

Christian Education Sunday
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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 worshipping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found by both entrances into our church.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

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

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 education hour in the cry room and during the 10 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 6 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (7-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information call Rick Behrens at (715) 617-0114.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

A Word to the Wise: A Catechetical Service

September 9, 2018

AS WE GATHER

God's Word makes us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. The word to the wise is God's Word! We might learn it first as little children. We learn it again and again all through our lives as children of God. This catechetical service teaches and reviews the basic teachings of the Christian faith drawn from God's Word. These are explained in simple form in Luther's Catechism. The six chief parts are The Ten Commandments, The Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and The Sacrament of the Altar. God grant that our worship assist us in learning, memorizing, taking to heart, and living out these teachings of God's Word in our Christian lives.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP "Holy Manna" (arr. Raney) Choir

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. *Psalm 46:1*

INVOCATION *The Small Catechism: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism*
Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 4:4–6; Acts 2:38–39; Romans 6:4

Pastor: Baptized children of God, these are the words with which our good and gracious God first brings us to faith, makes us His own, and continues to wash our sins away. Our Lord Jesus Christ said,

People: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . .

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: There is one body and one Spirit.

People: There is one hope in God's call to us.

Pastor: One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

People: One God and Father of all.

Pastor: Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,

People: and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off,

People: everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

Pastor: Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

People: we too might walk in newness of life.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *The Small Catechism: Confession*
Matthew 16:19; John 20:23

Pastor: God's Law is good, but we have failed to obey it. God calls us to confess our sins against Him and His commandments and receive His forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

People: “Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.”

Pastor: “The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.”

People: **Jesus said to His disciples, “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.”**

Pastor: He also said, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

Let us then sincerely confess our sins and ask God to forgive us.

People: **As a poor and miserable sinner from birth, I plead guilty before You, O God, of all my sins. I have broken Your commandments. I have not kept Your Law. I have been disobedient to You in thought, word, and deed, and I have done harm to others. I am sorry that I have sinned, and I ask You, O God, to accept the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as payment for all my sins. Forgive me, I pray, and clear me of all guilt and shame.**

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. I, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. God’s peace be with you.

People: **Amen.**

SONG “Father Welcomes” LSB 605

☩ WORD ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 35:4–7a* (The ears of the deaf will be unstopped.)

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *James 2:1–10, 14–18* (I will show you my faith by what I do.)

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?

Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Agnus Dei" (Smith, Hine, arr. Raney) Adult Choir

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 7:(24–30) 31–37* (The healing of the deaf and mute man)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

BACKPACK BLESSING

HYMN OF THE DAY "Blest are They" LSB 982



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, All be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in
 cause of Me. Re - joice and be glad, yours is the



sor - row; They shall be con - soled.
 thirst; They shall have their fill.
 heart; They shall see God!
 faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.
 king - dom; Shine for all to see.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you,



ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the



king - dom of God.

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SERMON "Learn it to Live it" James 2:1-10, 14-18

CREED *The Small Catechism: The Creed*

Pastor: We now witness together as the redeemed people of God the Christian faith into which we were baptized and in which we now stand.

People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING “Christ Be My Leader” (arr. Manz) Organ

DEDICATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF/BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

RITE OF COMMITMENT TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Pastor: Our gracious God has worked faith in our hearts so that we may joyfully respond to His will and purpose. Let us therefore commit ourselves to the important task of teaching the truth of the Gospel and deepening the trust we have in Christ, our Savior. Parents: through Moses, God instructs us to teach His Word diligently to our children.

Parents: *We commit ourselves to talk of Jesus when we sit in our house, and when we walk by the way, and when we lie down, and when we rise. Deuteronomy 6:7*

Pastor: Children: Through St. Peter, God tells us that "the promise is for you and for your children." *Acts 2:39*

Children: *We promise to trust God's Word. For Jesus' sake, He has forgiven all our sins and opened heaven to us. We will not pay attention to the "gods" of the people around us. Deuteronomy 6:14*

Pastor: Teachers: Jesus rebuked the disciples, telling them and us to "Let the children come to [Him], and ... not hinder them." *Luke 18:16a*

Teachers: *We commit ourselves to teaching the children with every means at our disposal so that they will be eager to learn about their Lord, who has declared them to be citizens of His kingdom. Luke 18:16b*

Pastor: The promise is not only for us and our children. Peter said it is also "for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself." *Acts 2:39*

People: **We commit ourselves as a congregation to the ministry of outreach education, inviting our friends and neighbors, our fellow citizens and visitors, to learn about the triune God, His love, mercy, and forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Pastor: God has promised that His Word "shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." *Isaiah 55:11*
May the Holy Spirit continue to use Word and Sacrament to enable us to keep the commitments we have made this day, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *The Small Catechism: The Lord's Prayer*

Pastor: God has promised to hear our prayers and answer them.

People: **In our prayers, we ask for everything that tends to the glory of God and to our neighbor's and our own welfare, both spiritual and bodily blessings. We also praise and thank God for who He is and what He has done.**

Pastor: Let us bring all our petitions before almighty God in the prayer that our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us to pray.

People: Our Father who art in heaven.

Pastor: We ask You, Father, as dear children ask their dear father.

People: Hallowed be Thy name.

Pastor: O Lord, let us teach Your Holy Word and in faith live according to it.

People: Thy kingdom come.

Pastor: Father, send Your Holy Spirit to us and all the world, and save us all.

People: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Pastor: O Lord, stop all evil and strengthen us in Your Word to live our lives for You.

People: Give us this day our daily bread.

Pastor: Father, give us all we need, and let us share all good things with others.

People: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Pastor: Forgive us, O God, for Jesus died for us. Give us forgiving hearts for all.

People: And lead us not into temptation.

Pastor: Father, guard us from temptation and give us grace to love and serve.

People: But deliver us from evil.

Pastor: O Lord, rescue us from every trouble and take us home at last to heaven.

People: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we pray with confidence in You and Your promises.

People: Amen.

Late service please continue with the Sacrament

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

CLOSING HYMN “Christ Be My Leader” LSB 861

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

INTRODUCTION *The Small Catechism: The Lord’s Supper*

Pastor: All who have been instructed and confirmed in the Christian faith from God’s Word, who hold the unity of faith with us, who believe this faith for salvation and Christian living, who sincerely repent of all sin and trust in Jesus Christ for forgiveness; all who intend to amend their sinful lives and forgive others, and who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ offers and gives His true body and blood in this Sacrament for forgiveness and strengthening of faith, are invited and encouraged to commune at the Lord’s Altar and receive His blessings of life and salvation.

People: We believe that the Lord’s Supper is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Pastor: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

People: These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life

**and salvation. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say:
“forgiveness of sins.”**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” LSB 641

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” LSB 740

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, You who truly offer and give in this Sacrament the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation that Jesus Christ, our Lord, purchased for us by His perfect life and His innocent suffering and death, now raise us up by His resurrection from the dead to live our lives in faith and love and fellowship with You and all the saints. In Jesus’ name.

People: Amen.

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People: Amen.

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IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Don Secord
Late – Steve Kolling, Gary Fawcett |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Bob Merz, Jonah Walker, Todd & Brenda Otto
Late – Jerry Baerenwald, Ken Holdmann, Ray Hutts, Joyce Litchfield |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Nancy Hoelz
Late – Jon & Diana Sell |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Bonnie Jozwowski
Late – Priscilla Ellenberger |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Early –
Late – |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Sharon Gifford
Late – Shele Fawcett |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Shirley Knitt & Miriam Gilman |
| <u>Nursery</u> | - Education Hour -
Late Service - |

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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 | 10 | 5:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
6:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Praise & Worship |
| Tuesday | 11 | 9:00 am Bible Study
9:30 am Quilters
6:00 pm JuBELLation Choir
7:00 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 12 | 10:30 am Martha Board
11:30 am Martha Meeting
5:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Voters Meeting |
| Thursday | 13 | |
| Friday | 14 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 15 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 16 | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study
10:00 am Worship |

ATTENDANCE: Saturday: 83, Communion; 80, Sunday: 157, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: 6

ACTUAL to DATE (as of July 31, 2018)

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| TOTAL GIVING | \$ 232,482.71 |
| OPERATION EXPENSES | \$ 208,706.64 |
| BALANCE | \$ 23,776.07 |



God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

9 – Herb Numrich, Renee Rubin, Wendy Pluedeman **10** – Ashley Sauer, Shirley Priefer
11 - Kimberly Pluedeman, Ronald Kressin, Sean Lorenz **12** – Alex Heck, David Karll
13 – Michael Rieck, Vonna Goddard **15** – Shirley Knitt

Anniversaries:

9 – Tye & Deana Lindbom **10** – Dan & Shelly Sauvola **12** – Harold & Marilyn Versh
14 – Larry & Donna Merritt, Mike & Cheryl Jenkins **15** – Kirk & Stacey Klein



SCRIP Hours
Saturday after service
Sunday after service
Monday - Thursday 9-3 in the office

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. Starting January 7, 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, Patrick & Janice Grosse, Jennifer Kasmarek Family,
Mary Malinsky, Skip & Connie Plisch, Thomas & Grace Seccombe, Bonnie Westrich*

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 your spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your “promotions” tab.

A 6-month CHALLENGE for the **FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT CAMPAIGN** at Camp Luther was approved at the voters meeting. Individual members are being challenged to help fund camp's new Community Center/Dining Hall. For each dollar raised, Our Savior will match that gift up to a total of \$10,000. THE GOAL: A GIFT TO CAMP LUTHER OF \$20,000 BY January 1, 2019.

Constitution and Bylaws - The Constitution committee is continuing to meet and is preparing a new Constitution and Bylaws for the congregation's consideration. It is intended that the updated Constitution and Bylaws will be presented for discussion at the next voters meeting on Wednesday September 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The final vote to adopt our updated Constitution and Bylaws will be at the December 2018 Voters Meeting. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Kufahl.

Sunday School Ministry - Do you love God's Word and children? Perhaps you'd like to help with Sunday school! We need help behind the scenes as well as teachers and teacher assistants. We also need nursery volunteers during the education hour. Please talk to Marlene Rieck if you'd like to help or for more information.

Praise & Worship - Our next rehearsal is Monday, September 10th, at 7 p.m. in preparation for worship on Sunday, September 16th. New vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome!

JuBELLation Choir - Our bell choir rehearsals start this Tuesday, September 11th, at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. New bell ringers are welcome! Note reading is helpful but not required. Please contact Vicki Holewinski or Marlene Rieck for more information.

Attention All Potential Singers – Choir rehearsals have begun but it's not too late to join. The next rehearsal is Tuesday September 11th at 7:00 pm. The choir is open to all members – from newly confirmed young adults through any older age you can imagine! No special skills are necessary, and no try-outs are needed. We only require that you have a desire to sing and a desire to have fun and great Christian fellowship. No long-term commitment is required. You can join us for a couple of months, a season – or whatever fits your schedule. Our choir director, Steve Kolling, will assist you to help you find the right voice section if you are unsure. We look forward to welcoming back all those have participated in the choir in the past and especially look forward to welcoming all newcomers. Please let either Steve or Marlene Rieck know of your intent, so they can adequately plan music for all. Any questions can be directed to Steve at 715-891-0927 or Marlene at 715-479-6226.

Family Potluck - Mark your calendar for our first family potluck of the school year, Wednesday, September 26th, at 6 p.m. There will also be a special family activity after our meal. Come for food, fun, and fellowship!

Operation Christmas Child - Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, sends shoe box gifts to children in need around the world. We are collecting school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, and new small toys for our packing party in November. You can also pack a shoe box gift at home! Watch for more information to come or go to www.samaritanspurse.org.