



# Weekly NEWS

YOU are Our Savior Lutheran Church in 2024!

Sept. 29<sup>TH</sup>

<u>Serving 8:15AM</u>	<u>Sept 29th</u>	<u>Oct 6th</u>
Announcements	Diane Herth	Kerry Trunfio
Coffee Set Up	Ann Nollet	Barbara Machain
Altar Care Set Up	Kathy Kishbaugh	Janice LeBlanc
Communion Servers	Levi Kishbaugh Gary Terhune	Judy Terhune Bob Uhlig
Media Advance Slides	Bob Uhlig	Lydia Betts
Reader(s)	Kahty Kishbaugh	Connie Hashem
Ushers	Hank Betts Adam Bonnette	Glenn Miller Cliff Petersohn
<u>Serving 10:30AM</u>	<u>Sept 29th</u>	<u>Oct 6th</u>
Announcements	Diane Herth	Kerry Trunfio
Coffee Clean Up	Ann Nollet	Lynn Quinlan
Altar Care Set Up	Marilyn Perry	Dian Kingston
Communion Servers	Patty Knight Frank Sienkiewicz	Don Kingston Patty Knight
Media Audio Media Advance Slides	Joel Trunfio Ann Nollet	Jessie Anderson Ellie Sienkiewicz
Reader	John Herth	Marie Anderson
Ushers	Don Kingston John Shaffer	Don Kingston ?
<u>Kids Connection 9:30AM</u>	<u>9/29 class AND 11:45AM Pizza &amp; Pumpkin painting!</u>	<u>Oct 6th</u>
Pre K—K	LEAD: Kim Reale ASSIST: Lori Miller	LEAD: Lynne Quinlan ASSIST:Richie Minozzi
Elementary	LEAD: Gwen Oien ASSIST: Gail Sullivan	LEAD: John Herth ASSIST: Diane Herth

**New prayer opportunity for servers.** You all play a unique role in making our worship experience happen. Everyone’s role is important. On the Sundays that you serve you’re invited to join at the altar 10 minutes before worship (8:05 & 10:20) for a short time of prayer. *-Pastor Joe*

**On your smart phone -**  
**To block out dates:** log in to [oslcm.ccbchurch.com](http://oslcm.ccbchurch.com) and tap three bars on upper left to search. Tap **schedules** then **My Serving**, look towards top and tap **Edit Preferences** then **Blockout Dates** and click on dates you cannot serve. You don’t need to give a reason why.  
**To check out when you are assigned:** Log in to [oslcm.ccbchurch.com](http://oslcm.ccbchurch.com) and tap three bars on upper left to search. Go to **Schedules & Plans** then **My Serving**. It will show where you are signed up.  
**To ask for a replacement if something comes up** (please give as much notice as possible): Log in to [oslcm.ccbchurch.com](http://oslcm.ccbchurch.com) and tap three bars on upper left to search. Go to **Schedules & Plans** then **My Serving**. It will show where you are signed up. Tap **Accepted** (I know it's counterintuitive), click **Find Replacement**, click **Send Message** and an automated letter gets sent to everyone on your serving team as a personal request. You do not need to write anything, make phone calls, etc. It's a great system! Please DO follow the above so that we are not waiting for you when you aren't able to come.

**DINNER GROUPS**  
*You are invited to get to know your fellow Our Savior Lutheran family members over dinner.*  
**October Dinner Group will be hosted by Dian and Don Kingston**  
**October 5th, 6PM - Sign up on kiosk.**  
 There will be room for 8 guests plus the hosts. Guests can sign up with what they will contribute (appetizer, salad, bread, dessert and wine are needed.)

**A 3 week Sermon Series**  
**Rediscovering God’s Invitation to “Well Being”**  
 God’s invites His people into a walk with Him... what are some things from Scripture that we learn about this.  
 In this series we’re looking at a few key “Invitations” that God has given to His people. Sometimes things get so familiar that we overlook them... this is an opportunity to REDISCOVER... some of those invitation from God for your daily life.  
 Week 1: Invitation to “live in the Kingdom”. This is a worldview with Christ as YOUR King... it’s a way of viewing all of your life. Jesus talked of seeking this status... first in life.  
 Week 2: Your invitation to “Be a blessing”. Is being “generous” something that I’m supposed to do so other people get more? Does God really bless me... and what does that mean for how I handle my schedule and stuff? What’s healthy?  
 Week 3: An invitation to be an “image”  
**REDISCOVER what God shares about living with a peace beyond understanding!**

## Family Life ZOOM Opportunities—for all:

We want to support the efforts of parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, and neighbors to have healthy GOD-Conversations. In the course of your day “questions” might come your way... this ZOOM session is to help arm you to feel comfortable with a reply.

**You’ve got Questions!** ZOOM 7:30—8:30- 3rd Wed each month. Oct 16th is the first one. This is a once a month ZOOM session where Pastor and Kerry address questions that come your way. We’re recruiting questions / thoughts from Youth Group and Kids Connection... but if you have one that you’d like to have answered use a communication form.

We’ll read a questions... and pose how to tackle giving a reply. The goal is to help you be a disciple and bring something of help to those moments.

### **Examples of possible questions...**

- Do I need to be nice to everyone? ...strangers? ...someone that steals? ...?
- Why does God allow people to get cancer?
- Are there dinosaurs in the Bible? What does the Bible teach about Mars?
- I’ve seen Christians be mean.... So is Christianity wrong?
- What happens to my dog after he dies?
- What about other religions... is what they say okay for them?

We’re hoping this is a useful for anyone trying to share about Jesus with a child, family member, or neighbor.

**Global Missions:** Have you noticed the new **Missions Monitor** over the Missions table opposite the mail room/coat closet? Spend a moment seeing all the wonderful work Our Savior Lutheran church does outside our Topsfield four walls. Missions is a huge part of how we actively live out being His Church, doing ministry work together, sharing the blessings of time, talent and resources at Our Savior Lutheran Church

**The flowers this week are in honor and memory of Marion King who was born September 30th — Jody & Steve King**

*Each week Gordan Florist delivers a lovely arrangement for \$38. If you would like to celebrate a person, memory, birthday or anniversary please sign up and place your \$38 flower donation in collection plate that week. **After the last service feel free to take the arrangement home with you to enjoy!***



## CALENDAR – all can be found on [oslcma.com](https://oslcma.com) (under *Happenings*)



**Choir rehearses 6PM; Praise Team 7:30PM on Thursdays**

**9/29 Confirmation Class begins after 10:30 worship**

**9/29 Family Life—TODAY! Pizza and Pumpkin decorating after last service**

10/2 Audi’s ZOOM Bible Study on Acts

10/3 Arthur’s Bible Study 1PM in Luther Loft

**10/3 Sisters in Christ - 7:00pm** Get together at Parsonage for a short devo and chatting

10/4 Monthly Staff meeting Noon in Library

10/8 Shepherd Leaders meet 7PM

**10/13 Kid Connection children teach their Memory Verse in lieu of Children’s Sermon**

**10/27 Reformation 9:30AM UNITY service. Packing Party after church for shoeboxes.**

**Bible Memory Verse:**

**“For I can do every-  
thing**

*(spread out arms)*

**Through Christ, (point  
up)**

**Who gives me  
strength”**

*(make arm muscles)*

## HUMAN CARE & SOCIAL BUILDING

Our Savior Lutheran Church is focused on keeping our family (and their loved ones/ neighbors) cared for, prayed over and known they are loved. Each Sunday’s volunteers **pray together before the service.** Members of the **Prayer Team** are available at the rail after the service to pray with you. **Monthly Prayer Card are written** which you can join in on - all ways we can actively live being His church together. As disciples, providing **Rides2Worship** helps people without transportation be a part of our church family. Cooking together is a fun social activity and the results of **Freezer Friends** meals are a wonderful gift to bring the recipient when we check in on them (whether they are members or not) - all part of doing ministry work together.

**Middle-High Schoolers Girls gathers** at Panera in Newburyport for studies (currently Mere Christianity) and connections on Sunday nights, and **Bridge** connects with college students and 20 somethings for Bible Studies and get togethers while leaders share their blessings of talents and time.

Social Building and getting together is so important for our mental health. **Sisters in Christ** is back and will casually meet this Thursday evening at the parsonage for a short devotion and lots of chatting. **Dinner Groups** have begun! October’s Dinner Group will be hosted by Dian & Don Kingston on Oct. 5th at 6PM (see front page for details and [sign up on kiosk](#)).

**Safety—Weed Cutting Request:** The growth by Rt 1 has reemerged and is impeding view of entering and exiting our driveway. If you have the time and interest... please cut away for safer entering .