
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 2017

Summer Camp!

Thank you to
congregation for
support of youth
attending camp.



Thank you to all of those who donated money to the camp scholarship fund this year, and offered prayers for our youth attending bible camps this summer! With your help, we were able to send over 20 youth to Sugar Creek and Green Lake Bible camps! Our youth were able to meet God in a whole new way and share experiences they will never forget. Once again, I am blessed and humbled to be part of such an amazing congregation!

Zach Hansen,
Director of Youth Ministry



A message from the Facilities & Grounds Ministry Team:

The Church Council has recommended that we move forward with plans to repair and enhance our sound system in the church sanctuary.

Thank you to those congregational members who have given through memorials and special donations so that we can improve our sound system without need from our budget. Our Sound System Fund began in 2014 from the wishes of Bernice Harmening's family. They hoped to improve our sound system to help congregants with hearing impairments.

Work will begin on this project during late September or early October, 2017.

Now we are informing the congregation of a possible second project for which we currently do not have the funds to complete. The second project would be to provide two projector screens and two long throw projectors for the church sanctuary. The wiring for a projection system will be installed with our new sound system. We would need an additional \$30,000 in gifts to complete the projector project. We will discuss fundraising this fall.

These screens would make our worship space more welcoming to visitors and also bring renewed vitality to our worship services. This is another way in which we can share the Gospel, sing hymns, and worship together. However, we are not changing our worship service or removing our liturgy; we are simply adding accessibility to how we worship and modernizing our facility.

The Facilities & Grounds Ministry Team will be presenting information during worship services July 23 & 30. Please direct any questions to team co-chairpersons Jim Senske and Carl Enck, or Pastor Dave.

Council Update

Your church council met on June 27th and the following was discussed:

- Sound System Update – The Facilities & Grounds Ministry Team will be sharing updates with the congregation on a new sound system.
- A task force, led by Ashley Hendricksen-Rasche has been formed to direct the Sunday school program for the first half of the school year and will be working on how to proceed with the Sunday school program going forward. The task force will give monthly updates to the council.
- A member of the Facilities & Grounds Ministry Team presented a future building assessment program that will be put in place to help keep the church abreast on upcoming building updates and repairs so we can foresee and plan for them.

Sheri Dittrich-Reinhart, Council President

Dear Members of Our Savior's,

Thank you to all that responded with your financial gifts after the appeal this spring. Because of the collective generosity of our congregation, we have been able to keep moving forward with the vision of Our Savior's.

Already six months into this year, our giving and expenses are just about equal to last year at this time. Members have shared \$248,570 towards the work of our church, and so far this year we have used \$244,018 to fulfill our mission.

We also continue to make great progress on the building loan. Our last building appeal started back in 2013 with a balance of \$902,073, and through your commitments the loan is now paid down to \$598,119. Praise God! Prayerfully consider continuing (or starting) to support the goal of one day soon seeing that balance at \$-0-.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.
OSLC Finance Committee

From Our Savior's Mission Ministry Team

Ways we can support our community:

Washington School:

While the United Way helps to provide students who are eligible and in need of school supplies, we would like to support all of the early childhood programs at Washington School and the teachers with other items they will need as well.

Examples include: additional tissues, wipes, socks, underwear, markers, crayons, glue.

Should you wish to contribute, there will be a display table and collection baskets in the church hall during the month of August. There will be example items of what could be purchased, shopping lists and donation envelopes that could be submitted in the church offering.

The noisy offering on Oct. 29th will go towards Washington's snack cart fund to ensure that no students are excluded from having a health snack.

Food Shelf:

1. **Donate food** -- Place donated items such as canned food fruit, Tuna & Hamburger Helper meals, Jell-O, pudding and jelly in the food bins located at OSLC, Cashwise or HyVee.
2. **Plant a garden** and share extra produce to the food shelf.
3. **Donate money** – your dollar can be used to purchase milk and eggs at a reduced cost or money can be used to pay for utility bills/new addition.
4. **Volunteer your time** – OSLC will need volunteers in January with 3-4 workers per shift on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:45 – 3:00 p.m. and the first Monday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Put your name on the Missions bulletin board by the kitchen if you wish to be contacted by Leann Booth for January.
5. **Be a rescue food driver** – drivers are needed several times a week to pick up food at each of the grocery stores and deliver it to the food shelf. Please contact Brad "Sarge" Kirk at 354-7668 for more details.

6. **Serve on the food shelf board of directors.** Leann Booth has been on this board for over 30 years and would be willing to let another person to fill in her spot. Contact Leann for more details.

Your friends in mission, Mission Ministry Team



Ministry Focus

“This is my church.”

Out of the mouths of babes of our congregation!

This was overheard outside the church office, following one of the funeral services recently held at Our Savior’s: A young member of Our Savior’s, with the sound of pride in their voice said to another young child who was at Our Savior’s for the funeral, “This is MY church.” The other child responded, with what sounded like complete awe in their voice, “This is YOUR church?!”

This is your church – thank you for serving!

Thank you – to the funeral committee for their commitment to serve the congregation, cheerfully going about their work in service to others. This dedicated group of people goes about their work with energy and enthusiasm, witnessed and appreciated by so many. They are a lively group; a group which carries out a very important ministry on behalf of Our Savior’s. Thank you!

Thank you to all those who serve the congregation by providing cakes and salads for funerals. Your acts of kindness and sharing in the ministry of the church are appreciated by all.

This is your church – thank you for caring!

From the support shown for those who are facing end of life, to the support of those experiencing the loss of a loved one; our congregation shows great care for one another.

Thank you to all who pray for one another; provide meals; send cards with words of care, support and encouragement; and lift each other’s spirits with a hug, kind word, or smile.

We can say, with pride and awe.....

“This is my church.”

JoEllen Tessmer,
Office Manager



Thank You Notes

Dear OSLC Family,

Many thanks for the beautiful FAITH, HOPE and LOVE cutting board and stand! It is in my kitchen, where I spend lots of time, and I think of you each time I look at it!

It was such an absolute pleasure being the Children’s Ministry Director these past 6 years. I loved every second I spent with the children of this congregation! The depth of joy and learning on my part is un-measurable, and I thank you all so much for the opportunity to serve!

Grace, peace and blessings to all of you!
Becky

To my Our Savior’s family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt for the graduation milestone. With this quilt, I am reminded that my church family will always be there for me and I am wrapped in God’s love!

Sincerely,
Sydney Oelberg

With humble heartfelt gratitude, to Pastor Deb, Pastor Dave, members of Our Savior’s, especially the dedicated prayer chain ladies for all their prayers since my recent accident.

May the Lord’s favor and blessings be with you all.
Erwin Steinke

I shall be eternally grateful to my church family for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and well-wishes during my recent surgeries, and a special thank you to Pastor Deb for her prayers, phone calls, and the prayer shawl. All gave me great comfort.

May God bless you all.
George Putnam

Church Family!

Thanks so much for all of the support throughout my mom’s long journey with cancer. Your prayers helped me cope with her illness. I will never forget your caring and kindness!

God’s peace always,
Brenda Ruch

Thank you so much to the women and men who worked and served in the kitchen; to Scott, Lynda, JoEllen, Pastor Deb and Pastor Dave, who all made my mom’s funeral so lovely – my family and I truly appreciate it.
Shannon Stuckey

Book Study is back!

For those who would like to participate, we will be reading **My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry** by Fredrik Backman. It's a story about



life and death and the right to be 'different'. We will meet to discuss the book on July 26 at 7:00 at church. If you have ideas for future reads, bring those along!

2017 Benefit – Drew's Crew 5K Colorfest Walk/Run

Sept. 9–Harman Park, New Ulm

5K Colorfest starts at 11:00 AM

Food & DJ - 11:00-1:30

Live Auction – 1:30

Drew Aufderheide was diagnosed with an incurable form of Leukemia (CML) Proceeds will go to help Drew with the ongoing cost of his medication and medical expenses.

To donate or for info: Drews Crew/PO Box 24, New Ulm, MN 56073 or DrewsCrew.org
Donations are tax deductible run through Christ the King Church 501c3

zAmya Theater Project

Featuring: The zAmya Theater Troupe from St. Stephen's Human Services: a Minneapolis agency working to end homelessness.

Sunday, August 27 at 4:00 p.m.

New Ulm High School Auditorium

1600 Oak Street, New Ulm

Admission: FREE

This event is made possible by the very generous support of the New Ulm Area Foundation and many community donors.

Homelessness is not just an urban issue.

According to the Minnesota Housing Partnership, in 2015, on any given night, 571 people in Brown County were experiencing homelessness. 272 of

them were children (mhponline.org). What is it like to experience homelessness? What does homelessness look like in our community? What can we do about it?

The zAmya Theater Project brings together people of different backgrounds, many of whom have experienced homelessness. Through collaborative, creative efforts, they create plays in which they share their stories of experiencing homelessness and/or low-income living. Come and see the troupe's performance and take part in a post-show community discussion with the cast. Learn more about efforts in our community to address this issue.

**Donations will be accepted at the door and are also welcomed in advance. Please contact Kate Denney with any questions or donations: denne084@umn.edu*

What: American Cancer Society – 22nd Annual Brown County Relay for Life – All are welcome!

Date: Friday, July 28

Where: Brown County Fairgrounds

Time: 5-6:30 PM Supper; 7-8:30 PM Program; 7:30 PM (approx.) Survivors Lap; Dusk – Lighting of Luminaries; 9:30 PM – 5 AM Teams Walking

If you have cancer or are a cancer survivor, please join us for this special event. If you are still fighting cancer, you are a survivor!!

Whose Neighbor Are We: Reformation, Reconciliation, Re-Vision

On Saturday, October 14th, First Lutheran Church in St. Peter, MN is hosting a regional conference and hymn festival commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. For more information and to register, visit

<http://bit.ly/WhoseNeighbor>, or contact:

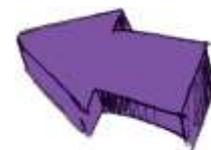
eventsflcstp@gmail.com or (507)934-3060. Join us for presentations and discussion of the past, present, and future of the Reformation as we identify and engage a changing world.

Newsletter Deadline: The next issue of *Sidelites* will be in mailboxes **August 20**. Please have items for the newsletter to JoEllen by **August 10**. Thank you.

OSLC Bulletin Board



Hey! What's Going On?



July 2017

Adult Ministry Team

1. July 23 at 5pm we will have a picnic potluck. Please bring your favorite summer food. We'll see you there!
2. OSLC Summer Games! Aug. 20th, after church we are planning to play some great games. Come & enjoy some fun games with your church family!
3. July 26th, 7pm Book Study – “My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry”, by Fredrik Backman.

Children’s Ministry Team

1. Reviewing the children’s ministry program.
2. Looking at Sunday school program & working on a volunteer schedule.
3. Getting everything ready for the Sept. 10th milestones!

Deacon Ministry Team

1. New chalices purchased by Judy Gramentz
2. New altar cloths be sewn by Sandy Hilbert
3. Discussion on purchasing pre-filled oil candles

Facilities & Grounds Ministry Team

Fellowship Ministry Team

Missions Ministry Team

1. Food Shelf
2. Washington School
3. Community presentation on homelessness

Youth Ministry Team

1. Mission trip summer 2018 instead of Nat’l Youth Gathering. Location decided, details being worked out.
2. Amy Cooke leading National Night Out pizza meal at German Park July 31.
3. Valleyfair Aug. 8; Fairmont Water Park August 10.

Church Council

1. Updated by Facilities & Grounds Team on building assessment and sound system.
2. Reviewed Children’s Ministry report from Ashley Hendricksen-Rasche
3. Update on Synod Assembly

Finance Committee

1. Congregation mid-year update in July
2. Update will include Building Fund
3. Studying use of credit cards for payments

Personnel Committee

1. Staff reviews in August
2. Await direction from Council on Children’s Ministry position
3. Pastor Deb on medical leave until Aug. 9

Church Staff

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip Deb med leave 5:15 PM Personnel Committee	2 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip Deb med leave 11:15 AM Luther Memorial Home Service	3 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip Deb med leave	4 Boundary Waters Canoe Trip Deb med leave	5 Deb med leave 5:30 PM Worship
6 Deb med leave 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team	7 Deb med leave	8 Deb med leave 8:00 AM Valleyfair	9 9:00 AM Cards of Caring	10 11:00 AM Fairmont Water Park	11 1:00 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service	12 5:30 PM Worship
13 9:00 AM Worship - Outdoors at German Park	14 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service	15 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team	16 6:30 AM Men's Study Group	17	18 4:00 PM Saint's Game	19 5:30 PM Worship
20 Rader Baptism 9:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Facilities/Grounds Team	21	22	23	24	25	26 5:30 PM Worship
27 8:00 AM Culture Keepers Retreat 9:00 AM Worship	28 12:00 AM Culture Keepers Retreat	29 7:00 PM Church Council	30	31		

Valleyfair! Tuesday, August 8, 2017



For all youth ages 7-12th grade! Cost \$35 per person. Friends welcome! See the sign-up board in the social hall or by Zach's office for more details.
Money is due August 6!

Sunday, August 13
9:00 AM
Our Savior's
Worship Service
At German Park
200 N German



Bring your blankets & lawn chairs!
In case of bad weather – Service will be held at Our Savior's (Listen to the radio and/or watch for a "ministry text" message.)

Fairmont Water Park Thursday, August 10



For all Jammin' Juniors, ages 4-6th grade. Cost is \$10 per person. Friends welcome! See the sign-up board in the social hall or by Zach's office for more details.
Money is due August 6!

Our Savior's outing to the St. Paul Saints!
Friday, August 18, 2017, Game start 7:05pm.

Cost \$25 per person. This pays for a ticket into the game and a coach bus ride to the game from Our Savior's Church! Bus leaves at 4pm! Fireworks take place after the game! Sign-up forms are located in the social hall or outside Zach's office. First come first served. 40 tickets available!





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Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM

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Regular Broadcasts

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Mon.–7 PM; Thurs.–11:00 AM & 5 PM

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OUR **SAVIOR'S** is a Welcoming
community, experiencing **God**,
reaching out and raising up followers of
Jesus Christ