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Newsletter of  
Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church  
Appleton, WI

SEPTEMBER 2020

## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

3009 N Meade St, Appleton 54911

Rev. Kurt Hoffman

Deacon Brett Christensen

## Virtual Worship

Sunday: 9am Streaming  
on Facebook Live.

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### From the Pastor's Desk . . .

## "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

This hymn, written by Martin Luther sometime between 1527 and 1529 has served as an inspiration to countless Christians through time to help them in times of discouragement, fear, questioning, trouble, anxiety. At the time it was written, what became known as the 'Reformation' was well underway and the social, political, religious upset caused many to fear and despair.

Luther wanted Christians to remember that in spite of what was tangibly happening around them – God, as revealed in Jesus death and resurrection – was in charge, holding them and all of creation in His hands.

Seems timely for what is happening in our world today, with global pandemic, war, natural disasters rocking people's world, day after day, seemingly without hope or end.

*People of God – take heart:  
A Mighty Fortress IS our God!*

So we join the ranks of our sisters and brothers in faith who have faithfully lived in the promise of God being a mighty fortress in spite of all tangible evidence around us.

Just so you know:

- + Plans the safe return to worship in person are being formulated for when it is deemed safe to do so – which will still be a while.
- + Plans for Confirmation resuming virtually are being put together now.
- + Plans for Sunday School resuming virtually are being put together now.
- + Plans for a virtual Confirmation Service for last year's 9<sup>th</sup> graders is being set for Oct 25<sup>th</sup>.
- + Plans for virtual 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes is being worked on now for February/March.
- + Plans for a virtual Sunday School Christmas program are now starting to be discussed.
- + Creative involvement by additional people for our virtual worship services are being discussed now.
- + Plans for a virtual All Saints Day remembrance of loved ones who have died during this past year is being planned now.

*People of God – take heart:  
A Mighty Fortress IS our God!*

Grace and peace, **Pastor Kurt**

### Council Corner: August Council Meeting Highlights

1. The Council has decided to pay off an equity loan that is due at the end of September. The amount is approximately \$30,000, and with steady giving and a reduction in expenses, we feel comfortable paying the loan off in full.
2. We are very thankful and so proud of our members once again for delivering an abundance of Non-Perishable food for the Read and Feed ministry. We are continuing to except non-perishable food and books for the little libraries. We are especially in need of children's books. Special Thank You to Jeanne Seitz for monitoring the Book selection. Pastor Kurt and Kathy have been monitoring the food library.
3. The Synod Assembly will be help virtually on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Delegates from OSLC are Will Hansen, Kathy Hoffman and Susan Kulkarni.



Church  
Council

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Due to COVID-19, OSLC is suspending ALL Activities, including Worship in person at the church building until further notice.**

**Visit the OSLC Website and Facebook page 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*  
Deacon Brett Christensen, *Youth & Young Adult Ministries Coord.*  
Laura Purath, *Office Mgr./Ministries Coord.*  
Karen Stangel, *Worship Accompanist*  
John Stangel, *Worship Tech.*  
Jenn & Ted Tyvol, *Children's Ministries Coords.*

**While our other part-time staff members are furloughed and some positions are still inactive, please contact Pastor Kurt, Brett, Laura, or a council member with any questions.**

### OSLC COUNCIL

Carol Lamp, President  
Susan Kulkarni, Vice President  
Lori Knoke, Council Secretary  
Steve Alstad, Treasurer  
Joan Allen, Financial Secretary  
Brian Krauss, Christian. Ed. Comm. Chair  
Larry Williams, Evangelism Comm. Chair  
Steve Bartell, Personnel Comm. Chair  
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Jim Leppla, Stewardship Comm. Chair  
Greg McDonald, Technology Comm. Chair  
John Stangel, Worship & Music Comm. Chair  
Will Hansen, Youth & Y.A. Ministries Council Liaison

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

## Worship and Sunday School

- Worship is streaming on Facebook live at 9am on Sunday mornings. (You do not need to have a Facebook account to visit and use the OSLC page.)
- [View Worship or Devotions any time as they are also recorded](#)



## OSLC Sunday School 2020/2021

Hi, and welcome to another great year of Sunday School at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church! OSLC welcomes all children, members or not, to its Sunday School, including youth ages 3 - 5th grade.

We recognize the unprecedented times that are upon us as we start in a virtual format at least through 2020. We will look to provide Sunday School programming that is relevant and inspiring, understanding that families have a variety of make-ups and schedules. Building community togetherness may supersede specific learning objectives as we begin the year. Our hope is that the child(ren) in your home have a journey of faith that is positive and that we are able to provide you with tools to help make the most of the days at home. Sunday School is truly for everyone.

**Invite friends and family members to participate—they do not need to be members of OSLC. See page 10 for registration form.**



## DEVOTIONS

- Pastor Kurt has a daily devotion called "Bread for the Journey", streaming on Facebook live at 9am M-F.
- Deacon Brett has a daily devotion called "A Minute At A Time" on Facebook M-F.
- [View Worship or Devotions any time as they are also recorded.](#)

## [www.OSLC-Appleton.org](http://www.OSLC-Appleton.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/OSLC-Our-Saviours-Lutheran-Church-Appleton-WI-181313441890433/?ref=bookmarks>



**Virtual Bible Study** led by Pastor Kurt (aka Men's Bible Study and BB&B) will take place virtually on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 6-7pm. July 7 & 21. Via ZOOM.\*

**Women of Wisdom Virtual Bible Study** led by Deacon Brett on Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 3pm. Currently, we are studying the first in a series by Sarah Young, Jesus Calling-Experiencing God's Presence. If you would like to participate, please contact [Brett@OSLC-Appleton.org](mailto:Brett@OSLC-Appleton.org).

# Stuff's Happening



## Coffee House Connections (A Social Experiment)

**Join in the fun!**

In an effort to look for more ways to connect, we are holding Coffee House Connections. **On Sunday, September 6 &**

**20, immediately after worship**, we will be hosting a zoom meeting for all those who would like to attend a virtual coffee hour of sorts.

Participants do not need to download anything, simply click on the link provided at the end of worship in the comments section. Mark your calendars for Sept. 6 & 20, right after worship and participate in Coffee House Connections. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Brett at [brett@oslc-appleton.org](mailto:brett@oslc-appleton.org)



## DRESSES FOR GIRLS

Linda Williams will be shipping dresses out in early September. If anyone has dresses to send, please call/text Linda Williams to make arrangements. Linda will collect dresses until August 31st.

Linda Williams:

Home: 574-3088 Cell: 642-4949

Email: [lwilliams12@new.rr.com](mailto:lwilliams12@new.rr.com)

**ATTENTION QUILTERS:** The quilt group will not be meeting this fall; however, we still need quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We will not have access to the quilt room for supplies, so I have taken filler, completed quilt tops and quilt back fabric to my home. **Anyone who would like quilting supplies or who has quilts to donate please call me**, Linda Stroma, at 739-0455. Thanks to all of you for the quilts al-



## MASK MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, is willing to help with the mask ministry, please contact Winnie at (920)428-2487 or [winnie.mcpeake@gmail.com](mailto:winnie.mcpeake@gmail.com) to see how you might be able to help.

Knitters are making the strings for fasteners, sewers are sewing masks, perhaps you have cotton material to donate, or could cut some fabric, or help with delivery, or donate 1/4" elastic you have on hand, etc.



## OSLC Book Club— WE'VE GONE VIRTUAL!

**Join the 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](mailto:CarolLamp44@gmail.com) to participate on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 11:30am**. We meet online virtually. All you need is internet access, and a device with a camera and microphone.

## READ and FEED

OSLC now has two little free libraries and one little free pantry. The pantry is stocked with non-perishable food items and face masks to help our community.



We are collecting:

- Gently used or new books for all ages (especially need children's books)
- Canned and boxed food (that has not expired)
- Face masks

When grocery shopping, please consider picking up an item or two to donate to the Little Free Pantry at OSLC. Donations can be placed in the top blue tote by the front doors at church or send an email to [Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org](mailto:Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org) to coordinate donating a larger amount.

*Thank you, Tom Roessler for consistently sharing your gifts to make these ministries possible.*

**Thank you, people of OSLC, for helping to reach out to our community!**

## UPDATE:

Meijer Supermarket Company granted a \$500 gift card to OSLC to help fill the Little Free Pantry!! Thank you, Meijer, for helping us to feed the community.



# Updates



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

**Charles "Chuck" Bolduan**  
Son of Norma Bolduan,  
who entered eternal life on  
July 8, 2020

**Doris Williams**  
who entered eternal life on  
August 4, 2020

**Don Taylor**  
who was born to eternal life on  
August 25, 2020

*Prayers of sympathy and healing  
for all who are mourning the loss  
of a loved one.*



*Memorial monies  
were received in  
memory of . . .*

**Charles Bolduan**

**Doris Williams**  
By Eileen Landmann

## Connecting . . . Be a Phone Buddy

**Are you interested in connecting with some of OSLC's older members?**  
If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact the office by calling 920-734-6396 and leave a message or email office@OSLC-Appleton.org

**Looking to connect with even more folks? . . .**

### **TeleMatch increases social connections for older adults**

Many adults age 60 and older who live alone in their home are particularly at risk for social isolation during this pandemic. Feeling lonely and isolated can lead to chronic health conditions. St. Paul Elder Services and Volunteer Fox Cities are partners in TeleMatch, a program that pairs screened volunteers with older adults who live in their own home in Outagamie County and desire greater social connections. The goal is to assist older adults to remain healthy, safe and independent in their own home. When our vetted volunteers are matched with an older adult, they place a friendly phone call to them. Both can decide the frequency of the calls. Do you have a neighbor or family member who lives alone in their own home or apartment who may benefit from a friendly phone

### ***Our Saviour's Lutheran Anniversaries of Church Membership: Sept.***

**54 yrs:** Frank Emrick

**50 yrs:** Barb Alstad

Vern & Marjorie Parker

**40 yrs:** Dale & Christine Peterson

**20 yrs:** Delaney Groves

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

## How are we doing? Financially?

### **July 2020**

Actual Expenses	\$23,800
Actual Giving*	<u>28,446</u>
Difference	4,646

*\*Mission & Ministry General Fund*

Est. expenses:\*\* Aug2020: \$40,466 Sep2020: \$41,922

*\*\*Based on the 2020 Budget.*

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

### **Previous 12 months**

(Aug2019-Jul2020)	\$467,715
	<u>456,047</u>
	- 11,668

## As of July 31, 2020: Liquid Assets

Checking	\$98,614*
Designated monies	46,691
Undesignated memorials	3,955
PPP Loan funds avail. (in Sav.)	0

*\*\$60,000 of PPP loan monies are included in checking balance.*

### **Outstanding Loans**

Line of Credit	\$29,030
PPP Loan	60,000**

### **Investment**

Endowment Fund	\$117,343
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*\*\*The PPP loan funds were available due to the pandemic. Some portion of the loan may be forgivable. OSLC was approved to borrow \$60,000 to pay payroll expenses and utilities. Once the "audit" of the use of the loan proceeds is complete, we will know how much of the \$60,000 has been forgiven.*

## Worship Attendance

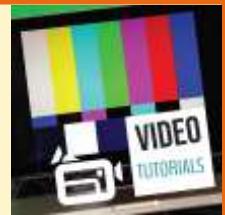
### **VIRTUAL WORSHIP: Facebook live 9am on Sundays**

	peak live views	total views
July 26:	34	205
July 19:	44	214
July 12:	37	262
July 5:	27	172

Devotions have received approximately 100-300 views.

## Video Tutorials

There are three video tutorials on our Facebook page.



1. How to "plug in" to see the streaming Facebook Live Worship Service on Sunday mornings at 9am.
2. How to participate in the virtual Coffee House gatherings.
3. How to access and use the OSLC on-line Church Directory.

## In This Time . . .

**NOW a link on the OSLC website under Learning/Togetherness!**

Use the OSLC on-line directory for contact information.

- ◆ Send an email to [Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org](mailto:Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org) if you cannot get into the directory at [www.IconCMO.com](http://www.IconCMO.com). A link and username will be emailed to you.
- ◆ If you need help updating your information in the church records or want to submit a new picture, email [Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org](mailto:Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org)



*Help to fight the isolation felt during this time. Use the OSLC directory to send a card or note in the mail.*

### Kwik Trip Gas Cards still available at the church

Just a friendly reminder that you can still purchase Kwik Trip Gas cards from the youth, during this time when we are not together. If you would like to purchase cards, simply email Deacon Brett with your order and he will try and make them available within 2 days. He will make arrangements with you to pick them up at the church. Thanks for your continued support of our youth.



## Youth News

**Confirmation Ministry begins this fall online for all 7-9 grade youth**



Our Saviour's has a rich history of passing on faith through Confirmation Ministry. That tradition continues this fall, although it will look a bit different. Families of students, grades 7, 8, and 9 this fall should have received a welcome letter in the mail. If not, simply email Deacon Brett ([brett@oslc-appleton.org](mailto:brett@oslc-appleton.org)) and he can get you the information you need. Included with the letter will be a registration form. Simply mail it back to the office as soon as you can. Registration forms will be available online on our website as well. Once we receive your registration form, we will be sending out a zoom invitation to attend a virtual confirmation orientation with the students and a parent. We look forward to connecting with you again this fall.

**See Pages 11-12 for registration form.**



**Last year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students to confirm their faith on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020!**

There will be a special worship service for those students from last year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade class who were not able to confirm their faith last spring. Details for this special event are being finalized. Students and parents will be receiving an email from Deacon Brett soon. Please contact Deacon Brett with questions ([brett@oslc-appleton.org](mailto:brett@oslc-appleton.org)).

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sa	
							
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Thank you for your faithful giving. Your continued offerings make ministry possible.



## Powerful giving with your smartphone

Apps make life easier. With GivePlus Church, you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!

- Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone
- Make one-time or recurring donations using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- Log in or donate as a guest
- Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN or password

To give through the app, search your phone's app store for "GivePlus Church" or contact the church office.

### Give Plus Mobile App:

- Search "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app or click links below:
- Enter "Our Saviours Evangelical Lutheran Church" or tap Find Churches Near Me to start your search
- Select the church name
- It will be displayed as your default church
- Tap Donate Now
- FAQ Document Download

Set up your one-time or recurring on-line donation. Giving electronically thru VANCO by



Set up automatic payments to be sent directly from your bank or credit union. Some call it Bill-pay.

Mail your offering envelope with check enclosed to  
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3009 N Meade St.,  
Appleton, WI 54911



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AUTHORIZATION FORM

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Donor \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Authorization Form:  My Authorization  Change payment information  Discontinue automatic transfers

Card Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter my donation from my checking account:  Checking account (check a correct check below)  Savings account (check a correct check below)  Savings account (check a correct check below)  Savings account (check a correct check below)

First Donation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency of Donation:  Weekly  Monthly  Bi-Weekly  Every 4 Weeks

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

AGREEMENT: I authorize the above named and listed bank(s), LLC to process authorizations to my account. I consent that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach voided check here: \_\_\_\_\_

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Gifting through recurring automatic transfer from a savings or checking account. [Click here for forms.](#)

Choose the way that is best for you. **Thank you!**



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Sunday School 2020/2021

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## A NOTE FROM THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Dear Children and Families,

August 18, 2020

Hi, and welcome to another great year of Sunday School at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church! We look forward to warmly connecting with our returning families from previous times; we have missed you! We also are excited to embrace new children and families into our program in the coming months, and we hope you find this community at OSLC to be one filled with faith, love, and hope. OSLC welcomes all children, members or not, to its Sunday School, including youth ages 3 - 5th grade.

### Faith Journey

As we all embark on this faith journey with the child(ren), we recognize the unprecedented times that are upon us. Sunday School ended abruptly for our children, their teachers, and all of the Sunday School families last year, and our program will look much different beginning in the 2020-2021 school year as we start in a virtual format at least through 2020. We will continue to align our programming with the opening of worship, and when times are ready to commence in person, we will joyfully share that news with you of returning to the church.

### What Will Sunday School Look Like This Fall?

We will look to provide Sunday School programming that is relevant and inspiring, understanding that families have a variety of make-ups and schedules, that time is precious, and that there may be already a lot of screen time in your home with work, school, and other commitments. We recognize that timing/viewing/participation may differ for each family, and creating and growing relationships and building community togetherness may supersede specific learning objectives as we begin the year. Our hope is that the child(ren) in your home have a journey of faith that is positive and that we are able to provide you with tools to help make the most of the days at home. Sunday School is truly for everyone.

### How Do We Participate?

You will find a registration form for the OSLC Sunday School 2020-2021 year. Here, be sure to register anyone who may fall into the specified age range who may participate in Sunday School this year. Anyone will be able to view things online; however, we'd like to know who we have joining us. Please fill out the form and return it to us. Because we are virtual to start, this could include friends, relatives, neighbors, classmates, and others who might not otherwise be with us, or who may not even be members of the congregation. We are so glad you ALL are joining us, and we want to be sure to include you in communications; for this reason, registration is key.

### When Do We Start?

Sunday School for the 2020-2021 school year will begin the week of October 4th, 2020. Please register so we can provide more information to you as it becomes available. We will also have articles/items in our monthly OSLC newsletter. Please contact us if you are not yet receiving those newsletters online through the church and would like to be included. Finally, please be on the look out for our Volunteer Needs Spotlight in the September newsletter, where we will highlight opportunities for not only teaching the children, but smaller, more defined roles where you can assist the children in families.

Thank you so much for venturing on this new journey with us this fall. We are glad to be back, and we hope you are too.

With Grace and Hope,  
Jenn and Ted Tyvol, Children's Ministries Co-Coordinators

[JennandTed@OSLC-Appleton.org](mailto:JennandTed@OSLC-Appleton.org)

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## Make a Difference!

The 2020-2021 Sunday School Year is now seeking volunteer teachers and project coordinators here at OSLC! Whether you are looking for a large or small commitment, we have a GREAT variety of options this year, some specific to while we are virtual! If you feel you have the joy in your heart to make a difference to OSLC's youth this year by volunteering your time and talents, please reach out to Jenn or Ted at [JennandTed@OSLC.Appleton.org](mailto:JennandTed@OSLC.Appleton.org), or please feel free to call (920) 248-1720. We would LOVE for you to join us! We welcome volunteers of all ages...yes, kids, that could include YOU as well. The time commitments are extremely flexible based on your wishes, and these could be time-limited during virtual times only. Hope to hear from you soon!

\*\*\*\*\*  
If you don't see a specific opportunity listed that you feel you have a great niche for, please reach out to us!

### Prayer Partners:

Come one, come all! Could you please pray for our children, families, teachers, and other staff/volunteers for a year of growth, love, and hope? We would love it!

### Musicians:

We are looking for those willing to use their talents to help with pre-recorded and/or live songs, using voice or instruments.

### Song Leaders:

Are you great with children's songs? Are you a former camp counselor, or are you possibly one in your heart? We are looking for people of all ages to showcase songs for our youth. These will be pre-recorded; time commitment can be minimal.

### Sunday School Teachers:

We look forward to welcoming back returning teachers, and we are needing new Sunday School teachers as well! When virtual, Sunday School teaching can include checking in with your children/families, providing content for a specific area in terms of pre-recorded videos, etc. The possibilities are endless! If you have time know that we are virtual and are interested in joining this flexible-timed position for the "online season" only, that is would be helpful too! Even if

you've never volunteered for Sunday School before, NOW is the time! E-mail or call us!

### Tech Crew:

Do you love computers/programs, etc.? We are seeking assistance for volunteers with backgrounds to set up programs for virtual Sunday School items. Time commitment will be on an as-needed basis.

### Guest Speakers:

Do you have a special hobby or talent you'd like to share? Do you know about gardening, how to make tasty treats, or have special arts and crafts talents we could showcase? Have you traveled somewhere special, done service work or volunteering that you'd like to share, or have a special skill in puppetry? We need you! Connect with us! Time commitment is based on your schedule, and in general is one time only...unless you have many things to share, of course!

### Postal Ministry:

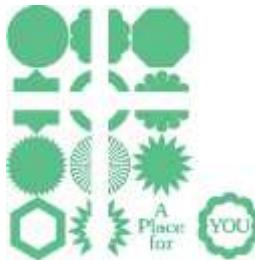
Do you have time while the kids are sleeping...or better yet...have kids who would love to volunteer? Try out the postal ministry! Time commitment would be as needed for items to be prepped for postal drop off, stamping and addressing items, etc. We provide the items; work in the comfort of your own home.

### Kit Team:

Do you have a knack for finding great deals? Do you have ideas for At-Home Family kits for the fall? Would you be willing to put things in provided boxes to mail out to children and their families? If any of these sound doable, connect with us!

### Special Events Coordinator/Team:

Are you interested in milestone events that occur during the year for Sunday School children and their families? Come lead or join a team of talented people who would like to ensure each of these run smoothly and are fun! A variety of time commitments are available for various milestone events and holiday celebrations.



# ✓Sunday School REGISTRATION



## 2020-2021 Sunday School Registration

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church ~ 3009 N. Meade St., Appleton, WI 54911

Sunday School begins the week of October 4th, 2020 and will be VIRTUAL until at least Jan 1, 2021.

Please fill out registration form and return via mail or scan/e-mail to  
[JennandTed@OSLC-Appleton.org](mailto:JennandTed@OSLC-Appleton.org). We can be contacted for questions via phone at (920) 248-1720.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* Typically, children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and "potty trained" to begin Sunday School. Because we are virtual to start, this requirement is waived currently.

Please register your children for the same grades that they attend at regular day school.

Child(ren)'s Names:	Age on 09/01/2020	Birth Date	School Grade on 09/01/2020	Allergies or special concerns

\*\*\*\*\* We are always in need of Sunday School teachers. If you are interested in becoming part of a teaching team for Sunday School, please write your name and grade(s) you would like to teach below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTICE REGARDING PHOTOGRAPHS

Periodically throughout the year, photographs of our students will be taken as they engage in Sunday School instruction. We'd like to use the photos on bulletin boards, in the "Our Glass" newsletter, and on the Our Saviour's website and/or Facebook page as a way of informing our members about Sunday School happenings.

CONSENT: Yes, I do hereby give my permission for OSLC to use photographs of my child(ren) .

Signature of parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you DO NOT wish your **child's** picture to be used check this box:

\*\*If your child has allergies or other medical conditions we should be aware of, please see your **child's** Sunday School teacher on the first day of in-person class to be sure our records are accurate. You can reach Jenn or Ted Tyvol anytime via email or phone as well.\*\*\*



# Confirmation

## OSLC Registration Form 2020-21

side 1

Parents—Please complete this form for each student enrolled in OSLU.

### Student Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 4 digits PIN# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Make up a number. Used in publishing your results)

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent(s) (Guardian) Information

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Email \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Check email(s) that should receive SRU information.)

I give permission to photograph/video our (my) child, and to use these photographs/videos to promote Our Saviour's in marketing tools such as, but not exclusive to, bulletin boards, brochures, flyers, newsletters, videos, and website. Please initial one: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to help as a confirmation mentor in class or as a chaperone for events?

**Return this form to the church office when completed**



# Confirmation

## OSLC Registration Form 2020-21

side 2

### Student Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year (circle): One  Two  Three

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

School friends who attend Our Saviour's: \_\_\_\_\_

Your child's biggest fear about entering confirmation this year: \_\_\_\_\_

### Interests

School extra-curricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite activities outside of school: \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

How your child best learns: Please rank 1 (best) to 4 (least).

<input type="checkbox"/> work on a project	<input type="checkbox"/> see a movie
<input type="checkbox"/> read about it	<input type="checkbox"/> group discussion

Learning challenges the teachers need to be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

# ADULT MISSION TRIP

2020



Hi Tim and Deb,

I just want to say again how thankful we are for your crew's amazing work on Scotch Pine and Len's Place. A year ago, we didn't know how much we would need these spaces, and even a few months ago, we didn't know how long these would be our only rentals. The timing couldn't have been better. Families can come and enjoy camp and nature in these fantastic cottages, and be safely away from home. What a gift! These two spaces are pretty much the only game in town for the whole organization right now. That makes a huge difference.

Thanks for your effort and care, for your organizing, planning, and managing a wild group. I try not to use quotes too much, but this one from Mother Theresa rings true for me, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." This was a great thing done with great love for camp.

Thank you,  
Ben

Ben Koehler  
Co-Camp Director - Pine Lake Camp  
Crossways Camping Ministries  
W5631 Akron Ave  
Waupaca, WI 54981  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**OSLC Council Meeting: July 7, 2020**  
**(Zoom Meeting)**  
*Mission Statement: Gather, Grow, Go*  
*Vision: Love God, Love Others*

Present: Pastor Kurt, Brett Christiansen, Carol Lamp, Susan Kalkarni, Joan Allen, Steve Bartell, Brian Krauss, Jeff Firgens, Jim Leppla, Greg McDonald, Lori Knoke, Larry Williams, John Stangel, Larry Williams, Will Hansen, Laura Purath

Excused: Steve Alstad, Lorna Wulterkens  
The ZOOM Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Carol Lamp. Pastor Kurt gave the devotion.

June 9th minutes were approved.

**Monthly Reports:**

- Pastor Kurt's written report was submitted.
- Financial Reports were submitted.
- Deacon Brett's written report was submitted, discussion of Youth Survey and plans for Youth Activities going forward
- Office Manager written report was submitted

**Old Business:**

- We have several volunteers for mowing the lawn, and watering the plants. We still need help with weeding. If anyone is interested in pulling weeds, just stop by church and pick an area to start.
- We are in agreement with the Appleton Conference of Churches in agreeing to move forward together with a timeline for reopening that is safe and follows the Badger Bounce Back recommendations.

**New Business:**

- WIFI and other technology will be updated for music/virtual services to improve the experience for members
- The collection of food and books for the new "Read and Feed" little libraries was very successful and the libraries are all open. Any additional donations can continue to be dropped off at church. Just leave items at the front doors, the area is checked daily.

**OSLC will be collecting donations of cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, Lysol spray, etc.**

Once it is safe to gather together again, we will be accepting donations. If you purchase some of these items to donate, please hang on to them for now.

Thank you!



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<https://ecsw.org/>

- We will be reintroducing Communion to our Sunday Virtual Services starting on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Parking Lot Blessings will start in August, cars will be able to enter the parking lot from Lawe Street and receive a blessing from Pastor Kurt or Brett and exit via Meade Street
- The Education group will be meeting to plan for virtual Sunday School to start this school year.
- A group is exploring a Virtual Coffee House Hour for after Virtual Services.
- Returning to church Task Force updates:
  - All congregation meeting will be held via Facebook Live on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to answer questions regarding reopening.
  - Seven areas of service have been identified by the Task Force to help to open church safely once the pandemic is under control. Worship will look very different once we can meet in person again.
  - A survey will go out to all members this summer/fall regarding their comfort in returning to the building for services, and ways that can make everyone comfortable and safe.
  - We need refer to the Church Mutual Insurance documents and the Badger Bounce Back recommendations as we move toward reopening.
  - We will need supplies, such as Hand Sanitizer, Thermometers, Cleaning supplies, etc.
- Pastor Kurt and Brett will continue with daily devotions on Facebook, 9am and 12 noon. Laura will fill in on the days they are unable to participate.
- A special Thank You to all of our members that continue to support the mission of our church, we are currently in a financially stable position and appreciate all the ongoing support.
- A special Thank You also to Pastor Kurt, Deacon Brett and Laura for doing such a great job during these unusual times.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
We adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lori Knoke*, Council Secretary

**Next Virtual Council Meeting:  
Tuesday, Sep. 8, 2020  
At 6:30pm**

**See page 4 for financial report.**

**Help with yard care . . .**

**THANK YOU to those of you who have mowed, weeded, or watered the flowers!!**

**HELP IS STILL NEEDED AT OSLC—Weed Control and Lawn care**  
**If you have 30-60 minutes to stop by the church to pull a section of weeds, that would be so helpful.**

It's important to keep the property looking good on the outside. Vacant looking properties become more susceptible to damage from vandalism. Please help us keep the exterior of OSLC looking spiffy. Pull some weeds and dispose of them if you can. Thank you!!!!

During the pandemic and being conservative about finances, we have discontinued the lawn care service. We need volunteers to help mow, weed, and trim for the foreseeable future. If you are willing to help, please contact Jfirgy@gmail.com or call (920) 851-1528. Property Committee Chair, Jeff Firgens, is coordinating a schedule for volunteers.

If you cannot haul, Jeff is willing to pick up piles that need to be hauled to the yard waste site. You can leave it piled or bag it. **If anyone has a riding lawn mower or zero turn mower that can be used at OSLC, please let Jeff know. Thank you in advance for your help!**

# Partnerships

## Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

### Have you ever used one of these?



Fox Valley Lutheran Homes needs your support to install three automatic door openers to assist tenants entering and exiting Linwood Commons. Automatic door openers will help our tenants as they will no longer have to struggle to open and/or close the doors. This improvement will help to keep our tenants safe and independent.

If you can contribute \$25 (or more), please make your check payable to FVLH and mail it to:  
FVLH, 425 N Linwood, #111, Appleton, WI 54914-3470

In His Service,  
**Lynn Ann Clauzing Rusch**, Executive Director

### Fox Valley Lutheran Homes 'Virtual Race' Fundraiser

Hello everyone,

In October FVLH will be hosting a 'virtual race' as a fundraiser. Many events are not being held due to the Covid 19 pandemic. This is a way for us to get some exercise, fresh air and raise money! There is a link below to access registration and more information—more info about getting together to walk will be available as we near the date.

If you choose to walk on your own, great! If you choose to NOT walk, but still sign up, great! The entire \$10 registration fee will be given to FVLH.

There is a 'bling' kit available for purchase (it's all about the t-shirt!).

The race host will receive the money and send you your package. Let me know if you have any questions.

Please share with friends across the globe, family members, your congregations, etc. The more the merrier! \$\$\$

Happy day,

**Amy Jo Christianson**, FVLH Board Member, Marketing/Development Co-Chair

Registered participants can begin running this virtual race event on OCTOBER 2nd at 12:00AM. Registration for this event will close on OCTOBER 18th at 10:00PM. All registrants must run their virtual race by 11:59PM on OCTOBER 18th.

<https://foxvalleylutheranhomes.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=13836>



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## HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

Friends,

Hurricane Laura, a powerful Category 4 storm, hit Louisiana and parts of Texas with devastating force, causing at least three deaths,

## thrivent



### Give Students a Foot Up

Thrivent is partnering with Samaritan's Feet to hold a back-to-school "shoe raiser" to support kids in need in our communities. No matter if they are learning in-person or from afar, new shoes are some of the most-needed items by students.

While this shoe drive may look a little different than your typical shoe drive, the result is the same: Students across the country will receive shoes, thanks to people like you.

**Get creative.** Post a photo with as many shoes as possible! For every shoe featured, \$2\* will be donated toward this fundraiser. All photos must be posted on our campaign page.

**Give.** For every \$2 you donate through this page Thrivent will add another \$1\* to the cause.

**Send hope.** Write a Hope Note for one of the children who will receive shoes.  
Visit our campaign page for more information!

[https://thrivent.contribute.co/events/422139/detail?utm\\_source=tmn&utm\\_medium=e\\_resource&utm\\_campaign=samaritansfeet](https://thrivent.contribute.co/events/422139/detail?utm_source=tmn&utm_medium=e_resource&utm_campaign=samaritansfeet)

major damage and leaving hundreds of thousands without power. With extremely dangerous storm surge and winds of at least 150 mph, it's one of the most powerful storms to hit the area in a century, and it left widespread destruction in its wake. Given the complexities caused by COVID-19, sheltering those impacted will be a challenge.

Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes. Please join me in prayer and partnership, and stay connected to the latest events and our response to this and other disasters through our Facebook page.

**Please give today. Gifts designated for "Hurricane Response" will be used entirely (100%) for hurricane response efforts until they are complete.**

<https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief?erid=094eb8bd-3fa7-4278-997c-03d7a9eee69c&trid=094eb8bd-3fa7-4278-997c-03d7a9eee69c>



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#### OSLC Communion Bread recipe (makes 8 round "loaves")

Halve recipe if you'd like.



Combine in a bowl:  
3 cups all purpose flour  
1 cup whole wheat flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
2 teaspoons salt  
6 tablespoons sugar = 1/3 cup

Add:  
6 tablespoons oil = 1/3 cup  
1 and a half cups of water (slightly below the line)

Instructions:  
Mix all together well and divide into 8 balls.  
Knead on a lightly floured surface. Shape into 5" by a half " thick disk. Score (cut a cross into the top surface of your loaves. Bake 10-12 minutes at 350 degrees on an ungreased baking sheet. These freeze very well.

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Come join the fun! Neighborhood Preschool is accepting registrations now for the 2020/2021 school year.

Call Sherri at 920-858-6879.  
[www.Neighborhoodpreschool.org](http://www.Neighborhoodpreschool.org)

**OPPORTUNITY:** Neighborhood Preschool is looking for a teacher for the 3 year old PreK class. If you would like to know more, please contact Sherri at 920-858-6879.