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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.

SIGN UP FOR FELLOWSHIP TREATS CONTINUES...

Please sign up to bring treats to go along with the 9:30am coffee on Sunday mornings. You can sign up on the Volunteer Bulletin board or when the clipboard is sent around on Sunday morning. **Make it special for someone's birthday, anniversary, etc.**

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. 10, 2017

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

2124 Viola Rd NE
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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 Bill Nicklay.

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 HAVE STARTED

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



BEGINS TODAY!!
SEPTEMBER 10
10:00am

See page 8 of Weekly for more information.



On Wednesday evenings OSLC middle schoolers are invited to participate in middle school activities from 5 – 6:30 p.m. We will be rotating **FUN** activities, **FREINDSHIP** (curriculum led by Pastor Ben) and **FAITH** (discussions from members of our congregation). As middle schoolers (confirmation students) have done in the past, we will discuss highs and lows (5-5:15 p.m.), pack Channel One food bags (5:15-5:30 p.m.) have the **FFF** activity (5:30-5:45 p.m.), enjoy the meal together at about 5:45 p.m. and then attend worship with friends and family at 6:30 p.m.



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



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.



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.



I'VE BEN THINKING...

This Sunday begins our new GIFT worship experience! I invite everyone to come and experience this unique opportunity to learn and worship together with Christians of all ages!

One of the major components of GIFT is that it is replacing most of our other previous educational opportunities, including Sunday School and Confirmation classes. **Many of us hate to see Sunday School go, but we've come to realize** that it might be okay to try some new things with educating our kids, especially as the world around us has changed so dramatically.

This need to try something new also extends to our Confirmation ministry. However, ending Confirmation classes has been harder to deal with for many of us. One of the major concerns has been not having an opportunity for the middle school age kids to be together, and for them to be together with the pastors. To address this issue, we are starting up a Middle School Youth Group on Wednesday evenings! It will be filled with service, food, fun activities, some learning about friendship and other aspects of life, and a chance for them to hear the faith stories of our members!

We would love for you to be part of this! If you are asked to share **your faith story with these kids, please take that chance! And if you'd** like to volunteer to do this, please let me know! I hope to hear from many of you on Wednesday evenings!

-Pastor Ben

This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Sept. 10
 RALLY DAY!!!!!!
 Samaritan Bethany Worship Assts.
 8:30am Worship
 9:30am Fellowship
 10:00am GIFT worship
 11:00am Lunch
 Monday, Sept. 11
 P.B day off
 9:00am Naomi Circle
 Tuesday, Sept. 12
 11:30am Staff Meeting
 6:00pm HS Ministry
 6:30pm Business/Finance
 6:30pm Columbarium
 6:45pm Evangelism
 Wednesday, Sept. 13
 12:00pm Weekly Deadline
 9:00am Priscilla Circle
 9:30am Martha Circle
 5:00pm MS Youth Group

8:30am Worship Assistants
 Anthem:
 Greeters/Offering:
 Communion Assistants:
 Usher/Offering:
 Prayer Reader:
 Sound Board:
 Coffee Prep:
 Coffee Treats:
 Coffee Clean up:
 Offering Counters:
 Altar Guild:
 Organists/Pianists:

5:45pm Meal
 6:00pm MS Ministry Team
 6:30pm Worship
 7:20pm Sr. Choir
 Thursday, Sept. 14
 6:00pm Promise Keepers
 2:00pm Faye Waldo Funeral
 6:30pm Leadership
OBA: 7pm Sons of Norway
 Friday, Sept. 15
 P.F off
 9:00am Weekly Prep
 9:00am Banner Team
 Saturday, Sept. 16
 Sunday, Sept. 17
 Samaritan Bethany Worship Assts.
 8:30am Worship
 9:30am Fellowship
 10:00am GIFT Worship

Sr. Choir, directed by Ruth Benning
 George Meyer, Marie Nelson
 Bruce & Tammy Olson
 Ruby Florine, Kathy Norby
 Ruby Florine
 Sherry Rengstorf
 Arlysse MacGillivray
 Bill Nicklay
 Ruth Moran
 Scott & Joyce Bagne
 Jodie Westland, Ruby Florine
 Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,
 Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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8:30am Worship, ELW Setting One
 GATHERING SONG
"When Long before..." ELW 861
 THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM pg. 97
 SONG OF PRAISE ELW pg. 101
"This is the Feast"
 PRAYER OF THE DAY pg. 5 Weekly
 ANTHEM Sr. Choir
"Here I Am to Worship"
ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S WORD
 ELW pg. 102
 BIBLE READING Genesis 1—2:4a
 PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS
 Pastor Ben Loven
 HYMN OF THE DAY
"God Who Stretched" ELW 771
 CREED ELW pg. 105
 GREAT THANKSGIVING
 ELW pg. 107
 WORDS OF INSTITUTION
LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg. 112
 DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
"Lamb of God" ELW pg. 112-113
"Morning Has Broken" ELW 556
"Let the Whole Creation..." ELW 876
 SENDING SONG pg. 113
 CLOSING SONG
"Let All Things Now..." ELW 882

10:30am Worship
 GIFT WORSHIP