



**Our Savior's
Lutheran
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The Tidings Our Savior's Lutheran Church August/September 2020

Pastor's Message

As I'm beginning to write this for our newsletter, I'm watching the wind blow as storm Isaias reaches our area. I can see the trees blowing, and am hoping and praying that everyone stays safe and well. At the same time, I am planning, praying about, researching, and writing this Sunday's sermon. I'm especially dwelling on the Gospel reading which includes Jesus calming the storm as Jesus brings Peter back to a boat while walking on water – but the verse sticking out to me as I write this is when Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."



What a message for those disciples, but also a message during this storm, and the many other storms this world is in. I hear in those words as well the message that Christ is with us in the midst of life's storms.

Jesus says, "Take Heart." In a quick google search, I found 25 times those words have been spoken in the bible throughout the Old Testament. They are words of comfort and assurance spoken by a faithful God. A few years ago while participating in "Art & Sacred Story" – a process of responding to biblical passages with artwork, I tried to make something that spoke to what those words of assurance meant. A photo is included, but I drew a hand holding onto a heart and many words around it including: Peace, hope, vision, you are fabulous, imagine, strength, journey, courage, faith, believe, you are amazing, you are so special to me, inspire, and more. Those are the words of assurance I needed that day. Those are the reminders I needed, the comfort I needed that day. Those are things that I needed from God or needed to find in myself. That is what I heard in "Take Heart."

What do these two words mean for you today? What assurances and reminders do you need? What words of comfort do you need? God hears our prayers. God comes to us. Take Heart. God is with you in whatever storms may be circling in your life right now.

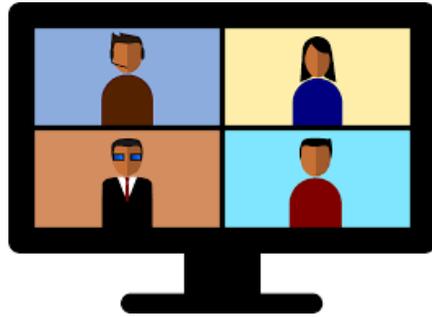
God bless, Pastor Jonathan



A special thank you to all the folks who have dropped off cans and bottles to our home. We went to the huge recycling center in South Windsor and turned in 2,300 items from March 1st – July 28 for a total of \$115.00. All money goes to Calumet for scholarships. Thanks for continuing to save your refundable.

Jan and Neil Levett

**Thank
You**



FELLOWSHIP HOUR –

Our bi-weekly fellowship hour on Zoom will resume after Pastor’s Vacation on Tuesday, August 25 at 7 PM.



PASTOR JONATHAN’S NEW PHONE NUMBER – 860-384-7366 Pastor Jonathan’s old number remains in service, but please start using this new number as soon as possible.

JENSEN SCHOLARSHIP –

Attention high school seniors and other college students, the Jensen Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that we will be making awards this year. Kristian and Inger Jensen began an endowment trust in 1988 to continue the work of Christian Education. A scholarship candidate must be a member of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church; have a solid academic record; and must be planning on attending one of the following: **1)** A Lutheran Seminary for the purpose of ordination **2)** Attending any college or university **3)** Is in training for work in Christian Education.

The new and renewal application packets have been updated and can be acquired by mail or an electronic copy can be emailed to you. Call or email the office (860)667-2291 Tues. – Thurs. 8AM to 12 PM, Fri 8AM to 11AM.

Applications, transcripts, recommendations and financial aid forms **must be returned to the office by August 31, 2020** to the attention of The Jensen Scholarship Trust Committee, c/o OSLC 1655 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. Should you have any questions, LeeAnn Manke is the Jensen Scholarship Committee Chair.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – Please contact Pastor Jonathan or Celia Allison if you are interested in participating in worship. We would love to include your gifts in our worship service and specifically if you would like to serve as lector, assistant, or Zoom host.



August

8/1 Patricia Bourret
8/1 Brianna McLain
8/3 Hannah Clouser
8/14 Lisa Loffredo
8/15 Tim Aldieri
8/20 Sue Sonstrom
8/23 Joe Bruno
8/28 Kelly DeHaas



September

9/2 Amanda Loffredo
9/5 Jayona Nevaeh Willis
9/6 Daniel Procko
9/7 Frank Silvey, Jr.
9/8 Abigail Reynolds
9/10 Anthony Bruno
9/10 Deborah Clark
9/12 Louise French
9/13 Sage Campbell
9/15 Valerie Lishnak
9/17 Katie Manke
9/18 James Briganti
9/18 Kyah Flores
9/19 Thomas Santerre
9/20 Laurie Bruno
9/20 Ryan Loffredo
9/23 Courtney Turner
9/27 Katherine Dunn
9/28 Susan Briganti

**JOB OPENING:
Church Secretary**

Hours: 15-19 hours per week.

Pay: \$15/hour

Job description: Our church is looking for a secretary who has proficient computer skills, is detail-oriented, organized, creative, and personable. This person will work closely with our Pastor and help to provide healthy communication in our congregation and larger community.

Responsibilities:

- Telephone reception, walk-in greeter, email redirect and response, and general administrative duties
- Maintain confidentiality at all times in all interpersonal and written communication
- Administrative assistant to our Pastor
- Prepare and distribute communications of the church including worship bulletins, regular email updates, bimonthly newsletter, annual report, giving envelopes, giving statements, church directory, etc.
- Database entry & church record maintenance
- Maintain website, and update social media (Facebook)
- Maintain church calendar & coordinate hall rentals
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

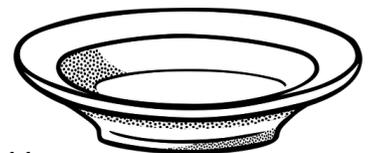
- Successful secretarial/ office administrator experience or relevant life experience
- Excellent written communication & editing skills
- Strong Window's based computer skills, including Microsoft Office software, and the ability to learn congregational database software
- Web-site and social media competency
- Exhibits good interpersonal relationship and teamwork skills.
- Strong organizational, planning, and problem-solving skills.
- Independent worker and self-starter, demonstrating high degree of initiative.
- Ability to multitask, manage changing priorities, and meet the demands of a dynamic and interactive environment.
- Financial experience a plus

There are so many reasons to give!

After worship one Sunday a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money."

"Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?"

"Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."



Your offering can be sent to the Church office 1655 Main St. Newington CT 06111

PASTOR JONATHAN'S VACATION

Pastor Jonathan will be on vacation August 10-23. For Pastoral emergencies, please contact:

August 10-14 Pastor Cathy Rohrs 717-321-6799

August 15-23 Pastor Stephanie Kershner 860-288-4916
Pastorstephanie@emanuelmanchester.org

The church council will be checking the church office email and voicemail regularly for any other needs during this time.



During Pastor's Vacation, you are invited to worship online with one of the following congregations. Their Pastors have been contacted to expect members of Our Saviors to join them in worship. This is a good opportunity to worship with others, experience worship that may be a little different, and to find new ideas of how to worship and be together especially during these anxious times. On August 25, we'll have a Zoom fellowship hour where you can share how worship these weeks was for you!

- **Faith Lutheran Church, Middletown, CT** – [facebook.com/faithlutheranelcamiddletown](https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranelcamiddletown)

9AM worship via Zoom. A link to their Zoom worship service is available on their Facebook page and the information is listed here:

<https://zoom.us/j/3504217856?pwd=eWtOalleWGgremVPRzRTZzJXTG41QT09>

Phone Number 1-929-205-6033 Meeting ID: 350-421-7856 Password 011182

- **Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Thomaston, CT** -

<https://www.facebook.com/OurSaviorThomaston>

10:15AM Facebook live check in and prayer

11AM Worship via Facebook

Thursday, 2PM Bible Study via Zoom – a link is on their Facebook page

- **Immanuel Lutheran Church, Oxford, CT** - <https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelOxford>

9:30 AM Worship via Facebook and Zoom. The Zoom link is available on their website:

<http://www.immanuel-oxford.org/> and listed here: <https://zoom.us/j/800897716>

Phone Number: 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID: 800 897 716

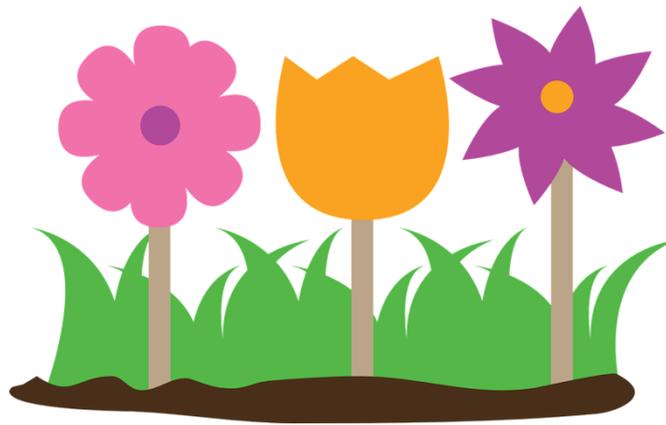


OUTDOOR WORSHIP 8/30

We are planning to have our first outdoor worship on August 30. You should have received an email or letter about this. **Please contact our church office if you are interested in attending** or not comfortable to attend at this time. Also, please let us know if you are able to help make this worship happen. We will need help setting up the worship space, volunteers to serve as ushers checking people in and helping them to find where to go, and volunteers to lector/ assist. If you can help, please contact a member of our church council or our church office. Below are very basic guidelines and what worship will look like. More specific guidelines are available on our website and have been sent out:

Basic Guidelines

- We will be asking that everyone signs up in advance so we can prepare the outdoor space as well as ensure there is space for you!
- Masks are required for attendance. There will be extra masks available if you forget yours.
- There will be a physically distanced designated area for your household, and prepare to be physical distanced from others throughout worship.



September Worship:



Topic: Sunday Worship 9/6
Time: Sep 6, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86005876430?pwd=anRTWTRwUHF0MFJDaXg1ajFHQWVrQT09>

Meeting ID: 860 0587 6430
Passcode: 998211

Topic: Sunday Worship 9/13
Time: Sep 13, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84504301344?pwd=b25lSktaelZLR0MwblczZGE2WE1yUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 0430 1344
Passcode: 998211

Topic: Sunday Worship 9/20
Time: Sep 20, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85697732916?pwd=NzBqTEExDM2crWZnZHpGSkFzbVhOQT09>

Meeting ID: 856 9773 2916
Passcode: 998211

Topic: Sunday Worship 9/27
Time: Sep 27, 2020 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86250699531?pwd=WW53eCtETktsOW5nRFVbazVvL1J4QT09>

Meeting ID: 862 5069 9531
Passcode: 998211

August and September Fellowship Hour:

Topic: Fellowship Hour 8/25

Time: Aug 25, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86935133316?pwd=MFhOb243RURFeE0yY01Gc2RGYlFZZz09>

Meeting ID: 869 3513 3316

Passcode: 983572

Topic: Fellowship Hour 9/22

Time: Sep 22, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82374834484?pwd=WERNbm80SWNkZTVKbTkzeENPQXZQZz09>

Meeting ID: 823 7483 4484

Passcode: 983572

September Youth Fellowship Hour:

Youth Fellowship:

Topic: Youth Fellowship 9/1

Time: Sep 1, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85360082337?pwd=RFNrRmYyUzBGWVB0M051d1BrOXdDUT09>

Meeting ID: 853 6008 2337

Passcode: 983572

Topic: Youth Fellowship 9/15

Time: Sep 15, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89459056251?pwd=RDdCY1ZGL1d3ZlFmZFZ4ZlFZWkRKZz09>

Meeting ID: 894 5905 6251

Passcode: 983572

Topic: Youth Fellowship 9/29

Time: Sep 29, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83826748484?pwd=T1ZNeGZmbEIDdkNkL0wyajU4RERlQT09>

Meeting ID: 838 2674 8484

Passcode: 983572

September Bible Study:

Topic: Bible Study 9/10 Creation and Fall Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8

Time: Sep 10, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87264470679?pwd=a0VIMHIDUTJLTmlPWTRBUXRTcGp6UT09>

Meeting ID: 872 6447 0679

Passcode: 983572

Topic: Bible Study 9/17 God's Promise to Abraham Genesis 15:1-6

Time: Sep 17, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85290592179?pwd=NC9ucmNSRzNKK3R3TDRkN3kyclRjQT09>

Meeting ID: 852 9059 2179

Passcode: 983572

Topic: Bible Study 9/24 God Works through Joseph Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34, 50:15-21

Time: Sep 24, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88214871210?pwd=bVJNT0pKclpiYlJqMHV2Y04yZXVRZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 1487 1210

Passcode: 983572