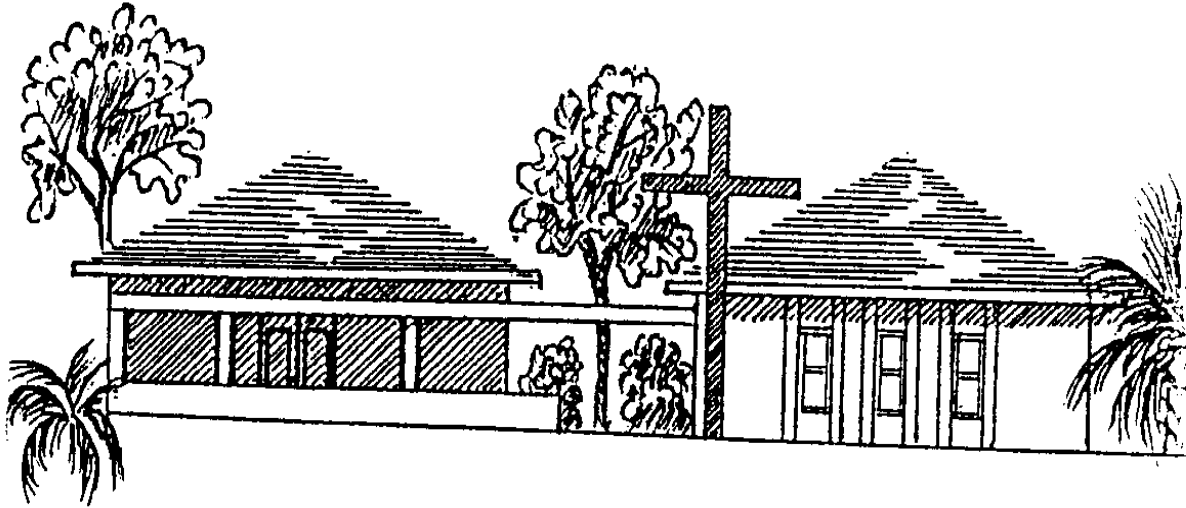


The Good Life

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church of Marion Oaks invites all members of the community to participate in Sunday School at 9:00 A.M. And worship service at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday

Pastor Wayne A. Kofink



PASTOR'S LETTER

I got back from vacation ready for another vacation—only this one without weeks of clearing out 97 years worth of junk from the old family house and

without the five-hour delay in Memphis and without the closet full of water in my bedroom at my apartment. I came right back to meetings (the bane of a pastor's work), but this meeting had a nice touch. Pr. Ron Will and his wife Yvonne told me how much they enjoyed coming to Our Saviour when Pr. Will supplied for me. They had a good time visiting old friends and meeting new ones. Yvonne particularly mentioned how much she appreciated the delightful, well-behaved children. (Note to the young people: Clip this article and show it to you parents next time you get yelled at.)

I love working at a church that spans the ages from newborns to centenarians. It's like the church I grew up in. In the late 50s and early 60s they had 200 children in Sunday School. I remember having to sit on an old nail keg once because there weren't enough chairs for everyone. We were fortunate that as the 1950s began, the church council had the vision to extend the building doubling the amount of room for the Sunday School. It was a daring move on the part of the congregation that remember the then all-too-recent experience of the Great Depression and World War II .

Was it worth it? I don't know how others felt, but I certainly wouldn't be a pastor today if it weren't for that church and its Sunday School. I'm not sure what would have become of me if it weren't for the people at that church who were interested in doing more than just getting by for the present.

I am grateful to our Sunday School teachers Clint Hill, Jarmelia Mitchell, and Sharon Soper for teaching this past year. They did a wonderful job in a difficult

situation—children huddled around a card table in a corner of the fellowship hall, surrounded by the food pantry and old chairs, bombarded by the noise of the adult class, fellowship from the first service, and preparations for the second service. Thank you so much. It is my dream that by next year this time, we will be talking about how wonderful the classes were in the new building.

Everyone is invited to a gather after the service on July 11 to hear about the proposal for the new building and then discuss it with other members and friends of Our Saviour. We have a great opportunity before us to move ahead toward the future, the future of our children. For me personally the new building is a chance to do for others what they once did for me. It's time to seize the opportunity. We mustn't miss this opportunity. I know we can succeed.

It's not about a bigger church. It's about a bigger heart.

Peace,

Wayne



THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Kofink & Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

Thank you for the opportunity to go to Luther Springs camp. I had an awesome time and met many people and made a lot of new friends.

Sincerely, A. J. White

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Hard to believe, but it's time to think about school supplies again. (No groaning from the peanut gallery.) We will be supporting the Presbyterian Church at Marion Oaks to provide Sunrise Elementary School with supplies. We need

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| 1) Lined paper | 2) Crayons |
| 3) Pencils | 4) Glue |
| 5) Scissors | |

ALOHA!

Our Summer Pot-Luck will be August 8 following the service. Please sign up to bring a dish. And feel free to wear your favorite Hawaiian outfit to church that Sunday. Just because we can't go to Hawaii doesn't mean we can't pretend. Aloha!

HUH?

A recent item noted that a Lutheran Church in Ohio had been burglarized. The crook stole ten brownies, ten cookies, and an unspecified number of blank checks. You can usually get brownies and cookies without stealing them just by coming to fellowship after services at a Lutheran Church. People might look at you funny if you took ten of each, but still. We note that it is typically Lutheran that the church knows exactly how many brownies and cookies it has, but no idea how many blank checks it has. We Lutherans have our priorities straight.

COUNTERS

We are in need of members to count offerings on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to help, please contact Doris Foster, 732-5309

THRIVENT NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Tampa Bay Rays vs Baltimore Orioles Saturday August 14th 2010, 4:10pm Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg FL Proceeds to benefit Luther Springs Camp Tickets \$23.00 per ticket (\$2.00 per ticket will benefit the camp) The first 500 Thrivent members will receive noise makers!! Orders must be received

by August 2nd To sit together as a group, please collect funds and register as a group by sending one order form. Order early. first come first served (last year we sold out!) Go to www.lutheransonline.com/rfo190 for order and promotional information

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WORSHIP ETIQUETTE

Since we are the Little Church with a Big Heart we .

- come to worship on time so as not to disrupt the service.
- leave the seats in the back row for those who have small children or medical problems that may require them to leave quickly.
- don't show displeasure if someone is sitting in "our" seat.
- are sensitive to families wanting to sit together, so we happily move over a seat or two to accommodate them.
- keep SILENT before the service starts so as not to disturb anyone.
- turn off our cell phones so they don't go off during the service.
- don't read or send text messages during the service since we give our whole attention to worship.
- keep silent during the offering so all can hear the anthem or instrumental offertory.
- remain in the church until the dismissal "Go in peace. Serve the Lord," because we want to thank God for the gift of Word and Sacrament.
- greet people we do not know, introduce ourselves to strangers, and accompany them to fellowship.

LUNCH BUNCH

If you plan to go to lunch with the bunch please sign up on the sign up sheet.

Talk to Sue Stone or Cathy Martin for more info.

July 4	Chili's
July 18	Red's

To help with scheduling and reservations please talk to Sue Stone about signing up a week ahead of time.



See proposed building plan on next page

COUNCIL NEWS

Financial Statement

Month	Envelope	Plate	Int.	Total	Budget
January	\$8,479.95	\$477.80	\$59.89	\$9,053.64	\$8,065.00
February	\$7,497.00	\$580.05	\$54.15	\$8,131.20	\$8,065.00
March	\$6,287.00	\$299.09	\$64.67	\$6,645.76	\$8,065.00
April	\$6,909.00	\$523.87	\$62.66	\$7,495.53	\$8,065.00
May	\$7,907.00	\$259.13	\$64.82	\$8,230.95	\$8,065.00

Amount needed to meet budget \$40325.00

Amount received to date \$39557.07

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Pastor Wayne Kofink
 President Norman Hill
 Vice President Joyce Leonard
 Treasurer Dorothy Wilson
 Secretary Cherie Foster
 Financial Secretary Doris Foster
 Elsie Koiner
 Bob Johnson
 Kathy Martin
 Carol Laundry
 Esther Hoffman

SERVING OUR SAVIOUR

USHERS

10:00 A.M.

July 04	Lafayette and Doris Williams
July 11	John and Carol Laundry
July 18	Clint and Myra Hill
July 25	Paul and Winona Beck

LECTORS

10:00 A.M.

July 04	Elsie Koiner
July 11	Thelma Moyer
July 18	Mary Johnson
July 25	Diane Shereck

GREETERS

July 04	Frank and Thelma Moyer
July 11	Clint and Myra Hill
July 18	Doris Foster and Susan Stone
July 25	Matt Foster and Paul Beck

MEALS ON WHEELS

July 06	Clint and Myra Hill
July 13	BJ and John Bartlett
July 20	Janet Hartshorne and Pat Meinel
July 27	Tom and Helen Blanton

ASSISTING MINISTERS

July 04	Joyce Leonard
July 11	Howard Lewis
July 18	Rebecca Lewis
July 25	Jarmelia Mitchell

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<http://a-pilgrims-place.blogspot.com>

