
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

September 2018



Rally Sunday
September 9
9:00 AM

One Worship Service
Outdoors on the church lawn

(weather permitting)
Bring your lawn chairs!

Beginning September 16:
Sunday Worship at 9:00AM
Sunday School 10:10-11:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 AM



Launching Time

September is traditionally the month for familiar routines to get launched again. School bells proclaim class times, buses begin rolling to pick up kids, M-T-W-TH-F schedules become predictable. And, life suddenly picks up a pace of its own. Within those recognizable routines, multiple new somethings are happening too. It's launching time! Our Church gets included in that too! Here is a sampling of the changes and tempo you'll find at OSLC this month.

Take a look at the calendar! We're launching the 2018-19 program year

- September 9th is Rally Day Sunday. We'll start outside with worship, and then invite people to come indoors and tour the classrooms and places where kids will be learning about God.
- September 12, we're inviting our teachers, guides, helpers, leaders to get a boost for the year with some educator training.
- September 16 Sunday school starts. Plus we'll appreciate our educational staff in worship, say "thank you" to them, and get 'em installed.

Here are some changes happening. We are recruiting a new staff person who will be our **"Educational Ministry Coordinator"**. The new position will have a broader assignment that includes Children's Ministry as well as Youth and Adult programming.

Confirmation has been resized as a two year program with the focus on 8th and 9th grade. We are returning to a program called "Faith Inkubators". Plus 9th graders can look forward to being confirmed in May 2019.



And **Worship** – we are staying at 9:00 with one service each Sunday.



Mission Assessment

In September we are taking the first steps in an investigative process called "Mission Assessment". It's an intentional process where we will figure out **"God's future for OSLC"** by learning about ourselves and our community. We will be talking about the past, but our primary focus will be on the future. Our conversations will push us to dream about God's tomorrows. We will be identifying ideas congregational members are passionate about, what role(s) our church serves in the community, and how GOD is engaging us with opportunities for serving others. We'll do that by gathering info from you, the members, and then use it for envisioning the "future"...

A successful Mission Assessment is built on broad based congregational involvement. We need to hear insights and learn where the energy for being "church" is happening among us. We will start by creating opportunities to listen and imagine GOD's future together. There will be a Town Hall-style gathering in September. Based on insights from that day, we will invite members to join a second round of Focus Group conversations. Our goal will be to identify hopes, dreams, AND obstacles for the future.

There is a lot of work to be done in this Mission Assessment. We will be putting together a Task Force to work with me (Pastor Gene). We will gather information, plan listening opportunities, research data, and record details. And, in January, the Task Force will conclude its work with written reports that will reflect the congregation's own insights. Plus the Mission Assessment work will conclude by preparing the way for a Call Committee by prepping the recruiting documents needed to find our next pastor.

The Task Force will be made up of people strategically identified and recruited. Here are Task Force details:

- 6 - 8 people who are intrigued with the long-term health and vitality of our congregation, who are positive about the congregation's future, who have sufficient knowledge about others in the congregation to be effective in identifying groups and inviting study participants. They'll also need to be known and trusted by our congregation membership
- A specific group for a specific purpose for a specific length of time. Members can expect to spend approximately 40 hours over an anticipated 4-5 month period.

Town Hall Meeting



Here is some exciting news: OSLC's "Mission Assessment Project" is about to commence! To get the study underway, our whole church family is invited to participate in a "Town Hall Meeting" focused on our church, its mission-ministry, and our future together. The town Hall Meeting is a kickoff for a process of deep listening. It begins on September 23rd at 10:15 in the fellowship hall. Come and be part of the conversation! And, Join us over food – brunch immediately after worship.

What is God's future for OSLC? Our conversation on September 23rd kicks off a comprehensive study that will help us imagine the work and purpose of our church in the years ahead. Pastor Gene, will be guiding us through this process, which will be coordinated by a Task Force team of church members. The conversation on September 23rd will provide clues for shaping the ongoing process of listening to us, the members of OSLC, thru focus groups and interviews.

This Mission Assessment will provide a comprehensive look at our congregation's hopes and dreams for the future, as well as provide a prioritized list of current and anticipated ministry needs. What will be unique about the process is that we are the source of the information. And, by listening to each other we will be seeking to discern God's will for our church. Plus, all of this will play an important role in our preparation for the call committee's work and search for a new pastor.

We hope you'll join us for the first step. The Town Hall Meeting will take place on September 23rd in the social hall!



How do I get my kids signed up for Sunday school, Choir, Faith & Fun, and Hosanna Handbells?

Sunday School, Wednesday Choir, Faith & Fun and Hosanna Handbell registration forms are available on the [church website](#), in the church office, in the display rack in the social hall, and in the children's ministry office. We require new forms every year as contact numbers, addresses, e-mails, and medical concerns sometimes change. This information is very important for safety! We seldom need to use these forms, but when a child becomes ill at Sunday school, accurate and up to date contact information is very important! Also, e-mail addresses help us keep you informed of what is going on in Sunday school. **Please return all registration forms to the church office.**

Wednesday Choir Faith and Fun

The school year is starting and so is Choir Faith and Fun. Every Wednesday afternoon, children in grades 1st – 6th board the church bus right after school and arrive at church to enjoy fellowship, singing and games. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about being worship leaders, to strengthen their faith through anthems and hymns, and to build relationships with each other. Our Savior's is blessed to have a strong music program, and I know how much the congregation appreciates hearing all of our choirs during our weekly worship services.

Choir Rehearsals start September 12th. If you are interested in having your child join choir please contact Shannon at 233-4434 or shannon@oursaviorsnewulm.org and fill out the registration form found in *Sidelites*, at www.oursaviorsnewulm.org, and in the church office.



Please think about how you can help with Sunday School for the 2018-2019 school year. Many volunteers will be needed. There's a place for everyone to help. We will find a way to put your talents to use. If you'd love to help out, please email childrensministry@oursaviorsnewulm.org



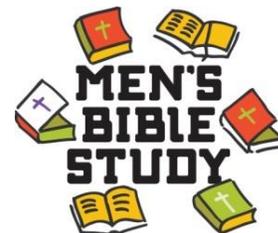
Looking for information about confirmation, youth group and youth choir?

All this information will be available soon! Thank you for your patience during this time of transition. Look for a confirmation mailing and registration forms for youth activities to be available soon!

Newsletter Deadline: Please have items for the next newsletter to JoEllen by **September 13**. Thank you.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY!!

Calling all men of OSLC! Saturday men's Bible Study meets each Saturday at 8:30 AM at the church. We'll meet in the Upper Room. Hope to see you all there. All men are invited!



Washington School:

This Mission Team encourages that we again support all of the early childhood programs at Washington School with other items, in addition to school supplies that they will need.

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

Should you wish to contribute, see the display board and collection box in the church social hall mid-July to mid-August! There are example items of what could be purchased, shopping lists, and donation envelopes that could be submitted in the church offering.



Our Savior's Mission Ministry Team



WELCA Quilters – Get your needles ready! It's time for Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Baby Care Kits. Please help with this outreach project. We meet 9am until noon on the 4th Tuesday of the month, beginning in September. We welcome you for whatever time you can offer. You will enjoy the fellowship.

Church Offices will be closed Monday, September 3rd for the Labor Day holiday.



Endowment Committee Update

The OSLC Endowment Committee is pleased to announce approval of applications for use of interest earned funds. A brief summary of the approved projects follows.

- A. Support for Bible School Camperships up to..... \$ 2500.00
 - B. Music Enrichment program opportunities up to..... \$ 2,000.00
 - C. Food for the Spring Congregational meeting up to..... \$ 600.00
 - D. Purchase of sanctuary cameras up to..... \$ 600.00
 - E. Continuing Education opportunities for Pastor Gene, Pastor Dave and Mary Lu Anderson up to..... \$ 1500.00
- TOTAL...\$7,000.00

Additional funds are available for use to strengthen the congregation and provide opportunities for membership growth.

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide a sustainable source of income to enhance the outreach ministry and sustain the facilities of OSLC. Contributions to the fund are invested and only interest earned can be distributed based on fund guidelines.

OSLC members can ensure the fund generates dollars for congregational use by: (1) Making outright gifts of cash, (2) Charitable annuities and trusts, (3) Gifts through a will, (4) Life insurance beneficiary, (5) IRA or 401 K beneficiary.

The Endowment Committee has invited Amy Bigot from the NW and SW MN Synods to share a message about Gift Planning. Individual congregation members may meet with her following the November 18 Worship Service.

The noisy offering has been revamped.....

We wanted to make noisy offering more energized, give the children a chance to be involved, and have them start learning what offering is all about. Any interested kids will be called up to grab a small bucket to go out and collect coins from the congregation. Then they get to make noise and drop all the coins into a larger bucket that will be at the front of the church. **Please note: To make it more of a routine, instead of every 5th Sunday, noisy offering will now be every 4th Sunday!**



Mission Team



Thank you to our church family for all your prayers, cards, cookies and visits.
Roger & Mary Julien

Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the use of your meeting room for two Relay for Life meetings. We really appreciate it.
Sue Dietz,
Relay for Life Co-Chair

In & beyond our COMMUNITY

2018 Benefit Drew's Crew

5K COLORFEST Run/Walk

Sept. 8, 2018 -- Harman Park, New Ulm

5K Colorfest starts at 11:00 am

To Register: RaceEntry.com

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 DrewCrew.org

Donations are tax deductible run through Oakwood Church 501c3

Music at Our Savior's

If you enjoy making music and wonderful fellowship, please join us in the music ministries at Our Savior's. We have six choirs that all meet on Wednesdays. The children's choirs meet right after school with a church bus to pick the kids up and bring them to church. The Youth and Adult Choirs meet in the evening. If you would rather play an instrument, we have youth and adult bell choirs – beginners are welcome! Being involved in Our Savior's Music Ministries is a great way to meet people, to serve, and participate in worship. I hope you will join us!

You may choose from the following choirs:

CELEBRATE CHOIR

(Take "church" bus from school to church)

WHO: 1st – 3rd grade students

WHEN: Wednesday, 3:10 – 5:10 p.m.

JUBILATE CHOIR

(Take "church" bus from school to church)

WHO: 4th – 6th grade students

WHEN: Wednesday, 3:10 – 5:10 p.m.

YOUTH SINGERS



WHO: 7th – 12th grade students

WHEN: Wednesday, 5:45 – 6:15 p.m.

WHERE: Choir Room

ADULT CHOIR



WHO: All adults who enjoy singing.

NEW MEMBERS are most welcome!

WHEN: Wednesday, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

WHERE: Sanctuary choir loft

HOSANNA HANDBELL CHOIR

WHO: Youth (grades 4-6)

WHEN: Wednesday, 5:10 – 5:40 p.m.

WHERE: Sanctuary

REJOICE! RINGERS

WHO: Adults

WHEN: Wednesday, 6:15 – 7:05 p.m.

WHERE: Sanctuary

QUESTIONS: Shannon (Music Ministry)

shannon@oursaviorsnewulm.org

Rally Sunday!
September 9
9:00 AM Worship



The first day of Sunday school will be Sept. 16th beginning at 10:10 a.m. Please come and join the fun!!



PLEASE SIGN-UP TO SERVE

We need YOU to make worship happen: Ushers, Communion Servers, Lectors, Greeters!

Sheets for the month of September are posted in the social hall.



Prefer your church news via email?

Please email joellen@oursaviorsnewulm.org or call 233-4430 with any updated contact information, or to be added to our email list.

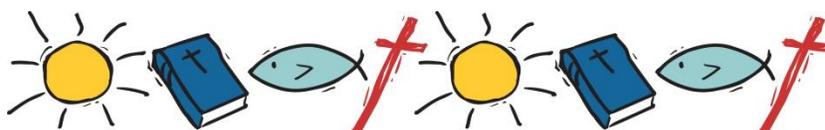
You may have mail! OSLC Members, please remember to check your church mailbox – located outside the church offices!

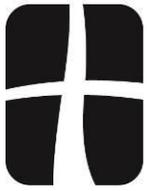
SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:30 PM Worship
2 9:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team	3 Church Offices Closed Labor Day	4 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Team	5 10:00 AM MOPS Leadership Meeting 11:00 AM WELCA Board	6 Interim Pastor's Meeting 4:00 PM Prokinship Monthly Meeting	7	8 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
 Rally Sunday 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School Classroom Tours	10 3 Points OSLC Bulletin Board Deadline 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service 4:30 PM Thrivent workshops "Social Security: Strategize to Maximize"	11 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting	12 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 9:00 AM MOPS Full Meeting 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 3:00 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:30 PM Mission Ministry Team 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM Teachers/Trainers/Guide Training 7:15 PM Adult Choir	13 Pastor Gene Gone Sidelites article deadline 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle 1:30 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service 6:00 PM Girl Scout Leader's Meeting	14 Pastor Gene Gone	15 Pastor Gene Gone 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
16 Pastor Gene Gone 9:00 AM Worship 10:10 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Executive Council Meeting 10:15 AM Facilities/Grounds Team	17	18 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	19 3:00 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM Confirmation 8th & 9th - Parent/Student Night 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:15 PM Youth Group (10th-12th Graders)	20	21	22 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
23 Noisy Offering Sunday 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Town Hall Meeting 10:10 AM Sunday School	 24	25 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 6:00 PM Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council	26 9:00 AM MOPS Full Meeting 3:00 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:45 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM Confirmation - 8th & 9th 7:00 PM New Member Class Meeting 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:15 PM Youth Group (10th-12th Graders)	27 First Call Pastor's Meeting	28	29 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
30 9:00 AM Worship - Ivan Andert baptism 10:10 AM Sunday School						

September 9!

Rally Sunday – Worship at 9am on the church lawn!





OUR SAVIOR'S

Lutheran Church

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Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM

Sunday worship – 9:00 AM

Coffee/Fellowship – 10:00 AM

Sunday School – 10:10-11:00 AM

Regular Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7 PM; Thurs.–11:00 AM & 5 PM

SIDELITES

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