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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR...

Dear People of God at Our Savior,

As I write this note, it is Father's Day, only two weeks from the beginning of our official time together. As you know, you have called me to be your Intentional Interim Pastor. I'm often asked that age-old Lutheran question, "What does this mean?" Great question. Especially when talking to church leaders about Intentional Interim Ministry (IIM), I hold up a book by Susan Beaumont, entitled: *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going*. While that title usually draws a bit of laughter, it is the subtitle of the book that is especially helpful: *Leading in a Liminal Season*. The word *liminal* comes from the Latin word *limen*. The *limen* threshold of a doorway, where one steps up/over from one room or space into another.



For me, this word-picture helps to answer the meaning of our time together. You, as a congregation, have just bid farewell to your beloved Pastor Eckert who has served you very well for twenty years, plus a few. You, as God's people together, are now stepping from that space in time toward whatever will later come with the calling of the next pastor the Lord has in mind for you. In all honesty, you do not know what is beyond the threshold of this doorway. Neither do I. But our Lord Jesus does. It may be helpful for you (as it is for me) to think of our time together as an "in-between time." A time when we can celebrate the past. A time when we can grow in excitement and clarity toward the future. A time—in the present—when we will work together, stepping up/over the threshold from one into the other.

This "in-between time" provides amazing opportunity:

- To develop a better snapshot of who you are as a group of God's people in this corner of his kingdom

- To clarify how you are specially gifted to serve each other and your surrounding community
- To reaffirm that you are not alone in this; rather, you are part of a larger body (Circuit, District, Synod) with the same mission of proclaiming Jesus
- To develop a commitment toward a new pastoral ministry with strong lay leadership around a renewed vision of our mission (why we are here)

As your Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) I will provide full, ongoing, pastoral leadership and care during this in-between time. Having talked it through together with our elected leaders, my normal "on campus" days of the week will be: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Especially on those weekdays, I expect that my schedule will remain quite flexible in order to best serve you in the name of Jesus.

...Pastor Allen Steinbeck



Jul 02	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Jul 02	10:00 am	Pastor Installation/Comm. Svc.
Jul 04	Independence Day – Church Office Closed	
Jul 06	6:00 pm	Elders' Mtg.
Jul 09	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Jul 09	10:00 am	Worship Svc.
Jul 10	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Men's Group
Jul 15	9:00 am	July Ministry Schedule Due
Jul 16	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Jul 16	10:00 am	Praise/Comm. Svc.
Jul 16	2:00 pm	Adult Fellowship
Jul 18	4:00 pm	P/S Board Mtg.
Jul 20	9:00 am	July Newsletter Deadline
Jul 23	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Jul 23	10:00 am	Worship Svc.
Jul 23	11:00 am	Council Mtg.
Jul 30	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Jul 30	10:00 am	Worship Svc.

MOWING IN JULY

Jul 01 – Art Atrops, Jim LaBelle
 Jul 08 – Mark Hathaway, Lucas Mayes,
 Dick Scholar
 Jul 15 – Corey Maddison, Harold Oliver
 Jul 22 – Bill Williamson, Arlin Weiting
 Jul 29 – Reese Riddiough, Nathan Schofield



Jul 01 Brent Clavin, Stella Graham,
 Jytte Willcox
 Jul 03 Evie Cronan
 Jul 05 Debbie Heuchert
 July 06 Keith Almond
 Jul 08 Mary Clark
 Jul 12 Kyleigh Pischke
 Jul 13 Earl Glasser, Ali Mayes, Dawn
 Schofield
 Jul 14 Randy Shaffer
 Jul 15 Demari Cullors, Corinne Shaffer
 Jul 23 Lucas Mayes
 Jul 27 Diana Brown



Jul 01 Mark & Connie Hathaway
 Jul 02 Dennis & Peggy Payne
 Jul 08 Reese & Jane Riddiough
 Jul 19 Mike & Becky Foley
 Jul 22 Gary & Anita Lange
 Jul 24 Matt & Kelly Olney
 Jul 25 Adrian & Kelli Zamudio



Heads up for everyone who assists with the annual **LWML Yard Sale**: Tentative date is **September 30** with acceptance of items the prior Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Please express your support to Edda Bevilacqua or e-mail Anita Lange at amwlange@yahoo.com. ☼

ALTAR GUILD & FLOWER SCHEDULE



July

July 02 – Comm. Svc.
 10:00 AM – Susan Wilcox – Set-Up
 Deborah Maddison – Take-Down
 Flowers: Open

July 09 – Worship Svc.
 10:00 AM – Becky Zielke
 Flowers: Linda Bornhoft in memory of
 Dennis' birthday

July 16 – Praise/Comm. Svc.
 10:00 AM – Marjorie Hord – Set-Up
 Marianne Heuchert – Take-Down
 Flowers: Randy & Corinne's birthdays

July 23 – Worship Svc.
 10:00 AM – Lori Williamson
 Flowers: Gary & Anita Lange's 47th wedding
 anniversary

July 30 – Worship Svc.
 10:00 AM – Peggy Payne
 Flowers: Open

HOW TO SPEND A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Adult Fellowship on Sunday, July 16, at 2:00 PM!! Join your church family for some games, laughter, tasty treats, and just good old-fashioned fun. You never know if this might be your lucky day. Win a game, take home a prize or two or three, and let the sunshine in! ☼



SNACK SIGN-UP

Is your sweet tooth being deprived on Sunday morning? If so, please sign up to bring treats by 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings. Plan on supplying about 50 pieces of whatever treat you decide. The sign-up sheet is hung above the treat table in Stahnke Hall. Any questions, please contact Lisa DiModica at 805-354-4443. ☼



ELDER'S CORNER

Upward Bound

In 2000, after prayerful consideration, the decision was made to open a pre-school. In the Lutheran tradition, a committee was formed to begin the process of obtaining the necessary permits from the government authorities. And what a process it was! For two years we locked horns with various Santa Barbara County agencies. You need this. You need that. You need to pay for a traffic signal at Bradley and Patterson. We met with our county supervisor. We met with the county planning commission. We prayed. We didn't give up. We persevered and finally God opened the door for us and the county granted us the necessary permits to move forward.

We had the building, the then-vacant parsonage. The next step was to find a pre-school director with the experience necessary to start a pre-school from the ground up. God blessed us with Molly Williams and she went to work.

Now, here we are, 23 years later. The sign on the walls of our building reads: Upward Bound Pre-School - a Ministry of Lutheran Church of Our Savior. What do you know about this ministry?

Upward Bound's operating budget this year is \$250,000. We have been blessed with a wonderful group of five loving, experienced teachers. Some of them have been with us for over 16 years. God also has blessed us with Diana Brown, who has agreed to step in as our interim director until a replacement can be found for Deborah Maddison. We have an enrollment of 24 children, 12 in Building 1 (parsonage) which is designed for ages 2-4



and 12 in Building 2 (Have Hall) designed for ages 4-5 (pre-K). The curriculum and areas of focus include: self-help skills, chapel and bible stories, free play, indoor

and outdoor centers, language, whole alphabet, letter names, sounds, science, art, music, and fine motor skills.

Why have this ministry? Lutheran Church of Our Savior's mission statement states that we are to respond to God's love by reaching more people for Christ by proclaiming Him. Our pre-school ministry follows that mission statement. The church's website lists the pre-school's philosophy and goals: "Each child is a unique gift from God...the Bible is the Word of God...we feel it is our obligation to teach truths found in the Bible and the love of our Savior, Jesus

Christ, through stories, music, and example...We believe that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God; that He died on the cross for our sins, and rose again, conquering death and sin; and that He will come again."

Several months ago, the congregation participated in a survey where opinions and concerns could be shared. Many of you felt that LCOS needed to attract young families. Well, guess what? God has placed 24 young families right in our own backyard and some of those families are unchurched. Upward Bound gives us the opportunity to reach out to them with God's love. We plant the seed and pray that God will make that seed grow. We must not become discouraged if we are not a witness to that growth. A little kid is picked up from Upward Bound. In the car on the way home, that kid says to his Mom, "Mom, did you know that Jesus loves me and died for me on a cross." ✨

...Mark Hathaway

CAMPING IS COMING


Mark your calendars for Family Camping at Lake Lopez the weekend of **September 22-24, 2023!!!** We are excited to keep this tradition going. There is water in the lake this year, so it will be an extra special time. The price for the large group site has increased to \$500/night; please contribute to the camping fund through the church office. Escondido, the large group site, does include 20 cars and up to 100 people, so everyone can come!!! Look for more information as the date draws closer. Questions: Contact Lisa DiModica at 805-354-4443. ✨



Bible Quiz

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7.)

PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE

Hello, fellow Congregants, from the Pastoral Call Committee! We thank you for the fervent prayers and support during the time of waiting for our new pastor. As we say goodbye to Pastor Eckert, we say hello to the Interim Pastor, Allen Steinbeck. Please see his "bio" on this page. His installation and first service will be July 2, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

We also encourage you to think of any pastor you may know from an LCMS church whose name can be submitted to the Synod for consideration for the call to our church. All of these avenues can be used by the Holy Spirit to guide us to our next pastor. In the meantime, the Pastoral Call Committee continues to meet and asks you to please continue to pray. ✨

WE WELCOME PASTOR ALLEN STEINBECK AS OUR INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR TOGETHER WITH HIS WIFE LISA

Pastor Allen has provided this brief biography, highlighting his service in pastoral ministry from the 1980s up through the present:

Allen was born in Paso Robles in 1960. He and Lisa were married in 1991. The Lord blessed them with son Kyle in 1992, and daughter Erin in 1994. They suffered the loss of a stillborn son in 1995.

Formal schooling took place at Trinity Lutheran in Paso Robles (1966-74); Paso Robles High (1974-78); Concordia Portland (1978-83); Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1984-88) with Vicarage assignment (1986-87) at two vacant congregations in Louisiana (Augustana in Alexandria and St. Paul in Mansura).

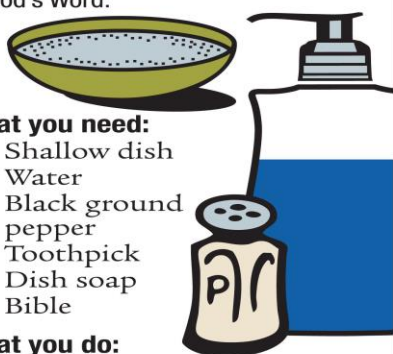
Allen served as pastor to God's people at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Westland, MI (1988-97), as well as Nazareth, Detroit (1989-97). He served as associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Bloomington, IL (1997-2013). He felt called to return home and serve in the literal vineyard in Paso Robles (2013-2019); Lisa faithfully followed. While farming, he did vacancy work at Lutheran Church of Prayer in Bakersfield (2015-16) and at Zion in Terra Bella (2018-2019).

Pastor Allen received Intentional Interim training during 2019 and has done Intentional Interim work at Zion, Terra Bella (8 months); Grace, Visalia (18 months); St. Paul, Merced (22 months). In addition to congregational work, he began serving as Intentional Interim Director in the CNH District in August of 2022 and was appointed as Visitor of Circuit #9 right here on the Central Coast in April, 2023.

Both Pastor and Lisa are excited to be here with you while he serves at Lutheran Church of Our Savior during this in-between time. ✨

Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12.
How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.



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CHRISTIAN MINISTERS AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

DAY	TIME	ACOLYTE	ELDERS	USHERS	LESSON READERS	SOUND SYSTEM	ALTAR GUILD/ FLOWERS
2 Sunday Pastor Installation	10:00 am Comm.	Emma Olney	Dennis Payne	Paul Mattson	Becky Zielke	Terry Murdock	Altar: Susan Wilcox – Set-Up Marianne Heuchert – Take-Down
							Flowers: Open
9 Sunday	10:00 am	Riley Olney	Art Atrops	Jim LaBelle	Diana Brown	Chad Thorstenson	Altar: Becky Zielke
							Flowers: Linda Bornhoft in memory of Dennis's birthday
16 Praise Sunday	10:00 am Comm.	Ali Mayes	Mark Hathaway	Michael Southern	Melanie Mayes	Ed Buchholz	Altar: Marjorie Hord – Set-Up Marianne Heuchert – Take-Down
							Flowers: Randy and Corinne Shaffer's birthdays
23 Sunday	10:00 am	Braedon Rappoza	Todd Martin	Bill Williamson	Lisa DiModica	Karl DiModica	Altar: Lori Williamson
							Flowers: Gary & Anita Lange's 47 th wedding anniversary
30 Sunday	10:00 am	Elder	Tom Heuchert	Mike Foley	Floyd Olson	Diana Brown	Altar: Peggy Payne
							Flowers: Open
Please phone person* at right ONLY if you are unable to find a replacement>>>>>		ACOLYTES *Mark Hathaway 937-9675	ELDERS *Todd Martin 801-3873	USHERS *Dennis Payne 934-1101	READERS *Todd Martin 801-3873	SOUND *Dennis Payne 934-1101	ALTAR GUILD Connie Hathaway 937-9675 FLOWERS Connie Hathaway 937-9675 FLOWER MINISTRY Randy & Crystal Shaffer (808) 772-3170

1. PLEASE ARRANGE FOR ANY CHANGE(s) BY TRADING WITH ANOTHER MINISTER.
2. PLEASE NOTIFY THE PERSON WHO OVERSEES YOUR ASSIGNMENT OF ANY CHANGE(s).
3. INFORM CHURCH OFFICE ONLY AFTER CHANGE(s) IS/ARE MADE TO SCHEDULE – 937-1116

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

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2 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Comm. Svc.	3	4 Independence Day (Church Office Closed) 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	5	6 6:00 PM – Elders’ Mtg.	7	8 No Quilters’ Meetings for the Summer
9 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Worship Svc.	10 6:00 – 8:00 PM – Men’s Group	11 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	12	13	14	15 August Ministry Availability Due
16 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Praise/Comm. Svc. 2:00 PM – Adult Fellowship	17	18 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	19	20 9:00 AM – August Newsletter Deadline	21	22
23 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Worship Svc. 11:00 AM – Council Mtg.	24	25 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	26	27	28	29
30 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Worship Svc.	31					