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HOW WE ARE DOING

8/31/2017 Actual Income \$ 271,486.13

8/31/2017 Budgeted Income \$ 306,899.36

8/31/2017 Actual Expenses \$ 305,430.76

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.

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.

FUNERAL HELPERS NEEDED...

Anyone is welcome to join the kitchen crew to help with serving and cleaning up. If you can help in anyway, please contact Arlysse MacGillivray at 281-1819.

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING—Contact Genise Troutman

We will be discontinuing the printer cartridge recycling program. The vendor that we were using has stopped accepting printer cartridges for recycling. If anyone knows of another program, please let me know.

We also have received for recycling several new/unopened printer cartridges that are available to anyone that is able to use them. The cartridges will be on the counter in the narthex until the end of September. The following are available:

HP 02 cyan

HP 02 magenta

HP 56 black

HP 57 tri-color

HP 60XL tri-color

HP 5162 black

HP 5164 color

Event Planning at OSLC

1. Check the online calendar at www.rochesterosl.org. This calendar is the most updated and will tell you if other events have already been planned.
- OR
2. Check with Joanne in the church office.

This is for all events happening at OSLC even if you've always done it that day in the past. Please try to plan ahead a month or two or even more.

This is a very busy building and it's generally first come first serve.



ECHOES Weekly-Sept. 17, 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 Cameron & Megan Rask in honor of their 7th Wedding Anniversary.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Bob & Joan Loos in honor of their 67th Wedding Anniversary.

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



JOIN US FOR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 7:00am to study the upcoming Sunday Bible reading. All men are welcome to attend. Coffee, juice and rolls are offered.

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

FALL 2017 WEDNESDAY MEAL PLAN

Serving will begin at 5:45pm

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.



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Upcoming Events



TANZANIA PARTNERSHIPS SUMMIT

Members of all the congregations with partnerships in Tanzania are invited to a Summit at Zumbro Lutheran Church on October 8 at 3-6 pm, dinner with a Tanzania

flavor included. This summit is for all the congregations of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod and will provide an opportunity for people to share stories of how their partnership is going and to be inspired by other people's stories. If interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Fred.

WOMEN'S EVENT

LAUGHTER! Ho ho ho! Ha ha ha! J

OSLC Women's Fall Event

Saturday, September 14, 2017

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Come for coffee at 10 a.m.

Learn about and try laughter yoga with Vicki Snyder.



NOON MEAL AT CHRIST UNITED

October 21

Shifts starting at 9am

See the Volunteer Board to sign up.

Your help is needed.



Help is needed at the Market. Go to www.rochesterosl.org and click the link at the bottom of Market poster.



GOOD GIFTS GALA Thursday, October 12, Rochester Golf & Country Club. Benefits Good Earth Village

FOOD BACKPACK PROGRAM ALMOST SET...



The schools are gearing up to start As of today... We have the main areas covered, but we are still looking for individuals that would 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



THE BANNER TEAM has begun meeting on Fridays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. All new members are welcome.

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.

Thank you

A WARM AND SINCERE THANK YOU to all those who made the Rally Sunday picnic a huge success. We served 101 hungry guests and we couldn't have made this event possible without many hands and good hearts.

With apologies to anyone omitted from this note, thank you to Al Pickett, Gil Boettcher, Tim Pickett, Tim Kunert, Dean Frank, Phill Domask and Phil Kuper for setting up and taking down 12 tables and 101 chairs and the trash management.

Thank you to the Parish Fellowship Ministry who always make this event a fun group activity and can whip the kitchen back into order like magic, Bonnie Servais, Diane Dunbar and Ruth Moran. And thank you to Pastors Ben and Fred who continue to guide us and encourage us to Grow In Faith Together. We are blessed to have you!

With warmest appreciation,
Marie Nelson and Katie Zahasky
Co-chairs, Parish Fellowship Ministry

Upcoming Youth Events



WEEKEND MISSION TRIP FOR YOUTH GRADES 8-12. November 4-5 we will serve in the Twin Cities! Cost is \$50. Let Cassie know if you have any questions or would like to participate!!



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING is June 24-July 2 (ish), 2018 in Houston!! Cost will be \$350! Join us along with 30,000 other youth from around the world as we celebrate and serve The Lord! This is a truly AMAZING opportunity!! \$150 is due September 24, 2018. Let Cassie know if you have any questions or concerns or

financial issues. Cost is never a reason to not go!! I promise you will be SO glad you came!!!



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.

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This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Sept. 17
Samaritan Bethany Worship Assts.
8:30am Worship
9:30am Fellowship
10:00am GIFT Worship
Monday, Sept. 18
P.B day off
1:00pm Sarah Circle
Tuesday, Sept. 19
9:00am Quilting
6:30pm Fair Trade
Wednesday, Sept. 20
Calendar Items deadline
12:00pm Weekly deadline
5:00pm MS Youth Group
5:45pm Meal
6:30pm Worship
7:20pm Sr. Choir

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:

Thursday, Sept. 21
Joanne off
6:00am Promise Keepers
8:30am Faithfully Fit
9:00am Zumbro Conference at OSLC
4:00pm Dorothy Day Meal
6:30pm Grace Bells
Friday, Sept. 22
P.F. off
9:00am Weekly Prep
9:00am Banner Team
Saturday, Sept. 23
7:00am Men's Fellowship
OBA: 6pm Sons of Norway
Sunday, Sept. 24
Samaritan Bethany Worship Assts.
8:30am Worship
9:30am Fellowship
10:00am GIFT

Sr. Choir, directed by Ruth Benning
Tim & Mary Kunert
Pam Shulze, Sherry Rengstorf
Bob & Renita Miller Family
Glenn Leckband
Tim Pickett
Bev Gronvold
Bev Gronvold
Ruth Moran
Kevin & Cindy Weber
Jodie Westland, Ruby Florine
Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,
Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

Prayer of the Day

Creating God, by your breath you give life to the world. Breathe into us anew this day, so that, refreshed by word and meal, we may go out in joy, ready to tend the world you created; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

EXPLORING THE STORY AT HOME

Creation Again (Genesis 2:4b-25)

Read the story again. Note three details that jumped out at you, and why you noticed them. Are they important for your understanding of the story? Do they tell you something about life?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What difference does it make that God created humans first in this story, rather than last like in the previous story (Genesis 1:1-2:4a)?

Catechism Connection

Martin Luther wrote the catechism not for pastors to teach kids but for, **“the head of a house to present these things, in a simple way, to the household.”**

Read through Luther's explanation of the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed in the *Small Catechism*. Luther lists many things that God creates and continues to provide us with; what are some of those things Luther lists? What would you add to the list?

In our story from Genesis 2, we hear that God involves humans in the act of creating (naming the animals, caring for creation); thinking about **Luther's explanation, what are some ways we can be better partners with God** in this?

If you need a convenient copy of Luther's Small Catechism you can download a free catechism app (search for "Luther's Small Catechism") listed as being published by either 'Augsburg' or the 'ELCA'.

8:30am Worship
Journey With Jesus

GATHERING SONG
“Creation Sings...” on screen

ANTHEM Sr. Choir
“He Who Began A Good Work in You”

BIBLE READING Genesis 2

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS
Pastor Ben Loven

HYMN OF THE DAY
“When Long before...” ELW 861
or screen

COMMUNION SONGS
“In Christ a New Creation” screen
“Many and Great, O God” ELW 837
or screen

CLOSING SONG
“This is My Father's...” on screen

10:00am Worship
GIFT WORSHIP

