



**SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR** Items for School Kits for Lutheran World Relief will be collected in August at OSLC. Martha Circle will coordinate the project. The following items are included in each kit: See Narthex display for list of items

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Bring items to the collection basket in the narthex. Donations for the drawstring bags and for shipping are welcome.



**JOIN THE COUNTING TEAM for 2018**

We are looking for 2 teams or more of 2 people to join our counting team. You would approximately count the offering once every other month or less if we get more team members. Other team members are willing to train you in. Let Joanne if the office know if you are interested. 289-3021.

We are looking for few more people to help with the backpack food program this next school year. We need people who can go to Channel One between 11am—3pm, pick the food up and deliver it to the church on Wednesdays for the Middle School Youth to pack up. We also need a few individuals that could deliver the bags to Hoover & Churchill on Thursday or Friday. If you are interested in more information, call Joanne or Pastor Ben at the church office at 289-3021



**ANY TIME** is the perfect time to take advantage of walking in the church. 8 – figure 8 laps around equals one mile. If coming over lunch, please call first.



**SAMARITAN BETHANY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Twice a year OSLC volunteers to escort residents of Samaritan Bethany nursing homes to their Sunday worship service who otherwise would not be able to attend without our help. Our month to help is September. Please arrive 1/2 hour before worship starts. Worship times are at 9:00 & 10:00am. Sign up on the Volunteer Bulletin Board in the offices' hallway.

# This Week at OSLC

Sunday, August 20  
Calendar Items Deadline  
9:00am Worship  
10:00am Fellowship  
Monday, August 21  
P.B. off  
Joanne off  
12:00pm Church closes  
Tuesday, August 22  
Joanne off—Dorothy Satre to cover office 9am—3:30pm  
Wednesday, August 23  
Joanne off  
6:30pm Worship

Thursday, August 24  
Joanne off—Joan Rose to cover  
8am—12pm  
6:00am Promise Keepers  
Friday, August 25  
P.F off  
Joanne off—Joan Rose to cover  
8am--12pm  
9:00am Weekly Prep  
Saturday, August 26  
Sunday, August 27  
9:00am Worship  
10:00am Fellowship

Greeters/Offering: Emery Bremer, George Meyer  
Communion Assts: Mary Ann Smith, Joan Rose, Sharon K. Peterson  
Usher/Offering: Bruce & Tammy Olson  
Prayer Reader: Mary Ann Smith  
Sound Board: David Flynn  
Coffee Prep: Byron & Darlene Stadvold  
Coffee Treats: **Stadvold's**  
Coffee Clean up:  
Offering Counters: Glenn Leckband, Chris Suby  
Altar Guild: Ruth Moran, Katie Zahasky  
Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht, Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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9:00am Worship

REFORMATION THEME VERSE  
Vocation

*Ephesians 4:4-6*  
*<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

OPENING HYMN  
**"As We Gather at..."** ELW 522

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
Reforming God, you have called us out to serve you in our various walks in life, and you have claimed us your own in our baptisms. Give us a clear focus on how we can use the talents and gifts you have given us, so that we may serve our neighbor and witness to your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

BIBLE READING Luke 8:1-3

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS  
Pastor Ben Loven

SERMON SONG  
**"Will You Come..."** ELW 798

DISTRIBUTION  
**"We Are Called"** ELW 720  
**"Soli Deo Gloria"** ELW 878

CLOSING  
**"Let Us Talents..."** ELW 674



PASTOR FRED SPEAKS FRANKLY,

“We’re going on an adventure,” we would tell our kids. “What are we going to do? Where are we going?” they would ask. “We’re going to the Black Hills, and we’ll go hiking and swimming, and we’ll see lots of interesting things.” “Like what?” Well, that is what makes it an adventure,” we would respond. “We don’t know for sure all of the things we’ll see or do. We’ll have to be ready for wonderful surprises.”

This fall, beginning with our Growing In Faith Together worship experience, **Our Savior’s will be going on an adventure. We have some good ideas of the terrain we will see. We’ll sing the songs of faith for every generation. We’ll hear the stories of God working in our lives from the book of Genesis. We’ll practice doing the Faith5 homework. We’ll continue to use and learn the essential parts of our traditional liturgy. We’ll feast on the meal Jesus prepares for us. We’ll learn about what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and be sent out to serve in that rapidly changing world. But we will also be going on an adventure. We’ll be surprised along the way with insights we weren’t prepared for. We’ll encounter road blocks (like the rattle snake we once did come upon), and we’ll have to go back, reassess, and try a different path. But, like we told our children, it will be fun if we’re ready for interesting surprises. It will be an adventure. One thing we can be sure of, no matter what we do or what missteps we make or what glories we find, God will be walking with us. The God of creation walked this earth and even died for us, and that same loving Spirit still walks with us now.**

Pastor Fred

IF YOU GO—RALLY DAY EVENT

Who: All are welcome

What: **“Let There Be ...** A Picnic! event. There will be food, fellowship, and fun activities for all. Tables and chairs will be available, but attendees are encouraged to bring picnic blankets and/or lawn chairs.

When: 11:00 a.m. September 10, 2017, Rain (Fellowship Hall) or Shine (Outside, extending from the Choir-Room Entrance.

Where: **Our Savior’s Lutheran Church 2124 Viola Road NE, Rochester, 55906**

Why: Who says church is not a picnic? Our picnic provides opportunities for attendees to have fun, build and strengthen **relationships with members and neighbors, and share God’s love and grace. Don’t be afraid to reach out and invite your neighbors, family, friends, and acquaintances.**



ARE YOU WONDERING WHAT GIFT MIGHT LOOK LIKE THIS FALL?

Here is the template we are considering.

Start in sanctuary with

Gathering: Songs, Remembrance of Baptism, Prayer

Word: Present the Bible story

Move to small groups in different locations--Pre K-Kind families, elementary families, and mixed aged groups for 20 minutes.

Remembering the Story: with activities, discussion, crafts, coloring, drawing, skits...

Return to sanctuary for

Holy Communion

Closing: Lord's prayer, Song, Blessing

The Bible stories for fall will take us through Genesis.



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*Our Savior’s Lutheran Church*

2124 Viola Rd NE

Rochester, MN 55906

WELCOME VISITORS!

*“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God.” Romans 15:7*

We welcome new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here.

You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sigh, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

WANT TO JOIN OSLC? If you are interested in becoming a member, please talk with Pastor Ben or Pastor Fred.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Phil & Amanda Kuper in **honor of Josie’s 2nd birthday.**

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Connie Leckband in memory of Grandson, Findlay Harrison Kveene.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Ajullu Niygwo; **John Hayen (Dave & Julie Eberhart’s brother-in-law)**; Betty Andrist; Marsha Dick; Karen Pflibsen

Military Concerns: Chris Sikich, Margaret & Catherine Maher; Paul Schroeder; Austin Nicklay; Clark Rose; Eric Brown; Scot Heathman, Ryan Nordstrom, Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and of our veterans who have served.

Missionary Partner:

The Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania.

Seminary: Nicholas Rohde

Joanne will be out of the office starting Friday, August 18th through the 25th. Her email will not be checked during that time so if you need something, please email or call Pastor Ben. No constant contact emails will be sent out during that time.