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Rededication Celebration Sunday September 25

Bishop Jim Arends will be with us to celebrate the completion of our renovation ministry.

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

Plan now to attend and bring friends to join in the festivities.



Join us for a very special day of worship, food and celebration! We give thanks to God for the privilege and ability to renovate our church building to enhance Jesus' Ministry at Our Saviors! We give thanks to the people who financially support this ministry. We give thanks to those who have been leaders in this process. We give thanks for all those who use this marvelous building throughout the week and on Sundays. We give thanks for those people who have come to know of God's Love by being welcomed to use this building in so many ways.

Worship Theme

Created and called by God for a purpose - to tend and care for creation - we are given a promise, to be counted among the stars of God's family. Within this family, God creates a way for us to survive, that out of death and despair, we are freed into the light of new life. But we forget God's story. We fall away from the purpose for which we have been created. We grow impatient with God's plan. So where does that leaves us? With a God, who loves us deeply, knows us by name, hears our prayers, remembers us each day and promises to wait for us through the very end.



Sept. 11, 2016 Creation and Fall Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17

Created and called by God for a purpose (to “steward,” tend and care for creation), humankind is given the unique gift of “open eyes.” We know our Creator, and we know our place in creation; the tension in this vision of the world is that we must embrace our calling, and resist the temptation to reach above ourselves and our place, thinking that we are “like God.”

Sept. 18, 2016 Abraham's Descendants Genesis 15:1-6

Abraham's descendants are created by God's promise. Abraham is anxious that he will not live to see God's promise – that he will make of him a great nation (Genesis 12:1-3). When God reiterates the promise, Abraham believes in God's promise, he trusts that God's word is good; this trust is the source of Abraham's "righteousness" before God.

Sept. 25, 2016 Joseph, the Dreamer

Genesis 37:3-8,17-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

God creates a way for the chosen people to survive by giving Joseph the gift of dreams – seeing a vision for his family’s future. Joseph’s gift causes division in the family, but his forgiveness (a model of both Divine and human forgiveness)

“works for good,” out of the bad.

Oct. 2, 2016 Passover and Deliverance Exodus 12:1-14; 13:1-10

The people of Israel are told to make a “day of remembrance,” in which the story of the Passover, and God’s delivering God’s people from captivity is told and retold. In worship, people remember and tell the story of what God has done for them. We do this in our worship as well; in the Passover and in the Lord’s Supper, we are telling how God creates freedom, and new life, and a nation/church, out of death and despair.

Our Saviors

Building Capital Campaign

Overview



With the completion of the building renovation ministry we also begin paying our monthly mortgage of \$4,196. It is important to remember that these payments do not come from our regular offerings but from the building capital campaign funds. These are completely separate funds and cannot be combined or used for any other purpose then the building renovation.

Building Capital Campaign Overview

- Amount of total pledged - \$248,130
- Amount received - \$132,783.90 (\$117,268.90 from pledging donors, additional \$7,890 from members that did not pledge, \$5,320 additional donations, \$2,305 memorials)
- Amount yet to receive - \$130,861.10 from pledging members (Note: Some have not made any payments toward their pledges and some are paid in full for their three-year commitment.)
- Average Monthly Giving - As the giving patterns of giving vary from month to month it is very difficult to find an average month. The giving has ranged from a high \$28,620 to a low \$2,045.10. We do know that we receive \$1,250 month via automatic giving
- Monthly payment amount - \$4,196
- Current account balance - \$76,242.29
- Remaining Work—The cost of the project was \$750,000 and the \$700,000 loan from the Mission Investment Fund was contingent upon our paying \$50,000. We have an estimated \$25,000 funds to complete the project. This includes repairing the stain glass windows. This will decrease the fund balance to around \$50,000. The rule of thumb in church building funds is to keep 6 to 8 months of mortgage payments in the fund. With our \$50,000 balance we will have over 11 months in mortgage payments in the fund. The building team will be making it's final recommendations to the church council by the end of August and then the council will determine which projects to finish.

Personal Stewardship

We are partnering with Thrivent this fall to offer a number of workshops that focus on the Stewardship of our financial resources. Each session covers important topics such as retirement, social security and basic financial planning and management. Jesus talked about money and possession throughout his earthy ministry yet we often have a hard time talking about money and resources. These sessions are not about a product but rather are educational and will help get the conversation going around that touchy subject of money!



Thursday, September 22, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Logan Mill Inn

RETIRE WISELY

47% of Americans age 56 to 62 could run out of funds to pay for basic retirement expenses if they were to retire at age 65.¹

Will you have enough to retire?
Will your retirement income last?
Are your assets protected?

Thursday, September 22, 2016 7:00 p.m. Logan Mill

Please RSVP to reserve your spot to this free event. Contact Arne P Fremstad at 608-778-2902 or email arne.fremstad@thrivent.com.

Upcoming Event

October 13, 2016 Social Security

November 10, 2016 Financial Planning.

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

Thursday—Saturday October 13-15
Thursday—Saturday November 17 - 19

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



- 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.

There are a number of ways to sign up:

1. Go to our website www.oursav-skogdalen.org and click on the Church Directory link—this will take you to the registration page. Go to our facebook page at Our Saviors-Skogdalen churches
2. Beginning Sunday September 25th you can sign up at church before or after worship
3. Call the church office

We are looking for a number of people to serve as Host/Hostesses when the pictures are being taken

It's easy, it's fun and it's a good way to meet people. Duties include:

- Greeting people
- Putting address labels on cards.
- Feeling good because you helped the church and met new people

Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders
Begins Wednesday September 7

Living the Word: Engaging in God’s Story!

Our new confirmation ministry—*Living the Word: Engaging in God’s Story!* - connects Gods Story to Our Story by exploring how the stories in the Bible help make sense of our life and stories!

High School Ministry Begins
Wednesday September 7th at 7pm
Pizza of Course! – Bring Friends!

YOUTH MINISTRY
HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

Greetings from the Sunday School!
We Begin Sunday September 11!

Please mark your calendars for the first day of Sunday School, which will be September 11th (the Sunday after Labor Day). Sunday School meets from 9:15-10:15 and is for kids age 3 through 6th grade.

Dates you need to know!

- On Wednesday, August 24th at 6:30 p.m., there will be a meeting for Sunday School Teachers and volunteers at church. Hope to see everyone there.
- The 2nd Sunday of every month will be Youth Sunday in church.
- A special Fall Family Fund Day will be October 30th from 1-3 p.m.
- The Sunday School Christmas Program will be during the church service at 10:30 a.m. on December 11th.

Watch for more information that will be mailed out in August. See you in the fall!

OSLC Cemetery Board

The following are members of the OS’s Cemetery Board:

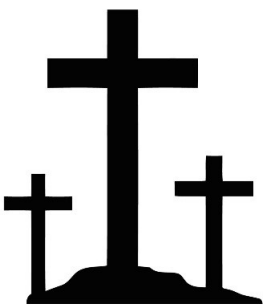
Jerry Johnson - 606-9591

Rob Klinkner - 606-3453

Donna Leum - 632-0773

If you have any questions, please give them a call.

We would like to extend a big “Thank You” to Bob Devine and Roger Berger for their many years of service on the Cemetery Board.



OSLC Ministry Budget Update

The council is committed to being good stewards of our finances by reviewing our offering and expenses on a regular basis, being transparent, and adjusting costs as needed.

Comparison of 2015 and 2016 Ministry Budget Financials January to July (does not include building capital campaign funds)

	2016	
Total Income (offering \$88,881- other \$26,301)	\$ 115,182	117,848
Other includes Skogdalen, Day Care, miscellaneous		
Total Expenses	\$ 142,085	149,864
Net	-\$ 26,903	-\$32,016

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.

There is a
place for
you at
our table...



"COME FOR SUPPER"

Every Tuesday
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Social Hour 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Meal Served 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

NO CHARGE "EVER"
EVERYONE WELCOME

Birthday Bags:

If you would like to participate in the Birthday Bags Program again, it would be much appreciated! The children in the Westby & Coon Valley Elementary Schools received a birthday bag last year at the time of their birthday (summer birthdays also received one at some point during the school year). They loved it!

We need all birthday bags to be uniform so that there is no difference in any of the bags. In order to do this, please include **ONLY** the following items:

Basic Cake Mix, frosting, 2 single servings of applesauce (this is a substitute for the eggs & oil), a pan (please go with a shorter pan so that it will fit into the bags better), a "Happy Birthday" banner, and a plain, basic bag.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE CANDLES OR ANYTHING "EXTRA".

If you are a member of a group / organization and would like to make a donation toward the cost of purchasing items to put these bags together, you can do that too! Please make your check payable to WCP and write "Birthday Bags" on the memo line. Your generosity is felt and appreciated very much!!!



All Parish Weekend at Sugar Creek
January 13-15

Begin the new year by enjoying a weekend away at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. This is for people of all ages and families of all sizes!

Spend time inside – sitting by the fire, reading, playing games, napping, roasting in the Sauna. Spend time outside – hiking, snow shoeing, skiing, sliding, skating, sleigh rides. Spend time eating – 4 fantastic meals. Spend time laughing – Spend time renewing!



We hope to have families, singles, seniors, long time members, newer members spend the weekend together. In other words, we want the Body of Christ at OSLC/Skogdalen to have a great time together.

Cost

Thanks to funds raised at the Lasagna Dinner the cost is \$60 per person, 5 and under free, max of \$175 per family! (regular cost \$ 95 per person) - there are additional scholarships

Schedule

Friday: Arrive and settle in between 6:00-7:00 Pizza and snacks

Saturday : Brunch – Large group fun – snacks, free time to enjoy all that Sugar Creek has to offer – supper—evening fun!

Sunday: Brunch - Large group fun - worship, head home or spend the rest of the day playing at camp!



Sign-up begins September 11.
Plan now to attend and bring friends!

Our Saviors



Worship

Worship helpers

We're looking for individuals and families to help in making our worship meaningful and purposeful. Sign-up on Sunday mornings or call the church office

We are looking for Ushers, Greeters, Worship Grandparents, Worship assistants, Hospitality (refreshments), Communion Servers, & Communion preparation.

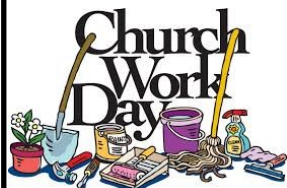
Our Savior's Singers:

The Our Saviors Singers invite people of all ages and ability to join them on Sunday mornings at 9:15. Come when you can and sing when you are available.

We normally sing the 1st and 3rd Sundays at the 10:30 worship. For more information contact Jena Casper 608-633-2098

Worship Grandparents

One of the hallmarks of OSLC is that we love children to be in worship! While we don't mind fidgety kids or crying babies often times parents feel that their child is being a nuisance and disturbing others. When parents are focused on keeping their child quiet they themselves are not able to engage in worship. That's where *Worship Grandparents* come in! Wouldn't it be great to have a number of people each week who are excited about sitting with a child so their parents can fully worship! During the welcome time we will introduce the Worship Grandparents for that day and during the passing of the peace the grandparents can offer to sit with the kids and/or take them to the lounge area. By the way, you don't even have to be an actual grandparent, just a person of any age who loves kids!



FALL CLEAN-UP DAY AT OSLC

Saturday, September 24

8 - noon Come when you can to help spruce up the church. We will be doing a little scrubbing, cleaning, scraping and painting, and any other projects that Mark comes up with. Any questions, call Mark 920-819-0495

Parish Events

Sunday, October 2

Skogdalen Meatball Dinner

11:00 - 1:00

Adults \$10 Kids (12 and under) \$5

Carry outs available



Saturday, October 22

Skogdalen WELCA Fall Bazaar

10:00am—1:00pm



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Our Saviors 9th Annual Lasagna Dinner

Social Hour at 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM

with dinner to follow.



Sunday, October 30

Our Savior's Family Fun Day

Afternoon activities, 1-3 p.m.

