

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA Menomonie, Wisconsin

Parish Scope/ November 2017

## THE ONGOING REFORMATION

*Don't miss our  
joint Thanksgiving  
Service at St. Joe's  
on 11/22 at 6:30  
PM!*

### Spotlight on Lutherans in Social Service

Care for the poor and those in dire need has been a Lutheran concern from the beginning of the Reformation. In 1522, only five years after the posting of the 95 Theses, the reformers issued the Wittenberg Church Order, something of an outline for how a reshaped church community was to conduct itself. And part of that document was the call for a common or community chest—a fund that would, among other things, provide for poor orphans and children of poor people, provide refinancing of high-interest loans at 4% for those who were in financial trouble, and underwrite education or training for poor children. (Tellingly, Luther was challenged on the possibility of abuse, and he responded, “He who has nothing to live on should be aided. If he deceives us, what then? He must be aided again.”) These ideas were soon being put into practice—not just in Wittenberg, but in other cities as far away as Strasbourg. When the pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Wittenberg, Johannes Bugenhagen, became involved, the church orders also took up the cause of health care.

From that time on, Lutherans have keenly felt the responsibility to care for those in need, and that has been addressed in ways suitable for the time. An important step was taken by 19<sup>th</sup> century German pastor Theodor Fliedner. Assigned to a poor town called Kaiserswerth (now part of Düsseldorf), he began working with inmates in the dilapidated prison there. Once he got a chaplain assigned to that prison, his focus shifted to caring for inmates, especially women, after their release. This, in turn, led to his development of a plan whereby young women would be trained to care for the sick, since there were few hospitals at that time. In 1836 he opened both a hospital and a school for training women in theology and nursing. He called these women deaconesses.

One of the graduates of that school was Mother Katinka Guldberg, who established a deaconess house in Kristiania (now Oslo), Norway, where one of her students was a young Elisabeth Fedde. After working for a time in northern Norway, Fedde moved to New York City to begin ministry there. In short order, she founded the Norwegian Relief Society, a deaconess house, and a small hospital that eventually became the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn. After a few years, she moved to Minneapolis, where again she founded a deaconess center and a hospital that has now become part of the Hennepin County Medical Center. Hospitals in Chicago and Grand Forks, North Dakota, can also be traced to her work. Other important activity in social services was propelled by Pastor William Passavant.

These days Lutheran care for the needy can readily be seen in the work of Lutheran service organizations across the country, often among the most active such agencies in any given area. Worldwide, Lutheran World Relief is known and respected not only for showing up where needed, but for staying there even after the news reports fade away. In 2015 Lutheran World Relief touched over four million people in 36 countries.

## Memorials and Special Gifts

### Building Fund

Mark & Sarah Chambers, Mark & Karen Jansen, Marie Young

### Preschool

Mark & Sarah Chambers, Richard & Pat Edwards, Barry & Julie Bloom, Ken & Jeannette Breckner, Hank & Marge Kunkel, Trudy Forster (Memorial for Bill Ferm & George Forster), Anita Klamm

### ELCA/Disaster

Kim & Karen Fruit, Bob & Kathy Hirsch, Harvey Hintzman (Hurricane relief),

### Youth & Youth Education

Ken & Jeannette Breckner, Trudy Forster (Memorial for Bill Ferm & George Forster), **Memorials for Gerald Olson:** Gary & Sue Russo, Barry & Julie Bloom, Donna Albrecht, Al & Sherry Otto

### Radio Broadcast

Mary Busalacchi, Cal & Bonnie Christianson, Gayle Holte, Trudy Smeltzer, Harriet Felber, Trudy Forster (Memorial for Bill Ferm & George Forster)

### OSL Women/Thankoffering

Trudy Forster (Memorial for Bill Ferm & George Forster), Roxie Close, Bonnie Nelson, Anonymous, Jan Willow, Sylvia Nelson, Trudy Smeltzer, Anita Klamm, Elna Johnson (In thanks for strong women), Gayle Holte (In thanks for the OSL Community of believers), Howard & Rita Slinden, Lori Debee (In thanks for the leadership of Laura Lecheler), Marilyn McQuiston (In thanks for 21 great grandchildren), Josh Madsen, Jeff & Denise Vick, Tom & Barb Johnson, Caroyl May, Cal & Bonnie Christianson (In thanks for good health), Lois Debee, Pamela Martin, Nancy Bjornson

### Mission Endowment Fund

John & Muriel Mikkelson (Memorial for Gerald Olson), Sylvia Nelson (Memorial for Rev. Paul Roe)

### ELCA World Hunger

Trudy Forster (Memorial for Bill Ferm & George Forster)

### General

Judy Kirk (Memorial for Pastor Paul Roe), Richard & Frances Bergantine (Memorial for Marie Bolstad), Matt & Heather Wigdahl (Thrivent Choice), Trustpoint, Inc. (Clarence Talen charitable fund)

### Greatest Needs

Trudy Forster (Memorial for Bill Ferm & George Forster), **Memorials for Gerald Olson:** Nancy Bjornsen, Steve & Sue VandeBerg, Marilyn Husby, Ruth Hendrickson, Ruth Gilbertson, Anonymous, Rob & Debra Micek, Dick & Connie Weber, Margaret Johnson, Wayne & Sharon Nero, Glen & Janice Gehring, Adrienne Harmston, John & Barbara Deutscher, Leland & Jill Schwebs, Robert & Lisa Lee, Leonard & Miriam Ellison, Avis Smithback, Kim & Karen Fruit, Len & Sharon Sterry, Marlene Jones

### Worship/Music Fund

Trudy Forster (Memorial for Bill Ferm & George Forster), **Memorials for Gerald Olson:** Judy Kirk, Marie Young, Jim & Pauline Knutson, Gloria Kraemer, Harold & LaVon Schlenker, Charles & Lori Collins

### Health Ministry

Trudy Forster (Memorial for Bill Ferm & George Forster)

### Lutheran Campus Ministry

Trudy Forster

### Missions

Leonard & Sharon Sterry (Memorial for Pastor Paul Roe)

### Adult Library

Cal & Bonnie Christianson (In Memorial for Cal's sister Marion Williamson)

### Archives

Sharon Brecke

## WELCOME KELLY JENSEN!

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Our Savior's voted to extend a half-time call to Kelly Jensen! Kelly is a deacon in the ELCA and will be serving as our Director of Youth Ministry. She will be working in particular with our Middle School and High School youth.

A little bit about Kelly...

Kelly Jensen lives on a family farm in the Irvington Hills southwest of Menomonie with her husband Travis, 8th grade son Jonah, two dogs and three horses. Her oldest son Jordan is serving in the United States Air Force, currently stationed in South Korea. She comes to us with 23 years of ministry experience, and a passion for leading youth toward their greatest potential and life-long relationships with God. She is co-owner of an online Christian products store called Grace Gear. She enjoys camping, boating, horse-back riding, reading and creative activities. She is an avid Green Bay Packer fan.

She will be starting here at Our Savior's in November. Please say hi and introduce yourself to her!



Mosaic Ministries Hayride on October 22

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

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## MUSIC

### *Calling ALL singers!*

*Calling ALL singers!* You are invited to join the OSL Choir for the Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 6:30 PM. Rehearsals run Wednesday evenings from 7-8PM in the choir room. The OSL Choir will join together with the Peace Lutheran music ministry on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at Peace to perform the Christmas Cantata. **\*\*NO choir rehearsals on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the Ecumenical Service on Thanksgiving Eve at St. Joe's.**



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Thank you to the numerous musicians, Bell Choir, kids' choirs and music directors who participated in Reformation Sunday on October 29<sup>th</sup>!

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You are invited to a fall music recital for the students of Dean Langby on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM in the OSL sanctuary. The Menomonie Singers will perform their concert on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at OSL. All are welcome!



**All Saints Day** will be celebrated at Our Savior's on **Sunday, Nov 5**, at both services. Candles will be lit in memory of those who have passed away in the last year. All will be invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of a loved one or friend during the service.



## **Blood Pressure Checks**

**Nov 19 & Dec 10**

**9:30—10:15 AM**

in the  
**Friendship Room**

### **Caregiver Resource Fair, Dinner**

#### **& Town Hall Meeting**

MON, Nov 13 3:30—8:00 p.m.

Peace Lutheran Church, 501 E Fillmore, Eau Claire

Call 715-839-4735 to register by Nov 8.

If you know of someone (member or non-member) who would appreciate a **Prayer Shawl** or **Pocket Prayer**, please stop by the prayer shawl display in the Friendship Room to pick one up. Kits are also available containing yarn and directions if you wish to knit or crochet a shawl. For more information email Deb Hass: [tomehass@yahoo.com](mailto:tomehass@yahoo.com) or Marion Jensen: [mjenson@wwt.net](mailto:mjenson@wwt.net).

### **Classic Country Christmas Concert**

with Red Higgins

Saturday, 11/25 at 2 PM in the MHS Auditorium  
Tickets: \$10 in advance (@ Dick's & Marketplace)  
or \$15 at the door

All proceeds benefit Honor Flights for Veterans

## HEALTH MINISTRY

*On Sunday,  
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the last year.*

## COMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Orders for meatballs can be placed until noon, Wednesday, November 1 in the church office. Orders can be picked up on Friday or between services Sunday, November 5. If you are available to help make and package meatballs on Friday, come and join us. ***Thank you to everyone who helped make this Fundraising Ministry Project another great success. This includes the people who bought the meatballs, who made donations, served coffee fellowship and who came on Friday to make and package the meatballs. Special thanks to the OSW Board members for all the work they do to organize this ministry project. God's Work, Our Hands!***

### ***SCANDINAVIAN BAKE SALE SATURDAY, 12/2 at 9:00 AM***

Come and join in the excitement!! Be a volunteer! Watch & Learn!! Mark your calendars!

- Tuesday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Krumkaka & Rosettes
- Wednesday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM Peel Potatoes for Lefse & Set Up
- Thursday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Make Lefse  
12:00 PM Famous Potluck Lunch
- Friday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM Packaging & Set Up
- Saturday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:00 AM SCANDINAVIAN BAKE SALE

The profits from the Bake Sale will be used for Scholarships for the OSL Youth going to Luther Park Bible Camp - a great place for Christian growth!

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*November is **National Adoption Month**, a month set aside to raise awareness about the adoption of children and youth. Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan is joining thousands of organizations across the nation to celebrate the joy adoption can bring to families. To learn more about adoption information sessions in the Eau Claire office, visit [www.lssadopt.org](http://www.lssadopt.org)*

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### **Winter Haven Volunteer Opportunities**

Winter Haven is the seasonal overnight shelter for homeless adults run by Stepping Stones of Dunn County. The shelter runs November 15<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>. There are 10 beds available at the shelter located at 1518 Stout Rd. The shelter is run entirely by community volunteers. Overnight volunteers are the most crucial to the wellbeing of the shelter. There are two shifts with two volunteers per shift: 7:30 PM – 1:30 AM and 1:30 AM to 7:30 AM. All volunteers must go through a training session. For more info, contact Jill Seichter at 715 235-2920 or [communityconnect@steppingstonesdc.org](mailto:communityconnect@steppingstonesdc.org)

## REMINDERS & ONGOING MINISTRIES

### Baptismal Family Meeting

Pastor Heather will be conducting a group baptismal orientation at 9:45 AM on the second Sunday of each month. This month's meeting will be held November 12th. 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)

### Contributions & 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:  Give directly using the QR Reader app on your device!

**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 AM Contact: Jan Willow – 715 235 9571

**Leah Circle** – Meets second Monday of the month @ 11 AM. Contact: Gloria Kraemer – 715 235 3621

**Brown Bag Bible Study** – Meets at Noon on Wednesdays.

**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 in the library. This month they'll meet 11/15 to discuss Ron Chernow's *Hamilton*. Members do **not** have to have read the book before meeting.

**500 Card Party** – Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. All are welcome!

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

**October 10, 2017**

**6:00 p.m. – Fireside Toom**

Present: Pastor Heather, Pastor Sarah, Mary Solberg, Kris Lemke, Roxie Close, Jane Kingzett, Kara James, Paul Horvath, Karl Palmer, and Tom Rundle Absent: Diane Hausler Guests: Mark Kalscheur, Tami Borcharding

Call to order at 6:03 PM

Devotions: Pastor Sarah

### **Old Business**

A. The September 12 minutes were approved electronically by unanimous vote.

B. Preschool Presentation. Pastor Heather presented the recommendation of the Preschool Board and Task Force that this will be the last year of the Preschool. The Preschool Board and Task Force have reviewed many different options over the last year but has come to the conclusion that the times and culture have changed within the last ten years. Mary made a motion for Council to accept the recommendation of the Preschool Board and Task Force that this school year will be the last year of the Preschool. Paul seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

C. Financial Report.

a. Income for the first six months of the fiscal year was \$218,758. Expenses were \$207,690 leaving us with a positive cash flow of \$11,067. This is largely attributed to the vacant staff position. Heather made the motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Jane and approved unanimously.

b. Last year, our insurance cost was \$ 11,077. Brotherhood Mutual Insurance provided us with a quote that could potentially save about \$ 2,000 / year. Brotherhood Mutual insures churches only. We are waiting for a quote from our current carrier. Roxie made a motion to change insurance providers from Acuity Insurance to Brotherhood Mutual. Karl seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

c. Van offered by parishioner. One of our parishioners asked if OSL would be interested in a 2016 van that he may be willing to purchase and donate to OSL. Mary and Mark will reply.

### **New Business**

A. New members. Karl made the motion to accept the following new members into OSL. Roxie seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Al Scheidler, Paul Girolamo, Char & Robin Ovren, Dick & Martha Bauer, Jeff & Denise Vick, Samantha & Aaron Rue, Emily & David Beck, Kayla Rubenzer & Thomas Evenson, and Ken & Amanda Marek.

B. Pastor Heather's report.

a. Previously, Pastor Kathleen of the UCC Church extended an invitation to OSL to participate in the series on the Gospel of Mark. The initial dates proposed were close to spring break so we are waiting for alternate dates.

b. Pastor Heather has been approved to participate in the Leading Well Consortium and attend various meetings to learn tools for leadership. There are twelve pastors attending from across the county. Three of them are from our synod.

c. Healthy Starts. The last of four Healthy Starts sessions will be on Sunday 10/15/17.

d. Pastor Heather is willing to host a Christmas party for the staff in her home. She will coordinate with Mark Johnson at Zanzibar.

C. Pastor Sarah's report.

a. The National ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston will be in June, 2018. There are fourteen students from Menomonie that will attend the National Youth Gathering. Eight are from OSL.

b. Pastor Sarah will attend a Theological Conference on Nov 5-7 in Marathon County, WI.

c. There are over 30 students are participating in Confirmation classes this year.

D. OSL Constitution. The Synod has directed OSL to change our constitution to be consistent with the Synod model.



E. Committee Reports

a. Worship. Pastor Sarah and the Worship committee recommended replacing the Advent wreath and Pascal candle. Council directed the Worship committee develop options and costs. Roxie will participate in this discussion since her family purchased the current wreath and candle.

b. Family Youth & Children approved a new fundraising policy to focus on major events.

c. Personnel. Nothing to report. They will meet on Oct 24.

d. Property Management. Nothing to report

e. Mission Endowment. Nothing to report

f. Pre-school. See above

g. Health Ministry.

F. Other

a. Lord's Prayer

b. Adjourned at 8:43 PM

Next meeting: November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm - Fireside Room

Treats: Jane

The OSL Mitten Tree is ready and waiting in the Friendship Room to be filled with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for distribution to local schools and youth organizations! Your donation can be placed right on the tree at any time.

Thank you!



## Our Savior's Lutheran Church

### STAFF:

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Heather T. Wigdahl, [heather@oslme.com](mailto:heather@oslme.com), Ext. 203

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**Parish Nurse:** Amy Whelan

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**OSL Choir Director:** Michael Dayton

**Joy & Jubilee Choir Director:** Emily Hansen

**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

### 2017 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mary Solberg: President

Roxanne Close: Vice President

Tom Rundle: Secretary

Paul Horvath

Jane Kingzett

Kris Lemke

Karl Palmer

Kara James

Diane Hausler

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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