

Welcome August NEWSLETTER



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JESUS PULLS US THROUGH by Pastor Max Whitehead

June was VBS month at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We had about 24 kids and a dozen or so volunteers! Their theme was the Rocky Railway: "Jesus Pulls Us Through".

What an important sentence that we have here; Jesus pulls us through. So let's break it down shall we? In the English language, when we create sentences we have subjects, objects, verbs, adverbs, and the list goes on (in this sentence we only have those 4).

Right away we see the subject - who the sentence is about - which is Jesus! This is central to our theology. Jesus Christ is the subject of what we believe. We must put Christ as the subject, as the one doing the action, so that we know who we are relying on. The verse for Monday this past week was Phillipians 4:13: "I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength." Don't be fooled, this sentence is actually about Christ! It is through Him and Him alone that we can do everything.

The next word that we have in the sentence is "pulls", a verb. The verb is the action word of the phrase. Notice how the word "pulls" is chosen rather than guides or helps. This is intentional language. Have you ever tried bringing a kid somewhere that they don't want to go even though you know it is good for them? Kicking and screaming right? So you know that "pull" is the right verb. We resist God whole-heartedly, kicking and screaming at times, and it is truly Christ that pulls us through. We dive deeper and deeper into our sins and hide from the Truth more than we care to admit, but Jesus grabs us by the hand and pulls us along all the while telling us that He knows us, and He has died for us, yet we do not believe it.

Us. This is our object of the phrase. By definition, the object is the thing that the subject is acting upon. This is us in our rightful place. In our relationship with Christ, we are in fact not the actors, but the object. Jesus acts on us in ways we don't understand or realize. But as our verse from Wednesday says: *He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless* (Isaiah 40:29). We are the weak and the powerless. Oh we might look at our socioeconomic standing, the numbers in the bank, or the pounds we lift, but when it gets down to it, we are powerless against our own sin, the devil, and as we continue to see by watching the news: the world. Jesus does not leave us to be the actors in our own lives. He does not wait for us to stand up on our own two feet and make the journey towards Him. Rather, He comes to us to give us faith, hope, and love.

And lastly, "through", an adverb describing the verb. Put whatever noun (person/place/thing) at the end of this theme sentence and the meaning remains the same. Jesus pulls us through! And how do we know this? Romans 8:11, our verse from Thursday, says, "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you." It is in this sure and certain hope that we know Jesus pulls us through! There is nothing in heaven or on earth that can separate us from His love.

So where does this leave us? Let us end with the verse from Tuesday, Psalm 31:24: "So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!" Let your hope lie in the Lord. Know that wherever you are, regardless of your resistance, Jesus pulls you through!

This is most certainly true.

AUGUST HELPERS SCHEDULE

AUG 7

Reader Faydra Christensen
 Communion Helper Acolyte
 Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold
 Organist.....Annet Kropuenske

AUG 14

Reader Brett Mellem
 Acolyte.....Volunteer
 Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold
 Organist/PianistAnnet Kropuenske

AUG 21

Reader Janet Munkvold
 Acolyte.....Volunteer
 Communion Helper Acolyte
 Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold
 Organist.....Annet Kropuenske

AUG 28

Reader Karen Larsen
 Acolyte.....Volunteer
 Live Stream.....Janet Munkvold
 Music..... Praise Band



August Ushers

- ☀ Gary and Karen Larsen
- ☀ Gene Larsen
- ☀ Ray Nielsen

Church Cleaners (August 7 & 14)

- ☀ Linda Larsen,
- ☀ Ashley Larsen,
- ☀ Kayla Larsen

Church Cleaners (August 21 & 28)

- ☀ Kim Flint,
- ☀ Deanna Gall,
- ☀ Janet Munkvold,
- ☀ Anna Munkvold



The food pantry is in need of the following items:



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| ☀ facial tissue | ☀ cereal bars | ☀ spices |
| ☀ toilet paper | ☀ granola bars | ☀ peanut butter |
| ☀ shampoo | ☀ cooking oil | ☀ jelly |
| ☀ toothpaste | ☀ mayo | ☀ pastas |
| ☀ toothbrushes | ☀ salad dressings | ☀ rice (not instant) |
| ☀ lotion | ☀ ketchup | ☀ Ramen noodles |
| ☀ body wash | ☀ sauces: | |
| ☀ canned pasta | • soy | |
| ☀ toaster pastries | • worchestershire | |
| | • etc | |

We have a refrigerator and large freezer so meats, cheese and other items may be donated as well.

AUGUST 2022 CHURCH CALENDAR

For complete information and additional details, please visit www.svlcvib.org/events/

August 3

7:30AM Bible Study

August 7

8:00AM Council Mtg
9:00AM Worship Service (Communion)
7:00PM VCIS

August 10

7:30AM Bible Study

August 14

9:00AM AM Worship Service (traditional)
7:00PM VCIS

August 17

7:30AM Bible Study

August 21

9:00AM Worship Service (Communion)
7:00PM VCIS

August 24

7:30AM Bible Study
Newsletter Deadline

August 28

9:00AM Worship Service (Contemporary)
7:00PM VCIS

August 31

7:30AM Bible Study

Looking Ahead September 2022

Sunday, Sep 4

10:30AM Worship Service
(Communion)
7:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, Sep 7

7:30AM Bible Study
3:45PM – 5:00PM JR VCIS
5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6PM Group
7:00PM VCIS

Sunday, Sep 11

9:15AM **RALLY SUNDAY** & 1st day of
Sunday School
10:30AM Worship Service
(Communion)

Wednesday, Sep 14

7:30AM Bible Study
3:45PM – 5:00PM JR VCIS
5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6PM Group
7:00PM VCIS

AUGUST SCRIPTURE READINGS

Aug 7- Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

Aug 14 - Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

Aug 21 - Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 103:1-8, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

Aug 28 - Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

*The August Council Meeting is
August 7th at 8:00 AM*




Service Time Change
Starts Sunday,
Sept 4, 2022!

SVLC Service will be
at 10:30AM



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Can You Help?

We would love your help making a difference in projects for our congregations and community by using *Thrivent Action Teams* that Thrivent members are eligible for every year!

How it Works

Think about an unmet need in our community and how you could help. Apply to have a one-time event, such as a fundraiser, service activity, educational event, or basically any ministry need that can be completed within 90 days. Those who can be a part of your Thrivent Action Team can be people from your ministry team, from a council committee, from the congregation, or from the community. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- ☞ Promotional banner
- ☞ Invitations and thank-you cards
- ☞ Thrivent Action Team T-shirts
- ☞ A \$250 Community Impact Card that you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact

Our Current List of Projects

- ☞ Toner cartridges for printing bulletins
- ☞ Holy Grounds Coffee Hour

