

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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8:00 A.M. – Worship
9:15 – Education Hour
10:15 A.M. – Worship



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MIDDLE HOUR CLASS 2017

Our Middle Hour adult class is meeting again. We are looking at a very timely topic for this 500th anniversary year of the Reformation (1517-2017), using the new book from Augsburg Fortress, Together By Grace: Introducing the Lutherans. Join Us for this study! Please contact Curt Rohland (715-894-0733) with questions or suggestions.

Simply Giving

Please remember SIMPLY GIVING ensures both you and the church a worry free year. SIMPLY GIVING is a means for you to have your offering automatically withdrawn from a bank account, which is especially handy during the year. If you have a question please call the church.

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Deacon Listing

<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
Randy Roseen	A-Bow,
Tony & Kay Beardsley	Boy-Elk
Susan Boyer	Eng-Gub
Lisa Merrill	Gum-Jar,
Mary Blake	Job-Lind
Pat & Jill Carroll	Linhart-Nev
LaMae Rohland	Nun-Rob,
Mary Arntson	Roh-Str
Betty Larson	Svo-Zwi

Deacons will be wearing nametags on Sundays. Please look for your Deacon and introduce yourself.

Pastoral Contact: If you are in need of pastoral contact because of illness, hospitalization, grief, life changes or losses, please feel free to contact your deacon, the executive committee or leave a message with Ellen at 715-723-6048.

Matt Lind-President 715.944.4170
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Kristi Lund-Past President 715.590.2723

Our Saviour's Voice

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**Worship Schedule
Sunday**

8:00 A.M. - Worship
9:00 A.M. Educational Hour
10:15 A.M. - Worship

Wednesday

6:30 P.M.

September Noisy Offering
“A Cure For Alzheimer's”
\$327.78 Thank You!
October Noisy Offering is for
“God's work. Our Hands ”

Affirmation of Baptism

On Sunday, October 22th at the 10:15 a.m. service, the following students will be affirming their baptism:

Rachel Fransway	Samantha Gubrud	Jared Jarosz
RuthAnn Haile	Alondra Harris	Allison Johnson
Jordan Harris	Evelyn Hietpas	Kiana Pitsch
Hayden Goodman	Jake Jackan	Hannah Schick

Between services there will be a cake, coffee and punch reception. Join us for this celebration! Everyone is Welcome!!

We Care Sunday Meals

SURVEY SAYS.....

Thank you to all who responded to the We Care Sunday Meal survey. The results indicate that we should continue serving meals to Chippewa Falls folks who are experiencing food insecurity. Our Saviour's Lutheran offers the only weekend meal site in the area. The number we have served each time has increased which shows us the need.

We carefully looked at your responses to the questions about helping to prepare a meal and making food at home. We have decided to form "Meal Teams" which will prepare and serve a meal the last Sunday of the month 11:30-12:30. The thought is that each team will serve only twice a year. We also have a list of people to call to make food at home and bring to the dinner. Several weeks before the dinner we will pass a clipboard at a worship service asking people to sign up to be servers, hosts, and clean the tables and the kitchen. If you have been blessed with the gift of hospitality we encourage you to be a table host to engage and make our guests feel cared for and important. All lives matter.

We will NOT be expecting to be a "line item" of the OSLC budget. The meals have been funded through Thrivent Action Teams and member donations. However, we appreciate financial contributions to fund future meals.

Mark your calendar for up-coming We Care Sunday Meals: October 29, December 3, January 28 and February 25.

If you did not complete the survey and would be willing to be on a team or donate food made at home please contact Ellen at the church office and we will make sure you are called to help with this project.

We have found making a meal for others is a wonderful way to build a relationship with other OSLC members while working in the kitchen. It is a project an entire family can work on together. Plus visiting with our guests enriches our lives. LIVING GOD'S WORD. LOVING GOD'S PEOPLE.

**Harvest Meatball
Supper Extravaganza**

Come to our annual meatball supper on **Tuesday, October 3rd**. We will be serving from **4:30 to 7:00 pm**. Carry Outs are available. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (ages 5-10).

There will also be beautiful crafts, beautiful quilts and fabulous baked goods for sale too! Don't miss it!!

It is not too late to make something or ask sandy where you can help out!



Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As October unfolds, I will join with Pastor Barry Boyer to serve one-half time as a “Bridge Pastor” through December 31.

This “bridge” period of transition provides a very basic level of pastoral leadership. With Pastor Boyer we will provide services in worship (preaching and presiding), baptisms, weddings, funerals and crisis care. Additionally, I will support your program staff in Wednesday ministry leadership and be with the staff in their weekly meetings.

With the resignation of Pastor Oppedahl, a significant transition has come upon you. So, what is important during this time? Amidst many tasks ahead, opinions and emotions, I hear this bit of biblical direction: *Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.* 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

In times of change, encouraging people are needed. Encouraging words are pure grace.

I recall Thad. He was a teenager that I had known since he was a young boy. He was nearing Confirmation Day and was scheduled to present his “Faith Plan” to me beforehand.

The day of our conversation, Thad came in confident and with a firm, slightly suspicious look on his face. When he spoke he looked me right in the eye. “I really don’t care about God. It’s not that I don’t believe in God, I just don’t have much use for God. Maybe someday I’ll have use for God. Like when someone in my family dies, then I’ll need God.”

I listened and when the time was right, I asked Thad about people he trusts, people who he knows would be there for him in time of need. He noted the obvious – his parents, his grandparents. Then he thought about a friend and he told me about him. I asked “What is it about your friend that makes you count him as reliable, trustworthy?”

Within a minute, Thad was talking about grace – that gift of God in Jesus that comes to us undeserved and free. While he didn’t use those theological words, Thad told me he knew his friend loved him no matter what, just like God loves him. His friend always made him feel better. He encouraged him.

When he finished, Thad looked away from me for the first time. He paused. Then he looked back. Gone was the firm, slightly suspicion expression.

“That’s neat. I like that you have such a friend,” I responded. “Your friend is a glimpse of grace, the truth that God loves you and is present with you. While you don’t feel any use for God in your life right now, that’s okay. Your friend is evidence of God with you.

Thad smiled and there was a glimmer of a glistening in his eyes. Our need to discuss his “Faith Plan” was complete.

Encourage one another and build each other up during this period of transition in the life of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church. In doing so you will share grace with each other and you’ll be extending the encouraging, merciful, grace-giving presence of God in Christ.

Pastor Kurt Jacobson

Introducing Bridge Pastor – Kurt Jacobson

Kurt Jacobson is a pastor of the ELCA and served Trinity Lutheran Church, Eau Claire for 28 years. He retired in July 2016. Kurt holds a BA in Business/Hospital Administration and Organizational Communications from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN and a Masters of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He has a certificate in Intentional Interim Ministry from the National Association of Lutheran Interim Pastors and served as Interim Pastor of First Lutheran Church, Barron in the past year.

He is the author of “*Welcoming Grace: Words of Love for All*” and enjoys international travel, skiing, fishing, gardening, and good conversation over craft beer or fine wines and tasty food.

Last December Kurt founded Mustard Seed Consulting and works with churches seeking evidence based leadership for effective and meaningful change.

He lives near Cumberland, WI. You may contact him at kurtjacobson131@gmail.com

News from Abraham and Sarah.

We want to thank you Our Saviour's people, again and again, for the gifts of prayers and cash. We continue to walk with a local family, Mom with health issues and three delightful children , assisting with bill paying, child care, and relationship building. We enjoy monthly meetings where we debate how to distribute our funds (we are very conservative and careful with our money I assure you) and how best to help. We welcomed a lady from Faith Lutheran to our meeting last month. She is interested in Faith church helping a local family too.

Please keep Abraham and Sarah in your prayers, we welcome any questions, any people who are able and interested in doing child care and donations of money. Please indicate account number 514 on your check made to OSLC , or put 514 on a note with cash. Working together we make a difference in the world. God bless you. Toni Eckardt

Mission Mexico

Will be leaving on Thursday October 26th so will "load" the trailer on Sunday October 22nd. If wanted to load for Mid-week, could happen on Oct. 18th. Let me know as it impacts timing for loading other donations. Under garments where a "Huge" hit, this last time, so would ask that we specifically mention these again. Socks, shoes, & underwear for School age children in particular.

Da' List: Warm clothes, blankets, quilts for all age groups. Sturdy shoes, particularly for men. School supplies-basics paper loose and notebooks, pencils, colored pencils/markers, erasers, pencil sharpeners, rulers. Over the counter medications-Ibuprofen, acetaminophen, aspirin, antiseptic ointments, bandages, Vitamins for kids and prenatal for expectant mothers. Walkers, wheel chairs, prosthetic limbs, crutches Stuff for Kids: games, stuffed animals, baby dolls, soccer balls, toys.

Contact me if you have questions! Will take orders for "Real" vanilla, for those that may use it for baking :->Arlan <><<

Quilting

The Quilters are seeking helpers in the Quilt room. We meet on Tuesday mornings. We will thread your needle for you and teach you how to tie a square knot. Just show up at 9:30 a.m. We are done in about 2 hours, so you can go to lunch!



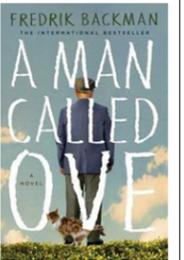
Crochet Thread Wanted!!

The quilters are looking for balls of crochet thread #10, any color.. If you have any that you would like to donate, please bring to the quilting room.

Book Buddies

Join us on October 15th, 6:30 p.m. at Carol Gienapp’s home at 10280 Cty Hwy N, Chippewa Falls, WI 715-723-4288. **We will be discussing the book: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman**

A curmudgeon hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior while clashing with new neighbors, a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.



PRAY FAST ACT

The presiding bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church have issued a joint statement calling for Prayer, Fasting and Action in support of programs that are vital to hungry people struggling with poverty. The statement, titled “For Such a Time as This”, calls for fasting on the 21st of each month through December 2018. The 21st of each month was selected because by that day about 90% of a family’s Supplemental Nutrition Benefits Program (SNAP) benefits have been used.

ON THE 21st of the month we ask that you: Pray for our nation’s elected leaders and also pray for all who struggle with hunger and poverty; Fast to call attention in our own minds and actions the needs and circumstances of the poorest among us; and Act by using the money you didn’t spent on food to assist agencies providing food. Urge our elected representatives to continue funding crucial safety net programs.

For more information, visit ELCA.org/PrayFastAct Submitted by LaMae Rohland

Trustees Report

The August 2017 financial report is highlighted in the following table. Thank you for your ongoing support!

As of 8/31/17, we are down \$50,064.94 for the year. Our unencumbered cash is \$9,667.33. Last year, our unencumbered cash was \$66,600.00. The council voted in July to move any remaining funds in the pastor sabbatical fund (\$18,278.50) to the general operating account. We are working with BMO to update our line of credit. We need your financial help to make it through the pastoral transition. Thank you! If you have questions or would like more details about the following numbers, please contact a member of the Board of Trustees or the Church Office. The financial data has been submitted by the Board of Trustees which includes the following members: Randy Passint, Gary Fox, Bob Klitzke, and Roger Hunt.

As of 08/31/2017	August 2017 Actual	August 2017 Budget	August 2016 Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Total Revenues	\$21,842.62	\$29,521.84	\$21,982.44	\$196,445.91	\$251,087.64
Benevolences	\$1,709.28	\$2,230.33	\$1,686.63	\$14,274.68	\$17,842.68
Total Expenses	\$33,746.44	\$29,894.23	\$24,215.00	\$246,510.85	\$253,279.17
Net Income (Loss)	\$(11,903.82)	\$(372.39)	\$(2,232.56)	\$(50,064.94)	\$(2,191.53)