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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

3009 N Meade St, Appleton 54911
Rev. Kurt Hoffman Rev. Dee Sim

Virtual Worship

Sunday: 9am livestreaming on facebook

Contact

920-734-6396

office@OSLC-Appleton.org

Office Hours: M-Th 8-4:30; F 8-3

Youth: Brett@OSLC-Appleton.org



Dates of Interest:

Kits for Kids	April 3
5K Run	April 14
Camp Registration	May 1
Teen Coffee House.....	June 1
Youth Camp.....	July 1-7

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Beloved Children of God – In this confusing, scary, isolating time – please hear God's Word to you from Psalm 46:10 printed above. "Be Still and Know that I AM God!"

A few things to note:

+ Worship will be on Facebook Live every Sunday at 9:00 or you can watch it on the OSLC Facebook page anytime. There is a link on the OSLC webpage for it as well.

+ An online Christian Ed opportunity will be part of the Sunday morning feed, directly following worship. It'll feature a Bible story, questions for reflection and a prayer.

+ Deacon Brett and I are putting together a daily devotional that will run Mondays – Fridays called "Bread for the Journey". Watch for it.

+ Your regular Financial Giving is Vitally Important to OSLC! We need your financial gifts to meet ongoing ministry expenses.

Please mail in you offerings – Drop them off at church

Use the Giving App – Start Simply Giving (auto withdrawal)

+ A special Good Friday (April 10) event is being planned that features Stations of the Cross telling the Holy Week story in Pictures that people will drive around the OSLC building, stopping at each station, reading it, praying, and driving on to the next station.

+ Easter Sunday this year will be online BUT, then when we're all finally able to gather again at church – THEN WE'LL HAVE EASTER, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE!!!!!! We'll use the money collected for Easter flowers to purchase seasonal flowers and we'll celebrate Resurrection and New Life!!!

Pastor Kurt

Council Corner

March Council Meeting Highlights

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to COVID-19, OSLC is suspending ALL Activities, including Worship until further notice.

Visit the OSLC Website and facebook page often for updates!

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

SERVING OSLC

STAFF

Rev. Kurt Hoffman, *Pastor*
Rev. Dee Sim, *Pastor*
Deacon Brett Christensen, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Coord.*
Laura Purath, *Office Manager/Ministries Coord.*
Amy Arps, *Church Office Administrative Assistant*
Jenn & Ted Tyvol, *Children's Ministry Coords.*
John Hermans, *Custodian*
Karen Stangel, *Coord. of Music Ministry, Worship Accompanist, and Adult Choir Accompanist*
John Stangel, *Adult Choir Director*
Katy Sunstrom, *Worship Accompanist*
Kendra Blount, *Worship Nursery Supervisor*
Stephanie Lenz, *Worship Nursery Supervisor*
Kara Lendved, *Wedding Coordinator*

SERVING OSLC

OSLC COUNCIL

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**Stuff's *STILL* Happening . . .
VIRTUALLY!**

FOR EVERYONE . . .

Worship . . . live

9:00 am on Sunday mornings an abbreviated Worship will be streamed live on the OSLC Facebook page beginning March 22.

Sunday School . . . live

Immediately following Worship, there will be an abbreviated Sunday School streamed live on the OSLC Facebook page beginning March 22.

Daily Devotions

Monday through Friday, a daily devotion will be available from your pastoral staff at OSLC. Visit: www.OSLC-Appleton.org or <https://www.facebook.com/OSLC-Our-Saviours-Lutheran-Church-Appleton-WI-181313441890433/>



Dear people of OSLC,

We do not know when we will be able to be together to Worship at the OSLC center. However, we are forging ahead with plans to Worship & Praise the journey of Jesus and the hope it brings to you and to me. We hope you will participate.

Your pastoral staff and other leaders of the congregation are working hard to create WHAT we can do to bring the Word to you, and then learning the technology on HOW we do it.

If by chance, we are all back to normal before these dates, we will communicate that through email, facebook, and the OSLC website.

We pray for your physical and mental health during this challenging and uncertain time. Be well!

Laura Purath, Ministries Coord./Offc. Mgr.

Palm Sunday, April 5th

We do have palms on the way for you to pick up outside the church on Palm Sunday. We plan to offer a tutorial on the facebook page to show how to fold the palm into a cross. Further plans are in the development stage, so watch for email or postings on the OSLC website or OSLC facebook page for additional information.



Good Friday, April 10

Plan to visit the OSLC Worship Campus on Good Friday. We are setting up a **"drive thru"** Stations of the Cross for you. Please come to Worship and Pray.



Easter Sunday, April 12

Tune in for Easter Worship on OSLC facebook live at 9am for Easter Worship. Or, visit facebook or the OSLC Website for the recorded Worship.



Pastor Dee's Celebration of Retirement

At this time, we are continuing to plan for the April 19, 2020 date for this event. However, if we are not all back to church by then, a new date will be chosen.



OSLC MEMBERS

As you all know our Bishop has requested that all our ELCA churches close for the immediate future. Return to our places of worship is undetermined at this time.



Even though OSLC is closed for the immediate future our financial obligations do not end, we still have to pay our monthly bills. This being said we encourage our members to continue your contributions. Our church will be open during the week as our staff will continue working. There are three ways to keep your contributions ongoing:

1. Mail your contribution to the church
2. Use electronic giving:
oslc-appleton.org/give
3. There will be a drop off box inside the front doors of our church where you can drop off your contribution. The box will be emptied a number of times during the day by our office staff.

I thank you in advance for your personal commitment to OSLC by continuing your financial support during these stressful and challenging times. I trust that our Lord will be there to help and support each of us as we face these scary times with our families and friends.

God's Blessings, OSLC Church Council

Contingency plans are being made for important events & milestones. We will communicate as we know more. Email is being monitored, so please feel free to email if you have questions.

A "special edition" of the newsletter will be published for the month we return to gathering together at OSLC. If you don't see an article you submitted, it will be published when things return to normal. Thank you.

Updates



Coltin Philip Friestrom

Born: September 7, 2018

Baptized: March 1, 2020

Son of Nathan Bixby and Natasha Friestrom

Owen Kenneth Friestrom

Born: October 22, 2019

Baptized: March 1, 2020

Son of Nathan Bixby and Natasha Friestrom

Kehlani Rose Gentle

Born: August 23, 2019

Baptized: March 8, 2020

Daughter of Allan Gentle and Stephanie Sweetalla

Did You Know . . .

You can help!!

Help to fight the isolation felt during this time. Use the OSLC directory to send a card or note in the mail. (The mini computer in your hand can serve as a device to call someone and speak in real time too.)



Use the OSLC on-line directory for contact information.



- ♦ Send an email to Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org if you cannot get into the directory at www.lconCMO.com
- ♦ If you need help updating your information in the church records, email Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org

Our Saviour's Lutheran Anniversaries of Church Membership

April

53 yrs: Robert & Myrtle Otis

52 yrs: Jean La Frombois

30 yrs: Verner & Barbara Laursen

25 yrs: Joseph Kukarni

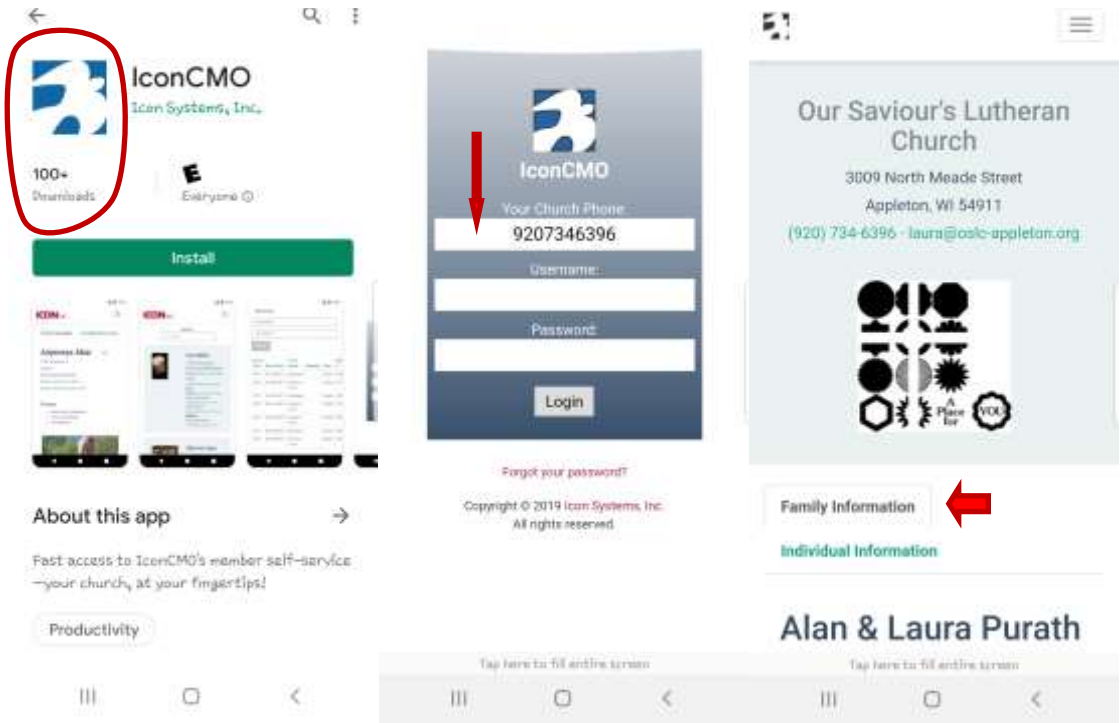
Anniversaries of membership are printed beginning with 20 yrs and then every fifth year; yearly beyond 50 yrs.



How to add the OSLC Church Directory to your smartphone . . .

From the place you download apps, search & install IconCMO. Type in the CHURCH PHONE #, username that was emailed to you, and password that you chose.

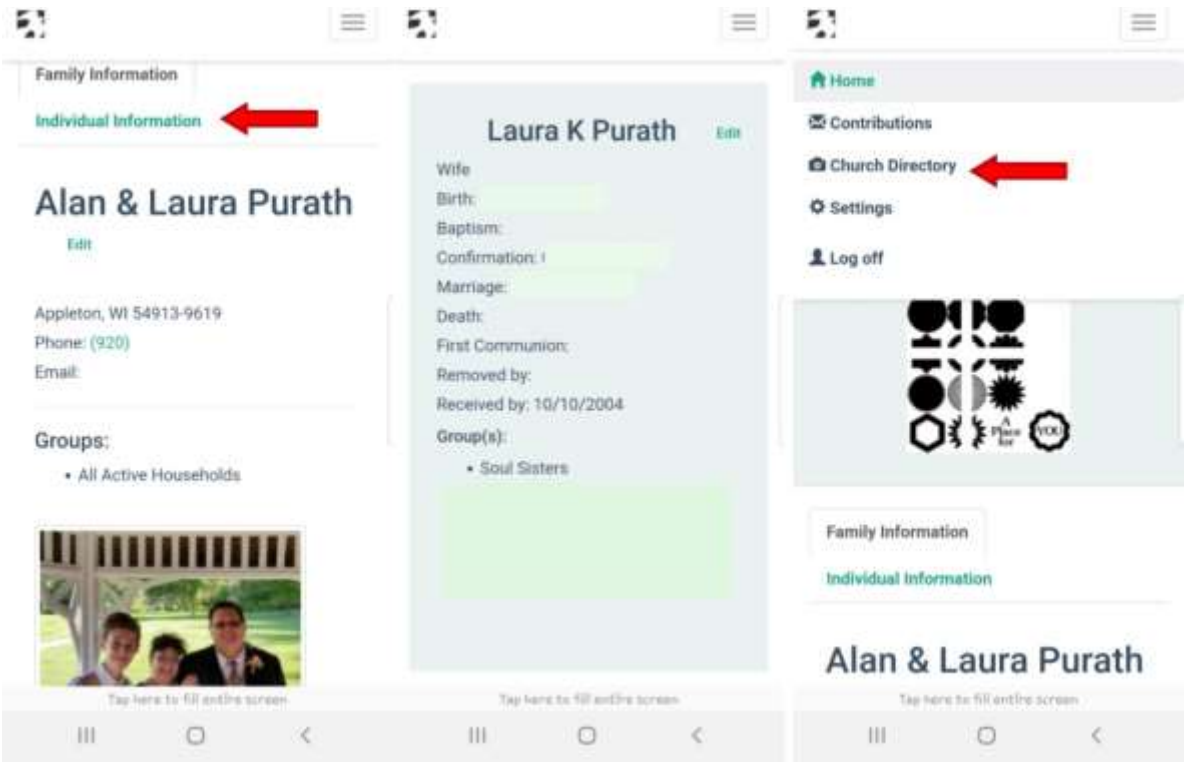
Once you are logged in, you will see your information. You can click on EDIT to modify information. This will help the church records be more accurate and up-to-date.



If you would like a different picture, send it to Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org or call Laura at 734-6396 ext. 0. This is a function that must be done on the church side of the program. Click on the INDIVIDUAL INFO tab to access information. If there are changes that should be made that the program is not allow-

ing you to make, please email Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org or call 734-6396 ext. 0 to make the request. You can view your contributions, and the Church Directory for contact information of your fellow church members. Please contact Laura if you need assistance, have questions, or need your link with

username emailed to you again. (If you do not have a valid email on record with the church, you will not be able to access the church directory.) If you do not have computer/email, contact Laura to request a printed b/w copy of the directory.



Education

Sunday School News

Sunday School Teaching Opportunities for 2020-2021

Come one, come ALL! We are making plans for Sunday School here at OSLC next year, and we are looking for returning and new teachers (18 years and older) and assistant teachers (high school students) to help shape the lives of the children in our growing Sunday School program! Be a part of something special! Please see Jenn or Ted Tyvol, email JennAndTed@OSLC-Appleton.org, or call Jenn at (920) 248-1720 with questions or interest, including grade or subject area interest! We look forward to retaining and adding very necessary volunteers for this impactful opportunity! Thanks for considering being a member of the team!

Sunday School Supplies

Do you have extra school and art supplies at home, or are you able to bring them in later in the year? Sunday School will be putting together a list of requested items...look ahead for what we need and what you may already have! Make a difference in the lives of children, families, and in the monies saved for church. Please watch for information coming soon....or if you have anything you'd like to donate in the meantime, please feel free to drop it off in the main office with the label "Sunday School." Thanks so much!

Stewardship: Speedy Service Projects in the Sunday School Wing

The 2019-2020 staff and children have been diligently practicing stewardship by doing weekly Speedy Service Projects. DID YOU KNOW...we are always on the lookout for community/local/group needs that we can assist with during the first 15 minutes of Sunday School each week? Our staff and children have a lot of ideas, but if there is a special organization or need that is dear to your heart, please let Jenn or Ted know (JennAndTed@OSLC-Appleton.org), and we can work together to fulfill the need of the person(s). Items we've helped with in the past include milestones for OSLC 3rd graders (First Communion, Bible Sunday), BASICS group, veterans, NAMI of the Fox Valley, Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin, and more! Help us HELP YOU! Let us truly reach out to LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS.

Youth News



Youth
Auction
Live & Silent



A huge "Thank You" to all who donated, worked, ate, purchased and attended our weeklong fundraiser. With your help we raised \$2500 to help fund their summer mission trip to Ax-tell, Nebraska!



Taps and Table Scraps

WEBSITE: www.oslc-appleton.org/podcast

FLT	Date Released	Non-Profit Organization	Contact Person	Bible Story
2-5	4/14/2020	5 Stones		Woman caught/ <u>Adultry</u>
2-6	3/28/2020	Pillars	Ryne <u>Lodl</u>	Ruth and Naomi

Scripture and Prayer for These Times

Anxiety, apprehension, fear

Psalm 4 *Answer me when I call*

Psalm 27 *The LORD is my light and salvation*

Psalm 46 *God is our refuge and strength*

Psalm 91 *The shelter of the Most High*

Psalm 121 *I lift up my eyes to the hills*

Isaiah 43:1-3a *I have called you by name*

Lamentations 3:55-58 *I call on your name from the depths*

Matthew 6:25-34 *Do not be anxious*

John 10:11-18 *I am the good shepherd*

John 14:1-3 *Where I am, there you may be also*

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *Who will separate us from the love of Christ?*

Philippians 4:4-7 *Rejoice in the Lord always*

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace.

Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

O most loving Father, you want us to give thanks in all circumstances and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Grant that fears and anxieties in this mortal life may not hide from us the light of your immortal love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Emotional distress

Psalm 13 *How long, O LORD?*

Psalm 88 *My soul is full of troubles*

Psalm 130 *Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD*

Isaiah 41:9b-10 *Fear not, I am with you*

Isaiah 43:1-3a *I have called you by name*

Matthew 10:29-31 *More valuable than the sparrows*

Mark 4:35-41 *Jesus stills the storm*

Mark 15:24-25, 29-30, 33-34 *Jesus' suffering*

John 10:11-18 *I am the good shepherd*

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you*

Hebrews 4:14-16 *Jesus sympathizes with our weakness*

1 Peter 5:6-9 *Cast your anxieties on*

God

Almighty God, your love never fails, and you can turn the shadow of death into daybreak. Help us to receive your word with believing hearts, so that, confident in your promises, we may have hope and be lifted out of sorrow into the joy and peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Confinement

Psalm 13 *How long, O LORD?*

Psalm 34 *Blessed are those who take refuge in God*

Psalm 71 *The LORD will revive me*

Psalm 139:1-17 *O LORD, you have searched me and known me*

John 14:23 *God makes a home with us*

1 Peter 1:3-9 *Born anew to a living hope*

1 John 3:1-2 *We are God's children now*

Merciful God, in the stillness of our souls we listen for your voice to know again that you are God. Quiet our restless hearts with the knowledge that you are near us, keeping watch over your own. Rekindle our faith and light the lamp of hope within our hearts. Then take us by the hand into each day that lies ahead, for where you lead we can confidently go with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Healing and wholeness

Psalm 27 *The LORD is my light and salvation*

Psalm 91 *The shelter of the Most High*

Psalm 121 *I lift up my eyes to the hills*

Lamentations 3:22-26 *The steadfast love of the LORD*

Matthew 8:14-17 *Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law*

Matthew 11:28-30 *I will give you rest*

John 10:11-18 *I am the good shepherd*

God of compassion, your Son Jesus Christ, the great physician, made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore to us wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Discouragement, despair

Psalm 13 *How long, O LORD?*

Psalm 88 *My soul is full of troubles*

Isaiah 43:1-3a *I have called you by name*

Jeremiah 20:7-13 *The LORD is with me*

Mark 4:35-41 *Jesus stills the storm*

John 10:11-18 *I am the good shepherd*

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39 *Who will separate us from the love of Christ?*

Colossians 1:19-23 *All things reconciled to God*

Hebrews 4:14-16 *Jesus sympathizes with our weakness*

1 Peter 5:6-9 *Cast your anxieties on God*

1 John 5:14-15 *God hears in whatever we ask*

Lord Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace we pray.

Amen.

God our comforter, you are a refuge and a strength for us, a helper close at hand in times of distress. Enable us so to hear the words of faith that our fear is dispelled, our loneliness eased, our anxiety calmed, and our hope reawakened. May your Holy Spirit lift us above our sorrow to the peace and light of your constant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Recovery from sickness

Psalm 28:6-9 *The LORD is my strength and shield*

Psalm 30 *Weeping spends the night, joy comes in the morning*

Psalm 103:1-13 *The LORD is merciful and gracious*

Psalm 116:5-9 *I was brought low, the LORD saved me*

Luke 7:18b-22 *The Messiah comes and heals*

Luke 8:35-39 *Jesus heals a Gerasene man*

1 Peter 1:3-9 *Born anew to a living hope*

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



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. . . and one hamburger!

