



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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NEVER
STOP
LEARNING

Education Hours for October



October 1st Greg Kauffman will give a presentation about our synod's SAMs based on Luther's strong stance on the important role people of faith have in social issues in their communities

welcome

October 8th Please welcome Olesia and Mykola Hnatiuk and their sons Roman and Dmytro as they discuss their journey of leaving Ukraine and living in Curtiss Wisconsin. They will tell their story and answer questions. See insert in the newsletter for more information.



October 15th Cookie Share Sunday. With the Stewardship theme this year being "Journey of Sharing" the committee is asking that each member bring 2 dozen cookies to share that Sunday. There will be lots of cookies to choose from and plenty of coffee. And you can take some cookies home or share with a neighbor or friend.



October 22nd Reception for Taylor Lind, Max Lein, Molly Bjornson, Makalynn Goss and Anne Parish on their Affirmation of Baptism.



October 29th Join Deacon Kari Allen as she discusses her updated job description and the role of rostered deacons within the church

Taking the five loaves and the two fish,

Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves,

and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. Matthew 14:19-20

This miracle of the Feeding of the 5000 is familiar to many of us. First, we are amazed when Jesus uses such a small amount to feed the multitudes, and then we are amazed again by the abundance of leftovers. All are filled, and still there's more!

When we note how Jesus involved the disciples in sharing limited resources, we need to consider also how Jesus calls us to share what we have to offer - our time, our talents, our treasure. With fall comes our congregation's annual stewardship campaign, and this year, our focus is "Journey of Sharing." Just as Jesus invited the disciples to act, so too, does Jesus call us to open our hands to share.

As we prepare for Intent Sunday on October 15, our congregation will be revisiting this story of the Feeding of the 5000. We will be reminding ourselves of the abundance we have already experienced through life shared in this congregation, and we will be challenging ourselves to trust that whenever we open our hands to share, Jesus will continue to surprise us and amaze us with abundant hope, love and joy.

A blessed "Journey of Sharing" to all!

Pastor Karen

Pastor on Vacation

In preparation and celebration of her daughter's wedding, Pastor Karen will be on vacation October 2-8. Coverage has been arranged for worship and mid-week classes. Should there be a need for emergency pastoral care, contact Pastor Rick Biedermann at English Lutheran, Bateman at 515-229-6193.

Affirmation of Baptism

Five 10th grade students will be celebrating their Affirmation of Baptism during the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, October 22. We rejoice with:

Amanda Bjornson Max Lien
Makaylynn Goss Taylor Lind
Anne Parish

A reception in their honor will be held in the Fellowship Hall
Following Worship

OSLC Trustees Report for August 2023

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

Revenues: \$26,377.73

Expenses: \$28,180.81

Net Gain/Loss: \$ (1,803.08)

Benevolence Given to ELCA, Luther Park and LSS : \$1,031.83

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

Revenues: \$210,625.05

Expenses: \$233,529.55

Net Loss: \$(22,904.50)

Benevolence to ELCA, Luther Park and LSS: \$8,093.50

Our revenues and expenses were slightly under budget for August. Our unrestricted funds balance at the end of August was \$17,916.27. If you would like to see more detailed financials, please contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

We would like to sincerely thank the members of OSLC for your generous contributions.

Submitted by the Board of Trustees:

Paul Froelich, Fred Kruger and Stacy Olson

125TH ANNIVERSARY

MEATBALL SUPPER!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH 2023



4:30-6:30PM, ADULT = \$15 CHILD = \$5

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1300 MANSFIELD ST.**

Book Buddies



Book buddies will be meeting on Sunday October 15 at 6:30pm at Kathy Mehls' home, 13200 98th Avenue. We will be discussing the book: The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather C. McGhee.

Heather C. McGhee's specialty is the American economy--and the mystery of why it so often fails the American public. As she dug into subject after subject, from the financial crisis to declining wages to collapsing public infrastructure, she found a common problem at the bottom of them all: racism--but not just in the obvious ways that hurt people of color. Racism has costs for white people, too. It's the common denominator in our most vexing public problems, even beyond our economy. It is at the core of the dysfunction of our democracy and even the spiritual and moral crises that grip us. Racism is a toxin in the American body and it weakens us all. But how did this happen? And is there a way out? To find the way, McGhee embarks on a deeply personal journey across the country from Mississippi to Maine, tallying up what we lose when we buy into the zero-sum paradigm--the idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others.

Please come and join us even if you have not read the book. Contact the church office or Marilyn Murphy at mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com for questions or if you would like to be included in emails.

There will not be a November or December meeting. We will resume the third Sunday in January 2024.

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

The Quilters are meeting on Tuesday Mornings at 9:00 A.M. If anyone is interested, come and join us. We need help sewing, cutting, and tying quilts. If you have flat sheets that are in good condition (no stains or rips), we can use them for backs for Mission Quilts. Just drop them off in the lounge for us. Remember we make quilts for our Graduates, Women of the Affinity House, Lutheran World Relief, and other missions, and also to sell. Hope to see old and new faces on September 5.

Knot Just Knitters

Knot Just Knitters' Sale on October 10

Knot Just Knitters have a large selection of items priced and ready to display at the Meatball Supper! If you are looking for some great gift ideas, then be sure to stop by their tables. All products are handmade and include both household and wearable items. Proceeds will go towards the OSLC Prayer Shawl ministry and helping others in the community. They have recently packed up a box of warm clothing for Mission Mexico and contributed to Lighten Your Load by donating dryer balls and would like to continue to help others.



125TH Anniversary of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Celebration Continues!

During the month of October, we will recognize the **Women of Our Saviour's**. The names given to these groups of women during the first century of our history include *Kvindeforeningen*, *Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation*, *ALCW*, and *WELCA*. They have been a vital part of the congregation from its earliest days. They met for times of fellowship, prayer, Bible study, and worked to help others in need. They also provided financial support to the church through their dinners, bazaars, and bake sales. For many years, the gatherings and events of the women's group was *the* social life of these ladies.

Later, new groups evolved, including *Circles*, *The Servants of Our Saviour's*, *the Altar Guild*, *Quilters*, *Book Buddies*, and *Knot Just Knitters* to name a few. Women also became active on various committees and served on the OSLC Council. As time goes on and our lifestyles changed, the large group meetings for women have discontinued. But their efforts to carry out the work of the church go on, as they step forward when needed and work side-by-side with men and youth to support the mission of our Congregation.

On Tuesday, October 10th, in honor of the traditions of our past, we will again host a **Meatball Supper**, along with quilts, crafts, and baked goods for sale. Also a fun **OSLC Trivia Night** is planned for Sunday, October 22nd, including categories about Women of the Bible and OSLC Women's activities. Please join us!



Ukraine is an Eastern European country. It is situated both in the Northern and Eastern hemispheres of the earth. Ukraine is bordered by 7 European Nations: by Belarus in the north; by Hungary, Slovakia and Poland in the west; by Moldova and Romania in the south-west; and by Russia in the east and northeast. It is bounded by the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov in the south. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea borders Ukraine to the south.

Ukraine Bordering Countries: [Russia](#), [Hungary](#), [Romania](#), [Moldova](#), [Slovakia](#), [Belarus](#), [Poland](#).

Please join us for the October 8th Education Hour to hear the story of how this family left Ukraine and came to live in Wisconsin. Let's give them a warm Wisconsin, Our Saviour's Welcome.

Olesia and Mykola Hnatiuk with their two sons, Roman (6) and Dmytro (3) left Ukraine in January. They arrived at O'Hare International Airport on January 30th where they met their sponsors, Bryce and Maxine (Max) Luchterhand. They left Lviv, Ukraine, a city of over 700,000 people and entered a new way of life on a rural farm south of Curtiss, Wisconsin. A documentary that premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York in June tells the story of their decision to leave and the arrival at the Luchterhand farm. The two families will explain their decision and the process involved on October 8th and show the documentary.



Front row left to right Roman and Dmytro.

Back row Mykola and Olesia Hnatiuk. Max and Bryce Luchterhand.



October Outreach

Family Support Center



The Family Support Center is located at 403 N High St. Chippewa Falls. While celebrating the diversity of all people, it provides free and confidential services in Chippewa County for those who have been affected by interpersonal violence (domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, etc.)

Noisy Offering

Our donations will go towards supporting services at the Family Support Center, such as their Domestic Violence Program, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking Program, Parenting Support and Education Program, and Violence Prevention Education. With our help, we can make a difference!



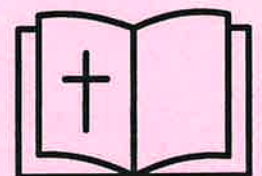
Volunteer Opportunities



Our Family Support Center loves volunteers! Examples of different opportunities could be washing toys for the Family Resources Center, helping with office projects, serving on the board of directors, and answering crisis calls after the office is closed. If interested, contact Glori at familysupport@fscf.org

Scripture Meditation

Leviticus 25:35: If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you.



Check our Facebook page to see these gifts being delivered!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

2023 SUMMARY

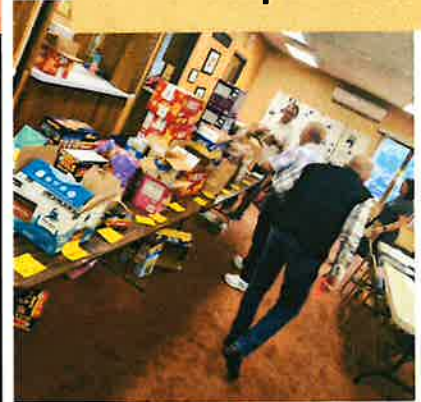
50 full hygiene kits for the Cadott School District



10 dozen cookies for local veterans



212 treat bags for Chippewa County first responders



200+ batteries taped for recycling



Countless prayers for the world



7 mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief



Many rocks painted to spread kindness



18 coats collected for school-aged kids and collecting through 10/1!



Several hours of yard work at Hope Village

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!



October 22, 2023 Trivia Night



Mark October 22 on your calendar for the first fun-filled Our Saviours' Trivia Night. We are planning this fun event as a way to get everyone together to highlight our church's 125-year history with a little friendly competition. For that evening, we would like to get trivia questions (with answers) submitted from various groups and individual members of the congregation. We hope to get a variety of questions, so all ages will feel included. Remember, if you submit a question, you know at least one answer! A box will be set up at church for people to submit their questions w/answers. People can also email their questions and answers to Deb Olson at olsondsj@gmail.com or Karen Bejin at kmbejin@gmail.com. Categories will include OSLC History, Stories from the Bible, Women of the Bible, Women's Ministry at OSLC, Men's Ministry at OSLC, Songs/Hymns, various groups that meet or have met, and Miscellaneous.

Get together with friends or family to form your groups, or come as a "free agent" to join a team that night. We'll have some fun prizes and snacks will be served. The game begins at 6:30, see you there!



The Endowment Board is accepting suggestions for charitable contributions to agencies and programs that support the mission of OSLC. Please consider those in need as we approach the end of the year giving season. Reach out to any of your Endowment Board members with requests for consideration. Thank you for all you do to support our members, community, region, and the world.

Brock Cooley, Dave and Lynn Cook, Dawn Pearson, Kathy Palme, Greg and Brenda Musser

The 2023 Stewardship Quarter Challenge

As a part of our 2023 theme, Journey of Sharing, the stewardship team is challenging Our Saviour's to fill this container several times with quarters by November 12 so that we can share ALL the quarters with Bishop Laurie for the current Northwest Synod endowment fund campaign.



In addition, the stewardship team challenges Our Saviour's members to guess how many quarters the container holds and how many quarters altogether we will be giving Bishop Laurie! Winners of the contest will be given \$25.00 to share with a charity of their choice! Completed guessing forms must be put in the box by November 5th!

What's your guess?

How many quarters does it take to fill the container? _____
How much money from the quarter challenge will be given to Bishop Laurie on November 12? _____

Your full name _____ Phone number _____





Recycling Changes at Our Saviour's

Batteries

Effective immediately we will no longer accept batteries for recycling. The process for recycling has changed and now they see Our Saviour's as a business and will charge to take them. The batteries that we have now will be accepted in a one-time favor and we will not be charged. Please continue to save your batteries and when the dates come, Spring and Fall for clean-up days, you will have to take them to the site on your own for free. If you want to bring them to church and tape them, we have the supplies to do that, you may tape them here and take them home.

Ink Cartridges

We will still accept ink cartridges of all kinds. Carl Dobos will continue to collect them from the church and donate the money to the Humane Society. Thank You Carl for doing this.

Plastic

We are still collecting soft plastic for Gary. Our first bench is here and looks great. We are on our way to our second bench. Please make sure that the bags are clean and "food free".

Thanks and if you have any questions, please feel free to talk to a member of staff or email or call the office.



Looking for Housing

Tanya and her five children moved into one of the Tiny Houses hosted at OSLC August of 2022. They were one of the first families to move to the Hope Village site.

Tanya has worked hard to find employment at a day care center and has taken classes to receive additional childcare certification. The children have done well in school. All this was accomplished while living in cramped quarters! Tanya is looking to find a second job in order to save additional money for rent or down payment on a small house.

If you know of an affordable apartment or house that may meet Tanya's needs, please contact the church office 715.723.6048. Please keep Tanya and family in your prayers as she pursues permanent housing.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 am Service 9:30 Service	2 Monday Email 6:30pm Boy Scouts	3 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilters	4 Midweek Program 6:00pm Hand Bells 7:15pm –8:15pm Choir	5 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:00am Joy Yoga	6	7
8 8 am Service 9:30 Service	9 Monday Email 6:30pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Deacons	10 Meatball Supper and Bazaar 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilters	11 Midweek Program 6:00pm Hand Bells 7:15pm –8:15pm Choir	12 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:00am Joy Yoga	13 Lay School	14 Lay School
15 8 am Service 9:30 Service Intent Sunday	16 Monday Email 6:00pm Church Council 6:30pm Boy Scouts	17 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilters	18 Midweek Program Newsletter Articles Due 2:00pm Deacon Coffee Break 6:00pm Hand Bells 7:15pm –8:15pm Choir	19 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:00am Joy Yoga	20	21
22 8 am Service 9:30 Service Affirmation of Baptism	23 Monday Email 6:30pm Boy Scouts	24 9:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilters	25 Midweek Program 6:00pm Hand Bells 7:15pm –8:15pm Choir	26 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Chair Yoga 10:00am Joy Yoga	27	28
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Beginning with the November Newsletter we will have three options for viewing and receiving the news of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Due to the rising cost of bulk mail, paper and the convenience of receiving the newsletter via email or on the website this is what we will offer.

- **You can receive your newsletter via email.** You need to have a current email address on file with the office. The newsletter would be emailed to you three days after the newsletter deadline. Everyone on the current email list will receive the newsletter via email. You will need to opt out of this feature if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter.
- If you wish to receive the newsletter by mail you **MUST** notify the office by **October 15th**. They will be mailed by the 24th in most cases. If you do not notify the office of your wish to receive the newsletter in the mail it will be assumed that you want to read it via email or on the website only
- There will be some copies available in the office for pick up.
- If you do not have an email address on file with the office, and do not opt in for a mailed copy to be sent to your home, you will no longer receive the newsletter and you may view it on the church website.
- The newsletter deadline will remain the same, articles need to be in the office on the 18th of the month. If the 18th falls on a weekend, Monday would be the deadline.
- The newsletter will contain all of the information it has now, dates and events, articles from members and organizations, it will still have a calendar, and there will still be pictures.
- If you are signed up for Monday's "Staying in Touch" email, nothing will change. It will still be sent on Monday Morning. If you do not receive this email and would like more current information, please let the office know and we can sign you up to receive that!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask staff, email or call the office.

Thank You

Church Office Hours 8-4 Monday –Thursday I may leave early on Thursdays. Call before you make a trip. Email office@oslccf.net Phone 715-723-6048 Thanks, Lisa

AGAPE* Will Be Back in the House

Mark your calendars for Sunday evening, November 5 for an engaging, energetic, uplifting event for all ages. In partnership with St. John's Lutheran in Bloomer, Our Saviour's will be hosting AGAPE (aka Dave Scherer) who has been a favorite artist at past synod youth events as well as many Churchwide Youth Gatherings. He also previously came to Our Saviour's. This event will be held at Our Saviour's on Sunday evening, November 5, and it will be for ALL ages and open to the larger community. The website www.hiphopoutreach.com offers this description:

Combining rapping, dancing, storytelling, AGAPE connects with his listeners in a way that they really "get it". His energy is contagious, and his stories of faith transcend differences. Even those who do not normally enjoy hip-hop, find themselves dancing to his music and captivated by his unique presentation of the Gospel. His passion is to bring together people of all backgrounds and let them know about God's love for the whole world. This is "AGAPE*!"*

More details will be coming soon!



On Halloween, Our Saviour's once again wants to invite you to our trick or treating night here at the church. Not only will the kids be able to trick or treat here, but we will also have hot dogs, chips and hot or cold beverages available as well (based on temperature). We have a nice warm fire pit that you will be able to warm up at as well as resting for a bit. Our parking lot is very well lit and we have plenty of room for you to park your car and then go trick or treating in the west hill. This has been a very popular event every year and we want to make it just as popular as well this year. The food will be served from 5:00-7:00 (Chippewa Falls trick or treat hours). We are looking for donations of candy to be handed out, money to purchase hot dogs, buns, chips and lemonade/hot chocolate. We are also looking for volunteers to help with set up, food, prep, serving and clean up. If you have any question, please reach out to a staff member.



Dear Member of OSLC,

We warmly invite you to join us on Sunday, November 12, to help us celebrate our 125th Anniversary as we gather together to praise God for all the work He has done through the ministry of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Our celebration will include a 9:30AM Morning Worship service, followed with a catered meal provided by the church. Historical pictures and memories will be shared. Our desire is to glorify God in our celebration. In this regard, our worship will be enriched by your participation, since you are part of God's ministry at Our Saviour's over the years. We would love to have you join us in praising the Lord for all that He has done and is going to do in the future at Our Saviour's.

In Christ Jesus,
Members of the 125th Planning Committee

(Karen Bejin, Bonnie Buckles, Lisa Carter, Bob Klitzke, Kristi Lund, Heidi Mercer, Robert Nelson and Deb Olson)

PLEASE DETACH THE PORTION BELOW AND RETURN

Celebrating

125 years of ministry

All are invited to an

Anniversary

Worship service and dinner

November 12, 2023

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Dinner following

Deadline to RSVP is October 1

Name _____

of adults _____

of children _____

You may drop this sheet in the offering plate at the Sunday service,

return to the church office, or email or call Lisa at

office@oslccf.net / 715-723-6048



DEAD HORSES



In Concert

Fundraiser for JONAH



Saturday, November 11, 2023

7pm @Trinity Lutheran Church

\$30, Tickets at: <https://bit.ly/439xhfE>



*Sponsors: WHYS Radio, Wonders of Nature,
Tangled Up in Hue, Earthbound Environmental*

More info at: www.jonahjustice.org and www.deadhorses.net

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Important Dates:

10/10 Meatball Dinner and Bazaar

10/15 Intent Sunday for Stewardship

10/18 Deacon Coffee 2pm

Deacon

Last Name

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Noisy Offering

Family Support Center



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