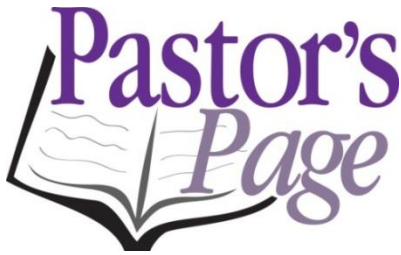

SIDELITES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

July 2019



Imagination!

I am sitting here on a Monday morning watching as kids come streaming through the doors. It is Vacation Bible School week and something over 100 little people are here, excited and happy. It's noisy and busy as these chatty little people connect and find each other. Best news, this is just the beginning. They will be here every day this week.

Along with them, there is also a cadre of teachers, helpers, designers, servers, planners, and workers. I will need to count – just to comprehend how many volunteers are here. They too have broad smiles on their faces. With attitudes that seem excited and happy about being here. I am deeply grateful for the energy they bring too.

So sitting here, VBS is getting is transitioning from gathering time to activity. Everyone is moving into the sanctuary. In that worship space there are shapes and forms that hint of an African Safari. The Styrofoam rhinos, the cardboard giraffes, the paper mache trees, the mural of mountains, and a cardboard Jeep invite one's imagination to leap into a different and distant place. Creativity does that! It is awesome to see the sparkling eyes and "can't hardly contain it" energy within this throng of kids. We are launching a program. And...here we are still inside the church!

Think about it! In this moment we are imprinting images about church into people's minds. All of them – young-uns and adults - are discovering God connections in a different way. We are creating a vision of enthusiasm, imagination, joy, and creativity. We are gifting them with dreams about possibilities by inviting them to step away beyond familiar spaces and routines and stepping into something farsighted. We will be talking to them about God with visuals that unlock a pathway to visions and dreaming.

What is the most important venture Our Savior's Lutheran Church can be involved in? Isn't it opening minds to the possibilities of God. We are here to proclaim a God of Love who invites us to experience a connectedness that is far bigger than anything we have experienced. We are here to help people see past our prejudices and limitations and discover God in new ways. Imagination is a wonderful asset that we all possess. To open our minds to God is to see and perceive things that exist beyond our familiarity. OSLC is in the business of introducing God's visions and dreams.

I know there is controversy about the ROAR VBS program we are using this week. The authors could have done much better teaching truth about God's inclusivity and God's unconditional love. That is another topic. Today I am grateful for the energy and volunteers, for the excitement and possibilities, for our young-uns and for those of us who see God coming alive.

Pastor Gene





Our Savior's Lutheran Church welcomed the following new members into our congregation on June 23, 2019:

Stuart Klotz

Lee Hale

Jason, Samantha, and Josephine Engstrom

Chad, Krista, Jase, and Wyatt Hopp

Ron and Joann Mehlhop

Mike and Mary Hulen

Matt, Bobbi, Landon, and Taylor Teske

Warren and Linda Zaske



Council Notes

Wonderful news! An anonymous benefactor of OSLC has graciously offered to match any and all donations, **up to \$50,000!** The money will be used first to cover the cost of the roof, and then to pay off a substantial amount of our outstanding debt! Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute. Thanks be to God!

The contractors for the roof have informed us that they will be able to start work in mid-to late July. That is much sooner than we anticipated. Soon we will not have to worry as much about heavy rains. And we will be able to put those drip buckets away!

Summer casual is a thing! And will be for church on **July 21st**! We will **worship in the Fellowship Hall**. Bring the blankets for the kids to sit on and participate in more relaxed surroundings without the bugs!

The council, adult ministry and finance committee will be putting together a **Stewardship Program** to begin late summer / early fall. The committee is now being formed. Look for further information in the not so distant future!



Call Committee will meet on Thurs., June 27th at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Steve Cook from the Synod office to review pastoral profiles for 4-5 pastors who have shown an interest in Our Savior's. We expect that pastoral interviews will be forthcoming soon.

J. Senske, Call Committee Chairman

Wine & Beer Hymns

Raise your glass and your voice

The first ever OSLC Wine, Beer & Hymns night was a wonderful time of song and fellowship! We hope that you can join us for the second event on **July 11th**, starting at **7:00 p.m.**



Food Library Blessing

During worship on June 2nd, we received and blessed our Food Library! The Food Library was envisioned by the Missions Ministry Team, built by Chris Cooke, and installed by Scott Kathman, using funds from our April Noisy Offering. The Food Library is located in front of OSLC by the State Street entrance, and is available for anyone in the community to use!

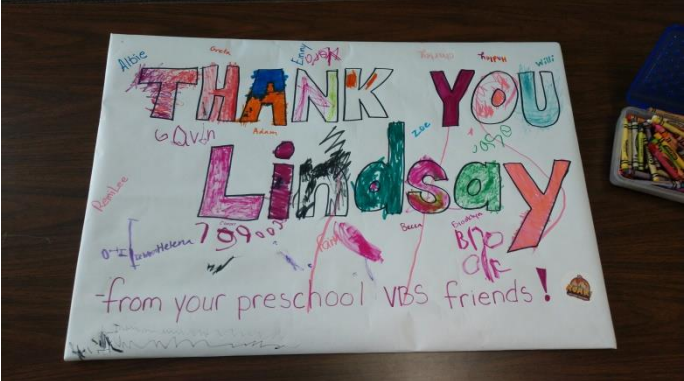




VBS 2019 is in the books! We had an incredible time singing, learning, and playing, all while teaching 109 children that when Life is Wild, God is Good!

We would especially like to thank our crew of volunteers for all of the hard work they put in preparing for and helping with VBS. Over 40 teenagers and adults helped decorate the church, prepare snacks, lead crews of children, and teach them about God's love. We are so blessed to have you!





July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 6:30 PM Youth Ministry Team	3	4 Church Office Closed 4:00 PM Prokinship Monthly Meeting	5 Church Office Closed	6 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
7 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship Ministry Team	8 3:00 PM Ridgeway on German Service 4:00 PM Oak Hills Service	9 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Church Staff Lunch 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting	10 9:00 AM Cards of Caring 5:30 PM Mission Ministry Team 6:45 PM S'mores Night	11 1:30 PM Ridgeway on 23rd Service 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack Meeting (backup location) 7:00 PM Wine, Beer & Hymns	12	13 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
14 9:00 AM Worship	15 Sidelites Deadline	16 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	17	18 9:30 AM Conference Pastor's Mtg	19	20 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 5:30 PM Worship
21 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Executive Committee Meeting 10:15 AM Facilities/Grounds Team	22	23 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting 6:00 PM Pre-Council Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	24	25 First Call Pastor's Meeting 12:30 PM Sidelites Group 6:15 PM Young Adult Game Night	26 Youth Mission Trip to WV 8:30 AM Sidelites Group	27 Youth Mission Trip to WV 8:30 AM Saturday Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Private Party 5:30 PM Worship
28 Noisy Offering Sunday Youth Mission Trip to WV 9:00 AM Worship	29 Youth Mission Trip to WV	30 Youth Mission Trip to WV 9:30 AM Church Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Text Study - Pastor's Meeting	31 Youth Mission Trip to WV	1	2	3

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



Summer Office Hours

Mon. – Thurs.: 8:00 am – 2:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 am – 12:00 p.m.

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 **July 15th**! Grab 'N' Go pieces are due to the office each Wednesday by noon. Email news to jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org. Thank you!



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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

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