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More or Less: Words Can Be Scary . . . and Misleading

Words can be misleading and scary. We all recognize that as we listen to politicians – those running for president – toss out “code words” to inflame emotions, get people’s juices flowing, and get them all worked up. Unfortunately, the result is often misleading and prevents a rational discussion of the real issues. Members of all political parties are guilty.

Words have power. They can scare. They can mislead. Or, they can speak the truth that sets us free – as Christians well know.

My musings that follow, however, are neither theological nor political. They are about the chancel area of the Sanctuary and some proposals to make the space more flexible and better suited for our worship needs. Sometimes, when talking about these proposals, the word “remodel” is used. To remodel, as the word is commonly used, means to do a make-over, often a complete and total make-over.

That is **not** what is being discussed for the chancel.

The other word used when talking about these proposals is “renovate.” That is more accurate; it means to “restore to life” or to “restore to a former better state.” Still, to many, “renovate” also suggests remodeling or a total make-over. **Again, that is not what is being discussed for the chancel.**

What is being discussed are “ways to make the space more flexible and better suited for our worship needs.” That is a mouthful, but I think it is important to talk about the proposals in that way.



Pastor Les Svendsen

The first proposal was to extend the chancel platform forward with concrete and stone; you heard about that at the last annual meeting. Now, the Chancel Task Force, appointed by the Congregation Council, is exploring a way to make the space more flexible and better suited for

our worship needs using hardwood modules that can be arranged in a variety of ways. With hardwood modules, probably oak, the chancel table and pulpit can be brought closer to the congregation (even so the congregation can gather around the table). And with hardwood modules the platform can be enlarged so an orchestra or large choir (OSLs or a college choir) will have ample room in which to arrange itself for a concert.

Hardwood modules might be difficult to imagine, but increasingly they are being used in churches to renovate (“restore to life”) chancel spaces and make them more flexible and conducive to worship needs. The beauty of using modules is that any permanent changes to the chancel would be minimized. Of course, the white walls, the high altar, cross, and Ascension mural will be as

you see them now. The proposals being floated would remove the current pulpit, remodel it, and make it movable. The screen behind the pulpit would probably be changed as well, since it would not be needed as a focal point. The communion rail also would be movable and attach to the modules.

All of this would be done at no cost to Our Savior's. Costs would be covered by a gift given to Augustana College for a project that would benefit both Augustana and Our Savior's (that gift is covering the cost of the consulting fee with the architect now). The flexibility, of course, would provide space for Augie's orchestra and choir; for Our Savior's, it would provide opportunities to arrange the space in ways that would benefit our worship, as well as for other uses.

Using words to try to describe this is difficult. Thus, the plan is to have the architect we are working with conduct a “town hall” meeting for OSL members so we can see what is being proposed, as well as see pictures of churches in which something like this has been done. The architect is Steve Edwins from SMSQ in Northfield, Minn., a firm that specializes in working with churches and worship areas and which has used modules in a number of churches of different denominations. Mr. Edwins is a personal friend and I have worked with him in my previous call. His firm is known nationally for its work with worship space and for work with renovating and restoring historic buildings. He has the right combination of gifts and skills to help Our Savior's think through this project. Watch for more information.

Stewardship – or what it means to

Bluegrass Worship on Oct. 1 and 2

The Green Lake Bluegrass Band, from Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, Minn., will lead the music for worship on Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2. To accommodate the band and provide ample seating, all worship services will be in the Celebrate Center that day. The group, lead by Dave Eliason, consists of five musicians who sing and

be a steward of God's gifts – is in the air again. It's fall, and we are trying to do two things: Wrap up Another Step Forward in Faith, the campaign to reduce our building debt, and gather as many of the congregation as possible at our October stewardship dinners to fill out a 2012 Intent for Giving card for support of operating/mission/program needs. If you have not made a pledge or gift to the capital campaign, a letter was sent out in September inviting you to do so. Please do.

And, if you haven't signed up for one of the stewardship dinners in October, please do that, too. You can do it online (registration information is on the home page at oslchurch.com), by calling the Church Office (336-2942), or by returning the invitation you received in the mail with the date and number attending.

Thank you all for the many ways you support the mission and ministry of Our Savior's. What you have given and pledged to the capital campaign(s) has been extraordinary. As I write this, the amount pledged for both capital campaigns exceeds \$12,500,000! Of that amount, \$8,202,953 already has been received. And your giving to our operating/mission needs in 2012 have been extraordinary as well. This is the first year I can remember when – at the end of summer – pledged income received has not been many thousands of dollars behind what was anticipated. Thank you for your faithful giving to support our mission: To help OSL proclaim Christ in word and deed, and help one another connect faith with everyday life.

God love you!

Leslie G. Svendsen

Pr. Les Svendsen

Let Your Light Shine

The pleasure of your company is requested at one of OSL's six Stewardship Dinners in October:

- Saturday, Oct. 8, at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 9, at noon
- Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 5:45 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 13, at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 16, at noon

At these dinners, you will hear about OSL's mission and

ministry and your role as a member, and be invited to fill out a 2012 Intent for Giving card. The Oct. 12 dinner will include a special program for children and youth (Spark and Confirmation) and others about being stewards.

Please RSVP today by going to www.oslchurch.com (the link to the registration form is on the home page) or by calling the Church Office at 336-2942. There is no cost for the dinner.

Where There's a Will, There's a Way!

Do you have a will? Is it current, reflecting your present circumstances and wishes?

It is important you have an up-to-date will because a will can accomplish so much for you, your heirs, and others. It is literally true that "where there's a will, there's a way" – a way to benefit and save!

For example, a will provides a way to have all you possess distributed according to your wishes, not as the state determines through state law. In your will, you can and should make specific provisions for all that you

have and for all whom you love.

A will can also help save money through avoiding unnecessary expenses and through reducing federal estate taxes. And a will is a wonderful way to help Our Savior's Lutheran Church through the OSL Foundation, as well as to make provisions for your favorite charity.

Because the OSL Foundation members feel it is beneficial for everyone to have a current will, we are making available, without cost or obligation, two excellent brochures: "Your Will to Help" and "Update

Your Will."

These very readable folders will answer many of the questions you may have about wills and will aid you in fulfilling your wishes in regard to the distribution of your estate.

You can obtain your free copy of these helpful brochures by writing to Our Savior's Lutheran Church Foundation, 909 W. 33rd St., Sioux Falls SD 57105, or phoning Pr. Svendsen at the Church Office, 336-2942. Remember that "where there's a will, there's a way" – to benefit both you and your heirs.

Knitting and Crocheting

Second Saturday Stitchers, a new gathering of OSL knitters and crocheters, will begin on Saturday, Oct. 8, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The group will meet regularly on the second Saturday of each month in The Gathering Place. The goal for the Stitchers is to support ministries by making prayer shawls, baptismal shawls, hats, scarves, and mittens for the res-

ervations, and also to donate to local

agencies in the community. The Second Saturday group joins the existing knitters and crocheters, who meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in The Sunshine Room.

The patterns that the groups use are on the OSL website at oslchurch.com/groups.

St. Dymas Worship

Our Savior's Lutheran is scheduled to worship with St. Dymas of South Dakota at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Approval Forms are available in the Church Office and must be submitted by Nov. 1. Contact Martha Rossing, ext. 14, with questions.

WELCA - OSL Women of the ELCA, by Carolyn Pesicka

October's issue of *GATHER*, our ELCA magazine intended especially for women, includes "A Recipe for Community." It's an article that emphasizes the importance of gathering around the table together, at church and in our homes. In my years as principal at Garfield Elementary in Sioux Falls, the school received a grant that allowed it to implement a program for struggling families. The goal was to bring the parents and children together in a caring setting, teaching them to enjoy the time they had together, to communicate and display mutual respect, to have the parents be parents, and the children be children – and to know the difference.

Each gathering began with dinner, at round tables, with the parents preparing the meals and the children helping during and after the meal in serving and cleaning. After dinner there were activities, including singing silly songs, playing games that sent everyone into fits of laughter, and more serious discussions that the family did together.

Though there's much more I could tell, I can tell you that we saw great benefits to each family as the outcome. From the article I mentioned earlier is this paragraph: "In your own family, do all that you can to make meal time sacred. In our fast-paced society where priorities are skewed, family dinner is more important than ever – crucial for remembering who we are and who we belong to. The food, in fact, may be secondary to ev-

everything else."

And speaking of gathering around round tables: More than 60 OSL women and their guests gathered on Sept. 10 in The Gathering Place for the quarterly WELCA luncheon. What a lovely event it was, with pottery-be-decked tables, artfully arranged, bringing us to a mindset of biblical times. The luncheon preceded a group sing directed by Kris Wollman. We wish you could all have seen the program for the afternoon, "Ask Me Anything: Women of the Bible Tell All." The performers were dressed in biblical-era attire; the presentation was a panel-interview format, with each woman sharing a bit about her life plus a summary of "something we all could learn" from her experiences. Pam Hanneman (Lydia) acted as panel moderator, with the following panel members: Nancy Wehrkamp (Martha), Dee Rice (Anna), Judy Zueger (Rebekah), Darla VanRosendale (Ruth), and Iley Peterreit (Deborah). Thanks to these women for this most excellent program.

The audience was left wanting to hear more, wanting "the women of the Bible who must have been standing backstage" to come onstage so we could hear from them, too! Rosalie Ryan and Shirly Hillgren, you two did an awesome job of scripting and costume and stage design. Thank you.

Election of officers for 2012 for OSL Women of the ELCA was held at the

September luncheon. Co-presidents will be Rosalie Ryan and Shirly Hillgren; vice-president will be Lori Tandler. The following will continue in their present official roles in the year ahead: Darla VanRosendale, treasurer; Diane Cramer, secretary, and Sharon Lovro, missions.

Plan to attend the OSL Women's Quarterly Luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 3, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in The Gathering Place. Again, we will share food, fellowship, and a special program. Tom Roberts, local author, actor, and storyteller, will share the stage with the Master's Voice Quartet as they bring us an extraordinary blessing through story and song.

The Crossroads Conference Officers' Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8, at St. John's Lutheran, 1912 W. 13th St., Sioux Falls. The morning program is open to all women of the church. It is a wonderful time to make new acquaintances, visit with friends you haven't seen for awhile, learn a bit about the workings of our area churches, and hear of coming events. Registration is onsite from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. A \$7 registration fee includes lunch as well as morning coffee. Pr. Paul Matchan of St. John's will be Bible study leader. Susan Omanson from Be Free Ministries in Sioux Falls is keynote speaker. A freewill offering will be taken.

In closing, here is part of two prayers from the October lesson in *GATHER*:

"God of home and hearth...remind us of the larger family of sisters and brothers we have been given in Jesus Christ..."

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help us to be...models of trusting faith for others as we seek to be your family on earth. In your name we pray. Amen."

Happy Birthday to Harriet!

OSL Member Harriet Lovseth Oyan will celebrate her 100th birthday on Oct. 25. Birthday greetings may be sent to her at 208 Bethany Meadows, 3008 E. Aspen Blvd., Brandon, S.D. 57005. Happy birthday, Harriet!

PARISH LIFE

Still Time to Join "Made to Crave" Video Study

In the six-session video study *Made to Crave*, Lysa TerKeurst helps women discover the missing link between a woman's desire to be healthy and the spiritual empowerment necessary to make that happen. This is not a diet plan, but a plan for life letting God lead.

The first study session was on Sept. 8, and now meets every other Wednesday, finishing before Thanksgiving, at 9:30 a.m., at OSL. The cost is \$9 for the book. RSVP to Julie Seaverson, rjseaverson@gmail.com or 334-3413, and indicate if you want a book to be ordered.

New Member Opportunity in October

People interested in exploring membership at Our Savior's are invited to attend a three-part series on three consecutive Sundays, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, and Oct. 23. Members will be received at worship on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30. The three Sunday

sessions are during the education hour, 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Church Office suite. Call the Church Office, 336-2942, with questions. Pre-registration is helpful but not required.

Adult Learning Opportunities for October

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10:00—10:50 Bring your breakfast. Return dishes to the Clean-up volunteers in The Gathering Place

Game Changers - The Friendship Room	Special Events
Oct. 2 - The Wild Card Exodus 16:1-12 / Daniel 3:1-4, 3 and 4:1-3	
Oct. 9 - The Star Player Matthew 1:1, 17-25 / John 19:1-30	Oct. 9 - Exploring Membership Session I, The Conference Rm Baptism Class, Rm 103
Oct. 16 - The Comeback Luke 24:1-12 / Acts 2:1-14, 37-42	Oct. 16 - Exploring Membership Session II
Oct. 23 - The Victory Dance 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17	Oct. 23 - Exploring Membership Session III
Oct. 30 - Two part series on Liturgy and hymns begins.	

On Sundays Oct. 16 and Oct. 23 Marilyn Schempp will conduct an "Organ Crawl," beginning in the balcony of the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. We celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Schlicker Organ.

Congregation Picnic a Great Success!

The OSL Congregation Picnic on Aug. 21 was enjoyed by several hundred members and guests, who participated in many activities outside and in. OSL Kitchen Ministry Coordinator Karen Johnson shares these "picnic statistics":

We served 403 guests who devoured the following:

- 30 pounds of beef (410 sandwiches)
- 252 hot dogs
- 76 pounds of beans
- 60 pounds of potato salad (we ran out)
- 350 individual packages of Sun Chips plus three large bags of potato chips from the pantry
- 14.5 gallons of ice cream and 7 quarts of syrup/sauce
- 16 gallons of lemonade
- 7 gallons of iced tea

Karen adds, "I was so busy with the food that I didn't even get to see the other activities. I'm hoping there are lots of pictures." And so, here are a couple!



AUGUST FOUNDATION GIFTS

In Memory of Bob Aldern
Gloria & Richard Landborg

In Memory of Bobbie Buttz
Pamela & Ed Sessler

In Memory of Jeannette Helland

Glory Ann Blakeborough
Patricia Block
Robert Caselli
Larry & Geraldine Cass
Dorothy Eide
Michael & Jill Fiereck
Greg & Deb Helland
Phillip & Ruth Helland
Jonathan & Sarah Marohl
Larry & Mary Ann Morgan
Robert & Kathleen Morgan
Larry & Liz Nielsen
Clarice Norgaard
Art & Ruth Olsen
Kari Ostrem
Ronald & Sharon Robinson
Olin & Connie Sletto
Alan & Arlys Stanga

In Memory of Bob Olson
Donald & Sarah Abbas
Deaun Andersen & Paige
Bye

Delores Assid
Arden & Darlene Barlow
Gladys Bredeson
Alfred & Ruth Buckneberg
Paul & Colleen Buckneberg
Mike & Mary Lou Collins
Joel Cook
Del Duncan
Sara Anne Ensberg
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Prophetstown, IL
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Joy Gilbertson
Dorothy Hanson
Jean Henderson
Gladys Hochsteter
Larry & Barbara Hult
Arlene Johnson
Anna Mae Lee
Lois Loge
Nila Maursetter
Ruby McCormick

C. & Marilyn Melton
Kenneth & Verona Moen
Harol & Beverly Mostrom
Leland and Bernice Nelson
Russell & Joan Ness
Christine Neuarth
Bernice Olberling
Ardys Olson
Beverly Olson
Palmer & Marjorie Peterson
Randy & Dorothy Peterson
William & Ihlene Rossing
L.W. & Arlette Scherschlight
Joyce Schmidt
Richard & Carol Sundem
Robert & Joan Thimjon
John & Lois Toboll
Ellen Unzicker
Robert & Doris West

In Memory of Bev Walgrave
John & Kristi Clark

Baptisms

Aug. 21, 2011

Luke William Hendrickson,
son of Anthony and
Katherine Hendrickson.

Aug. 28, 2011

Andrew David Garske, son
of Thomas and Rebecca
Martin Garske.

Sept. 4, 2011

Jonah Daniel Aadland, son of
Aaron and Jody Aadland.

Sept. 10, 2011

Nolan Daniel Petersen,
son of Ethan and Rebecca
Petersen.

FLOWER SPONSORS

Aug. 21, 2011

Flowers are given in celebration of Harold and Phyllis Krueger's 61st wedding anniversary on Aug. 20 by their family, and in loving memory of Arthur Johnshoy, who was born 90 years ago on Aug. 22, by his wife, Velma, and children, Karen, Janet, Marcus, and families.

Aug. 28, 2011

Flowers are given in honor of Harry and Audrey Anderson's 65th wedding anniversary, by their children.

Sept. 11, 2011

Flowers are given in honor of Sid and LeAnn Sheggeby's 50th wedding anniversary, by their children, Lorie, Karie, and Pam.

AUGUST MEMORIALS

In Memory of Bobbie Buttz

Martha Cartee
Dick & Sally Day
Edward & Jenenne Fincher
Pauline Grendler
Paul & Jo Hanson
Eugene & Char Heiden
James & Marlene Karstens
Leone Kayl
Gene & Jean Kean
Stacey Klatt
Arden & Norma Meinjohans
Dave & Chris Nielsen
Harold & Peggy Nyhaug
Robert & Janet Reierson
Andrea Sailor
Joyce Schmidt
Pat Teeman
Marily Zimmerman

In Memory of Howard Johnson

John Wallem

In Memory of Robert Olson

Raymond and Janet Shelver



CARING MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry: Fall Renewal, by Chad Mickelson

I'm a fan of New Year's resolutions. Rarely do I keep them, but each year I come up with a list of new ideas and goals to improve myself the upcoming year. In spite of the realistic truth that most will be set aside by late winter or early spring, there is an element of hope which comes with a new year and a fresh start. A chance to try again.

Since some of my goals are tied directly to my spiritual journey – making more time for my daily devotions and prayers, reading the Bible – I'm also a fan of the Easter resolution. A chance to review those goals set forth on the first day of the year, and bring them back into focus in the spring. Perhaps develop some entirely new ones based on the path the first few months have taken me. A restart button, and another chance.

I've only recently discovered a new resolution opportunity. When my

kids started school a few years ago, I stumbled upon the back-to-school resolution. Another chance to fine-tune priorities, and make some new goals. In all honesty, it isn't quite as refreshing as New Year's or filled with the renewal of Easter. There are more questions than declarations. How are we going to balance gymnastics, cheerleading, OSL Spark night, swimming lessons, and Boy Scouts – and still find some family time? Just like we handled the summer and its nightly amount of craziness: prayer.

I've always enjoyed fall at Our Savior's for the opportunity to start a new season. People returning from summer travels and activities; refilling the spaces. There are always new programming ideas to consider, as well as established opportunities to reconsider. A perfect time to reconnect with those old things that help keep me grounded, but with a re-

newed focus. This fall, I'm excited to examine some of the "game-changing" moments in my life.

The next Stephen Ministry training class will begin in January. While it seems distant, it may take a hearty amount of prayerful consideration. The time commitment is big. Beyond the 50 hours of training you will receive, there is the continued time required to walk with your Care Receiver; to lift up your fellow Stephen Ministers with regular small-group gatherings; and opportunities for continued learning and spiritual growth. It is a time commitment with game-changing implications.

As you get settled in to a new fall routine, take a moment to consider if becoming a Stephen Minister might fit into your plans for this new season. It has had powerful impact for many at Our Savior's through the years, and it could be a perfect match for you. For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Pr. Tim Lemme or Kathy Nelson at 336-2942.



Upcoming Friendship Club Programs

Friendship Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room. The October meeting will be in conjunction with the Health Ministry Conference presented by Sanford Health and the Parish Nurse Institute. The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room for announcements and fellowship, moves to the Labyrinth Room for

the morning presentation, "Sacred Journeys: Spiritual Practices for Health and Wholeness," then to The Gathering Place for lunch together with the Health Ministry participants. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this special presentation of Friendship Club in October.

Friendship Club will celebrate

"Super Seniors," on Nov. 15, in place of the regular meeting. The morning will begin with coffee fellowship, followed by traditional worship in the Sanctuary, with lunch served immediately afterwards in The Gathering Place. Watch for more information in the November *InterCom* and bulletins.

A Chat with Karen Johnson, Our Savior's Caterer and Kitchen Ministry Coordinator

Karen Johnson joined the OSL staff a few months ago. She took a few minutes away from the kitchen for this short Q and A:



Karen Johnson

How long have you been a member of Our Savior's?

Our Savior's first became my church home when my father joined the pastoral staff in 1966. I joined churches in Texas, Virginia, and Rapid City when I lived away from Sioux Falls, but have always called Our Savior's my Sioux Falls church home.

What is your work history?

I was employed as a public-school educator in Corpus Christi, Texas, and Hampton, Virginia, and then spent several years as a stay-at-home mom in Sioux Falls. My volunteer work with the Sioux Falls Junior League Race against Breast Cancer project led me to a position at Avera McKennan's Cancer Institute in 1991. I served as director of that cancer institute for

several years before assuming a similar position at the John T. Vucurevich Cancer Center in Rapid City. I also served on the Midwest Division Board of the American Cancer Society, and that experience led to the development of a strong interest in nutrition.

I resigned from my position at the cancer center in December 2002, and spent the next several years researching the connections between nutrition and chronic disease. In 2008 I opened Buffaloberries, a restaurant in downtown Sioux Falls that specialized in foods made from nutritious ingredients. When my three-year lease expired, I chose to close the storefront operation so that I would have more time to concentrate my efforts on nutrition education and catering.

Tell us about yourself, your family, and one special memory about OSL.

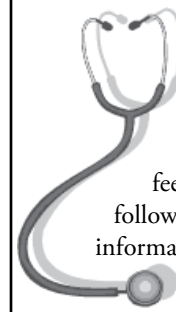
I have two grown children, Nate and Jenn. Nate is a self-employed graphic designer in Washington, D.C. Jenn and her husband, Trevor, live in Rapid City, where Jenn is a physician's assistant at the Black Hills Community Health Center.

I have many special memories about Our Savior's but I think my favorite is the memory of sleeping under the stars at Rosebud, where we went for eighth-grade church camp. To this day I believe that there is no sky quite as beautiful as a Rosebud sky.

Now for fun – do you have a favorite hobby, vacation spot, or book to share?

I love to travel, and have especially enjoyed meeting distant relatives in Norway, visiting my nephew and his family in London, and exploring Paris. My favorite closer-to-home place to unwind is at our family's vacation home in the Black Hills.

HEALTH MINISTRIES



Our Savior's has a number of ongoing health ministries that meet on a weekly or monthly basis. Please feel free to join any of the following sessions. For more information, call Joyce Kaatz at 336-2942, ext. 28.

LIVING WITH CANCER

Every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room. People and their families who have or are experiencing the challenge of cancer are welcome. If you cannot attend, but would like to be on our prayer and devotional mailing list, please call 336-2942, ext. 28.



FOOT CARE CLINIC

Cost is \$25 per person. Wednesdays, Oct. 5 and Nov. 2, and Thursday, Oct. 20, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To register, call the Church Office at 336-2942.

THERAPUTIC MESSAGES

in the Caring Ministry Oasis Room. Cost is \$12 for 15 minutes. Wednesdays, Oct. 5 and Nov. 2, and Thursday, Oct. 20, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Call the Church Office to make an appointment.



Wednesday nights
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Learn how to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given to people to remind them of God's presence and love in their lives. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 9:30 a.m. Sunshine Room.



GOOD GRIEF

Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1. Offers support to anyone dealing with loss and crisis in their lives.



Roll Up Your Sleeve on Oct. 9.

Can you give the gift of blood? The Bloodmobile will be at OSL on Sunday, Oct. 9, 8:00 a.m. to noon. To sign up for a time, visit the Information Center or call Nancy Gustafson, 338-9015, or Cheryl Gaeckle, 357-8624. And thank you ahead of time for giving this gift of life.



CARING MINISTRIES

Wednesday Yoga Is Back

With the return of Wednesday evening yoga this fall (5:30 p.m. in the Labyrinth Room), here is a brief introduction to the new instructor, Stacy Sandler, and some information about why yoga is a great exercise option for anyone, young or older:

Stacy Sandler is an RYT 200 (Registered Yoga Teacher with at least 200 hours of training), having received her certification from Sun Moon Yoga in Mankato, Minn., and is currently in the midst of her 500-hour yoga training. She is thrilled to be a part of the wonderful teaching community in Sioux Falls. Yoga has fulfilled her love for movement, but

more important for the mind, body, and soul connection. Stacy studied modern dance as a major at UNLV and found yoga – or yoga found her – after she moved from Nevada to South Dakota and attended her first yoga class.

Why do yoga? Stacy says the simple answer is that yoga makes you feel better. Practicing the postures with breathing creates a healthier body. Yoga lets you tune in, relax, and get in shape, all at the same time. Her OSL class is for all levels, and focuses on breathing with movements and flow, not worrying about what we look like, only how we feel.

DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids Support Groups

Our Savior's is hosting DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids support groups this fall. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions for adults include topics like "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "Kid Care," and "Forgiveness." DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K) will meet the same time as the adult classes, but will meet in their own peer groups with adult facilitators. DC4K will combine games, crafts, activities, music, and DVD dramas to create a fun atmosphere where children feel comfortable and understood. At weekly DC4K meetings, kids make friends with other

kids who understand what it feels like when parents get divorced.

Sessions are every Tuesday through Dec. 20, meeting together for a meal at 5:30 p.m. and breaking out into the individual groups at 6:15 p.m. For more information, contact: Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@olschurch.com or 336-2942; Darla Van Rosendale, darlavanrosendale@sio.midco.net or 351-0089; or Sara Anderson, saraanderson121@gmail.com or 595-8126. Brochures are available at the Information Center. Call the Church Office at 336-2942 to register to attend.

Health Ministry Conference at OSL in October

"A Mosaic of Caring." The 12th Annual Health Ministry Conference, hosted by Sanford Parish Nurse Institute, Sanford Spiritual Care Services, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church, will be held at OSL on Oct. 17 and 18. Designed to provide current information, spiritual inspiration and actionable practices to support a holistic ministry, the conference is for anyone involved in health ministry and caring vocations. Breakout sessions in-

clude "Women and Heart Disease," "Put Me in Coach! – Assessment & Evaluation of Pediatric Head Injuries," "Parish Nursing 101," "Sacred Journeys: Spiritual Practices for Health & Wholeness," and more. The keynote speaker will be Judy Siegle, author, speaker, and paralympian.

For more information call 328-6353 or e-mail nikki.terveer@sanford-health.org



WORSHIP AND ARTS

There is still time to join a choir!

The first month of the fall choir schedule has gone by with children and adults singing and ringing in worship. We are fortunate that so many people give so freely of their time to be part of a music group. New members are always welcome. If you would like to sing in a group, check the OSL website for more information or contact the music staff. Contact Jeanne Carter, 336-2942, ext. 40, or jrcarter@olschurch.com, to sign up or for more

information. New members are welcome throughout the year, and now is a great time to start.

Fall and Christmas Decorating

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the worship spaces with Thanksgiving and Christmas displays. Contact Jeanne Carter, 336-2942, ext. 40, or jrcarter@olschurch.com, if you would like to help. Dates for each decorating event have not been set, but will be in early November and early December.

Health Focus: Seasonal Depression

When the seasons change, as many as 20 percent of the U.S. population can be affected by at least a mild form of seasonal depression. Winter depression symptoms include fatigue, weight gain, increase in appetite, difficulty concentrating, and an increased desire to be alone. There is also a more rare form of summertime seasonal depression, with symptoms including weight loss, trouble sleeping, and decreased appetite. These disorders are thought to be caused by changes in the availability of sunlight, but depression can be caused by any number of different things, with treatment options that are almost as varied. Never self-medicate or

prescribe treatments for yourself, especially with drugs, alcohol, or medications that have not been discussed with a physician, or you risk starting a negative cycle that is very difficult to get out of. Your pastor, a help line, or a counselor can help you decide if you need treatment for depression, but only a doctor can prescribe the treatment that will most benefit you.

Stop by the Oasis Room in the Caring Ministries suite and sit under the SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) lamp and lift your spirits with some artificial sunlight!

Woodshop Ministries

For those of you who enjoy a more hands-on approach to ministry, the Woodshop Ministry of OSL may be just what you are looking for. Whether you are a master craftsman or a novice woodworker, all are invited to the shop to work together on various projects Wednesday eve-

nings from 6:00 to 8:00 or Saturday mornings from 8:00 to noon. Participants may also meet at unscheduled times during the week to work on projects. For more information contact Pr. Tim at 336-2942. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday Massages Are Back

Call the Church Office, 336-2942, to schedule your massage on Wednesdays, between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. The fifteen-minute massage costs \$12

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast meets the Second and Fourth Friday of each month at 6:30 a.m. in The Gathering Place. Throughout October we will continue our study of the book *Quiet Strength* by Tony Dungy.

Still Time to Join Freedom from Depression Sessions

Fall can be a time when those "blue feelings" start. The shorter days, less sunlight, holidays looming, etc., can conspire to give us a gloomy feeling. Join others who feel the same way and talk through those feelings. Using the *Twelve Steps to Managing Depression – Freedom from Depression*

Workbook, learn new ways of dealing with those feelings. Sessions meet weekly on Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Room 101, through Nov. 16. Questions? Call Parish Nurses Joyce Kaatz, 336-2942, ext. 28, or Judi Schwerin, 371-3737.

Citizens with the Saints Tour Comes to OSL

Performances by ELCA Youth Gathering artists AGAPE* (David Scherer), Rachel Kurtz, and other special guests will highlight the Citizens with the Saints concert at OSL on Oct. 7 at 7:00 p.m. Ad-

ditional highlights include youth testimonies of faith and discipleship and an exclusive Youth Gathering video. All funds raised go to ELCA World Hunger. For more information, visit citizenstour.com.

Upcoming Music Events

Oct. 22 – Sioux Falls Area Handbell Festival Concert – 5:00 p.m. in the Celebrate Center. Tickets are \$12 per family, \$5 per person; children under 5 are free.

Oct. 30 – Augustana Chior and Orchestra Concert – 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$5 for adults, free for students K through 12, Augustana students, and OSL members. They are available at augietickets.com or at the door.

Dec. 1 – Angelic Concert – 7:00 p.m. in the Celebrate Center.

Dec. 2 – Augustana Christmas Vespers – 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets for the Vespers services are available at augietickets.com or the Augustana box office.

Dec. 3 – Augustana Christmas Vespers – 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Dec. 4 – Augustana Christmas Vespers – 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Dec. 18 – OSL Advent/Christmas Choral Services – 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Festive services

Vibrant Faith

Last month, OSL's teachers in training had the privilege to hear from two of the leading experts in the field of Youth and Family Ministry, Suzanne Hansen and Pat Eidsness. Suzanne is the South Dakota Synod's ELCA Youth Ministries Coordinator, and Pat is Mission Developer of WestSide Lutheran Church; both women are Associates in Ministry. They spoke on spiritual development and faith formation.



Suzanne Hansen Pat Eidsness

Suzanne stressed that faith is formed through personal, trusted relationships. "We need to take an active role by teaching and modeling for those who have not had the legacy of love," she said. "We can make a difference. We must focus energies and resources to make all children feel welcome. As parents and as members of a church family, we must start at birth and continue to nurture development throughout childhood. As children watch others, they copy their behavior. Going to church and praying are powerful images."

Pat discussed the rethinking of the

church to include a partnership between the home and the congregation. "From the mealtime rituals, to devotions to service through sharing a meal together, playing, and reading with a child, to caring conversation between a grandma and a grandson, all contribute to the faith and family bond that holds together in God's love," she told the teachers.

Pat stressed the importance of a family worshipping together. She also suggested people "do less, not more – just do it more thoroughly." "Do Less" means placing a premium on doing only that which will make a difference according to the standard of "faith working through love." "Do only that which blesses lives with faith, hope, and love in Christ." (Galatians 5:6)

Three-year-olds thru 5th Grade Sunday School Rotation Schedule 2011 - 2012

Date	Lesson
Workshop #1 - "The Storm"	
September 11	Lesson 1
September 18	Lesson 2
September 25	Lesson 3
October 2	Special Event
Workshop #2 - "Isaac & Rebekah"	
October 9	Lesson 1
October 16	Lesson 2 Fire Drill
October 23	Harvest Festival
Workshop #3 - "Advent & Christmas"	
November 6	Lesson 1
November 13	Special Event
November 20	Lesson 2
November 27	NO SS, Happy Thanksgiving
December 4	Lesson 3
December 11	Christmas Program Practice
December 18	Christmas Program Practice
December 25 & Jan. 1	No SS, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Teachers for the 2011-2012 Sunday School Year

Sunday September 11 was OSL's Sunday School Kickoff, and the program is off to a great start with a great group of role models for OSL children. This nurturing network of parents, relatives, teachers, and caring adults will serve to inspire our youth and offer them hope and direction in their faith journey. Here's the wonderful team of 2011-2012 teachers:

Three-Year-Olds

Kristen and Karissa Kaufman; Steve Barjenbruch Suzanne and Katie Veenis Anna Person; George and Lynda Lee

Pre-Kindergarten

Lisa Ducheneaux; Alyson Olson; Ariel Engebretson Korey Larsen and Camille Pepper; Megan Lickteig Mike and Roxann Jamison

Kindergarten

Amanda Knowler; Sam Mader Melissa Nelson; Tanya Miller Alison Anderson; Alex Meyer Michelle Smith

Fifth Grade

Valori Maher Erin Kaiser; Diedre Johnson

Sixth Grade

Chris Davis Jason Kahler Becky Olson

Shepherds for 2011-2012

First Grade
Shannon Olson; Kiersten Zimbeck Sally Woods; Amy Horsted Becca Sittig; Abbey Neilsen; Jodie Nielsen

Second Grade

Alex Kuyper; Emma Hanson Beth Boyens; Anna Boyens; Lauren Zimbeck Zak Skorczewski

Third Grade

Shelli Kahler; Lisa Ducheneaux

Christi Berglin; Jana Gadberry Wade and Darla Horton

Fourth Grade

Jeff and Nicole Mindt; Becky and Troy Robinson Dawn Fleckema; Mary Liggons and Keesha Liggons Deb Lather ; Jolene Stangeland

Workshop Leaders-Fall Semester

Greg Mehrer – Science Sherry Larson – Theatre Daryl Eichaker – Gym Susan Eichaker and Nate Anderson – Music Dave Jordheim – Music Gary Gaede – Art Laura Haack – Bible Larissa Hovde and Mikayla Hovde – Drama Kimmy Mickelson – Crafts

Welcome Center

Brian Knutson, Shannon Boyd, Katrina Gordon

SPARK

Workshop Leaders

Jeanne Carter – Music Janet Fee; Kim Whempner – Theatre Nathaniel Petrich; Travis Beniak – Gym

Shepherds

Erin Kaiser Tracy Smith Janet Fee Tom Meyer Kim Whempner Bonnie Blakemore

Have a SPARK Adventure

SPARK is a Wednesday night faith-formation program for kindergartners through sixth-graders. Children open their Bibles each week and engage in scripture in exciting new ways, growing in their faith by encountering God's word in interactive activities.



For the first ten weeks of SPARK, which began on Sept. 14, students are doing a music rotation with Jeanne Carter, OSL director of music and fine arts, from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be the opportunity to experience cooking, art, drama, and gym workshops.

SPARK uses lessons from Rotational Sunday School, but they are

different than those used on Sundays. If you want to have some fun, plan on attending both Sunday and Wednesday nights. Parents are welcome to come, have some fun, and help out the Rotation leaders.

To have your child take part in this Wednesday night SPARK adventure, call Anne Anderson at 336-2942, ext. 17. Everyone is welcome.

OSL YOUTH AND FAMILY

Brent's Bite

The ball is rolling here at OSL. Fall is in full swing and that means a wonderful buzz of activity. It is amazing how many things go on here, not to mention all of the things that take place outside of our walls. It really is a picture of how God works in this world. Not only is he present and working in each and every one of us, he is doing things throughout the globe. It is simply awe-inspiring. It also convicts me in that I am aware of how little I let his Spirit help me. I find that in the times things seem so difficult it is because I am trying to do them under my own power instead of focusing on letting him guide me. Perhaps I need to pray more than once a day for God's direction and will to do what needs to be done!

Here is a rundown of the regular happenings in Youth and Family Ministry:

On Sunday mornings in the Youth Room you will find seventh- and eighth-graders exploring areas of faith and life they are interested in and have questions about. In the other area of the Youth Room, you can find Allies, a group of high-school students who want to go deeper in connecting faith to their lives. If you peek in the sixth-grade rooms you'll see a bunch of kids and great leaders who are learning about their identity as people of God and what God's people in the past were like. Most important, hop in to worship at 8:45 or 11:00 a.m. and you will see OSL's families participating in the service together.

Dropping by on a Wednesday night you'll see all sorts of good things: Families and friends sharing dinner together in The Gathering Place, kids and adults having fun in the Gym and Youth Room, and people of all ages singing away in choir. Then 6:30 hits

and the Fellowship Hall and Friendship Room are filled with Confirmation students and mentors learning about their faith (what you won't see is the students and their families exploring what they learn at home in their new "Take It Home" devotionals). When 7:30 comes, high-school youth roll in to the Youth Room to be refreshed by spending time with each other and encountering God in fellowship, worship, discussion, and service.

How does all this and more happen? Only by the grace of God!

In Christ,
Brent

336-2942, ext. 35
brenth@oslchurch.com

October Youth Calendar

- Oct. 5**
Youth Group, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 7**
"Citizens with the Saints Tour" concert with AGAPE*, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 12**
Youth Group service night.
- Oct. 14**
Annual Middle School "Hang Out at Church" Day
- Oct. 19**
Youth Group, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26**
Confirmation Fall Festival service night. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m.

Lend a Hand @ Bowden Youth Center

Our Savior's will continue its relationship with the Bowden Youth Center this year by providing volunteers for these events:

Thanksgiving meal, Nov. 18, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Christmas party, Dec. 15, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Contact Brent, 336-2942, ext. 35, or brenth@oslchurch.com, to sign up or for more information.

OSL LIBRARY

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The OSL Book Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., in the Library. The Oct. 27 book is *Unbroken* by Jennifer Hillenbrand.

Short Story Discussion group meets every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in Room 103. For more information call 336-2942, ext.25, or e-mail bdanielson@oslchurch.com.

Look up OSL Library materials from your home on the online catalog: osllibrary.com.

The Library has internet access computers and is a Wi-Fi hotspot.

The Library is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month (movie night).

Life's Challenges, by Ginger Konz

"This book is my attempt to bear witness to the stories of some of the remarkable men and women I have encountered... I have been changed by their presence in my life as I grapple with the true meaning of the spiritual. In a world with so many burdens to bear, those who have borne theirs with so much grace and dignity and resilience have much to teach us all." So writes Nancy Kehoe, a nun and psychologist, as she documents her challenges to bring spirituality to the world of psychology in her book *Wrestling with Our Inner Angels*. In the 1980s, Kehoe started a group therapy session for a day-treatment program in Boston for people struggling with mental health. She fought to pave a way for spiritual conversation at a time in which many doctors felt uncomfortable dealing with spiritual psychological issues. Kehoe was not satisfied with ignoring the spiritual needs of her patients, and she developed the Spiritual Beliefs and Values group upon which her book is based. The book shares personal stories of clients that touched her life by their conflicts with hope, God, and their mental illness. Kehoe writes that most of her clients, though needy themselves, had much to teach her and others about others, about courage, hope, and what it means to be spiritual, not merely "religious." The stories don't just tell about spirituality in other people, but

help us understand our own struggles and how to identify the inner angels we wrestle with everyday.

As Americans struggling to understand life and culture in Afghanistan, it is worthwhile to read Trent Reedy's novel *Words in the Dust*. Zulaikha, an Afghan girl, is not expected to receive an education other than how to run a house, raise children, and learn to get along with the other women in the household. These duties are made difficult by the cleft lip with which she was born. As the Americans move in and her father gets more commissions for his trade, the attention of the big, sometimes abrasive soldiers are turned to Zulaikha and give her what she never dared dream: Hope that her mouth could be healed from its deformity. At the same time she befriends an elderly woman who remembers when she was allowed to teach in a university, and offers to teach Zulaikha how to read and write. *Words in the Dust*, as narrated by a twelve-year-old girl, gives valuable insight into Afghani culture and history. Reed carefully balances the opinions of American soldiers, hailing them as liberators from the Taliban, but with a cautious skepticism that the future will be better with so many clashes between cultures.

Book Sale Coming Soon!

The OSL Library Book Sale will be Oct. 29, noon to 6:30 p.m., and Oct. 30, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Friendship Room. Donations of books, movies, music, and all media

can be brought to the Library by the south entrance of the church. If the Library is closed you can leave items by the door. Receipts are given upon request.

Kid's Corner



Digit by Cottrell Boyce's novel *Cosmic*. Liam

is a kid who enjoys doing things other kids like to do: play computer games, eat junk food, and go on rides at the theme park. But because he is unusually tall and mature-looking for his age, he often is mistaken for an adult. Liam poses as his friend's dad and their act suddenly gets him and his friends into trouble. Boyce humorously narrates a story with remarkable wit and insight into the mind of a twelve-year-old boy.

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SATURDAY NIGHT MOVIES AT OSL

The next movie night will be Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. The Library's featured movie, *The Apostle*, stars Robert Duvall, who also wrote and directed the movie. We meet Sonny, a God-fearing Texas preacher whose struggle with and dependence on God will move you. Join us in the Library for the movie followed by a discussion

on where and how it shows us God. *Wall-E*, the OSL children's movie, will run concurrently in the Holyword Theater for children in grades one through six. *Wall-E* is the last robot on earth. The movie is a humorous yet touching story with a message about greed and its effects on earth and the entire human race.

Library Hours: Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon | Monday 9:00 a.m. - noon | Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to noon | Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m. - noon | Friday: closed Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - noon. Second Saturday of the month 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

<p>Sat. Oct. 1 8:00am Woodshop Ministry - Shop 4:00pm Prison Cong/America - GAPI 5:00pm Festive Worship - SA</p> <p>Sun. Oct. 2 8:00am Response Singers - ChrRm 8:45am Festive Worship - SA 8:45am Celebrate Worship - CC 9:55am Sunday School - LL/FH 10:00am Game Changers - FR 11:00am Festive Worship - SA 11:00am Celebrate Worship - CC</p> <p>Mon. Oct. 3 9:30am Crossways Bible Study - FR 9:30am Low Impact Exercise - YR 11:00am Writing Group - Rm 103 6:30pm Guide to Jesus - Rm 101 6:30pm Crossways Bible Study - FR</p> <p>Tues. Oct. 4 9:00am Staff Meeting - CR 9:30am Yoga (OLLI) - FH 1:00pm Game Changers - Rm103 2:00pm Cancer Support - FR 5:30pm Sad Isn't Bad - GAPI,8,10,12,15 5:30pm Divorce Care - Rm103,SonRm 5:30pm Divorce Care/Kids - YR 5:30pm Bells of OSL - BCR 7:00pm Stephen Ministry - FR</p> <p>Wed. Oct. 5 7:00am Conversation w/God - Chapel 9:00am Foot Care Clinic - CM 9:00am Therapeutic Massage - Oasis 9:00am Friends of the Library - Rm 103 4:00pm Yoga - Labyrinth 4:00pm Massages - CM 4:45pm Joy Ringers - New BCR 5:00pm Wed Night Supper - GA PI 5:30pm Yoga - Labyrinth 5:30pm Joyful Noise Choir - ChrRm 5:30pm Youth Band - FH 6:00pm King's Choir - King'sChrRm 6:00pm Young Saints - BCR 6:00pm Spark Program - LL 6:00pm Woodshop Ministry - Shop 6:30pm Confirmation - FH 6:30pm 9th Grade Confirmation - FR 6:30pm Faith Stories - Rm 103 6:30pm Freedom From Deprsn - Rm 101 7:00pm Senior Choir - ChrRm 7:00pm Celebrate Band - CC 7:30pm Youth Group - YR</p> <p>Thurs. Oct. 6 9:30am Low Impact Exercise - YR 9:30am Made to Crave - Rm 101 10:00am Library Storytime - Library 10:00am Play & Pray - SonRm 10:00am Good Grief Group - Rm 103 11:30am Stephen Ministry - FR 3:15pm Circle Bible Study Leaders - Rm 103</p> <p>Fri. Oct. 7 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast - FR 7:00pm Youth Gathering/Promo Event - GA PI/CC -</p> <p>Sat. Oct. 8 7:00am 2nd Saturday Stitches 8:00am Woodshop Ministry - Shop 5:00pm Festive Worship - SA 6:00pm Stewardship Dinner - GA PI 6:30pm Library Movie Night - Library/Theatr Rm</p> <p>Sun. Oct. 9 8:00am Response Singers - ChrRm</p>	<p>8:45am Festive Worship - SA 8:45am Celebrate Worship - CC 9:55am Sunday School - LL 10:00am New Member Class - CR 10:00am Baptism Class - Rm 103 10:00am Game Changers - FR 11:00am Festive Worship - SA 11:00am Celebrate Worship - CC 12:15pm Stewardship Dinner - GA PI</p> <p>Mon. Oct. 10 9:30am Crossways Bible Study - FR 9:30am Low Impact Exercise - YR 11:00am Writing Group - Rm 103 6:30pm Crossways Bible Study - FR</p> <p>Tues. Oct. 11 9:00am Staff Meeting - CR 9:30am Quilters - Labyrinth 9:30am Yoga (OLLI) - FH 1:00pm Game Changers - Rm103 2:00pm Cancer Support - FR 5:30pm Sad Isn't Bad - FR,8,10,12,15 5:30pm Divorce Care - Rm103,SonRm 5:30pm Divorce Care/Kids - YR 5:30pm Bells of OSL - BCR 6:00pm Stewardship Dinner - GA PI 7:00pm Library Committee - Library</p> <p>Wed. Oct. 12 7:00am Conversation w/God - Chapel 9:00am Friends of the Library - Rm 103 9:30am Knitting/Crochetng Mstry - SonRm 10:00am Color Pencil Pntng (OLLI) - Rm 015 4:00pm Yoga - Labyrinth 4:00pm Massages - CM 4:45pm Joy Ringers - New BCR 5:00pm Mourning to Dawn - Rm 101 5:30pm Yoga - Labyrinth 5:30pm Joyful Noise Choir - ChrRm 5:30pm Youth Band - FH 6:00pm Stewardship Dinner - GA PI 6:00pm King's Choir - King'sChrRm 6:00pm Young Saints - BCR 6:00pm Spark Program - LL 6:00pm Woodshop Ministry - Shop 6:30pm Confirmation - FH 6:30pm 9th Grade Confirmation - FR 6:30pm Faith Stories - Rm 103 6:30pm Freedom From Deprsn - Rm 101 7:00pm Senior Choir - ChrRm 7:00pm Celebrate Band - CC 7:30pm Youth Group - YR</p> <p>Thurs. Oct. 13 9:30am Low Impact Exercise - YR 9:30am Altar Guild - FR 10:00am Library Storytime - Library 10:00am Play & Pray - SonRm 10:00am Good Grief Group - Rm 103 11:30am Youth Workers' Luncheon - GA PI 12:30pm Stephen Ministry Leaders - Rm 101 1:00pm WELCA Board - FR 6:00pm Stewardship Dinner - GA PI 7:00pm OSL Board Night - GA PI</p> <p>Fri. Oct. 14 6:30pm Alumni Honor Grd Banquet-GA PI -</p> <p>Sat. Oct. 15 8:00am Woodshop Ministry - Shop 8:30am LMIM - FR 8:30am Alumni Honor Grd Brkfst - GA PI 9:00am Premarital Workshop - Rm 103 5:00pm Festive Worship - SA</p> <p>Sun. Oct. 16 8:00am Response Singers - ChrRm 8:45am Festive Worship - SA</p>	<p>8:45am Celebrate Worship - CC 9:55am Sunday School - LL 10:00am New Member Class - CR 10:00am Game Changers - FR 11:00am Festive Worship - SA 11:00am Celebrate Worship - CC 12:15pm Stewardship Dinner - GA PI 2:30pm SDSO Concert - SA</p> <p>Mon. Oct. 17 9:30am Crossways Bible Study - FR 9:30am Low Impact Exercise - YR 11:00am Writing Group - Rm 103 6:30pm Crossways Bible Study - FR 6:30pm Guide to Jesus - Rm 101 7:00pm Health Ministry Event - CC/GA PI</p> <p>Tues. Oct. 18 9:00am Staff Meeting - CR 9:00am Health Ministry Event - CC/GA PI 10:30am Friendship Club - FR 1:00pm Game Changers - Rm103 2:00pm Cancer Support - FR 5:30pm Executive Committee - CR 5:30pm Divorce Care - Rm 103,SonRm 5:30pm Divorce Care/Kids - YR 5:30pm Bells of OSL - BCR 7:00pm Stephen Ministry - FR</p> <p>Wed. Oct. 19 7:00am Conversation w/God - Chapel 9:00am Friends of the Library - Rm 103 10:00am Color Pencil Pntng (OLLI) - Rm 015 1:00pm Library Book Covering - Library 4:00pm Yoga - Labyrinth 4:00pm Massages - CM 4:45pm Joy Ringers - New BCR 5:00pm Wed Night Supper - GA PI 5:00pm Mourning to Dawn - Rm 101 5:30pm Yoga - Labyrinth 5:30pm Joyful Noise Choir - ChrRm 5:30pm Youth Band - FH 6:00pm King's Choir - King'sChrRm 6:00pm Young Saints - BCR 6:00pm Spark Program - LL 6:00pm Woodshop Ministry - Shop 6:30pm Confirmation - FH 6:30pm 9th Grade Confirmation - FR 6:30pm Faith Stories - Rm 103 6:30pm Freedom From Deprsn - Rm 101 7:00pm Senior Choir - ChrRm 7:00pm Celebrate Band - CC 7:30pm Youth Group - YR</p> <p>Thurs. Oct. 20 9:00am Foot Care Clinic - CM 9:30am Faith Circle - FR 9:30am Library Storytime - Library 10:00am Play & Pray - SonRm 10:00am Good Grief Group - Rm 103 10:00am Good Grief Group - Rm 103 11:30am Stephen Ministry - FH 1:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Rm 103 1:00pm Anna Circle - FR 1:00pm Peace Circle - Rm 101</p> <p>Fri. Oct. 21</p> <p>Sat. Oct. 22 8:00am Woodshop Ministry - Shop 8:00am Handbell Festival - CC/Laby/GAPI 5:00pm Festive Worship - SA 5:00pm Handbell Concert - CC</p> <p>Sun. Oct. 23 8:00am Response Singers - ChrRm 8:45am Festive Worship - SA 8:45am Celebrate Worship - CC 9:55am Sunday School - LL</p>	<p>10:00am New Member Class - CR 10:00am Game Changers - FR 11:00am Festive Worship - SA 11:00am Celebrate Worship - CC</p> <p>Mon. Oct. 24 9:30am Crossways Bible Study - FR 9:30am Low Impact Exercise - YR 11:00am Writing Group - Rm 103 6:30pm Crossways Bible Study - FR</p> <p>Tues. Oct. 25 9:00am Staff Meeting - CR 9:30am Quilters - Labyrinth 9:30am Yoga (OLLI) - FH 1:00pm Game Changers - Rm103 2:00pm Cancer Support - FR 5:30pm Divorce Care - Rm103,SonRm 5:30pm Divorce Care/Kids - YR 5:30pm Bells of OSL - BCR</p> <p>Wed. Oct. 26 7:00am Conversation w/God - Chapel 9:00am Friends of the Library - Rm 103 10:00am Color Pencil Pntng (OLLI) - Rm 015 4:00pm Yoga - Labyrinth 4:00pm Massages - CM 4:45pm Joy Ringers - New BCR 5:00pm Wed Night Supper - GA PI 5:00pm Mourning to Dawn - Rm 101 5:30pm Yoga - Labyrinth 5:30pm Joyful Noise Choir - ChrRm 5:30pm Youth Band - FH 6:00pm King's Choir - King'sChrRm 6:00pm Young Saints - BCR 6:00pm Spark Program - LL 6:00pm Woodshop Ministry - Shop 6:30pm Confirmation - FH 6:30pm 9th Grade Confirmation - FR 6:30pm Faith Stories - Rm 103 6:30pm Freedom From Deprsn - Rm 101 7:00pm Senior Choir - ChrRm 7:00pm Celebrate Band - CC</p> <p>Thurs. Oct. 27 9:30am Low Impact Exercise - YR 10:00am Library Storytime - Library 10:00am Play & Pray - SonRm 10:00am Good Grief Group - Rm 103 5:30pm Congregation Council - CR 7:00pm Library Book Club - Library</p> <p>Fri. Oct. 28 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast - FR</p> <p>Sat. Oct. 29 8:00am Woodshop Ministry - Shop 9:00am Organ Workshop - SA 12:00pm Book Sale - FR 5:00pm Festive Worship - SA</p> <p>Sun. Oct. 30 - NEW MEMBERS ACCEPTED 8:00am Book Sale - FR 8:00am Response Singers - ChrRm 8:45am Festive Worship - SA 8:45am Celebrate Worship - CC 9:55am Sunday School - LL 10:00am Game Changers - FR 10:00am Parenting with Pr. Lemm - Chapel 11:00am Festive Worship - SA 11:00am Celebrate Worship - CC 3:00pm Augie Orch Chr Concert - SA</p> <p>Mon. Oct. 31 9:30am Crossways Bible Study - FR 9:30am Low Impact Exercise - YR 11:00am Writing Group - Rm 103 6:30pm Crossways Bible Study - FR</p>
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WORSHIP SERVICES:

Festive traditional: Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Celebrate contemporary: Sunday at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

TELEVISION BROADCASTS:

Celebrate: 9:30 a.m. - KTTW (Cable 9, Channel 7.1)
Festive: 1:00 p.m. - KSCB (Cable 30, Channel 53)
Dial-A-Devotion: 330-7943 **Website:** www.oslchurch.com

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Tim Lemme, Pastor of Caring Ministries
Jared Rakness, Pastor of Youth and Family
Don Lehmann, Pastor of Visitation




Giving Update AS OF August 31, 2011

Operating/benevolence giving: (Jan. 1 - August 31, 2011)
Offerings Anticipated: \$ 1,099,822.00
Offerings Received: \$ 1,129,574.00
Amount Over: +3.00% \$ +29,752.00

Stepping Forward in Faith (Jan. 1, 2007 - August 31, 2011)
Amount Anticipated: \$ 8,081,756.00
Amount Received: \$ 8,202,953.00
Amount Over: +1.00% \$ 121,197.00

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