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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...

Synod Assembly Opened on a Lively Note



The Synod Assembly of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod held at the Q Center in St. Charles on June 1 opened with a rousing song by a Dixieland band playing "When the Saints Go Marching In." The 377 registered delegates were treated to many videos showcasing various ministries in congregations throughout our synod.

The name of our deceased member Sandy Wackenhuth appeared on the screen in memory of her service to our synod when rostered leaders were remembered for their service. The delegates also had the opportunity to attend various workshops. I attended the one on Technology and Social Media, Jan Beckman attended Social Change in Congregations, and Vicki Doherty attended the workshop on Shared Space.

Resolutions brought to the floor for vote involved approving the budget for the next fiscal year, approving exploring reinvestment in areas of Chicago where racial change has occurred, and considerations for the war in the Middle East. One resolution concerning the Middle East was brought forward to submit to the Churchwide Assembly next year.

The Assembly closed with worship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Charles with the singing of contemporary hymns and presented in a bilingual format.

Pastor Marty

"Continuing Our Journey"

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

The Discipleship Group

RICK WARREN

THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE



The group will meet next on Thursday, August 1 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. 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.



A Kawai Piano Arrives at Savior Divine as a Gift!

We now have a grand piano in our sanctuary that came as a gift from Living Faith Community Church in Lockport. You may remember that the piano was here when that congregation was space sharing with us. They no longer desired to use the piano and offered it to us, which they had purchased at a price of \$35,000. We needed to pay the transportation charge and also have it tuned. The total cost came to \$913.40. Any special donation you could make would be appreciated.



Above: Special dancers performed during a meeting.

Right: Jazz group played while we assembled and again to open the assembly.

Pictures from the Synod Assembly

Right: One of the breakaway groups that Pastor Marty attended.

Right lower: The assembly screen used during the meetings while the Bishop was speaking.



WHAT'S IN OUR BOOK NOOK?

Did you know that we have a library of interesting and educational books to lend to you? We rarely mention it in conversation, but it is there for us to use for our personal Christian growth.

I will be highlighting two books a month in the Gospel News.

I hope you find this helpful and please take advantage of our little library. If you take a book home with you, sign it out in the journal provided.

STORIES OF THE HYMNS

Rawson & Tonioli

The Stories found in this book are about the authors and composers of 41 of our favorite and beloved hymns. It brings to light what inspired and caused them to create the lyrics and melodies. It also includes stories of how these hymns brought joy and comfort to those hearing and singing them and how it enriched their lives.

We have told some of these stories during our service.

IN HIS STEPS

&

THE CHRISTIAN'S

What would Jesus do?

SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE

Charles M Sheldon

Hannah Whitehall Smith

Two books in one cover by Guidepost Publishers

Pastor Charles Sheldon chronicles the effect on his community's response to his sermon series based on what happened in the lives of various persons, with different backgrounds and vocations, who applied to every decision the question "What would Jesus do?"

Hannah Whitehall Smith, a Quaker woman from Germantown PA, gives us a guide to the joys of Christian life and how to get in touch with God. It was first published in 1870 and is a forerunner of all "how to" books.

Farmers Market Commenced on June 7



The Farmers Market sponsored by the Hills Chamber of Commerce will be held on Fridays from June 7 through 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!

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
 Alonso (Clean up & Lawn Care) 708-769-2931
 Catering by Diane 708-361-3353 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.



**"Prayer is not a duty or a habit, but a pouring forth of the heart in gratitude for every breath, every moment of life, every experience."
 (Sue Sikking)**



