

Pastoral Perspectives

Georgi and I will be enjoying time in our “home land” in Ireland this April. It seems that her father’s side (McKamey) and my mother’s side (Craig) both came from the same county in Ireland. I figure that also means that we have at least a little of Norske in us since the Vikings were in Ireland long ago! We’ve been thinking and saving for this 15th wedding anniversary trip for a number of years and look forward to driving on the other side of the road and staying in Bed and Breakfasts.



We will also be touring the many sights of the old country including churches. While these churches will be extraordinarily beautiful most of them will be museums. Marvelous buildings that are awe inspiring yet are vacant of people. Unfortunately many churches are just that, buildings and not Churches. Over the years many people have felt a disconnect between church and life causing them to find other places or people to feed their spiritual needs.

There is a balancing act of maintaining a building and being the Church that is often tricky as the needs of a facility can be overwhelming and take the focus of Being the Church. Being the Church is not only about the building but about Jesus’ Ministry and Mission. We have this awesome responsibility to be good stewards of the buildings at OSLC and Skogdalen and the remarkable opportunity to engage people in Mission and Ministry.

Both congregations are addressing these important aspects of being the Church in the 21st century. OSLC is engaged in a much needed building program while Skogdalen is talking about how to best use the legacy gift from Harvey Lunde. While we are focusing on these important issues we are also engaged in the varied ministries that connect people to faith.

It is a great time to **Be the Church** in Westby and I encourage you to continue to be faithful in your worship, service, giving and living as the Body of Christ!

Blessings of the Tractors Sunday April 12 OSLC

Blessing Of The Tractors will be on Sunday, April 12th. Pastor John will lead us in the blessing of the tractors and prayers for planting during our regular worship. There will be special parking in the front of the church for tractors of all ages and sizes. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to participate in worship.



OSLC Council Highlights March

Discussed new line of credit we will be opening to be used for Capital Campaign expenses.

Pastor’s Report

Pastoral Goals – will be sharing a time study with personnel committee and be setting year goals.

Jayne gave a report on a Synod leadership event she attended

Becoming an Effective Church Council was the topic – Leadership is – a call from God, a call to be devoted to Jesus Christ, a call to be devoted to the Word of God, a call to be devoted to worship, a call to be devoted to prayer, a call to be devoted to the church, a call to affirm other leaders, a call to promote God’s vision, a call to risk-trust God and make faithful decisions and you being called to a responsible position also shows that God has a sense of humor.

Capital Campaign Update

Brochure was handed out and discussed on Building a Strong Foundation.

Worship

The Discords will be leading worship service on April 26.

Youth & Education –

Confirmation Banquet will be April 8 and confirmation service will be May 3 with 19 youth being confirmed. Pastor John is taking kids out to lunch prior to confirmation to talk about their faith statements.

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While Pastor John is in Ireland Pastors Dan and Julie will be Pastors on call. They can be reached at 608.634.3412

Confirmation Sunday May 3rd



On Sunday, May 3rd, Kerbie Brose, Ryan Daines, Katelyn Dunnum, Alex Gluch, Griffin Grass, Gunnar Hanson, Weston Kabat, Ryan Knight, Bjorn Leum, Elsa Luebke, Morgan Olson, Kean Parshall, Carly Servais, Madison Swick, Lizzy Stebbins, Austin Tolliver, Kiana Euler, Connie Siverhus, Caroline Siverhus will be professing their Affirmation of Faith during worship at Skogdalen and OSLC. Please uplift them as they continue their journey of faith.

Sugar Creek Bible Day Camp



Sunday July 12—Thursday July 16

Join us for a fantastic week for 1st to 5th graders (fall of 2015)

Counselors from Sugar Creek will be leading us in an unforgettable week.

Look for more information and registration coming soon.

Co-Sponsored by WCP and OSLC

Growing in Grace!

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Sunday 12 Blessing of the Tractors OSLC
Sunday 19 Pastor Denny Hallemeier
Sunday 26 Discords OSLC
May 3 Confirmation

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Spice, Drinke, Og Var Glad (Eat, Drink and Be Glad)

At the Skogdalen Salad Luncheon

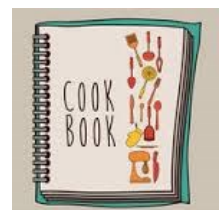
Saturday, May 2, 2015

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

At Skogdalen Church

Off County P in Timber Coulee

Adults \$5.00 & Ages 5-12 \$2.00



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We will also have our Salad Cookbooks available for sale.

Hope to see everyone there!!