

SEPT.—OCT. 2017



# The Lamplighter



*Our Savior Lutheran Church - ELCA, Quincy, CA*

SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:

- **Old Fashioned Family Picnic**  
9/17
- **Bible Studies**  
start again
- **Reformation and Oktoberfest**  
10/29



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Please share this flyer with your friends and neighbors!

You are invited . . .

## 2nd Annual Old Fashioned Family Picnic



Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

12:30—3:30 pm

Pioneer Park in Quincy

**A gift of community service from the congregation of  
Our Savior Lutheran Church in Quincy.**

*This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with  
family, friends and neighbors to enjoy a fun afternoon!*

**For Kids: Face-Painting, Balloon Twisting, Bean-Bag  
Toss, Water Balloons and more!**

**For Parents: Time to relax and enjoy the day.**

**For All: FREE FOOD—Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Side  
Salads, Desserts, and Cold Drinks**

**RSVP requested—reserve your spot today!**

**Leslie Wall at Community Connections**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2017

**PENTECOST SEASON****September**

Fri. 9/1—Sun. 9/3 Americana Bluegrass Festival at Fairgrounds

Sun. 9/3 Church Council meets after worship/fellowship

Mon. 9/4 Labor Day

**Tues. 9/5 Blood Drive at LDS Church Noon to 6 pm**

Thur. 9/7 Last Farmer's Market of the year 4:30—7 pm at Dame Shirley Park

Sun. 9/10 Pastor off

Wed. 9/13 Women's Cancer Support Group at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

Wed. 9/13 Wild and Scenic Arts Festival at Town Hall Theatre 6:30 pm

**Sun. 9/17 "God's Work/Our Hands" Family Picnic 12:30—3:30 pm at Pioneer Park, by Fairgrounds**

Tues. 9/19 Dress-a-Girl/Dude at Quincy Library 1 to 4 pm

**Thur. 9/21 Women's Bible Study begins at 2:30 pm**

Fri. 9/22 Lutherdist Ladies Night Out 6 pm (Location TBD)

**Sun. 9/24 ELCA Regional Gift Planner visits during Worship/Fellowship**

Wed. 9/27—Fri. 9/28 Pastor out of town for CASA Conference

**October**

Sun. 10/1 World Communion Sunday

(Date TBD) Pet Blessing with Methodist and Episcopal Churches

**Sun. 10/8 Adult Bible Study begins after Worship/Fellowship**

**Mon. 10/9 Reformation Catholic/Lutheran Worship at Little Flower Church in Reno 6 pm**

Wed. 10/11 Women's Cancer Support Group at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall

**Thur. 10/12 Women's Bible Study at 2:30 pm**

Sun. 10/15 Pastor off and Congregational Meeting to elect Council officers

Mon. 10/16—Thur. 10/19 Pastor at SPS Professional Leaders Conference

Sat. 10/21 Community Connections Brunch

**Sun. 10/22 Adult Bible Study after Worship/Fellowship**

**Thur. 10/26 Women's Bible Study at 2:30 pm**

Fri. 10/27 Lutherdist Ladies Night Out 6 pm (Location TBD)

**Sun. 10/29 Reformation Sunday and Oktoberfest at 6 pm**



**Men's Coffee Group:** meets every Monday (except holidays) at Midtown Coffee at 8 am

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**September Birthdays**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Pat Cook      | 4  |
| Buzzy West    | 10 |
| Lori Simpson  | 29 |
| Kari O'Reilly | 30 |

**September Anniversaries**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Jerry & Nancy Sipe  | 2  |
| Laura & Jon Wilson  | 15 |
| Cindi & Matt Eckert | 17 |

**October Birthdays**

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Jacob Burnworth | 3  |
| Tim Kelley      | 4  |
| Michelle Graham | 13 |
| Jan Cook        | 25 |
| Acer Albrecht   | 30 |

**October Anniversaries**

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Gordon & Norma Lewis  | 7  |
| Grant & Cindy Edwards | 15 |
| Gene & Becky Mills    | 25 |



**“God’s Work. Our Hands.”**



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

The ELCA’s “God’s Work. Our Hands” (GWOH) Sunday is officially September 10th. Thousands of ELCA churches around the nation will be participating in this day of service.

However, we are doing our big GWOH project on Sunday, September 17th. The front cover of this newsletter has a copy of our flyer for this event. Please share this widely.

We are hoping to serve around 150 people at our Old Fashioned Family Picnic. If you have not already signed-up to bring a food item, please see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Thank you to those who have already signed-up for food and to those who have signed-up to help with games! Our Face Painter/Balloon Twisting lady will also be helping us entertain the children.

A Facebook event has been set up on the Our Savior Lutheran page. You may indicate that you are attending the event on FB and you can share the event with your friends on FB. A copy of the flyer is also on our church’s website. Watch for an article and/or advertisement to come out in the local paper. Also, have you noticed our banner for this event on the fence by the CarQuest Auto Parts store in Quincy? It looks very nice!

Community Connections is also helping us to advertise our event and they are collecting RSVP’s for us. They had volunteers hang up flyers around town, saving us a lot of work!

Please plan to join us for this afternoon of fun at Pioneer Park, and bring your friends! We will have a lot of fun doing God’s Work with Our Hands at this second annual event!



WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Please sign up on chart in back of sanctuary or email/call Pastor Kendrah with dates/positions for which you can volunteer. Below is the schedule of dates for the next two months.

**Please help fill in where you can! Thank you!**

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Assisting Minister</u> | <u>Clean Church</u> | <u>Altar Care</u> | <u>Refreshments</u> |
|--------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| September    | 3          | Chris Peters              | Marlene Labs        | Marlene Labs      | Peters              |
| September    | 10         | Fred Surber               | Marlene Labs        | Marlene Labs      | Burnworth           |
| September    | 17         | Jim Oster                 | Marlene Labs        | Marlene Labs      | Picnic              |
| September    | 24         |                           | Marlene Labs        | Marlene Labs      | Vesely              |
| October      | 1          |                           |                     |                   |                     |
| October      | 8          |                           |                     |                   |                     |
| October      | 15         |                           |                     |                   |                     |
| October      | 22         |                           |                     |                   |                     |
| October      | 29         |                           |                     |                   |                     |

**Reformation and Oktoberfest!**



The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is being celebrated this October! On Sunday, October 29th, we will have a celebration worship service in the morning. Remember to wear red that day!

On Sunday evening (October 29th), we will hold our annual Oktoberfest at 6 pm. We will be asking members to contribute a German –themed food item for the event. We will grill bratwursts and sausages and decorate the hall with the Reformation/Oktoberfest theme.

We are looking for a couple people to step up and provide some leadership for fundraising at this event. Should we ask for a certain dollar amount donation for the meal? Should we do Silent Auction items again? We would like to find a way to raise more money from the Community instead of just from church members.

We are also looking for some kind of entertainment or games to be played during the event. If you have a suggestion, please talk to Pastor or a Council member.

At this time, the Council has not decided what charity will receive the funds collected. However, Lutheran Disaster Response or Lutheran World Relief might be good options with all the flooding that has been happening in Texas and in other places around the world this year. If you have an opinion as to where we should donate the money, please speak to a Council member.

FINANCIAL REPORT—JULY 2017—PER FRED SURBER

| Income              |                 | Expense                   |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Offerings           | 7,999.01        | Church General            | 25.29           |
| Regular             |                 | Fair Expenses             | 62.55           |
| Special Funds       | <u>200.00</u>   | Office Expenses           | 50.00           |
| Building Fund       | <u>200.00</u>   | Vacation Bible Study      | 725.00          |
| Total Special Funds | <u>8,199.01</u> | Worship Musician          | <u>189.98</u>   |
| Total Offerings     | 8,199.01        | Worship Supplies          | 1,052.82        |
| Total Income        |                 | Total Church General      |                 |
|                     |                 | Mission Projects          | <u>10.78</u>    |
|                     |                 | Community Supper          | 10.78           |
|                     |                 | Total Mission Projects    |                 |
|                     |                 | Pastor Compensation       | 1,083.33        |
|                     |                 | Housing                   | <u>2,092.91</u> |
|                     |                 | Salary                    | 3,176.24        |
|                     |                 | Total Pastor Compensation |                 |
|                     |                 | Pastor Expenses           | 2,915.88        |
|                     |                 | ELCA Board of Pensions    | <u>220.42</u>   |
|                     |                 | Mileage                   | 3,136.30        |
|                     |                 | Total Pastor Expenses     |                 |
|                     |                 | Utilities                 | 17.17           |
|                     |                 | Telephone & Internet      | <u>15.25</u>    |
|                     |                 | Water & Sewer             | <u>151.66</u>   |
|                     |                 | Total Utilities           | 7,527.80        |

**Amazon Smile—Help Support our Church!**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Our Savior Lutheran Church every time you shop on Amazon.com.

**How do I shop at Amazon Smile?**

Go to smile.amazon.com from your web browser. The first time you do this you will need to create an account. On this first visit you will select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases. Please select Our Savior Lutheran Church Quincy, California.

**How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?**

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. You can see whether an item is eligible by looking on the product detail section.

For more information:  
<https://smile.amazon.com>



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**  
 Weekly Giving through August 2017

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Regular</u> | <u>Running Total</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> | <u>+ or - Budgeted</u> | <u>Designated</u> | <u>Weekly Total</u> |
|-------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 8/6/2017    | \$1,370.00     | \$45,596.29          | \$51,931.20       | (\$6,334.91)           |                   | \$1,370.00          |
| 8/13/2017   | \$517.00       | \$46,113.29          | \$53,554.05       | (\$7,440.76)           |                   | \$517.00            |
| 8/20/2017   | \$3,205.00     | \$49,318.29          | \$55,176.90       | (\$5,858.61)           | \$ 100.00         | \$3,305.00          |
| 8/27/2017   | \$247.00       | \$49,565.29          | \$56,799.75       | (\$7,234.46)           |                   | \$247.00            |

## Community Suppers

Thank you to everyone who helped with our two community suppers this summer. We served two delicious meals and were proud to serve local salad ingredients each time. A special thank you goes to Alan Baitinger who coordinated these meals and who continues to serve on the Community Supper Board.

## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will start up again on Thursday, September 21st. We are going to try a new starting time of 2:30 pm. Please let Pastor Kendrah know if you absolutely cannot make this time but really want to come to Bible Study.



Our first three-session study is called, "Treasure in Clay Jars" and is written by Angela Shannon. The focus of each session is as follows:

- Sept. 21st—1.) The heart of the matter—conflict, forgiveness and reconciliation
- Oct. 12th—2.) The heart of the matter—seeking God
- Oct. 26th—3.) The heart of the matter—reconciliation as new creations

The next three-session study, which will begin in November is called, "When God Forgives the Guilty" by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Stay tuned for more information on this one.

## Adult Bible Study with Potlucks



Our Adult Bible Study will start up on October 8th and will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays, on Oct. 22nd, Nov. 12th and Nov. 26th. The group will decide if we want to meet on Dec. 10th or not. The plan is to continue our study of Luther's Catechisms, picking up where we left off on the Ten Commandments.

This group seems to work best when we include a potluck. So that is again the plan. Please join us!

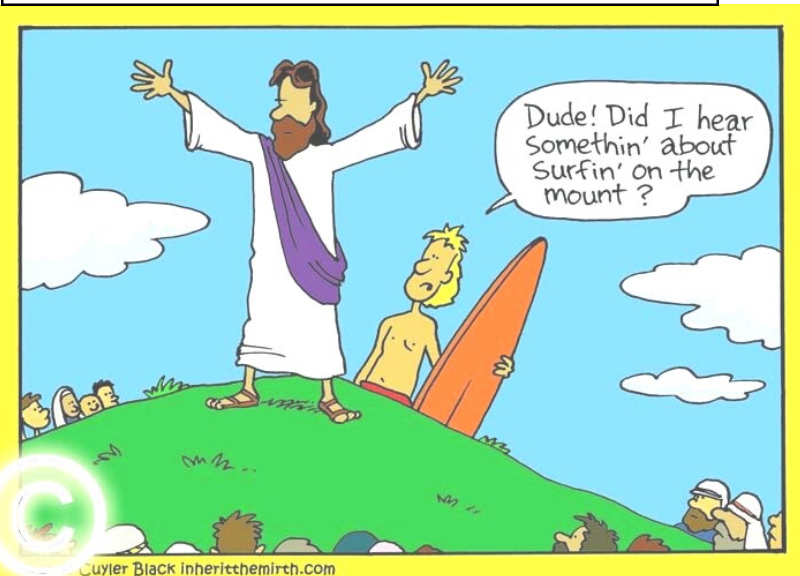
## Publicity and Outreach

Sometimes, it pays to "toot your own horn." Perhaps that is something we should be doing more of in regards to our church. What are some ways that we can reach out to our community? Our upcoming Family Picnic and Oktoberfest are two great ways we can share who we are with others. There is also a new festival in town—the "Homegrown Americana Bluegrass Festival" at the Fairgrounds Labor Day weekend. Perhaps there is an opportunity for us next year to have a booth at this festival and offer items for sale as a fundraiser and outreach. Please start thinking about ways we can get our name out there and reach out to others.

# Church Humor



**You know you are Lutheran when . . .**  
**You insist on spelling "catholic" with a small "c."**





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Mission Statement: *We are a church family who worships together, serves our neighbors, and shares the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Theme Verse: Isaiah 54:10: *“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.”*

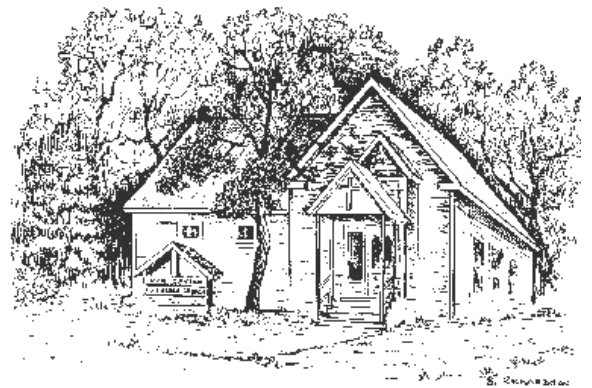
## PASTOR’S LETTER

Dear Church Family,

September 1st marks my 5th anniversary as Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church. It has been a great experience with many more highs than lows. Thank you for being a grace-filled congregation, quick to forgive, and always ready with a smile or hug!

As we move through our church year together, once again we find ourselves in the midst of “Ordinary” time when our altar cloths are green and there are no major church holidays to celebrate.

However, September does mark the start of the school year for our community as well as the restarting of our Bible Studies. There is a different feel to this time of year in the church as we appreciate God’s creation in all the fresh flowers that decorate the sanctuary and in the produce we enjoy in our meals, including during our Coffee Fellowship time and Potlucks!



Our upcoming “Old Fashioned Family Picnic” on Sunday, September 17th is a great way to show our appreciation for all that God has given us by sharing some of those blessings with others.

This year, we Lutherans also have the blessing of celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Let’s take this opportunity to teach others about our faith and traditions. Let’s be bold like those reformers of the church in Luther’s day.

We have been given the gift of faith. It is the best gift anyone could ever receive. Let us share that gift with others through the love and compassion shown to us by Christ Jesus. This is a gift too wonderful to keep to ourselves!

In Christ,

Pastor Kendrah