



Our Saviour Lutheran Church  
**THE SEEKER**  
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023

Rev. Justin Johnson, pastor



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

**Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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**Sunday Worship Schedule**

**Sunday School:** 9:00 am  
**Worship:** 10:00 am  
**Coffee Hour:** following worship

**Weekday Office Schedule**

**Office hours:** 9:00 am - 12:00  
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**Mission Statement:**

Our mission is to offer spiritual grounding and growth by connecting with God and one another.

**Vision Statement:**

Our vision is to provide meaningful, well-attended, active, and growing worship, education, fellowship and service opportunities.



Fall is my absolute favorite season. I love the crisp air and the crunchy leaves with apple and pumpkin spiced everything. This is a season I look forward to every year.

In the church, it is also the season of annual reports, budget meetings, gearing up for all the holidays, and it is filled with busyness. It can become overwhelming when one doesn't practice self care. I am grateful for the leaders during this time as it is a busy time for all.

One of the ways I practice self care is to take time in prayer and meditation. One of my favorite Luther quotes about prayer is "I have so much business; I cannot get along without spending three hours in prayer!" His point was prayer and meditation is an essential part of the day, but is one that is often neglected due to busyness.

Throughout the last few months, I have been sharing aspects of discipleship- devotional reading, prayer, worship, stewardship, and evangelism. Daily prayer is one of those discipleship practices that helps us grow as Christians.

Personally, I practice two types of prayer- centered prayer and the examen. Centered prayer looks a lot like meditation as it is sitting in silence and allowing God to speak. Unlike Buddhist meditation, it isn't emptying the mind, but if a thought appears, one tracks it to see where God is leading.

The Ignatian Examen is a 4 question guided reflection on the day. The 4 questions I use are:

- Where did you find joy today?
- Where did you feel challenged or disappointed in your own response?
- Where did you feel God pulling you?
- What do you hope to bring into tomorrow?

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The idea is to reflect on the day and see where God was working throughout the day. It also focuses you as you start to see patterns in your life and your responses. I've found it a helpful tool for growth and devotion.

As we move into October and November, I invite you to enter into a time of daily prayer. May you find what works for you. These are the busy months, so taking time for prayer becomes essential.



## 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS & OFFICERS

### OFFICERS:

**President:** Sue Montgomery                      **Vice President:** Matt Papertsian  
**Secretary:** Marilyn Grantner/Jamie Polcari    **Treasurer:** Bryan Montgomery

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

**Property:** Matt Papertsian                      **Stewardship:** Marilyn Grantner  
**Worship & Music:** Eleanor Keil              **Social Ministry:** LeeAnn McCarthy  
**Finance:** Sue Montgomery                  **Christian Education:** Jamie Polcari  
**Evangelism & Outreach:** LeeAnn McCarthy    **Finance:** Sue Montgomery



## **Christian Crafters**

### ***"Job Well Done"***

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, we had the blessing of the quilts and kits during church service. The following Tuesday we packed the quilts, school kits, personal care kits, fabric kits and baby care kits into boxes. On Friday, with the help from John Mueller, we delivered 37 boxes of kits and quilts to the "In-Gathering" at Grace Lutheran Church in Yorktown. From there they were loaded onto a Semi-truck and shipped to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Baltimore. After inspection and baling of the quilts, with contributions from hundreds of other churches, they will be sent around the world to those in need.

We would not have been able to accomplish this with out your help. We appreciate your contribution of clean sheets, cotton fabrics, and your generous financial contributions. Without your support we would not be able to continue this ministry. Sincerely and gratefully we thank you! Job well done Our Saviour! Please feel free to stop by any Tuesday morning, 9:00-noon, to join in on the fun of this rewarding ministry.

#### The Christian Crafter Crew:

Becky, Miguel, Evelyn, Kathleen, Karen, Carol, Jeanette, Lois.

Ps: watch for a feature article on the work Our Saviour is doing in an upcoming LWR newsletter.



## **SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIONS**

**-Frya Barnes**

With winter and Christmas fast approaching I am thinking of our custom of preparing gifts for the Seafarers. They will have to be in the hands of the Seafarers Institute before December 1.

- 1 Sweatshirt, M, LG, or XL
- 1 Shirt, same as above
- 1 Hat
- 3 Pair Socks
- 1 large chocolate bar or a can of nuts
- 1 scarf, which I have already made

Right now—We have all the hats and scarves that are needed. Any contributions toward this is greatly appreciated Any questions , please speak with Frya



### **OUR SAVIOUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**Sunday November 19  
Following Worship Service.**

**All Reports Due in to Church Office  
by Monday October 30**

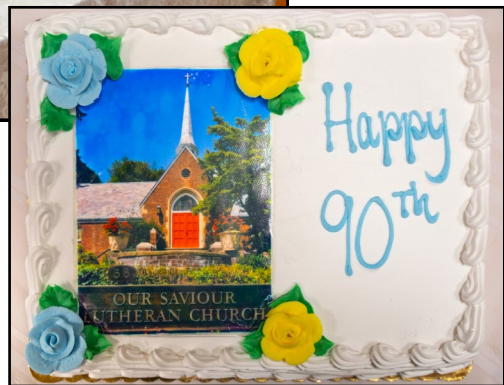
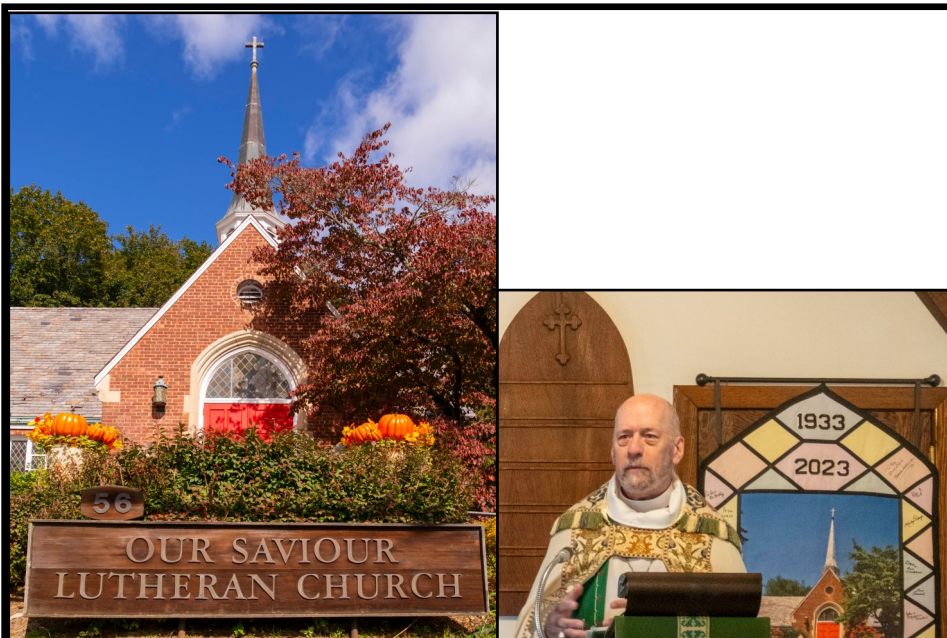


# OUR SAVIOUR CELEBRATES 90th ANNIVERSARY

*OCTOBER 15, 2023*







# ***Christmas Fair 2023***

**Dec. 9, Saturday 10:00- 3:00**

***Christmas Boutique, Bake Sale, Café, Christian Crafters  
Crafts and Ornaments, Frya's Blankets so far...***

***Do you have something you can make or contribute?***

***Come be part of the fun!***

Contact any of the following people:

Christmas Boutique: LeeAnn McCarthy

Bake Sale: Eleanor Soderlund

Café: MaryBeth Soucy

Crafts: Lois Leonard

Blankets knitted items: Frya Barnes

Raffle: Marilyn Dreyer and Lois Leonard

**\*Additional Volunteers needed:**

\*The week before the fair: Set up and price items in the Boutique

\*Friday before the fair to set up the fellowship hall

\*On Saturday be present to welcome visitors and tend tables. This a wonderful opportunity to welcome our community in to our church, and get to know members of our congregation a bit better. Any profits will be shared in outreach and needed projects in our church. This is yet to be determined.



# NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1			1 NA 7:00pm	2 AI Anon Mtg 1-2pm	3	4 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm
5 Twenty-Third Pentecost All Saints Day Worship Service 10:00am via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY	6	7 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm	8 NA 7:00pm	9 AI Anon Mtg 1-2pm	10	11 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm
12 Twenty-Fourth Pentecost Worship Service 10:00am via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY COUNCIL MTG following Service	13	14 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm	15 NA 7:00pm	16 AI Anon Mtg 1-2pm	17	18 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm
19 Twenty-Fifth Pentecost Worship Service via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY Annual Congregational Meeting	20	21 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm	22 Bible Study 7:00pm NA 7:00pm	23 AI Anon Mtg 1-2pm	24	25 YOGA Class 9:45am AA 7:00pm
26 Christ The King Worship Service 10:00am via Facebook & IN SANCTUARY	27	28 Christian Crafters 9:00am –noon AA 7:00pm	29 Bible Study 7:00pm NA 7:00pm	30 AI Anon Mtg 1-2pm		