

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

THE WORD

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With Pastor Mark Van House

Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS)

This month I'll begin the conversation about the SAS program.

At our OSL annual meeting we voted to participate in the SEMN Synod supported Stewardship program SAS. A number of ELCA synods are now promoting and supporting SAS (North Carolina Synod, Rocky Mountain Synod, East Central Wisconsin Synod, South Dakota Synod, etc.).

We will begin the 6-week SAS Fall Appeal in October and conclude in November. SAS is led by ELCA Pastor Mike Ward (North Carolina Synod – ELCA). Through SAS we will look to advance our discipleship in following Jesus and increase our current regular giving (from 2018 to 2019) to further our Gospel Ministry here at OSL and our outreach to the greater community with the Good News.

Members of the Stewardship Team attended the 1st training session at Gloria Dei Lutheran (ELCA) in Rochester this Spring and will attend the 2nd session on August 22nd. The Team is currently meeting twice per month in preparation

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STEWARDSHIP
FOR ALL SEASONS

for our Fall Appeal. In the weeks and months ahead we will be in contact with members of OSL through various means to provide more extensive information about SAS and the 6 week Fall Appeal.

This is an exciting opportunity here at OSL to increase the participation of members in the life of our faith family, build on our Living Everyday As Disciples/LEAD (SEMN Synod) with Christ, and strengthen more people in their stewardship practices of time, talents and treasures.

I look forward to seeing how we as a congregation can grow from “funding our yearly ministry expenses” to a stewardship culture wherein we increase our ministry outreach, give of ourselves out of gratitude to the Lord for all that we have and further our call as faithful people of God. Please lift up the Stewardship Team in your prayers for their work on our behalf.

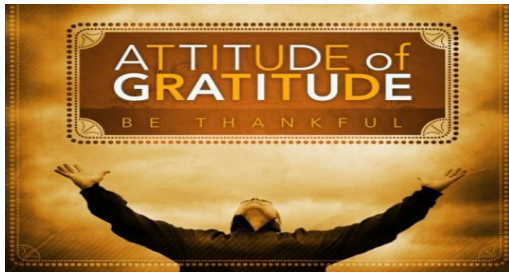
That's the word. – Micah 6:8b

Pastor Mark

Our Savior's Mission Statement

Using God's Word as a foundation, Our Savior's Lutheran shall, through meaningful worship, study, prayer and mission outreach, provide a Christ-centered atmosphere of enthusiasm, support, sensitivity and openness to all people.

**God's people find a place of belonging,
God's people devoted to seek God's purposes,
God's people committed to compassionate caring.**



Reflections

with Pastor Betsy Dartt

When it comes to Stewardship we are a people called to an “attitude of gratitude.” All that we have has its source in God. For this we give God thanks and praise. Remember that during the Summer months with lower attendance we also have lower offerings/giving. This impacts our Gospel ministry. As a faith family we need everyone’s support, spiritually and financially, year-round. Please continue to give generously whether you are here or away during the Summer months. You can always mail your offering to the church. Please Note: At this time we need to pay back a combined amount of about \$22,000 in our Lines of Credit to the C Kumm Fund and to the Bank. Please consider what you can give above and beyond your regular offering (weekly/monthly) to pay this back sooner rather than later. Thank you in advance! – Pastor Mark

A child came home from Bible School humming a familiar tune. Mom asked about the song. Cheerfully, the little one began to tell of the story about a big bear in the lesson for the day. Apparently, this was a very happy bear because he was called “Gladly”. “Well,” exclaimed the youngster, “This bear must have had some problems with his eyes. They even taught us a song about it!” Mother was intrigued. A song and a story about a bear who couldn’t see well. Mother wracked her brain in vain to remember a Bible story about a bear. “What is the song, Honey?” Mom asked. With gusto, the child sang out “Gladly, the Cross-Eyed (I’d) Bear.”

The child took in only what her limited experience could imagine. She didn’t yet understand what it means for a Christian to carry the cross as a follower of Jesus. I think a lot of adults don’t fully understand what it means to take up one’s cross and follow Christ. To be a Christian we must be ready to trade our dependence on the things of this world for the gift of faith in God who redeems, changes, and offers us a new vision of life. We die to sin and lift high a cross that proclaims victory over death. The only way to live is through faith in Jesus Christ. There is nothing we can do to merit the grace of God.

At Our Saviors, we are claiming a vision for ministry reaching far into the 21st century. We are a people who take up the cross of Jesus Christ to proclaim God’s power and grace in the lives of all people. There are so many who need to hear the Lord’s proclamation for right living. There are so many who need to know that we are accountable for our choices and our actions. There are so many who need to feel forgiveness for causing harm or hurt. There are so many who need to feel the healing strength of Jesus who died and rose for each of us.

Look around at what’s happening to the people in our community. See what is happening with our youth that changes everything. Expect new ideas with the upcoming Stewardship for all Seasons. It is risky to change from the old to the new, but Jesus continues to call us beyond what is easy and comfortable to challenge us with the vision that will bring the good news of Christ to the world. Let us gladly focus our eyes on the cross (Does that make us cross-eyed?) and lift the kingdom of God to all who are willing to see.



If Only You Would Ask

A Guide to Spending Quality Time With the Elderly
Co-authors

Joan Bachman and Eileen Berger

Part III: If Only You Would Ask gives suggestions for tapping into memories that may not have been thought about or talked about for years!

Topics such as Family Outings and Vacations (ex. visiting historic sights, trip they’ll never forget), friendships or pets.

Every person has stories to share..... *If Only You Would Ask!*

The best classroom of all is at the feet of the elderly. ---Andy Rooney

Books can be checked out at a display in the church. The book is a quick read so we’re hoping they will be returned in a timely manner to be available to others. Purchasing is an option.

The Caregiver Team

Readings for August

August 4-5 –

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost-Lectionary 18

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm: Psalm 78:23-29

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel: John 6:24-35

August 11-12 –

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost-Lectionary 19

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-8

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

August 18-19 –

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost -Lectionary 20

1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 34:9-14

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

August 25-26 –

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost -Lectionary 21

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22

2nd Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6:56-69

Scriptures subject to change.

Do you have any interesting stories, anecdotes, or upcoming notices for the church bulletin or newsletter? Send your information to Renee via email at oursaviors@mediacombb.net, bring it in to the office, or mail it to the church address. Thank you.

Bluff Country Singers Rehearsals: **August: NO** rehearsals; **September:** 9-9-18 & 9-16-18 @ 6:00 PM; **October:** 10-14-18 & 10-21-18 @ 6:00 PM; **November:** 11-11-18 & 11-18-18 @ **3:00 PM**; **December: Sat.,** 12-8-18 @ **10:00 AM** & 12-9-18 @ **1:00 PM, Dr. Rehearsal; Christmas Concerts: December 9 at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM.**

Please note!

Please remember to have family notify the church office if you are in the hospital. The privacy data laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church of your admittance.

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NEWSLETTERCHANGES

Beginning This Month, we will begin to print the paper version of the Newsletter in Black and White and the Bulletin –with occasional color inserts.

The Online/E-Mail version of the Newsletter will still be in color. Color printing costs quite a bit more than black and white printing on our copier –we have had to increase our monthly printing costs by \$45+ due to this. This is good stewardship to use funds elsewhere for Gospel ministry by keeping color copy costs down.

Also, for those of you with E-Mails who still receive Paper Copies. Beginning this Fall we will transition to sending you an e-mail link rather than a paper newsletter copy. This also saves on paper and ink costs, again opening those funds to be used for other Gospel Ministry purposes. Thank You!

We are hosting a Mini VBS on August 12th from 4:00–5:30 PM. Please sign up on line! If you need the link check Facebook or contact Gina Jahn: 507–251–1610. We are having a water theme for the evening, so please dress accordingly!

Back to School Kickoff distribution will be held August 8th from 6:00-7:00 PM. We will set-up on Monday, August 6th from 5:00-6:00 PM. We will need helpers for both evenings. Contact Gina Jahn 507-251-1610 to sign up!



We will also be seeking supplies or funds to purchase supplies. We are in need of backpacks this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



On August 12, 2018, we are going to have a *Blessing of the Backpacks*. Children of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks (or for some of you it might be a briefcase) to have blessed for the new school year!

Dennis and Jane Timmerman wish to thank the members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church for your prayers, encouragement and support following our car accident in May. Thank you as well for the wonderful Caring Casserole and prayer shawl. We are doing well and are deeply thankful for your caring.

**Thank
You!**

Thank all of you Christian siblings for your prayers, support and good wishes; your cards

*Thank
You*

and visits; your gifts and food. You made healing happen quickly and painlessly for me! You have been such a blessing!!
Shirley Gangstad



**Let's Make the
Outdoor Worship a
Drive-in!**

On Saturday August 11, 2018, at 5:30 PM, we gather at the South pavilions for a lively worship with the Arnold~Bradley Band.

Those who heard them last year were inspired by their wonderful gospel music.

This year, in addition to lawn chair seating, we are arranging things so that people who have a hard time moving around, can sit in their cars to enjoy the worship. We can even bring a plate of good food like the car hops at the drive-in!

We have several couples and some others who don't get out to our church building easily. Pastor Betsy brings communion to them, and others visit and call. But being with the community of faith is life giving.

We need some willing volunteers who might pick up and drive one or two of our more home-bound people to the park. Call Pastor Betsy at 507-884-4853 to connect with someone who needs you.

The worship and picnic will be great for everyone. Bring friends and especially bring those who don't get out so much.

**Caring & Concerns for members & friends
in Special Care Facilities**

Spring Valley Senior Living & Rehab:

Jan Christopherson
Georgine 'Jean' Davis
Adah Fowler
Bob & Maxine Jahn
Arlene Kappers
Maxine Mlenar
Donna Rowe

Spring Valley Senior Living-Evergreens:

Dorothy Hafner
Mick Rathbun
Elaine Sheldon
Florence Thorson

Spring Valley Estates:

Warren & Eileen Freeman
Bev Jertson

Ostrander Care & Rehab:

Russell Hancock
Ruth Ness
Dale & Juneus Ristau
Darrell & Glenna Vikse

The Brooks, Owatonna:

Pastor E. C. Franke

Grand Meadow Care Center & Rehab:

Lester Fimon
Jack Fox

Senior Living, Rosemount:

Melvin Schmidt

Samaritan Bethany, Rochester:

Al Austin

Stewartville Care Center:

Jewel Ruud

Cottagewood Senior Community, Rochester:

Al & Karilyn Reiland

Known to have been hospitalized in July:

Kevin Beck
Pastor E. C. Franke
Russell Hancock
Eileen Freeman
LaVern House
Noreen Hebig
Jan Christopherson
Irma Rathbun

WELCA NEWS

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Thank you to those responding with towels & soap for health kits..

NEEDED: bath towels in medium colors; bath-sized bar soap (Ivory's a good one.)

The Bakeless Sale is on-going. The donations help a great deal in funding the church and social agencies that we support. Keep up the good work!

All women of the ELCA are welcome to join a meeting. Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.

Rachel Circle will not meet in August.

Rebekah Circle will not meet in August.

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Available for office visits most Tuesdays and Thursday 1 – 4 pm, available Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings by appointment. Staff meetings Wednesday afternoons – some visitation times are available. Pastor's text study is on Wednesday mornings.

Pastor Betsy Dartt-Visitation Pastor
Cell 507-884-4853 betsy.dartt@gmail.com

STAFF

Bookkeeper – Kathy Merkel
Custodian – Toni Sanders
Education Coordinator – Gina Jahn Cell 251-1610
Music Coordinator – Elliott Grandall
Office Manager – Renee Ziebell
Youth Coordinator – Ann Oeltjen youthatosl@yahoo.com

Office Hours: M-F 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

June/July were huge months for me, as an education coordinator and as a congregation member. June began with VBS and ended traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas! It was great for me to see the children that I have had through Sunday School and confirmation build on their faith at this wonderful event. This congregation can be proud of the youth and know that they represented OSL positively and took with them the lessons they learned here. I want to personally thank the congregation for supporting this trip and the faith formation of each of these youth. The support of this congregation and the parents of each of these youth that made the trip possible.

Summer is a time of preparation for fall programming. I am ordering supplies, reading material and meeting with program staff to provide the best possible programming for OSL. I have been enjoying the pictures of Flat Luther traveling with our Sunday School children and youth. I look forward to the return of our Sunday School program in September!

Blessings to all,
Gina Jahn
Part-Time Education Coordinator
rickjahn71@gmail.com
507-251-1610

Deaths

Irma Ruth Rathbun 10/2/1931-7/21/2018

May the Risen Christ be the comfort and hope of all who mourn.

Baptisms

Alyssa Mahriey Queensland (4-11-2018) Baptized on July 8, 2018

Daughter of Megan Queensland.

Sponsors Zachary Queensland, Jennifer Guske, Chris Queensland.

Transfers

Leo 'Red' Bernard to Faith United Methodist Church, Spring Valley.

Scott Erickson to Little Falls, MN.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Honor of **Ann Thon's 70th Birthday**

Building Maintenance Fund

Ryan & Wendy Thon

In Memory of **Anita Anderson**

Audio/Visual Fund

Dorothy Simpson

General Fund

Children of Anita Anderson

WELCA

Evelyn Clark, Kathy Clark

In Memory of **Clarice Clark**

General Fund

Mick Rathbun

In Memory of **Irma Rathbun**

Audio/Visual Fund

Myrna, Steve & Erik Legreid, Shirley Gangstad, Jerry & Marlene Rollie

Building Maintenance Fund

Rhoda Jones. Lee & Carol Himle, Will & Evelyn Mohlis, Kelvin &

Linda Niemeyer

Cemetery Fund

Dale Klingerman

General Fund

Mick Rathbun, Norb & Marlys Reiland, Sharon Goede, Carol L. Kohn,

Steve & Brenda Sheldon, Charles & Marilyn Liebold, Bruce & Deanne Spurgeon, Deenie Seabright,

Ken & Joan Kujath, Lyle & Bonnie Kruegel, Randy & Penny Ness, Sue Kolling, Steve & Diane Hafner, Friends

Memorial Fund

Marv & Carol Lenz, Anita Nelson & Friends

Music Fund

Boyd & Bonnie Grabau, Carol J. Kohn, Brent & Sarah Kohn, Marge Lenz, Friends

Organ Fund

Dick & Sharon Jahn, Mike & Donnette Vikse, Harris & Geraldine Williams,

Ray & Ruth Lemke, Kenny & Brenda Clark, Elliott & Karen Grandall, Ken & Joanne Vrieze

WELCA

Mick Rathbun, Jan Mlenar, Evelyn Clark

Dates to Remember

August 8 - Back to School Distribution at OSL 6:00-7:00 PM

August 11 - Worship in the Park and Potluck Picnic

August 12 - Blessing of the Backpacks / Mini VBS Night

August 17 - NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

65th Wedding Anniversary

Darrel and Glenna (Jacobson) Vikse were married on August 29, 1953 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in rural Racine. Please send them your love with a card to: Ostrander Care & Rehab, 305 Minnesota St., Ostrander MN 55961

View the monthly newsletter & calendar, plus the Synod's: The Bridge, River Crossings, & WELCA River Channels newsletters; the ELCA's: Daily Prayer Ventures & Women of the ELCA, Interchange newsletter, and Gather magazine's mini Prayer issue, via our **website** on page 6 under Contact Us.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - There was no Council Meeting in July. - No Report



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If anyone is not receiving the newsletter or notifications from the church, either by mail, email, Facebook, or website, please let Renee in the office know and we will get your information updated. Thank you.

Let's Worship Together...

- Saturdays at 5:30 PM
- Sundays at 9:00 AM
- DVD played on Mondays at 4:15 PM at Spring Valley Care Center
- DVD played on Cable Television on KING4, if both weekend services are recorded, watch Saturday's service Wednesdays at 7:00 PM & Thursdays at 8:00 PM, watch Sunday's service on Fridays at 8:00 PM, and the following Sundays at 2:30 PM
- Spring Valley Care Center Communion, Tuesday, August 21st at 10:00 AM
- Hillside Communion, Tuesday, August 21st at 10:40 AM
- Evergreen Communion, Wednesday, August 22nd at 2:30 PM

Bring your friends

Everyone is welcome

Contact Information on page 5



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August 2018

If you are *unable* to serve when scheduled, *please find* a substitute and *notify Renee* with the change.

Worship Assistants Sunday (9:00) – August 2018

August 5:

Acolytes – Christopher Knode, Cole Kruegel
Altar Guild – Dawn Webster
Bread Provider – Helen House (1 loaf Saturday)
Communion – No Sunday Communion
Greeters – Rich & Evie Apenhorst
Scrip Sellers – (10:15) Nora Jahn, William Jahn
Scripture Reader – Kathy Baarsch
Videographer – Nora Jahn

August 12:

Acolytes – Shelby Beck, Mason Kolling
Altar Guild – Wendy Kauffmann
Bread Provider – Helen House (1 loaf Sunday)
Communion – Gina Jahn, Annette Hyland, Jerry Klevan
Greeters – Harlan & Pat Bucknell
PowerPoint Operator – Nancy Stender
Scrip Sellers – (10:15) Megan Queensland, Zach Queensland
Scripture Reader – Kathy Clark
Videographer – Dan Reiland

August 19:

Acolytes – Garrison Hubka, Hunter Middleton
Altar Guild – Annette Hyland
Bread Provider – Helen House (1 loaf Saturday)
Communion – No Sunday Communion
Greeters – Gareld & Verna Stockdale
Scrip Sellers – (10:15) Shelby Beck, Tessa Fox
Scripture Reader – Annette Hyland
Videographer – Rick Jahn

August 26:

Acolytes – Courtland Drury-DeBoer, Megan Queensland
Altar Guild – Gladys Peterson
Bread Provider – Helen House (1 loaf Sunday)
Communion – Penny Ness, Kelvin & Linda Niemeyer
Greeters – Harris & Geraldine Williams
Scrip Sellers – (10:15) Garrison Hubka, Jacob Welch
Scripture Reader – Ann Ihrke
Videographer – Dick Jahn

USHERS: (9:00) Ken Kujath*, Nevin Stender*,
Brad Ihrke
*denotes head usher

Offering Counter – Sharon Jahn

Deliver Meals on Wheels – Week of August 20-24:
Ken & Norma Northway, Geraldine Williams

Saturday Service: (5:30)

Scripture Readers:

Aug. 4 – Zach Queensland

Aug. 11 – Evelyn Clark

Aug. 18 – Shirley Gangstad

Aug. 25 – Marge Lenz

Ushers:

Aug. 4 – Carol Ahern, Eileen Rathbun

Aug. 11 – Ken Northway

Aug. 18 – Linda Kruegel

Aug. 25 – Sandy Richardson

August Service Group

Organizer: Nancy Willford

The service group lists are of people in the congregation who are asked to bring items for special events at the church. The lists have gone through some changes to try to even out the lists with people who can be available to respond in service. For a number of reasons, there are people who are not included on the lists (shut-in, live out of town, have indicated a desire not to be contacted, etc.) Thank you to all the people in Our Savior's who live out their faith in caring support of the ministries of the church.

Lechner, Jon & Ann	Marchant, Harlan & Turby
Legreid, Myrna & Steve	Marks, Dave & Colleen
Leibold, Dotty	Martin, Heidi & Jaykob
Lemke, Ray & Ruth	Martin, Taylor
Lentz, Mitch & Bert	McCabe, Pam
Lentz, Polly	McDonald, Jerry & Cheryl
Lenz, Marge	Meyer, Tracy
Lenz, Marv & Carol	Miland, Kim
Leutink, Joann	Mlenar, Jan
Liebold, Charles & Marilyn	Mohlis, Wil & Evelyn
Lorius, Evie	