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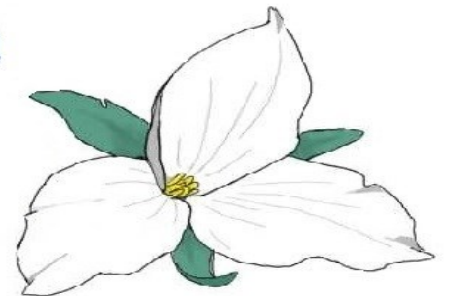


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This month I would like to lift up a number of upcoming ministries that I invite you to prayerfully consider participating in a number of ways: praying for the ministry, giving financial support, serving in the ministry.

### Mission Trips

#### Mission Jamaica 2014 June 26- July 6 2014



### Mission

To serve children and the poor in Jamaica  
To participate in providing a safe and nurturing environment for the boys.  
To discover our own gifts and calling in response to the Gospel.

### Why Jamaica?

Jamaica is only a short four and half-hour flight from Minneapolis.  
There is no language barrier  
It is a country abundant with God's natural beauty.  
Jamaica has many children in need.

### The Sunbeam Boys Home

Sunbeam was established in the 1970's by a local Jamaican pastor who bought an old house so that displaced boys could have a home. In the 1980's, Lutheran church groups from Minnesota began to travel to Sunbeam in order to assist in the construction of a much larger home more suitable for the boys.

### What Will We Do at Sunbeam?

We are known as the "Shoe Team" as we supply the boys with their school shoes each year with an annual excursion to the shoe store. We also spend a lot of time interacting with the boys through games, crafts and reading. One of the days will be spent in Kingston where we will visit other ministries that serve orphaned and disabled children, the homeless, and the elderly.



## OSLC September Council Highlights

*Full council minutes are in the church office*

### Youth and Education

Sunday school has over 70 kids registered.  
Faith Stepping Stones begins with 3 and 4 graders  
Confirmation has over 20 students registered.  
High School Breakfast Club begins at Borgens on September 20

### Worship

This fall we will begin broadening our worship experiences by using a number of different settings for worship. The first and third Sundays will be based on the settings we are currently using. The second Sunday will be youth lead and the fourth Sunday will be piano lead.

### Caring Friends

The goal is to equip a team of people who will make regular visits to people who are in care centers, home bound or just need a caring friend to spend time with.

### Personal

Discussed Marlo's review and voted to give him 3% pay raise

### Property

Awaiting final report from the engineer firm in regards to building needs.

### Stewardship

Stewardship pledge drive ministry will be in November

### OSLC 125th Anniversary dates –

October 27 – Norwegian Breakfast and worship;  
November 3 – Main celebration dinner and service.



## OS WELCA

President Joan Anderson brought the meeting of WELCA to order at 1pm on September 12, 2013 when she read the Purpose Statement. Our pianist, Mary Haas, then played Hymn #136 "Rock of Ages". Lynette Johnson gave the Devotions from the September issue of Gather talking about changing up in our lives and do something a different way.

New Business discussed was the upcoming Silent Bazaar for October. After some discussion about changing the wording on last year's flier it was motioned by Betty Homstad and seconded by Shirley Hagen that we leave the flier the same and get it mailed out by October. We discussed on what should be done for the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration meal at church—whether we cater the full meal or have price quotes from local business on just the main meal. President Joan Anderson would get the quotes before the October WELCA meeting.

The meeting was then turned over to the Rachel Circle and Lynette had the ladies move to the back tables where there was a project waiting for them to finish by picking different colors of construction paper and write on what they were thankful for. The colors were strung together like a chain to use for extra decoration around pictures or any bulletin boards. After the project was finished the ladies returned to their chairs and we took up the collection while Mary Haas played some entertaining music. We closed by singing the Table Grace and said the Lord's Prayer.

Much thanks to Janet Dunnum and Barbara Christianson for serving a lovely lunch. The month of October Shirley Hagen will be the Serving Hostess and the Sarah Circle will have the program.

## <sup>3</sup> Be Part of the Team!

By volunteering at Sunbeam, you can work in a cross-cultural environment and help others discover how God is working in your life and theirs. In sharing your love of the Lord, you will find it to be a life changing experience. Mission Teams come home invigorated and united in a common cause to serve others in Jesus' name at home and abroad.

### Who Can Be Part of the Team?

Our team is open to adults and young people who are at least sixteen years old. (youth under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or another responsible adult). Team members should have sufficient maturity to be a contributing team member and to meet the demands of the work and the challenges of poverty. An ideal team will have equal numbers of adults and youth.

Participants will see levels of poverty that are not known in our community. We will use the spiritual resources of prayer, worship and daily devotions to help us see how God is at work in difficult circumstances and to help us process our experience.

### What Will It Cost?

The cost for the trip will be between \$1,300 and \$1,400. The fee covers the cost of airfare, lodging and most meals. Team members will have opportunities for fundraising to help cover the cost. Many team members on past trips have raised enough to cover all or nearly all of their costs through fundraising.

### Who is leading the trip?

Pastor Mark Dumke (my brother) will serve as the Team Leader. He has lead 15 groups to Son Beam since 2000. I will be serving as his assistant.



## Intergenerational Mission Trip

My dream is to offer an intergenerational short-term mission trip this summer. It will be a great way for people of all ages to serve together and build a sense of community. I am looking for someone to join me in leading this new ministry. The working concept is for an extended weekend trip (departing Thursday evening – returning Sunday evening) to a location within a 3 to 4 hour drive. Prayerfully consider joining me in planning this exciting ministry.



## Summer Congregational Camping Weekend

What better way to enjoy summer than to gather around a camp fire after a day of camping activities. I am looking for someone to join me in planning this new ministry. This will be a great community building and just a lot of fun!



## Couples Retreat February 14-16

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

The theme is Serious Fun: Laugh your way into invigorating your relationship.

Enrich your relationship with your spouse, and enjoy some time away together at Sugar Creek! You will share in some wonderful meals, fun activities, and a program designed to strengthen your relationship. Through our time together, we will gain a better appreciation and understanding of our life partners.

Aside from the programmed time, there will be ample opportunity to relax, hike, and spend quality time as a couple. On Saturday evening, we will have a special candlelight dinner, so bring something nice to wear! Whether you are looking for a relationship “tune-up” or simply some quality time away together, this retreat is for you and your partner!

## OS USHERS FOR OCTOBER

**Head Usher:** Howard Langhus

**Balcony:** Peter Leum

Jason Johnson, Fred Casper,  
Eugene Wild & Dennis Huebner



**ALTAR CARE:**

Penny Havlik

**COMMUNION CARE:**

Sandy & Gary Brudos

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## Memorials

**Harriet Torgerson**  
**Harriet Torgerson**  
**Jeffrey Jaeger**

**Undesignated**  
**OS Cemetery**  
**Bulletins**

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## LAST MONTH'S OFFERINGS:

|         | <u>Offerings,</u> |               | <u>Other</u>  | <u>Attendance</u> |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
|         | <u>Memorials</u>  |               | <u>Income</u> |                   |
| Sept 1  | \$ 1906.00        | (* \$250.00)  | \$ 20.00      | 74                |
| Sept 8  | \$ 3219.00        | (* \$1560.00) | \$ 1550.00    | 126               |
| Sept 15 | \$ 2502.00        | (* \$250.00)  | \$ 0.00       | 166               |
| Sept 22 | \$ 3144.00        | (* \$2080.00) | \$ 33.00      | 133               |
| Sept 29 |                   |               |               |                   |

\*Auto Giving included in Total





## Our Savior's 125 Anniversary Celebrations

Community through Christ!  
125 years and counting!

There are a number of special celebration scheduled to celebrate Jesus' Ministry at OSLC this year.

Sunday, October 27

8am to 10am Frokost – Norwegian Breakfast Buffet

10:30 am Festival Worship - Combined Adult and Children's Choirs – with former Pastors Nevin and Daines

Sunday, November 3

10:30 Festival Worship

Noon Banquet

**Watch for more information in your mailbox later this month!**

## 6th Annual Lasagna Dinner

Saturday, November 9, 2013

Social Hour: 5:00 p.m. with appetizers & an opportunity to look at and bid on silent auction items.

Dinner: 6:00 p.m. which includes soup, salad, lasagna, garlic toast & dessert.

Live pie auction to follow dinner about 7:30 or 8:00 & silent auction will end at that time. Tickets will be \$10.00 in advance & \$12.00 at the door.

We need donations of lasagna, garlic toast, bars and pies. Also, if anyone wants to do a basket for the silent auction, that would be great. If you are a high school student and do a basket for the silent auction, mark your basket and the proceeds will go into your account. Please contact Barb Christenson at 608-634-2067 or the church office.

## Faith Stepping Stones

Faith Stepping Stones is an intentional ministry Our Savior's provides for quality faith conversations between parents and children. Faith Stepping stones are designed to uphold the covenant promise that the parents made at their son/daughters baptism that they would guide them in Christian discipleship

These short courses are designed with the expectation of parent participation. Pastor John will be team teaching each class on selected Sunday mornings at 9:15

**This Month October 6 and 13      Grades 1 and 2 with parents**  
**Prayer** We learn that Pray is not only important it's easy to do.

**Next Month November 3 and 10      3 and 4 year olds with parents**  
**Raising a Healthy Preschooler** We focus on the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of preschoolers and their parents.



The following 1st and 2nd graders will be receiving Prayer Cubes on Sunday, October 20th:

1st Graders: Brooklyn Birt, Courtney Johnson, Tatiana Hicks, Madeline Miller, Adam Gluch, Erin Gluch, Jackson Fleming, Devin Brown, Teegun Johnson, David Simonson, Jared Satona, and Alyx Keenlance.

2nd Graders: Hunter Anderson, Brian Hicks, Arianna Preston, Maycee Olson, Shawn Dahlen, Hannah Pederson, Landon Myhre, Grayson Hagen & Brady Mowery.

The following 3rd graders were given bibles in Memory of Inez Leum: Isiah Birt, Audra Johnson, Emma Meyer, Hudson Bethke, Luke Ray, Cooper Miller, Ty Nottestad, Hallie Fleming, Alana Simonson & Amaya Keenlance.

## Confirmation



Confirmation is off to a great start as we explore the Apostles Creed in ways that make sense to the Kids. The topic themes come from some questions that middle school have asked around the country.

### Wednesday

October 2 How Can God be "three-in-one"?

October 9 Does God still create stuff today?

October 16 Am I really supposed to believe Mary was a virgin?

October 23 Road Side clean up and Drug and Alcohol awareness program (this is for both kids and parents in Coon Valley - more information later this month)

October 30 Why did Jesus Go to Hell?



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### High School

A time for food, fun and meaningful conversation. A great way to begin your weekend!

### Breakfast Club

7am Fridays

This month

|         |            |          |     |
|---------|------------|----------|-----|
| October | 4          | Borgen's | \$5 |
| October | 11, 18, 25 | Church   | \$2 |

### Helping Hands Ministry

The high school group is looking for people who need a helping hand this fall. We are ready to help in most any project around your house – raking, preparing for winter, cleaning eves, etc. Contact Becca Maxwell at 790.0028

## CHILI COOK-OFF

### Come support the OSLC Holy Uff Da Chili Masters!!

The Westby Lion's is hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual chili cook-off in downtown Westby on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 11-2. Last year the Lion's had 12 teams and are hoping for 16 teams this year. One new team this year will be a team from OSLC called the "**Holy Uff Da Chili Masters**". They would love it if you would come out on the 5<sup>th</sup> to support them and vote their chili as the best.



For \$5 you get a 2oz sample of all the different chili recipes and get the chance to vote for your favorite chili. All of the proceeds from last year's events went to buy an IPAD for a visually impaired student in the Westby Area School District.

If you would like to help and be a member of the "**Holy Uff Da Chili Masters**", please contact Rhonda in the church office. We hope to see you there!!

## Holy Hilarity

### Freeway Hymns

If you must speed on the highway, sing these hymns loudly:

5 mph over the limit: "God Will Take Care of Me"

10 mph over: "Guide me, O Great Jehovah"

15 mph over: "Nearer My God to Thee"

20 mph over: "Nearer Still Nearer"

25 mph over: "This World is Not My Home"

30 mph over: "Lord, I'm Coming Home"

35 mph over: "Precious Memories"