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**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
July, 2024 Newsletter**

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Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

"Knowing Jesus, Growing in Jesus, Sharing Jesus"

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"SCUBA" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, July 22—Thursday, July 25

Registration forms are in the Lobby or go to the OSLC facebook page/website to register online. If you would like to sponsor a child to attend VBS, it is \$25, payable to OSLC. There is also a list of items needed in the Lobby.

Youth helpers needed! Contact Katie, 712-304-4033 to volunteer!

THE RESCUE TOUR CONCERT

Friday, August 16 at OSLC

Dave Anderson, a Lutheran Pastor's kid, has been singing full-time since 1974.

He has presented 5,250 concerts all over the world.

Roger Walck joins Dave, as a skilled vocalist, guitarist, and a worship team leader.

Dave and Roger's music is a blend of contemporary, gospel, hymns, and lots of old-time Sunday School songs. You will be invited to sing along, but as Dave says, "So long as it's the same song!"

Join us for Food, Fun, Fellowship, Praise & Worship!

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the downstairs Social Room

Concert will follow dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!



The Building & Property Committee is on the move keeping God's house in shape. We continue to raise Special Funds to pay for the now repaired damaged chimney.

Thank you for your donations!!

We have had \$5,625 donated and \$11,210 left to raise!
Please pray about making an offering to offset this expense!

How are Your Summer Tithes and Offerings?

We wait all year for those “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer” (*as the old song goes*), and then many of us are blessed to fill them with vacations that include camping trips or flying to far-off places! It’s no wonder that our regular Sunday worship participation dips in the summer.

But while you are relaxing, OSLC continues to be busy with regular worship, Bible studies, caring for sick and the homebound, funerals, VBS, and ministering to others in our community all while planning for our future. And remember the utility bills, insurance, maintenance of our building and grounds, staff, and benevolence still need financial support.

So, here’s the challenge: The bills continue to roll in even when you’re away on a well-deserved vacation, and many members have not planned to keep their offerings current when they are away.

But here are some ideas that were shared with me by Pastor’s Ben Unseth & Robert Blezard for how to help OSLC maintain a positive financial position in these summer months.

Pay it forward: Our Saviour’s would love to receive your summer tithes (*our first fruits financial commitment to OSLC*) and offerings (*financial gifts given above the “first fruits” tithe ~ such as for the tuckpointing project*), or part of them, in advance. If you know you’re going to be away, plan ahead by offering more in the weeks in advance of your time away from your beloved church.

Make it up: Alternatively, when you get back from your refreshing time away, give a little more in the weeks that follow in order to make up for the lost weeks.

Use your envelopes: Are you a check-writing person? Then simply fill in advance your offering envelopes with your weekly financial stewardship. If you have a check in every envelope, then on any given Sunday you need only to bring that day’s envelope and whatever earlier Sunday envelopes are there.

Use banking bill pay: Many people find online banking services a convenient way to pay their routine expenses. Why not your church tithes and offering as well?

Enroll in electronic giving: We subscribe to electronic giving services, checkout the lower righthand side of our website front page for options, and if you need help enrolling contact the Office. Your tithes and offerings will go right to the church in the amount and according to the timeframe you specify.

Of course, these methods are beneficial not only for the summer months, but also for the whole year! Those who embrace giving as a spiritual discipline often find that their lives of faith are enriched and their sense of joy and fulfillment is deepened. Choosing a regular-giving strategy can help you to discover the joys of generosity as well as keep OSLC stable. Again, I want to thank and recognize Pastor’s Ben & Robert for their contribution to this stewardship article.

OPERATION MOTORCYCLE MERCY UPDATE: JULY 2024



Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts thus far this year, we pray for continued support in the future as well. On May 26, a Memorial Ride for the late Pastor Dan Beattie was held. We shared a biker blessing and a prayer send off. We left Audubon with 11 motorcycles and 2 vehicles, by the time we got to Ellsworth, we had 14 motorcycles! It was so nice to see additional riders come along with us! After a visit to Pastor Dan’s grave site, we enjoyed a peaceful ride through Brushy Creek and then lunch along the Des Moines River. As we headed home some left early, and others departed along the way, without too many raindrops finding them! We continue to have signs for sale if you are interested, please let one of us know! As a group, we will deliver the fruits of our labor this fall to a family or families in need.

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church Council Highlights (unapproved) Tuesday, June 19, 2024

Present: Terrill Burger, Rod Hansen, Traci Irlmeier, Barb Jacobsen, Janell Lowe, Dan Madsen, Lee Nielsen, Tammy Sauers, Intentional Interim Pastor Chris Townsend and Nate Vorm.

Absent: Jon Irlbeck

President Vorm called meeting to order at 6:00pm. Pastor Chris opened with devotions and prayer.

The agenda was amended to include under New Business: Heartland Annual Meeting #8, then approved. The May Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Envelope Offerings are under budget by \$11,769. Total Income is under budget by \$5,059. Budgeted Expenses are over by \$1,014.

TEAM REPORTS SUBMITTED (*details available in the Office*)
Christian Education, Stewardship, Worship, and Pastor’s.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Lee Nielsen and seconded by Tammy Sauers to give “Relay for Life” \$500 to be taken from the Other Benevolence Fund. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Dan Madsen and seconded by Terrill Burger to give \$1,000 each to two OSLC members going on a mission trip to Africa. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding installing monitors in the Library and Chapel for the purpose of live-streaming worship and funerals. Also, discussed a designated nursery space.

Discussed the idea of an outdoor memorial space to honor Pastor Dan.

Council agreed to add a Christian flag to the exterior-flag pole and to include lighting.

Initial Call Committee discussion.

The Council members to write “Job Descriptions” of their respective offices/committees to assist future Nominating Committees.

The next Council Meeting is July 24 at 6:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Janell Lowe

Stewardship Square

Regular Offerings	05/05	\$6,148.71
	05/12	\$3,904.74
	05/19	\$7,171.21
	05/26	\$3,124.74
	Total	\$20,349.40
Sanctuary Worship	05/05	168
	05/12	193
	05/19	108
	05/26	127

Questions regarding OSLC finances, contact Treasurer Tammy Sauers or Office Manager Pam Steckler.

Needed Weekly to meet budget—\$6,433.84

ONLINE GIVING

Go to <http://osclauduboniowa.org> and click on online giving tab located at the upper right hand corner of the webpage.

GIVEPLUS+MOBILE

Go to the App store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” to download for free.

GIVE PLUS+TEXT

Text 833-973-0220, and enter the amount you wish to donate, and press send.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL UPDATES

Thank you on behalf of the Stewardship Committee & Council for your continued financial support of OSLC and its ministries. You have stepped up with making offerings (*giving beyond the first fruits / tithing*) to the recent Tuckpointing Chimney project. This was a greatly needed repair for our church chimney! The work has been completed, but we are still raising funds because: The project total cost was \$16,835. As of June 17, we have raised \$5,625 with \$11,210 left to raise. **THANK YOU** for your past, present, and future financial offerings!

OSLC expenses are being managed but we know these are difficult times with inflationary pressures (*repairs, maintenance, utilities, insurance*) at a time when consistent Sunday worship participation (especially in the summer months) is traditionally a challenge. General Fund and Benevolence expenses to date (5/31/24) are \$125,235 which is \$16,208 lower than 2023 (*in part due to not having a full-time pastor until 4/1/24*) and our budgeted envelope/plate offerings are up by \$3,130! We want to keep this valuable information at the forefront as we prepare for the upcoming expenses to Call a new pastor.

To be good stewards and support all areas of ministry including fixed costs such as utilities and staffing, etc., it is important that our tithes (*first fruits*) and offerings (*giving beyond the first fruits / tithing*) remain consistent each week/month/quarter. Online and automatic giving is an excellent way to stay current on tithes and offerings over the entire year. Check out page 7 of this newsletter for more information.

Please continue to help as the Lord directs you:
Prayerfully lift up our church, its leaders, and staff during these challenging times
Prayerfully consider areas to volunteer at church utilizing your gifts and talents
Prayerfully consider increasing your giving

The Executive, Stewardship Committees and Council review the Financial Reports and are striving to enhance regular communication by now, providing to you, the Body of Christ, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church with valuable monthly updates.



ACOLYTES

07-Kamdan King, Alex Eldal
14-Tyler Ellingson, Kadi Burger
21-Alex Eldal, Layne Slater
28-Ushers

ALTAR GUILD

Raydene Mathisen
Tammy Sauers

SOUND

07-Logan Nielsen

14-Traci Irlmeier

21-Jim Dick

28-Jim Dick

PROJECTION

07-Curtis Derry

14-Traci Irlmeier

21-Lori Applegate

28-Lori Applegate

VIDEO/STREAMING

07-*Volunteer needed*

14-Chris Bylund

21-*Volunteer needed*

28-*Volunteer needed*

COFFEE SERVERS

07-Lorri Thygesen

14-Shelby Hansen, Caylee Rokke

21-Craig & Shannon Jensen

28-Brian & Kathy Jensen

GREETERS

07-Barb Jacobsen

Mary Anne Pomeroy

14-Karen Elmquist

Rose Madsen

21-Lee & Norma Nielsen

28-Nick & Jenny Smith

USHERS

Sam Graeve, Captain,

Logan Nielsen, Lee Nielsen,

Nick Smith, Nate Vorm,

Daniel Bierbrodt, Garret Vorm



PRAISE IN THE PARK WORSHIP WITH "BTC" PRAISE BAND

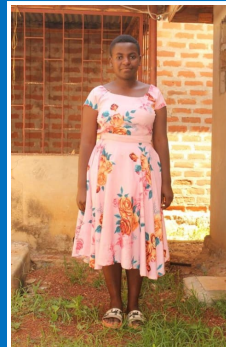
AUGUST 25 at 10:00 a.m.
in the City Square Park

Fellowship & a BBQ meal to follow!

Participate in the Bags tournament!

If you will be in 8th grade or older this fall and enjoy contemporary Christian music, please prayerfully consider joining the "BTC" Praise Band!

Contact director Jo Beane for more information or email oslcworship@osclaudubonia.org!



COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

The OSLC Sunday School children have been sponsoring two children through Compassion International since 2012, Grace & Ibrahimu from Tanzania. Weekly Sunday School offering supports these children giving them the opportunity to hear the Gospel & learn about Jesus, receive Christian training, educational opportunities, health care, hygiene training, supplementary food, a caring and safe Christian environment to grow in self-confidence and social skills, personal attention, guidance and love!



The Sunday School offering this last year has left us not able to gift Grace & Ibrahimu as much as in the past. If you feel called to help the Sunday School students support Grace & Ibrahimu, please leave your donation in the Office, or in offering plate marked "Compassion International".

Go to www.compassion.com for more information on sponsorship.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
OF THE OSLC SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM!**

MISSION MINISTRY TEAM

The Mission Ministry Team has been called upon to help others clean up after the storms! There were 3 members of the team that were able to go help a member of OSLC after some bigger trees and branches fell. They worked and cleaned up what they could, but bigger equipment was needed to finish up. Another call came a couple of weeks later asking for help to pull weeds and clean up around a house. A group of 7 team members were able to help with this request and gathered several bags of debris. We look forward to helping when the need arises! Thank you!

JULY SPONSORED ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are \$22 payable in the Office. The 2024 flower chart is in the Lobby.

07-Arch Andersen

14-Sharolyn Fett

21-Steve & Susan Stetzel

28-*Sponsorship available*

