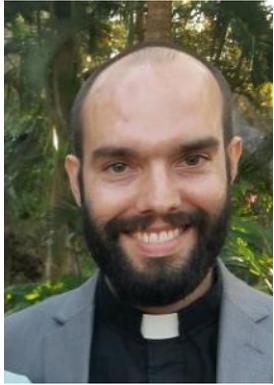




## OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



***“The mission of  
Our Savior Lutheran Church  
is showing people Jesus Christ through  
Faith, Service and Love.”***

**Pastor Jacob Roedsens**

Friends,

As we enter October a few things enter my mind. Autumn, Halloween, Dia De Los Muertos, All Saints Day, and Reformation Day. But this is 2020 and my heart breaks a little. As you all well know this year the events that we are used to will be different. Will children be able to trick or treat? Will our Reformation celebration be the same without a potluck? These and many other thoughts run through my mind and I'm sure many of yours as well. Why o why do things have to change?

I spend a lot of time reflecting on that question, why do things have to change? Why can't things remain the same? As I've reflected on that question I am reminded of Isaiah's comforting words, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

Change is inevitable in our lives. Some good and some bad, but change will happen. We are not the same people today that we were five years ago (and that in itself can be better or worse). For those of us who confess Jesus Christ as Lord we are hopefully being changed by His strong and powerful word. We are being shaped and formed into the image of Christ. Rom 8, 28 And we

***Pastor's Message cont'd...***

know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[i] have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Scripture does not paint a picture of randomness and happenstance. Our God did not create the world and then leave us to our own devices. No He is present and He is with us. You are a baptized child of God. Reflecting the love that He has show you to all those you come into contact with. So while change is not usually the preferred thing change happens and change can be good. This Halloween maybe you can leave candy in a bowl, sit in a chair sipping your favorite beverage and wish the children well from 6' away. For Reformation you can make your favorite German dish and share it with a friend. Maybe we can thank God that we are alive and well, rejoicing that we can share the good news with those we come in contact with during such a dark time in many people's lives.

I encourage you to see this time of constant change not as a downer or a struggle but a chance to rejoice in the Lord. To rejoice in the opportunity you and I have to be a light in a dark world that o so needs the good news of Jesus Christ.

In His Grip,

Pastor Jake



Please consider donating to the CROS Food Pantry.  
This month's need is CANNED TUNA OR MEAT (CHILI,  
BEEF STEW, ETC). Cash donations are appreciated as well.  
Thank you!



We are still having Bible study twice a week in person and online (Sundays at 10:45 & Wednesday's at 11:15) If you would like to join us and do not receive the reminder emails please let me know and I will add you to the list.

Every second and fourth (*please note the change from "every" to second and fourth*) Tuesday at 6:00pm we will host via Zoom P's & Q's (pints and questions). If you are interested in gathering together via Zoom to talk and ask questions of Pastor and share a beverage together please *email*

**Thank you!!!**

***We really appreciate those of you who have been coming by and helping us clean up things around the property. Thank you so much!!!***



# REMODEL UPDATE

## *Architectural Renderings Of the New Sanctuary*



### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

DOROTHY BATTEY	10/02
DEBBIE BROWN	10/02
JAMES BROWN	10/02
CALEB JACOBS	10/07
ARIA ROEDSENS	10/08
DOTTIE CASTORINA	10/09
GERALDINE CHRISTMAN	10/17
JUNE HAMLIN	10/18
KAY SCHUBERT	10/22
JUDY LEVERENZ	10/25