

# SALT SHAKER

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**All are Welcome - Connecting People to God, People to People, and People to Mission**

## THANK YOU

BY PASTOR TOM

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

- Philippians 4:4-7

My wife likes to make fun of me for asking people what they are thankful each Thanksgiving (insert groan here), but it helps me to see how God is working in their life. Now while we are nowhere near this harvest festival where we give thanks to God and each other for our blessings and gifts, it is a harvest time of sorts for me.

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### THIS MONTH AT OUR SAVIOR'S

**FACEBOOK LIVE AND  
LIMITED IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
SUNDAYS AT 10AM**

**PASTOR TOM'S LAST SUNDAY  
JULY 12TH**

Call Ahead office Hours  
Wednesdays 9am-11am

# PRAYER CHAIN

Mary Halldorson    Claudia Stoe  
Ella Fernandez    Liz Nelson  
Tracy DeCory      Derrel Britsch  
Claudia Stoe        Shane Oakland  
Myonne Peters     Marilyn Johnson  
Bryan & LaVonne Haugen

If you would like to include someone on the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at [oslcoffice@gondtc.com](mailto:oslcoffice@gondtc.com)

## OUR SAVIOR'S FINANCES

2020 BUDGET \$186,950.00

NEEDED MONTHLY \$15,579.17

Date	Attendance / Online Views
June 7	60 / 1,000
June 14	25 / 287
June 21	18 / 259
June 28	25 / 425

Cash/Check: \$7,628.00

Memorials: \$70.00

Simply Giving: \$2,165.00

Online: \$590.00

**Total \$10,453.00**

Hope Center \$140.00

Total Given through June: \$81,824.42

Total Needed through June: \$93,475.02

*For more information about the Simply Giving program, contact the church office at [oslcoffice@gondtc.com](mailto:oslcoffice@gondtc.com) or 701-662-5112.*

## Our Savior's Council

Brad Benton - President, Property  
Jared Schlenker - Vice President, Outreach  
Dewyn Halvorson - Secretary, Youth  
Luke Wavra - Treasurer  
Melissa Pavek - Care and Concern, Communication  
Kari Kempel- Worship  
Char Burthold - Faith and Fellowship  
Pastor Tom Westcott - The Church

## MEMORIALS

### **Oliver Johnson**

By: Chad & Karen Hunt

### **Gerald Johnson**

By: Loren & Jodi Nelson

By: Curt & Shannon Teigen

### **Ruth Haugland**

By: Loren & Jodi Nelson

### **Mike Tester**

By: Loren & Jodi Nelson

### **Jim Thompson**

By: Dale & Yvonne Dalziel

By: Bill & Julie Schuler

By: Don & Vicki Logan

### **Gary Remmen**

By: Scott & Darlene Brown

### **Kenny Koehn**

By: Bill & Julie Schuler

### **Esther Staver**

By: Bill & Julie Schuler

# THANK YOU CONT.

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My final Sunday with you all, the good people of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, is on July 12th. I will use the first few days of the week to tie up any loose ends in the office before packing up our cars and moving to my next call as associate pastor of Children, Youth, and Family ministries at Trinity Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

This month is my harvest. It is a time when I am called to give thanks for all that you have done to help form me into the pastoral leader that I am today. I can honestly say that without your guidance, support, mentoring, and playfulness I would not be who I am today. There are too many people to name in this small space, so I will say it to you all...

### ***Thank You***

I pray that God continues to stir up amazing things in this community of faith and that you all are moved by the Spirit to be God's hands and feet in the world. Again, thank you.

God blessings,  
Pastor Tom Westcott

# CELEBRATE THE WESTCOTT FAMILY

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRAD BENTON

Our Savior's will be holding a celebration and farewell party on July 12th after church service for Pastor Tom and his family. As we celebrate the time that we had with Pastor Tom we also want to wish him, Emily and the kids the best of luck on their next chapter of life in Wisconsin. They will be missed in this community in many ways, so come and join us all for hotdogs and cake in an outside "socially distanced" party.

The Church Council is now working with the Synod for an interim ministry Pastor and a Call Committee is being formed and finalized in the next few weeks. We are still in need of a few more members to be a part of this call committee which will help our Church find and select our next Pastor. Please contact anyone on the Church Council if you are interested in this process.

Sunday, July 12th  
Pastor Tom's last Sunday  
and Celebration

# CALL PROCESS TIMELINE

## STEP 1: PASTOR TOM RESIGNS

Join us for Pastor Tom's final Sunday with us on July 12th. We hope to have outdoor worship and social distanced fellowship!



## STEP 2: BEGINNING THE INTERIM

The council works with the synod to arrange for interim ministry. OSLC continues its mission and worship.

## STEP 3: MINISTRY SITE PROFILE

A congregational survey is completed with the help of the synod. With this information, a ministry site profile is crafted for potential pastors.

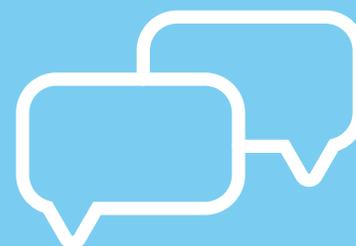


## STEP 4: CALL COMMITTEE

A call committee is formed and installed. Officers for this team are elected by the members.

## STEP 5: CONSIDERING CANDIDATES

The synod staff presents names to the call committee that have surfaced through the synod office, interested pastors, and congregation members.



## STEP 6: CALL EXTENDED

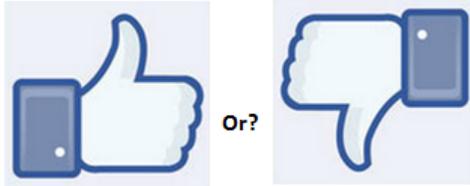
The call committee recommends a candidate to the council. A special congregational meeting is held to vote on the candidate. Interim ministry ends.

## STEP 7: CALL ACCEPTED & WELCOMING THE NEW PASTOR

The pastor has 30 days to accept the call. An installation date is set with the synod office. OSLC welcomes the new pastor.



# Media



Like many of us, you may have recently found yourself imbibing in more than your usual amount of social media, TV, radio, movies, etc. And there's a chance you may have become dismayed by some of the erroneous, divisive or even hateful things found on said media. But we also encounter things which remind us that media can be used for good, to make us think about ways we can work towards bringing more loving kindness and understanding into the world as Jesus instructed.

My latest example is from *Call the Midwife* Season 7 Episode 5. Sister Monica Joan is seen in the chapel talking to Ade, a Nigerian man of strong Christian faith, who has leprosy. Earlier in the episode he is alone, sick and in great distress, and all he can do is pray, "Jesus, help me." He ends up receiving the help he needs, first from a kind young man who has Down Syndrome, and then in the form of compassionate care from the Sisters at Nonnatus House and the local doctor and nurses. As the two of them talk in the chapel, Sister refers to the Bible passages where Jesus heals the leper, and notes, "You have been cast out because of your infirmity". Ade says he was cast out even before he became sick, and it was his life to walk alone. After oil was discovered near his home in Nigeria there was conflict, and he escaped by going to sea. He was "cast adrift". Sister Monica Joan assures him that "*None of us is cast adrift if we have faith. In the cross we find our anchor.*" Simple, but powerful.

Feeling a bit "cast adrift" right now, with all the changes in the world and in our church, I found Sister Monica Joan's words to be both comforting and true. That I found inspiration from this unlikely source also reminded me that, when used in an intentionally thoughtful and compassionate way, media can be a powerful force for good. Media has allowed the staff and members of OSLC to connect with each other in ways which we couldn't have envisioned just a few years ago. It has allowed us to continue worship together in a meaningful way, to engage in prayer practices together, find out what's happening in the church, and receive desperately needed messages of hope and inspiration. All good. Imagine what things would be like for us without it!

If we're feeling dismayed by the negative aspects of media, we can do something about it. We can decrease our intake of messages that are negative or hurtful, and increase our intake and output of positive, loving, life-giving messages. Remembering our anchor, we can pray for wisdom and guidance in our use of media, so that we may use it to enrich our lives and make the world a better place for all God's people.

# YOUTH NEWS

WRITTEN BY MEGAN WASNESS

## Take Home

## Vacation Bible School

### **Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls us Through**

#### **Dates:**

#### **Monday, July 13th • 4:00pm-6:00pm**

- Pick up TAKE HOME BAGS
- Parking Lot Scavenger Hunt

#### **Wednesday, July 15th • 4:30pm-6:30pm**

- Parking Lot Picnic Supper
- BINGO

#### **Location: Our Savior's Parking Lot**

#### **Details:**

- All materials needed for the week will be included in the bag
- Each child will receive a bag
- Music & videos that accompany the lesson will be emailed to families who receive bags
- No sign-up required -- just show up!
- Bring a blanket or chairs for the Parking Lot Picnic. All food will be supplied.
- No cost -- Free will donations accepted

Questions?

Contact Megan Wasness

Email: [megan.wasness@icloud.com](mailto:megan.wasness@icloud.com)

Phone: 218-235-1982

## Youth Gathering Update

I anticipate that there will be changes to the 2021 Youth Gathering, but at this time, the Gathering has made no official changes.

They have announced that they have decided to pause all upcoming webinars, the release of the Getting Ready Materials and the start of financial assistance, so that all may be adjusted accordingly for any possible changes.

We will continue to stay tuned to Gathering social media and website for updates, and we will update the congregation when we know of any changes.

## Devils Run Pancake Breakfast

July 11th Pancake Breakfast - CANCELLED

The 2020 Devils Run event has been cancelled, so our pancake breakfast that occurs in conjunction with the event will also be cancelled.

## Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes June 9, 2020

**Call to Order:** Jared called the meeting to order at 5:44pm

**Members Present:** Pastor Tom, Kari, Melissa, Jared, Devyn (via conference call).

**Members Absent:** Luke, Char, Brad

**Approval of Agenda:** Kari motioned to approve, Melissa seconded. Motion carried.

**Visitors and Communication:** NA

**Approval of Minutes:** Pastor Tom motioned to approve, Kari seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Luke had a recent surgery and was unable to reconcile statements in time for the meeting.

**Approval of Bills:** Kari motioned to approve the bills, Devyn seconded. Motion carried.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- 1 baptism and 1 funeral in the last month.
- Confirmation is set for Wednesday, June 17th at 6pm (limited to family only). 1st Communion still being figured out in light of COVID-19 precautions.
- Drive Up Worship was a success, will look for more ways to do this. Council discussed the possibility of purchasing portable speakers to readily hold outdoor activities. Pastor Tom will email with various product options suggested by Rick Senger.
- Pastor Tom's last Sunday will be July 12th. Discussion was held about paying out unused vacation days.

### **Youth Director's Report:**

- Camp Metigoshe canceled all day camps.
- Megan is working with St. Olaf to create a take home VBS for July 13-16.
- Devils Run Pancake Breakfast has been canceled.

## **Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes Continued** **June 9, 2020**

### **Old Business:**

- Chancel Floor Update: Checks have been issued to Thompson's for materials. Finalizing dates for installation.
- Paycheck Protection Program: Funds received in our First Community Credit Union account and will be transferred to our general fund account at Western.
- Reopening Our Savior's: Discussion held with the work done by Kari and Pastor Tom. Document posted on the church website and distributed via email.

### **New Business:**

- Secretary Position: RaShell has informed the council that she will be retiring from her position at OSLC in October. She will work with the personnel committee to update the job description.

### **Ministry Reports:**

- Outreach: All virtual synod assembly August 14-16.
- Worship: Successful drive up worship. Services will begin in person this week with a limit to approx. 50 people. Will utilize special music to refrain from congregational singing.
- Care and Concern: Blankets were delivered to the majority of seniors for graduation.
- Property: None
- Faith and Fellowship: None
- Youth: None

**Important Dates:** June 17th Confirmation; July 12th Pastor Tom's last Sunday; July 13-16 Take Home VBS

**We Salute You:** Rick Senger for special music and providing speakers for Drive Up Worship

**Communion Dates** TBD

**Next Meeting:** July 14, 2020 at 5:30pm

**Lord's Prayer**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:22pm