

Salt Shaker

March 2022



Pastor's Letter: You Are Here

Written by Pastor JoHanna Buchholz

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd and leads us through Holy Week into the Easter season. This year, we'll move through Lent with a focus on the theme of "You Are Here." The creative pastors behind this theme (the Barn Geese Collective) write that, "We typically talk about Lent being a journey . . . And it's true: there is movement in Lent But what if Lent isn't only about journey? What if Lent is also about stationary place?"

Through this theme, we will focus on location and place: the Promised Land, God as shelter, our rooms where Jesus tells us to pray, the cross where no one expected a king to be, and a tomb that was surprisingly found empty.

As we focus on place, we will get our bearings in the places we gather together, and we will celebrate that no matter where we are, God finds us there.

I hope you will join in the Sunday and Mid-Week worship services throughout Lent to explore together what it means for us to be "here."

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New Office Hours

Thank you for your patience as we experienced transition in the church office. MaryIn Miller and Scott Buchholz are settling in as Office Manager and Communications Director, respectively. While each works only certain days of the week, they have arranged their schedules so that we can have regular office hours.

Our office hours are 9:00-Noon, Monday through Friday. Please call in advance, 701-662-5112, if you need to visit outside of these hours. And, if there is an urgent need for pastoral care, please call the pastor's cell at 701-381-2569.

Communications

How to advertise your church event

Do you have a church event you would like advertised? Do you need help with images, graphics, prints, or posts? Please contact Scott at OSLCCcommunicationsDirector@gmail.com with the Who, What, When, Where, Why, & How of your event. He will help set your event up for success.



Membership & Giving

Financial Health

Our year-to-date budgeted income is \$30,449.80 and actual income \$25,138.23.

Increasing your regular giving, even if by 1%, can help us meet our budget goals and do the ministry we've been called to do!

Go to the GIVING tab in the upper left of the OSLC website, click on GIVING ONLINE for the Aplos online giving portal.

Membership

Records Update

Please help us keep our Membership Records current. Forms are available on the table in the Gathering Space.

Offering

Offering envelope books

We have multiple Offering Envelope books remaining from 2021.

If you would like some, they are available on the table in the Gathering Space.

Write your information down on the form and be sure to write the booklet number. Correct the year on the envelopes from 2021 to 2022.

Amazonsmile

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-0349789>

Please consider setting up an amazonsmile account and assigning OSLC as your charitable organization. A percentage of all your Amazon purchases will be given to OSLC.





Happenings @ OSLC



**World Day of Prayer
Fri, March 4 at 2:00pm.**

Join with others from the Devils Lake community at Our Savior's for a time of prayer, service, and worship. This year's prayer service was written by women in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland and focuses on Jeremiah 29:1-14. Come to hear the stories of women who feel excluded, listen to the fear of a child refugee and see a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI). Stay for tea following the service!

Guest Preacher

Sunday, March 6th, 10:00am

Worship with Holy Communion:

Deacon Erin Power, Director for Evangelical Mission for the Eastern North Dakota Synod preaching.

The Gnome Patch

The Circle of Light invites you

We all had so much fun in December making the "Kissmas Trees," and we thought you would enjoy coming to The Gnome Patch at OSLC on Saturday, March 12th from 10:00a.m. to noon.

To reserve your spot, call Betty Johnson at 701-662-3303.

If you have a glue gun and glue sticks, please bring them.

Quilting Circle

Come quilt with us!

Meets Tuesdays at 9:30am in the quilting room.



Happenings @ OSLL

Communion Classes

Written by Pastor JoHanna Buchholz

At Our Savior's, we practice an open communion where all are invited to receive God's grace and to experience hospitality around the Lord's table. Though our tradition is for "First Communion" to take place around fourth or fifth grade, we confess and teach that God promises to come to all of us through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. As members of the family of Christ, it is our role to help bring people of all ages and abilities to the banquet to receive those means of grace, and to let the Holy Spirit awaken their faith. In my commitment to help bring people to the banquet, I am offering two opportunities to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion:

All-Ages Communion Class: Sunday, March 27th at 9:00-10:00am. This class is for PreK-12th grade students, their families, grandparents, curious congregation members, people who would like a refresher on Communion, YOU! Come and learn about the story of communion, how we practice, and why.

Holy Communion Milestone: Wednesdays, March 23rd & April 6th, 6:30-8:00pm. This class is for the 4th - 6th graders who have been waiting to receive their First Communion, and their adults. Come and learn about the story of communion, how we practice and why, as well as make some bread and a cup for your first communion. This class will take place on two different Wednesdays and will culminate with receiving communion at our Maundy Thursday service on April 14.

To ensure we have enough supplies for everyone, please let Pastor JoHanna know you plan to attend either (or both!) of these classes by March 20th, by emailing at osllcpastor@gondtc.com or calling the church office.



Happenings @ OSLC

Subscribe & Unsubscribe

The Salt Shaker is our monthly newsletter that is currently printed and mailed, emailed, and posted on our website.

The Salt Sprinkle is our weekly update and is only emailed.

Information is also on our website and Facebook page.

In an effort to reduce waste and be better stewards of your offering, we are asking you to help by updating the way you would like to receive communications.

To sign up for digital newsletters, go to OSLC's website and use the signup link.

To change your Salt Shaker mail subscription, email Scott or call the office.

Bring Your Basket . . .

Sanctuary Roof repair fundraiser

Put together a themed basket of goodies for the "Raise the Roof" sunrise breakfast and silent auction. Baskets are due by March 25th. Bidding on the baskets begins March 27th, and the silent auction winners will be announced on Easter Sunday!

Stuff Your Trunk

Spring Rummage Sale

A trailer is being provided to store large items at church leading up to the rummage sale. Beginning March 5th, large-items can be dropped off on Saturdays 9:00-11:00 am, Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am and 4:00-6:00pm, until the trailer is full. Space is at a premium, so please store your smaller items at home until March 31st.

Please be considerate and do not leave items in the church or around the trailer. Also, contact the church if you will need help moving items.



STUFF YOUR TRUNK CAMPAIGN

SPRING FUNDRAISER SALE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND

All proceeds will go to
Our Savior's Lutheran Church



The pandemic has impacted each of us in varying ways, including the Church.

With alternative ways to enjoy our services, we are seeing a reduction in the Church's offerings.

We are asking for your continued support by participating in our fundraising campaign: "**Stuff Your Trunk with Sellable Stuff**" in preparation for our Spring Sale on April 2nd. We will be accepting clean items that are in good working condition.

TIPS TO DECLUTTER & GET ORGANIZED

Ask yourself the following:

- Do you Need, Use or Love the item
- When was the last time you enjoyed the item
- Are you holding onto it simply because it was expensive (no longer adding value to you)
- Why do I want to keep it
- Would I rather have a tax deduction for donating the item

Hosts: **Circle of Light**

Event and Volunteer Coordinators: **Edie Johnson 662.3760** and **Betty Johnson 662.3303**

HOW YOU CAN HELP NOW

- There is something very satisfying about going through cupboards, hutch, boxes in storage, linen closets etc. and getting things organized
 - Make piles to Keep - Toss – Donate
- TIP: Apple boxes from grocery stores make perfect boxes, they are stackable, lidded, sturdy, and FREE
- Experts suggest if you have not enjoyed the use of something in the last year, it's time to let it bring joy to someone else
- Challenge family members and friends to do the same (ask for their donations)
- Save durable plastic bags for use during the day of the sale
- Consider donating baked or canned items
- Have a green thumb? Consider splitting plants or start cuttings from houseplants



CONSIDER DONATING:

- Furniture / Lamps / Rugs
- Kitchen Items / Dishes / Gadgets
- Home Goods / Décor / Frames / Lamps
- Linens / Curtains / Towels / Tablecloths
- Tools / Storage Racks / Cabinets
- Working Electronics and Small Appliances
- Toys / Games / Puzzles / Books
- Sporting Goods / Bicycles
- Garden Accessories / Plants
- Accessories / Handbags / Belts / Jewelry
- Seasonal and Holiday Items
- Baby and Children's Clothing
- Miscellaneous Clean and Sellable Items

Sorry, no adult clothing

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Join the Social Media and Marketing Team
- Pickup boxes from individuals with limited mobility (on call basis)
- Box haulers (1 day prior to sale)
- Bagging sold items (day of sale)
- Sign me up for other duties as needed



**STUFF YOUR TRUNK WITH
SELLABLE STUFF**
Fundraiser Campaign

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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**Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
February 15th , 2022**

OSLC Vision: *"All Are Welcome. Connecting...People to God, People to People, and People to Mission"*

OSLC Mission: *We are a caring family of God's children, growing in faith, spreading His word, and doing his work in the community and beyond.*

CALL TO ORDER President Char Burthold called the meeting to order at 5:39pm

ATTENDING Pastor JoHanna, Char Burthold, Sue Olson, Brad Benton, Maryln Miller

DEVOTION Pastor JoHanna led the council in an opening devotion for each attending member to share came to find Our Savior's and how we have grown in our faith in the church and community.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY AGENDA Brad made motion, Char Seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES Pastor JoHanna made motion, Sue seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Rachel was not in attendance for the council meeting and is planning to cover January and February financials during the March council meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS Brad made a motion to approve the bills for the month of February. Sue seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor JoHanna had one baptism and one funeral since the last council meeting.
- She discussed how the day to day operations of the church have been going in the last month with Maryln & Scott getting adjusting and trained in their new positions.

OLD BUSINESS

- New Member Welcome & Chili Feed is scheduled for Sunday, February 27th. We are inviting the congregation to bring a variety of chili soups and the council will be providing the extra condiments and fixings to go with the chili. Sue will coordinate meal with council.
- Lent Soup Suppers are being planned for Wednesday's during lent. The free will offerings from the proceeds for the soup suppers will be split between Hope Center, Benevolence and the Sanctuary Roof replacement project. The following groups will be providing the soups on
 1. Ash Wednesday, March 2nd – Church Council
 2. Wednesday, March 9th – Faith Formation
 3. Wednesday, March 16th – WELCA & Circle of Light
 4. Wednesday, March 23rd – Confirmation group
 5. Wednesday, March 30th – Confirmation group
 6. Wednesday, April 6th – Congregation (a roster will be posted outside the office for members to sign up to bring soups)

- First Communion classes are planned to begin during lent after Wednesday worship services for 4th & 5th graders, and Pastor JoHanna is interested in having a younger group of children that would also be interested in First Communion classes. The First Communion group will receiving their first communion at the Maundy Thursday, April 14th service.
- Rummage Sale is being planned for April 2nd with Eddie and Betty Lue Johnson coordinating the rummage sale and drop off of donations for the sale. Donations will be accepted at the church starting March 31st through April 2nd . With limited storage space in the church, a trailer will be located at the church from March 19th – 31st to store donated items that need to be dropped off prior to March 31st. Please coordinate in advance with church staff to drop off donation items prior to March 31st.

NEW BUSINESS

- World Day of Prayer is March 4th. Louise Olson from St. Olaf is taking the lead on the event with volunteers from several DL churches; OSLC is hosting. Pastor JoHanna is asking council members to be in contact/meet with ministry team members and come to the March council meeting with:
 1. Names of people to also invite to the team.
 2. One SMART goal for the ministry area.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Worship - Nothing to report.

Faith & Fellowship – Molly Johnson helped with sending out cards to people on prayer chain. Char is excited to get together with the Congregational and Care Ministry Team.

Communication/Care & Concern – Sue is coordinating the chili feed, lent soup supper providers, and ensuring enough supplies are on hand at the church.

Outreach & Stewardship – Nothing to report.

Property – Working to get multiple roof repair/replacement option bids in the next 30 days.

Youth – Nothing to report.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 20 - Meet & Greet
- Feb. 27 - New Member Welcome & Chili Feed
- March 2 - Ash Wednesday
- April 2 - Rummage Sale @ OSLC
- April 14 - Maundy Thursday
- April 15 - Good Friday
- April 17 - Easter Sunday

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WE SALUTE YOU Sweat heart providers. ****Names from Kari needed****

NEXT MEETING March 15th, 2022 @ 5:30pm

LORD'S PRAYER

MEETING ADJORNED Char Burthold called the meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

Respectfully Submitted by Brad Benton, OSLC Council Vice President