

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

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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.

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 replaces our radio broadcast which ended on October 1st.

Broadcasts are also available through iHeartRadio on AM880 WMEQ.

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

BIBLE STUDY OVERVIEW

On Sunday, October 22nd, Pr. Heather and Pr. Sarah led a Bible study based on the resource, *Reconciling Scripture for Lutherans: Sexuality and Gender Identity.*

Want to be part of the conversation? We will be scheduling a follow-up Bible study soon!





We will be ordering additional copies of the resource; they will be available in the church office.

The Bible study is part of our education process towards becoming a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation and offers an opportunity to think about a number of Scripture passages that have been used to exclude members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The study began with some background information about why such conversations are important and necessary. It also provided an overview of the ways in which Lutherans read and interpret the Bible and how these interpretative lenses can help us dig more deeply and better understand the rich texts of the Bible.

OSL seeks to be a community where all are truly welcome to share life and faith together!

OSL LIBRARY



YOUR' OSL LIBRARY

Lots of bare trees already, but there have been some breathtaking colors this fall! However, I guess it's time to put away our sandals and curl up with a good book, and borrowing one from your OSL library is quick and easy. Just sign and date the book card and leave it in the box on the card catalog. An email address or phone number is appreciated but not essential. The normal checkout period is 2 weeks, but keep it until you are finished. There are no consequences for late return.

A few recommendations from your librarian:

<u>Alaska</u> by Nancy Bjornson – the latest in Nancy-authored books. As usual, written clearly in Nancy's easy-to-read style. Donated by the author to the OSL Library.

<u>Tailspin</u> by John Armbruster – the true story of Gene Moran, a tail gunner in a B-17 Flying Fortress in WW2 who fell 4 miles trapped in the broken off tail section of his plane and survived to finally tell his story. Easy to read, down-to-earth writing, and almost unbelievable story!

<u>The Only Woman in the Room</u> by Marie Benedict – another winner by an author who writes about famous women. This time it is Hedy Lamar, who besides being very beautiful and a world-famous actress, was a scientist who contributed to the war effort.

Also, don't forget the "Free Shelf". There are some books there which are either duplicates or have been withdrawn from the OSL collection. Feel free to help yourself and add to your own personal library.

Happy reading.

Bonnie Nelson, Librarian binelson7@gmail.com or librarian@oslme.com



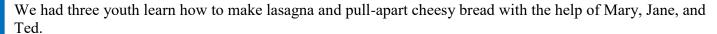
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

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

Kids Cooking & Caring

LASAGNA Class 10/12/2023

What a fun time! (see photos on front page of Scope)



Fifteen meals were added to our Meals-To-Go ministry. If you know of anyone in need of a meal, please take a pan from the freezer in the Maintenance room downstairs. Just follow the signs.



Community Thanksgiving Meals

Sasagna

We will once again be collecting 30 Thanksgiving meals for families in our community. This is a joint ministry between the three ELCA churches in Menomonie.

We need YOU to donate from one (or more) of the groups listed below:

Turkey (12-15 lbs.)

2 jars Gravy + 1 can Cranberry Sauce

2 cans Green Beans + 1 canister Fried Onions + 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup

Large box of Mashed Potato Flakes

1 dozen Brown and Serve Rolls + 1 lb. Butter

1 large Bag of Stuffing or 2 boxes Stove Top version

3 cans of Whole Kernel Corn

1 box Brownie Mix or Dessert Mix

1 foil Turkey Roasting Pan

Cash Donation—any amount (most needed)

DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS: items are dropped off at Our Savior's Lutheran Church this year at the parking lot entrance foyer. When: Mon Nov. 6th—Thurs. Nov. 9th, 8am—3pm, or Wed Nov. 8th, 4pm—6:30pm.

If you can't make these times, drop off your item(s) in the red bin outside the door during the week of the 6th and let the office know you did so by leaving a message at 715-235-0693.

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Winter Little Free Pantry Needs

How can you help this month?

In addition to our regular need of paper products, we will be adding new hats, mittens/gloves and scarves to the pantry.

These have been popular items in the past winters.

Calling all knitters-if you make hats, mittens, scarves, we would love to have you make some for our LFP. If you need yarn, there is a bin in the Friendship room with lots of choices. Feel free to help yourself.

Donations can be dropped off on the LFP shelf in the friendship room.

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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. This your first time, let us know and we can give

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.



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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.

THANK YOU to everyone who donated blankets in October! These will be distributed to those in need in our neighborhood through the LFP.



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—SEPTEMBER

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes for September 12, 2023

Present: Rod Smeltzer (president), Lindsay Barnhart (vice president), Katie Benson (secretary), Jeff Jaeger, Beth Mason, Pastor Sarah Miller, Sarah Place, Jeff Vick, Marni Waznik, Pastor Heather Wigdahl

Guest: Diane Hausler Call to order at 6:01pm.

Opening Devotion

Forward with Christ Visioning Team update from Diane Hausler.

- Let's broadcast to the congregation that we live into the worship, welcome, send, equip mission.
- Communication and updating strategies for website, social media, etc. are important things to consider as we move forward.
- Motion by Lindsay and seconded by Jeff V. to set aside a time to meet to discuss the top priorities from the Visioning team. Motion carries. Council members will have a meeting at 6pm on Thursday, September 28 to discuss what our top priorities should be.
- Motion by Lindsay, second by Jeff J. to put together a team to develop a welcoming statement. Motion carries. The team will consist of Marni, Lindsay, Pastor Sarah, and Pastor Heather.

Old Business

- A. Motion to approve August 2023 minutes by Jeff J. with a second by Sarah P. Motion carries.
- B. A partial financial statement was given for the month of August that will be revisited at the October meeting along with the September financial report.
- C. Pastor Heather's Report.
 - Great Rally Day with a picnic, bike ride, and bingo.
 - A working draft of ministry charge for our Visitation Ministry will be presented at our council meeting. The Visitation Ministry Task Force is hard at work determining our best way forward in providing meaningful care and visitation to OSL members.
 - RIC study opportunities: We have hosted two discussion and Q&A gatherings over the summer months for those interested in learning more about our RIC process and LGBTQIA+ inclusion. Our next conversation opportunity is scheduled for Sunday, October 22, following worship. We will offer a bible study around some often cited scripture passages.
 - Listen to Church is up and running. The final Radio Broadcast will be on October 1st.
 - Our replacement TV in our new conference room has finally arrived and the hybrid meeting option is

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now available for use!

- I am still serving as a Trustee for Gustavus Adolphus College. I will be attending a board meeting this month September 21-22.
- As Pastor Sarah will be on sabbatical for the summer of 2024, it is time to begin planning for who will cover her role over the summer.
- Motion to approve planning for pastoral coverage using the funds from the Lilly grant while Pastor Sarah is on sabbatical by Jeff V. and seconded by Lindsay. Motion carries.

D. Pastor Sarah's report

- Welcome
 - In August and early September, OSL provided pastoral care and hospitality for two funeral families. Both services were held at Olson's Funeral Home.
 - Over the summer, Paul and Jean Conklin joined OSL. Motion by Pastor Sarah to approve transfer membership of Paul and Jean Conklin, second by Lindsay. Motion carries.
- Worship
 - OSL provided worship leadership for the August service at NODC.
 - On August 27th we offered a blessing and handed out backpack tags to students and teachers as they started the new school year.
- Equip
 - Confirmation begins on Wednesday, Sept 13th and Sunday School begins on Sunday Sept 24th.
- Send
 - Meet Menomonie (an annual event for new UW-Stout students) took place on Wednesday, September 6th. This year the three ELCA churches and LCM partnered together to sponsor a table.
- Sabbatical
 - In late August, I learned that I was awarded the Clergy Renewal Grant from the Lilly Foundation that I applied for. This grant will support some of my sabbatical travels next summer as well as provide funds for OSL to pay for pastoral support in my absence. The grant money will be disbursed directly to OSL and so I will work with Kim, Becky, and Pr. Heather to manage the funds as well as plan for my time away.
- Discussion about office hours. In the summer, the office hours were reduced. There has been a request from the office staff to go to 8-3 instead of 8-4. Motion to approve 8-3 non-summer hours by Jeff V. and seconded by Beth. Motion carries.

New Business

A. Committee Reports

(a) Worship: We had a worship committee that has been dwindling for some time. We'd like to reinvigorate a worship committee. Pastors have had some conversation about how to start up that new worship committee. If you have suggestions of who should work on this committee, talk to the pastors.

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- (b) Youth and Family: Start of fall programs.
- (c) Property Management: Security cameras update: wireless cameras are not an option for our building. Motion to table this discussion of security cameras by Jeff V. and seconded by Jeff J. Motion carries.
- (d) Mission Endowment: meets next week.
 - (e) MOOW: Going to provide Monday night meals at campus ministry building. Council will be in charge of providing the meal on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Other work includes possibly expanding free pantry so we can offer some frozen meals, coat, hats, and mittens. Decided on a blanket drive in October. Elementary schools are always in need of snow clothing and boots to loan things out to the kids for a day so we might look into providing those types of items. Want to help Stepping Stones with their new emergency shelter and what they might need for that.

B. Other new business or discussion

- Jeff Vick wants to look into exploring with Dunn County Health to check the kitchen and building to be certified for childcare and the use of kitchen. He will report back to council with what he learns.

C. Lord's Prayer

D. Adjourn: Motion by Marni, Lindsay seconds. Motion carries and meeting adjourns at 8pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6pm.



OSL WOMEN

Monday Morning Women In Action

QUILTERS

The Monday Morning Quilters would like to thank everyone who has helped us with donations of material, sheets, yarn, money and most importantly, their time; plus everyone who helped load vehicles and take the quilts to Eau Claire. We also want to thank the OSL Endowment Fund that allows us to buy batting. Without these donations of time and gifts, we wouldn't be able to make our quilts. Here is the run-down on where the quilts went in 2023:

Lutheran World Relief 217 quilts Stepping Stones Homeless Shelter 15 quilts

If you are cleaning out closets or know of someone who wants to get rid of cotton material or cotton sheets (solid or printed), please drop off any donation at the OSL office.

We meet every Monday morning from 8:30—11:00 in the Recreation Room — please join us.

Thank you and God Bless!

CRAFTERS

This year the following LWR kits were put together:

School kits 85
Baby kits 25
Personal Care kits 98

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direct situations.

Special thanks to Thrivent members and church friends who donated items for our kits, and helped deliver them to Eau Claire.

All of the above items are packed in boxes ready for transportation.













On October 7, 2023 boxes were loaded and transported to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Eau Claire to be taken to Minnesota for distribution by Lutheran World Relief.

2023

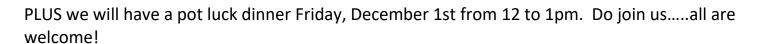
LEFSE AND BAKE SALE

OSL folks are back at making lefse "for sale". It's almost like the old **Bake Sale/Heritage Sale** except we are only making lefse as a community at church AND accepting baked goods/sale items made at home.

To donate your time, sign up for:

- November 30th, Thursday
 - ✓ Potato peeling or potato cooking from 8 to 12 noon
- December 1st, Friday
 - ✓ Rolling out or cooking lefse rounds from 8 to 12 noon
 - ✓ Packaging and pricing items from 10am-2pm
- December 2nd, Saturday
 - ✓ Selling lefse and donations from 9-10:30am

Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board under the skylight.



To donate your baked goods, please bring items to the basement dining room for packaging and pricing.

To donate money, ear mark your envelope with OSW Bake Sale.



Lefse/Bake Sale
Saturday
December 2nd
Friendship Room
9am - 10:30am

For questions, email Donna Albrecht at albrechtd@uwstout.edu

Thank you!



WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To the family of Shirley M. Hintz 5.5.1928—9.28.2023 Memorial Service Oct. 2, 2pm (Grandmother of Jodi Hintz)

To the family of Earl E. Vance 3.11.1939—9.28.2023 Memorial Service Oct. 5, 2pm (Husband of Jean Vance))

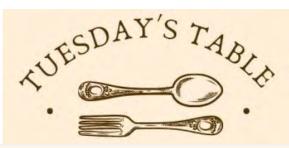
To the family of Lonna L. Leidal 2.6.1944—9.24.2023 Memorial Service Oct. 9, 2pm (Daughter: Marni Waznik)

To the family of Gloria J. Miller 11.12.1946—10.1.2023 Memorial Service Oct. 10, 11am (Wife of Glen Miller)

To the family of Richard D. Davis 11.17.1939—10.13.2023 Memorial Service Oct. 17, 5pm (Husband of Laila Davis)

To the family of James A. Holte 10.24.1953—10.22.2023 Memorial Service Oct. 27, 1:30pm (Husband of Gayle Holte)

Pastor Appreciation Month
A table in the Friendship Room has blank notes for writing an appreciation note to our pastors. Be sure and stop by today and let them know how much they are appreciated.



There was a good group of OSL volunteers at Tuesday's Table on October 17th.

Ted and Mary Bensen and Jane Kingzett were cooks; Pat Erickson was the greeter; Julie Bloom, Roxie Till, Gloria Kraemer, Barb Burntvedt and Susan Brenner were servers. The clean up crew was Denise Vick, Mark Kalscheur, and Paul and Jean Conklin.

Many thanks to all our volunteers!

The next Tuesday's Table OSL is responsible for getting volunteers is December 19th. If you would like to be a volunteer, contact the church office.

News from the 'Moto....

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has taken a little longer than usual to put together this issue of "News from the 'Moto." With it being the 100th issue, I felt compelled to do a little looking back. Many of you who have accompanied us during this missional vocation from the beginning may recall some of the stories here. And for many more who have joined us along the way, this issue may give a little of our contextual backstory. It is a story of God's faithfulness through our transitions, friendships, families, mistakes, and loss.

Feel free to read it in chunks - it's quite a bit longer than usual, and more reporting of the time than theological musings.

May you be blessed with a gorgeous transition intó fall.

Jacqueline Bencke, Ph.D.

For latest newsletter, click here.

OSL NEWS

A.M.ers Bible Study Nov. 2, 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

November 15, 2023 I 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

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.





Fall is in the air...



OSL NEWS

OCTOBER 2023 MEMORIALS

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

In Memory of Earl Vance

<u>Building Fund:</u> Mike & Sally Schendel Little Free Pantry: Leonard & Sharon Sterry

In Memory of Gloria Miller

Building Fund: Jane Kingzett; Mike & Sally Schendel

ELCA Disaster Response: Elna Johnson

General: Dave & Joy Bergstrand; Dick & Karen Olson

In Memory of Lonna Leidal

Building Fund: Jane Kingzett; Mike & Sally Schendel

General: Dick & Karen Olson

In Memory of Richard Davis

Building Fund: Mike & Sally Schendel



Appreciation to our Property Committee and Custodial Staff

Wow! New lighting was installed in our parking lot on October 18, 2023!

The light fixtures were updated to LED lights so the lights are not only energy efficient but brighter!

Thanks to our Property Committee who continually strive to keep our building and parking lot in the best possible condition.

Ah, soon the challenge begins—snow removal. Good luck everyone!

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Hebrews 11:1

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

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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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Michaela Gifford, Ext. 216

Youth & Family Ministry: Denise Vick, Ext. 206

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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

NOVEMBER 2023

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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COMMUNITY NEWS





Be a Red Cross volunteer!

Dur volunteers touch lives in the community every day. They are the heart and soul of the Red Cross and represent every age, gender, religion, race and ethnicity.

There are so many ways you can help. Start your Red Cross story today.

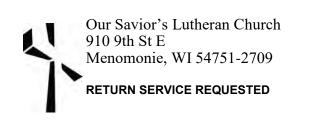


Ne're looking for a few volunteers that would be able to help during blood drives in vlenomonie. Volunteers check people in (basic computer skills needed), show blood ionors where to go and help serve snacks.

For more information contact Lee at lee.borofka@redcross.org or scan the QR code.



Looking for volunteers



OUR MISSION

God calls all members of Our Savior's Lutheran to:
+WELCOME all to faith in Jesus Christ
+WORSHIP our Lord and Savior
+EQIP us for a faith that works in real life
+SEND us into the world to minister in Jesus' name

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