
SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

September 2019

RALLY SUNDAY
CARNIVAL

HOT DOG LUNCH * CARMEL APPLES
GAMES * PRIZES * POPCORN
FAITH * FUN * FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8TH

*** STARTING AFTER CHURCH ***

LUNCH SERVED FROM 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
AT OUR SAVIORS CHURCH

MEET AND GREET

SIGN UP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

ALL ARE WELCOME



Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity

One of the vivid teaching parables Jesus told involves a farmer, a sower who casts seed along the ground. The sower planned for seeds that would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did exactly that, germinating, developing and producing a great harvest. But other seeds fell among thorns. These too started out as good seeds, they had a healthy beginning and began to grow. But these growing good plants were overcome by the weeds and were choked out. Jesus compared the weeds, he called them thorns, to “the cares of the world and the lures of wealth” (Matthew 13:22).

Jesus’ parable remains incredibly relevant. In our culture there are a lot of distractions. We tend to accumulate a wide variety of stuff. We think “success” is measured by how much we have or own. Chasing dreams, we believe that happiness can be caught through the things we buy. Our need to accumulate leads to stress, anxiety, and fear - thorns that rob us of our ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose God intended for us. All of us struggle with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues, we cannot ignore them.

Over the next several months, we are planning to talk about joy and abundance. It starts by stepping back and recognizing all the ways God is blessing us. We will be hosting a church wide study and emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. During this time, we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management. We will be introducing small group Bible studies to explore God’s wisdom and to listen to each other. We will promote a sermon series about gratitude and generosity (stay tuned for more details about these small group study opportunities). We’ll hear expert advice. We will hear stories about things others have learned by working through financial challenges. And each week we will provide some practical ideas you can use to assess your own financial situation. Over these weeks, we will be talking about creating a financial plan based on God’s biblical foundation. Celebrating God’s goodness is the basis for discovering joy in simply living each day.

Then, as we conclude our emphasis, we will also have an opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God. We will affirm and consecrate these commitments in a worship service and celebrate and give God thanks for the new things we have learned.

I look forward to having you join us in the coming weeks as we explore “how to” manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

Pastor Gene

grat·i·tude

[grat i tood]

noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

Our September Schedule:

- Watch for the “Gratitude Wall” where everyone will be invited to name things they are grateful for.
- Rally Day Sunday, September 8th, will be sign up day for the Small Group Adult Bible Studies.
- Multiple Opportunities – Small Group Adult Bible Study will focus on joyful financial management.
- Our Wednesday night programming will start on September 11th – Sunday School on September 15th!
- Our Small Group Adult Bible Study programs kick off the week of September 15th.



Council Notes

1. **We have a new Vice President!** Joey Warta has agreed to take the position. We are glad to have him take on these new responsibilities. Joey has been on the council, so his position as an at-large council member needed to be filled. Susan Krogstrand has agreed to fill the position until February, when a person will be elected to fill the last year of Joey's original council term. Thank you both for your willingness to be on the leadership team!

2. Fundraising for the roof is going well. We have received donations to cover the cost of the roof! All additional donations will be used to pay down the debt we have on the building. We are so grateful to the anonymous donor who is matching those funds. God has truly blessed us! If you wish to make a donation, you may either put a note on the check that it is for the roof fund, or put it into an envelope and mark it for roof fund. Thank you for your generosity in making this project possible. So many great things happen inside the walls of our building. We need to take care of it.

3. The cross on the top of the church has deteriorated and been damaged in storms and now needs replacing. On Monday, August 5th, many sidewalk superintendents watched as the new cross was installed. Thank you to Troy Booth for the wonderful workmanship.



4. The roof work is underway and we are looking forward to a completed job soon. No more leaks!



Our Savior's T-Shirts are coming soon!

Keep an eye out for our shirt order, opening on Rally Sunday. Links will be posted on our website and Facebook, and paper order forms will be available at church.

The start of Fall brings new small groups! Beginning on September 15th, we will have five new small group opportunities at different times and days of the week. Some of the groups will meet at Our Savior's, and others at the leader's home. Details are being finalized, so keep an eye out for a group that fits your schedule!

Sunday after worship
Sunday evening
Monday evening
Wednesday early afternoon
Thursday evening

Stay tuned for more information, and watch for group registration on Rally Sunday!

7th to 12th Grade Movie Night!

Come and watch a movie on September 21st at 7:00 p.m. We will have snacks and games as well. We will be voting during 7th Grade Pre-Confirmation, Confirmation, and Youth Group on which movie to watch. Choices are Toy Story 4, Guardians of the Galaxy, and Moana. Get your vote in and I hope to see you there! Pr. Dave

S'mores Night

Join us on **October 6th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** for a campfire and s'mores!

Please bring a lawn chair and a sack lunch for a picnic and games on the lawn. We would like kids to bring their parents and grandparents for an evening of games and fun!

Fall is here! And with the changing of the seasons (and school starting back up), OSLC activities will be resuming:

September 11th: Wednesday activities resume.
(except Hosanna Handbells)

- Choir Faith & Fun – Kindergarten is back in Choir Faith & Fun!
- Youth Choir
- Adult Choir
- Rejoice Ringers

September 15th: Sunday School begins! Sunday School will now meet at 10:15 a.m.

September 18th:

- Hosanna Handbells
- 7th Grade Pre-Confirmation - 7th Grade has been added back into our Confirmation programming!
- Confirmation start



Additionally, our regular adult bible studies and groups will be resuming their normal schedules in September:

Men's Bible Study: Every Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

Beautiful Savior Circle: Second Wed. of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Immanuel Circle: Second Thurs. of the month at 9:00 a.m.

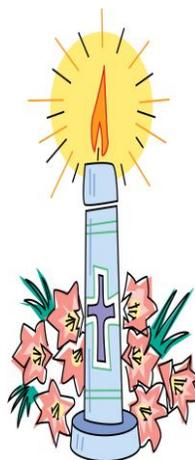
Quilting Group: Fourth Tues. of the month at 9:00 a.m. **AND 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m (NEW!!)**

Don't miss Rally Sunday on September 8th! You'll have the opportunity to sign up for fall activities and get more information about our new small groups!



If you have ever considered helping as a Sunday School teacher, assisting with confirmation classes, or volunteering for some of our children's and youth activities, now is the time to get involved! Please contact Lindsay at lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org to see how you can put your gifts and enthusiasm to work raising up our youngest members in faith.

And be sure to join us on **September 11th at 6:30 p.m.** for our Confirmation and Sunday School Leader Night!



We have a new oil burning Paschal Candle in the Sanctuary! Every year we purchase a new candle that is lit for Baptisms, Funerals, Easter morning and other special services. After doing some research, the Deacons Team decided to move to an oil burning candle, which will not have to be replaced every year. Eloise Finstad very generously donated money for this purchase in memory of her husband Ivan and their son David. Years ago, Eloise and her husband Ivan gave money for the Eternal Flame that is on our altar today in memory of David. Thank you Eloise for such a special gift.



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 will be starting and so is Choir Faith and Fun, and we're adding back the Kindergartners! Every Wednesday afternoon, children in grades Kindergarten – 6th will 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.

Adult and Youth Choirs/Handbells

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: Kindergarten – 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

WELCA Baby Care Kits

Thank you to all who continue to donate items for the Baby Care Kits! We were able to assemble 32 baby care kits on August 6th for Lutheran World Relief. Please continue to bring items to church for this worthwhile project. Thanks for your generosity!

- **TWO** lightweight cotton shirts (no onesies)
- **TWO** long or short sleeved gowns, sleepers (without feet), or shirt & pant set
- **TWO** receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted/knitted with lightweight yarn, up to 52" square
- **FOUR** cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- **ONE** jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- **TWO** pairs of socks
- **ONE** hand towel, dark color recommended
- **TWO** or three bath-size bars of gentle soap, equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping. NO mini or hotel size bars.
- **TWO** diaper pins or large safety pins.



BORDER PERSPECTIVE

Adult Mission Trip!

A mission trip to the Texas border is planned for **February 9 – 14, 2020**. This is through the organization Border Perspective. The goals for this trip are to learn through experiences and reflection, to become the church that pursues justice and human dignity, and to share what is learned while serving immigrant families.

The cost for 5 days of housing and meals will be \$425.00 per person, plus travel.

Yonathan Moya from Border Perspective will present information after the 9:00 a.m. worship on October 6th. Please plan to attend to learn more about the program.

For more information, contact members of the Missions Board, or Marlene Ingebritson, Annette Haynes, and Barb Wurtzberger.



The family of Donald (Don) Hale would like to thank everyone who prayed for him during his time in hospice, especially the people on the Mission Trip and in the Prayer Circle, and to those who sent cards and memorials. Everyone has been so welcoming to me since I joined Our Savior's and your kindness during this time was deeply appreciated.

- Lee Hale and family

We've reorganized (and alphabetized) the church mailboxes! If you have a mailbox, please take a moment to find its new location.

A number of recent mailings have been returned due to old addresses. Please also make sure that we have your current mailing address, phone number, and email address! If you would like to change how you receive communications from OSLC, such as only getting emails or a paper copy of our newsletter, please contact Jen.

Our extra church mailbox section needs a new home! For a donation in the amount of your choosing to OSLC, it can be yours! Please contact Scott for more information.

For Sale:

OSLC has several wood tables that we no longer use. 8 foot tables are available for \$30, or best offer. 6 foot tables are \$20, or best offer. If you are interested, please contact Scott Kathman.

Ministry Teams!

We would love to help you promote events happening at OSLC! Please send items to be included in the next edition of Sidelites to Jen by **September 16th**! Grab 'N' Go pieces are due to the office each Wednesday by noon. Email news to jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org. Thank you!

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team	2 Labor Day - Church Office Closed	3 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team	4 9:00 AM MOPS Steering 11:00 AM WELCA Board	5 Interim Pastor's Meeting 4:00 PM Prokinship Monthly Meeting	6	7 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
8 7th & 8th Grade Milestone Rally Sunday 9:00 AM Worship	9 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service 6:30 PM Cub Scout Leader Meeting	10 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Church Staff Lunch 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting	11 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 9:00 AM MOPS Full Meeting 10:00 AM NU Ministerial Mtg 1:00 PM Beautiful Savior Circle 3:00 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:30 PM Mission Ministry Team 5:30 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM Confirmation and Sunday School Leader Night 6:30 PM Stewardship Cohort 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:15 PM Youth Group	12 9:00 AM Immanuel Circle 1:30 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service 7:00 PM Girl Scout Leader's Meeting	13	14 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
15 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Executive Committee Meeting 10:15 AM Facilities/Grounds Team	16 Sidelites Deadline 6:00 PM Join Scouting Night	17 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 5:30 PM Personnel Committee 7:00 PM Deacons Ministry Team	18 3:00 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbells 5:30 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM 7th Grade Pre- Confirmation 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:15 PM Youth Group	19 6:00 PM Cub Scout Pack Meeting	20	21 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Conference Pastor's Mtg 5:30 PM Worship 7:00 PM Movie Night
22 Noisy Offering Sunday 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School	23	24 9:00 AM Quilting Group 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 6:00 PM Evening Quilting Group	25 9:00 AM MOPS Full Meeting 3:00 PM Choir Faith and Fun 5:10 PM Hosanna Handbells 5:30 PM Youth Choir 6:15 PM Rejoice Ringers 6:30 PM 7th Grade Pre- Confirmation 6:30 PM Confirmation 7:15 PM Adult Choir 8:15 PM Youth Group	26 First Call Pastor's Meeting 12:30 PM Sidelites Group 6:00 PM Pre-Council Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	27 8:30 AM Sidelites Group	28 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 3:00 PM Bornhoft Wedding 5:30 PM Worship
29 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday School	30	1	2	3	4	5

Pastors' Office Hours

Our Pastors are called out of the office during the week for meetings, visits, and other work, but during these hours the Pastors plan to be in their office. Stop by to visit, have a cup of coffee, or just to chat.

Pr. Gene: Monday 9 AM - Noon
Pr. Dave: Friday 9 AM - Noon



Office Hours

Mon. – Thurs.: 8:00 am – 2:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 am – 12:00 p.m.



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Worship Services

Saturday worship – 5:30 PM

Sunday worship – 9:00 AM

Coffee/Fellowship – 10:00 AM

Regular Broadcasts

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3)

Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM

SIDELITES

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