

# *Our Savior Lutheran Church Board of Elders*

Greetings Dear Members of Our Savior Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever, Amen!

We are living in and experiencing unique and trying times. In all times and in all places, we should draw near to the Lord and call on Him for our every need. Difficulty and hardship can potentially have a very detrimental effect on our spiritual health. Physical challenges tend to divert our attention and take our focus off the Lord and His promises. Now more than ever, we should take every opportunity to pray and give thanks to the Lord for all He has done. Let us not forget the need for repentance and to call out to our Heavenly Father for forgiveness. 2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. May we also rejoice in the glorious gift given to us by and through the work of Jesus Christ who bore the full weight of our sin and grants us forgiveness and salvation, therefore we are seen as righteous in the sight of our Heavenly Father. In these times and in all times, we have the peace of our Lord which surpasses all human understanding; as such we go about this difficulty in our lives knowing full well we can rest in the comfort and peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Nothing in this world or beyond can compare to or separate us from the love we have in our Lord Jesus Christ.....nothing!! Romans 8:38-39 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!!

During this time of significant change, we understand that stress and worry affect all of us differently. Also, families are impacted in different ways, at different levels, and in different areas of their lives. In these challenging times, it's important for us to remember those who are impacted to the greatest extent; spiritually, physically, financially. As Elders, we want you to know that we are here to help you to the greatest degree possible. If any of our members need to have errands run, prescriptions picked up, groceries delivered or those types of physical needs, especially for our elderly and homebound members, please call the Church Office at (701)-852-6404 and ask for the specific Elder's contact information.

**Additionally, we are here to provide all of the spiritual help that the Lord has gifted us to give. If any of you would like to pray, to talk, to vent, or to advise of someone you may know who has a need for these things, please contact us. Our task as the Board of Elders is to assist the Pastor in his needs for the Church and to care for the spiritual needs of the congregation. One of the challenges we are focusing on is to see to it that Pastor Trampe is not overloaded. Since physical access to hospitals, assisted living facilities, homes, and other areas is heavily restricted or banned, many of these items need to be addressed over the phone, via text, or email. This type of communication has the propensity to demand a large portion of anyone's daily schedule. As such, the Board of Elders is asking for anyone with any of the needs listed above, any spiritual need you feel God has gifted us to help you with, or any other item we could assist Pastor Trampe in helping you with, please contact us. The Board of Elders is here for you in any manner God has willed us to be. Please call the Church Office at (701)-852-6404 and ask for the specific Elder's contact information. Do not hesitate to call, text, or email us if we can be of assistance.**

**Finally, we now understand that nobody told the building mortgage, utilities, insurance, and other bills to practice social distancing.....they keep showing up at the Church!! If you are able, please continue to give generously, as the Lord has first given so graciously to us. In order for us to come out of this stronger than ever, we need to pull together and support Our Savior Lutheran Church to the greatest extent possible.**

**Psalm 34:4, 17-18, 22 I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

**In His Grace and Service,**

**OSLC Board of Elders**

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