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



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**Sunday Worship  
10 a.m.**

## FROM THE PASTOR...



### Journaling for Discipleship

Writing your thoughts in a journal can be a very valuable discipline. Writing helps to give clarity to your thoughts and provides you with a record of what your thinking and actions have been.

Maybe you have kept a gratitude journal, writing for what you are thankful. It can be a useful reminder not only for looking to the past but also for the present time. You seek to put your life into perspective, especially when you might be experiencing down times

Prior to the pandemic, small notebooks were passed out in church in order for you to write down your thoughts regarding discipleship. For each season of the liturgical year you can write down your reflections, experiences, and questions. You could include what Bible passages might be significant for you.

For this season of Pentecost, you can write down the names of the people you are praying for whom you know are unchurched and are praying that the Spirit would work in their lives. This way you can refer back to your list. Also, you might reflect on how the Holy Spirit might be leading you in your own life at the present time.

If you are in need of a journal, they are available in the living room area of the church. I hope this kind of discipline will be helpful for you.

Pastor Marty

*"Continuing Our Journey"*

## The Discipleship Group

RICK WARREN

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE



The group will decide on the next meeting date and it will be put in the bulletin. The group will be studying Purpose #4 You Were Shaped for Serving God and is Days 29-35 in the book, *The Purpose Driven Life*.

## Connection on Zoom

zoom



For connecting on Zoom, the Meeting ID is 693-724-4200 and the Passcode is 5980700. You may call in with a phone by dialing (312) 626-6799 and following the prompts to enter the Meeting ID and Passcode.

## Discipleship Emphasis for the Season of Pentecost



For discipleship, consider how you might provide a witness to our church either by speaking about our ministry, inviting someone to worship, or even handing out our brochure to someone. Consider, too, praying that the Holy Spirit would work in someone whom you know is unchurched.

## Farmers Market Commenced on June 7



The Farmers Market sponsored by the Hills Chamber of Commerce is held on Fridays up to September 27 from 8 AM to 1 PM. While there will be a repeat of vendors in the past, there will also be some new ones. On selected Fridays the market will feature a time for exercise at the nearby park, library storytelling, and time for adults to learn about how to use their tablets, cell phones, and computers. The market will also have a monthly raffle after securing the required number of visits on a monthly card. Please stop by to visit some Friday!

## CHURCH PICNIC



The annual church picnic this year will be held on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The meal will again be catered and **the cost will be \$20**. Please sign-up on the sheet in the living room area by September 1st so we can give the correct count to the caterer. **You need to sign up and place your money in the offering plate (marked picnic) by Sunday, September 1st.** Plates, napkins, cups, plasticware, soft drinks and water will be provided.

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 ladderball. (Let's pray for clear weather this year!) Bingo and whatever games you would like to bring are also scheduled. The traditional door prizes will be distributed too.

As we did last year for the ELCA program God's Work/Our Hands, we will also assemble laundry kits to assist Beds Plus.

So plan to stay after the worship service September 8<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.

Paul Wackenhuth

Picnic Co-ordinator

## WHAT'S IN OUR BOOK NOOK?

### SHROUD

Robert K. Wilcox

Is the shroud of Turin- the linen cloth reputed to be the garment Jesus was buried in- a medieval hoax, an occult phenomenon, a proof of Jesus' resurrection?

To answer these questions the author traveled halfway around the globe interviewing experts, scientists, and specialists. Meet the people he interviewed, weigh the written evidence, examine the photographs, contemplate the contemporary reconstruction of the man in the shroud. Then you will be able to decide for yourself whether the shroud of Turin is a hoax, the occult, or proof of the resurrection of Jesus.

### HOLDING ON WHEN YOU WANT TO LET GO

Sheila Walsh

At one time or another in your life, you may have felt that your life has not turned out as you thought it would. Your heart and mind may fill with loneliness, regret, and the fear that in one wrong move everything will come crashing down or spin out of control.

In those dark moments, the author offers answers and shares the powerful truth that you are not forgotten, overlooked, or pushed aside. Your story is not finished. You will discover that you are loved, cherished, and rescued by God.

This book will give you hope and the strength to keep going, holding on to God in a world turned upside down. It's not a quick fix, but a God fix.

### Facebook as an Evangelistic Tool



As you know we are happy to reach our own members who are homebound or who may be out of town by streaming our service on Facebook. We have been able to reach non members as well who have watched our service. Surprisingly, we have had a gentleman from Nepal posting in our comments, and recently I learned we have had a pastor from Kenya who has been viewing our Facebook posts. In fact, he has been in conversation with me through the Messenger app and has "liked" our page.

We ought to be able to see Facebook as an outreach tool. If you have already liked our page, consider SHARING our weekly service. This is an act of evangelism. You will be reaching your own friends and who knows whom they might know is unchurched. By the way, if you do need help getting on Facebook or with the sharing, please call the church office.

Pastor Marty

## Businesses We Use And Can Recommend

Executive Green Carpet Cleaning 708-599-5151

Chicagoland Heating & Air Conditioning 708-425-0600

Bridgeview Roofing (Tom Metlow) 708-710-7663

K & O Decorating (inside and outside painting) (Ken Osborne) 708-598-3209

True Green Spraying Service (Lawn Weed Control) 708-430-5550

Ted's Plumbing & Sewer (Curt Kunz) 708-846-0525

Roy Sanchez Paving (Commercial Paving) 708-535-0877

Legacy Paving (Rigo Sanchez) (Residential) 708-596-2500

Cristina Lungu (Home Products) [www.amway.com/myshop/cristinalungu](http://www.amway.com/myshop/cristinalungu)

Alonso (Clean up & Lawn Care) 708-769-2931

Catering by Diane 708-361-3353 [www.cateringbydiane.net](http://www.cateringbydiane.net)

FLV Landscaping 708-986-8104

Smitty's Tree Service 708-954-1794

Flora Designs by Donna 708-586-2107

J & S Painting & Remodeling (Jim Carlson, Jr.) 708-638-2344



## **DON'T WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW, GOD IS ALREADY THERE!**

Lord,

I feel afraid and insecure as I face my future. I come before You to lay my fear and anxiety at your feet.

Help me to look at life with trust and hope and to experience Your presence in all of my problems and hardships.



