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Join us on August 12th as we continue the celebration of our 125th anniversary with an entry in the Pure Waters Day Parade. The parade will be held beginning at 1:00pm.

Our entry will highlight the beginning of our church in 1898 with Dennis Mickesh's model T and then the present and future with a convertible provided by Toycen Ford, carrying the Froelich family from our church.

Pictures of our original and present churches will be displayed on the two vehicles, which will be preceded by youth of our church carrying our new banner.

The theme this year is SURFIN USA and we are required to use the theme somewhere in our entry. We are looking for several youth-the more the merrier-from our congregation to dress like surfers, walk with the vehicles and carry the banner. You know-wild T-shirts and swim suits and sun glasses, etc. Maybe even and couple of skateboards (surfboards on wheels)!!

People of all ages are invited to walk in the parade with our entries, smile, wave to your friends and family, pass out candy, help carry the banner. Join us for the FUN!!

If you are interested contact Bob Nelson at 715-861-3574 or Bob Klitzke at 715-828-4914.

We think our entry will be an appropriate way to promote and celebrate the history and mission of OSLC. Join us on August 12th to support our entry in the parade.



Reflections from the Pastor. . . .

Our recent week of Vacation Bible School gave me reason to revisit one of my favorite Bible stories - the story of Zacchaeus.

As a young child who was short and often one of the smallest among my peers, I could identify with Zacchaeus' predicament of being too small to see the action.

As an adult, I find myself reflecting more and more about what happened inside Zacchaeus' house, after he climbed down from the tree and welcomed Jesus into his home. Surely, the basics of hospitality suggest that they must have shared a meal together. We don't know what either of them said to each other. We don't know how long their time together lasted. What we do know, however, is that time spent together . . . at table . . . brings out the best in Zacchaeus. He is a changed man because of their time spent building a relationship through conversation. The old Zacchaeus was dishonest and cheated people. The new Zacchaeus embraces honesty as well as generosity. Jesus seeks to spend time with Zacchaeus, and it makes a huge difference for the better.

I like to believe that we, too, can bring out the best in one another when we spend time together . . . at table . . . over coffee, playing a game, sharing a meal, growing deeper in relationship through conversation.

In the midst of our busy lives, pausing to spend time at table together has the potential to bring out the best in all of us.

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Karen

New Playground, Troop 3101 Silver Award Project

Have you seen the new additions to the church near the new pavilion? Well, our Troop was excited to contribute to the new additions. We're Troop 3101 level Cadette (7-9th grade) and we are from CFMS middle school. We meet during the school year at OSLC. We have 6 girls in our troop but only 4 can work on a Silver Award team so the four girls working on the playground are Shelby Baldeshwiler, Keirra Gerrish, Cora Tallman, and Brooklyn Helgeson. All four of us are going into 8th grade at CFMS middle school. A few reasons we love being in Girls Scouts is because we get to learn new skills, go on fun trips and at the same time give back to our community. We also get to meet new people every time we participate in something like building this playground. We hope our project gives OSLC a new spark of fun! And we also hope that the neighborhood kids will be able to enjoy the new playground. We think that some kids will look forward to going to Church because their reward after being good would be to go on to the playground.

This playground is kept in the back of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church near/right next to the new pavilion. We wanted to put the playground here because the church wanted some new equipment and we had wanted to earn our award, so that was a win-win. We also wanted it there because the schools are nearby and kids could easily enjoy it. Our group wanted to make time to do this because it is important for a Girl Scout to give back to the community.

By building the playground we are earning our Girl Scout Silver Award. This award is "When you team up with a small group of Girl Scout friends to find an issue you care about and then make a difference in your community, you can earn the Girl Scout Silver Award—one of the highest awards in Girl Scouting" according to girlscouts.com from the article Become a Silver Award Girl Scout. You can also earn a Bronze and Gold award. For the Bronze award, you have to be in elementary school 4-5. Our troop built a gaga ball pit for Halmstad Elementary. For the Gold award, we have to be in 9-12. At ages 12-13, four girls started this project. We are hoping to get it done by the end of this summer. We started to meet around the end of June.

We each have to contribute 50 hours to our Silver award. So far we have searched for playsets that looked the most fun and sorted our favorites. We also had to look at the dimensions and the cost of the playgrounds. Then we had to present our ideas to the church board members and we made a slideshow for the presentation. We've met with Morrie and the Buildings and Grounds Committee too. We ordered the playset, and once it got here, we were ready to work. We opened the boxes and sorted all the pieces. Then it came to the part of putting it together, which took about 3 days of assembling just the playground. We still have to put the climbing dome up and the rubber chips down. And border the area with railroad ties. Through this process, we are learning patience and perseverance, problem-solving, and hard work.



We hope OSLC and our Community enjoy our project!

A Lawn Time Coming

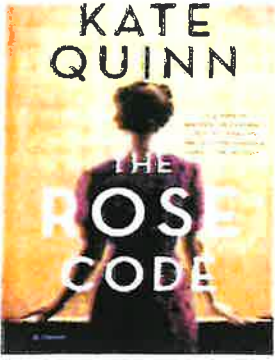


The Lawn Space; Pavilion, Pergola and the Fire Pit are now available to rent!
Do you have a family event, birthday party, a graduation next spring, a club meeting,
a wedding or just want to gather around a fire with friends?

Dates are now available to reserve for your gathering.

The Rental agreement is available either in the office or by email at office@oslccf.net
If you have any questions you can request an agreement or call the office at 715-723-6048.

Book Buddies



Book Buddies on Summer Break in August

So many people had plans to be out of town in August that it was decided to postpone the discussion of The Rose Code by Kate Quinn to September. Book Buddies will resume meeting on September 17.

**Please contact the church office or Marilyn Murphy at mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com if you would like to be included in the Book Buddies' emails and updates or if you have questions. All are welcome, even if you haven't read the book!

Good Reads All Year Long

Book Buddies have chosen their book selections for 2023. They will be meeting and discussing the following books. Meetings are usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM. If you would like to receive updates about the meetings and join in the discussions and camaraderie, please contact Marilyn Murphy at mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com.

January - The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

February - Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

March - The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

April - The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie.

May - The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson

June - The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

July - Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe by Preston Norton

August - The Rose Code By Kate Quinn

September - The Sum of Us What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather C. McGhee

October - The Secret Wisdom of the Earth by Christopher Scotton

Knot Just Knitters Work Day

Knot Just Knitters have another work day planned for August 10. They will be meeting at church from 9:00 - 4:00, with a break midday to go out for lunch. All skills and talents are welcome! We hope to have several handmade and unique items available for the Harvest Dinner sale. If you have some time on August 10 to stop by, please let Marilyn Murphy know at mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com

*** Lisa will be on vacation from Sept 1st to Sept 10th. I will be answering emails from pool side in San Diego and if you need to contact me, you may call my cell phone at 715-226-2029. It's a working and visiting my family vacation.

Plastic Bags Can Grow a Bench

All members can now help the environment by bringing your soft plastic to the church for recycling. **We have our first bench!!** It is out by the pavilion, go take a look. Keep Gary busy, bring more plastic!!

Little Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Have you noticed the Free Little Food Pantry near the parking lot entrance on Mansfield? Much of the time it is near empty. Many popular food items sit for less than 24 hours. Observation indicates that many who take advantage of this pantry are students. The most popular items seem to be: granola/cereal/breakfast bars, trail mix or nuts, or anything that can be eaten on-the-go. Also popular are easy-to-microwave meals and cans of soup with a pull-top. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Simply place your items in the food pantry box and notice how quickly they disappear to nourish hungry neighbors in our midst. Thank you!

Up Coming Dates



August 9th.

Final Summer Campfire

We have had 3 wonderful Campfires this summer. Our final campfire is set for Wednesday, August 9th, at the campfire site. We will have some "snacks" from 6:00 -6:30 beforehand and the fire will start at 6:30 pm. Food, music, a big auction and FUN! Hope to see you there! ("Yummy" and "funny" auction items.).

Rich

Dates to Remember

Sun 9/3 Last Park Service of the Summer/ Blessing of the Backpacks

Mon 9/4 Labor Day Office Closed

Thurs 9/7 Yoga Resumes 10am

Sun 9/ 10 God's Work, Our Hands

Wed 9/12 Midweek Begins!

Tues 10/10 Meatball Supper/Bazaar

Noisy Offering Totals 2023

January Ukraine **\$694.57**

July Valley Vineyard

February Career Development Center **\$382.56**

August Irvine Park

March Foster Care **\$402.20**

September Career Development Center

April Feed My People \$ **600.20**

October Family Support Center

May Malawi **\$862.59**

November Chippewa Valley Street Ministry

June Care Link **\$251.96**

December World Hunger

June Care Link

December

Total to Date: \$3194.08



Guest Preachers

As part of our congregation's celebration of our 125th anniversary, we will be welcoming several guest preachers in the coming weeks including:

Aug. 6 Pastor Ned Lenhart

Sept. 17 Deacon Laura Ramlow, recently back from her trip to Malawi

Oct. 1 Pastor Greg Kaufmann

Nov 12 Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

God's Work Our Hands Sunday

Plans are underway for joint worship and service with English Lutheran, Bateman for God's Work Our Hands Sunday on September 10. Our Saviour's will be hosting this event. Stay tuned for details about worship time as well as this year's service projects, some of which will take advantage of our new outdoor spaces.

Blessing of the Animals Pets have been welcome to worship at Irvine Park all summer, and now for Sunday, August 27, we especially invite all to bring your pets to worship for our annual Blessing of the Animals.

*Note that **Blessing of the Backpacks** will be on Sunday, Sept. 3.

Your Mission . . . should you choose to accept it . . . please share your experiences when your worship as a guest so that we can learn and grow in our own hospitality

Worship Visitor Observations

Whenever visiting another congregation, please take a few moments to reflect upon your responses to these questions. Jot down a few notes. Plan to share your observations with the Our Saviour's community this fall.

Pay attention to the space and the people.

How is hospitality extended?

How are you made to feel welcome . . . or not?

Listen to the words in the songs and prayers and sermon.

What do you notice?

What themes recur?

Note how you feel as you leave. . . .

What led to those feelings?

Could you imagine being at home in this congregation?

Why or why not?



August Book Studies

Are you interested in learning from Native authors? The Women of the ELCA have issued the challenge to read and discuss one or both of these books. Follow this link to learn about opportunities for online book discussions this month.

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/blog/post/summer-reading-challenge-two-novels-by-native-authors>

Contact Pastor Karen if you are interested in gathering for a local, in-person discussion for either of these books later in the fall. Both books are available through our local library.

From Pastor Karen

Dear Friends,

What a nice surprise to receive your birthday greetings! Thank you for the many cards and for the gifts from the congregation including the beautiful bouquet of flowers and the certificate to Klinger's where I enjoyed selecting some new perennials for my garden. I feel blessed and honored by your thoughtfulness and generosity! Thank you for making my 60th Birthday a memorable celebration.

In addition, thank you for your expressions of sympathy after the recent and sudden death of my sister-in-law Theresa, married to my brother Tim who lives in Eau Claire.

God bless,

Pastor Karen

Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS this summer!

In July, we had 16 stellar kids join us for an outer space themed week of Bible Adventures, creative experiments, games, singing, snacks, and all-around fun! We couldn't have done it without your help. Special shout-outs to Donna, Tamara, Toni, Tammy, Brady, Pastor Karen, Allie, Jared, Mickey, Alivia, Alondra, Jana, Evelyn and Landon Lind and Deacon Kari for spending the week making sure these awesome kids had a great time. We're so grateful for this congregation's donations, prayers, and support, and for sending your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends to spend the week with us. Keep shining Jesus' light!



Thank You from the John Olson Family

We would like to thank Pastor Karen and all of our church family for your love and support during the time of John's illness. Your cards, calls, and prayers have been a blessing. Also, a special thanks to those who furnished food and helped serve and clean up at the meal following John's funeral. The beautiful decorations were greatly appreciated. Your help and support mean so much to all of us.

The Family of John and Virginia Olson



So remember going back to school and the first thing the teachers wanted was a report on "What I did on my Summer Vacation"?

Can you share with us some of your summer fun of 2023? Did you go on adventure? Go to a National Park? Have a family gathering? Spend time in a boat or catch a trophy fish? Have special memories of a music festival or concert or play?

Whatever special thing you remember from the summer will you share that with the office at office@osiccf.net? We would like to print some of your favorite memories in the September Newsletter. We can use your name or not, your choice!!

Thanks for sharing!!



Most people know that I love my time on Chain Lake. My Grandpa had a cabin there for many years. My first visit was before I could walk. He sold the cabin in the 70's, so I spent most of my growing up years there. Then my bestie since Kindergarten, Janet, built their family cabin right across the lake from Grandpa's old space. So I have spent many happy years there on weekends watching her kids grow, catching fish, playing cars, being out on the boat, watching the loons and fireworks. It has always been my escape and my happy place.

I have taken lots of pictures in my years at the lake and this is one of my favorites. Can you see the secret?

Soles4Souls is back!

Here is the website for Soles4Souls with more information about their mission ... <https://soles4souls.org/>

This is how you can help:

*Collect shoes at your church until the beginning of September

*Make sure shoes are put together in pairs, by tying or using rubber bands

*Box your shoes in cardboard boxes that can be lifted and moved when full. Write how many shoes are in each box

*Deliver the shoes to Zion United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 9th for a final collection and loading. Time TBD

Call Ken (715-577-5423) or Shirley (715-225-9591) Froelich with questions

From Robin Lein

Summer is here in all its glory and we all find ourselves enjoying all the many activities, visiting all the places and seeing all the people that we might not be able to do in winter.

My summer schedule has filled with vacation, visiting family and spending time with our granddaughters. I also have two weeks of jury duty coming up.

So, I've decided to take a break from teaching yoga for the remainder of the summer.

Classes will resume the week of Labor Day on Thursday, September 7th.

This is a good time to reconsider whether or not Thursday is the best day for us to have class. Please respond to this email if another day works better for you or not.

Have a glorious summer! See you in September,



Mission Mexico

Our Fall trip to the Border will be here before we know it.

Focus on Socks & underwear for school aged children. Children's clothing is always in High demand!

Warm clothing and quilts & blankets are always needed and appreciated.

Look for those Bargains as you Tour the Thrift /Garage sales!

Cash is also a Great Option! Buys food and help with other need in Juarez, Mexico.

Can also use Over the Counter medications. Tylenol, aspirin, preNatal vitamins. Bandages, canes, walkers, and wheelchairs.

Please check to be sure that the medications have not expired- have 2-3 months before they out date.

Happy "Shopping"!



As the director for the Ecumenical Choir for our worship service on August 13, I would love to invite anyone and everyone and have as many singers gather as possible! There are absolutely no singing ability prerequisites to be a member of this fun group, and we will be joining voices together for 2 anthems during the service.

The SATB anthems are:

“Footprints On the Water” arranged by Richard Kingsmore (do not concern yourself with trying to purchase as I purchased the last 5 copies; publisher is no longer printing)

“Instrument of Grace” by Joseph M. Martin (available at JW Pepper, #8070666, \$2.95)

Individual copies of the music will be available at rehearsal, but perhaps some of your music leaders will wish to order “Instrument of Grace.”

We will have one rehearsal on Wednesday, August 9, 7-8 pm at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 1300 Mansfield Street. We will also meet that Sunday at 8:15 am, prior to the Pure Water Days Ecumenical Service starting at 9 am.

I will be glad to provide SATB vocal rehearsal tracks for anyone that would like. I will take your email addresses the night of our rehearsal and send out immediately following, to utilize as you wish prior to Sunday.

Please share this invitation with all of your respective music leaders, and anyone is welcome to contact me: email ron_bon23@hotmail.com; text / call at 715-579-0879.

Thank you so very much, and I am looking forward to the power of worship when God’s people join together in His name!

Ron Buckles



Pure Water Days Worship

Ecumenical Worship is being planned for Sunday, August 13 at Irvine Park as part of Pure Water Days. Worship will begin at 9 a.m. and be followed by fellowship time. **There will be no 8:00 worship at Our Saviour's this day.**

In the case of inclement weather, worship will be held drive-in style in the Our Saviour's parking lot with the hope of moving to the pavilion for fellowship time.

Congregations participating include: Central Lutheran, Christ Episcopal, First Presbyterian, Halle/Zion United Methodist, Trinity United Methodist, and Our Saviour's.

OSLC Trustees Report for June 2023

The Board of Trustees would like to report the following results for June 2023:

Revenues: \$24,233.10

Expenses: \$36,197.99

Net Gain/Loss: \$(11,974.89)

Benevolence Given to ELCA, Luther Park and LSS : \$954.76

Year to date results (Jan-June) were as follows:

Revenues: \$156,096.89

Expenses: \$177,994.89

Net Loss: \$ (21,898.00)

Benevolence to ELCA, Luther Park and LSS: \$5947.85

Our revenues were below budget in June. Our expenses were over budget due to having 3 pay periods and some Buildings and Ground maintenance expenses. Our unrestricted funds balance at the end of June was \$19,670.96. If you would like to see more detailed financials, please contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

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August 4th and 18th

9:30-10:30am

Important Dates:

8/9 Campfire 6:30pm

**8/12 Pure Water Days Pa-
 rade 1pm**

**8/13 Pure Water Days
 Church Service at Irvine Park
 9am**

8/16 Deacon Coffee 2pm

**8/18 Newsletter Articles
 Due**

8/20 Book Buddies 6:30pm

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**Noisy Offering
 Irvine Park**

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