

**AUGUST 2017**  
**NEWSLETTER**



*Our Savior Lutheran  
Church Herald*

**Pastor's Devotion...** But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

### Ruth 1:16-18

So now we find ourselves in the 8<sup>th</sup> month, which lead me to the 8<sup>th</sup> book of the Old Testament...the book of Ruth. This wonderful story relates to God's people how He can use people of all walks of life to do extraordinary things. Thru Ruth, we see God at work as He uses her to not only help take care of an aging widow, but also use someone outside the "normal" family of faith...a "non-Israelite" to further His kingdom...that is, to bring about thru Ruth, a family line that produced the kingly line of David, and his family tree that included the King of Kings, our Lord Jesus.

Regular things...just like you've heard me preach as to hoe our Lord used regular dirt to give sight to a blind man...regular things...like simple bread and wine given to God's people at the Lord's table in His supper to forgive sins and strengthen faith...regular things...like you and I...God's people, who He can use each and every day to spread the good news and grow His kingdom...regular things, used by the creator of all "things" to accomplish His plan of salvation for all His people...

So as we begin this new month...another gift from our gracious God and Lord, let's make the most of it and do the things we were made and blessed to do...share His love with a world in need...especially in these "dog days" of summer, when the heat outside helps remind us of that place where those who turn away from God's love will end up...and I'm sure we all know, or love, and maybe even live with them under our rooves...now and forever,  
AMEN!

*Commentary from Doris...*

### The Rabbit Habit

There once was a rabbit named Charlie who lived in “splendor”; had a huge cage and all the water and food he could ever want.

Charlie’s young master was a boy who lavished attention and, yes, even love on this new pet. Charlie responded, happily for a while. But as young boys will, Charlie’s master began responding to new demands on his time which, of course, cut considerably, into the time he spent with his pet rabbit. Charlie, being just a rabbit, could not imagine what had happened that his master had seemed to abandon him. “Oh well”, thought Charlie, “the boy will return as soon as he realizes I’m still here and know I miss him”. Food and water kept coming-only now brought by the boy’s grandfather.

As time progressed and Charlie saw more and more of the grandfather, things started to annoy him. In response to his annoyance, Charlie began biting on the bars of his splendid cage. This wasn’t good for either the rabbit or the cage.

Finally, the grandfather noticed-and since Charlie kept at all the biting, the only solution was to open the door and set the rabbit free.

Once free-Charlie set out to find the boy-only problem with that was-where to begin? What direction should he take?

Neighborhood dogs sensed and saw him and began chasing him. Not good. Then there was his need for food and water. Where would he get them now? He was not accustomed to going in search for his needs.

After some additional harrowing experiences, Charlie met up with others of his own kind and soon knew this was REALLY where he belonged.

The boy? No longer a youngster; he was sorry he'd neglected Charlie. It was o.k. with him that his grandfather had released Charlie, though. The young man figured Charlie would eventually hook-up with other rabbits—hopefully not be injured or even killed, and that would be best all around. So ends this tale of Charlie the rabbit and the habit he developed.

But hey—what's it got to do with you and me anyway?

Let's superimpose ourselves in Charlie's place:

1. We may be comfortable in that we have shelter, food, etc.
2. We may be blessed with a friend (or friends) to keep us company for a while.
3. When # 2 “fails” we need to go from our shelter in search for something to fill the void in our lives.
4. Ah—the grandfather—our Father who knows we need to be with others who want to serve Him. Moreover He wants to give us the freedom we need in order to do that.
5. Now, having given us freedom—our Father also gives us Jesus, His only begotten Son, who has taken all the “harrowing experiences” (think SINS here) upon Himself. Yep—now we are truly FREE.

We Charlenes and Charlies are FREE to mix and mingle with His children—fellow believers who are true to Him and therefore we are one.

Note: A “young-person's” book—Watership Down (author: Richard Adams is definitely also for adults. It contains much “insight” about human behavior. A good summer read—ages 9-90!

***\*\*Interesting background about August\*\****

*August: this month's "name" has an interesting back story: The first Roman emperor-Octavian-took the name Augustus, which implied being "impressive."*

*The Oxford dictionary defines august (lower case) as an adjective meaning-"inspiring reverence"/"venerable".*

*So, this "venerable" month, spend a bit of time thinking about the only One who "inspires reverence"- and the many reasons He does.*



*Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you.*

*Walt Whitman*



<i>August 01</i>	<i>Marjorie Douthat</i>
	<i>Matthew Wilkerson</i>
<i>August 04</i>	<i>Dennis Wilkkerson</i>
<i>August 10</i>	<i>Sue Kesick</i>
<i>August 19</i>	<i>Don Buldus</i>
	<i>Greg Skinner</i>
<i>August 25</i>	<i>Beth Stanton</i>
<i>August 31</i>	<i>Isaac Fancher</i>



<i>August 04</i>	<i>Dennis &amp; Alta Wilkerson</i>
<i>August 23</i>	<i>Skip &amp; Susan Hanenkrath</i>

## READINGS FOR AUGUST

- AUG. 01 1 SAM. 17:1-19, ACTS 26:1-23  
AUG. 02 1 SAM. 17:20-47, ACTS 26:24-27:8  
AUG. 03 1 SAM. 17:48-18:9, ACTS 27:9-26  
AUG. 04 1 SAM. 18:10-30, ACTS 27:27-44  
AUG. 05 1 SAM. 19:1-24, ACTS 28:1-15  
AUG. 06 1 SAM. 20:1-23, ACTS 28:16-31  
AUG. 07 1 SAM. 20:24-42, *1 SAM. 21:1-23:29*, 1 COR. 1:1-25  
AUG. 08 1 SAM. 24:1-22, 1 COR. 1:26-2:16  
AUG. 09 1 SAM. 25:1-22, 1 COR. 3:1-23  
AUG. 10 1 SAM. 25:23-44, 1 COR. 4:1-21  
AUG. 11 1 SAM. 26:1-25, *1 SAM. 27:1-28:2*, 1 COR. 5:1-13  
AUG. 12 1 SAM. 28:3-25, *1 SAM. 29:1-30:31*, 1 COR. 6:1-20  
AUG. 13 1 SAM. 31:1-13, 1 COR. 7:1-24  
AUG. 14 2 SAM. 1:1-27, 1 COR. 7:25-40  
AUG. 15 2 SAM. 5:1-25, 1 COR. 8:1-13  
AUG. 16 2 SAM. 6:1-19, 1 COR. 9:1-23  
AUG. 17 2 SAM. 7:1-17, 1 COR. 9:24-10:22  
AUG. 18 2 SAM. 7:18-29, 1 COR. 10:23-11:16  
AUG. 19 2 SAM. 11:1-27, 1 COR. 11:17-34  
AUG. 20 2 SAM. 12:1-25, *2 SAM. 13:1-19:43*, 1 COR. 12:1-13  
AUG. 21 1 KINGS 1:1-4, 15-35, 1 COR. 12:14-31  
AUG. 22 1 KINGS 2:1-27, *1 COR. 14:1-16:24*, 1 COR. 13:1-13  
AUG. 23 1 KINGS 3:1-15, *1 KINGS 3:16-4:34*, 2 COR. 1:1-22  
AUG. 24 1 KINGS 5:1-18, *1 KINGS 6:1-7:50*, 2 COR. , 1:23-2:17  
AUG. 25 1 KINGS 7:51-8:21, 2 COR. 3:1-18  
AUG. 26 1 KINGS 8:22-30, 46-63, 2 COR. 4:1-18  
AUG. 27 1 KINGS 9:1-9, 10:1-13, 2 COR. 5:1-21  
AUG. 28 1 KINGS 11:1-26, 2 COR. 6:1-18  
AUG. 29 1 KINGS 11:42-12:19, 2 COR. 7:1-16  
AUG. 30 1 KINGS 12:20-13:5, 33-34, *1 KINGS 14:1-16:28*,  
2 COR. 8:1-24  
AUG. 31 1 KINGS 16:29-17:24, 2 COR. 10:1-13:14, 2 COR.  
9:1-15

## ***LOOKING AHEAD...***

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**-Wednesday meeting at 11:00 a.m. with brown bag lunch. (Resumes in the fall)

**LUTHERANISM 101**@ 6:30, resumes in the fall.

**LISTENING HEARTS** is August 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00-12:00.

**CELEBRATION FOR ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS** is August 13<sup>th</sup> after service.

**FYI** Pastor will be gone August 6<sup>th</sup> and Cathy will be out of the office from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**MITE BOX** is in the Narthex August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ELDER MEETING** is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...** a church-wide retreat has been scheduled on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00. More info to follow...

**PLEASE SEE LAURIE SMITH** if you plan to go to the Eagle Rock retreat. Time for registration is fast approaching.

In looking at Bible Studies for our upcoming year for LWML I have found a similar study to our "chocolate" and it is about "coffee". Please give me any feedback or if you have an idea let me know!

In His Service, Laurie

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