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Parish Voice Update

The weekly E-word has received great reviews from people who received it through e-mail or picked it up at church. It has provided for better and more current communication for our Parish. We will continue to utilize the weekly E-Word along with periodic mailings of the Parish voice.

If you have provided us with your e-mail and have not been receiving the E-Word please contact the church office so we can make sure you receive the E-Word. Printed copies of the E-Word will be available to be picked up at the church office or you can contact the church office and a copy will be mailed to you.

By using the E-Word and periodic Parish Voice we save money and provide better communication.



Holy Week

Wednesdays April 2 and 9

OSLC - 10:00 am 7:00 pm

Fish Fry 5:30 pm

Thursday April 3 and 10

Skogdalen 6:00 pm

Palm Sunday April 13

Skogdalen 9:00 am

OSLC 10:30am

"Maundy" Wednesday April 16

OSLC 10:00 and 7:00 pm Worship with Communion

Fish Fry 5:30 pm

Maundy Thursday April 17

Skogdalen 6:00 pm

Good Friday April 18

Community Worship at OSLC 1:15 pm

Easter Sunday April 13

OSLC 6:30am 10:30am

Breakfast Brunch 7:30am - 10:00

Skogdalen 9:00am





Yesterday's Youth Sugar Creek Bible Camp April 7, 2014 9:00-2:30 \$10.00 for the day

Join Pastor John and Georgi in attending Yesterday's Youth
We will car pool from OSLC at 8:15am Sign up in the church office!

9 a.m.-Coffee 9:30-Devotions

9:45-Thrivent Presentations by Arne Fremstad

"Your Legacy;: Family, Church & Charity"

"How to protect yourself against Identity Theft"

Lunch

Special Program Laurel & Diane: Country, Gospel and old-time favorites!



5 and 6th Grades "First Communion" April 6

Our fifth and sixth graders will be receiving the Sacrament of God's Grace on Sunday April 6th. For the past number of weeks, the students and parents have been learning about Holy Communion. They will also be making the communion bread for Palm Sunday and Easter! We rejoice with these young people and their families!

OS WELCA Highlights

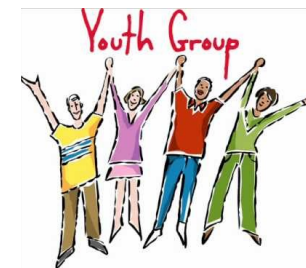
On a cool and sunny day, President Joan Anderson read the Purpose Statement that opened the March 13, 2014 meeting in the church basement at 1pm. The secretary and treasures' reports were accepted followed by a discussion concerning the Bethel Butikk dinner to be held. March 27th The meeting was then turned over to Joan Anderson and Pastor John got the video started titled 'Palm Sunday to the Crucifixion' This was a presentation that showed us the old versus, the new landscape of Jerusalem and history of the changes in the land, the people, and the pain and torture of Jesus Christ as He endured the painful flogging on his body. We could see the instruments that were used to inflict such pain, the thorns that were weaved to form a crown, the cross that Jesus had to carry that represented all the sins of the world. This brought the realization that much has not changed over the years.



Much thanks to Maren Melby and Sandy Iverson for the lovely lunch they provided.

Complete minutes are available in the church office

High School - Breakfast Club April 4th and 25th 7AM a time for food and conversation



Experiencing Homelessness Thursday April 24th

An experience organized by a number of our high school kids to draw attention to the realities of homelessness. A homeless "camp" will be established that will provide minimal shelter for the kids to stay overnight while they learn more about the realities of homelessness in our community and country.

Community Baccalaureate Wednesday May 21st

A community wide worship to give thanks to God for our graduating seniors.

Mission Jamaica June 26th to July 6th

8 Missionaries for OSLC and Skogdalen will be involved in an experience of a life-time. You can support this ministry in your prayers and monetary support. Please read the enclosed information brochure and prayerfully consider being a prayer sponsor.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



FULL CIRCLE TRAINING

Thursday, April 10th 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Car Pool from OSLC at 8:00

Join Pastor John and others in attending this fantastic opportunity to learn more about ministry for and with children and families. Full Circle Training is designed to assist a congregation in developing a dynamic ministry for youth and families. It is being led by Lyle Griner, The National Peer Ministry Director at EveryDay Faith. See Pastor John for more information



Wednesdays 3:30- 5:00

2,9,16 Regular class followed by worship
23 "Lutheran Life"
30 "Finials" and party

Confirmation Banquet Wednesday April 23

8th graders and families will be guest at the annual confirmation banquet hosted by the councils of Skogdalen and OSLC.

Students will be sharing their faith stories through stories, songs and presentations.

Confirmation Sunday May 4

On Sunday, May 4th, Erek Devine, Justin Erdman, Shanay Erickson, Kiarra Keenlance, Haley Olson and Sharice Elbert 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 Retreats and Camp

April 25-27 Sugar Creek Spring Retreat

July 27- August 1 Bible Camp

Participation at a retreat or camp is an expectation of the confirmation experience. You can attend one or both events! Remember that the cost for each event is subsidized by the congregation and participation in fundraisers can offset most of the remaining cost.

Sunday August 3 —Thursday August 7

Co-Sponsored by WCP and OSLC a fantastic week for 1st to 5th graders (fall of 2014)

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

Look for more information and registration coming soon.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp Day Camp 2014

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Theology on Tap @ Bleachers Thursdays in Lent 8:30pm

Join Pastor John for lively and meaningful conversation at Bleachers as we explore life and faith as we know it!

Theology on Tap follows in the footsteps of Martin Luther as he famously stated *It is better to think of church in the ale-house than to think of the ale-house in church.*"



Easter Lilies!

Would you like to brighten the sanctuary on Easter morning? Easter Lilies will be for sale in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special to decorate either OSLC or Skogdalen on Easter Sunday.

Orders will be taken at both churches or you can contact Jayne Anderson (634-4851) or Dorothy Stoffregen(452-2123) to place your order. Cost is \$10.00

Blessings of the Tractors Sunday April 27th

Bishop Arends will lead us in the blessings of the tractors and prayers for planting during our regular worship on Sunday April 27th. 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.



Joint Worship Services

May 18 Syttende Mai 8am Joint worship at WCP 9am Skogdalen

June 15 Joint parish worship (Skogdalen, OSLC, WCP and Vang) at Country Coon Prairie Church



OSLC Church Council Highlights March

(complete minutes available in the church office)

Accepted the Secretary and Treasurer's Report

Choir update – Vanessa, Jena and others are helping with new ways to provide music for church services.

Council committee members need to find 2-3 others to help with committee roles. Projects in progress and to be started include – Caring Cards, young couples, music, E-giving, Stepping Stones, Sunday coffee, Lasagna Fund Night, Soup Night & Pizza including playing games, sponsors for new members, Blessing of the tractors

Approved- recommendation of the Pastors from WCP/Vang and OSLC/Skogdalen to hold a joint worship service the weekend of the Synod Assembly, Sunday June 15 at Country Coon Prairie Church.

Summer Bible Day Camp (VBS) – will be a joint ministry between WCP and OSLC using Sugar Creek Bible Camp staff to run the program. August 3- August 7

OSLC March offering and attendance:

	Offerings, Memorials	Other Income	Attendance
Sunday 2	\$ 1,837 (*\$ 350)	\$ 443	120
Wednesday 5	\$ 554	\$ 164	87
Sunday 9	\$ 4,650 (*\$1,390)	\$ 1,506	158
Wednesday 12	\$ 362	\$ 117	74
March 16	\$ 1,988 (*\$ 325)	\$ 11	158
Wednesday 19	\$ 679		73
Sunday 23	\$ 3,991 (*\$2,250)	\$ 33	123
March 30			

*Auto Giving included in Total

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word “stewardship”? Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? A grateful response to God? **What about love?**

Stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is a way of life. It calls for integration between our faith and the way that we live our lives — we are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life. Stewardship is a mindset, a culture and a discipline that can never be contained in an annual three-week financial response. According to Clarence Stoughton, former president of Wittenberg University, stewardship is everything we do after we say “I believe.” It is the way in which we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and our neighbor. **Stewardship is about love.**



Stewardship
a way of life

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“Yesterday is the past, tomorrow is the future, but today is a gift. That’s why it’s called the present.”

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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“Stewardship is a matter of the heart. My stewardship practices are a response to the boundless love God first showed me. It means that I am grateful for all that God has generously entrusted to me. As a faithful steward and child of God, I understand that the decisions I make, in all aspects of my life, reveal my priorities. It is a privilege to share time, talents and finances, to care for God’s earth and to serve my neighbors. Being a good steward has brought me great joy and has helped me grow spiritually. I am blessed to be a blessing.”

OSLC BAPTISMS

Reed Tyler Ray March 16, 2014
Riley Autumn Ray March 16, 2014
(Children of Wendy Olson & Justin Ray)