



# Parish Scope

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Issue 7  
August 2011

## August Happenings

**August 1, Tuesday**  
Movie Night

**August 2, Tuesday**  
Communion Service

**August 7, Sunday**  
Thrivent Ice Cream Social

**August 8, Monday**  
Finance Committee Meeting

**August 9, Tuesday**  
Tuesday's Table  
Council Meeting

**August 16, Tuesday**  
500 Card Party

**August 20, Saturday**  
Wedding of  
Monica Sobottaka  
& Phillip Gehrman

**August 23, Tuesday**  
Preschool Open House  
and Orientation

**August 25, Thursday**  
Scope Collation

**August 28, Sunday**  
Preschool Teacher Commissioning  
  
Congregational Gathering  
Issues Hearing

### 500 Card Party

Please join us on August 16, 2011, for fun, fellowship, and food at 6 p.m. in the Fire-side Room. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Anyone may bring snacks. Future card parties will be held on 9/20/11, 10/18/11, 11/15/11, 12/20/11, 1/17/12, and 2/21/12.



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### Vacation Bible School

**August 8-11, 2011**

Please see the *Scope* insert for registration details.

**Donations Needed (VBS)** Food - to feed 50 such as fresh fruit & vegetables, fruit cups, fruit juice in gallon jugs, cookies and bars, and fruit popsicles.

Supplies Dominoes, used scraps of scrapbooking paper/wrapping paper, 20 oz. clear soda/water bottles, flattened recycled boxes (cereal and other boxes), white cotton fabric-(bolt of fabric), or feel free to give a financial donation towards the purchase of any items above.

### OSL Senior Choir Potluck Party

The annual OSL Senior Choir potluck party will be held on Wednesday, August 31, at Mike & Sally Schendel's home located at 631 Grandview Court (phone 715-232-8118). Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please arrive with your dish of choice by 5:30 p.m. Beverages and tableware will be furnished. This event is open to all members of OSL. If you like to sing and wish to share your talents with awesome people, you are most welcome to join the choir.

Rehearsals take place every Wednesday evening from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Senior Choir sings for the 8:30 a.m. service the first and third Sundays of each month in addition to occasional special season church events. Please come join us as we sing in praise to our Lord!

I am looking forward to serving as your director again as we head into another fun-singing season. If you have any questions in regard to the above, please feel free to contact me at (715)308-0984 or [mondra@wwt.net](mailto:mondra@wwt.net). Rob Mondlock

From the Interim Pastor

Progress!

It's come slower than many would like—but it's come! OSL has now:

Formed a Transition Task Force (see other material in this Scope about their work.)

Hired Kathi Lehmann as our administrative assistant. Although she's new to this position, she's not at all new to the OSL community or the work of an administrative assistant. And she's more excited about serving than anyone I've ever seen before! We'll be experimenting with some office hours on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. And we'll need some volunteer coverage in the office during some other hours. If you're able, please say yes when asked. Better yet—call Kathi and volunteer.

Reached an agreement with InterServe Ministries to place an Interim Children, Youth and Family Minister at OSL. Peter Gallatin will begin with OSL on August 23, 2011. Peter has been ministering to youth for the past 15 years. He obtained his Masters of Arts degree in Youth and Family Ministry from Luther Seminary in St. Paul MN. He has served congregations in suburban Minneapolis, rural IA, and rural MN. He lives with his wife, Jillene, and two children in Scandia, MN, where his wife is a pastor. He will assist us not only in providing those ministries in this interim time, but in evaluating and planning for those ministries in our future.

Revived the Education Committee!

We're also in the process of:

Planning for a fall Stewardship Campaign.  
Beginning work on the 2012 budget.

As I write this, 18 people from OSL are on a mission trip to Canada, several of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will attend Luther Park next week, and VBS takes place August 8-12, 2011.

Many good things are happening! Progress is being made!

Some worship notes for August:

August 7<sup>th</sup>—Worship with Altar Communion

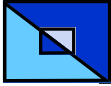
August 14<sup>th</sup>—Worship led by our 2011 Mission Trip participants

August 21<sup>st</sup>—Worship with Communion by Intinction, led by Pastor Kurt Larson. (I'll be attending my 3<sup>rd</sup> son's wedding in Nebraska that morning.)

We're also hoping that Joel Becker will be able to preach some Sunday soon. It will likely be last minute arrangement. Watch the web site for an announcement.

It's a joy to serve among you as we ramp up for fall! More progress coming!

Pastor Mark



### **Transition Task Force:**

In early April, the Church Council held a one-day retreat at which, among other things, Pastor Mark presented some possible ways for OSL to do the things needed during this interim time. The Council, at its April meeting, chose to use the model of a Transition Task Force, to guide, implement, and oversee the doing of the work before us. The Church Council later listed characteristics of people who would serve OSL well on this Transition Task Force (TTF), and then, using a complete membership list, chose people to be invited to serve.

The following people have accepted the invitation: Ted Bensen, Dan Debee, Amy Eitrheim, Elna Johnson, Laurie Knutson, Kris Lemke, Jeff Ohvall, and Barbara Solsaa. Pastor Hendrickson serves as well. Jeff Ohvall will serve as chair and Ted Bensen will serve as secretary.

The Church Council has charged the Transition Task Force with shepherding all facets of this transition time. While we are the shepherds, you are the flock, and it is our intention to make this process and our work inclusive and transparent. We will keep you apprised of our progress through Temple Talks, articles in the *Scope*, and large and small group forums.

Two of the significant tasks for us are:

- Assembling the Mission Site Profile (known as the Congregational Profile the last time we went through this process).
- Redeeming the time. This all takes time. We'll use this time to become the healthiest partner in ministry that we can be.

As part of our work on the Mission Site Profile, we will be working with you on our identity and mission by:

- identifying issues and concerns of the congregation,
- identifying who we are as a congregation, and
- identifying the mission focus for OSL going forward.

We are now asking you to identify the issues/concerns/challenges that you see OSL facing, now and in the future, and how you think we might address them. We'll be asking for your input in writing. Please use the form on the next page or go to [http://www.oslme.com/Forms/Issue\\_Form.doc](http://www.oslme.com/Forms/Issue_Form.doc) to print as many copies as you need or to submit them digitally by sending them to [TTF@oslme.com](mailto:TTF@oslme.com). And then we'll be meeting on August 28, 2011, after worship, as a large group to review that collective input.

From that list, we'll identify the items to be addressed in this whole transition process, sequencing them, and where possible, establishing time frame goals. We'll be sharing that final action list with you as soon as it's ready.

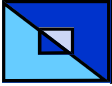
### **TTF Prayer Team:**

We also invite you to sign up to:

- Pray regularly for OSL; the Transition Task Force; the Call Committee when it's formed; Pastor Hendrickson, and your next pastor.
- Pray specifically for things when asked to do so. (You'll receive e-mails or post cards with specific prayer requests. If we have your e-mail address, we'll use that—it's faster and it saves on postage.)
- If you're able, attend possible gatherings to pray together for the above.

Sign up, if you haven't already done so, by calling the church office or e-mailing the TTF at [TTF@oslme.com](mailto:TTF@oslme.com)

If you have any questions/concerns/suggestions at any time during this process, please feel free to contact any member of the Transition Task Force or e-mail us at [TTF@oslme.com](mailto:TTF@oslme.com). We are here to serve you, as members of this congregation. We will be giving you our utmost for His highest. Thank you.



**Issue for Consideration**

Please submit one form per issue.

You may submit as many as you feel merit consideration.

Place your completed forms in the boxes at the 9<sup>th</sup> Street entrance or the Friendship Room on Sundays, or in the office during the week.

Please submit written forms by **August 21, 2011**,  
and e-mailed forms by **August 22, 2011**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (forms without names will not be considered)\*

What issue do you think OSL needs to address in order to be best prepared to call a new pastor and move into the next chapter of our mission and ministry together?

What idea(s) do you have as to how we might address this issue? (If you don't have an idea, please still submit the issue.)

What strengths/resources do you see OSL having that will help us address this issue?

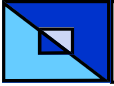
\*If you have an issue you would like to bring forward, but are not comfortable sharing your name, you are encouraged to meet with Pastor Mark to discuss it, in full confidence, and work together to find wording to best express your issue in a form in which you can attach your name.

Mark your Calendars

TTF Congregational Hearing/Reading of the Issues Submitted  
(as well as an opportunity to verbally submit additional issues.)

Sunday, August 28, 2011

After Worship--In the Friendship Room



**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 14, 2011, 7 p.m. – Fireside Room**

Present: Ken Applehans, Calvin Christianson, Jenna Creaser, Lisa Brogan, Troy Peickert, Pastor Mark Hendrickson, Barb Lindberg, Amy Eitrheim, Mark Kalscheur

Excused Absent: Scott Barnhart

Guests: Marilyn Lee, Doug Larson, Ann Larson

Meeting called to order by Amy Eitrheim at 7:09 p.m.

1. Call to order – priority agenda

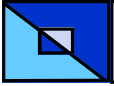
- A. Adoption of agenda-additions or corrections: Agenda approved with minor corrections. Cal made the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
  1. Adopt special rules of debate: Presentations 15 minutes; Debate 3 minutes:
- B. Devotions: Pastor Mark led the devotions with Steinke book discussion.
- C. Personnel Committee update –Administrative Assistant Position: The Personnel Committee received 37 applicants, several phone interviews were conducted, followed by in person interviews. A recommended candidate was announced. Discussion about flexibility for personal needs and the church schedule. A motion was made to hire the recommended candidate with flexible hours at the rate of \$12.00 per hour by Troy/Ken. Motion carried.
- D. Substitute pastor – vacation coverage: Pastor Mark will be gone for three Sundays this summer. The council is willing to have Pastor Mark find subs for those Sundays.
- E. Transition Task Force Recruitment Update: Kris Lemke, Elna Johnson, Barb Solsaa, Ted Bensen, Jeff Ohvall, and Laurie Knutson have graciously agreed to belong to the TTF. Pastor Mark is waiting for one additional response.
- F. Youth/Family/Children Ministry update (w/o): The Education/Youth Committee put together three options for fulfilling the ministry tasks. A fourth option is to hire a part time interim person, as the need is immediate and critical. The Finance Committee discussed the importance of Youth and Family ministry in our church, and the financial outlook is expected to accommodate the cost of the Interserve option. Discussion occurred regarding the options and flexibility with the decisions of the TTF, and to make sure it's known the program is interim. A motion was made to accept the Interserve proposal with flexibility of terms by Ken/Barb. Motion carried.
- G. Finance committee report (w/o): Checking account balance as of 5/31/11 is \$23,078.90. As of 5/31/11 YTD our receipts exceeded disbursements by \$601.72. Mark Kalscheur will follow up on the Simply Giving participants. A list of dedicated funds was shared to make sure all members are aware of them and are used accordingly. Also provided was information of the Capital Reserve and Mission Endowment Funds. The weekly giving was also shared. The financial audit has been conducted, with no follow ups. Those who agreed to contribute to the Chancel Renovation and haven't, the Finance Committee will be contacting.
- H. Team building: (1) Barb will be writing thank you notes. (2) Council photos for display. Amy will contact someone to take the council photos.
  - I. Membership reports (w): The membership updates will be published in the annual report.
- J. Acceptance of minutes from May 10, 2011, meeting was approved electronically.
- K. July Council meeting time? The next Council meeting will be July 12, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. due to OSLC serving the pies/food at the Ludington Guard Band concert.
- L. Computer update: An update to our system would include the server is \$1700, operation system \$200, backup system \$150 for a total of \$2,050. A motion was made to upgrade the required equipment by Amy/Lisa. Motion carried.

2. Staff and Committee Reports

- A. Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark Hendrickson will provide an update each month.
- C. Other committee or member reports (w/o):
  - a. Committee budgets will need to be started for 2012.
  - b. Health Ministry Team minutes were distributed.

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. by Amy/Barb. Motion carried.

Next meeting: July 12, 2011, 5:30 p.m. Fireside Room. Following the meeting we will attend and assist at the Ludington Guard Band concert – OSLC will be serving pies and other food items.



**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 12, 2011, 5:30 p.m. – Fireside Room**

Present: Ken Applehans, Calvin Christianson, Jenna Creaser, Lisa Brogan, Troy Peickert, Barb Lindberg, Amy Eitrhein, Mark Kalscheur, Scott Barnhart

Absent: Pastor Mark Hendrickson

Guests: Marni Waznik

Meeting called to order by Amy Eitrhein at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to order – priority agenda
  - A. Adoption of agenda-additions or corrections: Agenda approved with minor corrections. Ken/Cal made the motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
  - B. Devotions: Viewed a video about Healthy Congregations. Prayer by Amy Eitrhein.
  - C. Finance committee report (w/o): Checking account balance as of 6/30/11 is \$17,045.47. As of 6/30/11 YTD our disbursements exceeded receipts by \$6,403.95. Amy Eitrhein would like to commend the Finance Committee for making a quarterly payment for benevolence. The current landscaping and computer upgrade expenses will be funded by dedicated funds. Also provided was information of the Capital Reserve and Mission Endowment Funds. Simply giving cards will be coming soon and put in the pews for those participating.
    - a. Suspend offering envelopes mailings: Currently Augsburg is printing the envelopes and we have a contract through August 2011. Due to numerous issues happening with the mailing of envelopes Mark Kalscheur is going to work with Kathi Lehmann as soon as possible to look at other options, vendors and processes.
  - D. Mission Endowment Fund Update: The interest of the funds is able to disburse approximately \$32,000 in 2011. Karen Fruit is the chair of the committee, and Don Kuether is the secretary. A list was shared of the current disbursements so far in 2011.
    - a. Kara James: Amy Eitrhein is no longer able to be on the committee as she is now serving as a Council member. A motion was made to accept Kara James as the new member of MEF by Scott/Lisa. Motion carried.
  - E. Healthy Congregations Covenant of Conduct: Will be discussed in August.
  - F. Transition Task Force: Members include Kris Lemke, Elna Johnson, Barb Solsaa, Ted Bensen, Jeff Ohvall, Dan Debee, Amy Eitrhein and Laurie Knutson. Members were installed last Sunday during service. A survey will be distributed in August to the congregation regarding issues, concerns, challenges, and opportunities.
  - G. Youth & Family Ministry – Interserve: Peter Gallatin is the Interserve candidate, who will be serving OSL as an interim youth/family worker. A concern was brought forward regarding the contract with the candidate being an employee of the church versus an employee of Interserve. Also discussion followed regarding the liability insurance of the representative. Personnel Committee will follow up on the concerns and reviewing of the contract by August 9, 2011.
  - H. Council Contact Information – How to provide to the Congregation? A question was presented to Pastor Mark regarding how to be in contact with the congregation, specifically through emails. The council would prefer to not send correspondences to personal emails, but to use a standard council email via the church server. Amy will follow up on the standard council email. She will also publish in the bulletin or scope all council members names, home numbers, and standard council email.
  - I. Team building: (1) Mark will be writing thank you notes. (2) Council photos for display. Amy took photos and will have them displayed.
  - J. Membership Reports: The council revisited the topic of distributing transfers to the congregation.
    - a. Letter to transferring members: Troy Peickert will work with Pastor Mark to create a letter and send to those transferred recently.
  - K. Acceptance of Minutes from June Meeting: A motion was made to approve the June 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 meeting minutes by Cal/Mark. Motion carried.
2. Staff and Committee Reports
  - A. Other committee or member reports (w/o):
    - a. Committee budgets will need to be completed by September 1st, 2011 and given to Arvin Solsaa.
    - b. Strategic Planning & Organizational Structure Committee(w/o): A memo was distributed to explain the charge and members of the committee. No further discussion. The memo was received as information only and will be considered at a future meeting.
    - c. Education Committee: The committee approved the curriculum of Spark for the next Sunday school year. Continuing to encourage participation to VBS on August 8-12th, Luther Park Counselors will be here conducting the program and members have been gracious to house the counselors. The committee is evaluating the church classroom space for the fall.

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. by Amy/Barb. Motion carried.

Next meeting: August 9, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Jenna Creaser – snacks.

## TUESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011, AT 9:30 AM IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM

### Home Communion

If you desire to have your name added to our list of monthly home communion visits by the pastor, please call the church office with your request. The office phone number is 715-235-0693.

### Hospital Patient Policy

The local hospital has put into place a privacy legislation which assures confidentiality for the patients. The pastor must know beforehand who is in the hospital. Please let the church office or the Pastor know if you or someone you know of is in the hospital.

### BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS

From the Children's Library—During the hot days of summer, relax in the shade or by a fan and enjoy a good book. Many good choices are available in the Children's Library. Try one of the following books from the display shelf, or browse and choose for yourself. Titles of interest may be *God Made Shapes*, *God Thinks You're Wonderful*, *The Happy Day Books Family Treasury* (50 stories), *The Time of the Church* (Trinity Season marked), *The Volcano of Doom*, and *Spirit of the Game: Goal Line Stand*. Please note that DVDs and videos are also available. STOP IN AND BROWSE!



**Are you handy with a hammer and nail, or just desire to help?** Volunteers

are needed to build a Habitat for Humanity house located at 2nd Avenue and 18th Street in Menomonie from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Dear Our Savior's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your \$880 donation. Your generosity is very thoughtful.

Sincerely,

The Bridge to Hope

There are several openings for Tuesday's Table on August 9, 2011, at St. Joe's Catholic Church. Please sign up on the bulletin board located under the skylight.



### American Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive at Christ Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For an appointment or info, please log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search by ZIP Code 54751, or call (800)733-2767.



## Sunday School Rally Day September 11, 2011 Mark your calendar!

If you are interested in being a teacher or co-teacher, please call the church office at (715)235-0693.





## OSW Board

OSW Board Meetings will be held on June 8, 2011 and July 11, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the Children's Library.



### Our Savior's Reading Club

## Meatball Dinner – September 10, 2011

Things have changed this year. We are holding the Meatball Dinner on a Saturday night as opposed to a Thursday night. We felt this would allow more member involvement, especially the youth.

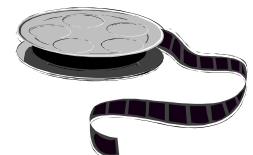
So, please mark your calendar for Saturday September 10 from 4-7 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We will try to work smarter by doing some things ahead, by purchasing some things and by asking for total membership involvement. You really pulled together for great participation at the LGB concert pie social July 12. This was much appreciated. We will again call all members asking for donation of a pie/dessert, of time and/or of money. The calls will be around Labor Day, so things might get lost in the last hurrah of vacations and start of school. We hope you will step forward to volunteer on the many "Sign UP LISTS" in the church to make this fundraiser a success.

The profit from the Meatball Dinner and the Harvest of Hands Craft Sale all go to mission/outreach projects. The donations are approved at the Advent potluck lunch on Thursday December 8, at OSLC.

We considered the September 17 date, but that is St. Joe's Harvest Festival with pork sandwiches, etc. starting 5 p.m. and ending Sunday, September 18. Please support that event.

### Monday Night at the Movies:

When: August 1, 2011  
Movie start time: 7:00 p.m.  
Where: Our Savior's Fireside Room  
Movie: *Saving Sarah Cain*, based on the book [The Redemption of Sarah Cain](#)



Sarah Cain is sweet, successful, slightly self-absorbed and a city girl through and through. When the untimely death of her sister draws her to Amish country for the funeral, her life changes. She is now the guardian to five Amish nieces and nephews. Sarah must reevaluate her priorities as she prepares for the biggest culture shock of every-one's lives.

P.S. Popcorn will be provided. Bring your own beverage. Hope you can join us.



Continued!

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church Pie Social at the Ludington Guard Band Concert Tuesday July 12, 2011- Wilson Park

Folks, it was a great event! It was circus night at the band concert, which brought out the costumed folks and their critters. It was ideal weather during the day and that evening, which allowed a large gathering to come enjoy the music and camaraderie.

Our Savior's folks turned out in mass to help out. The grounds were decorated with colorful blue dragon's tails and fabric fluttering around hula hoops. The helpers were decked out in festive hats, aprons, tops and red noses. The pies, various desserts and other items showed up in large quantities. How many you say?—75 pies, 30 pans of bars, 13 dozen cookies, five cakes, a dozen cupcakes, 12 cases of 24 cans of soda pop, 90 bottles of water, 18 liters of root beer for root beer floats and 6 gallons vanilla ice cream according to my records. Thank you for readily giving of all these items.

How many things did we sell? We started with 600 plates for desserts. Ran out. Made a run to the store and got 300 more. Ran out again. Noticed that some desserts had two paper plates under them and salvaged those. Sold 100 root beer floats. Sold 140 hot dogs on fresh baked buns. Went through 100 cups of decaf coffee. Went back to the church and made three additional thermoses of coffee. Sold about 120 cans pop and 90 bottles of water. Went through 6 gallons ice cream before 8:00 p.m. Made a run for three more. Ran out again. Made a run for three more—ran out again. Made a third run for three more gallons of ice cream for a total of 15 gallons of ice cream sold. Ran out of quarters and managed to get 4 additional rolls.

We opened at 6:45 p.m. when we had a rush of people. Two-thirds of the desserts were sold before 8:00 a.m. when the band began playing. Some food items were left after intermission when we sold everything for 50 cents. Had another rush of people who thanked us for having food left. That is what being serviced oriented results in—thanks.

Helpers came at 5:30 p.m. and many stayed well past the 8:00 p.m. shift change. When the new crew came they were told to "wedge their way into the crew of helpers, tap one on the shoulder and say 'I am here to replace you'". But it did not always work, so dedicated were those working. All the people in the 15 serving groups were called the week before. However many were gone during that 4<sup>th</sup> of July week and some only got a message on the answering machine. Everyone was asked to bring food or beverage or donate time or money. Thank you for the great camaraderie and willingness to participate.

What was left? There were about six-seven dozen cookies left which were frozen for VBS. About three large trays of individual servings pie, bars and cake were put in the refrigerator for serving during July 17 Sunday's coffee. About 50 cans of pop were left and put into the soda vending machine in OSLC's basement. There were about eight liters of root beer left—will use them for root beer floats some Sunday or at VBS. The 20 hot dogs got left out on the basement kitchen counter overnight and so were tossed—damn!

What could we have done differently? Bring a broom to sweep off the concrete at Wilson Park shelter. Bring face paint as the stuff to be donated did not show up even though the helpers were ready. Otherwise we were well organized.

Income was \$547 in donations and \$1,506.50 in sales totaling \$2,153.50. Our expenses included 9 gallons ice cream at \$60.00, 300 paper plates @ \$20.00 and 160 hot dogs and buns @ \$65.00 totaling \$ 145.00. Our profit was \$2,008.50.

Folks, this was a great event!!

**Thanks** to Bo & Orv Gabriel, Kris Lemke, Carol Eagan, Sylvia Nelson, Marilyn Lee, Joan Friedenfels, Jean Adair, Gene Peterson family, Gene & Gloria Kraemer, Jim & Pauline Knutson, Amy Eitheim, Tami Borcharding, Mary Benson, and Cal & Bonnie Christianson for serving coffee this summer. Please keep our coffee fellowship sign-up sheet filled, as we all love the fellowship time together! The sheet is on the coffee counter every Sunday or call the church office if you want to volunteer.

**Missing?** It appears that approximately 42 metal chairs are missing. If you have borrowed the chairs for an event and have not returned them, please call the church office immediately. The church has received additional requests for their use **and** the meatball dinner is just around the corner!

**Philippians 1:3-7** I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me...

To All God's Saints at Our Savior's Lutheran,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, Jesus the Lord of Life, and the Holy Spirit who calls us through the gospel and unites us as one in the body of Christ! I don't know how to begin to thank you for all your support and engagement from early childhood until now, sharing the gospel with me in word and deed, as I have grown and engaged my calling to pastoral ministry. My first song I remember memorizing was "this is the feast" – a gift received while sitting (and sometimes playing) in your pews. Throughout elementary school and high school, I learned about God and the good news; and empowering love of Jesus Christ by watching, listening, partnering, and being a part of you. You commissioned Kate and me as missionaries to Namibia; and supported us with your resources, prayers, and thoughtful gestures during our years there. Throughout my time in seminary, you have continued to support me monetarily, in prayer, and in opportunities to develop and strengthen as a leader of the Church. For this and so much more that goes unsaid, I say thank you, and pray that the good work God has been doing through you will continue to flourish and be brought to its full bloom by the day of Jesus Christ!

Seminary has been a time of growth for me. From the intellectual thrill of classes (I'm a geek, I knowJ), to experiencing the Spirit's power of healing as a chaplain, to learning the rhythms and possibilities of congregational life on internship, I have been given the opportunity to grow deep roots into the life and body of Christ – deep roots that will continue to serve me well in the challenges and possibilities of the work ahead.

This May, I graduated from Luther Seminary with a concentration in Missional Congregational Leadership and also won the Milton prize for best paper in Old Testament. Next year, I will be serving as a chaplain resident at Fairview University Hospital while Kate finishes her BFA in Ceramics at the U of MN. After that, I will enter the ELCA's assignment process with ordination as a pastor once I receive a congregational call. In all of this, I am continually grateful for the support and accompaniment you have shared with me. I can't even say how many times I've talked about the lay leadership and reality of the priesthood of all believers and loving communion of saints that I have experienced in your midst. In fact, I can easily say with Paul that, wherever I go, I hold you in my heart, even as you have held me in yours.



The way that Paul wrote verse seven of Philippians can actually be translated either "you hold me in your hearts" or "I hold you in my heart" - which seems appropriate as both he and the congregation he was writing to were holding each other, even as they were being held. That's how it works when we come to know and love each other. Yet what truly matters isn't our holding one another, but who holds us and has held us together; the One who brought us together in the first place and who began a good work in you so long ago.

It has been a great journey so far in the grace of our God who loves us more than we love ourselves and who is always faithful to complete the good work he has begun. May God continue to bless you, your mission and ministry, your outreach, and your growth in discipleship as you continue to seek and follow our Lord, in Menomonie and beyond. May God continue to hold all of us as we venture into the adventure and possibility of living life in the light of God's grace, and serving side by side in the vineyard of our Lord.

Your son and brother in Christ,

Grant Applehans

## Preschool Ponderings -A View from the Basement

Greetings to everyone from the preschool! It has been a busy summer for the staff— cleaning and organizing; collecting and redirecting items; and getting ready for another wonderful year of sharing the joy of Jesus with young children from our congregation and community.

We add a new staff person this year—Andrea Winsand will be a teacher in the Tuesday-Thursday class and will also be helping out in one of the afternoon class times later in the year. Andrea has an Early Childhood degree from Stout and brings new excitement and ideas to the preschool program. She and her husband, Tim, have two children—Wyatt who will be starting kindergarten in the fall and Maggie who will be in the Tuesday-Thursday program. Andrea joins the current staff—Mrs. Lisa Brogan, Mrs. Kaye Wurm, and Mrs. Tamara Borcharding in providing opportunity for young children to grow and learn in a Christ-centered environment. Welcome Andrea!!

Our Savior's Preschool has been a part of the ministry here since the fall of 1993. The preschool has been blessed to share the stories and the wonders of God. Each day children are reminded of how much they are loved by God and how important they are in continuing to tell the story of love and kindness; of caring and sharing; of doing what is right in the eyes of a loving God. The staff is so aware of the enormous task of providing a role model for these young children. As always, you, as members of Our Savior's help in that task by keeping the Preschool, the children, and the staff in your prayers. Continue to pray that God's love and kindness are taught in a manner that allows these young children to grow and mature in their faith walk.

### **Are you looking for other ways you could help support this ministry?**

Here are some items the preschool is looking for:

- women's high heeled shoes
- clip on earrings
- vests from men's suits
- prom dresses
- old purses
- old cameras or cell phones



Here are some items the preschool have on their wish list:

- bean bag chairs
- napkins for snack time
- Kleenex (always needed for runny noses)



### **Want to do something else?**

The preschool staff continues to work to keep their salaries down, but the cost of supplies continues to grow—if you would like to make a monetary donation to help offset some of the consumable supply costs, that would be most appreciated.

### **Still want to do something else?**

Thrivent also has a program called Thrivent Choice where you can direct your member benefit dollars to the preschool—this is a relatively new program and allows those people who have a Thrivent policy to determine where their money can go rather than having Thrivent decide for them. If you need more information, please talk to Mrs. Borcharding. The preschool is enrolled in the Thrivent Choice program and has benefited from the program. Thanks again for your continued support of the preschool. May we all continue to grow and learn under the love of the Creator.



## Memorials and Gifts

### GENERAL FUND

In honor of John & Muriel Mikkelson given by Marilyn Lee  
In honor of John & Muriel Mikkelson given by Al & Lorayne Baldus  
In memory of Eugene Johnson given by Lois Debee

### GREATEST NEEDS FUND

In memory of Robert & Lynn Lecander  
In memory of Eugene Johnson given by Mabel Gifford, Jim & Ann Mense  
In honor of Steve, Tammy & Jessica Cook, given by Lois Debee  
In honor of Josie Tkachuk given by Bryan & Meagan Tkachuk  
In honor of Allison Smeltzer given by Kris & Emily Smeltzer

### CHANCEL RENOVATION

In honor John & Muriel Mikkelson given by Lois, Jeff, Lori, & Donna Debee families  
In memory of given by Richard Debee, given by Lois, Jeff, Lori, & Donna Debee families  
In memory of Eugene Johnson given by Jean Keck

### EDUCATION

In memory of William Forster given by Mary Ellen Marquardt

### RADIO BROADCAST

In memory of Richard Debee given by Lois Debee, children, and grandchildren  
In memory of Eugene Johnson given by Avis Smithback

### BENEVOLENCES

In honor of Dale Erickson & Mary Jorgenson given by Doug & Ann Larson

### LIBRARY

In honor of John & Muriel Mikkelson given by Harry & Barb Stai; Doug & Deb Hyde; Pr. Ron & Bev Burke; Erick, Leann, Ellyn, Emily, & Grace Mikkelson

### GLOBAL MISSIONS

In honor of John & Muriel Mikkelson given by Marge Kunkel

### PRESCHOOL

In memory of given by William Forster given by Becky Kneer

### READING CLUB

In honor of John & Muriel Mikkelson given by Marge Kunkel; Joan Keller

### YOUTH MISSIONS/EDUCATION

In memory of William Forster given by Marc Harding Association, Gary Halverson, Tom & Barb Johnson, Joanne & Thomas Howe

### FELLOWSHIP

In honor of Dale Erickson & Mary Jorgenson given by Marilyn Lee

## Official Acts

### *Parish Records –May 24, 2011– July 30, 2011*

#### **DEATHS:**

Eugene Johnson, died July 5, 2011, memorial service at OSL on July 8, 2011, Pastor Mark Hendrickson officiated.

#### **BAPTISMS:**

Eilyn Jean Black, daughter of Aaron and Jeanette Black, baptized at OSL on June 5, 2011, by Pastor Mark Hendrickson.

Clay James Meriwether, son of Brock Meriwether and Bridget French, baptized at OSL on June 5, 2011, by Pastor Mark Hendrickson.

#### **MARRIAGES:**

Jennifer Case and Joel Thurber, married at OSL on July 30, 2011, by Pastor Craig Case.



Greetings from Luther Park!

August 2011

**Heart for Luther Park Event:** Sunday, August 14: Mark your calendars now to join us for the annual Heart for Luther Park event on Sunday, August 14! We are looking for individuals to create and donate items such as artwork, wood-crafted items, quilts, other crafts, theme baskets and more for the Craft/ Quilt Auction, Silent Auction, and Quilt Store. Gardeners—we are also looking for produce, shrubs, perennials, house plants, and more. With questions, contact Diana at 715-59-2215 or [Diana@LutherPark.org](mailto:Diana@LutherPark.org).

**Luther Park Advocates:** We are seeking two people from each congregation who will serve as a team of advocates on behalf of your camp Luther Park. We prefer that your advocates not be church staff. We look forward to working with you!

**Come and Retreat with Us:** We have a variety of openings. **Perfect for a weekend get away with family and friends.** Are you looking to schedule a youth retreat or a women's retreat? Whatever the occasion, consider staying at Luther Park! Inquire with [Jon@lutherpark.org](mailto:Jon@lutherpark.org) or 715-859-2215.

**Choir Retreat:** Calling all singers!! On Saturday, September 17, 2011, Luther Park and Luther Point will be hosting a day-long choral retreat at Luther Park! Dr. Elliot Wold, Retired UW-RF Choral Conductor, will lead the retreat choir in the conversation about Christ through song. Join other singers in mastering pieces of choral music while fellowshiping with one another in a setting that fosters relaxation and recreation. The retreat culminates with worship. 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Cost for the day is \$40 (\$20 deposit) and that includes three meals, music, and workshop. Feel free to come Friday night, adding on \$15 for a 7pm arrival and lodging. Check out Luther Park's website for more information! To register or for more information: [Luther Park Bible Camp](http://LutherParkBibleCamp.org) 715-859-2215; General Email: [info@lutherpark.org](mailto:info@lutherpark.org); Website: [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org).

**Needs/Wish List:** We have some larger equipment needs and wants. Specifically, we are looking for good used vehicles, preferably Mini-vans or mid-size sedans.

**Fall Retreats / Offered Jointly with Luther Point:** Check out our website [LutherPark.org](http://LutherPark.org) and choose a retreat offering:

Choral Retreat, September 17 at Luther Park

Quilting Retreat, Sept. 22-25 at Luther Park, also Feb. 2-5, 2012

Advent Fellowship and Cookie Baking: Dec. 3 at Luther Point, Dec. 10 at Luther Park

Recharge, Elementary, (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) Oct. 21-22, 2011

Recharge, Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) Nov. 4-5 and Jan. 6-7, 2012

Together in Ministry

Rev. Craig M. Corbin, Interim Executive Director



# Health Ministry



## August Greetings...

Are you sometimes at a loss for words when you pray? I am. Here's a story which reminds us that we aren't required to have just the right words! *Becky Kneer, Parish Nurse*

One night while babysitting, a grandfather passed his granddaughter's room and overheard her repeating the alphabet in an oddly reverent fashion. "What on earth are you up to?" he asked.

"I'm saying my prayers," explained the little girl. "But I can't think of exactly the right words tonight, so I'm saying all the letters. God will put them together for me, because he knows what I'm thinking."

## Shingles

**Facts:** Varicella-zoster virus is the cause. After a person has had chickenpox, the virus remains dormant. Later it can become active, travel along the affected nerves and cause symptoms. About 1/3 of the US population will get shingles at some point in their lives.

**Symptoms:** Pain, often tingling-type, may become burning or stabbing. Rash on body or face, usually affecting one side but may be on both. Blisters that develop in the rash site and then become crusted. Fever, headache, fatigue and/or chills.

**Treatment:** Anti-viral medication, if taken within 72 hrs can shorten the length & severity of symptoms. Must be prescribed by a

Complications: Most frequent is post-herpetic neuralgia, a sharp pain along one or more nerves which may last months or years.

**Prevention:** A vaccine is recommended for those age 60 and older. *Have you had yours?*

## Check Out These Opportunities

- ⇒ **No Hassle CPR Class: Tues, Aug 23, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Add your name to the sheet on the Health Ministry Bulletin Board...or contact Becky (235-0693 ext 17)
- ⇒ **Work Day at GHM** (Global Health Ministries) **on Wed, August 31** in Fridley, MN. Carpool will leave about **8:00 a.m. and arrive back about 3 p.m.** A great day of helping to prepare medical supplies and equipment for shipment to other countries. Contact Becky Kneer, Don Kuether or Cal Christianson if you'd like to join us.
- ⇒ **FREE Health Day** Volunteers needed on Sat, October 15, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. at Menomonie Middle School. A variety of health services will be offered to those uninsured or underinsured. This event is being sponsored by 7 local churches, including Our Savior's. This is the first time it's being held in our community.
- ⇒ **Blood Pressure Checks** are offered monthly on Sunday mornings during coffee hour
- ⇒

## Being Prepared—Outdoor Warning Sirens

Here's some info to help you better understand the warning sirens we hear this time of year. Please note that *the siren is meant to prompt you to seek more information...not necessarily that severe weather is imminent, as is often thought.*



**Why use outdoor warning sirens?** Sirens are still the most effective method to warn the population at large in the shortest amount of time. People who may be outdoors at ball games, in their yard, or anywhere else where they are not in contact with the normal news media channels such as radio, TV or local public address systems.

**Why are they called outdoor warning sirens?** Their primary purpose is to alert people who are **outside** to an emergency that is located near their area and *may* affect them. While you may be able to hear the siren inside your house, this is not their primary function. (This may include emergencies other than severe weather...such as a chemical spill).

**What should I do if I hear an outdoor warning siren?** You should seek shelter inside immediately. Once inside, you should tune in to a local television, radio station, or weather service radio to find out further information. Local officials will be disseminating information about the emergency through these outlets. Based on this information you can take the appropriate actions to protect yourself and your family.

**When are the outdoor warning sirens tested?** They are tested at 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month during the spring and summer seasons. In the event of threatening weather, the test may be postponed.

*Source: Dunn Co. Emergency Government*

## Thanks

to all who helped with the School Supplies for Afghanistan Project!



21 boxes weighing 213 pounds were sent to Dr. Paul Horvath & Operation Outreach Afghanistan on June 15!

Thanks also to the OSL Endowment Fund for providing funding for shipping!

## Smile....

A church usher greeted two strangers and asked them where they would like to sit. Looking confused, a young man replied, "Nonsmoking, please."

## August 2011 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Sunday, August 7	Sunday, August 14	Sunday, August 21	Sunday, August 28
<b>Ushers/Greeters (need 4)</b> <i>Scheduled by Office:</i> <a href="mailto:info@oslme.com">info@oslme.com</a>	9:00– Louis & RoseAnn Husby Tim & Kathi Lehmann	9:00 – Gene & Gloria Kraemer Kim & Karen Fruit	9:00 – Joe & Jenna Creaser family Gary & Sue Russo	9:00 – Dan & Brenda Krueger family John & Liddy Achter
<b>Lectors</b> <i>Scheduled by Office:</i> <a href="mailto:info@oslme.com">info@oslme.com</a>	9:00 – Sylvia Nelson	9:00 – Jim Anderson	9:00 – Marge Kunkel	9:00 – Kenna Krueger
<b>Communion Assistants</b> <i>Scheduled by Office:</i> <a href="mailto:info@oslme.com">info@oslme.com</a>	9:00 – (need 5) Judy Kirk Kris Lemke Joan Friedenfels Carolyn Barnhart Joel Seppa	NO COMMUNION	9:00 – (need 3) Lolly Baldus Anita Klamm Becky Kneer	NO COMMUNION
<b>Altar Guild Communion Set-up</b>	Team 2 Ann Thies, Cindy Paulson, Deanna Applehans	NO COMMUNION	Team 2 Kathy & Bob Hirsch	NO COMMUNION
<b>Acolytes</b> <i>scheduled by Confirmation.</i>	9:00 –	9:00 –	9:00 –	9:00 –
<b>Media Team</b> <i>scheduled by</i> <i>Troy Peickert:</i> <a href="mailto:tpeickert@charter.net">tpeickert@charter.net</a>	9:00 –	9:00 – Laura Maki	9:00 – Alli Norder	9:00 – Jesse & Stephanie Rintala



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS** - If your name should be on this list and isn't, please call the church office and let us know your birthday so that we can update our records. (715-235-0693 - or e-mail [office@oslme.com](mailto:office@oslme.com))

Marilyn McQuiston.....08/01	Kevin Path ..... 08/10	Marilyn Fedderly.....08/22	Kristine Buttke..... 08/28
Barbara Aronson .....08/01	Kelsey Jahn ..... 08/10	Peggy Terry .....08/22	Jake Lynch..... 08/28
Allison Smith.....08/01	Katie LaBuda ..... 08/10	Zach Kittel .....08/22	Molly Lynch ..... 08/28
Katherine Trimble .....08/01	Emily Lawrence..... 08/10	Emily Mooney.....08/22	Alexis Gibis ..... 08/28
Deb Hyde .....08/02	Judy Kahl ..... 08/11	Richard Olson.....08/23	Libby Bygd ..... 08/28
Paul Sterk.....08/02	Kathleen Mousel ..... 08/11	Barbara Solsaa.....08/23	Ed Andrist ..... 08/29
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Brooklyn Black.....08/02	Donald Clements ..... 08/12	Benjamin Bloom ..... 08/23	Madison Olson ..... 08/29
Sheri Nero .....08/03	Rob Mondlock..... 08/12	Tara Jeatran .....08/23	Foster Soper ..... 08/30
Gary Barnett .....08/03	Paula Shull..... 08/12	Karly Lewis .....08/23	Donna Hakes ..... 08/30
Carolyn Cole.....08/03	Robert Redlich ..... 08/13	Peter Lewis.....08/23	Aaron Wold ..... 08/30
Grant Imsande.....08/03	Kari Hintzman ..... 08/13	Nick Brenegan ..... 08/23	Adam Naatz ..... 08/30
Hayleigh Husby ..... 08/03	Jacob Lee ..... 08/13	Parker Verdon ..... 08/23	Caden Berg..... 08/30
Shanen Stainer.....08/04	Heather Howard ..... 08/13	Lynn Brantner.....08/24	Isaac Johnson..... 08/30
Samantha Butler.....08/04	Delaney Bignell..... 08/13	Richard Purves.....08/24	Ethan Schmidt..... 08/30
Rachel Hintzman ..... 08/04	Elias Anderson..... 08/13	Jeffrey Patterson ..... 08/24	Jeanette Daines ..... 08/31
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Stacy Hein .....08/05	Dwight McNaughton... 08/14	Amanda Waddell ..... 08/24	
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