

ANNUAL MEETING



OSLC will hold their annual meeting on Sunday January 18 at 11:30am followed by a pot-luck. We will be electing council members, voting on the 2015 budget and voting on the recommendations of the building task force.

If your interested on serving on the council please contact Ernie Peterson or the church office.

Skogdalen will hold their annual congregational meeting on Sunday February 1 at 10am followed by a pot-luck. We will be electing council members, voting on the 2015 budget and talking about our mission and ministry.

If your interested on serving on the council please contact Annette or the church office



Looking for Rocking Grandparents to spend some time holding, cuddling, and enjoying the 7 infants in the day-care any time from 8 to 4. For more information contact the church office or Verna Drake

Couples Weekend

February 13-14 2015

A weekend away from all the craziness of life, leave the kids behind, turn off your smart phone and enjoy a wonderful time.



The theme is Serious Fun: Laugh your way into invigorating your relationship.

Pick up a brochure at church or call Pastor John 630.675.8910



Our stepping stones ministry brings parents and children together to grow in their relationship with Jesus and support them in nurturing faith life in the home! Pastor John leads the sessions that provide practical tools for our families to grow in faith.

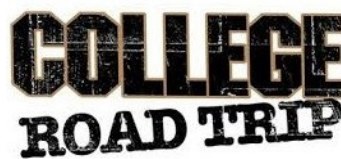
Stepping Stones for 3 and 4 year olds
Sunday January 11 9:15
Baptized for Life!

Stepping Stones for 1st and 2nd graders
Sunday February 8 9:15
We Worship!

Help the kids attend a life-changing event at the ELCA gathering or backpacking this summer!



The Way Wednesday - 9-12 graders meet at OSLC every Wednesday evening 5:30-7:00 (actually come any-time!)



Monthly High School Youth Events

This month we will be making a trip to Luther College in Decorah, IA to make a campus visit on Saturday, January 17th. While this trip is open to all High School students, all Juniors are especially encouraged to participate. We will have a campus tour by the admissions staff, lunch in the cafeteria, and time to talk to students and staff.

This will be a very helpful experience as you discern what post high school experience is right for you – even if you aren't planning to go to Luther College. Please contact Pastor Dan if you would like to go by Wednesday, January 14th. We will be leaving the WCP parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 Other than some money for lunch, there is no registration fee for this event.

Summer Trips Meeting

Our next group gathering is Sunday, February 8th at 11: 30 am at OSLC Please come to worship at 10:30 and then stay for some lunch and the meeting at 11:30 am.



Sugar Creek Bible Camp!
January 11 Time: 1– 5 PM

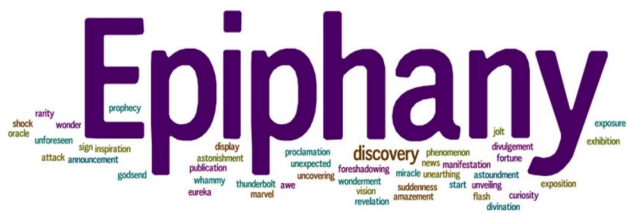
Cost \$5.00 per person - includes lunch and activities

Come for an afternoon of fun for all ages including down hill, tubing (tubes provided) and ice skating (bring your own skates), broom ball, snow shoeing, snowman building or curl up by the fire in the lodge!

Please sign-up by Wednesday January 7. Meet at OSLC to car pool at 12:15 or drive yourself. For all ages!

Happy Epiphany!

Epiphany is the season of the Church year that is often “lost” between the craziness of Christmas and the solemnity of Lent. Yet for the early church Epiphany was just as important as Christmas. It was set as a season of the church year in 361 and focused on the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, the reality that Jesus enters into creation for all people.



This year we will celebrate Epiphany through the theme “Living in the Light”. The Gospel of John often uses the image of Jesus being the light that shines God’s Grace upon a darkened world. John also tells us time and time again that as followers of the Light we too are to be beacons of God’s Grace to our world. The question for us is how to participate in this Light in the 21st century. Like the early church we live in a time of turmoil, a time that desperately needs the Light of Christ, a time of great opportunities to be Light bearers to an ever changing world.

Through the Gospel texts we will listen together to the voice of scripture as we bask in the Light of Christ and learn what it is to be a Light bearer in our world today.

See You in Worship!
Pastor John

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January Parish Voice

- Sunday Jan 11
OSLC Informational meetings
Winter Fun Days!
- Sunday Jan 18
OSLC Congregational Meeting
- Sunday Feb 1
Skogdalen Congregational Meeting
- Saturday Feb 7
OSLC Lutefisk Dinner

Living in the Light – Is the worship theme for Epiphany and is based up the Gospels reading for each day.

Living in the Light – Receive January 11 Mark 1: 1-13 (piano lead worship at OSLC)
It is God who chooses us! We receive life, we receive a relationship with Jesus, and we receive the Holy Spirit to live our life based upon our relationship Jesus.

Living in the Light – Believe January 18 John 1:43–51 (Organ/piano lead worship at OSLC with choir)
Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves; he sees our true identity and invites us to see ourselves and the world through his eyes. Our belief is not in ourselves but in Jesus who gives our life meaning and purpose.

Living in the Light – Become January 25 Mark 1:14–20 (Guitar lead worship at OSLC)
We become who we are created to be when we intentional put ourselves in a position to be changed by Jesus. We are invited to live a life based upon God’s way of doing things (The Kingdom of God) .