



Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA Menomonie, Wisconsin

Parish Scope/ October 2017

NEW YOUTH & FAMILY POSITION

Plan to attend this special congregational meeting, and in addition, please hold our congregation in prayer... as we seek to partner in ministry with our Children, Youth and Families!

Dear members of OSL,

Your OSL Council has called a special meeting of the congregation for Sunday, October 8th at 11:30 AM, to be held in the sanctuary.

The purpose of this special meeting is to act upon a recommendation from the Council to extend a 20 hour per week Director of Youth Ministry position to our candidate of choice.

Biographical and professional information about our candidate will be shared with you at the special meeting, along with the letter of call and compensation details.

Plan to attend this special congregational meeting, and in addition, please hold our congregation in prayer, that we might continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit, especially as we seek to partner in ministry with our Children, Youth and Families!

Yours in Christ,

Mary Solberg
OSL Congregational President

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, Becky Kneer (Memorials for Marion Mickelson & Gerald Olson), Karl & Jen Palmer

ELCA/Disaster

Kim & Karen Fruit, Bob & Kathy Hirsch, Al & Sherry Otto (Hurricane Relief), Trudy Forster (Hurricane Relief), Richard & Connie Weber (Hurricane Relief), John & Muriel Mikkelson (Hurricane Relief), Marion Jenson

OSL Women

Gary Russo (Memorial for Marie Bolstad), Donna Bechtel Hamilton (Memorial for Carmen Miller Hull)

Radio Broadcast

Wayne & Sharon Nero (in memory of Carl & Myrtle Sell's anniversary), Cal & Bonnie Christianson (Memorial for Gerald Olson)

Mission Endowment Fund

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

Women in Action

Gary & Sue Russo (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Margaret Johnson (Memorial for Camen Millar Hall), Mary Langford (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), John & Muriel Mikkelson (for LWR kits)

General

Martha Wallen (Memorial for Marie Bolstad), Lois Debee (Memorial for Gerald Olson), Shirley Hintz (Memorial for Dick Hintz), Mary Langford (Memorials for Carmen Miller Hull and Paul Roe)

Greatest Needs

Memorials for Gerald Olson: Jane Kingzett, Kristine Lemke, Mike & Sally Schendel, Sharon Kerouac

Worship/Music Fund

Memorials for Marie Bolstad: Rachel Pritchard, Paul & Donna Roe, Ronald & Karen Rude, Carlyle & Ruth Gilbertson, Bill & June Grambo, Len & Marian Ellison, Marie Young, Robert & Ruth Phelps, Peder Bolstad, Robert & Jan Willow

Kids Against Hunger

Louis & RoseAnn Husby, Howard & Rita Slinden, Elna Johnson, Sylvia Nelson

Sunday School

Paul & Megan Horvath

Ponderings from Preschool
A View from the Basement

What a fabulous start to our year! Seeing some familiar faces and families from last year and welcoming many new friends and families! The preschool is so blessed to begin this journey of learning and growing together. Creation and Noah's Ark have been the talk of the preschool this month. And October will bring a number of stories from the Old Testament to life for these young learners. Learning routines and becoming familiar with the preschool day has also been a part of each child's adventure. It's amazing what young ones can do if they are encouraged to try.

One of the events that will be coming up soon is the Preschool Hot Dog Stand. Menomonie Homecoming is October 6th and on the front lawn of the church will be a food stand. Families can buy hot dogs, chips, cookies and something to drink before, during, and after the parade. Proceeds from this stand support the needs of the preschool during the year. Mark your calendars and stop by – the parade starts at 4 PM and the stand will be ready by 3:30.

If you have an alumni child who would like to come and read a story to one of our classes, please call the preschool and let us know. We hope to start the "Alumni Read" in October. It will be a great way to support learning through reading and seeing how far our alumni students are in their reading abilities!

As we continue through this year, we ask that you all remember to keep the preschool staff and the preschool children and their families in your prayers. We can only be the best when we are surrounded by prayer and the knowledge that God will guide all of us along this faith journey.

Blessings of peace during the autumn season!

-Tami Borcharding, Preschool Director

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MUSIC

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with Thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."

-Psalm 95:1-2

Bell Ringers Needed

We are looking for bell ringers to play for Reformation Sunday on October 29th. Rehearsals will run three Wednesday evenings prior to that date (10/11, 10/18 & 10/25) prior to that date at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Email Michaela Gifford at michaelamaemusic@gmail.com if you're interested!

Love to Sing? Consider Joining Youth Choir!

Jubilee Choir is open to children in grades K-2 and meets on Wednesday nights from 6:00-6:30 in the Fireside room. Joy Choir is open to children in grades 3-6 and meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15 in the Fireside room. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Emily Hansen at 715-232-8980 or email at escott16@yahoo.com. Please join us!

Calling ALL singers! OSL choir wants YOU! Join us for rehearsal Wednesday evenings from 7-8PM in the choir room. We are looking for new voices 14 years and up! No experience necessary. Contact OSL's choir director Michael Dayton with any questions: mericdayton@gmail.com

News in OSL Music

It is with excitement that we welcome Merlyn Aude to the role of Bell Choir Director! The bells will rehearse and perform periodically this upcoming year. If you are interested in joining this fun group of ringers, contact Michaela Gifford, director of Music Ministries.

Kira Nevin, an incoming freshman at Menomonie High School will be assisting our Joy and Jubilee choir director, Emily Hansen this upcoming year. Kira has been active in local theatre for many years as well as a strong leader throughout her time in Middle School Choir. In addition, she has taken private piano lessons from Michaela Gifford for the past three years.

Caregiver Resource Fair, Dinner & Town Hall Meeting

Mon, Nov 13 from 3:30—8:00 p.m. @ Peace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. Call 715-839-4735 to register by Nov 8. **We will carpool from OSL!** Email becky@oslme.com

Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, Oct 22

9:30—10:15 a.m.

(between services)

Friendship Room

REMINDERS

* We're compiling names and addresses of **current active military members**. Please supply this information to the church office (plus name of unit, rank, and a picture in uniform, if possible). Thanks!

* Interested in being part of the OSL **email prayer list**? You will receive periodic requests for prayer via email. Contact becky@oslme.com

Depression Awareness

October 5 is National Depression Screening Day. Some symptoms which may indicate depression:

- Persistent sad, anxious or “empty” mood
- Sleep disturbances including sleeping too much or too little
- Appetite disturbances with weight loss or gain
- Loss of pleasure or interest in activities once enjoyed
- Restlessness and irritability
- Difficulty concentrating, making decisions or memory
- Fatigue or loss of energy
- Feelings of guilt, hopelessness, worthlessness, thoughts of suicide

Many things can contribute to depression:

- Biological: people with depression often have too little or too much of certain brain chemicals call “neurotransmitters”
- Cognitive: people with negative thinking patterns and low self-esteem are more likely to be depressed
- Gender: women experience depression at a rate nearly twice that of men (possibly related to hormone changes women go through with menstruation, pregnancy, childbirth & menopause)
- Co-occurrence: depression is more likely to occur along with certain other illnesses, such as heart disease.

For more information, contact your healthcare provider or visit:

<http://mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs>.

HEALTH MINISTRY

MEATBALLS AND GRAVY SALE

Our Savior's Women will again be selling meatballs and gravy this fall. Prepaid orders will be taken on Sunday, October 22 and 29 between services and orders will be taken using the online ordering system that we used last year. Look for more information in coming Sunday bulletins. Cost of meatballs and gravy is \$6/pint and \$12/quart. We have had requests for meatballs without gravy, so that will be a choice when ordering. All orders must be placed by noon on Wednesday, November 1st. Keep an eye out for an email in the middle of October to order online. For more information contact Connie Weber at 715 556 5843.



MEATBALL MAKING AND PACKAGING DAY

Join us Friday, November 3rd to make and package meatballs and gravy! Please sign up on the sheets under the skylight beginning October 15th. Join in on the fun for this OSL Service Ministry Project! For more information contact Connie Weber at 715 556 5843.



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 – 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 at OSL. This month they will meet on 10/18 to discuss *When Lightning Struck: The Story of Martin Luther* by Danika Cooley. 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!

FROM LIVING WATER DISASTER RELIEF:

“Thank you so much for your donation to the Tornado Relief Center. Your gifts were greatly appreciated!”

Tuesday's Table is on October 17th this month. If you're interested in volunteering, please email info@oslme.com, or you can sign up under the skylight in the Friendship Room!

Thankoffering Service 10/15

Our Savior's Women will be leading worship at both services on Sunday, 10/15. A special offering will be collected to support the mission of WELCA. Thankoffering dollars support the ministry of the Women of the ELCA, going toward programs areas including anti-racism, cross-cultural events, global education, evangelism, leadership development, faith development, theological growth, advocacy education, Bible study & Stewardship education.

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 or Marion Jensen: mjensen@wwt.net.

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 October 8th. 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!



CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN PRAYER SERVICE

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther proposed his 95 Theses in a desire to reform the Church. This year marks the 500th Anniversary of that historic event. The last 500 years have seen both helpful reforms and sad divisions. We pray for unity while staying committed to the truth. Throughout the world, Lutherans and Catholics will be gathering to pray together and commit together to the things we share in common. Locally, a Prayer Service will be at Immaculate Conception Church, 1712 Highland Ave in Eau Claire, on Sunday, October 29th at 4:00 PM. A choir of over 200 will lead the music. Food and fellowship will follow immediately at St. John Lutheran Church, across the street. All Lutherans, Catholics and others welcome.

Godstock (for High School Students) will be held November 10, 11 & 12 at the Metropolis Resort in Eau Claire (sponsored by Synod Youth Board). More info to come!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

August 8, 2017

6:00 p.m. at Tom and Linda Rundle's home.

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

Call to order at 6:40 PM

Devotions: Pastor Heather

Old Business

A. The June 13th minutes were approved electronically by majority vote.

B. Financial Report.

a. Income for the first five months of the fiscal year was \$158,786. Expenses were \$150,825 leaving us with a positive cash flow of \$7,960. This is largely attributed to the vacant staff position. Jane made the motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Carl and approved unanimously.

b. The Chancel renovation has been paid off and has been removed from Simply Giving.

c. Mark Kalscheur will advise when the audit of OSLs books will take place.

d. Previously, Council had decided to tithe \$10,000 from the Jane Klatt estate. As part of this tithe, a motion was approved in May to donate \$5,000 to The Bridge to Hope when they began their capital campaign. Our \$ 5,000 donation will be made shortly.

New Business

A. Pastor Heather's report.

a. The dedication of the bike stand purchased to commemorate Pastor Don's ministry will be on Sunday, Aug. 13. A group plans to meet at the bike station on Crescent at 10:30AM. Members are encouraged to ride their bikes to the event.

b. Pastor Kathleen of the UCC Church has extended an invitation to OSL to participate in the series on the Gospel of Mark. She requested OSL share in the travel expenses of Pastor Burt Marshall for this event. At this time, the financial commitment is unknown. This will be a FY18-19 expense. Council will review the proposal once more information is known.

c. Pastor Heather had a meeting with Father James from St. Joes for planning a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the reformation.

d. Pastor Heather received a request from Children Youth and Family and Personnel to expand Charis Collins job description to focus on publication and communication and to increase her work hours by 10 hours / week to 25 hours / week.

e. Pastor Heather was asked by the Bishop if she was interested in participating in the Vibrant Faith Leading consortium and to attend various meetings to learn tools for leadership. If Heather is selected, the Siebert group will cover about 80% of the expenses. In addition to the time commitment on Heather's part, the congregation's financial commitment will be \$750/year for two years. Mary made a motion to pay the first year's expense from the Conventions/Workshop budget. The motion was seconded by Roxie and approved unanimously.

B. Pastor Sarah's report.

a. The LCM Pack the Park event went off without a hitch. It was well attended by all three ELCA congregations.

b. The Mission trip to South Dakota will be in August.

c. The National ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston will be in June, 2018. Nine students are interested in attending. This could grow to 12-15 from OSL plus others from the other congregations. Early Bird registration begins in September for the best rates. The youth had a car wash on July 23 and made \$356 in donations. The next meeting is on Sept 20. .

d. VBS went well.

e. The Gods Work; Our Hands event is scheduled for Sept.17 at OSL. The goal is to pack 20,000 meals (but not more than 25,000) in 3 hours.

C. Children, Youth, and Family Committee. Personnel met on Aug 9 to review the proposed job descriptions of Director of Children & Family Ministry and Director of Youth Ministry. Personnel will interview candidates for both positions during last week in August.

D. OSL had a volunteer that helped with VBS and is willing to help organize and prepare class rooms each week for Sunday school classes in Sept and Oct. Sarah requested a \$ 500 stipend be paid to this individual for the work in Sept and October. A motion was made by Diane. The motion was seconded by Roxie and approved unanimously.

E. Committee Reports

a. Worship committee made a decision on pew pads

b. Family Youth & Children. See C above.

c. Personnel. See above.

d. Property Management. Carpet is in the process of being installed in the basement rec room and hallways.

e. Mission Endowment. Nothing to report

f. Pre-school. Nothing to report.

g. Health Ministry. Nothing to report.

h. Social Concerns group. During July, the Social Concerns group met and developed a purpose statement and job description for a committee called Ministry Outside Our Walls. They also proposed to begin recruiting members. A motion was made by Carl to approve the request. It was seconded by Kris and approved unanimously.

i. During July, Pastor Heather requested Council approve a transfer of membership into OSL. A motion was made by Mary to approve the transfer. It was seconded by Heather and approved electronically.

F. Other

a. Lord's Prayer

b. Adjourned due to mosquitoes at 9:01PM

Next meeting: September 12th @ 6:00pm - Fireside Room

Treats: Kris



God's Work, Our Hands 2017

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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, Ext. 205

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2017 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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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