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Newsletter of
Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church
Appleton, WI

JULY 2021

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

3009 N Meade St, Appleton 54911

Rev. Kurt Hoffman

Thursday Worship

6:30pm in-person Worship

During the Summer months, Worship will be held in the Sanctuary on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of the month.

6:30pm Ignite Worship

During the Summer months, Worship will be held outside around the fire pit on the West side of OSLC on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, weather permitting.

Sunday Worship

9am in-person Worship

Also streaming on Facebook Live and recorded for viewing anytime.

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So the month, July, in which we celebrate **FREEDOM** is upon us and I've been doing a great deal of reflecting upon the concept of freedom over the course of the last year. Below are four that I've been thinking and praying over:

Civil Freedom

Religious Freedom

Individual Freedom

Communal Freedom

Their commonality is Freedom but they are vastly different in how they get lived out and there is a time and place for all of them – actually we need all of them for our lives to function with what we understand as Freedom in our context.

The idea that struck me is what we do with them and a Bible passage from Joshua came to mind. Joshua is speaking to the people of what will be Israel, who are about to enter into the Promised Land. He's addressing the Freedom that they are now going to experience for the first time.

Joshua 3:5 "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord **will do** amazing things among you." (emphasis mine). *(Continued on page 2)*



In-person Worship at 9am on Sunday morning; also streaming on Facebook Live and recorded for viewing anytime. PreRegistration Required (for up to 50 people in the building).



THROUGH JUNE:

Worship from the Parking Lot at 10:30am on Sundays--Broadcast to your vehicle's radio on WLGO 97.9 FM (Love God, Others)



Watch the recorded virtual Worship when you want by visiting www.OSLC-Appleton.org and clicking on the circle labeled "Recorded Worship".

Thursday night In-Person Worship at 6:30pm during the summer months:

June 3rd and 17th
July 1st, 15th, & 30th
August 5th & 19th



Ignite Worship around the firepit on our west side will begin in June at 6:30pm on Thursdays. During the 3 summer months, ignite is scheduled for the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, weather permitting.

June 10 & 24
July 8 & 22
August 12 & 26

As a community of believers at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, our vision to "love God. love others."

SERVING OSLC

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Rev. Kurt Hoffman, Pastor
Laura Purath, Office Mgr./Ministries Coord.
Karen Stangel, Worship Accompanist
John Stangel, Worship Tech.
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It is fully expected that after Labor Day in 2021, September 9th, OSLC will be back to holding Worship three times each week. Thursday evenings in-person at 6:30pm, and Sunday mornings at 8am and 10:30am in-person.

Our Saviour's will also continue to provide virtual Worship each week as one of the services will be streamed on Facebook Live and recorded for later viewing.

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Did you hear it – “the Lord WILL DO amazing things among you:

NOT: Might – NOT: Won’t – NOT: Can’t – NOT: When you are more faithful

We as the people of God stand on the verge of a new life together:

being born out of a global pandemic, racial strife, bitterly divided politics

And “the Lord WILL DO amazing things among you!

That my friends is FREEDOM!

So- celebrate the 4th – but really celebrate the Freedom that comes from our loving Lord.

Grace and peace, *Pastor Kurt*

Ride the Bus to Church for Thursday service!

Did you know Valley Transit has TWO bus stops within a block of church?? Why not add another element of fun to your Thursday evening worship and take the bus to church! Fellow Our Saviour's member, Stephanie Lenz, is also the Travel Training Specialist at Valley Transit, and teaches people how to use the bus! She is looking for other church members interested in joining her to learn a new route and take the bus to church!



You can explore the route on your own (Valley Transit has an App!, & did you know Google Maps has a "Transit Tab?!"), or Stephanie can help you figure out your trip and find the bus stop nearest to your house, too. Connect with Stephanie if interested in learning more!

Stephanie.Lenz@Appleton.org or 920-858-7609



**Larry Williams,
Director of
Fellowship &
Events, would
like you to
know ...**

... he has begun planning events for 2021! It is with great anticipation that as more and more opportunities become available, the following events are in the works:

- Potluck luncheon at church on Wednesday, July 14th at 11:30am. Larry will be cooking sloppy joes. Please bring a dish to pass.
- Chicken Sunday on August 15th at Van Abels in Hollandtown.
- Dine-Around on Wednesday, September 22nd. Location to be determined.
- OctoberFeast at Mark's Eastside in Oct.
- Soup Cook-off on Sunday, November 7th at 11:30am in OSLC Fellowship Hall. (Packers have an away game at 3:30pm.)
- Murder Mystery Dinner in November.
- Christmas Party Luncheon in December.

Additional details for events will be published as the dates get closer and details are confirmed.

Let the good times roll!



Members and Friends of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church,

Lifest, one of the largest Christian music festivals in the nation, is a place where you can celebrate the love of God and connect with the family of faith. This Family-Friendly event is sure to have music and activities for all ages.

5-stones, Fox Valley, would like to encourage you to attend **Lifest**; please come and see our display booth on education and awareness of Human Sex Trafficking, a tragic industry affecting the communities of Wisconsin and our youth. Take a minutes to talk with the volunteers of 5-stones. www.5-stones.org

Enjoy the special speakers addressing concerns of parents/guardians and enjoy the music mix of Christian artists.

Event days: July 8th, 9th, 10, and Sunday July 11th church service.

**Sunnyview Expo Center
500 East County Road Y
Oshkosh, WI 54901**
<https://lifest.com/oshkosh/lineup/>



**Wednesday,
July 14th-
11:30am**

**Potluck Lunch
OSLC Fellowship Hall
Main Entrée: Sloppy Joes**

Please bring something to pass AND sign up on the paper list at church, email LarryWilliams7149@gmail.com, call Larry at 920-470-8123, or [click here to RSVP](#) so the correct amount of sloppy joes can be prepared.

**Sunday, August
15th-
Restaurant
opens at 11am**



**Chicken Sunday
At Van Abel's in Hollandtown**

RSVP please by signing up on the paper list at church, email LarryWilliams7149@gmail.com, call Larry at 920-470-8123, or [click here to RSVP](#) so Larry can let Van Able's know how many from OSLC to expect.



Tuesday, July 6th at 6pm

Gather for Bible, Burger & a Beverage! Meet at the UNO Pizzeria & Grill off East College Ave. -- W3254 Van Roy Rd., Kimberly, WI. Meet in the Patio Room.

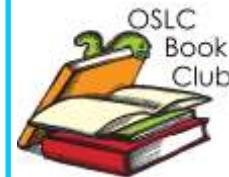


HELP YOUR CHURCH SAVE GREEN

It's simple arithmetic. If we can get a pool of volunteers to help mow, fertilize, and do property clean-up, we can save approximately \$2500!!

We did it last year!!! Most volunteers traileored their riding mower over to the church. If you are willing to commit to helping even one time, or two, please contact Joel DeShaney at deshaneyj@gmail.com or call (920) 475-7338. Joel has a schedule started.

OSLC VIRTUAL Book Club—



Read a good book lately? Want to share the book title with others? Want to find out what good books others have read?

Email CarolLamp44@gmail.com to participate on **Wednesday, July 28th at 11:30am.**



Our prayers & sympathies remain with the families & friends of:

Lloyd H. Seubert,
father of Bob (Julie) Seubert,
who was born to eternal life on
May 16, 2021

Linda M. Kozey,
sister of Laura (Alan) Purath,
who entered eternal life on
May 31, 2021

Patricia "Pat" Hausler
who was born to eternal life on
June 7, 2021

*Prayers of sympathy and healing
for all who are mourning.*



*Memorial monies and
gifts were
received by
Our Saviour's in
memory of . . .*

Myra Reynolds

By Alan & Lavonne Babcock
By George & Kathy Schmit
By various others

Linda M. Kozey

By Alan & Lavonne Babcock



**OSLC Endowment Fund
Donation**

Ron & Sue Ernst,
in memory of
Myra Reynolds

Eileen Landmann,
in memory of
Myra Reynolds

Beginning with the July 2021 Newsletter, we will resume making limited printed copies available for you to pick up at church or from the brochure box outside of church by the front doors.

- ◆ If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail, it means we do not have ANY email address on record for you. Please email office@OSLC-Appleton.org and ask that we add your email address to the newsletter and email distribution list.
- ◆ If you are not receiving this electronically, we many not have your CURRENT email address. Please email office@OSLC-Appleton.org and ask that we verify your email address on the church records.

Thank you very much! Please contact us with current NAME, EMAIL, PHONE #'s, and MAILING ADDRESS. Our church records have numerous landlines that are no longer in service, out-of-date email addresses, etc. We appreciate your help to bring OSLC's records up-to-date.

Laura, Office Manager Office@OSLC-Appleton.org



2021 SYNOD GOLF TOURNA-MENT

Tues., Aug. 10

Glacier Wood Golf Club in Iola
Shot-Fun Start at 8:30am

**Register by July 25. \$60 includes golf,
cart, lunch and prizes.**

Benefits St. Joe's Food Pantry.
For additional information and registration
form, [click here](#).

CHURCH CALENDAR

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sa.
July 2021						
4	9:00am In-person Worship: Simultaneously streaming on Facebook live (recorded for later viewing)					
5	9:00am In-person Worship: Simultaneously streaming on Facebook live (recorded for later viewing)	6:00pm Men's BBQ @UNO	1:00pm Staff meeting	6:30pm In-person Worship @the firepit on the west side of the OSLC building, weather permitting. Worship will be cancelled if there is rain or inclement weather.	8	 ignite
11	9:00am In-person Worship: Simultaneously streaming on Facebook live (recorded for later viewing)			6:30pm In-person Worship	15	
18	9:00am In-person Worship: Simultaneously streaming on Facebook live (recorded for later viewing)	1:30pm Women of Wisdom Bible Study: Jesus Calling @OSLC	1:00pm Staff meeting	6:30pm In-person Worship @the firepit on the west side of the OSLC building, weather permitting. Worship will be cancelled if there is rain or inclement weather.	22	 ignite
25	9:00am In-person Worship: Simultaneously streaming on Facebook live (recorded for later viewing)		11:30am Book Club @OSLC	6:30pm In-person Worship	29	
			1:00pm Staff meeting		30	
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June Council Meeting Highlights

- Now that we are fully back in person, the Parking Lot services will end on June 27th. The live stream will continue. You no longer need to reserve a seat for the 9:00 service. Thursday night services have resumed, 1st and 3rd Thursday inside, 2nd and 4th Thursday outside.

MEETING MINUTES

OSLC Council Meeting: May 11, 2021 (Zoom Meeting)

*Mission Statement: Gather, Grow, Go
Vision: Love God, Love Others*

Present: Laura Purath, Carol Lamp, Susan Kul-karni, Steve Bartell, Brian Krauss, Michael Emrick, Lori Knoke, Larry Williams, Winnie McPeake, John Stangel, Stephanie Lenz and Stacey Wagner, Joel DeShaney
Excused: Steve Alstad

The ZOOM Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Carol Lamp.
Pastor gave a devotion and asked for prayer requests.
The Meeting Agenda was approved.
April minutes were approved.

Monthly Reports:

- Pastor Kurt's written report was submitted.
- Christian Education written report was submitted
- BASICS written report was submitted
- Property written report was submitted
- Stewardship written report was submitted
- Office Manager written report was submitted
- Weekly contributions continue to be on budget
- Financial Reports were submitted.
 - The budget is still looking good, we are covering our expenses month to month with contributions. However, as we return to worship and the staff returns to work, we may need to fine tune some budget areas.
 - The council has decided to start a Reserve Fund. This fund will be used for

June Council Meeting Highlights

- The Council wants to recognize and thank everyone who is volunteering to help with the property maintenance this summer. Whether you are mowing the lawn, pulling weeds, watering plants or picking up litter, we appreciate you!
- We have scheduled an interview for the Youth and Family Coordinator position. The candidate is a recent graduate of Wartburg College, and will interview on June 16th.

future expenses related to the building and the property. We have transferred \$10,000 from our checking account to the Reserve Fund and hope to eventually have a reserve of \$50,000.

Old Business:

- The Re-opening task force has been disbanded. The church is now open for services and for small group and committee meetings. If you are interested in having a meeting at a church, please let the office know. They will make arrangements to have the doors open for you. Please clean up (sanitize the area you use) practice safe CDC recommendations (social distancing and mask wearing) and do not use the kitchen area.
- If you are interested in Ushering or Greeting, please contact the office, we will need more Ushers for in person services.
- The Job Description for the new Full Time Youth and Family Coordinator has been submitted to Crossways Camps and to the Synod Office. If you are interested or know someone who is, contact the office. We are reposting the position again, hopefully interviewing will occur soon and we will have someone in place by the end of summer.
- The AV project installation has been completed; it is working great for all services. A very special thank you to John Stangel for his efforts to complete this project on budget.

New Business:

- Joel DeShaney has obtained quotes for resurfacing the parking

lots and has contacted the neighboring Assisted Living facility to access their interest in completing the parking lots at the same time. They are interested and we are hoping to see some quotes for project soon.

- Volunteers have started to mow the grass again this year. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping.
- Joel held a spring clean-up day on May 1st. We had a nice group help clean up the property, trim bushes, plant flowers, etc. The property is looking great. Thank you Joel, you had a busy month!
- The Synod Assembly was held May 15th, Our Saviour's contributed \$300 to the Synod for this event.
- We are hoping to lift restrictions on the number of people in attendance at the indoor services soon. We will also be stopping the parking service once interest dies down.
- Committee reports will now be included with the minutes in communications to the members.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.
We adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Knoke, Council Secretary

Worship Attendance

**LIVESTREAMING WORSHIP on Facebook live at 9am on Sundays

	Reactions1	total views2
May 30:	6	123
May 23:	12	227
May 16:	7	201
May 9:	4	126
May 2:	10	249

1How many liked, loved, cared, cried, etc. with an emoji

2Total views of live and recorded Worship

How are we doing? Financially?

May 2021 Diff. of Actual vs Budgeted YTD May2021

Actual Expenses	28,932	\$ -1,913	WORSE
Actual Giving*	<u>20,040</u>	<u>-19,146</u>	WORSE
Difference	-8,892	-21,059	WORSE

*Mission & Ministry General Fund

Est. expenses:** Jul2021: \$29,137

**Based on the 2021 Budget.

Aug2021: \$26,121

As of May 31, 2021: Liquid Assets

Checking	\$133,482
Designated monies	46,449
Undesignated memorials	1,826

Outstanding Loans: none

Endowment Funds available for distribution during 2021: \$6,771*

*Qualified and approved requests

For additional information, request full financial reports from the Financial Secretary or office.

**NEXT Council
Meeting:
Tues., August
10th, 2021
At 6:30pm**



Pioneers: 1st - 3rd Grade

3-day, 2-night overnight camp for our youngest youth campers! Our Pioneers get to experience the best camp has to offer in a time-frame that works for them. Make new friends, learn fun games, swim and play on our waterfronts, cookout over a fire, explore nature, and learn all about how the love of God through Jesus changes everything.

Pathfinders: 3rd—5th Grade

This is classic youth camp at its best - 6 days and 5 nights filled with games, swimming, nature activities, campfires, new friends, excellent cabin leaders, engaging Bible studies, vibrant worship, and more! We are also offering three half-week sessions (3 days, 2 nights) for campers in this age group who would prefer a shorter experience at camp, but with all the same great activities.

Mavericks: 6th—8th Grade

Our Mavericks program gives youth in this age group the opportunity to experience unconditional acceptance of their true selves, just as God made them, regardless of their clothes, shoes, athletic ability, or whether or not they have the latest tech gadget. Mavericks will enjoy classic recreational activities while also building self-esteem, and problem solving skills, and work together. Mavericks will build faith-based friendships and deepen their relationship with our steadfast God.

Settlers: 9th—12th Grade

Crossways camps build critical life skills, especially in teenagers! Independence, autonomy, problem-solving, grit - these are essential for making that transition into adulthood. Settlers experience extended river trips (Village only), overnight camp-outs, low ropes challenge courses, and take part in some of the program leadership onsite with our

younger campers. Settlers also get to kick back and enjoy classic camp activities, late night campfires, nature hikes, and more. We take our Settlers deeper into Bible study and talk about the intersection of faith and real life, exploring what it means to love God and to be faithful examples of Christ's love in our world.

Leaders In Training: 10th—12th Grade

This two-week program is a combination of leadership training, peer ministry, and youth camp designed specially for our older high school campers who are interested in learning what it's like to serve on camp staff! During the first week campers experience classic camp activities and participate in intensive leadership and peer ministry training to prepare them for the second week: when LIT campers are paired with cabin leaders to act as a junior cabin leader in a cabin group of younger campers!

FAMILY CAMP

Experience camp as a family for faith development that builds an excitement for God, creates meaningful faith practices you can continue at home, and invites you to play together in God's amazing creation. We offer programming for all ages! Enjoy mornings that begin with engaging worship, followed by Bible study for age groups led by camp staff. Afternoons are filled with activities of your choosing, including swimming, canoeing/kayaking, arts & crafts, archery, hiking, and more! Close every night with a campfire and songs. Enjoy delicious, wholesome meals cooked for you - and you don't have to clean up!

RETREATS

- ◊ Women's Wellness
- ◊ Building Youth Groups
- ◊ Junior High Blast
- ◊ Crafting Retreats

For additional information, including dates and prices, please visit: www.crosswayscamps.org

Linwood Place
425 N Linwood Ave

2021 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

JULY 11 **THE MAROSZEK BROTHERS**
(POLKA)

AUGUST 8 **VOICES OF PEACE**
(SOUTHERN GOSPEL)

SEPTEMBER 19 PRINCE OF PEACE SPIRIT
(BLUEGRASS)

2:00 PM
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Quilting Ministry:
The quilt group is not currently meeting; however, anyone who would like to make quilts for LWR please call me, Linda Storma, at 920-739-0455 for quilting supplies or instructions on making quilts at home. We now have a new supply of batting available for quilt filler.

Come join the fun! Neighborhood Preschool is accepting registrations now for the 2021/2022 school year.

Call Sheri at 920-858-6879.
www.Neighborhoodpreschool.org



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Kwik Trip Gas Cards still available

You can still purchase Kwik Trip Gas cards from the youth. If you would like to purchase cards, simply email Amy@OSLC-appleton.org with your order. She will try and make them available within 2 days. Amy will make arrangements with you to pick them up at the church. Thanks for your continued support of our youth.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Loaves & Fishes of the Fox Valley, Inc. is a nondenominational Christian outreach committed to providing free nutritious evening meals to anyone in need, in a safe and welcoming environment.

At this point they are serving drive through meals but we are hoping to schedule a group of members from Our Saviour's to serve meals or donate baked goods on the second Monday of each month starting in the fall. In the past our church had three groups of workers which meant each group volunteered four Monday evenings a year.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to serve meals or donate baked goods please email Donna Allen at dallen6497@gmail.com.

thrive^{nt} upcoming webinars

- ◆ Understanding your Thrivent Member Benefits: Tuesday, June 22nd at Noon or 6:30pm
- ◆ Home Wise: Planning for your Purchase: Tuesday, July 13th at 6pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.