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High School youth, it's time to start planning – we're going to NEW ORLEANS! That's right, next summer, **July 16 – July 20, 2024**, we're headed to the amazing city of New Orleans, LA for the next ELCA Youth Gathering!

What is the Youth Gathering? It is a gathering of 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We gather for a week of faith formation spending our days in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship. Here we grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live our faith in our daily lives.

The theme for the Gathering is *Created to Be* and is based on the theme verse from Psalm 139:14 "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." Throughout our time at the Gathering we'll explore how we are Created to Be: brave, authentic, free, disruptive, and disciples.

Students who will be in 8th grade – 12th grade during the 2023-2024 school year are eligible to attend. Are you a high school student? Consider attending! Know a high school student? Encourage them to go! The next Youth Gathering meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 20th after worship (10:15am)**. Even if you attended our last meeting in February, plan to attend this meeting in August as we'll have new details to share with you. We'll plan to talk about registration and travel options, and begin to do some planning for fundraisers. Questions? Contact Denise Vick, Pr. Sarah, or Pr. Heather.

Not a high school student but still want to be involved? Share your own experiences from your time at a Youth Gathering or Luther League Convention with our high school students. Provide financial support to make it possible for students to attend the Gathering! And most importantly, pray! Pray for our students and our adult leaders as we prepare for this amazing experience.

Online Worship Viewing

Click here: [YouTube](#)

By attending any service you give consent that your image and the image of all of the people in your group may be portrayed in the livestream and recording. We will not use your likeness in any other promotional material.

Radio Broadcast*

Radio Broadcast on AM880 WMEQ
Sunday mornings at 10:40am.

Broadcasts are also available through
[iHeartRadio](#) on AM880 WMEQ.

***NOTE:** The radio broadcast will conclude October 1, 2023. Beginning in September, a new call-in option to listen to worship will be available. Details to follow.

SUMMER HOURS
Office/Building Hours
9am—3pm, Mon-Thurs
through August 31st

Sunday Worship

9:00am

(Recorded)

Sunday Worship Bulletin

Did you know that the Sunday Worship bulletin is available online for review or to print? The bulletin includes the prayer concerns; upcoming events; and current announcements. Go to [oslme.com](#) to view or print the bulletin. Note: bulletins are updated weekly.

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Submitted by Denise Vick
Any questions, you can reach her at denise@oslme.com



"Kids Cooking and Caring" Class Baking Edition!

Tuesday, August 22, from 4—5:30pm kids from 3rd grade thru 8th grade are invited to learn how to make two different cookie doughs and a gluten free brownie.

Some cookies and brownies will be baked as well to add to the Meals-To-Go ministry.

Space is limited; pre-registration required; cost is \$15 per child.

RSVP Denise at denise@oslme.com to reserve a spot.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday School
Registration
forms** are available.

Click this [link](#) or pick up a form on the bulletin board under the skylight.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Sunday School will start **September 24th!**

Eight teachers are needed to share the responsibility of teaching our kiddos, ages preK-6th grade.

Email Denise to step up and volunteer.

Be Brave and Sign Up!



SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, **August 27th**, is **Blessing of the Backpacks** in worship!

Sunday, **September 10th** is **RALLY SUNDAY**
Church picnic, bike ride around Lake Menomin....and more!

Mark your calendars!

HEALTH MINISTRY

Submitted by Parish Nurse, Becky Kneer
Any questions, you can reach her at becky@oslme.com

Note of Gratitude

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your Parish Nurse/Faith Community Nurse these past 22 years. (August 31 will end my time in this role).

It has been an honor to share in your lives and walk alongside you in health, advocacy, education and faith.

May God's peace be with you...in body, mind and spirit.

Becky Kneer

Strong Bodies Zoom Class Sign Up

These virtual exercise classes are open to all Wisconsin residents. Offered by UW-Extension. Sign up for one/both sessions.

**Through Sept 28
Tues & Thurs**
9:00am via Zoom
Register [here](#).

**Through Sept 27
Mon & Wed**
9:00am via Zoom
Register [here](#).

Savvy Caregiver

The ADRC is offering **FREE** Savvy Caregiver Classes for dementia caregivers. It is proven, research based training that will teach you strategies and real-world skills; as well as decrease stress for you and the person you care for. See the community bulletin board (by the elevator) for more details.

**In-Person Training
Mondays
July 10—August 14
10:00 am—Noon
Shirley Doane Senior Center**

To Register, call ADRC at 715-232-4006

Green Bandana Project

Green bandanas continue to be available for pick up at three Menomonie locations! They are: 1) **Menomonie Public Library** (reference desk); 2) **Dunn County Human Services** (Government Center 1st floor—at reception desk) and 3) **Kaleidoscope Mental Health Center** (lower level City Hall).

Wearing the lime green bandana indicates that you are someone safe to approach to discuss a mental health concern and that you know where resources can be obtained for help.

When you pick up a bandana you are asked to supply your email address in order to contact you in the fall when an online session is being offered on how to be helpful during conversations. You will also receive green business size cards that you can hand out with a QR code linking to local resources.

This program is being offered in Dunn, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties sponsored by JONAH (Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope).

"Being present and available may be what someone needs in a moment of crisis."





LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Our summer stocking for the LFP is underway. We need donations for shampoo, conditioner, laundry soap (in small containers), dish soap, peanut butter, jelly, and applesauce (no glass containers please).

WE NEED YOU!! If you have extra time this summer please consider signing up for a pantry stocking shift. It takes about 20 minutes (openings on Sundays before/after worship or Mon-Thurs 9-3pm). Families are welcome!

Visit the [OSL website](#) or scan this QR code to go to the sign up page. ~~ If it is your first time, let us know and we can give you a quick tour and how to. Contact the church office to arrange.



Donate your Thrivent Action Grant money: Please consider completing a Thrivent Action grant request to help us purchase items. The grant is for \$250. Help is available with the online grant application if needed, email becky@oslme.com.

We also accept monetary donations. ~~Just mark “LFP fund” in the memo line of your check.



Drop off your donated items for the Little Free Pantry in the cabinet located in the Friendship Room.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OSL

A.M.ers Bible Study

The "A.M.ers Women's Bible Study meets at 9am on the first Thursday of every month in the Friendship Room. Use the parking lot entrance door.

The next meeting of the A.M.ers will be September 7, 2023, 9am. NOTE: no meeting June through August.

For information contact Jan Willow, 715-235-9571

OSL READING CLUB

The Reading Club meets the third Wednesday of each month, September to June at 1pm in the Friendship Room.

NOTE: no meeting in July or August.

Like all good Lutherans, we start with coffee and dessert, followed by a short business meeting. We also talk about any good books we have read during the previous month.

If you are interested in learning more about the Reading Club, contact President Marie Young at 715-235-4690 or mkyoung4690@gmail.com.



Fair Trade

products are available for sale in the Friendship Room.

Coffee \$7.00
Cocoa \$5.00

Christ in Our Home Booklet

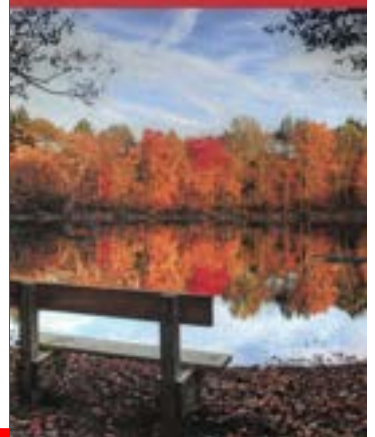
We have **July, August & September 2023** booklets available in the Friendship Room or stop in the office to pick one up.

If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the office at 715-235-0693 or send an email to office@oslme.com with your request.

We have regular print and a limited number of big print booklets available. Indicate which size print you would like.

Christ in Our Home

July, August, September
2023



RADIO BROADCAST

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Sympathy to the family of:

Mark Devery, whose funeral was July 26th

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OSL



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

School supplies will be going on sale in early July.

The following items are needed for Lutheran World Relief school bags which are put together and sent to Minneapolis for distribution throughout the world:

70 page notebooks
blunt end scissors
pencils, not sharpened
pens, blue or black ink
erasers
rulers
pencil sharpeners
24-pack crayons

Items can be left in the tote by the skylight.

Ludington Guard Pie Social OSL Night: Tuesday, August 1st

Watch the bulletin boards and notices after July 1 for sign-up information for pies and workers.

Please join us for this fun church-wide ministry.

Any questions, contact Connie Weber at 715-556-5843.

TUESDAY'S TABLE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

OSL is scheduled to provide:

- * 3 cooks
- * 4 servers
- * 4 clean up

at Saint Joe's on **August 15.**

Sign up under the sky light or call the church office.



Did you know that OSL has been collecting food as well as other items for **Stepping Stones** for the past 12 to 14 years? These items go directly to Stepping Stones on a weekly basis. This is different than items collected for our outside Little Free Pantry.



Located in the vestibule at the parking lot entrance to church.

In the beginning we collected food in paper bags. But it looked messy, so a number of years ago, Don Kuether repurposed an old altar by removing some doors and fixing the water stained top. Removable bins were added which made it easier to store and then transport food to the pantry.

You will be surprised to learn that so far this year we have donated **317 pounds!** Shelf stable items as well as personal care items are most needed. See the Stepping Stones website for more detail.

But we need you to notice the bins and then donate! We could fill them up weekly. Let's try!

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JULY 2023 MEMORIALS

We thank those who have given to the following special funds:

In Memory of Richard Debee

Building Fund: Lois Debee

In memory of Herb Afdahl

General: Steve & Lynn Brantner; Fredric Owens & Christa Hanson;

Ken & Doris Krautbauer; Anonymous donor.

Greatest Needs: Anonymous donor.

Music/Worship: Lee Afdahl.

In memory of Karen Kuester-Brehm

General: Sandra Calvert.

In memory of Ken Breckner

General: Becky Kneer

In memory of Lolly Baldus

General: Becky Baldus; Mike & Becky Kneer; Bob & Jan Willow; Marie Young.

Greatest Needs: Pend & Jena Hollensteiner (with love to Becky and her entire family); Margaret McDonald.

Health Ministry: Sharon Nero.

Little Free Pantry: Dave & Joy Bergstrand.

Technology: Elna Johnson.

In memory of Sandra Christianson

Greatest Needs: Elna Johnson.

OSL Women: Lois Debee.

Special Gifts

OSL Women: Doug Larson (pie social donation).

Little Free Pantry: Jan Pejsa.

Technology: Rod & Trudy Smeltzer.

VBS: Bob & Kathy Hirsch; Gloria Kraemer; Donald Kuether; Jan Pejsa.

**NOTICE:
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
FOR JUNE ARE NOT AVAILABLE
AT THIS TIME.**

They will be included in the September Scope.



I HATE TO THINK I'M LOST, BUT WHERE IN
THE WORLD DID NOAH GO WITH THAT ARK?

PACK THE PARK

Menomonie's ELCA churches collaborative worship service has changed dates and location this year.
Mark your calendar

Sunday, September 17, 10am, at Wakanda Park

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser: benefiting Lutheran Campus Ministry to UW-Stout

Lutheran Campus Ministry is hosting their largest fundraiser of the year on Sunday, September 17, 2023. Grab your family and friends and join us at the Wakanda Park Pavilion for an outdoor worship service with the three local ELCA churches in Menomonie! Following worship, you are invited to partake in a delicious chicken dinner, stay for games of bingo, and enter your name into a drawing to win **THREE LARGE** raffle prizes! Worship will begin at 10:00am and the Chicken Dinner will be served following worship at approximately 11:00am.

The chicken dinner is \$15 per person and includes three sides, a roll, dessert, and a beverage.

***NEW this year!!** We will be hosting only **THREE LARGE** raffle prizes! For just \$25 your name will automatically be entered into **ALL** three raffles! Tickets can be purchased on the morning of the event.

Bingo is \$2 per card, with your chance to win prizes from local businesses in the Chippewa Valley.

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Desserts Needed

Can you make a mean Pecan pie? Are your brownies the talk of the town? Lutheran Campus Ministry is having a dessert table at the Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, September 17. If you are interested in preparing your choice of dessert, contact Sara McCullough. Thank you!

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Volunteers

LCM is seeking volunteers to help serve the Chicken Dinner starting at 11:00am. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Sara McCullough. Thank you!

All benefits will go to support the vision and mission of Lutheran Campus Ministry to UW-Stout. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support! We couldn't do this ministry without the help of you.

If you have any questions on the above information, please contact Sara McCullough, LCM Director at lcmostoutdirector@gmail.com or 715.235.4258.

What's happening at Luther Park:

HEART FOR LUTHER PARK

Art, Craft, and Quilt Auction

Sunday, August 6, 2023

9:30 Worship
10:00 Viewing of Quilts
11:00 Lunch
12:00 Auction Begins



Luther Park Bible Camp 944 24 1/4 St. Chetek, WI



SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Heart for Luther Park

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY, SEPT. 13-17

LPBC Quilters Retreat

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

Luther Park Annual Golf Outing

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6-7

Fall Work Weekend

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Summer Camp Ends

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCT. 20-22

LPBC Recharge Youth Retreat

For more details visit [Luther Park](#), click on Events.

OSL OFFICE

Baptismal Family Meeting

Please call the church office at 715-235-0693 or email office@oslme.com to schedule a baptism.

Giving Envelopes

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 so you receive credit.

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

If you have “billing” questions, contact Kim Holten, please email her at: bookkeeper@oslme.com

If you would like to “volunteer” on Sunday mornings, contact Judy Kirk at: office@oslme.com

If you have an “announcement” for the Bulletin or Scope, contact Bonnie Christianson at: bonnie@oslme.com

Electronic Giving

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, use the brightly colored giving cards (located in the pew racks) during the offering collection.

Give Online

OSL also has a QR (Quick Response) Code:

Give directly using the QR Reader app on your device!



STAFF

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Sarah L. Miller, Ext. 204

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Don Wisner

Administrative Assistant:

Bonnie Christianson, Ext. 201

Judy Kirk, Ext. 201

Bookkeeper:

Kim Holten, Ext. 202

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Bonnie Christianson, Ext. 202

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Becky Kneer, Ext. 207

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Michaela Gifford, Ext. 216

Youth & Family Ministry:

Denise Vick, Ext. 206

OSL Choir Director: Michaela Gifford

Bell Choir Director: Merlyn Aude

Worship Band Leader: Ted Bensen

Wedding Coordinator: Michaela Gifford

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Rod Smeltzer

VP: Lindsay Barnhart

Secretary: Katie Benson

Beth Mason

Jeff Vick

Marni Waznik

Sarah Place

Gayle Holte

Jeff Jaeger

Treasurer: Becky Scheuffele

goodbye July, hello
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August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Online Worship Opportunities VBS Orientation 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am One Coin Found book discussion	31 VBS 9:00am Monday Morning Quilters/Crafters 9:00am Office/Building Hours	1 VBS 9:00am Office/Building Hours 10:00am Dean Langby's Music Instruction	2 VBS 9:00am Office/Building Hours 10:00am Dean Langby's Music Instruction	3 VBS 9:00am Office/Building Hours	4 Church Closed	5
6 Online Worship Opportunities 9:00am Weston D. Morgan Baptism 9:00am Office/Building Hours 10:15am Coffee Fellowship	7 9:00am Monday Morning Quilters/Crafters 9:00am Office/Building Hours 1:00pm OSW Board Mtg 6:00pm Finance Committee Mtg	8 9:00am Office/Building Hours 10:00am Dean Langby's Music Instruction 6:00pm Church Council Mtg	9 9:00am Office/Building Hours 10:00am Dean Langby's Music Instruction	10 9:00am Office/Building Hours	11 Church Closed	12
13 Online Worship Opportunities 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am "One Coin Found" - book discussion continuation 10:15am Coffee Fellowship	14 9:00am Monday Morning Quilters/Crafters 9:00am Office/Building Hours	15 9:00am Office/Building Hours 10:00am Dean Langby's Music Instruction 4:45pm Tuesday's Table @ St. Joe's	16 9:00am Office/Building Hours 10:00am Dean Langby's Music Instruction 1:00pm Writers Group	17 9:00am Office/Building Hours 9:00am Quilting Queens	18 Church Closed	19
20 Online Worship Opportunities 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am NYG Meeting	21 9:00am Monday Morning Quilters/Crafters 9:00am Office/Building Hours	22 9:00am Office/Building Hours 3:30pm Neighbors of Dunn County Communion Service 4:00pm Kids Cooking and Caring Class-Sweets Edition	23 9:00am Office/Building Hours	24 9:00am Office/Building Hours	25 Church Closed	26 9:00am Bridal Shower for Erin Serk
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OUR MISSION
God calls all members of Our Savior's Lutheran to:
+WELCOMED 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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