
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

May 2018

Sunday, May 27

One Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Farewell & Appreciation Card Shower

for Zach Hansen

Memorial Day weekend is Zach Hansen's last Sunday with us. It will be a Sunday to value and bless Zach's work as he heads off to his next ministry venture. We will shape the day with joy and humor as we treasure youth and children ministry.

There will be a reception for Zach and Tanja following worship. You are invited to participate in a "thank you" card shower for Zach.

We will include a "send-off" litany in our worship service. As we cheer Zach on his way, we will create good ending memories for us all.



Ministry Focus

Highlighting some June events:

Congregational Meeting



On Sunday, June 3rd immediately following worship, we will be serving a brunch and holding a congregational meeting. The purpose is to present information and vote on several items such as:

1. Bylaws for the new constitution that will facilitate communication between our many committees, the church council, and our staff.
2. Identify some resizing needs within our church ministry staff and vote on the church council's recommendation for "right sizing" staff and responsibilities.
3. Transparency and information that frames the current status of our church and challenges us as we begin the process of discerning God's plan for OSLC in the coming future.



 Southwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.
2018 Synod Assembly
June 8-9, 2018
Redwood Area Community Center,
Redwood Falls, MN

The focus of our Synod Assembly this year is local and global mission. The assembly will open on Friday morning with an opportunity to help create food packages for backpack school programs and food shelves. A Friday - Saturday event, this meeting of the church will invite delegates to step back and recognize all the changes, challenges and opportunities surrounding us. Starting with thankfulness to God, participants will be reminded we are not alone in the midst of life's storms. God equips us and calls us together in communities of faith where we gather around God's word and sacrament. In our faith communities, we learn to listen to God and go out to share the Good News.



Healing Service (June 3rd 2018)

Healing Services are about God. God brings love and light into all of our dark places and touches us with healing. On Sunday, June 3rd we will be lifting up all of the pain and struggles among us and asking God for healing. Each of us will be encouraged to name our needs and look to God for healing.

We often think of healing as a remedy for physical ailments. While that is true, there are a lot of other bro that each of us struggle with. It might be loneliness, or grief. It could be shame, guilt, or depression. Hopelessness, fear, and anxiety are also pain filled stalkers. The list of possibilities is as big as the size of any group. Join us as we ask God for help and healing on June 3rd.



Dad's Day

June 17th is the second parent's day of the year. We get to appreciate the love and

encouragement of our families by giving thanks for dad. Come and help us make it a remarkable day as we speak our gratitude to God for the blessings of our fathers.



Our Summer Worship Schedule

Saturday evenings at 5:30
Sunday mornings at 9:00

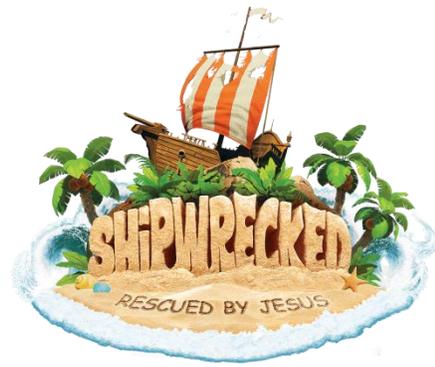
Congratulations Class of 2018!

12th Grade Milestone at Our
Savior's May 20, 2018
9:00 Worship



Please continue to pray for this fine group of young women and men as they embark on their next adventure.

Nickolas Banal	Cooper Martens
Jacob Beranek	Ashley Mehlhop
Kaila Brudeli	Matthew Messenger
Nicholas Busch	Alex Portner
Connor Drill	Jacob Radloff
Morgan Eikanger	Gabrielle Rolloff
Collin Gardner	Taylor Savoy
Riley Hansen	Matthew Schlieman
Britney Hartmann	Chase Skogberg
Logan Kalis	Tanner Stark
Hunter Landsteiner	Connor Steele
Hannah Larson	Oliver Thomas



The Vacation Bible School Team at Our Savior's is excited to invite you to Shipwrecked VBS this summer
June 18-22, 2018

Completed 3 yr. old preschool – grade12!

Times:

- 9:00am – 12:00pm: completed 3 year old Preschool – completed grade 1.
- 9:00am – 2:00pm: completed grades 2 – 5: **Bring a sack lunch and drink each day.**
- 8:30am – 12:00pm: completed 6th graders will be youth helpers for our little ones. **Bring lunch!**
- 12:00pm – 2:00pm: completed 6th graders will become day campers for the afternoon.
- 8:30am-2:30pm: completed 7-12th graders will be youth leaders for vbs/day camp. **Bring lunch!**

We are excited to offer an extended day this year! Kids in 3rd grade and up will be able to stay until 4 o'clock. During this time, with no added fee, the kids will do some amazing service projects that help support the congregation and community.

Cost: \$25.00 per child OR \$60.00 per family. Make checks payable to OSLC.

Other important dates:

June 13-15: 9-11:30am Important VBS training for completed 6th – 12th graders at church.

Still need to sign up? Please click the link below!

<https://vbspro.events/p/oslcshipwrecked>

Pastor's Corner:

A few weeks ago, I watched a video about a type of joke called the "Russian Reversal." I had heard them before, but I had never known what they were called. The Russian Reversal is a simple joke where a couple of words, usually the subject and object of a sentence, are switched around to make a joke. "In the USA, you watch 'Big Brother.' In Soviet Russia, Big Brother watches you!" It's an odd form of joke. Most of them aren't even laughing jokes. They are what my Dad called perfect groaners...

These Russian Reversals sparked something in me. I noticed their similarity to something else; something that is no joke. They bear a resemblance to the Gospel.

I know that may sound strange, but Jesus did this type of thing all the time. In the Sermon on the Mount while Jesus is listing the Beatitudes, he is doing this type of reversal. They aren't as obvious as the Russian Reversals, but here's a great example. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." (Matthew 5:5) Jesus says that the meek, the weakest of the weak, the lowest of the low, will inherit the earth. That means they will have power and dominion because that they deserve for being gentle.

We see it throughout the Gospels. As Pilate questions Jesus, Pilate asks, "Are you the King of the Jews?" and Jesus responded, "You say so." Jesus is doing a reversal without even explaining that his switching the "are" and the "you."

Those are both great, but my favorite reversal is not only a quotation of Scripture. It's also a foundational doctrine. In Matthew 20:28, Jesus is talking to his disciples and tells them that, "just as the Son of Man (Jesus himself) came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." This is the foundation of our faith.

Jesus, our God and King came into the world, not to rule, but to serve all people as a slave. Now that is the ultimate reversal. It reminds us that God's love isn't fair; God's love isn't just. God's love is extended to us even as we mistreat Jesus and sin. God's unfairness is that he loves us all, unconditionally.

I thought that I would leave you with an "Italian Reversal" that captures the heart of the Gospel. These are the closing lines to the "Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi." Hear these words and be blessed by the reversal of our world.

For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
AMEN

Blessings and Peace,
Pr. Dave



VBS at Our Savior's June 18-22!

We're looking for people who like to bake and garden! Would you like to help VBS daycamp youth doing service projects? Your help would be needed from 2:00-4:00 p.m. the week of June 18. We are doing a different project each day (bake cookies for shut-ins, plant a vegetable garden, pack boxes for college freshmen, make dog treats and possibly other projects. If this sounds like the opportunity you've been waiting for to help our youth help others, please contact **Julia Young at (507)317-6270.**



Service Project for Choir, Faith and Fun

This year, we tried something new with the children's choirs. We added a service component to Choir Faith and Fun. On five Wednesdays during the school year, the children brought in donations for the Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery. At the end of the day, we had a small service, where we blessed the gifts given by the children, sang hymns, prayed together and listened to God's word. The children brought in books, toys, new packages of underwear and socks, toothbrushes, toddler toothpaste and donated almost \$300 in cash to go towards a new high chair and baby monitor.

I am so proud of our children's choirs. They learned how to be good stewards by sharing with those in need.

The Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery is a free service in New Ulm that provides a safe and loving 'home' for children ages 0 – 12 temporarily while parents deal with emergencies that arise and when they need support.

Director of Music Ministry,
Shannon Stuckey



Youth Dates Ahead!

May 20th – Senior Graduation Milestone and Recognition

Mystery Trip

July 15-22 for 7th – 12th grade youth!

Be at church by 5:30 am on that Sunday to load and get ready for departure by 6:00 am!

Please say a prayer for all youth and their experiences they will have this summer at VBS, Green

Lake Bible Camp, Sugar Creek Bible Camp, and the Mystery Trip, that they are able to experience God in a new way and grow in their faith!



- ✓ **Check out the youth board** located near the restrooms in the social hall for more information on events, and sign ups!
- ✓ **Check out the church website** and visit the youth page for events and to download the spring 2018 youth calendar!

Newsletter Deadline: Please have items for the June newsletter to JoEllen by **June 7**. Thank you.

OSLC Bulletin Board

May 2018

Adult Ministry Team

1. May 20th Prayer Walk, 1PM at Flandrau
2. Movie night on July 10 – Bring a lawn chair or blanket for an outdoor movie feel in the sanctuary
3. Thanks for participating in the Bible Study!

Deacon Ministry Team

1. Reviewed Roles and Responsibilities
2. Went over how to serve Communion: How much to fill cups and for people needing help

Missions Ministry Team

1. New Ulm's Own Fair Trade
2. Food Packing Project
3. Adult Mission Trip

Youth Ministry Team

1. Finalizing Details for the Summer Trip
2. Beginning work on transition within the program
3. Lock-Ins were very successful!

Church Council

1. Working on By Laws
2. Excited for Leadership Retreat
3. Interviews are happening

Thank You Notes

Thanks to all the members of OSLC who willingly give their time to work at funerals. Also thanks to those people who bring the delicious cakes and salads. We appreciate your willingness to help whenever we call.

Betty Sauers and Charlene Weilage

Our Savior's,

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. It will be put towards my education as I continue to pursue a nursing degree at Winona State University. Thank you for all of the fun

opportunities to connect with this church and God. Your support has been so helpful. God Bless!

Sincerely,
Ellie Hohensee

Thank you so much! Thank you for the May basket.
Mary Raitz

Thank you for all the comforting words, prayer shawl, Pastor Gene's visits during Ed's final journey.
JoAnn Saffert



Dean Tessmer Beat Cancer Fundraiser

We are so blessed, grateful, and amazed at the outpouring of love, kindness, generosity and support we witnessed at the Beat Cancer Fundraiser (Benefit) for Dean Tessmer.

The benefit was a huge success. Breakfast, bake sale and silent auction donations from the April 22 benefit totaled over \$25,000 and will go a long way in helping with the cost of Dean's treatments in the clinical trial at UCLA and the related travel expenses. That is amazing and we thank everyone so much!

Thank you to our church family at Our Savior's Lutheran for everything you did to make this benefit so successful. Thank you to those who organized, planned, and put in so much time and effort to make the benefit happen. Your kindness, care, and joy in working together is such a powerful message; a message that the Tessmer's received along with our family, friends and members of the community who were at the event.

Thank you to everyone for your part in providing help and hope for Dean. We will be grateful to you forever.

Dean & JoEllen Tessmer, Ryan, Kati & Sam

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Lang Rehearsal Dinner - Following wedding rehearsal Lang/Maas Wedding Rehearsal	2 3:00 PM Samantha Lang/Eric Maas Wedding 5:30 PM Worship
3 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting & Brunch 10:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team	4 7:00 PM Adult Ministry Team Meeting	5 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team	6 6:30 PM Mission Ministry Team Meeting	7 Interim Pastor's Meeting Newsletter Articles Due Today 4:00 PM Prokinship Monthly Meeting	8 Synod Assembly	9 Synod Assembly 3:00 PM Graduation Reception - Britney Hartmann 5:30 PM Worship
10 3 Points OSLC Bulletin Board Deadline Synod Assembly 7:00 AM Shannon Vacation 9:00 AM Worship	11 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service	12 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting	13 VBS Training 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 5:30 PM Mission Ministry Team	14 VBS Training 1:30 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leader's Meeting	15 VBS Training	16 5:30 PM Worship
17 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Facilities & Grounds Ministry Team 10:15 AM Executive Council Meeting	18 VBS 2018	19 VBS 2018 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 5:30 PM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team	20 VBS 2018 6:30 AM Men's Study Group	21 VBS 2018	22 VBS 2018	23 5:30 PM Worship
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Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 3

Congregation Member,

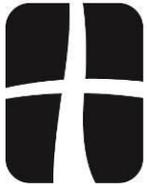
This letter is to inform you that on Sunday, June 3rd immediately following worship our church will be holding a congregational meeting with a brunch being served. The purpose of this meeting is to present information to the congregation and vote on two recommendations. Those items are:

1. Adding Bylaws to the constitution regarding communication between committees and staff of OSLC.
2. Structure of the church ministry staff regarding roles and responsibilities, and voting to accept the recommendation of the church council.

The church executive committee will also be providing some information to frame the current state of the church, as well as areas where we as a congregation will need to begin the process of understanding of what God's plan for OSLC will be in the coming future.

We hope that you are able to make this event.

Respectfully,
Church Council



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Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM

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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