

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

1300 Mansfield Street
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Phone: 723.6048

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

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



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“CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED”

If you received this in error and would like to be removed from our membership list, call 723.6048.

Homebound? Hospitalized? In Rehab?

Faithful Friends, a ministry for senior and shut-ins, is made up of people who care deeply for those who may find themselves suddenly separated from their community of faith. And, the people serving in this ministry rely upon information to help keep track of the many changes in the lives of people in this situation. Therefore, if you know of someone who is now homebound, in the hospital, or in a rehab facility for some duration, please let us know by contacting us at the church office 715-723-6048. You or your loved one is important to us.

Just Because Ministry

The Just Because Ministry is available. Please call the office if you know someone that we should be concerned about and provide a meal. We will take care of contacting them to see if this is of interest to them. We want to provide a meal because we care about them **not** because we think they are not capable of making a meal.

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Deacon Listing

Deacon	Last Name
Randy Roseen	A-Bow,
Tony & Kay Beardsley	Boy-Elk
Susan Boyer	Eng-Gub
Lisa Merrill	Gum-Jar,
Mary Blake	Job-Lind
Bonnie Buckles	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 Pastor Jeanne at 715-559-2624, your deacon, the executive committee or leave a message with Ellen at 715-723-6048.

Rich Boardman--President 715.944.4691
Deb Olson-President Elect 715.723.4115
Matt Lind--Past President 715.944.4170
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Our Saviour's Voice

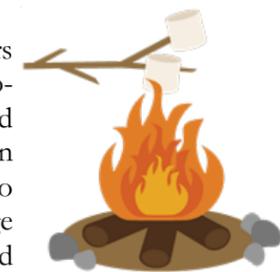
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Summer Campfires at OSLC

SUMMER CAMPFIRES ARE BEING PLANNED FOR THE SUMMER OF 2018. WE DO SEEK YOUR HELP....SINGING...GUITAR...BIDDING...SKITS...AND MORE. PLEASE LET RICH KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP “CREATE” THE FUN. (We especially need musicians. Rich cannot sing.)

We have had the campfires five summers now. The first year we averaged 10-20 people and got the idea started. The second year we averaged 20-30 people and had even more participation and fun. Thanks to those attending we increased to an average of 30-40 in attendance during the 3rd, 4th and 5th summers and even hit '50' on one occasion. In summer six we hope to continue with the wonderful participation. We laugh together at the campfires. Many participate to create and share in the fun. We sing. We eat S'mores. We have a range of ages. This intergenerational experience of taking time together is a very powerful experience and we encourage you to attend this coming summer. Midst the fun we place various items up for sale and then donate the money to outside causes as part of our “Auction” activity. The kids get in on the bidding and sometimes they even get out of control with their bids. Nothing but pure enjoyment. And, yes, we do meet regardless of the weather. Hope to see you at the campfire pit this summer on the scheduled Wednesdays (6:30 pm). Rain or shine!



June 13th, June 27th, July 11th and August 1st. Rich Boardman

Join Us For Worship This Summer!!!

8:00 A.M. - Worship will be at Irvine Park
9:45 A.M. - Worship will be at the Church

May Noisy Offering
“Abraham and Sara
\$374.46 Thank You!

June Noisy Offering is for
Weekend Kids Meal/FMP

Roger and Judy Goss will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this June. They were married on June 8, 1968. Congratulations on 50 years together.

Happy Anniversary

Summer Park Service

Be on the lookout for the Summer Park Service sign-up board for set-up, providing goodies and/or clean-up at our park services. Talk it over with family, friends or groups and reserve your preferred date(s). We will also be passing around a sign up clipboard. Worship with us!

May 27th through September 2nd
8:00 a.m. worship at Irvine Park
9:45 a.m. worship at the church

JUNE SALAD LUNCHEON,



THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 12:00 NOON is when the festivities will begin. Hope you are coming because you would not want to miss this event. Our guest is Katherine Schneider, a retired clinical psychologist who is blind and would like to share with us some strategies she found necessary when you or a friend occupies aging with a disability. Kathie has a seeing eye dog and she will be sharing many tricks of the trade for surviving and sharing several bits of humor in developing her friendship and guidance with her dog. Kathie has spoken to several luncheon groups and she will give us information we can apply to our lives. I will even share one story that Kathie does not know about yet. See how she acknowledges my story. ALSO LET US KNOW YOU ARE COM-

ING AND HOW MANY ARE IN YOUR PARTY. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office 715 723 6048 before 3:00. Monday, June 4. We are hosting about 60 guests from surrounding ELCA churches so bring a large salad to share (or even 2 salads), we ran out or had very slim pickings before the last couple tables ate last year. If you would like to help with the serving or cleaning up of this event, please call Sandy at 715 723 9402. Thanks.

PASTOR'S LETTER/NOTES

Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

Do you know what an ELCA pastor's job description is? According to our ELCA constitution every ordained minister shall:

- 1) preach the Word;
- 2) administer the sacraments;
- 3) conduct public worship;
- 4) provide pastoral care;
- 5) seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel;
- 6) witness to the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation, and abroad; and
- 7) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world.

Our ELCA constitution continues that each ordained minister with a congregational call shall:

- 1) offer instruction, confirm, marry, visit the sick and distressed, and bury the dead;
- 2) supervise all schools and organizations of the congregation;
- 3) impart knowledge of this church and its wider ministry through distribution of its periodicals and other publications;
- 4) endeavor to increase the support given by the congregation to the work of the churchwide organization and synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;
- 5) install regularly elected members of the Congregation Council; and
- 6) with the council, administer discipline.

There are a good number of expectations listed above that inevitably come to mind as part of serving as a pastor, like "preachin' and teachin', marryin' and buryin'" and leading worship. I bet, however, that there are some responsibilities in the above lists that come as a surprise. Were you aware that part of what a pastor is called to do is to speak on behalf of the poor and oppressed and to call for justice? Did you realize that all pastors in the ELCA are to share information with their congregations about the ministries we provide as a the ELCA and to strongly encourage congregations to grow in their financial support of the work of the larger church?

By now you have likely heard me mention the Body of Christ enough times to be familiar with the phrase and to have an idea about how that image describes who we are locally, as a congregation, and globally, as a denomination and as worldwide Christians. Have you, however, stopped to think about what that specifically means for the work of the congregations which make up this Body of Christ known as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

When you call your new pastor, it will be his or her job to equip you for service outside the walls of Our Saviour's Lutheran church and to encourage you to live your faith in action for the sake of the world. There is nothing in the job description of a pastor that says they are to "do" the ministry of the congregation. In fact, if you reread those lists, you will see that getting congregational members ready to minister is the majority of what a pastor is called to do.

So, what will that look like here? It means that this facility will be a *charging station* where the members of the Body of Christ known as Our Saviour's Lutheran Church are fed and nurtured to be about mission. Our mission is NOT to simply serve our members. This building is NOT the church. It is a place where folks gather to learn and grow so that they can exercise their faith! We all know that bodies that are not active are not healthy... the Body of Christ is NO different!

What is it we say at the end of worship, "Go in peace! Sit around and be served!?" No, we end our worship commissioned to "Share the Good News!" or "Remember the poor!" or "Serve the Lord!" What new mission is *God* planning for Our Saviour's? On what new journey will the Spirit of Pentecost lead you?

Blessings and peace, Pastor Jeanne



OSLC TRUSTEES REPORT for APRIL 2018

The Trustees Board meets the third Monday of the month at 5:30 PM which is one hour prior to the Church Council meeting. We welcome new member Johann "Swede" Swenson to our present board which includes Gary Fox, Stacy Olson, and Bob Klitzke. Congregational President Rich Boardman always meets with us and oversees the Trustees Board. Roger Hunt is the Treasurer and Kathy Anderson is the Financial Secretary.

Financial Update for April 2018

Monetary blessings were given in the amount of:\$31,181.57
 Expenses amounted to:\$29,974.68
 Gain amounted to:\$1,206.89
 Benevolence given to ELCA, Luther Park, and Lutheran Social Services:2,115.14

Year to Date Totals for 2018

Monetary blessings were given in the amount of:\$104,581.73
 Expenses amounted to:\$123,007.70
 (Deficit) amounted to:\$(18,425.97)
 Benevolence given to ELCA, LP, and LSS.....\$7,448.55

A motion was made and passed at the 2018 Annual Meeting last January to notify the congregation when \$15,000 was spent of the \$35,803.79 unencumbered funds left over at the end of 2017. At the end of April OSLC had spent \$18,425.97 of those unencumbered funds or \$3,425.97 over the \$15,000 line. This required a special notice for a congregational meeting to be held between the services on Sunday, May 6th at 9:20 A.M. April monetary giving increased and expenses decreased resulting in a \$1,206.89 gain. At the end of April \$17,377.82 remains in the unencumbered funds.

At the special congregational meeting to discuss the budget situation all in attendance received a handout addressing 1) Facts; 2) What does the solution for the budget/giving look like; and 3) Solutions for the current situation. The handout addressed a "congregational challenge" and a plan to keep a flow of monetary giving to pay ongoing expenses. If anyone missed the meeting and would like a copy the handout is available from Ellen at the church office.

Because of the resignation of Shannon a vacant staff position will at least temporarily reduce expenses. A decision to fill the position will not be made until a new pastor is called. Therefore, new predictions would estimate that at the present rate of monetary giving OSLC will likely spend down the remaining unencumbered funds by sometime in August or September. The summer months are a crucial time period because OSLC has a history of decreased monetary giving while expenses are unstoppable. Also, August presents as a three payroll month placing extra strain on the expense side. Extra giving will be welcomed and very much needed to protect the unencumbered fund balance. The trustees do not wish to borrow any money unless that becomes our only option to pay expenses. A line of credit exists from BMO Harris Bank in amounts as needed monthly up to a total amount borrowed of \$50,000 at 6.75%. The trustees and our treasurer are keeping a watchful eye on the unencumbered fund balance.

Thank you all for your caring and generous and continuing support to OSLC and its various missions. Our mission field extends far beyond Our Saviour's Lutheran Church walls.

"We are Called to Use Our Gifts...to Serve Others."

