



**Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church**

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Office Hours

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Network articles are due
on or before the 20th
of the month

Musings from the Pastor

What are you looking for? Come and see. Follow me. Do not fear only believe. My peace I give to you. Your faith has made you well. Receive the Holy Spirit. You are witnesses of these things. I am with you always to the end of the age. ~Promises of Jesus

We turn our calendars from August to September, pull out sweatshirts with hope for cooler temperatures. Autumn decorations replace summer. Flower beds start to look bedraggled; gardeners and farmers hope for just the right weather for harvest. School supplies are purchased, backpacks packed, computers turned on. Parents, youth, teachers...what you all do is so important, and it can be so very hard, especially with Covid-19. We're praying for you.

All of us, in our own way, begin to make the internal shift that comes this time of year. I'm not looking forward to colder temps or less daylight. I am looking forward to the unique beauty of the coming season. I'm also looking forward to the ways God might be turning us around, where God might be leading us these next months at OSLC and hope you are too. And I'm wondering...

If we can reimagine new ways to do Christian Education for our Sunday School children, wondering who might be willing to help. Would you?

If there are any working adults who would like to do a once or twice a month evening bible study or book discussion group. Would you?

Who might answer our search for a Youth and Family Director and if youth, families and the whole congregation are willing to invest their time and energy into helping create a vibrant ministry in this area. Will you?

If there are ways OSLC can become more inclusive, if we can be more courageous public witnesses to God's wide and boundless love. Can we?

If you are wondering things like, "Could OSLC become _____? Could we try doing _____ in worship? I would enjoy doing _____ but no one has ever asked me. What if we _____?" Are you?

God continues to turn us toward God, one another, and into the future God has for us. Please wonder with me and one another. Speak from your heart about these and other wonderings the Spirit might stir up in you. If you have questions for me, please come talk with me. Talk with council and committee members, each other; write down your wonderings and send them to me or the council. God makes us to be church together for the sake of our community and the world. Every voice matters. Every body matters. Only together will we become more of who God calls us to be as the body of Christ in this place. Let us wonder, hope, pray, and work together.

*Shalom,
Pastor Pat*

What About Sunday School

Fall is coming.

The school year is starting.

What about Sunday School?

The present staff has kept busy providing your children with Sunday School lessons for the past 5 years. They have struggled to get more teachers but with no success. The current volunteers are no longer able to commit themselves to leading classes and are stepping down.

The Christian Education team hopes there are others willing to step up and provide for the faith education of our children. This is a ministry of the whole church! There are materials available which guide you through each lesson, including a video, activities and craft projects that coordinate with the Bible story.

Prior to the pandemic, classes were held Sunday mornings from 10:15 - 11:00. Classes could also be held any day of the week. A group of parents and others could rotate weeks if a weekly commitment isn't possible.

We invite parents and all who are interested to a meeting at church Sunday morning, September 12 at 10:15. Let's wonder together, reimagine how Christian Education might take place for the children of OSLC.

~The Christian Education Team & Pastor Pat

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?

Back to School Blessing Sunday

On Sunday, Sept. 12, Pr. Pat will do a special blessing for students of all ages and teachers. Each student will also receive a blessing tag to put on a backpack. If you are not able to attend with your child, or have students already at college, or if you yourself are a student but not able to be there, call the church office and we'll collect a list of names to be included in the blessing.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for youth in 6th-8th grade will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 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. Please check ingredient labels and do not purchase anything with nuts or made in facilities where there may be cross contamination. 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!

Save the Date! For Monday night Bible study!

Monday, September 13, 2021, 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm

We will be studying the life and work of Martin Luther to better understand his role in the Reformation and the doctrines of the church. We will examine the scripture and the "Sitz im Leben"* that prompted him to reevaluate his faith and challenge the Church of Rome. Through scripture and excerpts of Luther's writings we will explore his teaching on justification, free will, sin, good works and more.

Following this study, we will use the Augsburg Fortress "A Study of Luther's Small Catechism for Adults", to refresh and renew our understanding of the catechism we memorized (?) in our youth.

All are welcome!

*situation in life (German)

Lay School News

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin Lay School of Ministry begins classes again on Sept. 17, 2021. For 25 years the Lay School of our synod has existed to meet the need to equip people to share Christ’s mission and to live more deeply into what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Lay School is for those who are: ready to dive deeper into scripture, theology, worship, history, baptismal identity; would like to be empowered and equipped to be a more effective leader in the congregation; are discerning a deeper call to ministry that they would like to explore in a tangible way. (Info from synod).

Classes are one weekend a month, Friday evening and Saturday morning for two years at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Wausau and the synod office in Appleton. It’s possible to do a limited program and only go the evening or day. Cost for the full program is \$550/year and includes tuition and books. Cost for one evening or day is \$300/year with tuition and books.

If you are interested in applying or want more information, go *immediately* to www.ecswlayschool.org. Deadline to register to get books right away is Sept. 3. You can register after that but books might be delayed. You may be able to arrange to order them yourself.

SING FOR JOY!

Would you like to help spread the beauty of music across the airwaves? With a donation of any size, you can help Our Saviour’s continuing to sponsor the weekly radio program “Sing for Joy!”, which we have been supporting since November 2020. Beautiful choral music accompanied by the scripture readings for the week are combined into a half hour program presented by St. Olaf College. It is aired on WJMT radio Sunday mornings at 10:00. Right now, we have donations to continue sponsorship for about 20 more weeks. Each week costs us \$85 but your donation of any size is welcome. If you can help, please send a check to the church with Sing for Joy on the memo line or note it on your offering envelope. We would like to continue to provide this program for radio listeners.

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

Financial Report 2021

<u>Month of July 2021</u>		<u>TOTAL Jan – July 2021</u>	
INCOME	\$ 23,337.81	INCOME	\$ 172,242.14
EXPENSES	<u>\$ 18,874.27</u>	EXPENSES	<u>\$ 117,288.99</u>
NET	\$ 4,463.54	NET	\$ 54,953.15

Covid Update

Church council has voted to once again require masks, no matter vaccination status, when you are in the building, beginning the weekend of Aug. 28 & 29. Lincoln County is now rated "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.

FILL THE GAZEBO

Thanks again for all who donated and helped. A total of over 5000 pounds of needed items were collected, and total monetary donations received was \$12,657.00. This was divided between the 3 Food pantries, Food for Kids, HAVEN, MAC Home, and St Vincent de Paul Outreach Center. Our Saviour’s had the most volunteers there on Saturday, thanks to everyone for being there for us even in the rain.

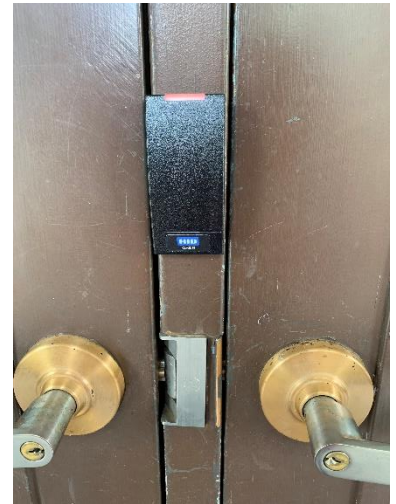
Security Updates

The new door lock card access system has been installed on two of the exterior doors and the office doors.

If you have talked to Carla, you will be notified soon that you can return your current keys and pick up your key card. There is a Card Access Policy you will be given to read and sign when you pick up the card.

If you have a key for the church, you will need to turn it in and get a key card. If you have not talked to Carla, please give her a call or an email so she is aware and can have the new key cards ready for you.

The security camera system was approved by council and will be installed in the coming weeks.



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.

WELCA Kits

We have a goal of 100 school bags!! We are very thankful for all the supplies already donated, more items are still needed. Below are the items needed to complete the Personal Care Kit and School Kit we would like to send out this year. When you are shopping and see good sales, pick up some of these items so we can send the needed kits to people around the world.

2021 The School kits still need:

- 17 - Pencil Sharpeners
- 26 - Boxes of Crayons
- 20 - Pens
- 20 – Pencils
- 92 - Notebooks

2021 The Health kits still need:

- 30 - Bar Soap
- 10 - Towels



Sep 2021 – Birthday

Emma Frazier	Sep 1	Orin Genrich	Sep 16
Nancy Muschinske	Sep 1	Andy Kalenske	Sep 16
Parker Schultz	Sep 1	Parker Blum	Sep 17
Parker Lee	Sep 2	Kira Diestelhorst	Sep 17
Carol Osness	Sep 2	Taylor Dinges	Sep 17
Jodie Semling	Sep 2	Ana Fiene	Sep 17
Brianna Grosskurth	Sep 3	Wyatt Grosskurth	Sep 17
Marie Rein	Sep 3	Cameron Swearingen	Sep 17
Tricia Beyer	Sep 4	Carrie Britten	Sep 18
Rebecca Burgener	Sep 4	Brady Green	Sep 18
Duel Harmon	Sep 4	Norman Hanson	Sep 18
Vanya Thorson	Sep 4	Larry Lebal	Sep 18
Jacob Butler	Sep 5	Tyler Wolff	Sep 18
Carol Engebretson	Sep 5	Jason Allen	Sep 19
Jacob Graap	Sep 5	Michelle Brown	Sep 19
Judy Kaehne	Sep 5	Noreen Hartlieb	Sep 19
Joseph Murphy	Sep 5	Pam Kufahl	Sep 19
Kailey Schreiber	Sep 5	Kayden Nowak	Sep 19
Carol Allen	Sep 6	Elaine Soderlund	Sep 19
Lindsay Carpenter	Sep 6	Gracie Van Vuren	Sep 19
Katie Erickson	Sep 6	Olivia Cipra	Sep 20
Harry Hepp	Sep 7	Elizabeth Mann	Sep 20
Leah Burbach	Sep 8	Ruth Nelson-Lau	Sep 20
Shirley Engel	Sep 8	Halena Anderson	Sep 21
Brody Johnas	Sep 8	Dennis Blake	Sep 21
Sophia Dixon	Sep 9	Coralisha Cooper	Sep 21
Philip Dolphin	Sep 9	Jerry Lokemoen	Sep 21
Darlene Mathis	Sep 9	Bill Ollhoff	Sep 21
Linda Blake	Sep 10	Garrett Pagel	Sep 21
Kaylynn Allen	Sep 11	Jaymason Schram	Sep 21
Patrick Gatterman	Sep 11	Cooper Theorin	Sep 21
Benjamin Brown	Sep 12	Landon Hipke	Sep 22
Autumn Buck	Sep 12	Daniel Karau	Sep 22
Dave Jannusch	Sep 12	Jon Wolf	Sep 22
Rebekah Murphy	Sep 12	Kalin Steinagel	Sep 23
Aimee Pederson	Sep 12	Mason Forehand	Sep 24
Kyle Kubichek	Sep 13	Dave Peterson	Sep 24
Dyllin Stockowitz	Sep 13	Linda Kautza	Sep 25
Lara Millis	Sep 15	Steve Schlinkert	Sep 25
Ron Oestreich	Sep 15		

Sep 2021 – Anniversary

Laurie Stimers	Sep 25	Micki and Kevin Alsteen	Sep 3
Lorena Stine	Sep 25	Bob and Joann Opsahl	Sep 3
Joseph Williams	Sep 25	Sara and Sean Thompson	Sep 6
Cheryl Dohm	Sep 26	Casey and Danielle Mulford	Sep 8
Mardell Johnson	Sep 26	Stephen and Linda Blake	Sep 10
Patricia McNutt	Sep 26	Kate and David Drewek	Sep 10
Ann Wick	Sep 26	Don and Sarah Olson	Sep 10
Amber Bartz	Sep 27	Sara and Brandon Seubert	Sep 10
Jean Bowen	Sep 27	Grant and Tammi Peterson	Sep 13
Kevin Hill	Sep 27	Wyatt and Stacey Buttke	Sep 15
Beverly Michalski	Sep 27	Karla and Mark Spoehr	Sep 15
Danielle Grosskurth	Sep 28	Dirk and Kathi Peterson	Sep 17
Erik Krause	Sep 28	Norman and Carol Hanson	Sep 18
Joan Peterson	Sep 28	Steve and Laurel Stine	Sep 18
Marie Peterson	Sep 28	Cathy and Todd Kufahl	Sep 19
Clint Rogers	Sep 28	Joan and Randy Brandner	Sep 20
Sharon Dinges	Sep 29	Kevin and Annette Jaeger	Sep 20
Jenny Jaeger	Sep 29	Mark and Christy Lemerande	Sep 21
James McMenamin	Sep 29	Mark and Toni Moldenhauer	Sep 21
Jennifer Hoock	Sep 30	Chad and Lynn Oslage	Sep 21
Eileen Richardson	Sep 30	Jennifer and Joseph Colstad	Sep 22
		Heather and Jason Wolff	Sep 22
		Maria and Jay Block	Sep 23
		Ashley and George Spransy	Sep 24
		Andrea and David Dart	Sep 26
		Jay & Kristin Van Der Geest	Sep 26
		Todd and Joy Annis	Sep 27
		Beth and Leslie Stevenson Jr	Sep 27
		Caroline and David Welk	Sep 27
		Mike and Kathy Marsceau	Sep 28
		Jim and Sally McMenamin	Sep 29
		Chuck and Betty Reinke	Sep 29
		Vick and Ed Dinges	Sep 30
		Judy and Michael Pagel	Sep 30
		John and Dawn Zattera	Sep 30



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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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8:30a Mission Sewing 10:30a Ministerium 4:30p Yoga 6:30p NA Meeting	3	4 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
5 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	6 Labor Day	7 6:00p Worship & Music	8 6:00p Finance	9 8:30a Mission Sewing 1:00p Ruth Circle 4:30p Yoga 6:30p Christian Ed 6:30p NA Meeting	10	11 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
12 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:15a Sunday School Meeting 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	13 8:00a TOPs 10:15a Esther Circle 6:00p Busy Bees 4-H 6:00p Property & Maintenance 7:15p Bible Study	14	15 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 grade 6:00p Council	16 8:30a Mission Sewing 4:30p Yoga 6:30p NA Meeting	17	18 8:45a WELCA Fall Retreat 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
19 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	20 8:00a TOPs 6:15p Outreach 7:15p Bible Study	21	22 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 grade	23 8:30a Mission Sewing 4:30p Yoga 6:30p NA Meeting	24	25 9:00a AA Meeting 4:30p Worship (HC)
26 9:00a Worship (HC) 10:45a First Presbyterian Worship	27 8:00a TOPs 7:15p Bible Study	28	29 3:30p Confirmation 6-8 grade	30 8:30a Mission Sewing 4:30p Yoga 6:30p NA Meeting		

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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Cash Amount _____

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