



OCTOBER 2023

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
910 9th St E, Menomonie, WI 54751-2709

PARISHSCOPE

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Pastor Sarah L. Miller

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We are excited to introduce our new OSL choir director, Jean Enyeart!



Jean and her husband, Tim, along with children Eleanor and Max, joined OSL this past year. We are now delighted to welcome Jean to our OSL music staff!

Jean has been teaching 6-8 Choral Music at Menomonie Middle School since 2002 where she also directs the MMS Drama and Forensics programs in addition to teaching private piano, voice, and oboe lessons from her home. She has been a member of the Menomonie Singers and the The Ludington Guard Band. She has previously served as Peace Lutheran Adult Choir Director, UW-Stout Pit Orchestra Conductor, and with MTG as Musical Director.

Jean has done extensive volunteer work with the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association (WCDA) and is currently serving as a WCDA Board member. She also serves on several Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) Committees.

If you would like to learn more about our OSL Choir, please contact the church office to be connected with Jean. She will be happy to connect with you!



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.

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.

LISTEN TO CHURCH* **715-430-2720**

Our new "Listen to Church" service is up and running! Using your phone (any phone will work), **dial in at 9 am** to be able to listen **live** to worship.

*This new service will replace our radio broadcast which ends on Sunday, October 1st.

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

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NEW BUILDING HOURS

Office/Building Hours
8am—3pm, Mon-Thurs

Welcome
AUTUMN

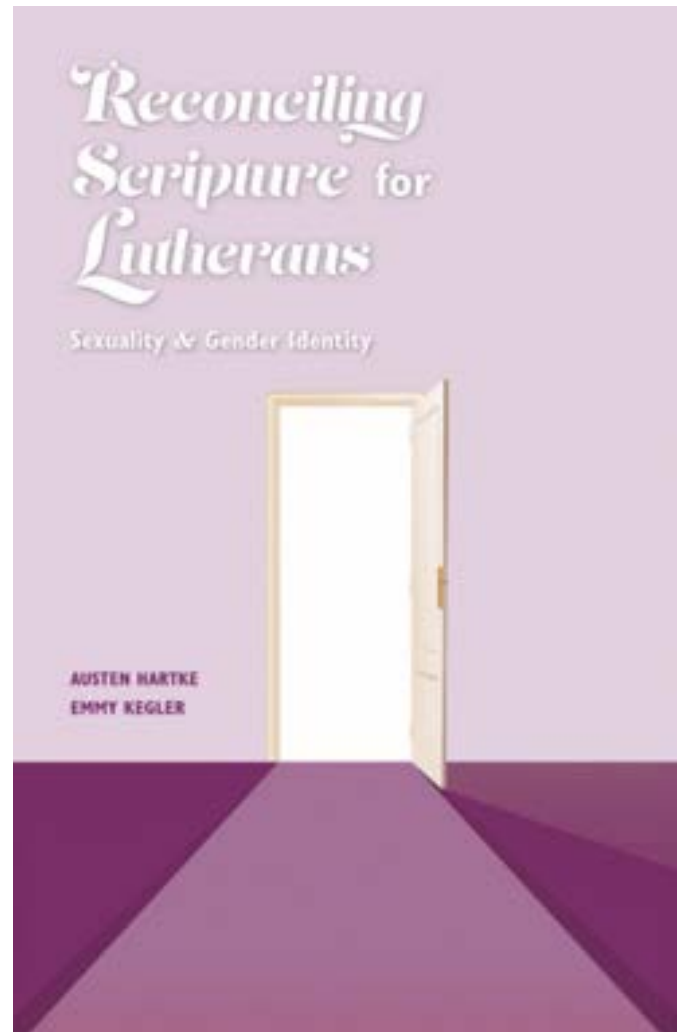


You are invited....

to join Pastor Heather and Pastor Sarah after worship on **Sunday October 22nd, 10:15am** for a Bible study on the so-called “clobber” passages of the Bible.

This Bible study is a part of our journey towards becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We'll be using the resource, *Reconciling Scripture for Lutherans: Sexuality and Gender Identity* by Austen Hartke and Emmy Kegler as our guide.

Limited copies of the book are available in the office or can be purchased through [Reconciling Works](#) as well (click [here](#) for the PDF version).





‘YOUR’ OSL LIBRARY

Happy fall to all OSL members and friends!

This month I’d just like to list some recent new additions to the OSL library collection and feature one special book that I have read myself and can highly recommend. First the list:

Love Wins: A book about heaven, hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived – Rob Bell 234.23/BEL

Canoeing the Mountains: Christian leadership in uncharted territory – Tod Bolsinger 253/BOL

Aging: The fulfillment of life – Henri J.M. Nouwen and Walter Gaffney 170.202/NOU

Wellness: Inspiring expressions of renewal and compassion – Rosemary Ellen Guiley 242.86/GUI

The 36-Hour Day: A family guide to caring for persons with Alzheimer disease, related dementing illnesses and memory loss in later life – Nancy Mace and Peter V. Rabins 616.8/MAC

Plain Obsession: Staying safe in Amish country shouldn’t be this hard – Allison Stone FIC/STO

Plain Missing: Not everyone who disappears wants to be found – Allison Stone FIC/STO

Plain Escape: Freedom comes with a cost – Allison Stone FIC/STO

Letters of Trust – Wanda E. Brunstetter FIC/BRU

From the White House to the Amish: A story inspired by the life of Thomas E. Kirkman – Katrina Hoover Lee FIC/HOO

And a local uplifting story that I personally recommend: *My Last Step Backward* by Tasha Shuh 921/SHU

“After showcasing her talent as the lead in her high school’s production of *Grease*, Tasha Schuh began to dream of a career in theater. No one knew that the stage itself would steal her dream—and almost her life—during a rehearsal for the next big show.

Just days before her opening night performance in *The Wizard of Oz*, sixteen-year-old Tasha took one step backward and fell sixteen feet through a trap door. On that day, November 11, 1997, she landed on the concrete floor of the historic Sheldon Theatre, breaking her neck, crushing her spinal cord, and fracturing her skull. She would never walk again.

For the next three days, Tasha prepared for a surgery that would at best leave her a C-5 quadriplegic. Post-op complications turned Tasha’s struggle and ultimate triumph into an unbelievable journey. From loss and grief to self-discovery and achievement, her faith, resilience, and honesty have allowed her to leave the old Tasha behind while she confronts the new Tasha’s life from a state-of-the-art wheelchair.

Discover Tasha’s remarkable spirit in *My Last Step Backward*, a poignant memoir that seeks to inspire you to welcome adversity and face your own trap door of opportunity.” Review from Amazon.

Bonnie Nelson, Librarian
bjnelson7@gmail.com or librarian@oslme.com

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

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

Kids Cooking & Caring LASAGNA Edition!



Mark your calendars.....

4th Kids Cooking and Caring Class

Thursday October 12, 4pm—5:30pm

- Children 3rd through 8th grade (OSL members and friends too) are invited to sign up to learn how to create a delicious Lasagna. Kids will also prep a small pull-apart cheesy garlic bread. They will make one medium pan to bake at home and 2 smaller pans to go into our frozen Food-To-Go Ministry here at OSL to give to others in need.
- Cost: \$15 per child. Pre-registration required. Limited to 8 youth total. Email Denise for instructions on how to register/pay for class. FYI: OSL takes credit card payments.
- Where: OSL professional kitchen (south door entrance).
- Class will be instructed by Denise Vick and other volunteers.

Kids learn how to prepare a meal, provide a meal for their family, and give back to those in need in the community!.



Parents,
If your child missed out receiving their children's story bible and you wish for them to receive one, please contact Denise to make arrangements for your child to receive one.



Congratulations to the following for completing the Communion Instruction Class on September 30: Caleb Jaeger; Keaton Surdick; and Owen Miller.

If your child missed out and would like to complete the class, making a commemorative chalice and baking unleavened bread, another class is scheduled for March 2nd with recognition the following day, March 3rd. Mark your calendars.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

OCTOBER BLANKET DRIVE

Ministry Outside Our Walls (MOOW) is sponsoring a blanket drive in the month of October. As the cooler temperatures settle in, we are collecting new blankets to help keep our neighbors warm. Bring “NEW” blankets of any size to the church and place them in the collection tote in the Friendship Room.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

How can you help this month?

- **Are you a great shopper? Do you like to buy in bulk or grab a bargain? If you have a couple of hours once a month WE NEED YOU!** The LFP is in need of regular shoppers. Please let us know if you are willing to shop once per month with a seasoned partner. Email becky.kneer@gmail.com.
- **Donate your Thrivent Action Grant money:** Please consider completing a Thrivent Action grant request to help us purchase items. The grant is for \$250. We are able to help with the online grant application if needed. Email becky.kneer@gmail.com. **We also accept monetary donations.** Just Mark “LFP fund” in the memo line of your check.
- **LFP STEWARDS NEEDED:** if you have 15-20 minutes once a week, once a month or just a couple of times per year **WE NEED YOU!!** 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.



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES--AUGUST

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes for August 8, 2023

Present: Rod Smeltzer (president), Beth Mason (substitute secretary), Becky Scheuffele (treasurer), Gayle Holte, Jeff Jaeger, Pastor Sarah Miller, Lindsey Barnhart, Marni Waznik

Opening Devotion – Pastor Heather

Call to order: 6:00 PM

Old Business

A. Approval of July 2023 minutes. Motion to approve July 2023 minutes made by Jeff Jaeger, second made by Pastor Sarah. Motion carries.

B. Financial Report: July income was \$31,197. July expenses were \$ 25,586. Donor advised fund added \$6000 from the dedicated account.

Update from Rod on the Ministry Matters/Stewardship committee.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Marni, second by Lindsey. Motion carries.

C. Pastor Heather's report:

Worship:

We celebrated one baptism in the month of July and one more so far in August during worship. I have been meeting with two wedding couples who will be married in May and June of 2024. Both weddings are offsite.

Christikon:

5 high school youth traveled with me out to Christikon in Montana for 9 days in July. The trip was a great adventure and formative in faith for all. Much thanks to the Mission Endowment, the Women of OSL, our OSL youth dedicated account, and some personal donors who helped to sponsor this adventure!

Visitation Ministry:

A task force is working on a plan for how we move forward in providing meaningful care and visitation to OSL.

RIC Book Discussion:

A discussion around the book "One Coin Lost" was held on Sunday, July 30 with great attendance and conversation. More education and conversation opportunities will be scheduled in the fall (and a continued book discussion on August 13) as we move forward in our process of becoming a recognized RIC congregation.

Technology:

The cause of a failure in our video and projection on July 16 has been determined due to an update in the system. Testing the system many days of the week has been conducted to ensure (as far as I am able!) that the system is working well. We are still waiting on a replacement TV in our new conference room. The TV that was delivered to be installed by Audio Architects arrived damaged. We hope a new TV will be delivered and installed soon!

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Pastor Sarah's August Council Report

Welcome/Hospitality

In July, we provided pastoral care and hospitality for three funeral families – 2 were hosted at OSL and one was a private graveside service.

Worship

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson joined us for worship on Sunday July 16th. OSL provided worship leadership for the monthly service at NODC.

Our annual Pack the Park worship service (normally held the first Sunday in August) is scheduled for Sunday, September 17th at Wakanda Park.

Equip

VBS took place Monday, July 31st through Thursday, Aug 3rd at Christ Lutheran Church. We had about 60 kids that participated in VBS, almost 30 youth volunteers, and an additional 15 or so adult volunteers.

As part of our Reconciling in Christ process, we held a book discussion on the book, One Coin Found by Rev. Emmy Kegler on Sunday July 30th after worship. We had a group of 15 or so that stayed for the discussion. Good conversation and interest in continuing the conversation has prompted us to offer another opportunity to gather on Sunday August 13th.

We will be hosting another Kids Cooking and Caring Class in August.

We have begun making plans for the upcoming program year. Here are a couple of upcoming dates:

Rally Sunday – Sunday September 10th: church picnic and bike ride around Lake Menomin are planned for that day.
Confirmation Orientation: Wednesday September 13th. First Day of Sunday School: Sunday September 24th.

Send

Meet Menomonie (an annual event for new UW-Stout students) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6th. This year the three ELCA churches and LCM are partnering together to sponsor a table.

MOOW is meeting right before council to do some planning for the upcoming program year.

New Business

Committee Reports

(a) Worship

(b) Youth and Family:

(c) Personnel

(d) Property Management: Security camera discussion, new bid from SOS security, request was tabled until next council meeting. Light pole: Motion was made by Marni to get the parking lot lights fixed, either in the budget or greatest need, seconded by Jeff. Motion carries.

(e) Mission Endowment

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(f) Health Ministry: Task force will be meeting on 8/16 to discuss moving forward with the separate Visitation Ministry and Health Ministry committees

(g) MOOW: Planning a Trunk or Treat family event on 10/28 and a God's Work Our Hands project for September to identify congregation members and the organizations that they volunteer for.

(h) Technology

B. Other new business or discussion

C. Adjourn at 8:00pm.

D. Lord's Prayer

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 6pm.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OSL

A.M.ers Bible Study

October 5, 2023

9am

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.

For information contact Jan Willow, 715-235-9571

OSL READING CLUB

October 18, 2023

1 pm

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

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.

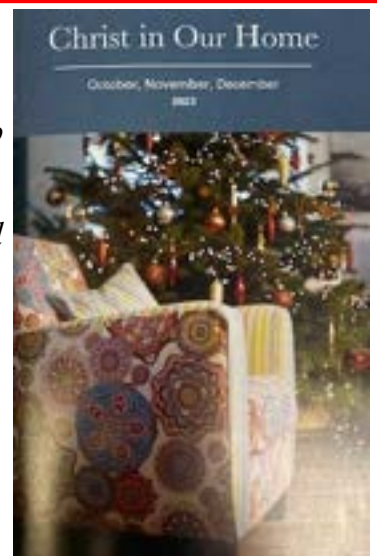
Coffee \$7.00
Cocoa \$5.00

Christ in Our Home Booklet

We have **October, November & December 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.



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of
Roger Miller
10.28.1954—08.27.2023
Memorial Service Sept. 5, 6pm
(Sister: Sandra Miller)

To the family of
Janice Miller
Died: 9/19/2023
Memorial Service at a later date
(Sister: Rosemary Christianson)

To the family of
Lonna Leidal
Died: 9/25/2023
Memorial Service: 10/9/2023
(Daughter: Marni Waznik)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OSL

SEPTEMBER 2023 MEMORIALS

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

In Memory of Herb Afdahl (former member)

Technology: Lois Debee

In memory of Diana Bentz

General: Jean Breckner; Lois Debee; Diana Bentz Estate

Little Free Pantry: Becky Kneer

In memory of Dick Debee

Building Fund: Lois Debee

In Honor of Five Grandchildren

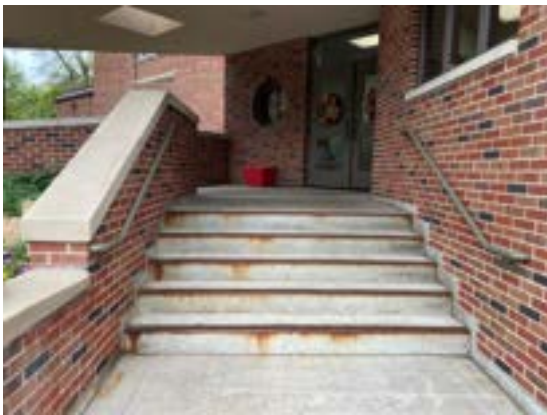
Youth: Lois Debee

Special Gifts

Building Fund: Joleen Sterk

ELCA Disaster Response (Maui disaster): Elna Johnson

Greatest Needs: Jane Kingzett



*Appreciation to our Building
Maintenance Committee and
Custodial Staff*

Did you notice that the front and back railings and the back door have recently been painted? Just another example of how this group of individuals keeps our church—inside and outside—looking good.



*Oh no! Did you notice
this?
Another pixel has gone
out. The company has
been notified and we
are working on getting
it fixed as soon as
possible!*

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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Senior Pastor: Rev. Heather T. Wigdahl, Ext. 203
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

Contributions:
Bonnie Christianson, Ext. 202

Custodian:
Josh Madsen, Ext. 217

Music Ministry:
Michaela Gifford, Ext. 216

Youth & Family Ministry:
Denise Vick, Ext. 206

OSL Choir Director: Jean Enyeart
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

OCTOBER 2023

October 2023

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1 Online Worship Opportunities 9:00am Worship Service w/1st Communion Milestone Blessing & Blessing of the Quilts 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am NYG Meeting 10:15am Sunday School	2 9:00am Monday Morning Quilters/Crafters 10:30am Dean Langby's Music Instruction 1:00pm OSW Board Mtg	3 10:00am Staff meeting	4 6:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	5 9:00am AMers' Bible Study 10:30am Dean Langby's Music Instruction 2:00pm Earl Vance Funeral 6:30pm Scout Pack Meeting	6 Church Closed 2:00pm St. Joe's Use of Parking Lot	7							
8 Online Worship Opportunities 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Coffee Fellowship 10:15am Ministry Visitation Planning Meeting 10:15am Sunday School 6:00pm Scout Pack Meeting	9 9:00am Monday Morning Quilters/Crafters 10:30am Dean Langby's Music Instruction 2:00pm Lonna Leidal's Funeral 6:00pm Finance Committee Mtg	10 11:00am Gloria Miller Funeral 5:00pm Property meeting 6:00pm Church Council Mtg	11 6:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	12 10:30am Dean Langby's Music Instruction 4:00pm Kids Cooking and Caring Class	13 Church Closed	14							
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OUR MISSION
God calls all members of Our Savior's Lutheran to:
+WELCOMER 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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The Parish Scope

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