



It's been a fun but tiring summer for me...my mind says yes and my body says no way – two weeks of Bible Camp and week of a family reunion in June... my recovery time just isn't what it's used to be. But that won't stop me from going on the mission trip or trying to keep up with the kids....

It's all about relationships - with kids, family, Sugar Creek, Pine Ridge, etc. I guess that's how I see life– We are created to form life giving relationships with ourselves, others, God, creation and community. It's simply complex! Simple in that we all are connected with others, complex as those relationships can be messy.

Jesus stepped into this reality to show us how to live in the present and to be the promise that our relationship with Him stretches into eternity. I have come to know this best when I am connected to the broader community called the church. Not the building but the real church - the people.

Jesus' church is about the people and not the buildings that we gather in. Both of our congregations have been very intentional about be good stewards of the buildings we have been entrusted with. We have spent a great deal of effort and money on making sure that they are up to date and well maintained. Now that we have addressed the building concerns we can turn our main focus on the Church, - relationships with each other, Jesus and community.

To help us do this we are reviewing and updating our records. If you haven't done so, please return your completed membership form as soon as possible.

Another way to connect with each other is to participate in our Pictorial Directory this fall. This is a free service to our congregations that allows us to produce an updated pictorial directory. Each family or individual receives a complementary 8x10 color picture. While you will have an opportunity to purchase additional pictures you are under NO obligation to do so. I have made it very clear to the LifeTouch company that I will not tolerate any pressure sales tactics whatsoever.

Enjoy the Summer months and see you in Church...

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All Parish Worship at Skogdalen



Sunday July 31
9 AM

Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets for our annual outdoor worship in the valley. Staff from Sugar Creek Bible Camp will be leading the worship!

There will be refreshments following worship.

This is a great opportunity for you to invite friends and families to join you in enjoying meaningful worship in the beauty of the valley!

Congregational Membership Update

We are in the process of updating our membership records in our congregations. We sent out over 500 letters that contained the forms and self-addressed envelope. If you haven't sent yours in yet or misplaced them please use the enclosed form and return to the church office as soon as possible. If you would like help in completing the form call the church office and we can help you fill it out.



Our Saviors 6-month financial overview

In reviewing our financials it is important to keep in mind that offerings vary from month to month and that almost a quarter of our offerings (income) are given in the last 6 weeks of the year! Just as farmers, small business and households see fluctuations in income and expenses throughout the year, the same is true for churches.



Take a moment and reflect upon all the blessings that you have received from God, the importance of your connection with OSLC, and your willingness and ability to show your gratitude in supporting Jesus' ministry. Consider enrolling in Automatic Giving. It's a great way to consistently give and provides our church with steady income flow.

Thank you so much in your partnership in ministry.

6-month Totals:

Total Income: \$104,829.84

Total Expenses: \$126,616.55

Net Income: \$ -21,786.71

June General Offering Total: \$10,766.75

June 5 \$1435, June 12 \$ 661, June 19 \$1856, June 26
\$1697.75, Automatic Giving: \$5117

Memorials: \$30

Charlene Pederson - \$10 Undesignated, Audrey Berg - \$20 Undesignated

Come for Supper Donations: \$100

Baptisms In Our Parish

Moxley Drew Bean daughter of Misty and Dexter Bean - June 5, 2016 - OS
Dexton Daniel Young - son of Ashley Jefson & Gaje Young - June 26, 2016 - OS
Gunner Lee Lueck - son of Caitlin & Jacob Lueck - July 3, 2016 - Skogdalen



Funerals In Our Parish

Elinor Jensen - May 31, 2016 - OS

Cindy McGrath - June 8, 2016 - OS

Audrey Berg - June 21, 2016 - OS

Our Saviors Help Wanted

Cemetery

We are looking for a number of people to step up and serve on the cemetery committee. The committee oversees the operation of the cemetery—hiring of the grounds keeper, setting of policies and guidelines, ensuring of the proper grave opening and closings, and providing financial oversight. If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry, please contact Ernie Peterson at 608.386.6145



Carpet cleaning

We are in need of 4 or 5 volunteers to help Mark shampoo the carpets and chairs before school begins. Just let Rhonda know if you're interested and Mark will coordinate the time that works best. Thanks for your help in Keeping God's House beautiful!



Worship

We're looking for individuals and families to provide leadership on Sunday mornings.

Ushers, Greeters, Worship assistants, Hospitality (refreshments), Communion Servers, & Communion preparation.

Singers: The Our Saviors singers invite people of all ages and ability to sing on normally the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:15. Come when you can and sing when you are available.

Sign up at church or call the church office for more info 634-4871

Be a part of our new family directory program. We need YOU to make our new family directory complete!

We will partner with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families and tell our story.

Church Directory

Tuesday—Thursday September 6-8
Thursday—Saturday October 13-15

Lifetouch will photograph at Our Saviors. In your one-hour session you will:



WE NEED YOU
to make our new family directory complete

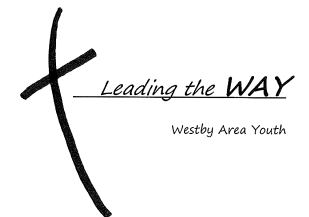
- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your portraits
- Have an opportunity to purchase portrait gifts

Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait & directory for participating.

South Dakota Mission Trip July 15 - 23

The WAY (Westby Area Youth) is going on a mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Please keep this group in your prayers as they travel and spend the week at Pine Ridge. Youth: Dakota Bakkestuen, Riley Hagen, Noah Inman, Kenny Letterly, Austin Mowery, Davontae Spears, Melody Berg, Luke Bjorklund, Luke Charles, Maddi Buros, Laura Dunnum, Nick Kolbo, Brady Wemette, Alayna Winterfield, Katie Wollman and Caya Wollman.

Adults: Michele Engh, Duane Berg, Pastor Julie, Pastor John and Tammy, Heath & Alexis Gilkes.



Thank you for your support as they experience this life changing trip!

This has been a banner year for kids having a life changing experience at Sugar Creek Bible camp. Over 20 of our youth will spend a week at camp thanks to support of the congregation, Lasagna, Lutefisk and Lenten Fish dinners!

Confirmation camp is so important that we include funds in our annual ministry budget to make sure that they can attend as it is a requirement of our confirmation ministry. Portions of the procedure of the meals this year went to send kids to camp. Thank You for your support of our campers!

Riley Dunnum, Chase Haakenson, Devin Hansen, Jonah Jepsen, Ellen Johnson, Ty McGarvey, Evan Gluch, Ella Johnson, Tayah Johnson, Kellen Olson, Hannah Pedretti, Jackson Empereur, Ty Nottestad, Sharice Hunter Anderson, Shaun Dahlen, Grayson Hagen, Zachary Dahlen, Tanner Hagen, Brody Nottestad.



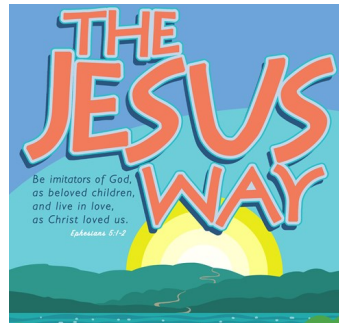
Our rededication celebration Sunday September 25

Bishop Jim Ahrens will be with us as we celebrate the completion of our renovation ministry.



Following Worship, we will enjoy a good old fashion Hog Roast.

Plan now to attend and bring a friend to join in the festivities.



VBS August 1-4, 2016!

Sugar Creek counselors will be bringing their energy, enthusiasm, and faith filled fun to Westby again this summer!

All children entering Grades 1 through 5 in the fall of 2016 are welcome to join us for Day Camp! Bring your friends!

- Where?** Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Westby
- When?** Monday through Thursday, August 1-4, 2016.
9:00-3:00 with early drop off beginning at 8:00!
- Cost?** Day camp is \$5 per child and no more than \$12 per family.

Registration Call the church office 634- 4871 to register.

Day Camp is hosted by OSLC, Skogdalen, WCP, Vang, Bethel, Bethany, and Zion Lutheran Churches.

OSLC Building Update

Our building renovation ministry is in the final stages! Thank you for your support, patience and prayers. There are a few items that need to be addressed before the project is completed. The two primary areas for concern are the front railings and the parking lot.

Front Railings - Eric Lehman the project manager from Fowler-Hammer is well aware of the problems with the railings. He has apologized for this and will rectify the problem in consultation with the building team.

Parking - The hoped for is to reseal and stripe the lot to provide for over 20 functional parking spots and to relocate the dumpsters. Our current parking situation is chaotic and the dumpsters are near the entrances.