



**Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church**

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Carla Weisenfeld

**Custodian:**

*Network articles are due  
on or before the 20<sup>th</sup>  
of the month*

**Musings from the Pastor**

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (ESV)*

There's new energy sparking at OSLC, new life being breathed into youth and family ministry. At their September meeting, church council approved an offer of employment to Katherine (Katy) Gattuso for the position of Youth and Family Director. Katy dove right in and began work on Monday, Sept. 20. We are excited to have her as part of the ministry team! See her article in this newsletter as well as information about two "meet and greet" opportunities.

One of those new things is First Sunday Family Worship. Beginning Sunday, Oct. 3, and then on the first Sunday of every month, the worship service will be created especially for families and children of all ages. If children get restless during worship, they can go over to the newly created "Prayground" set up with quiet activities in the side area. All partitions are down so parents can still see their children and the kids can still see and hear what's going on in worship. This area will be open every Sunday. See the invitation in this newsletter.

We ask for your prayers, patience, and encouragement as Katy gets settled, begins to learn who we are and how best to connect with youth, families, and the congregation. God is up to something among us and with us but God needs our participation too. Introduce yourself to her; share why you're a member here, what keeps you coming back. When you see children in worship, introduce yourself and tell them and their grown-ups how happy you are that they're here. Our warmth and hospitality on these Sundays especially will encourage families to come back again.

May the Spirit breathe into us imagination, hope, joy, energy...and may these gifts take root and bear fruit on which our children and youth can feast.

*Shalom,  
Pastor Pat*

**SING FOR JOY!**

In order for OSLC to sponsor Sing for Joy on WJMT we need to pay for the entire year. So far we have \$ 1,390.00 of the \$ 4,420.00 that is needed. If you can help us reach our year's goal, we would appreciate a donation of any size. Make checks payable to OSLC and write Sing for Joy on the Memo line.

Sing for Joys is presented by St. Olaf College Choir and airs on WJMT on Sunday mornings at 10:00.

*Thank you for your support of beautiful sacred music in Merrill.*



Greetings OSLC Families and Youth,

My name is Katherine “Katy” Gattuso and I am grateful and excited to be your new Director of Youth and Family Ministry! It is my hope that the OSLC families and youth will be provided with numerous opportunities to learn and grow in faith with one another, to get involved in the community, and build lasting relationships, all while having fun!

I graduated from Roanoke College in Salem, VA in December of 2020. There I received a Bachelor’s in Christian Studies with a concentration in Parish Youth Leadership. During my time in college, I had the opportunity to be an intern doing work with children and youth ministry. Following college, I was a Coordinator for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at College Lutheran Church in Salem, VA.

Very recently, I moved to Athens, Wisconsin from Roanoke and Richmond Virginia. I grew up attending worship at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Richmond, VA. I have been an ELCA Lutheran my entire life. I was very active as a child and a youth in the church. Serving as a youth representative on the church council, serving in numerous ways during worship, attending youth group, and mission trips. In 2015 I attended the ELCA National Youth Gathering. The theme was Rise Up in Detroit! The ELCA National Youth Gathering is one of many opportunities I hope that the youth have available to them. The Youth Gathering is every 3 years and Lutherans from every state gather together to worship, build relationships and do service. Next Summer, the NYG will be held in Minneapolis! I encourage you to dive into the ELCA National Youth Gathering website and put this on your hearts so that we can begin raising funds so the youth can attend!

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family, in nature, walking our family dog Willow, and embarking on a 1,000-mile journey to complete the ice age trail in sections. My significant other, Eric, and I have 15 miles down and many more to go!

I am looking forward to meeting each of you and sharing ideas back and forth. I hope to see you at the first Youth and Family Sunday on October 3rd! Please feel free to communicate with me any ideas, thoughts, or concerns. Please keep your eyes peeled for information going out about plans for the youth group. October is the perfect time to gather to carve pumpkins, rake leaves and sip apple cider.

Please email me: [YouthandFamily@oslcelca.org](mailto:YouthandFamily@oslcelca.org)  
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Blessings to you all,

Katy Gattuso

### **Donut Hole-y Day!**

Sunday Oct 3, 10:00 am. A “Thank You” from the Boy Scouts who used the church for their meetings. There will also be an opportunity to talk more with Katy.

**!! Special Invitation !!****Family Worship Service  
First Sunday of every month starting Oct. 3, 9:00 a.m.**

Worship service geared toward children, including  
age-appropriate readings, prayers, songs.  
Active participation encouraged  
Masks required #Covidsafe

Worried about restless kids during the worship service?  
A "Prayground" will be available with coloring pages, simple puzzles,  
and other quiet activities in the sideroom area of the sanctuary.  
All partitions are down. Kids may come and go to this area as they wish.  
Parents can easily see their children from the sanctuary.  
There will usually be a confirmation or high school youth  
present to interact with the children who are in the Prayground.

**Sunday School**

During the other weeks of the month, Sunday School packets  
will be mailed home with a Bible story and activities  
for parents and children to experience together.

Please contact Katy Gattuso, Youth & Family Director  
or Pr. Pat, if you would like these materials sent home  
and if you have any questions.

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*Pastor Pat & Katy*

**Thank You**

A big thank you to the Christian Education Committee for all their efforts to provide meaningful learning experiences for our Sunday School Students.

Throughout the Covid 19 lockdown they continued to "tell the story" by sending weekly activity packets to the children. Kids love to get mail and Manny eagerly opened the large envelope. He also enjoyed all the other cards and notes he received throughout the years.

Manny has graduated from Sunday School into Confirmation class, but this fall he received one more card of good wishes and encouragement from – you guessed it – his Sunday School Teachers, Andrea, Don, Tammy, Marie and Miranda.

Our Saviour's is fortunate to have had such a dedicated group who have so faithfully served for many years. All they have done is greatly appreciated. They have touched many lives.

*Elayne Ollmann*

## WELCA Kits

The women would like to Thank everyone who donated supplies for the Lutheran World Relief kits.

94 - School Kits

43 – Health Kits

8 – Baby Kiits

175 – Quilts



The boxes are packed and were loaded in the Jirovec's trailer, ready for them to deliver them to Wausau on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Mike and Marilyn for doing this for us again this year.

Thank you to the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation kids who helped load the boxes before their first confirmation class.

The women will be doing the same kits again next year. When you are shopping and see good sales, pick up some of the items they need so we can make and send the needed kits to people around the world. We have the list of items that are included in each kit at church, take a copy so you know what is needed.

## YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

### Trunk or Treat

If you are interested in decorating your vehicle for Trunk or Treat at OSLC on Sunday , Oct 31 at 4pm. Plesae contact Katy at church or by email at [YouthandFamily@oslcelca.org](mailto:YouthandFamily@oslcelca.org). Watch the weekly announcements for more details.

### Pumpkin Carving

Family Fun! On Sunday, Oct 24, families with children and youth of all ages are invited to a pumpkin carving event at 4:00pm (after the Packer game). Donations of pumpkins are appreciated. Drop off during the week of Oct 18 – Oct 24.

*Keep an eye out in the weekly word for more events that will be happening.*

## Summer Lunch Recap

With summer fast becoming a fond memory, it's a good time to say a big thank you to the OSLC folks who made the Summer Lunch program a success as well as give an update on how our participation impacted our Merrill community.

Summer Lunch program is a cooperative effort of the Merrill Food Pantry and five Merrill area churches, namely Christ Methodist, St. Stephen's UCC, St. John's Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and OSLC. The program runs Monday – Friday starting in June and ending in August. Each church has its day of the week—OSLC is on Monday. The churches were responsible to provide the main course and in some cases a side item, and the Food Pantry provided the juice drink, snack bar and fruit cup. Food Pantry also provided a few extra treats for the kids from time to time.

The program ran for 12 weeks and served more than 2900 meals. OSLC served 456 meals. \$898 was raised and \$442.85 was spent feeding the kids chicken nuggets, cheese sticks and fresh carrots.

Thanks to all who made this possible, whether serving on a team, or providing for supplies, admin support, or donated money or prayed for success. And particular thanks to Marie Rein who has coordinated OSLC' participation since the beginning...well done!

Team members for Summer Lunch 2021:

Jackie Ackley	Donna Baumgart	Mary Leyk
Shirley Engel	Renee Semling	Joy Sorenson
Judy Evans	Mary Akey	Marlene & Bill Krueger
Marcia Jannusch	Marie Rein	Carol Engebretson
Deb Schleif	Carla Weisenfeld	Brenda Mueller

## Covid Update

Church council has voted to once again require masks, no matter vaccination status, when you are in the building. Lincoln County is now rated "very high" for infection rate. The mask requirement is in effect until the county is back to "medium" for at least 4 weeks.

Thank you for your compliance and your compassion in caring for others.

## Birthday in a Bag

Can you imagine trying to celebrate your birthday while staying in a homeless shelter? Sadly, it does happen. To help make that day at MAC Home a bit brighter, Our Saviour's Outreach Team has recently begun a mini-mission, "Birthday in a Bag." We fill a gift bag with a microwavable cake in a cup -- with frosting and a candle -- a birthday card, birthday banner, balloon, small gift and a Scrip card to Wal-Mart.

The first set of eight bags was decorated and assembled by Our Saviour's youth. So, a big shout-out to them! They did a fantastic and very artistic job!

**Dartball Church League**

The Dartball team leaders met and decided that with the Covid pandemic being uncertain, they will cancel the League shooting for this year. They are hopeful that it will be able to start again next year.

*Mike Jirovec*

**Bible Study or Book Group Anyone?**

Pastor Pat is willing to lead an evening bible study or book discussion group especially for the 20-50+ something year-olds, parents, busy people who want to dive deeper into faith but need a little push to do so, those who have never before gone to bible study or are afraid they don't "know enough" to talk out loud about faith. We can have a women only group, or mixed. We can meet once or twice a month, in person at church, or in a home, or on Zoom/Google Meet, or both. Participants can be from OSLC, those who don't attend a church, those who attend another church. All subject matter is open for discussion. All views and voices will be honored. This will ONLY happen if people are interested and contact Pr. Pat. Will you?

**Confirmation Classes**

Confirmation classes for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade will began on Wednesday, Sept. 22, right after the middle school gets out for the day until 5 p.m. Snack will be provided. We welcome snacks or money toward snacks. If you have youth in this age group that have not previously attended Sunday school or confirmation class, please contact Pr. Pat for registration information. All are welcome to attend!



**Financial Report 2021**

<u>Month of Aug 2021</u>		<u>TOTAL Jan – Aug 2021</u>	
INCOME	\$ 25,212.16	INCOME	\$ 197,454.30
EXPENSES	<u>\$ 15287.83</u>	EXPENSES	<u>\$ 132,576.82</u>
NET	\$ 9924.33	NET	\$ 64,877.48

**Security Update**

On Sept 23 & 24 J & J Lee Construction installed a new outside door at the end of the hall be Pr. Pat's office. This is now an emergency exit door.

The security camera system install was started and is up and running. A couple of the cameras are back ordered, we are hoping they will be in soon and the rest will be installed this month.

**Keep Your Information Current**

Please let the office know if you are changing your phone number or are moving so our records can be updated. We want to be sure you are receiving the church mailings. If you do not want the paper mailing, please let the office know your email and we can take you off the paper mailing list.

## Oct 2021 – Birthday

Marlene Graap	Oct 1	Bryan Weisenfeld	Oct 15
Emma Jaeger	Oct 1	Carol-J Osness	Oct 16
Jasmine Meyer	Oct 1	Michael Dietzler	Oct 17
Konnor Peterson	Oct 1	Clinton Williams	Oct 17
Jennifer Colstad	Oct 2	Arnold Lange	Oct 18
Paige Peterson	Oct 2	Samantha Rampart	Oct 18
Jessica Magray	Oct 3	Aiydyn Tiffany	Oct 18
Kyla Magray	Oct 3	Patty McDonald	Oct 19
Bradley Normand	Oct 3	Anthony DeSimone	Oct 20
Olivia Smith	Oct 3	Isaac Hanke	Oct 20
Kelsey Thompson	Oct 3	Sue Van Der Geest	Oct 20
Julie Borchardt	Oct 4	Samantha Allen	Oct 21
Sarah Wisniewski	Oct 4	Bill Meier	Oct 21
Edith Borelli	Oct 5	Anna O'Malley	Oct 21
Benjamin Hoerstmann	Oct 5	Jerry Fiene	Oct 22
Stephanie Smith	Oct 5	Jackie Arseneau	Oct 24
Hudson Rhode	Oct 6	Jamie Diestelhorst	Oct 24
Jon Knospe	Oct 8	Joyce Handlin	Oct 24
Ryan Niesd	Oct 8	Casey Jasper	Oct 24
Shirley Mitchell	Oct 9	Felicia Mayfield	Oct 24
Jacquelyn Ackley	Oct 10	Edward Sprague	Oct 24
Mary Akey	Oct 10	Josiah Dubar	Oct 25
Wesley Annis	Oct 10	Marian Gatterman	Oct 25
Paul Klippel	Oct 10	Linda Morley	Oct 25
Derry Thorson	Oct 10	Bridgett Krzanowski	Oct 26
Steve Diestelhorst	Oct 11	Dana Moore	Oct 26
Dawn Young	Oct 11	Karen Hanneman	Oct 27
Samantha Bauman	Oct 13	Quentin Hebert	Oct 27
Lacey Savaske-	Oct 13	Sandra Rasmussen	Oct 27
David Scharbius	Oct 13	Videl Hinke	Oct 28
Mason Thompson	Oct 13	Mary Lutzke	Oct 28
Harley Hixon	Oct 14	Alexander O'Malley	Oct 29
Sierra Smith	Oct 14	Zachary O'Malley	Oct 29
Jordan Burton	Oct 15	Terri Parker	Oct 29
Jack Hoock	Oct 15	Donald Lutzke	Oct 30
Jessica Jaeger	Oct 15	Tara Ollmann	Oct 30
Brad Ollmann	Oct 15	Rick Steckel	Oct 30
Luke Severt	Oct 15	Brandon Kautz	Oct 31



## Oct 2021 – Anniversary

Micki and Kevin Alsteen	Sep 3
Scott and Sue Van Der Geest	Oct 1
Carol and Jack Allen	Oct 2
Ross and Andrea Heller	Oct 3
Darlene and Gene Cottrell	Oct 4
Chris and Lorrie Schlender	Oct 6
Rory and Jennifer Jirovec	Oct 7
Gary and Linda Kalenske	Oct 8
Bonnyjean and Donald Graap Jr	Oct 9
Erik and Elizabeth Koch	Oct 10
Melissa and Mitch Easker	Oct 11
Ward and Barb Gremler	Oct 12
Stanley and Angela Pophal	Oct 17
Alex and Zach Rhode	Oct 18
Miranda and Tyler Kopetzky-Skidmore	Oct 20
Bruce and Debbie Schleif	Oct 23
Irv and Carol Bork	Oct 24
Gale and Orville Verpoorten	Oct 24
Debra and Paul Wagner	Oct 25
Joe and Julie Borchardt	Oct 26
Derry and Jenny Thorson	Oct 27
Steve and Lana Strasman	Oct 28
Shannon and Linda Murray	Oct 29
Bill and Jane Ollhoff	Oct 30
Kevin and Dawn Pfingsten	Oct 30
Keith and JoAnn Meyer	Oct 31

*This list contains members of Our Saviour's. If the names or dates are incorrect, or if we are missing information let the office know.*

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**October 2021**

Sunday Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Friday	Saturday Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>3</b> 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship 10:00a Donut Whole-y Day	<b>4</b> 8:00a TOPs 1:00p Miriam Circle 6:00p Busy Bees 4-H 6:00p Property & Maintenance 7:15p Bible Study	<b>5</b> 1:00a Christmas Spirt - Giving Tree 6:00p Worship & Music	<b>6</b> 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade	<b>7</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 10:30a Ministerium 6:30p NA Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 9:00a Constitution Review 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>10</b> 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	<b>11</b> 8:00a TOPs 10:15a Esther Circle 7:15p Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade 6:00p Finance	<b>14</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 1:00p Ruth Circle 6:30p Christian Ed 6:30p NA Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>17</b> 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	<b>18</b> 8:00a TOPs 6:15p Outreach 7:15p Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade 6:00p Council	<b>21</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 6:30p NA Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>24</b> 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship 4:00p Pumpkin Carving	<b>25</b> 8:00a TOPs 7:15p Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 Grade	<b>28</b> 8:30a Mission Sewing 6:30p NA Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
<b>31</b> 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship						



# Our Saviour's Scrip Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## ON HAND

Qty    Total

### GROCERIES

Cty Market - 5%	\$25		
Cty Market - 5%	\$50		
Cty Market - 5%	\$100		

### RESTAURANTS

Arby's - 8%	\$10		
Chips - 10%	\$5		
Clark's Cup N Cone- 10%	\$10		
Culver's - 5%	\$10		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$10		
Dairy Queen - 10%	\$20		
1st St. Coffee - 5%	\$5		
Friendship House - 10%	\$10		
Los Mezcales - 15%	\$10		
McDonald's - 5%	\$5		
McDonald's - 5%	\$10		
Pizza Hut - 8%	\$10		
Taco Bell - 5%	\$10		

### FUEL

Kwik Trip - 9%	\$25		
Kwik Trip - 9%	\$50		
Kwik Trip - 9%	\$100		

### MISCELLANEOUS

Cosmo Child/Sr- 10%	\$5		
Cosmo Adult - 10%	\$8		
Fleet Farm - 5%	\$25		
Hallmark - 4%	\$25		
Kohl's - 4%	\$25		
Walgreens - 5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$25		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$50		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$100		
Walmart - 2.5%	\$100		

## SPECIAL ORDER LIST

Qty    Total

*\*Other stores also be available - ask seller for details*


*Most popular special orders - many others also*

### RESTAURANTS

Chipotle - 10%	\$10		
Tex Roadhouse - 8%	\$25		

### CLOTHING

Am. Eagle - 9%	\$25		
Gap/Old Navy - 14%	\$25		
Macy's - 10%	\$25		
TJ Maxx - 7%	\$25		

### Miscellaneous

Barnes & Noble - 8%	\$10/25		
Bath N' Body Works- 12%	\$25		
Bed/Bath/Beyond - 7%	\$25		
Best Buy - 4%	\$25/100		
Menard's - 3%	\$25/100		
Michael's - 4%	\$25		
Office Max - 5%	\$25		
Target - 2.5%	\$25		

*The following stores offer a check to Our Saviour's:*

Courtside Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Miller Furniture - 4% (No Credit Card Purchases)

Central Carpet - 5% up to \$2000 (No installation or other discounts)

Hargrave Appliances - 3% (No Credit Card Purchases)

VIP & Merrill Radio Shack - 3% (No Credit Card Purchase)

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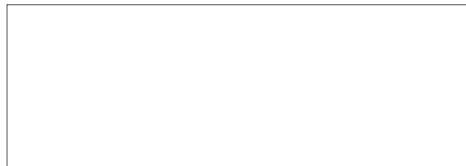
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