



# Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA Menomonie, Wisconsin

Parish Scope/ July 2017

## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING



*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”*

*-Ephesians 2:8*

What are those key experiences in your life that have shaped your faith? How and when have you most felt God's presence in your life? For many, a Luther League Convention or the ELCA Youth Gathering is one of those formative faith experiences.

What is the ELCA Youth Gathering? Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

The next Gathering will be held June 27 – July 1, 2018 in Houston, Texas! OSL is working together with our ministry partners at Peace Lutheran and Christ Lutheran churches to take a group to the Gathering. Students who will have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to attend. Are you a high school student? Consider attending! Know a high school student? Encourage them to go! Our next meeting is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm here at OSL.

The theme for the Gathering is *This Changes Everything* and is based on the theme verse from Ephesians 2:8 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” Over the next year, Gathering participants will be working hard to prepare for this trip. We'll be exploring this theme through Bible studies and faith conversations. We'll also be working to raise funds to pay for the trip. Our first fundraiser will be a carwash on Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come to worship, hear the word, share a meal, and leave with a clean car!

How can you be involved? Share your experiences from the ELCA Youth Gathering or Luther League Convention with our Gathering participants. Provide financial support to make it possible for students to attend the Gathering! And most importantly, pray! Pray for our students, our adult leaders, for our ministry partners at Peace and Christ Lutheran, for the event organizers and all involved in planning for the ELCA Youth Gathering.

~Pr. Sarah Miller

# Memorials and Special Gifts

## **Building Fund**

Mark & Sarah Chambers, Mark & Karen Jansen, Verla Haney, Cal & Bonnie Christianson (Memorial for Charles Liesenfelt), Quilting Queens, Louis & RoseAnn Husby (Memorial for Richard Olson)

## **Preschool**

Mark & Sarah Chambers, Richard & Pat Edwards

## **Chancel Renovations**

Marie Young (In honor of OSL's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), Cheri Odness (Memorial for sister Sandra Sarff), Olson Funeral Home

## **ELCA/Disaster**

Kim & Karen Fruit

## **Greatest Needs**

Nadine Johnson (Memorial for Richard Olson), Richard & Apryl Price (Memorial for Richard Olson), Phillip & JoAnne Olson (Memorial for Richard Olson), Jacqueline Finder (Memorial for Richard Olson), Roger Anderson (Memorial for Richard Olson), David & Jeanne Steffen (Memorial for Richard Olson), John & Shirley Phillips (Memorial for Richard Olson), Nancy Konchal (Memorial for Richard Olson), Marvin & Myrna Olson (Memorial for Richard Olson)

## **Women in Action**

Mark & Robin Johnson (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Trudy Smeltzer (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Louis & RoseAnn Husby (Memorial for Marion Mickelson)

## **General**

David and Susan Carlson (in honor of Don Wisner), David & Susan Diel (in honor of Pastor Don's ministry), Bret & Deb Milberger (Memorial for Richard Olson), Eileen Olson (Memorial for brother Richard Olson), Mike & Sally Schendel (Memorials for Marion Mickelson, Charles Liesenfelt & Richard Olson), Martha Stratton (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Duane & Anita Clemmens (Memorial for Richard Olson), Tom & Margie Czechowicz (In honor of Andrew Matthew's baptism), J. Robert & Mary Jane Nicholson (In honor of Andrew Matthew Czechowicz' baptism), Chuck & Susan Brenner (In honor of Pastor Don's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination)

## **Youth**

Tim & Lisa Maves (In honor of Sherry & Allen Otto's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

## **Radio Broadcast**

Ron Husby (in memory of the 1958 Colfax tornado)

## **Scholarship Fund**

Cal & Bonnie Christianson (in honor of Don Wisner's ordination anniversary)

## Vacation Bible School

It's almost time for VBS and our theme for this year is The Jesus Way! VBS is for children who are currently 3years old through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and it will be held at Christ Lutheran Church. Our kick-off event is scheduled for Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Christ Lutheran. We'll worship together, have a few snacks, and meet the Luther Park counselors and other VBS staff. VBS, then, gets into full swing on Monday morning, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am. Fill out a registration form and join us for week of fun, faith, and following Jesus!

VBS is looking for volunteers and donations. Find the sign-up sheet on the white board outside the office to find out how you can help with VBS! Have questions or need more info? Contact Lexi Marsh at 715-308-3871 or Pr. Sarah.

### 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 our 3year old, 4K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms. 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.

## SPEEDY EITY

A memorial run/walk will once again be held on July 4th at Wakanda Park. Watch for details during coffee hour on Sundays during June on how you can be involved, from volunteering to donating.



## Lunch and Learn

- ❖ Tuesday, July 11
- ❖ Noon – 1 p.m.
- ❖ Fireside Room

Topic: “Becoming a Dementia Friendly Church”

Guest Presenters: Margy Hagaman & Margi Stauss

A light lunch will be provided.

Sponsored by your OSL Parish Nurses

RSVP to [becky@oslme.com](mailto:becky@oslme.com) or OSL office ext 207.

HEALTH MINISTRY

## COMING EVENTS

The Women of the ELCA Tenth Triennial Gathering will be held July 13-16, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN. The women of OSL have been awarded a scholarship to help attendees pay for registration and possibly cover other costs. Information is posted on the Women's Informational Board located under the skylight. Please call Mary Busalacchi at 715 619 0097 with questions.

### **Tuesday's Table**

On 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](mailto:info@oslme.com) with questions.

Tuesday's/Thursday's Table invite you to a Guest Server Night at the Barrel Room Wednesday, July 19 from 6-9 PM for an evening of fun! Jazz music provided by Fr. James Kurzynski and Laurie Wheeldon, and Pastor Heather is a guest server! All tips go to support free community meals, based at St. Joe's Catholic Church (Tuesday's Table) and First Congregational Church (Thursday's Table).

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

**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

**Wednesday's Angels** – Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Contact: Nancy Bjornson – 715 235 8096

**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

## 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 July 9th. Please call the church office at 715-235-0693 or email [office@oslme.com](mailto:office@oslme.com) to schedule a baptism.

If you have contribution questions, contact Bonnie Christianson at: [contributions@oslme.com](mailto:contributions@oslme.com)

If you need to contact John York, please email him at [bookkeeper@oslme.com](mailto:bookkeeper@oslme.com)

If you would like to volunteer on Sunday mornings, contact RoseAnn Husby at [info@oslme.com](mailto:info@oslme.com)

If you have an announcement for the bulletin or Scope, contact Charis Collins at [charis@oslme.com](mailto:charis@oslme.com)

Church Directories and Menomonie Cares Yard Signs are available in the church office!

### **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)

### **More 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gratitude!**

- Thanks to Merlyn Aude for the wonderful music
- Thanks to Dianna Wold for the stones and mirrors and beautiful centerpieces for the dinner and Barb Lindberg for the sand to fill the jars for the centerpieces at the UW-Stout banquet.

## **Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

**May 9, 2017**

### **6:00 p.m. - Fireside Room**

Present: Pastor Sarah, Mary Solberg, Jane Kingzett, Kris Lemke, Diane Hausler, Roxie Close, Paul Horvath, Tom Rundle

Absent: Pastor Heather, Kara James, Karl Palmer Guests: Megan Bayrd, Sara Card, Mark Kalscheur

Call to order at 6:03 PM

Devotions: Pastor Sarah

### **Old Business**

A. The April 4<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved electronically unanimously.

B. Financial Report.

a. We are two months into our fiscal year. Our income in the first two months was \$ 69,459 and our expenses were \$ 64,358 leaving us with a positive cashflow of \$ 5,101.

b. The paydown of the chancel renovation continues. At the time of our meeting, the remaining balance was \$ 15,367 with additional contributions still coming. The Council will wait until after donations are counted on 5/15 then then decide if or how to pay off the remaining balance before the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

c. Previously, Council had decided to tithe \$ 10,000 from the Jane Klatt estate. A motion was made by Roxie to donate \$ 5,000 to The Bridge to Hope. The motion was seconded by Mary and approved unanimously.

### **New Business**

A. Pastor Heather's report. Pastor was out of town conducting a funeral.

B. Pastor Sarah's report.

a. Kid Ventures is a city wide team building event scheduled for June 26-28 for grades 4-8. Josie Wilterdink from Christ Lutheran will take the lead for this event.

b. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, eleven 8<sup>th</sup> graders affirmed their baptism.

c. All education for the program year is winding down (Confirmation, Sunday School, and Brown Bag Bible Study).

C. Carpet quotes for basement recreation room & hallway-discussion and possible action. The Property committee received quotes from four different providers. The committee recommended to accept the Menomonie Flooring quote to remove the existing carpet and replace it with carpet tile. The committee felt that Menomonie Flooring was the best fit due to their commercial carpet experience and their comfort to remove the existing glue and install carpet under the room dividers. Jane made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation with the expense paid from the Jane Klatt estate. The motion was seconded by Diane and approved unanimously.

D. Donor Advised Fund for OSL-discussion and possible action. The Financial committee drafted a Donor Advised Gift Policy to accept donations from OSL members that is in sync with the mission and principles of OSL and the Synod, and that comply with employment, tax, and personnel laws.

a. Pastor Sarah made a motion to approve the provisional draft of the OSL Donor Advised Gift Policy. It was seconded by Tom and approved unanimously. The Finance committee is to amend the provisional draft and re-submit to Council.

b. Mary made a motion to accept a donation that was made by an OSL member and that complies with the Donor Advised Fund Policy. It was seconded by Diane and approved unanimously.

E. Preschool Presentation-discussion and possible course of action. Megan Bayrd and Sara Card provided the Council with a recap of the meetings and asked for direction from the Council. Council requested that the committee develop a multi-year business plan that includes the mission and vision of the Preschool, projected attendance and income, projected expenses that reflects the use of current market personnel costs for the director and teachers and certification requirements of staff. Mark suggested the committee contact Trinity Lutheran to see if we can use their business plan template. Mark will also see if Bremer Bank has a business plan template. Another option is to contact SCORE (the former Service Corps of Retired Executives) to see if they have business plan template.

F. Children/Youth & Family Presentation-discussion and possible course of action. Pastor Sarah provided the Council with a recap of their meetings and asked for direction from the Council. The committee recommended splitting the Director of Youth & Family position into three roles. The first to address education of youth from birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This role will be similar to a Sunday school superintendent role to identify the needs and develop the strategic direction of the program. The second role is for volunteers and communication. This role will be tactical to implement the direction of the program and communicate with teachers, aides and parents. The third role will be for the education of middle and high

school students. This role could be shared among the Menomonie ELCA churches and options for a shared ministry are being explored. Each congregation will still be responsible for their own confirmation education. A motion was made by Roxie requesting the committee to work with Personnel to draft job descriptions for the three roles. The motion was seconded by Paul and approved unanimously.

#### G. Committee Reports

- a. Worship. All discussion of Worship committee is about anniversary preparations.
- b. Anniversary. Final preparations are being made for the celebration. At this time, we have 156 people signed up for the dinner.
- c. Youth and Family. See above.
- d. Personnel committee has not met recently.
- e. Property. All focus recently has been on getting the final quotes for the carpet project for the basement.
- f. Endowment committee has met and approved several applications.
- g. Preschool. See above.
- h. Health Ministry. The veteran's event was well attended by over 130 people.

#### H. Other

a. On Sunday, June 4, we will celebrate Pastor Don's 50 years of ordained ministry. In honor of his ministry, OSL will give him a gift. Pastor Heather made a recommendation for the purchase and installation of a bicycle repair station at an expense for up to \$ 2,000. The location is to be determined. The expense will come from the Greatest Needs fund. The motion was seconded by Paul and approved unanimously.

b. Lord's Prayer and adjournment

Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Next meeting: June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm - Fireside Room

Treats: Diane Devotions: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Bell Choir Director:** Merlyn Aude

**Wedding Coordinators:** Kim McNaughton & Michaela Gifford

**Preschool Director:** Tami Borcharding, [tami@oslme.com](mailto:tami@oslme.com), Ext. 205

**Custodian:** Josh Madsen, Ext. 217

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Jane Kingzett

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Mark Kalscheur: Treasurer



*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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