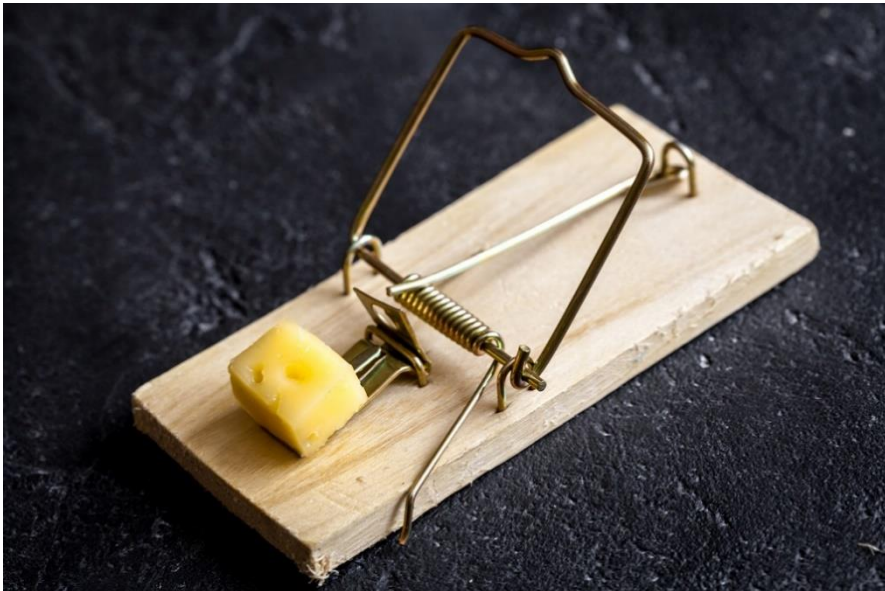


Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 27 & 28, 2019



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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshiping with us today. Guests please fill out the guest card in the pew and sign the guest book in the Narthex. Peace be with you in Christ. We have discontinued the use of the pew cards to record member attendance and communion attendance.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, available at the Welcome Center.

**Communion is Served Saturday Evening Service on the 1st & 3rd weekends
and at the Sunday 9:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th weekends.**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary.

A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the Sunday 9 am worship service in the lower level. Young children can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service and Hymns** are available.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Todd & Brenda Otto in celebration of the 35th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary Todd & Brenda!

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ask, Seek, Knock

July 27 & 28, 2019

AS WE GATHER

In the long, difficult path of persevering in faith, sometimes it can seem as if God is distant from our everyday problems, not responding to our prayers. This is a common experience faced by the people of God. Today's Readings work together to encourage us as we travel the arduous path of following Jesus. Abraham pleads with God on behalf of mercy for the righteous people in the city of Sodom. Will God spare the city for 50 righteous people? 45? 30? 20? 10? The Lord God hears Moses' pleas and agrees that He will spare the city if even 10 righteous people dwell there. Lot and his family were delivered from Sodom. Moses asked, he sought, he knocked. And God answered. Jesus encourages us to ask, to seek, to knock. Jesus promises that those who ask, receive; those who seek, find; and to those who knock a door will be opened. This doesn't mean that the answers will always be what we want or that bad things will not happen to us. It does mean that no matter the circumstance, God is there with mercy. Rooted and built up in Jesus, and established in this faith, we are led by God to abound in thanksgiving and to continue to walk in Jesus no matter the circumstances of life.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. *2 Corinthians 1:20a*

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.

People: **We have been buried with Christ in Baptism and raised with Him through faith in the awesome power of God.**

Pastor: As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.

People: **We were once dead in our trespasses. God made us alive together with Christ.**

Pastor: As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.

People: **The debt of our sins has been paid by the sacrifice of Jesus.**

Pastor: As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Gathered together as God's people in Christ, rooted and established in the faith, we confess our sins to God and to one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Pastor: We have sinned against You, O God, in thought, word, and deed.

People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**

Pastor: We have not loved You with our whole heart.

People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**
Pastor: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**
Pastor: We owe You a debt of sin that none can pay.
People: **Forgive us and renew us, O Lord.**
Pastor: When we were dead in our trespasses, God blotted out our debt of sin, nailing it to the cross. Having forgiven all of our trespasses, God has made us alive together with Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*

Pastor: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.
People: **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.**
Pastor: I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.
People: **I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.**
Pastor: My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.
People: **Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love; O LORD, according to Your justice give me life. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Pastor: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You invite us to ask, to seek, to knock.
People: **By the power of Your Holy Spirit, lead us to turn to You in all things, that we live as those who have received forgiveness in You, the source of all truth, having opened our lives to Your grace;**
Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 18:(17–19) 20–33*

(Abraham pleads to God, and He relents.)

¹⁷ The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” ²⁰ Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹ I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.” Abraham Intercedes for Sodom ²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I

will spare the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷ Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³ And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Colossians 2:6–15* (Paul encourages the Colossian Christians to persevere in Christ.)

⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. ¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 11:1–13* (Jesus teaches about prayer.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² And he said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.’” ⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him

a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" LSB 702

SERMON "What Can It Hurt? Colossians 2:6-15

CREED Saturday – Apostles' Creed Sunday – Nicene Creed
(Creeds can be found on the screens and on the back cover of the hymnal.)

OFFERING Saturday – "Children of the Heavenly Father" (arr. Behnke)
Sunday – Naomi Kadlec Piano Solo "Oh, How I Love Jesus"

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus invites to ask, and we shall receive; to seek, and we will find; and to knock, and the door will be opened. So we bring prayer for the Church, the world, and ourselves before almighty God, trusting in the promise of our Lord.

For the Church, that rooted and built up in Christ and established in faith, we abound in thanksgiving by offering our lives as instruments of serving the lost and the least of this world. For our Synod—our president, district presidents, pastors, teachers, and all servants of the Church, that we not become puffed up with pride or be made timid by our weaknesses, but instead together hold fast to our Head, the Lord Jesus:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves, but chiefly those who are cast down; that this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those in need in our community—the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness—that they receive mercy and healing according to God's will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. [*Other petitions may be inserted here.*] For those harmed by natural or man-made disasters, that they experience renewal through those who donate and do relief work.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: For this congregation, that, having been buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with Him to new life, we find ways to connect with people in our community in order to share the amazing treasure of the love of Christ:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: In remembrance of and thanksgiving for all those who have gone before us in the faith; we remember Moses, who pleaded to God for mercy on the righteous people of Sodom. As You taught us, we pray for the coming of Your kingdom, both now and in eternity:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Pastor: In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
People: **Amen.**

Sunday service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: You have been buried and raised with Christ in Baptism. Your sins have been forgiven by the cross of Jesus. Your debt has been paid in full. Alive in Christ, go out into the world asking, seeking, knocking.
 The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*
People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” LSB 923

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who both taught us to pray and invited us to ask, seek, and knock, assuring us that by His death and resurrection He hears us and helps us in every time of need. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 195

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 198

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy” LSB 774

“Your Table I Approach” LSB 628

“Children of the Heavenly Father” LSB 725

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, not only do You hear our prayers and pleas for mercy, but You also give us this feast of Christ’s body and blood to assure us of Your presence and to bring into our bodies the forgiveness won for us by the cross of Jesus. As we are nourished by Christ’s body and blood, lead us to persistently ask, seek, and knock, that we receive, find, and be opened to Your holy will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” LSB 923

IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Saturday – Jacob Husing Sunday – Glenn Finger, Gary Fawcett |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Saturday – Don & Kris Secord, Del Keup, Jim Bonson Sunday – Grant Meyer, Steve Favorite, Mark Hiller, Rick Behrens |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Saturday – Don & Kris Secord Sunday – Dawn Shantz |
| <u>Readers</u> | Saturday – Kris Secord Sunday – Donna Liedtke |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Saturday – Mike Rieck Sunday – Shele Fawcett |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Lois Parnitzke, Miriam Gillman |
| <u>Nursery</u> | – Sunday 9:00 am Service – Mandy Kersten |

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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This week at Our Savior:

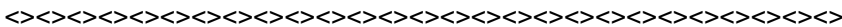
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| Monday | 29 | 9:00 am VBS 6:00 pm Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 30 | 9:00 am VBS 9:30 am Quilters |
| Wednesday | 31 | 9:00 am VBS – Family Fun Day at Camp Luther |
| Thursday | 01 | 9:00 am VBS |
| Friday | 02 | 9:00 am VBS Office Closed |
| Saturday | 03 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation 7:00 pm Worship celebrating Holy Communion |
| Sunday | 04 | 9:00 am Worship – Nursery Available |

ATTENDANCE: Saturday Evening: 92, Communion: 85, Sunday: 157,
Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 5, Monday Evening Bible Study: 17,
Tuesday Bible Study: NA

HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY?

Actual to Date (as of June 30, 2019)

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| Offerings | \$ 195,465.06 |
| Offering Budget | \$ 212,285.64 |
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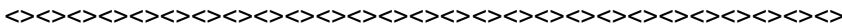
God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

28 – Priscilla Ellenberger **29** – Larry Steckling, Mark Olson, Skip Plisch
1 – Jayne Halsey, Lauren Ritzer, Marilyn Collins **3** – Chuck Atwater, Debbie Lorenz

Anniversaries:

28 – John & Shirley Priefer, Todd & Brenda Otto **29** – Jim & Carolynn Gleisner
1 – Terrance & Joanne Luebke **3** – Tim & Lauren Cross



SCRIP Hours
Saturday before service
Sunday before & after service

Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*Rick Campbell Family, Ronald & Paula Hagen, Kirk Klein Family, Rick & Anne Mai,
Clarence & Brunhilde Petzold, Thomas & Grace Seccombe, William Weber*

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your "promotions" tab.

Disaster Relief - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the narthex. Please be sure to pick yours up today.

Nursery Volunteers needed! Our Savior would like to provide a consistently staffed nursery for the young members of our congregation, ages 0-3. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the nursery and assure that we can offer this every week to our families and visiting families. The nursery is staffed during the 9:00 service during the summer as well as during education hour and the 10:00 service during the school year. Please let Mandy Kersten or Marlene Rieck know if you are able to help as needed or regularly! You can text or call Mandy at (920) 212-0192 or email at amanda.n.behm@gmail.com or you can text or call Marlene at (715) 891-0991 or email at marlenerieck87@gmail.com. Thank you!

National Youth Gathering & Appalachian Servant Event - THANK YOU to everyone who supported and prayed for our high school student trips this summer! God richly blessed us in many ways including safety, Christian growth, and friends in Christ. Both groups will share pictures and talk about their experiences after worship services this weekend. A red gas can is at the welcome center for donations to help with our transportation costs. Thank you!

Greeters Needed! When you walk into church each Sunday do you smile and say “good morning” to fellow parishioners? Great. You might enjoy serving as a greeter! It's a very easy way to serve Our Savior so please consider helping when you are able. For more information, or to sign up as a greeter, please contact Holly Nier at 715-891-5536.

Splash Canyon VBS! - Kids, ages 3-12, are invited to dive into God's Word and fun at Splash Canyon VBS! July 29th-August 2nd from 9 am to 12 pm each day except Wednesday. On Wednesday we travel by bus to Camp Luther from 9 am to 3 pm for a fun day of camp activities including swimming! Don't miss this awesome week of summer! Register at www.oursavioreagleriver.org/vacation-bible-school

VBS Craft Needs - We need 20 oz. clear plastic bottles with lids and baby oil for a VBS craft/science project. The water bottles need to be as smooth as possible (Smart Water and some flavored waters work best.) Please put donations in the basket by the VBS display. Thank you for your help!