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Savior Divine Lutheran Church  
10040 S. 88TH Ave. Palos Hills, IL 60465



# THE GOSPEL NEWS

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**Sunday Worship  
10 a.m.**

## FROM THE PASTOR...

### Behind the Scenes at Elsie's Pantry



What does it take to run a food pantry that helps close to 100 families a week?

It takes a dedicated group of volunteers and the generosity of local stores as well as individuals to donate food.

Every Wednesday morning the green Chicago Food Depository truck rolls down our driveway to the entrance of Elsie's Pantry to drop off food collected from various stores in the area. The pantry also gets a monthly delivery on the first Tuesday of the month of food directly from the Chicago Food Depository. By the way, the Chicago Food Depository has recently given the pantry a new industrial size freezer at no charge, making it the *third* such freezer the pantry now has! Some local stores such as Panera Bread and Buttercrumb Bakery also donate on a regular basis.

In addition, we do have people who donate food in the drop-off box near our mailbox. There is a volunteer who stops by each day to check on whether any food has been left in the box.

The pantry has a very committed staff of volunteers. Some help on Wednesday mornings in putting away the food from the delivery and also help to fix the individual boxes which will be given out to the clients who come for drive-up pickup only. On Thursdays, there can be up to a dozen volunteers present to help when the pantry is open from 2 - 4 p.m. I would mention that the value of food given to each client is about \$100.

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*"Continuing Our Journey"*

*"Trust. Pray. And thank God for his blessings along the way"*

I find it interesting that the cars start lining up as early as two hours before the pantry opens. One of the volunteers, our member Matt Birk, helps to direct the flow of traffic in the parking lot once the pantry officially opens. I am also present at the opening of the pantry in order to have prayer with the volunteers and stay to greet the clients as they arrive. Since the start of the pandemic, the pantry has waived the geographical restrictions and also the number of times one may come each month.

Since we do receive food from the Chicago Food Depository, we must meet certain standards in the operation of our pantry. The pantry is subject to an unannounced inspection at least once a year by a representative from the Depository. Fortunately, we have passed our inspections and have made changes where suggestions have been made.

We can be grateful for the work of Beth Heinrich, the Director of the Pantry. The pantry has become a well-tuned operation with many dedicated volunteers. As a result, we can be a blessing to so many families.

Pastor Marty



This is the truck that delivers the food to be distributed from our pantry. This is delivered every Wednesday.



In the picture are Elsie's pantry workers Becca, Matt, Karen, David, Joanne, Chuck, Melinda, Scott, Terry, Sharon and Deb. Not in the picture are workers Pastor Marty, Beth, Bob, Debbie, Linda, Scott G, Sharon C, Tom and Tommy.

### Prayer Requests for Our Sunday Worship



We are grateful to have a very rich prayer ministry at Savior Divine. You can tell by the number of people we pray for in our worship. We also have a Prayer Team which meets on a monthly basis.

When you do make a request, please be sure to fill out a form on the entryway table. You may specify if the person's name is to be included in our Sunday worship or for our Prayer Team only or for both.

What we would especially desire is an address of the person for whom we are praying. At our last council meeting, we decided that we would like to send a card to those for whom we are praying in order to strengthen our connection with them. Also, if you know of someone who no longer ought to be included in our Sunday list, please let us know in the office.

Pastor Marty

## God's Work. Our Hands



The ELCA has a worldwide initiative for all congregations to participate in a service project in their communities on the same day. This year that date is September 11, the date selected for our picnic. Several years ago in the inaugural year of this initiative, we purchased T-shirts and spent the day cleaning and preparing the Beds Plus shelter site at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Worth. That year we also helped out at a Hickory Hills community event by staffing the concessions at a "Movie in the Park" gathering.

This year we would like to assist Beds Plus by holding a "Laundry Kit Drive". These kits consist of 2 detergent pods, 2 dryer sheets and \$3.50 in quarters. Our goal is to make 100 kits. During the months of July and August we will be collecting quarters. Please save your quarters and deposit them in our display. We will track our progress weekly.

For those of you who are "Cash Less" rolls of quarters may be purchased at your bank or a currency exchange. If you would prefer, you may deposit paper bills and I can exchange it for quarters for you. We are planning to build the kits as a picnic activity. Consider wearing your T-shirt.

The kits will be delivered to the Beds Plus office in LaGrange. They were very excited to hear of our efforts.

Thank you for exceptional & continued generosity in all of the Mission and Community Outreach initiatives of Savior Divine.

Blessings,

Vicki Doherty

## MULCH AND TREE TRIMMING FUNDED!



Well, we did it again. Thanks to everyone that contributed to the trees being trimmed and the mulch in the courtyard. We have been successful in getting the money to have the tree trimming done this month and the mulch has already been laid down.

## JUNE 3- OCTOBER 14, 2022



The Hills Chamber and the City of Hickory Hills are excited about the Hills Farmers Market that has come to the City of Hickory Hills and is held in the Hickory Hills City Hall parking lot located at 8652 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street every Friday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. until October 14, 2022.

## **CHURCH PICNIC**



The annual church picnic this year will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The meal will again be catered, but if you would like the church to provide a meal for you, be sure to indicate your desire on the sign-up list in the back of the church. You need to sign up by Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Also indicate if you will be bringing a dessert to share. Plates, napkins, cups, plasticware, soft drinks and water will be provided. (A donation for each meal will be requested to cover this cost.)

Favorites water balloon toss and egg-toss are again planned for outdoors. Driving marshmallows from a tee is planned also, as well as other outdoor games for adults and children--such as bean bags and ladder ball. Bingo and whatever games you would like to bring are also scheduled. The traditional door prizes will be distributed too, for which we are asking a donation of any size that will be donated to the Food Pantry.

So plan to stay after the worship service September 11<sup>th</sup>. Bring the entire family, invite your friends, and plan to have a fun-filled afternoon! As always, if you can help in any way, such as setting up beforehand, cleaning up afterward, securing door prizes, or suggesting new ideas, you can contact me or Bev Yazumbek.

Paul Wackenhuth  
Picnic Co-ordinator

## **Attention All Lectors**



If you are a reader for one of the lessons on Sunday mornings, you may encounter from time to time a difficult word to pronounce. A pronunciation guide for biblical words is available on the pulpit for you to check before the service. You may also ask the pastor for assistance.

## **Facebook Live Etiquette**



As you know we are now streaming our service on Facebook Live. If you are watching the service on Facebook, please leave a comment with your name so that we know that you are "in attendance" for our worship.

Also, for those of you in church, please be aware that the streaming begins when the prelude or preservice music starts and will end when the postlude concludes. You may want to be aware of your movement and talking in the sanctuary during these times.

In addition, if you have 'liked' our Facebook Page, you will receive our service in your Facebook stream. Please consider "sharing" this post as it becomes an act of evangelism on your part in reaching out to others in your network.

A big thanks to Jeff Psolla who has been faithful in operating the computer and camera for this streaming.

Pastor Marty

## The ELCA Churchwide Assembly August 8 - 12

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 8-12, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Delegates will come from the 65 synods that make up the ELCA. The delegates will gather under the theme, *Embody the Word*.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the ELCA Churchwide Assembly convenes, its voting members meet with confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units;
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies;
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws;
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy;
- Worship together;
- Adopt a budget; and conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

Please keep this Assembly in your prayers.



**SOMETHING FOR ALL OF US TO THINK ABOUT.**

## **Businesses We Use And Can Recommend**

Kathy's Kreations 708-599-7457

Executive Green Carpet Cleaning 708-599-5151

Chicagoland Heating & Air Conditioning 708-425-0600

Bridgeview Roofing (Tom Metlow) 708-710-7663

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### **LET US PRAY**

Thank you, God, for everything-  
the big things and the small-

For every good gift comes from God,  
the giver of them all.

Too often we accept  
without any thanks or praise

The gifts God sends as blessings  
each day in many ways.

Oh, make us more aware, dear God,  
of little daily graces

That come to us with sweet surprise  
from never-dreamed-of places,

And help us to remember  
that the key to life and living

Is to make each prayer a prayer of thanks  
and every day Thanksgiving.



Helen Steiner Rice



