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

LCMC
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
"Knowing Jesus, Growing in Jesus, Sharing Jesus"

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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!

We will have a cookout on the front lawn from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!!

COME EARLY TO EAT, AND THEN GO DOWNSTAIRS TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN OF THE COMMUNITY BY ATTENDING THE AUDUBON COMMUNITY SUMMER THEATER PROGRAM WHO WILL BE PERFORMING "THE TRIAL OF GOLDBLOCKS" by Joseph Robinette AT 6:15 P.M.!



UPCOMING CHILDREN/YOUTH IMPORTANT DATES

August 19—5:30 p.m. Preschool Student & Parent Bible meeting

August 19—6:30 p.m. 3rd Grade Student & Parent Bible meeting

August 24—11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. First Communion Mini-Retreat

September 4—5:30 p.m. Confirmation Student & Parent meeting

September 8—Rally Sunday fun after worship

September 11—First day of Confirmation class from 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

September 15—First day of regular Sunday School classes from 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.



Questions on any children's events at OSLC, contact the Office or any member of the Education Committee: Sara Vorm, Megan Kjergaard, Katie Bierbrodt, Danielle Derry, Pam Steckler, Tim Andersen, Traci Irlmeier (Council Rep.)

How is Your Summer... so far?

Here at OSLC we have been busy. Busy visiting, listening, praying, worshipping, planning, writing, meeting with leaders, connecting in the community... and going to baseball and softball games.... GO WHEELERS!

Summer has been busy yet joyful. Why, because so many of you have joined with me gathering as a Christian Lutheran community of faith, to worship our Savior, and to be in fellowship with one another. Such a blessing for me, as your **Intentional Interim Pastor** along with my wife Sara, to be part of worship celebrations, fellowship after worship, and spending time together away from church. Thank you for blessing us here in Audubon.

Oh, back to the planning, writing, meeting with leaders comment in the opening paragraph. Part of the ministry OSLC leadership asked me to provide as the **IIP** was to look at everything of OSLC with fresh eyes, listening ears, and an open heart. I have been doing that through: reading annual reports, reviewing years’ worth of Council minutes, reading some of the three past pastor’s reports and notes, meeting with Committee’s, conversations with many of you, with staff, and with many members of Council. These conversations have been fruitful in providing me information to better equip the Church Council in their future decision-making process.

In my ministry as your **IIP** I desire to continue to empower the Church, its elected leaders, and paid staff to do God guided ministry in the present and the future. We will be doing ministry together to set a blessed pattern for your future called pastor. And on that note, please be aware that the Church Council is in discussion to prayerfully pull together a Call Committee. I would ask that each of you, as children of our Lord and Savior and members of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, to be in prayer for those who are asked to serve on the soon to be established Call Committee. May God continue to draw ALL members back together in worship and in service to our Savior! God bless you and yours this busy Summer and remember... You are blessed to be a blessing! *Pastor Chris*

AUGUST SPONSORED ALTAR FLOWERS

04-Mark & Karen Elmquist	18-Janet Weber
11-Keith & Sheri Bandle	25-Jolene Burns

AUDUBON COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, August 6, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, contact Kathy at 563-2424 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Audubon.

**Baptism**

JULY 14 BAPTISM

Savannah Hunter, daughter of Morgan Anderson & Jan Kidder.
Savannah’s sponsors are Joe & Rachel Donahue.
We give thanks for God’s gift of new life in Jesus Christ!

Due to travel and ministry activities the Council met 1-week later than normal so unapproved minutes are unavailable at the time of this newsletter printing. The September newsletter will have July and August minutes in it. For your information the Council’s July 24 agenda is:

- Call to Order**
- Attendance**
- Devotion and time of Prayer**
- Approve Agenda** *(Any additions/changes, need motion to approve)*
- Minutes from previous meeting** *(Need motion to approve)*
- Treasurer’s Report** *(Need motion to approve)*
- Team Reports** (Submitted electronically)

Christian Education <i>(Traci Irlmeier)</i>	Property <i>(Rod Hansen)</i>
Evangelism <i>(Dan Madsen)</i>	Stewardship <i>(Tammy Sauers)</i>
Worship <i>(Barb Jacobsen)</i>	“The Rock” Youth Group <i>(Nate Vorm)</i>
Mission Ministry Team <i>(Terrill Burger)</i>	Safety Committee <i>(Jon Irlbeck)</i>
Koinonia Fund <i>(Lee Nielsen)</i>	
Pastor’s Report <i>(Intentional Interim Chris Townsend)</i>	
- Old Business**
 - A. Other Benevolence
 - B. Call Committee Candidates
- New Business**
 - Request to use Memorial Fund/Special Fund monies to purchase canvas artwork for the Main Entrance entry, Overflow area, Lobby, Office +. Not to exceed \$1,000
 - Meal planning for August 16 “The Rescue Tour Concert”
 - Faith Lutheran Church Flood ~ Recovery Mission Project Fundraising Plan
 - New member orientation
 - Stewardship/Ministry Fair
 - Overflow Kitchen improvements (flooring replacement/LVT, pulls, cabinet cleanup)

Next council meeting: August 21, 6:00pm

Stewardship Square		
Regular Offerings	06/02	\$4,510.00
	06/09	\$7,429.74
	06/16	\$6,239.64
	06/23	\$7,641.82
	06/30	\$2,440.00
	Total	\$28,261.20
Sanctuary Worship	06/02	115
	06/09	84
	06/16	107
	06/23	117
	06/30	92
Questions regarding OSLC finances, contact Treasurer Tammy Sauers or Office Manager Pam Steckler. <i>Needed Weekly to meet budget—\$6,433.84</i>		

ONLINE GIVING

Go to <http://oslcauduboniowa.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.

SUCCESSFUL STEWARDSHIP... A PURPOSE FOR ALL OF OSLC!

Our understanding of the ultimate purpose of stewardship is for all people to come to the knowledge of the Truth of God revealed in Jesus the Christ. When we get right down to it, faithful stewardship is nothing other than our own faithful stewardship of the Good News entrusted to us by our Lord.

And successful stewardship is faithful stewardship. *“It is not about amount but rather identity”* as my spiritual mentor once shared. It is not all about balanced budgets but about the way the Gospel works in and through us. Faithful stewardship points people to Jesus. Faithful use of ALL of God’s blessings is the responsibility of the entire Body of Christ, **Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church!**

With all that stated, a big thank you, to you, the faithful of OSLC! Because of you, and your personal stewardship, OSLC is preparing for the future. Stewardship of all types is being discussed on many fronts, and in many ways. From the blessings of your donations to the Chimney Tuckpointing project *(while this article was being written sitting at Waspy’s, a check was given to support this care of God’s House)* to the stewarding of the “Special Funds” of OSLC. Please know that the leadership is taking positive steps to continue to express the purpose of OSLC with positive successful stewardship!



INGHAM OKOBOJI UPCOMING EVENTS

Activities for all ages!

Sunday Worship, Golf Classic, Quilt Auction/Scandinavian Feast/ Concert/5K run/walk, Fall Elderversity, Fall Youth Recharges, Women’s Day Away and more. Go to okoboji.org for more info!



ACOLYTES

04-Kamdan King & Kadi Burger
11-Layne Slater & Tyler Ellingson
18-Alex Eldal & Kamdan King
25-Praise in the Park

ALTAR GUILD

Toni Nelson
Judy Baker

SOUND

04-Logan Nielsen
11-Jim Dick
18-Traci Irlmeier
25-Praise in the Park

PROJECTION

04-Curtis Derry
11-Lori Applegate
18-Traci Irlmeier
25-Praise in the Park

VIDEO/STREAMING

04-*Volunteer needed*

11-Tim Andersen
18-Chris Bylund

25-Praise in the Park

COFFEE SERVERS

04-Phyllis Larsen & Elayne Sinow
11-Bruce & Tina Andersen
18-Jeff & Fonda DeBower
25-Praise in the Park

GREETERS

04-Terrill & Mary Jo Burger
11-Chuck & Nancy Hansen
18-Pat Mullenger & Janell Lowe
25-Praise in the Park

USHERS

Wes Thygesen, Captain
Bruce Andersen
Steve Mathisen
Jeff Albertsen
Danny Budd
Brian Jensen
Kyle Kjergaard

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@oslcaudubonia.org!

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Beginning August 7 a table will be set up in the Lobby with dishes/pans and lost and found items left at OSLC. Please check to make sure these items do not belong to you.
We will donate items that are not claimed by August 19.

FIRST COMMUNION MINI-RETREAT

AUGUST 24, 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

This mini-retreat is for students entering 5th & 6th grade this fall (or older students who have not taken a First Communion class). This is a time together of fellowship, lunch, learning, prayer and celebrating an upcoming Faith MileStone in your child’s life.

Contact the Office to register your child, or email oslc@oslcauduboniowa.org.

This mini-retreat is intended for both or at least one parent to attend with your child!

If you know of unchurched students this age, please offer an invite and encourage them to register!

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN WHEELERS (FCW) UPDATE (9-12 Grade Students)

Summer is winding down and FCW is gearing up for the school year! All 9-12 Grade Wheelers are invited to a **FALL KICKOFF POOL PARTY** August 8. Meet at Albert the Bull at 6:00 p.m. for food and fellowship, and then have some fun at the pool! FCW is looking forward to a great year of fun activities, service events, devotions/prayer and fellowship with each other, local pastor’s and our community. FCW will meet the 1st & 3rd Sunday’s of the month at 6:00 p.m. at various locations starting September 15. FCW also meets the 2nd & 4th Monday mornings at 7:45 a.m. in the school board room for a short devotion and prayer time starting September 23.

Questions on FCW, contact President Mason Steckler.

LCMC HEARTLAND DISTRICT WOMEN’S RETREAT

Join in a time of relaxion and renewal resting in God’s love and forgiveness through Jesus!

Saturday, October 26—8:30 a.m. registration, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Peace Lutheran Church, 535 Third Street, Deshler, NE

Register by October 1 to Linda Fangmeyer, lindafang@gpcom.net

Suggested donation of \$10, includes noon meal. Free will offering to Water 4 Kids International

Questions, talk to Women of Faith Co-Chairs Jolene Burns or Janell Lowe

