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OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

OSLC UPDATES

CALL PROCESS:

The Congregation Survey is completed and results are being entered on the Ministry Site Profile. Your responses regarding communications and giving here at OSLC will help us determine best practices going forward. *Our sincere thanks to all who gave of their time to complete this important survey!*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

As noted in prior church council minutes, RaShell Bye will be retiring in October from her position as our administrative assistant. RaShell has set the bar high, doing a fabulous job with administrative tasks while serving as a warm and welcoming presence for all who have contacted the church office. The job is posted on: Facebook, our website, the Salt Shaker, Devils Lake Journal, Indeed.com, and ZipRecruiter.com. If you know someone who might be a good fit for this position, please direct them to the ad for details.

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THIS MONTH AT OUR SAVIOR'S

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

9/6 PASTOR REUBEN SCHNAIDT COMMUNION

9/13 PASTOR REUBEN SCHNAIDT

9/20 REBECCA KJELLAND COMMUNION

9/27 PASTOR REUBEN SCHNAIDT

Call Ahead Office Hours
Wednesdays 9am-11am
662-5112 (SEE PAGE 4)

PRAYER CHAIN

Mary Halldorson
Ella Fernandez
Claudia Stoe
Greg Sager
Duquesne Moratzka
Myonne Peters
Char Burthold
Derrel Britsch

If you would like to include someone on the Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at oslcoffice@gondtc.com

OUR SAVIOR'S FINANCES

2020 BUDGET $186,950.00

NEEDED MONTHLY $15,579.17

Date	Online Views	In-Person
Aug 2	243	25
Aug 9	771*	20
Aug 16	313	30
Aug 23	371	25
Aug 30	300 est.	28

*This video was shared by camp staff

Cash/Check: $6,341.00
Memorials: $.00
Simply Giving: $2,610.00
Online: $663.70
Total $9,614.70
Hope Center $.00

Total Given through Aug: $100,845.12
Total Needed through Aug: $124,633.36

For more information about the Simply Giving program, contact the church office at oslcoffice@gondtc.com or 701-662-5112.

OUR SAVIOR'S COUNCIL

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

MEMORIALS

WELCOME OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEE!

Simon Schlenker recently started his new position as our PowerPoint technician. You'll find Simon at the back of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, juggling Powerpoint slides, PA system, recorded music, and other AV related tasks. Thanks, Simon, for taking on this very important job!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

THANK YOU to Joycelyn Hagen and Deb Follman for taking on the big job of trimming the shrubs and trees on the church property. You did a terrific job, and everything looks fresh and beautiful!

OSLC UPDATES

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INTERIM PASTOR:

We are actively seeking an interim pastor. However, there are a few other congregations in our area who are also looking for an interim, so filling this position may take some time. Until that happens, we will continue to have local pastors and ministry leaders lead worship and preach on Sunday mornings. kbs

completed

in process

survey completed
Council will review MSP prior to submitting to synod

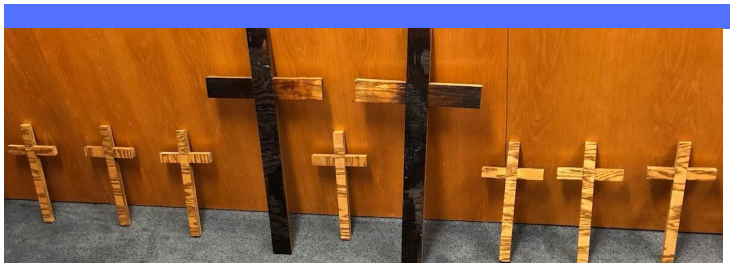
completed

COMMUNION: Church & Home

We will now be celebrating Communion on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. If you will be communing with us from home, make sure you have the elements prepared prior to the start of worship. At church, we've made some changes so we can share this sacrament together in a manner that is safe for all. We purchased individual, prepackaged Communion elements, and you may choose from: Bread with wine; Wafer with juice; or Gluten-free bread with juice. Please pick up a packet on your way into the sanctuary. (Reminder: we have hand sanitizer available at the entrances, or feel free to use your own.) During the service you will be guided through the process. We will all commune at the same time as directed, opening first the section containing the wafer or bread, and then opening the section containing the wine or juice. As you exit after the service, please bring the empty packet with you and dispose of it in the receptacle we have provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Now Hiring: Admin. Assistant

The candidate must be proficient with Microsoft Office. The responsibilities are a wide range of tasks from answering phones, creating church bulletins and PowerPoints for church service, paying bills with online software, church mailings, assist in planning church events and other tasks. They also act as a liaison between the parishioners and church's administration. Position is 15 to 20 hours a week. Send resume to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 612 14 Ave NE, Devils Lake, ND or email oslcoffice@gondtc.com. Closing Date: Sept. 11, 2020.



ALTAR WOOD CROSSES

Crosses made from the altar which burned in the Dec. 2019 fire are available through the church office. Some show charred wood, some do not, all are a piece of our shared history. The crosses come in 4 sizes: 24", 18" , 12" and 6" and are available for a donation. Please contact the church office for availability.

CALL-AHEAD OFFICE HOURS

WHY WE HAVE IT:

In Phase 1 Covid-19 precautions, the church building is to remain locked, with staff working from home as is possible. This is to help limit spread through person-to-person contact and surface contamination. We have a limited time once a week when members may stop by the church to drop off or pick up materials from the office, etc.

HOW IT WORKS: Wednesdays 9-11am

If you wish to come to the church, please call the office ahead of your visit so RaShell will know what time you plan to arrive. Or, you may call from your cell when you arrive. Please use the south entrance only. She will have her office door open so she can hear you knock when you arrive - so knock loudly please and allow time for her to answer the door. Plan on wearing a mask if you are entering the building. Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS

WRITTEN BY MEGAN WASNESS

Faith Formation Update 2020-21 Program Year

OSLC is still in Phase 1 of our COVID-19 plan, which means we cannot begin Faith Formation on Rally Sunday/Wednesday as usual. We hope to be able to begin classes sometime during the school year, and when that happens we want to be ready to go! So...

It is more important than ever this year to pre-register your child(ren) for Faith Formation. Due to gathering limitations, class sizes may have to be limited.

Follow this link to get your child(ren) registered: **Click Here**

https://forms.gle/VT6SW7LYehxMewGx5

We are looking for more volunteers to lead and assist our Faith Formation classes. Please contact Megan Wasness for more information or if you have interest.

Youth Gathering Update

The ELCA has announced that the 2021 Youth Gathering will be postponed to July 24-28, 2022. This is good news as it will give us more time to plan and fundraise!

It also means that students going into the 7th grade this school year will have the opportunity to attend!

THANK YOU FOR TAKING OUR SURVEY!

Nearly 100 members completed the congregation survey, and we thank you for your time and effort. The results will be used in the pastoral call process, and to guide us in communications and giving options in the future.

The 5 winners of a $25 Visa Gift card are:
Ashley Myrum
Sheryl Erickson
Vicki Logan
Megan Wasness
Roxanne Hawley

Congratulations! Please contact the church office to arrange for pickup or delivery.

Sunday Worship Volunteers Needed

Whether you worship with us in person or on Facebook Live, you know it takes volunteers to make worship happen on Sunday mornings. We are in need of:

- **Ushers**
- **Scripture readers**
- **Facebook Live assistants**

The usher duties have changed, and the Facebook Live job is something new - but *training will be provided.* Please consider helping your church by volunteering, and contact the office for more information.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2020

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 Brad Benton called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ATTENDING: Brad Benton, Char Burthold, RaShell Bye, Kari Kempel, Melissa Pavek, Jared Schlenker, Kathy Shark, Megan Wasness, Luke Wavra **ABSENT**: Devyn Halvorson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Jared made a motion, Kari Seconded, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Luke made a motion, Jared seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Luke covered the Balance Sheets for May, June and July. April 30 balance was $30,391.82, May 31 balance was $29,285.38, and June 30 balance was $47,534.51.

APPROVAL OF BILLS Brad made a motion to approve the bills for the month of July, of $4,643.63, with an exclusion of the Leever's bill as it was billed incorrectly. Kari seconded. Motion carried.

YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT

Faith Formation registration link is open with no start date set yet.
ELCA announced 2021 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN will be postponed to July 24-28, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Back to Church Guidelines: Will remain in Phase 1
Pastor Pulpit Supply: All services in August are setup, Kari will setup September Services.
Food warmer – Lakewood Bible Camp was given the food warmer and they made a donation of $50.

NEW BUSINESS

Preschool Program:

- Will be hiring a second person to assist.
- Would like to purchase water & stain proof flooring for all three of preschool rooms.
- Will get pricing and work with Council on cost before approval made.
- Requested to have chain link fencing installed behind kitchen/serving area outside door.

Brad made a motion to allow Preschool to install fencing, without any cost to OSLC and consent from Insurance Company to do so. Char seconded. Motion carried.

Congregation Survey Sent Out - responses due by August 21

Motion on August 4 – Brad emailed a motion to council members to approve the purchase of five $25 Visa gift cards to be used as prizes in a drawing for all survey responses accepted by mail or electronic response. Luke seconded. Motion carried on August 5.

Prefilled Communion Cups

Discussion was had on options available, which purchases will be made and approved as part of monthly bills in September. Will start with a small order and 3 options for Wine & Bread, Juice and Wafer, and Juice and Gluten free bread.

Call Committee: Council approved members of Committee. Jared made a motion to approve Call Committee members: Jake Wateland, Devyn Halvorson, Lynn Thompson, Penny Rohrer, Bev Bonzer, Amber Lambrecht, and Stacey Dimmler. Char seconded. Motion carried.

Church iPad and iPhone Requirements

Church has additional requirements for Facebook live streaming services. They will also be used by the future Pastor or interim Pastor. Phone number will be made available and will establish continuity during transition time. Initial cost and monthly plan will be approved by council through email between council meetings.

Church Cleaning/Sanitization

Jacky Boyeff asked for church to have a backup in case she is not able to sanitize at any time during school year. Council members agreed they will fill in if needed.

ELCA World Hunger Special Offering – There is a challenge from Pastor Schnaidt for Our Savior's to make a one-time donation of $500. Brad made a motion that Our Savior's will donate $250, and Faith Formation offering will donate $250, for a total of $500 one time donation. Kari seconded. Motion carried.

Kelsey Joy Compensation for Recorded Music

Communication Director will finalize agreement between OSLC and Kelsey Joy before motion is made.

On August 19, 2020 – Brad emailed council with a motion to approve contract agreement between OSLC and Kelsey Joy for payment and use of 30 songs @ onetime payment of $50 per song for a total of $1,500. Luke seconded. Motion carried on 24 August.

Personnel Committee has advertised the Administrative Assistant position on Facebook, Our Savior's website, and Devils Lake Journal.

Two Smart Board donations from Four Winds School are here. Council proposed utilizing in meeting/conference room and Preschool room.

Power Point Assistant position needs to be filled beginning August 16th. Kari made a motion to accept Simon Schlenker to fill this position. Char seconded. Motion carried

MINISTRY REPORTS

Outreach & Stewardship- All virtual synod assembly held August 14-16
Communication/Care & Concern- Nothing to report
Property- Chancel step kneeling pads need to be ordered. Getting an estimate for touch-less toilets and sinks, air sanitization/filtration systems through a ND State Commerce grant.
Faith & Fellowship- Nothing to report
Youth – Nothing to report
Worship – Usher for Sunday services:
August 16th – Jared Schlenker
August 23rd – Jared Schlenker
August 30th – Megan Wasness
September 6th – Brad Benton

WE SALUTE YOU – Deb Follman and Joycelyn Hagen for trimming the hedges and trees at the Church

COMMUNION DATES & SERVERS

August 30th - Megan Wasness
September 6th – Brad Benton
September 20th - TBD

NEXT MEETING – September 8th, 2020 at 5:30p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm

LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully Submitted by Brad Benton, OSLC Council President