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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.

## Thank you

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church,**

Thank you for your participation in the wonderful picnic meal. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed a fresh homemade supper. We **appreciate all you do for us. Your team's work** and organizational skills were excellent.  
Dorothy Day Household

FUNERAL NOTICE

We are sad to announce the death of Faye Waldo. Faye's funeral will be September 14th at 2:00pm at OSLC. Please keep the Waldo Family in your prayers.



FAITHFULLY FIT

We will get back to a weekly routine for Faithfully Fit starting Thursday, September 21. Come to the church at 8:30 am for chair exercises, balance practice, and light hand weight workout. Lots of conversation and laughter fill the hour. Everyone is welcome.



GIFT: Growing In Faith Together.

That is our congregation's focus for the coming year and beyond. Helping families and our entire community grow in faith together is the goal of our 10:00 worship experience.

The service will have songs, greeting, confession, prayer, Word, offering, Holy

Communion, blessing, and sending. You may be thinking that sounds a lot like the 8:30 am service. And you are correct! What will be different is more interaction, discussion, and participation. The GIFT service will have a 20 minute breakout to dig into God's Word (and Small Catechism) through reflection, activities, hands on, and discussion.

Worshippers at the GIFT service will decide which breakout to attend:

- one geared for toddlers-Kindergartners and their families (in pod 1)
- one geared for families with elementary ages students (in pod 2)
- one geared for middle school, youth, and adults who choose not to jump in with the younger kids (in sanctuary)

Linda Holm and Bonnie Servais are guiding the Kind and under group. We need a couple/few people to shepherd the elementary age group. Activities, ideas, and questions have already been gathered for each week. Please contact the church office or Carole Joyce to volunteer or for more information.



ECHOES Weekly-Sept. 3, 2017

**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 sorrow, 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 Jim & Nadene Bunge.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Darlene & Byron Stads vold in honor of their anniversary.

\*\*September 10th has an opening for altar flowers. If you would like to give flowers, please sign up on the large bulletin board in the hallway.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Ardis Christen; 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



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refreshing your pitcher, bottle, or any Brita® product! Bring your Brita items to the church to be recycled. For more information or questions, contact Joleen Carlson at 288-9598 or email at my75montecarlo@aol.com

MUSIC PROGRAMS TO START

Grace Bells directed by Bev Gronvold to begin practice on September 7 at 6:30pm

Senior Choir directed by Ruth Benning to begin practice on September 6 at 7:20pm

Come and check us out. All new members are welcome.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT OSLC STARTING SETP. 13

FALL 2017 WEDNESDAY MEAL PLAN

Serving will begin at 5:45pm

Sept. 13—Lasagna, lettuce salad, dessert

Sept. 20—Sloppy Joes, fruit, dessert

Sept. 27—Walking tacos, dessert

Oct. 4—Pull pork sandwiches, coleslaw, dessert

Oct. 11—Mac & Cheese, hotdogs, vegetables & dip, dessert



**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP CONTINUES...**

If you can't make it to church on Sunday, there's a great option.

Join us at 6:30 pm each Wednesday night for a casual, come as you are worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS



IF YOU GO

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.



**BEGINS...**

SEPTEMBER 10 10:00am

See page 8 of Weekly for more information.



### SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR

Items for School Kits for Lutheran World Relief are being collected by Martha Circle through Sunday, Sept 3. Our biggest need is for notebooks.



The following items are included in each kit:

- 4 70-sheet notebooks, wide or college-ruled -- no loose leaf paper
- 1 ruler with at least 30 centimeters - can have inches on the other side
- 1 pencil sharpener (NO MORE NEEDED)
- 1 pair of blunt tipped scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers (NO MORE NEEDED)
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens - no gel ink
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 eraser 2 1/2 inches long

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



THE BANNER TEAM will begin meeting on September 15 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All new members are welcome to join us.

### QUILTING IN SEPTEMBER

The quilters will meet on Tuesday, September 19 at 9:00am in the fellowship hall. A big thank you to all who have donated items in the past. We always need clean used blankets and mattress pads for fillers as well as sheets. We welcome any who would like to join us on the 19th.

### HOPE LODGE WISH LIST

What is the Hope Lodge?

The mission and purpose of Hope Lodge is to provide a temporary home-like residence without charge to cancer patients. Hope Lodge facilitates the cancer treatment process by providing an emotional supportive environment, while reducing the financial burden of necessary multiple night stays.

September is our month at Our Savior's to collect items for the Wish List at HOPE LODGE.

Items requested

- \*\*Towels & bedding
- \*\*Laundry supplies
- \*\*Office supplies
- \*\*Cleaning supplies
- \*\*Paper products
- \*\*Gift certificates  
(gas cards-Target-Hy-Vee)
- \*\*Puzzles, board games, CDS
- \*\*Greeting cards
- \*\*Night lights
- \*\*Grocery & Kitchen supplies.

Please place items in the marked box in the Narthex.

### FOOD BACKPACK PROGRAM ALMOST SET...

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to help with this mission. We have the main areas covered, but we are still looking for individuals that could be willing to sub to pick up food or deliver to the schools. If you are interested in more information, call Joanne at the church office at 289-3021



### 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.



### *Circle Meetings*

Naomi Circle  
Date: Sept. 11 @ 9:00am  
Location: OSLC  
Hostess: Mary Ann Smith  
Bible Study:

Martha Circle  
Date: Sept. 13 @ 9:30am  
Location OSLC  
Hostess: Brenda Harmon  
Bible Study: Lois Rink

Sarah Circle—Potluck  
Date: Sept. 18 @ 1:00pm  
Location/Hostess:  
LeEtta Blumentritt  
1321 N. Heights Dr. NE  
Co-Hostess: Mary Kunert  
Bible Study: Group

Priscilla Circle  
Date: Sept. 13 @9:00am  
Location: OSLC  
Hostess: Sandy Miller  
Bible Study: Wanda Hagquist

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# This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Sept. 3  
 P.F off  
 P.B off  
 Samaritan Bethany Worship Assts.  
 9:00am Worship  
 10:00am Fellowship  
 Monday, Sept. 4  
 Office Closed  
 Tuesday, Sept. 5  
 Mike off  
 6:30pm Lay Ministry  
 Wednesday, Sept. 6  
 12:00pm Weekly Deadline  
 Joanne off  
 5:30pm Property Team  
 6:30pm Worship  
 7:20pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, Sept. 7  
 6:00am Promise Keepers  
 6:30pm Grace Bells  
 Friday, Sept. 8  
 P.F day off  
 9:00am Weekly Prep  
 Saturday, Sept. 9  
 OBA: other building activities  
 8:00am Cello Lesson in choir room  
 Sunday, Sept. 10  
 RALLY DAY!!!!!!!  
 Samaritan Bethany Worship Assts.  
 8:30am Worship  
 9:30am Fellowship  
 10:00am GIFT worship



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9:00 Worship Assistants  
 Greeters/Offering: Darlene Kelley, Bill Nicklay  
 Communion Assistants: Katie Zahasky, Darlene Kelley, Mary Ann Smith  
 Usher/Offering: David & Kidron Flynn  
 Prayer Reader: Katie Zahasky  
 Sound Board: Dean Frank  
 Coffee Prep: Dorothy Satre  
 Coffee Clean up: Bill Nicklay  
 Offering Counters: Bruce & Tammy Olson  
 Altar Guild: Jodie Westland, Ruby Florine  
 Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,  
 Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

## Prayer of the Day

Reforming God, in baptism you claimed us as your own, setting us apart to serve your creation. Remind us again of this calling, and give us the faith and courage to proclaim the good news of your love through our actions and words. Amen.

## Bible Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," <sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light

Revelation 1:4-6

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## Summer Worship

### REFORMATION THEME

Ministry of baptized /  
 Priesthood of believers

### THEME VERSE

1 Peter 2:9

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light

### OPENING HYMN

**"Come You Faithful..."**

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PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS  
 Pastor Roy Satre

### SERMON SONG

**"Rise Up, O Saints..."**

ELW 609

### DISTRIBUTION

**"A Mighty Fortress..."**

ELW 504

**"Soli Deo Gloria"**

ELW 878

### CLOSING

**"I Love to Tell..."**

ELW 661