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DEAR OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, Thanks so much for your \$500 donation to Rainbow School. With your help, Rainbow School is able to meet its program needs, help others in need through our scholarship program, and provide children in the Rochester area with a comprehensive Christian pre-school experience. Teri Joyner
Rainbow School Treasurer

DID YOU KNOW ...

If you are busy on Sunday, OSLC offers a casual Wednesday Worship each week at 6:30pm.

Hearing devices are available in the sound system area at the back of the Sanctuary. These devices can be used with or without a hearing aid.

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

NOW AVAILABLE...OSLC Leadership Minutes. You can find them on the large bulletin board.



FAITHFULLY FIT meets on Thursday morning. 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.



PASTOR FRED SPEAKS FRANKLY,
Here's a few things I've been thinking about:

- Learned something new (again) at GIFT last Sunday. When the kids returned to the worship space, I asked them what they learned. They **were hesitant, and I knew I wasn't asking exactly the right question but wasn't quick enough on my feet to change anything.** Later, Sherry told me not to ask what they learned, but **"What did you do? What happened? What**

was the story about?" Keep it concrete for kids, and they will come up with beautiful answers for us all.

- I met with Billy Irons to lay plans for the fall stewardship campaign last week. We talked about how we can challenge people to think about money as a spiritual issue. Money has power, and too often money has power over us, and not the other way around. How can we undermine that power so that we are not anxious about money and faith in the true God is possible? I think I know.
- Is worship a time of respite from the world or is it a time to practice the spiritual tools we need to be faithful in the world? Do you come to worship to receive some sort of spiritual benefit from worship or to engage God in a conversation about the past and the future?

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-October 1, 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 Kevin & Cindy Norgard in **honor of Andy & Katie's Wedding.**

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Grant Florine; Terry Wagner; 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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God's work. Our hands.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT OSLC

Serving will begin at 5:45pm

Oct. 4—Pull pork sandwiches, coleslaw, dessert

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

LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS

October Congregational Collection
When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, **it's often to people who have lost everything.** In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a **toothbrush...and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world.** The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. **You can share God's grace and love by providing that simple comfort.**



What to Include...Guidelines

- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, **messages or your congregation's name.**
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended
- Two 4oz bath-size bars of soap or three 3oz bath-size bars of soap in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

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!
OSLC Women's Fall Event
Saturday, October 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 or in the Friendship Pads. 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.

OK GROUP EVENT

November 9, 1:00pm
Join us for a presentation of a trip to Germany by several of our members.





Circle Meetings

Naomi Circle	Martha Circle
Date: Oct. 9 @ 9:00am	Date: Oct. 11 @ 9:30am
Location: OSLC	Location OSLC
Hostess: Ruth Moran	Hostess: Lois Johnson
Bible Study: Mary Ann Smith	Bible Study: Brenda Harmon

Sarah Circle—Potluck	Priscilla Circle
Date: Oct. 16 @ 1:00pm	Date: Oct. 11 @9:00am
Location/Hostess:	Location: OSLC
Maxine Thoreson	Hostess: Group
1602 7th St.NE	Bible Study: Wanda Hagquist
Co-Hostess: Darleen Mensing	
Bible Study: Group	

CAN YOU TIE A KNOT? If the answer is yes, join us on October 17 at 9:00am in the Fellowship to tie quilts for LWR. Everyone is welcome. PS: Remember to think about us when cleaning your closets of bed sheets, mattress pads, blankets & yarn.



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.



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.

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Mission Trip



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.



"We are called to proclaim God's love and grace through Christ as we relate to each other and the world."

We are called...and this is your time to answer. The Nominating Committee is seeking servants to fill open positions on the leadership team of OSLC.

Open positions include:

- Vice President (filled)
- Director of Outreach (filled)
- Director of Youth and Education (Adult Education, High School, Middle School, and Library Ministries)
- Chair of Worship and Music Ministry (filled)

Job description: Willingness to serve, communicate with others, attend meetings and participate in discussion about the things that matter at OSLC!

What would Martin Luther do if he was called??

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This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Oct. 1
 P.F off
 8:30am Worship
 9:30am Fellowship
 10:00am GIFT Worship
 Monday, Oct. 2
 P.F out of town
 P.B. off
 Tuesday, Oct. 3
 P.F out of town
 Wednesday, Oct. 4
 P.F out of town
 12pm Weekly Deadline
 5:00pm MS Youth Group
 5:30pm Property Team
 5:45pm Meal
 6:30pm Worship
 7:20pm Sr. Choir

Thursday, Oct. 5
 P.F out of town
 Fair Trade Set up
 6:00am Promise Keepers
 8:30am Faithfully Fit
 6:30pm Grace Bells
 Friday, Oct. 6
 P.F out of town
 9:00am Weekly Prep
 5-7pm Fair Trade Market
 Saturday, Oct. 7
 8am-4pm Fair Trade Market
OBA: Cello Lessons
 Sunday, Oct. 8
 8:30am Worship
 9am-2pm Fair Trade Market
 10:00am GIFT Worship
 3-6pm Tanzania Summit @ Zumbro

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:

Merle & Betty Peterson
 Katie Zahasky, Joan Rose, Tammy Olson
 Marie Nelson, Pam Shulze
 Betty Peterson
 Bill Nicklay
 Doreen Markus
 Volunteer Team
 Bev Gronvold
 Scott Moon, Mark Troutman
 Diana Schroeder, Lorrie Swancutt
 Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,
 Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EXPLORING THE STORY AT HOME

Promises, Promises, Promises (Genesis 12-17)

This part of the story is all about the promises that God makes to Abram/ Abraham, and how God overcomes the many obstacles in the way of those promises being fulfilled (Abram is 75 years old, other people live in the land God has promised, etc.).

1. How do you know when you can trust a promise?
2. Have you ever made a promise that you broke? How did that feel? How did people react?
3. What promises has God made to us? Are there any obstacles in the way of those promises? How do we know that God is faithful?

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.”**

The story of Abram begins with God’s blessing. This blessing is God’s promise to him, a promise that sets the stage and context for all that will happen to Abram and his family.

Read through Luther’s Morning and Evening Blessings in the *Small Catechism*.

1. What do we ask God to do for us, as we make the sign of the cross? Does this connect with what God promises to Abram in his blessing?
2. **At the end of the Morning Blessing, Luther tells us to “go to your work joyfully.” Does this remind you of the story of Abram’s call (Genesis 12:1-4)?**
3. **At the end of the Evening Blessing, Luther tells us to “go to sleep quickly and cheerfully.” Why are we joyful and cheerful after we pray (a prayer that includes asking God to be with us and to forgive us, and entrusting ourselves to God throughout the day and night)?**

8:30am Worship, ELW Setting One

GATHERING SONG
“Lord, Take My Hand...” ELW 767
 THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM pg. 97
 SONG OF PRAISE ELW pg. 101
“This is the Feast”
 PRAYER OF THE DAY pg. 5 of Weekly
 ANTHEM
 READING ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 102
 BIBLE READING Genesis 12:1-4
 PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS
 Pastor Ben Loven

HYMN OF THE DAY
“We Are Called” ELW 720
 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
“I Want Jesus to Walk...” ELW 325
“I Received the Living God” ELW 477
 SENDING SONG pg. 113
 CLOSING SONG
“All People That...” ELW 883, vs. 1 & 5



10:00am
 GIFT Worship