

Parish Voice



**OUR SAVIOR'S AND SKOGDALEN
306 S. MAIN ST.
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Pastoral Perspectives

This summer's worship theme is *Jesus in the Present Tense*

When something's in present tense, it means it's happening right now. God in Christ is among us and at work in the world right now, in the present through the Holy Spirit. And when Jesus enters our equation, it creates a tension between what was and what could be.

This is the daily reality for a Christ –follower: Jesus is present and active in the here and now! This summer we will explore the many ways that Jesus engages in our current lived reality and how his presence creates a tension that can produce transformation.

When this transformation is guided by the Holy Spirit anything is possible and often times it is filled with unexpected surprises! It is about building upon the strong foundation of our foremother's and forefathers, the current reality of our own time and our responsibility to those who come after us at Skogdalen and Our Savior's.

I encourage you to make regular worship a priority this summer! If your Sundays are full try the Saturday night service at the Coon Prairie Country Church at 7:00pm. If your visiting another church do me a favor and bring back a bulletin or other material about their ministry.

Most of all as you enjoy the wonderment of God's creation don't forget to give thanks for all that you have received!

In God's Surprising Grace

Pastor John
P.S. See You in Church!



OSLC May Council Highlights

Accepted the secretary and treasurer reports

Approved the recommendation that Pastor John spend one entire Sunday morning a month at OSLC and one entire Sunday every other month at Skogdalen to lead the Faith Stepping Stones ministry during the education hour.

Approved the recommendation to purchase new Sunday School Curriculum with the cost being split between the existing Sunday School checking account and the budgeted education line item.

Discussed providing first communion instruction for 5th graders with first communion celebrated Palm Sunday of the 5th grade year. This would also include our current 6th and 7th graders who have not received communion instruction.

Discussed the rite of confirmation to be held on Reformation Sunday in the fall of the students 9th grade.

Discussed the need for major capital improvements including but not limited to: roof, electrical, windows, doors, foundation work, and sound system. Property committee will be completing a needs assessment this summer.

Discussed the need to be more intentional about being a welcoming church to visitors and members including providing support for the nursery, contacting members who have not been attending, hosting a hospitality time before and after worship, supporting members in need of support.

OUR SAVIOR'S COUNCIL

President: Wally Breuer
Vice-President: Ernie Peterson
Secretary: Kay Holte
Treasurer: Jayne Anderson

Stewardship Committee: Ernie Peterson (chairperson), Joy Moser, Marilyn Leum

Non council members for Stewardship: Karen Traastad, Steve Holte, and Fred Casper.

Worship & Evangelism: Lynette Johnson (chairperson), Joan Anderson, LaVonne Kingslien.

Non council members for Worship & Evangelism: Craig Johnson, Barb Nelson & Kathy Volden.

Property & Management: Jay Hankee (chairperson), Dorothy Stoffregen, Peter Leum & Monte Tewalt.

Non council members for Property & Management: Karen Hankee, Geri Johnson, Dennis Huebner, Howard Langhus & Harry Sutton.

Youth & Education: Marsha Hall (chairperson), Sandy Anderson, Doug Traastad & Kay Holte.

Non council members for Youth & Education: Dave Maxwell, Janessa Anderson, Kelly Servais & Eileen Knitt

SKOGDALEN COUNCIL

President: Annette McHenry
Vice-President: Matt Euler
Secretary: Jan Letterly
Financial Secretary: Archie Rundhaugen
Treasurer: Lisa Mellen

Yvonne Gerlach, Gary Gilbeck, Bob Marsh, John Opsahl, Marilyn Mellen & Richard Mellen,

Board Of Education: Heidi Brueggeman, Rhonda Berg & Terry Gilbeck.
 Cemetery Board: Amy Mellen, Ryan Letterly & Archie Rundhaugen.

Golf on a Sunday

It seems there was this priest who just loved to play golf, but he had been very busy for many months and had not been able to get away to go golfing. Well, one Sunday morning he woke up and felt he just HAD to go golfing. The weather was just beautiful.

He set up at the first hole, making sure no one was there to see him playing hooky, and blasted the ball with his wood. It was a beautiful shot! It went straight and true. It bounced, and bounced (right up onto the green) and rolled its way closer... and closer... a hole-in-one! The priest jumped up and down in his excitement, praising the Lord and shouting hallelujahs!

St. Peter asks God: "Lord, this priest seems to be a real trouble maker. He ignored his congregation and even lied to go golfing. Now you reward him with a hole-in-one! Why?"

God smiles, looks over at St. Peter, and says, "I'm punishing him." because after he finishes his game by himself, who can he tell his story to?"



First Annual Skogdalen/Our Savior's Sunday Scramble

Snowflake Golf Course

Sunday July 14 7:00 AM
 (yes SEVEN AM)

\$15 includes a round of golf, cart and en liten frokost!

Enjoy a round of golf prior to our joint worship at Skogdalen.
 Sign-up by July 7



OS USHERS FOR JUNE

Head Usher: Howard Langhus
Balcony: Peter Leum

Doug Traastad, Larry Lee, and
 Garry Brudos

ALTAR CARE: Barb Christenson

COMMUNION CARE: Mary Lium & Linda Huebner

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|                                     | <b>Memorial</b> |                     |
| <b>Ruth &amp; Dick Opsahl</b>       |                 | <b>Undesignated</b> |
| <b>Pauline &amp; Stan Constalie</b> |                 | <b>Undesignated</b> |
| <b>Glenn Peterson/Lila Severson</b> |                 | <b>Undesignated</b> |



## LAST MONTH'S OFFERINGS:

|                                | Offerings,<br>Memorials | Other<br>Income | Attendance |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| May 5                          | \$ 4,062.00 (*\$1440)   | \$ 185.00       | 269        |
| May 12                         | \$ 3,025.00 (*\$300)    | \$ 3,196.00     | 154        |
| May 19                         | \$ 2,597.00 (*\$2080)   | \$ 0.00         | 72         |
| May 26                         | \$ 1,282.35 (*\$250)    | \$ 10.00        | 138        |
| *Auto Giving included in Total |                         |                 |            |

## CHURCH RECORDS

**BAPTISMS:** Brody James Albert  
 May 19, 2013 - OS

**Annzal Caroline Marlowe**  
 May 26, 2013 - Skogdalen



## THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Syttende Mai Food Tent. It was greatly appreciated!!!

## JUNE BAKE SALE

On June 9th, there will be another bake sale to build up the Youth Programs. Anyone wanting to donate, please contact Barb Christenson by June 7th at 634-2067. Thanks.



## HAMBURGERS IN THE PARK

The Youth will be hosting the Hamburgers in the Park on Thursday, June 13th. We will be serving the following: Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chips, salads, desserts and Rommegrot! Come out and help support the youth and enjoy the Discords as entertainment for the evening.

The youth will need donations of bars/desserts and powdered lemonade and also is accepting donations of money towards the purchase of macaroni salad or potato salad. Any youth (ages 6-12) are encouraged to help and can contact Barb C. at 632-0993.





## OS WELCA

The ladies of WELCA met in the church basement at 1pm to start the May 9, 2013 meeting. President Joan Anderson read the Purpose Statement.. This was followed by pianist Betty Homstad playing a favorite Hymn # 136 "Rock of Ages". The devotions were given by Hildur Devine about Mother's Day.

The Secretaries Report was given by Lynette Johnson and it was accepted as read. The Treasurer's Report was given by Hildur Devine and it was accepted as read. The new business centered on the upcoming Syttende Mai weekend events. On Friday, May 17th the Olde Timer Music Show will be held in the church basement and the circles will work to put together a variety of sandwiches, Norwegian delicacies and coffee for the audience to enjoy. On Saturday, May 18th help will be needed to make meatballs for the Sunday dinner. Then on Sunday much help will be needed to serve and clean up afterwards.

The meeting was turned over to the officers with Lynette inviting the ladies to the tables to make their own Mother's Day flowers out of pipe cleaners following simple plans to pick the color of their choice and bending them to make the petals to attach to the green stem. The ladies put their decorated flowers in the buttonholes on their blouses to show them off! We returned to our chairs and sang the Table Grace and said the Lord's Prayer with pianist Betty Homstad accompanying while the collection was taken.

Our thanks to Kari Hanson and Pat Engen for the lovely lunch that was served. The month of June has the Rachel Circle doing the program and the Serving Hostess will be Sandy Iverson.

## SKOGDALEN RUMMAGE SALE

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Skogdalen Church is having a rummage sale with all proceeds going to the church. Also on that day, the Sunday School/Youth of the church will be having a lunch/bake sale with the proceeds going to the Sunday School/Youth.

If you have anything you want to donate towards the sale, please contact Heidi Brueggeman at 654-7942 or Heather Euler at 608-397-1923.

The Rummage/Bake Sale will be at Skogdalen from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Mark your calendars and hope to see you there.



## PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS



As a reminder, if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically rather than by paper copy, please call the church office or send an e-mail to [oursav@mwt.net](mailto:oursav@mwt.net), letting us know your wishes, and providing your e-mail address.

### WEB SITE UPDATE:

Our new website address is as follows:

[www.oursav-skogdalen.org](http://www.oursav-skogdalen.org)

We have now added the newsletter as well as the church calendar. Make sure to check it out.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 to 4:00

### TYPICAL OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR JOHN

Monday: Available in the morning and afternoon  
 Tuesday: Bible Study in morning, available most afternoons  
 Wednesday: Office in the morning, available most afternoons  
 Thursday: Office in the morning, available most afternoons  
 Friday: Sabbath/Day Off

If there is anyone in need of pastoral care or visits, please contact the church office at 634-4871.

## OS USHERS FOR JULY

Mark Anderson, Garry Brudos, Mike Lium, and La Mont Hagen.

**ALTAR CARE:** Kay Holte & Shirley Hagen

**COMMUNION CARE:** Janet Dunnum & Bonnie Egge



OSLC and WCP are joining forces in providing some Summer Fun Events this summer for people of all ages!



A joint ministry of Our Savior's and Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Churches



### La Crosse Loggers Baseball Thursday July 25<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$17.00 for adults (includes picnic and grandstand ticket); \$12.00 for children 12 and under (picnic and ticket) Picnic 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Game 7:00 p.m. Sign up by July 14<sup>th</sup>



**Summer Bash Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** A great way to celebrate summer and school. Games, music, inflatables, food and fun!



Sunday June 23 5pm  
at OSLC  
Pizza and Planning



Join us for a great evening as we eat pizza and talk about what YOU want to do at church this year.



Mission Trips?  
Retreats?  
Monthly Events?

**Breakfast at Borgens?**

### SUMMER EVENTS

(For those entering high school to 99)

### SONSHINE CONCERT

**Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Join 20,000 others for a fantastic weekend of great music, and so much more! Check it out at <http://sonshinefestival.com>

Cost will be around \$100 bucks which will include admission, transportation and most meals.

**Registration deposit due June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Adult chaperones and drivers needed. Earplugs will be provided!

