

## **Today and This Week at OSL**

A **RECEPTION** to say thanks and farewell to Sandy Erckfritz and Becky Robinson is being held today between services from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Sandy, Director of Education, has resigned her position and is moving to Lake Benton, Minn. Becky, Education Coordinator, has resigned to take a full time position with the Sioux Falls School system. Come and thank both of these faithful servants for their service to OSL.

The **WELCA NOON LUNCHEON** is Thursday, Sept. 9, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. in The Gathering Place. Deanna Wehrspann will provide music and Anna Madsen will present a program entitled “Undeserving Grace,” relating her faith walk through times of personal tragedy. Tickets (\$7) are available in the Church Office through noon on Sept. 7. All women are invited. Guests are welcome. The Nursery will be available.

**This is Food Pantry weekend.** Please bring your non-perishable food items or cash donations to The Gathering Place.

**A NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY** – Crossways – is coming to OSL this fall. Crossways is a comprehensive two-year course, guiding participants through the biblical narrative and its major themes. Taught by Pr. Rakness, it will be offered at two different times beginning on Monday, Sept. 13, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost for the materials, including six study books and student worksheets, is \$80. Scholarships are available.

**OSL WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES** (children’s program, choirs, and adult classes) begin Sept. 8. Home-cooked meals are served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in The Gathering Place. The menu this week is pizza or roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, cole slaw, or pizza and brownies for dessert. Half portions are available. Suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Massages will also be available from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Oasis Room. Call the Church Office to schedule. Cost is \$12 for 15 minutes.

**“SPARK” WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE SCHOOL** will begin on Sept. 8, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Children attending need to register ASAP. Forms are available at the Information Center.

**NINTH GRADERS** are invited to Youth Group on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to paint the class door of the Youth Room.

**WELCA** Circle Bible study leaders have a new meeting time, the first Tuesday of the month at 1:45 p.m. for one hour in Room 103 on the west side of the Sanctuary. The first meeting on the new fall study will be Sept. 7.

**SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADERS** Sign up for the Mighty Middle School lock-in on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Friends are expected! Sign up deadline is Sept. 15. Contact Nicole at 336-2942, ext. 33, or nmindt@oslchurch.com. Adults willing to help contact Brent at 336-2942, ext. 35, or BrentH@oslchurch.com.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** (grades nine through twelve) OSL will begin, “Allies,” a Sunday morning peer-to-peer program on Sept. 12. Meet in the Youth Room between services.

## ***This Week at OSL      September 5 - September 12***

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### **Sunday, September 5**

8:45 am Festive Worship-SA  
8:45 am Celebrate Worship-CC  
10:30 am Festive Worship-SA  
10:30 am Celebrate Worship-CC

6:30 pm Spark Program-LL  
6:30 pm HS Small Groups-YR  
6:30 pm Women of Faith Circle-Rm 101  
6:45 pm Celebrate Band-CC  
7:00 pm Senior Choir-ChrRm

### **Monday, September 6**

**LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED**

### **Tuesday, September 7**

9:00 am Staff Meeting-CR  
1:45 pm Circle Bible Study Ldr-Rm 103  
2:00 pm Cancer Support-FR  
5:30 pm Bells of OSL-BCR  
6:00 pm SS Teacher Training-Labyrinth  
6:30 pm Compl Guide/Bible-Rm 101  
7:00 pm SS Shepherd Training-Labyrinth  
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry-FR  
8:00 pm Wrkshp Leader Trng-Labyrinth

### **Thursday, September 9**

9:30 am Low Impact Exercise-YR  
10:00 am Good Grief Group-Rm 103  
10:00 am Library Storytime-Library  
11:00 am Stephen Supervision-FR  
12:00 pm WELCA Luncheon-GA PI  
7:00 pm Board Night-GA PL

### **Friday, September 10**

6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast-FR

### **Saturday, September 11**

5:00 pm Festive Worship-SA  
6:00 pm Supper Following-GAPL

### **Wednesday, September 8**

7:00 am Conversation w/God-Chapel  
9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry-Rm 101  
4:00 pm Massages-Oasis  
4:45 pm Joy Ringers-BCR  
5:00 pm Wed Night -GA PI  
5:30 pm Joyful Noise Choir-ChrRm  
5:30 pm King's Choir-New ChldrnsChrRm  
5:30 pm Young Saints-BCR  
5:30 pm Youth Band-FH  
6:30 pm Confirmation Orientation-FH/FR

### **Sunday, September 12**

#### **RALLY SUNDAY/BAKE SALE**

8:00 am Response Singers-ChrRm  
8:45 am Festive Worship-SA  
8:45 am Celebrate Worship-CC  
9:55 am Sunday School-LL/FH  
11:00 am Festive Worship-SA  
11:00 am Celebrate Worship-CC

**SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 103 beginning Sept. 15. If you love to read and discuss, but don't have much time, this is the group for you. The featured book is *Faith Stories*, a collection of short stories by well known authors that look at ways in which faith can both strengthen and divide us. To sign up and purchase the book, or for more information, call Betsy at 336-2942, ext. 25, or email [bdanielson@oslchurch.com](mailto:bdanielson@oslchurch.com).

**THANK YOU** to those who have responded to "Team up in Youth and Family Ministry." Join in if you haven't yet!

**NO** blood pressure screenings today.

## ***Looking Ahead***

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**GIVE THE GIFT OF READING** Join the OSL Library in donating books to be used by ELL (English Language Learners) students in Sioux Falls schools. Pick a leaf off the Library giving tree. Donate the cost of the book listed on the leaf and the Library will purchase and deliver the books to ELL teachers at Longfellow, Cleveland, Laura B. Anderson, Jane Addams, Lowell, Rosa Parks, and Anne Sullivan elementary schools.

**THANK YOU** to all who donated produce and gave offerings for The Market for Hunger. So far, \$1100 has been raised and will be divided between The Amazing Grace Growing project and Derek Garnas's work in community health in Nepal. On Rally Sunday, Sept. 12, The Market will include produce and a bake sale. All congregation members are invited to bring home-baked items, jams, and jellies ready to sell. Items can be brought to the kitchen on Saturday, Sept. 11, or on Sunday morning.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** Sunday school teachers are needed for sixth through ninth grade. Consider being a part of this OSL youth program; it requires an hour of your time on Sunday mornings. Contact Pr. Jared or Nicole Mindt at 336-2942 or e-mail [nmindt@oslchuch.com](mailto:nmindt@oslchuch.com).

**WANTED** OSL is looking for a few college/adult volunteers to help **MENTOR** seventh grade confirmation students. The only experience required is patience, a smile, and a willing ear. Contact Pastor Jared or Nicole Mindt at 336-2942.

**VOICE YOUR HOPES AND CONCERNS FOR THE ELCA** by participating in an online survey at [www.liftelca.org](http://www.liftelca.org). This is part of a research project called "Living Into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the ELCA." Information gathered will be used as the basis for recommendations for the ELCA Church Council and the 2011 Churchwide Assembly. Hard copies of the survey are available in the Church Office, but completing the survey online is preferred.

**SAD ISN'T BAD**, a support group for children will be offered Sept. 21 and 28, and Oct. 5 and 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Our Savior's. All children K-12 are welcome. The program begins with a meal, followed by sessions that are facilitated by counselors/social workers who are trained to work with children. There is no charge for this event. For more information or to register contact Rosalie Ryan at 332-0094 or [cook@sio.midco.net](mailto:cook@sio.midco.net).

The **QUILTING GROUP** resumes meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Labyrinth Room. Quilters meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. No special skills are required to join. Quilts produced are donated to various local agencies and to Lutheran World Relief. Contact Yvonne Eng at 334-0014 or [ryeng@sio.midco.net](mailto:ryeng@sio.midco.net) for further information.

The **COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE** to the Bible study led by OSL member Brenda Rieger begins Monday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 101.

## ***Looking Ahead***

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Teacher, shepherd, and workshop leader **TRAINING** is Tuesday, Sept. 7.

The **BOWDEN YOUTH CENTER** needs volunteers for their annual Health Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Contact Brent at 336-2942, ext. 35, or BrentH@oslchurch.com.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN** Rally Sunday, Sept. 12. Parents are invited to visit their child's classroom and meet the teacher. Sunday School information, classroom assignments, and shepherd group assignments have been mailed to all Sunday School students' homes. If you have not received anything in the mail, call the Education Department at 336-2942.

Fifteen volunteers are needed to assist in set up, food distribution, and help families carry groceries at a **FOOD TO YOU FOOD DISTRIBUTION** at Augustana Lutheran on Sept 16. All members of the congregation can get involved by bringing the food of the month (tuna and tuna helper) or items for hygiene packs (toilet paper, shampoo, bar soap, and toothpaste). Sign up at the Information Center. Bring items to the Information Center or the Church Office. Contact Pr. Heidi or Graham Van Horn at 321-9521.

**PARENTS OF MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** are invited to a meeting in the Youth Room on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 12:15 p.m. to discuss adult education opportunities and family ministry. Contact Brent at 336-2942, ext. 35, or BrentH@oslchurch.com if you have ideas or questions but are unable to attend.

The **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month meal (Sept. 11) will be served at 6:00 p.m. in The Gathering Place. The menu is spaghetti with meat balls, garlic toast, lettuce salad, and assorted bars for dessert. Cost is \$6. No need to sign up. The OSL Library will also be open from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**EVERYONE** is welcome to play **PAINTBALL** on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sign up deadline is Sept. 15. Contact Nicole at 336-2942, ext. 33, or nmindt@oslchurch.com.

**LABOR OF LOVE** Stephen Ministers work to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. To request a Stephen Minister, or to inquire about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact Pr. Tim Lemme or Kathy Nelson at 336-2942.

**POSITIONS OPEN** Our Savior's is accepting applications for the full-time position of Director of Education, which includes, but is not limited to, responsibility for Sunday School, VBS, confirmation (working with pastors), and adult learning; and for a part-time Assistant to the Business Administrator (8 hours per week). Submit a letter of application and resume to Pr. Svendsen at the Church Office no later than Sept. 20.