



Our Savior's Lutheran Church ELCA Menomonie, Wisconsin

Parish Scope/ September 2017

OSL FALL KICKOFF

“But while familiar is comfortable - comforting even - scripture reminds us that our God is a God of newness, of new creation, of new life, of new hope.”

-Pr. Sarah Miller

Ready or not, fall is upon us. Students and teachers are back to school, the days are noticeably shorter, and there is a tinge of yellow and red to the leaves. We've been here before. There is much that feels familiar. We are back to two services (8:30 and 10:30 just in case you forgot!), Sunday School is starting, the OSL choir is back in rehearsals, the band will back to help lead worship at one of our services (there's plenty more going on – read through the rest of the Scope to learn more!).

But while familiar is comfortable - comforting even - scripture reminds us that our God is a God of newness, of new creation, of new life, of new hope. Consider these words of God, spoken through the prophet, Isaiah: “Do not remember the former things... I am about to do a new thing.” If familiar is comfortable, new can be, well, uncomfortable, maybe even scary. But it is into the new that God calls us, inviting us to be a part of the new things that God is doing in the world, in Menomonie, and here at OSL. And all the while, God is with us leading us, protecting us, emboldening us, empowering us. Here are a few of the new things happening at OSL:

- We are currently interviewing for two youth positions. We hope to have these positions filled and welcome our new youth staff soon!
- We welcome Merlyn Aude as our new bell choir director and Kira Nevin who will be helping out the with youth choirs. Charis Collins will continue to work in the office, but will expand her hours to work on additional communications and publications.
- Our Brown Bag Bible Study with Pastor Don Wisner returns. This year we will examine the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation. This Bible study will be offered at the regular time (Wednesdays at noon) and on Sunday mornings between worship services.
- A new committee called, Ministry Outside Our Walls, has been formed this summer. This committee will focus on ways in which OSL can reach out beyond our walls to minister to our community and the world. We are currently looking for committee members. If you have a heart for mission and are looking for a way to be involved here at OSL come check us out.

I love this prayer from the ELW, “O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

I invite each of you, at the beginning of this new program year, to take time to notice how and where God is acting; and how and where God is calling you to some new venture of which you cannot yet see the ending.

In Christ,

Pastor Sarah

Memorials and Special Gifts

Building Fund

Mark & Sarah Chambers, Mark & Karen Jansen, Marie Young, Orv & Bo Gabriel, Louis & RoseAnn Husby

Preschool

Mark & Sarah Chambers, Richard & Pat Edwards, Barry & Julie Bloom, Ken & Jeannette Breckner, Hank & Marge Kunkel

ELCA/Disaster

Kim & Karen Fruit, Bob & Kathy Hirsch

Youth

Ken & Jeannette Breckner, Orv & Bo Gabriel

Radio Broadcast

Mary Busalacchi, Cal & Bonnie Christianson (In honor of Dan & Bev Buss's 50th Wedding Anniversary), Gayle Holte, Elna Johnson (Memorials for Marie Bolstad and Carmen Millar Hall),

Stepping Stones

Donna Wahl

Thrivent

Tiffany Jaeger

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

Dean & Sue Babbitt (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Lolly Baldus (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Barton A. Dennis (Memorial for Marie Bolstad), Steve & Lynn Brantner (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Roxie Close (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Larry & Jan Dahms (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Leonard & Marian Ellison (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Jack & Leslie Jeatran (Memorial for Marie Bolstad), Elna Johnson (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Thomas & Barbara Johnson (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Tim & Kathi Lehmann (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Barbara Lindberg (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Ron & Debbie Micek (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Carol Vandeberg (Memorial for Marion Mickelson), Anonymous (Memorial for Marion Mickelson)

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Gayle Holte, Don Wisner

Music Fund

John & Muriel Mikkelson (Memorial for Marie Bolstad), Judy Kirk (Memorial for Marie Bolstad), Louis & RoseAnn Husby (Memorial for Marie Bolstad), Trudy Smeltzer (Memorial for Marie Bolstad), Sylvia Nelson (Memorial for Marie Bolstad)

Ponderings from Preschool A View from the Basement

We're back!! And we're ready to learn and grow and share!!

2017-18 Preschool begins on September 6th. The room has been cleaned. The teachers have set the room up. The curriculum is ready. Now comes the fun part – learning about new children; seeing how returning children have grown; sharing and growing together for another amazing preschool year.

Teachers for this year include: Mrs. Lisa Brogan, Mrs. Amber Zander, Mrs. Beth Bystol, and Mrs. Tamara Borcharding.

If you are looking for something fun to do – come check us out!! We are around four days a week and after we get settled, we love to share our day with anyone who is willing to listen.

If you are thinking of something the preschool children may need – how about some 5 oz. paper cups? Or some scotch tape? Or paper towels? Or masking tape? Or small paper plates? Or markers? Or glue? We use all of these things every day and sometimes we run out.

If you have a Thrivent policy you can also designate Our Savior's Preschool as a recipient of Thrivent Choice Funds.

But more than anything, if you come down and spend some time with the preschool children, your life will be enriched in ways you cannot imagine.

Excitement begins on September 6th and learning and growing in an atmosphere that reflects the love God has for all continues throughout the year!! We ask your prayers for a God-filled, love-filled, laughter-filled year!!

PRESCHOOL

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-Tami Borcharding

MUSIC

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-Psalm 95:1-2

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. There will be a choir sign up evening for parents and children on Wed., 9/13 at 6 PM in the Fireside Room for both choirs. Refreshments will be served! Regular rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, September 20th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Emily Hansen at 715-232-8980 or email at escott16@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

A special thanks to all of the musicians who played for our summer services! We appreciate your time and talents! Thanks Mark Pruett, Dale Freberg, the Dunn County Barbershop Quartet, Barb Lindberg, The Miller Family, Kira Nevin, Natalie Nelson, Olivia Aarrestad, Carly Witucki, Eleanor Wigdahl, Merlyn Aude & Michael Dayton.

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"Calling ALL singers! OSL choir wants YOU! Join us for rehearsal Wednesday evenings from 7-8PM in the choir room. Rehearsals will resume September 6th. 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.

Benefit Concert

First Congregational Church will present “On the Streets” – a Multimedia Awareness Concert including music, readings and videos – on Saturday, September 9 from 7-9 PM. Proceeds go to Stepping Stones and The Bridge to Hope. Performers include Yata, Dalcyce Elliott, and Joel Kroenke.

Pocket Prayers are available to share! Stop by the Prayer Shawl cart in the Friendship Room to pick one up for a friend, neighbor, yourself or anyone who could use a reminder of God’s Love! Perfect to mail to someone as well. Of course prayer shawls are also available (please fill out a slip). The tag on the Pocket Prayer reads: “This Pocket Prayer is a gift for you. Made by hand and stitched with prayers of hope & healing. May it bring comfort, peace, and a reminder of God’s Love. -Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.

-Prayer Shawl Ministry

Becoming a Dementia-Friendly Church

As part of Dementia Friendly Dunn County, we hosted speakers Margy Hagaman & Margi Strauss on Tuesday, July 11 for a Lunch and Learn. The goal is to decrease the stigma of the disease and improve the lives of people with dementia and their families. We are hoping to raise awareness and make OSL a safe and inviting supportive place. We will be offering more opportunities to learn about this topic.

10 warning Signs of Alzheimer’s Disease: 1) Memory loss that disrupts daily life. 2) Challenges in planning or solving problems. 3) Difficulty completing familiar tasks. 4) Confusion with time or place. 5) Trouble understanding visual images & spatial relationships. 6) New problems with words in speaking or writing. 7) Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps. 8) Decreased or poor judgment. 9) Withdrawal from work or social activities. 10) Changes in mood & personality.

HEALTH MINISTRY

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-Becky Kneer

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 starting on 9/13.

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.

Save the Date!

Sunday, September 17 is God's Work, Our Hands. This year we'll be working together to fight hunger with a food-packing event at OSL. We'll have three one-hour shifts, beginning at Noon, 1 PM and 2 PM. Please keep an eye out for an email with more information and a sign up link!

A note from Pastor Don Wisner:

“Thanks to the entire congregation for all that was done to help me celebrate my 50 years of ministry. Thank you also for the bicycle repair station that will be erected in my name. What a wonderful gift.”

A note from the VBS Team:

“Another VBS is in the books and IT WAS AMAZING! We are so grateful to the parents and families who entrust their children to us for a week to care for them and teach them the love and stories of Jesus and our gracious God. It could never happen without the support of congregations, helpers and donations. We extend a huge thank you to Christ, Our Savior's, and Peace Lutheran Churches. This year we received all donations of food needs, and we thank all of you who contributed in this way. We extend overflowing gratitude to our host homes: Cheryl Gilbertson-Merrill and Jo & Jeremy Hayes; our generous dinner hosts: Jake Nahorniak, Cheryl Gilbertson-Merrill & Donna Albrecht, Mike Merritt, and the Krueger Family; our out of this world kitchen staff: Cindi Wieman, Mary Merritt, Brianna (and Henry) Wieman, Julie Bloom, Waylon Rogers, Jan Traxler, and Katie Wagner; our fantastic 3, 4, & 5-year-old teachers: Becky Wolf, Sarah Place, Kenna Kruger, Annie Solsaa, and Cheryl Gilbertson-Merrill; and our unbelievably good classroom helpers: Maddy Palmer, Shannon Mason, Grayson Obenberger, McKenzie Bird, Megan Burhow, and Christopher Hoffmann. And lastly, we'd like to thank the church staff who jumped in to help on a daily basis: Tom Surdick (custodian) and Jane Amble (secretary). –Josie Wilterdink (CLC), Lexi Marsh (OSL), and Kelly Jensen (PLC)

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 September 10th. 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!



A New Look at an Old Book

Pastor Don Wisner will offer two opportunities for Scripture study this fall at OSL. In keeping with the 500th Anniversary of Luther's Reformation, the classes will focus on "sola scriptura," the Bible alone.

The Wednesday noon study will begin September 20, using the Lutheran Study Bible as the resource. Pastor Wisner will cover principles of interpretation, content, and appropriation.

An abbreviated series will also be offered on Sunday mornings at 9:40AM beginning Sept. 24.

All sessions will meet in the church library. Coffee provided.

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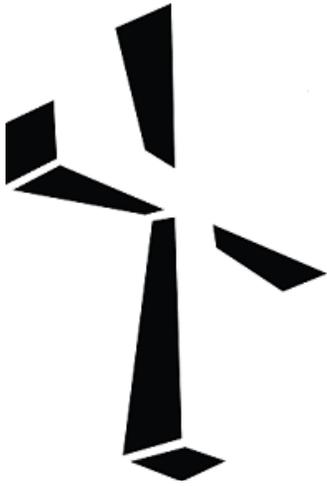
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OUR MISSION

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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