee and Linda Kurtas	9/13
Bruce and Connie Shutt	9/15
Dennis and Linda Bohman	9/17
Mike and Sandy Newman	9/18
Walter and Robin Cole	9/20
Wayne and Dana Hollis	9/23
Gary and Linda Mattfeld	9/25
SylviaBailes and Raymond	9/26
Brian and Lorie Angerhofer	9/30

