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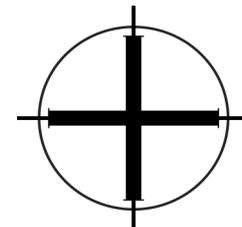


Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Church Office Hours:
 Monday -Thursday
 9am -1 p.m.
 Closed Fridays



OSLC IS OPEN AGAIN!

The church has opened again. It will continue to be so unless the status of the pandemic and/or government mandates dictate otherwise.

While worshipping God is not dependent upon a building, a church is a gathering, so it is very exciting to return to in-house worship. However, we all want to do this safely. The pandemic is worsening and so for at least the present, the worship service looks quite different. However, things have been going well. An outline of what you can expect during the worship service was published in last month's newsletter and is available in the office. These guidelines were developed with input from public health sources and our church synod. The list is quite long but we need to try to keep ourselves and particularly the more vulnerable of us safe. We do appreciate your cooperation.

Online streaming of the service will continue. We do have extra prepackaged communion kits. If you would like some for your home use during the online services, they are available outside the office.

If you have questions, contact Pastor Koos or the office.

Seen on a sign outside a church -

"Thou Shalt Wear a Mask in Public."

Hygienesias 3:16

Please wear a mask whenever you are inside the church and maintain social distancing when appropriate.

Offerings

With the resumption of in house services, there is again the opportunity to put your weekly donation in the collection plate. We have been able to meet our monthly obligations with loan assistance. However the expenses of the church continue . You can also continue your monetary support of the church as you have been. You can bring your donation to the church where there would be minimal contact. You can mail it in. You can also continue to use **Simply Giving**.

Other than giving to the church directly during the service, the easiest way continues to be using our **website** (superioroslc@gmail.com) If you go to the website, you will see a box on the right hand site that says donations. Click on it and follow the directions. Thank you so much to the people who have remembered the church during these difficult times.

We have hired a new custodian. Her name is Heidi Rekstad. She starts on August 3rd. Please say hello if you see her.



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August 2020

Greetings from your pastor and partner in ministry!!

We are heading into the dog days of summer when the temps are high, and the fall planning ramps up in churches and schools alike. Of course, that is in a normal year. This year has been far from normal and it doesn't look like it'll be "normal" anytime soon. The schools are deciding to bring the students back for in-school classes, online classes, or a combination of both. The churches continue to wrestle with opening their doors for worship services or continuing them in a virtual environment. There is a great hesitancy especially with the rise of coronavirus infections in recent weeks. Parents and faithful worshippers alike struggle to gauge an acceptable degree of risk and our lives are in complete disarray. Not to mention all the students and adult workers having to maneuver the radically changed academic and working environments. Now more than ever we must cling to our faith in our faithful and loving God. As I've been saying for 4 months, God has not abandoned us in our struggle. God walks with us through this and wants us to be strengthened by it, not destroyed. It's been a few weeks since we opened our own doors for in-church worshipping, and I'm pleased by the response not only by those who have come to the church and heeded the various safety precautions but also by all the continued prayers and support of those who aren't quite comfortable yet to worship in the building.

What a strong and faithful congregation! Thank you! You are all important parts of this body of Christ we call "church" and I am deeply grateful for you all. This is a scary time for all of us and we can only tackle it one day at a time. We'll continue remaining open for in-church worship as well as broadcast online through Facebook and YouTube. By now you should all be familiar with accessing either of the broadcasts through our website, www.superioroslc.com. If not, please don't hesitate calling into the church to get help. Doris or I would gladly help get you connected.

Our own fall planning will resume this month as the council and committees meet again. We'll figure it out how we want Sunday School and confirmation classes to continue and whether choir rehearsals will resume. Big decisions will be made and I ask you to hold our leaders in prayer as they make them. I am confident they will decide what's best for our congregation and I hope you share in that confidence. I'm going to sneak away for a week vacation sometime but you won't miss me thanks to technology. Our service project with the confirmation kids is still a go for the last Saturday, 08/29, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please plan to be here at the church for some outdoor cleanup. Donuts and juice will be provided. Try to stay cool in these hot days and keep faithful.

Blessings,

Pastor Sean

Pastor will be on vacation from August 20th through August 26th. There will be no in house services on August 16th and 23rd. There will however be on line services on those dates..

From our Congregation President

Dear Members of OSLC and faithful worshipers,

Who would have ever believed that we would still be in the midst of a pandemic. The church is open for Sunday Worship but with all the safety protocols in place. We are limiting attendees to 50 and we have had 18 attendees per Sunday. I have over purchased communion /wafer cups and would like to offer them to members who are staying at home for the virtual services. Please stop by the office and pick them up for your family. Grab a month's worth for each family member. I would also like to offer to deliver some to your home, especially if you don't feel comfortable leaving home. Call the church office and leave your name and address and I will deliver them.

God Bless You and your family.

Kathy Nelson Council President

Here is a poem written by Laura Kelly Fanucci a Minnesota Resident

"When this is over, may you never again take for granted

A handshake with a stranger

Full shelves at the store

Conversations with neighbors

A crowded theater

Friday night out

The taste of communion

A Routine checkup

The school rush each morning

Coffee with a friend

The stadium roaring

Each deep breath

A boring Tuesday

Life itself.

When this ends

May we find

That we have become

More like the people

We want to be

We were called to be

We hoped to be

and may we stay that way – better

for each other

because of the worst"

Bible Studies-August 2020

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

We will meet in the sanctuary but you can continue to participate using Zoom Meeting:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72682782954?pwd=ckhodWo5aC8wNTZVQjN5dXB4WFkyQT09>
or call 1-312-626-6799)

08-05-20 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

1. Using verses 1-5 make a list of how Paul describes the Macedonian churches' circumstances at this time. What from your list was the most important factor for their generosity?
2. Using the list you made from question #2, what was motivating the radical generosity of the Macedonian churches that we observe in this passage?
3. Looking at verses 6-7, why is it important to grow as a complete disciple, not neglecting any one aspect?
4. Notice how the work of Jesus (v. 9) is used as our example and our fuel to give. How does a proper understanding of the gospel actually increase our love for God and people while decreasing our love for self and possessions?
5. The ultimate goal of our generosity is not first to supply a need but to glorify God. Why is it important for you, as an individual Christian and the church (as a collective body) to be generous as a means to give God glory?
6. What typically motivates your giving? Guilt, duty, expectations of God's blessing, response to circumstances, thankfulness, love?
7. In verse 7, Paul tells the Corinthians they excel in (literally, have a superabundance of) "faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness ..." Is Paul "flattering" the Corinthians, do we think? Or is something else going on? What? Why do we think that?
8. Is there a relationship between the superabundance Paul describes in verse 7, the "gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ" in verse 9, and the reference to manna in the wilderness in verse 15? What relationship do we see?
9. In verse 8, Paul says he is "testing the genuineness of your love against the eagerness of others." What is our response to this statement?
10. Would it make a difference if the Corinthians completed their offering in obedience to a command, or in response to advice or encouragement? What difference? Why?

08-12-20 Luke 11:2-4

1. In verse 1, one of the disciples asks Jesus to "teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." How is Jesus teaching his disciples to pray?
2. How do our own customary prayers or manner of praying compare to Jesus's teaching in this passage? What would have to change to bring our own prayers more into line with these teachings of Jesus?
3. What did it mean to Jesus to call God "Father"? What does it mean to you?
4. How does our usual way of thinking about God compare to the impression Jesus gives us of God in this text?
5. Why is prayer so integral to our relationship with God? What does it look like to listen to God?

6. Why was prayer important to Jesus? If we prayed more like Jesus, what would our prayers be full of?
7. How important do you see prayer to your life? How about for the life of our church?
8. Why do you think it is hard for what we believe in theory (about the importance of prayer) to transfer into practice?
9. How does prayer help us grow in our relationship with God? Has anyone ever inspired you with their prayerfulness? What can you learn from them?
10. How is prayer both conversation and encounter with God?

08-19-20 Luke 11:2-4

1. What does it mean to pray, "your kingdom come"? How is this prayer topic related to Jesus' ministry? To the disciples' mission?
2. How does prayer help us 'get on board' with God's kingdom priorities? Have you ever changed what you were praying for through the process of praying?
3. How can you align your priorities with God to help usher in His kingdom on earth?
4. What do you think it would look like for God's kingdom to "come"?
5. What are some ways that Jesus spoke about this kingdom (Luke 17:20-21; Luke 11:20; Luke 13:29; Luke 18:16; Matthew 6:33; Romans 14:17)?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. How can mortal man inherit an eternal kingdom? What hope does this give?
7. Read Romans 14:15-18. What characterizes life in the Kingdom of God?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. What behaviors are not acceptable within the Kingdom of God? What kind of people live in the Kingdom? (v11)
9. Read 2 Peter 1:1-11. How is it possible for God's people to imitate His divine qualities?
10. When does the kingdom come? Is it already here, yet to come, or somehow both?

08-26-20 Luke 11:2-4

1. Why pray for "daily" bread? Why "our"?
2. Do you ever worry about God's provision for your earthly needs? How does this prayer give you peace and comfort?
3. Should we pray for more than "daily" bread?
4. What does the idea of bread convey? What does the idea of daily convey? Read Philippians 4:6.
5. Read Matthew 6:25-34. When we approach God with our needs, what should be our attitude? How does praying for those needs help us to develop that attitude?
6. Read Luke 11:3-4 and Philippians 4:6. Should we ask God to provide for our needs? How often? Are there things we should not ask for?
7. Read Matthew 6:25-33. What do you worry about? What does Jesus promise to those who put God first?
8. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What does it mean to trust God? What is the difference between passive trust and active trust? What does it mean that God will "make you paths straight"? What are some actual examples?
9. Read 1 Kings 17:2-16 on How God provides. How did God provide for Elijah in these verses? Did Elijah know how God was going to provide for him when he left?
10. Read Philippians 4:19 and Philippians 4:6-7. How do these two verses help alleviate your fear and anxiety?

Education

Confirmation—

Confirmation classes for last year were completed using the Zoom platform. A new year of classes will begin on September 9th.

The plan is to meet in the church but this could change with the status of the pandemic.

Prior to that, Pastor will meet with continuing and new students and their parents and clear expectations for the year will be spelled out.

The students will be doing a service project this summer. They will be doing yardwork around the church on August 29th from 9 am to noon. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Confirmation has been deferred until the fall and is scheduled for September 6th.

Sunday School-

Sunday School was cancelled for the rest of last year. We hope to begin on a regular schedule in the fall. At this time, the Board of Education is discussing options. Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 6th. First Communion has also been rescheduled for that same Sunday.

Adult Education-

Bible study here at the church takes place on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. In the church and via Zoom. See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.

This year is the 50th anniversary of women being ordained in the Lutheran church. We plan to do a bible study on “Women in the Bible” in the fall.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Those serving in the military, those overseas, for those who return home with mental and physical scars, and for all military veterans. For the health of all unborn children and grandchildren, all those recovering or in nursing home care and for those struggling with addiction. For those at the frontline of the CoVid 19 pandemic— first responders, healthcare workers and those helping to make sure supply needs are met.

Congregation Members: Jim and Marcy Rigstad, AJ Nelson, Vern Moore, Pat Shaw, Audrey Larson, Judy Johnson, John and Linda Maki, Steve Shaw, Judy Trisko— Nelson, Virgil Everson, Del Kangas, Fred Paine, Amanda Shaw, Larry Gilbertson, Allen Will, George Bennis

Family Members: Jordan Zurn, Michelle Oman, Pat Hansen, Paula Brostiwitz, JR Pietz, Greg McGarry, Andy, Matthew, Mike Klawitter, Darlene Shaw, Betty Samuel, Matt Meyer

Friend/ neighbor: Pat Flynn, Billy Jo Cronin

The Families of: Seija Amundson, Al Gagne

Call the office (715-394-3472) to add individuals to the prayer list.

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Fundraising

We continue to look at fundraising possibilities. While we cannot have activities in the church involving more than 50 now, this might be a good time to start planning activities for the fall. Would you be willing to chair or co-chair a meatball supper, a chili supper, a pie sale, a cookie sale (maybe around Christmas), a pasty sale or a craft sale? If you are willing to chair or co chair any of these events or have other suggestions, please contact the office. Since activities in the church are still limited, plans are underway for a virtual Bunco. See elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.

The Rummage Sale is still on hold. In the meantime continue to look through those storage areas. The church will happily take unwanted items off your hands. Put items downstairs in the unfinished addition, behind the blue tarps. We ask that you please do the following:

- Put items in a box for easier stacking.
- No clothing
- We only want things that work.
- Don't give us things that we would have to PAY to get rid of. That includes microwaves, computers and printers. The only exception is if you put your name on it (so we know when we put it out and take it back, who to return it to)
- If something has an operator's instruction book please include it if you have it.

Happy cleaning!!

Remember Script Cards

Script Cards are also a way for you to help the church monetarily. It may not seem like much but it all adds up. \$1500.00 profit was made from as little as 5 and up to 12 buyers—so far. Gift cards may become the only way we can control where and how much we spend. Some self-service machines are no longer accepting cash.

All orders go in the 3rd Sunday of each month. Drop off your order with payment with Carol Skamser at 2332 Susquehanna Avenue. There is a secured container on her front step in which to place your order. It is there all day but it is brought in at night and placed outside again the next morning. Checks get deposited the Monday after all the orders are placed. All orders are ready for pickup that Thursday. Your order can be picked up anytime the container is outside until all the orders are picked up.

Help yourself and help OSLC!! Any questions or suggestions, call or text Carol Skamser at 715-781-0753 or email her at scskamser@charter.net Check the church calendar for the next order date. Thanks for supporting OSLC. Stay safe!

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August 2nd

Canned fruits & vegetables,
canned & dried soups

August 9th

Canned tuna and chicken,
seasonings

August 16th

Coffee, tea, boxed foods, oats,
sugar

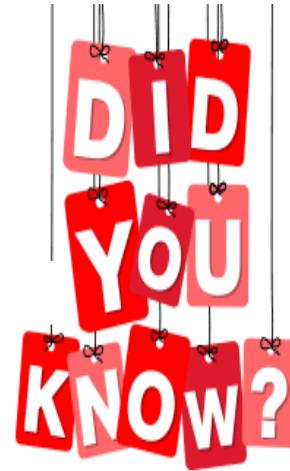
August 23rd

Pasta products, rice, spaghetti
sauce, gravy

August 30th

**Breakfast cereals, Peanut
butter, Jelly, honey, syrup**

**You may bring your items
to the 20th Street (office)
door.**



In house Sunday Services have begun again with the service at 9:30 am. Online streaming of the service is continuing.

Bible studies continue on Wednesday mornings. You can participate either in person at the church or via zoom.

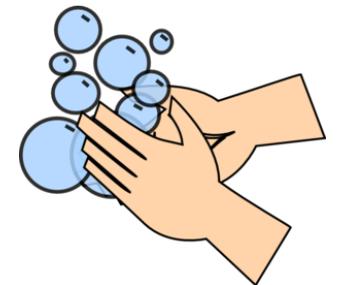
Confirmation students will be cleaning up the church grounds on August 22nd.

Volunteers Needed:

With the church reopening, we are in need of more ushers.

Contact the office if you are willing to help.

*Wash your hands
And say your prayers
Because germs and
Jesus are everywhere.*



There are hand sanitizers available throughout the building.

Church Entry Lights Fundraiser – Bunco

Our March bunco fundraiser was cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We received funds from Thrivent to sponsor this event. Thrivent okayed using the unspent money to purchase quilting supplies (batting and fabric for the backside of the quilts). However, prizes had been purchased for bunco. To finish off that fundraiser we have to also give out the prizes. So, we are going to have “Virtual Bunco.”

We are going to sell tickets for \$5 which will put your name in for the prizes. That \$5 will go to pay for the cost of the entry lights. Which by the way were installed during the lock-down. Thanks to Rick Gilbertson and Gene Rosburg.

Doris Maki (church secretary) has agreed to do the collecting (Thanks Doris). So, either stop into church when it is open and drop-off your donation, send it to the church, or put your donation into the collection plate marked for lights.

The names for the 5 prizes will be picked around Labor Day weekend. All 5 prizes include a cutting board from our local “Epicurean,” some have leather gloves, dish towels, hand soaps, microwave bowl potholders, and Epicurean food turners.

Thanks for your support!

Kandee Rosburg



Council Minutes

The council did not meet in July but will resume with a meeting on the third Tuesday, August 18th at 5:30 pm

Quilters





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2 9:30 am worship service in house and online	3	4	5 10:00 am Bible study in house and via zoom	6	7	8
9 9:30 am worship service in house and online	10	11 Executive Board 5:30 Board meetings 6 pm	12 10:00 am Bible study in house and via zoom	13	14	15 Stenroos Wedding
16 9:30 am worship service online	17	18 Council Meeting 5:30 pm	19 10:00 am Bible study in house and via zoom	20	21	22 9:00 am—12 pm Confirmands service project
23 / 30 9:30 am worship service in house and online (only online the 23rd)	24 / 31	25	26 10:00 am Bible study in house and via zoom	27	28	29