



Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA Menomonie, Wisconsin

Parish Scope/ August 2017

NEW CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY POSITIONS

It's summer in Wisconsin! Time to head up north, enjoy the cabin, spend time on the lake, go biking, hit some music festivals, fire up the grill, venture out on a family vacation. Whatever your recreational activity of choice is enjoy it, it's important! I'm serious. Did you know that the word recreation is really re-creation. Recreation is a chance to be made new again, to become refreshed and renewed. We need this periodically. Our bodies, our minds, our spirits need time to be re-created so that we are better able to attend to the tasks that are set before us. So important is this time of rest and re-creation that even God rested.

Wherever your re-creational activities lead you this summer, may they restore, refresh, and renew you, because the fall is coming and another program year will soon be underway. Speaking of which, OSL is officially hiring for TWO new Youth & Family positions:

The **Director of Children and Family Ministry** will develop and lead programming for children birth through grade 5 and their families, including family-oriented and intergenerational programs for the congregation and seek to foster Christian community through building relationships with young people and their families that support their faith development and strengthen their commitment to the church.

The **Director of Youth Ministry** will develop strong relationships with the youth in grades 6-12, identify gifts in youth and adult volunteers, and encourage OSL members to serve out their call and giftedness with OSL ministries and the world. The ideal candidate will foster Christian community through building relationships with youth and their families that support the faith development and strengthen their commitment to the church.

Both positions are flexible/PT. If you know of an excellent candidate who would be a good fit, please email resumes to the office at office@oslme.com. Contact me for details.

~Pastor Sarah

Memorials and Special Gifts

Building Fund

Mark & Sarah Chambers, Mark & Karen Jansen, Verla Haney, Louis & RoseAnn Husby

Preschool

Mark & Sarah Chambers, Richard & Pat Edwards

ELCA/Disaster

Kim & Karen Fruit

Youth

Tom & Kristie Olson (In honor of Sherry & Allen Otto's 50th wedding anniversary)

Radio Broadcast

Ron Husby, in honor of Corinne Husby

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Do you enjoy teaching? Are you looking for ways to get involved at church? Consider teaching Sunday School! We are still in need of teachers for the upcoming 2017-2018 year for younger grades. Not sure you can commit to every week or not sure you want to teach alone? That's okay – grab a friend (or two) and team teach! Contact Pr. Sarah to sign-up to teach or if you want more information: sarah@oslme.com

Becoming a Dementia-Friendly Church

On Tuesday, July 11 OSL hosted two local experts on dementia, Margy Hagaman and Margi Stauss for a noon Lunch n' Learn session in the Fireside Room. These volunteers shared information on a Dunn County initiative to become "dementia friendly." Currently they are available to speak to businesses and churches to raise awareness about dementia and share ideas on how to communicate with folks who have memory loss. We also learned about the many resources available in our area. What you can do:

- Pick up an excellent handout on the Health Ministry bulletin board entitled "Alzheimer's Communion."
- Begin to notice those around you in worship or other church activities who have a memory loss. Find ways to interact with the individual and their family member.

Pocket Prayer

Something NEW through our Prayer Shawl Ministry are Pocket Prayers! These pocket size knitted or crocheted squares may be shared with anyone who could use the support of prayer in their lives...members, friends, neighbors, family members. Please stop by the Prayer Shawl rack in the Friendship Room to pick one up (or a prayer shawl)! We ask that you complete a slip with your name and the recipient's and place in the box provided. If you would like to help make Pocket Prayers, please contact coordinators Deb Haas or Marion Jenson. Instructions, yarn and assistance are available!

Speedy Eity

Thanks for the great response in supporting this July 4th run/walk event again this year, in memory of OSL member Dave Eitheim. A total of \$205 was collected during coffee hours and many volunteers were signed up to help the day of the event. With the proceeds from this event, programs benefiting our community will be available through the Community Foundation. Thanks and blessings!

Thrivent Action Teams

Did you know that Thrivent members have special monetary benefits available to their home congregations for service projects? If you are a Thrivent member and willing to help, please let the office know. Thanks!

Sharps containers (for the disposal of needles) are now available in both the men's and women's restrooms in the Friendship Room.

HEALTH MINISTRY

Begin to notice those around you in worship or other church activities who have a memory loss. Find ways to interact with the individual and their family member.

PRESCHOOL

Something new this year is our "Alumni Read" – if you have a child who has been through the preschool program, we are looking to set up opportunities for them to come and read a story to the classes.

Ponderings from Preschool

It's hard to believe but in another month plus, the basement of Our Savior's will once again hear the sounds of laughter and learning! In August, the teachers will be working to set up the preschool room and prepare for young children to come and grow in their love of God.

Thanks so much to Josh for getting our floor cleaned and waxed and ready for the staff to set up the room. Teachers for this next year will include Amber Zander, Beth Bystol, Lisa Brogan, and Tami Borcharding. Staff has been busy throughout the summer getting curriculum ready and working on what is needed to create an amazing year for these precious young ones.

Something new this year is our "Alumni Read" – if you have a child who has been through the preschool program, we are looking to set up opportunities for them to come and read a story to the classes. The preschool is so aware of the importance of reading and listening to stories and this gives a fantastic way to let those children who have learned to read to share a book of their choosing. Please let Mrs. Borcharding know if your child would like to participate.

Thanks to Our Savior's for your support of this ministry. God truly is at work loving and caring for these youngest of His Kingdom. If you are looking for a way to further your support, please let us know.

And please, come visit the preschool anytime. When you come visit, you help our children work on their skills of welcoming others and sharing what they are learning. You also show them how they can grow and become kind servants in God's family. You might even be welcomed by a child to share a snack; join in an activity; tell a story; or just play for a bit. Just know this – when you take time to wander in our room, you can make an impact on a child's life and maybe even on your life as well. Smiles abound when children know they are valued.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and be ready to share in the growing and learning come September.

Sharing the Love of Jesus,

Tamara Borcharding, Director and Teacher
Lisa Brogan, teacher
Beth Bystol, teacher
Amber Zander, teacher

Women of the ELCA Conference

Local church members attended the Women of the ELCA Tenth Annual Triennial Gathering “*Exploring All Anew*” at the Minneapolis Convention Center on July 14. Those attending included Becky Kneer and Connie Weber from Our Savior’s Lutheran and Gladys Waller and Helenmay Debee from Peace Lutheran. Featured speaker Leymah Gbrowee spoke on the answer to the questions “*With Whom is God Asking us to Align Today? And In Whose Corner are we Being Called to Stand?*” She is a Nobel Peace Prize Winner and ELCA International Leaders Scholarship Winner from Africa. Very thought provoking presentation. In the afternoon several interesting breakout workshops were held. It was a time for renewal and meeting new people. Becky and Connie enjoyed lunch with a woman from Puerto Rico and shared our ministries. Of special interest was the “Ra’ah Village” Exhibit area with its many demonstrations and opportunity to experience **God’s All Anew Message**. Approximately 3,300 WELCA members attended the conference. Funding received from an OSL Endowment Grant awarded to the OSW to attend was appreciated.



ONGOING MINISTRIES/OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Bible Study – Meets at the Menomonie Family Restaurant at 7 a.m. on the first and third Saturday mornings of each month. Contact: Doug Larson - 715 556 0244

AMers – Meets the First Thursday of each month at Denny's in Menomonie at 8:30 a.m. Contact: Jan Willow – 715 235 9571

Leah Circle – Will NOT meet in June, July or August 2017. Contact: Gloria Kraemer – 715 235 3621

Brown Bag Bible Study – Will not meet over summer.

Women in Action – Meets Mondays at 8:30 AM in the Recreation Room.

Quilting Queens – Meets the third Thursday of each month at 9 AM in the Recreation Room

Reading Club – Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1 PM at OSL. They will start 9/20 with *The Moore Farm Secret* by Jane Glenz. Members do **not** have to have read the book before meeting.

COMING EVENTS

- **August 6** - Lutheran Campus Ministries *Pack the Park* event from 9 AM—1 PM in Wilson Park. Service is at 10 AM. **Volunteers are needed for this event.** Contact Katie Wagner at: lemstout@wwt.net
- **August 7** – National Youth Gathering Meeting at 7 PM in the OSL Sanctuary.
- **August 10** - Peace Lutheran's Women are hosting a Bible Study Luncheon on Thursday, August 10th at 10:30 AM, to be followed by lunch. RSVP at 715 235 2500 by August 7th.
- **August 15** - Tuesday's Table meets the third Tuesday of every other month. Volunteers from OSL serve at Tuesday's Table at St. Joe's. Our next scheduled day is August 15th. 6-7 Volunteers are needed per night. Please contact RoseAnn Husby at info@oslme.com with questions.

SOPRANOS! ALTOS! TENORS! BASSES!
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
OSL CHOIR POTLUCK
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30th, 6:00 PM AT MADSEN'S
503 21st. S. (Across from Oaklawn School)
FAMILIES WELCOME
BRING A DISH TO PASS &
A POTENTIAL NEW SINGER!

REMINDERS

Baptismal Family Meeting

Pastor Heather will be conducting a group baptismal orientation at 10:00 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month. This month's meeting will be held August 14th. Please call the church office at 715-235-0693 or email office@oslme.com to schedule a baptism.

If you have contribution questions, contact Bonnie Christianson at: contributions@oslme.com

If you need to contact John York, please email him at bookkeeper@oslme.com

If you would like to volunteer on Sunday mornings, contact RoseAnn Husby at info@oslme.com

If you have an announcement for the bulletin or Scope, contact Charis Collins at charis@oslme.com

Contributions and Giving

- If you are out of giving envelopes, let the office know. We can easily print more. If your offering is in a plain envelope, please make sure you write your name and number on it.
- Online giving is available on OSL's website. Whether you're a member, a visitor or a friend, you're able to make regular contributions, a special one-time donation, or a memorial gift online using your debit or credit card.
- As a way to celebrate your online Simply Giving, feel free to use the brightly colored giving cards during offering during the service (located in the pew racks)
- OSL now has a QR (Quick Response) Code (below) for direct giving using the QR Reader app on your device!



Please check the church entryway for anything you may have left here. We will be taking any remaining items to Stepping Stones on August 20th.

UPCOMING GUEST MUSICIANS

- August 6 – Pack the Park: Where Ministries Collide in Wilson Park
- August 13 – Youth Musicians
- August 20 – Natalie Nelson
- August 27 – Merlyn Aude
- September 3 – Michael Dayton

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STAFF:

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Bell Choir Director: Merlyn Aude

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2017 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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OUR MISSION

God calls all members of Our Savior's Lutheran to:

+WELCOME all to faith in Jesus Christ

+WORSHIP our Lord and Savior

+EQUIP us for a faith that works in real life

+SEND us into the world to minister in Jesus' name

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