



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.

Contact

920-734-6396

Kurt@OSLC-Appleton.org
Brett@OSLC-Appleton.org
office@OSLC-Appleton.org



Due to the rise of COVID-19 cases in Wisconsin, and specifically Outagamie County, the Drive-Thru Blessings/Prayer ministry will be rescheduled at a future, unknown date.

Please be safe!

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

*It's back! What's back you're probably asking?
Well Holy Communion is what's back at Our Saviour's.*

Starting on Sunday Aug. 2, Holy Communion will be back as part of our weekly worship service.

This letter will do 3 things in regards to our temporary renewed Holy Communion practice:

- ◆ Nuts and bolts of how it will work
- ◆ A how to "Set the Table" for celebrating the Sacrament at home (how to prepare)
- ◆ Invite you to use the OSLC Communion Bread recipe at home as a way of creating community

Nuts & Bolts and how to "Set the Table"

1. Prepare your worship space. If you can, light a candle and seat

yourself comfortably. Pour only enough wine/grape juice as you will consume during Holy Communion. Put out either the circle of Communion bread that you have made or use whatever bread you have, again just enough for the service. Any leftover wine/grape juice and bread should either be totally consumed following worship or placed outside (poured on the ground – NOT thrown in the trash or dumped down the drain). Wash the cup (chalice) and plate (paten) afterwards.

2. I will start the Communion liturgy and say the Words of Institution at church as part of the virtual worship. For the distribution that you will do in your homes I will say on camera, "the body of Christ given for you"; "the blood of Christ shed for you". In your home you can repeat that to com-

mune each other by sharing bread and wine (grape juice). I will then offer a post communion blessing from church for everyone.

3. For those who are not part of our virtual services, use this same information and at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning, commune yourself/yourselves, thereby being part of the communing community even if you're not online.

The Communion bread recipe follows. You don't have to use this if you do not want to.

This is an unusual way to celebrate the Sacrament and we're only using it for the time being until we can be back worshipping together. When that happens, we'll no longer be communing virtually.

Grace and Peace – *Pastor Kurt*

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.

Council Corner: July Council Meeting Highlights

1. We are excited to announce that Communion will become part of the virtual Sunday Services starting on August 2nd, watch for more information on how we will make this work. ~~We will also add "Parking Lot Blessings" to our list of Spiritual Opportunities in August, watch for details.~~
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. The new "FEED" library is now open.
3. We will be enhancing the WIFI and some equipment to help delivery a better Virtual Worship experience in the near future.

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.OSLC-APPLETON.ORG

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.*

While our part-time staff members are furloughed, please contact Pastor Kurt, Brett, Laura, or a council member.

OSLC COUNCIL

Carol Lamp, *President*

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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



DEVOTIONS

- Pastor Kurt has a daily devotion streaming on Facebook live at 9am M-F.
- Deacon Brett has a daily devotion (around Noon) on Facebook M-F
- Laura has a devotion on Mondays and Fridays on Facebook through the summer.
- View Worship or Devotions any time as they are also recorded.

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 Laura 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 Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org.

Stuff's Happening



OSLC Book Club— WE'VE GONE VIRTUAL! Join the Club!!

Reading books? Want to tell others about it? Want to find out what good books others have read?

Email CarolLamp44@gmail.com to participate on **Wednesday, August 26th at 11:30am**. We meet online virtually. All you need is internet access, and a device with a camera and microphone.



NEW!

Coffee House Connections (A Social Experiment)

In an effort to look for more ways to connect, we will be trying something new called Coffee House Connections. **On Sunday, August 2, 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 and type in the given password. The link and password will be given out at the end of worship on the 2nd, in the comments section. Simply highlight and copy the password, then click on the link.

Upon entering the zoom coffee house, you will be greeted, then split into a chat room with other OSLC members. (Trust us, it is really hard to hold a conversation with more than 4 virtually). We will switch up the chat rooms after several minutes, allowing participants to greet other people. Finally, we will come back together in one big group for our goodbyes.

Mark your calendars for August 2, right after worship and participate in Coffee House Connections. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Brett at brett@oslc-appleton.org

READ and FEED

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



We are collecting:

- Gently used or new books for all ages
- 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 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!

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

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 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.

Updates



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

Denny Schaefer
who entered eternal life on
July 1, 2020

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



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

Fae Jahnke

Molly Kafura

Jeff Klingbeil

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 Clausing Rusch, Executive Director

Our Saviour's Lutheran Anniversaries of Church Membership: August

60 yrs: Patricia Miler

25 yrs: Alyson Flunker

20 yrs: Katelyn Lamers
McKenna Seegers

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

How are we doing? Financially?

	June 2020	Previous 12 months (Jun2019-Jun2020)
Actual Expenses	\$18,953	\$485,026
Actual Giving*	28,419	459,026
Difference	9,466	- 26,000

*Mission & Ministry General Fund

Est. expenses:** Jul2020: \$44,836 Aug2020: \$40,466

**Based on the 2020 Budget.

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

As of June 30, 2020:

Liquid Assets

Checking	\$98,614*
Designated monies	49,133
Undesignated memorials	3,455
PPP Loan funds avail. (in Sav.)	22,997

*\$37,003 of PPP loan monies are included in checking balance.

Outstanding Loans

Line of Credit	\$29,152
PPP Loan	60,000**

Investment

Endowment Fund	\$109,730
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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

The number in () is the number of days in the reporting period.

	Avg. Attendance Per Weekend
June	
2019	153
2020	173

VIRTUAL WORSHIP: Facebook live 9am on Sundays

	peak live views	total views
June 28:	39	210
June 21:	45	217
June 14:	40	256
June 7:	48	283

Devotions have received approximately 100-300 views.

In This Time . . .

Help with yard care . . .

HELP IS 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!**

NOW a link on the OSLC website under Togetherness!

Use the OSLC on-line directory for confirmation.



- ♦ Send an email to Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org if you cannot get into the directory at www.lconcmo.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

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

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 hand on to them for now. Thank you!

Youth News

Confirmation Ministry



Our Saviour's has a rich tradition in offering Confirmation Ministry for our 7th through 9th

grade youth. We will be offering this again in the fall, but looking very different. Although we hope to begin meeting for in-person classes, we anticipate that confirmation classes will begin virtually. We will be reaching out to parents of our incoming 7-9 grade students very soon. If you have any immediate questions, please contact Deacon Brett at brett@oslc-appleton.org



*A reminder that those 9th grade students from last year, who have still not celebrated their confirmation, will be confirming their faith on Reformation Sunday this fall, October 25. At this point we are not clear how or when that service will take place. We will be connecting with families very soon.

Birthday Cards are coming!



This pandemic and subsequent time of separation and isolation has revealed how much we miss being together. One way Deacon Brett will be trying to connect is through the sending of birthday cards to high school youth. When your birthday gets close, watch in the mail for a card from him. If, for some reason, you do not receive a card, please email Deacon Brett and he will make sure you are put on his list.

brett@oslc-appleton.org

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sa
Worship, "activities", and meetings are all virtual!						1
2 9:00am Worship, including virtual Holy Communion and Sunday School-streaming on Facebook Live (recorded for later viewing) 10:00am Virtual Coffee House Connections-ZOOM	3 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett 84 Noon Devotional-Inspired by Laura 1:30pm Women of Wisdom Bible Study – Jesus Calling	4 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett 6:00pm Bible Study-Pr Kurt	5 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett 5:30pm Task Force	6 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time-Deacon Brett	7 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett 84 Noon Devotional-Laura	8
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Numerous Ways to Give through Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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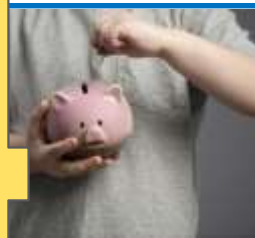
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- Search "GivePlus Church" to quickly find and download the app or click links below:
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4



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 OSLC
3009 N Meade St.,
Appleton, WI 54911

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



OSLC Council Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2020 (Zoom Meeting)
Mission Statement: Gather, Grow, Go
Vision: Love God, Love Others

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Carol Lamp. Pastor Kurt gave the devotion.

May 12, 2020 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 to together with a timeline for reopening that is safe and follows the Badger Bounce Back recommendations.

New Business:

- Returning to church Task Force updates:
 - ⇒ Meeting minutes were submitted
 - ⇒ Karen Stangel will start performing live during services on

June 21st

- ⇒ A vote of confidence in Pastor and Administrative Staff to make decisions on bring staff back as needed, with consultation with the Personnel Chair (or designee) as the Covid-19 crisis abates, was passed.
- ⇒ A survey will go out to all members this summer 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.
- 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 in a good place financially right now, 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 8:06

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Knoke, Council Secretary

Next Virtual Council Meeting:
Tuesday, Aug. 11,
2020
At 6:30pm

See page 4 for financial report.



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Stay Up-To-Date with The Synod.

Stay connected with the East Central Synod of Wisconsin by liking and following our social media pages! Like us on Facebook and Follow us on Twitter to see all of our latest updates and keep up to date with happenings from across the Synod!

Visit the ECSW facebook-- East Central Synod of Wisconsin

<https://www.facebook.com/East-Central-Synod-of-Wisconsin-ELCA-139767989400097>

Visit to Sign up for Synod Emails--
Scroll to the bottom of the Synod Page
<https://ecsw.org/>



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

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.

PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT the form for Confirmation students. Please contact Deacon Brett if you need a form for confirmation. This is for anyone who wishes to take notes. This template and two others will be available on the website by August 1, 2020.

my Sermon NOTES

WHO'S SPEAKING:

DATE:

WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

Book: _____

Chapter: _____

Verse: _____

WHO IS IN THE PASSAGE?

I LEARNED:

WHAT HAPPENED:

My favorite song:



I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND?

draw
something



WORDS I DON'T KNOW:

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You can participate in Holy Communion on Sunday mornings from the comfort of your home. Please see the front cover (the letter from the pastor) for more information!



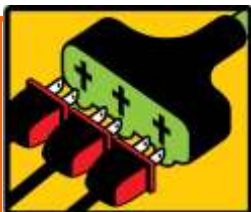
CAN YOU HELP US SAVE MONEY?

If you are receiving this newsletter through the United States Postal Service **AND** you have access to the internet, please notify the church.

Call the church at 920-734-6396 and leave a message with your name, email address, and that you don't need the newsletter mailed,

OR send an email to
Office@OSLC-Appleton.org
with this same information.

THANK YOU!!



It's time to . . .
Plug In

No computer or internet access?

In order to stay connected with church activities, friends, family, you may want to consider getting connected!

Now may be just the time to invest in a way to stay connected by getting a computer, smartphone, notebook/tablet, or laptop--a great gift idea for an upcoming holiday or birthday.