



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

3009 N Meade St, Appleton 54911

Rev. Kurt Hoffman, Pastor
Sam Wieland, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Worship

Thursday:
 6:30pm

Sundays:
 8am and 10:30am

The 10:30 Worship service will also be streaming on Facebook Live and recorded for viewing anytime.

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Merry Christmas 2021!!!!

There's a Christmas carol called Love Has Come and it's first verse is so fitting for the time we now live in – this still Covid, fear, hate, mistrust infected world.

“Love has come – a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
 See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises;
 Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
 Love! Love! Glory to God on high”

Love has come – a light in the darkness – wow – this is exactly what I, and I hunch you need to hear. We HAVE a LIGHT in the darkness. Jesus was born to bring us hope and salvation. Now that it's dark around 4:30 every night I find it so important to be reminded that the darkness cannot overcome the light that is ours in Jesus. Regardless of our emotions, our feelings, our opinions – Jesus is and

because of that it always dawns for us. Thanks be to God!

I hope that you and your loved ones can join us in worship at Our Saviour's this year. We're back in person for Christmas worship. The schedule is:

Christmas Eve: 3:00 & 5:00 with 3:00 being live streamed

Christmas Day: Virtual only at 10:30

Sunday December 26th: 10:30 in person and livestreamed

Please make a point to be join us, even if you're away from Appleton – the wonder of technology. We can still be community and be together to join the angels and saints before us in saying:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
 Love! Love! Glory to God on High!

God's blessings and a Happy New Year!
Pastor Kurt



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Christmas Eve

In-Person Candlelight Worship

December 24, 2021

3:00*pm

5:00pm

*streaming on Facebook Live, OR watch it anytime as it will also be recorded!

Christmas Day

Virtual Worship

December 25, 2021

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:30am

Sun., Dec. 26

ONE In-Person Worship at 10:30am

Also Streaming on Facebook Live and recorded.

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

SERVING OSLC

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The Annual Sunday School Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 19th
at the 10:30AM Worship
service. The children of
Sunday School will be
singing songs this year...
with a few surprises!**



OSLC Book Club—

**Wed., December 22nd at
11:30am at OSLC.**

Come report on the book of your choice that you've recently read. You can get some great reviews on some interesting books from the group.

Book Club gathers on the 4th Wednesday of each month. **Anyone is welcome to participate.** RSVP to:
CarolLamp44@gmail.com



Sunday Morning Adult Study

The newest study being led by Pastor Kurt on Sunday mornings between services in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 – 10:00 is called You Were Made for This Moment by Max Lucado. It's a study on the Old Testament book of Esther and deals with being made in the image of God and how God put's that image that we are into play. Join in. Bring your own beverage if you'd like to.



Tues., December 7 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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Dec. 2 and 16; Jan. 6 and 20

The Men's study group will gather for bible study with breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30am. Meet at Angel's Restaurant, 1401 E. John St., Appleton, WI 54915.



**Fridays
9:30-10:30am**

The Friday morning bible study group will resume meeting. The gatherings will be in Fellowship Hall. Please use the kitchen door off the back parking lot (Florida Ave.) to enter the building. Please wear a mask.

This is a great time to come and check out the bible study. New participants are always welcomed and encouraged to grow your faith.

Monday Afternoon



Bible Study

Gather weekly on Monday afternoon at 1:30pm at OSLC to learn and grow while discussing the third volume in the bible study series by Sarah Young, "Jesus Calling- Receiving Christ's Hope". Books will be ordered for participants and cost \$5.50 as we purchase previously owned.

Anyone is welcome to participate.

Contact Carol Lamp if you would like to be a part of this study group. RSVP to:

CarolLamp44@gmail.com





Decorate the Church with a Live Poinsettia 2021

[] I choose to donate \$10 toward a standard size poinsettia that I will pick up:

- ◇ after 5pm Worship on Christmas Eve
- ◇ before/after the 10:30am Worship on Dec. 26
- ◇ Tuesday Dec., 28th between 8 and 11am.

[] I choose to donate \$10 toward one of the larger poinsettias for decorating the church. I understand that I will not be picking up a poinsettia with this option. The large poinsettias will be donated to area senior living facilities.

I am making # _____ \$10 donations, totaling \$ _____.

I would like to note someone or an occasion. Please record the following:

[] In memory of: _____

[] In honor of: _____

[] In celebration of: _____

My Name: _____

Phone: _____

Envelope # if known: _____

Music Notes

Special thanks to everyone who has been singing with the Choir this year. It is an unusual year – it's very different to sing while wearing a mask, but we're doing it! The Choir rehearses at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary (**9am on Sun., Dec. 5**)– new members are always welcome. Please see John or Karen Stangel if you have any questions.

The MacDowell Chorus will be here at OSLC on March 20th, singing for the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services. They sang here a few years ago, and we are thrilled to be on their schedule this coming Spring!

December Monthly Meet Up ...

An opportunity for every-one to come be a part of something new...yet something that feels so familiar...because it involves ALL of us! Monthly Meet-Up events will be a novel way to connect with family, friends, OSLC members, & the community! Bring yourself and whomever is important to you!

When: Thursday, Dec 9th 2021

Time: Around 7 PM

Where: In the Fellowship Hall OSLC

Who: Everyone & Families

What: What's happening we will be having a Holiday decoration, crafts, games, & fellowship for all ages!



Barbara Elizabeth Drew
Sister of Jim (Judy) DeShaney
who entered eternal life on
November 3, 2021

**Arcelia "Arcie"
Crupi-Keller**
who was born to eternal life on
November 14, 2021

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



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

Loved ones of Molly Kafura

Alan & Lavonne Babcock
*In memory of Barbara Drew
In memory of Arcie Crupi-Keller*

Eileen Landmann
In memory of Arcie Crupi-Keller

Tim & Linda Olson
In memory of Arcie Crupi-Keller

Lois Hameister
For the Little Free Pantry

The DeShaney's
For the Little Free Pantry



**Our Saviour's
Lutheran
Anniversaries of
Church
Membership:**

December

59 yrs—John Kafura

55 yrs—Rose Piette

25 yrs—Fred & Rhonda Lecker

20 yrs—Julie Ernst

Donna Gloede

Jeff Laatsch

Renee Schultz

Marcus Nigbor

Mark & Lisa, Matthew and Michael Robbins

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

Children's Ministry News

2021 Sunday School Christmas Program

Annual Sunday School Christmas Program

We are so excited to safely welcome back an in-person Christmas Program this year at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church! This year, the Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 19th at the 10:30AM service. The children of Sunday School will be singing songs this year...with a few surprises! Please join us as we safely celebrate this year and support our youth as they trek back into the eyes, minds, and hearts of our congregations.



If you have any questions, please reach out to us at JennAndTed@OSLC-Appleton.org or 920.248.1720.

Virtual Sunday School Change

Beginning soon, we will have a change in virtual Sunday School offerings. This change will allow for children to "see" each other live, allow for staffing, etc.

In lieu of recorded videos posted that have been done the past year and a half, we will have one LIVE Zoom meet each month! Join us each month for a 30-40 minute class of games, fun, and fellowship! Fun for all ages...even the preschool friends!

The Zoom link will be provided to our registered families, or by contacting JennAndTed@OSLC-Appleton.org to get the link! No other requirements exist! Feel free to share the link with youth friends and neighbors! Fun for all ages! Look for more information coming soon!



Bible Sunday Milestone

On October 31, 2021 we celebrated the OSLC milestone of Bible Sunday with six youth at our 10:30AM service and virtually! This year, we had traditional third grade students and also new/newer youth to our congregation. Bibles with names on the inside were given to students after the Bibles were blessed in church by Pastor Kurt and the youth were recognized at the 10:30AM service, both in-person and virtual this year.

Congratulations to the following recipients of Bibles from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in 2021:

Georgia Atkins
Danny Coloma, Jr.
Elaina Coloma
Grace Hudson
Charli Leith
Emily Meyer

Bible Sunday typically occurs in the fall. If you, a youth, or any adult you know (grade 3 and up) would like to join us in 2022 to receive a Bible, please contact JennAndTed@OSLC-Appleton.org or 920.248.1720.

2021 First Communion Milestone

Due to COVID-19, First Communion was postponed last year while the church was virtual. Traditionally, third graders participated in the class, the making of banners, and the baking of bread prior to First Communion at church with families.



This year, we were so blessed to celebrate First Communion with nine students. Students consisted of this year's 3rd graders, this year's 4th graders (due to COVID-19 pause last year), and new/newer youth to the church. First Communion participants were invited to join Pastor Kurt in a class on the symbols, instruction, and discussion of First Communion. Participants this year also made a banner with the elements and their names that was to be hung in church during the week of First Communion. The milestone was celebrated on Thursday, November 18th at the 6:30PM and Sunday, November 21st at both the 8AM and 10:30AM services. First Communion students were invited to join us with their family in this milestone, and recipients received a small bag of gifts to go out with us.

Please help us congratulate the following persons celebrating First Communion with us this year:

Danny Coloma, Jr.
Jenna Firgens
Grace Hudson
Charli Leith
Emily Meyer
Jaxson Rademacher
Adalynn Tellock
Hallie Wagner
Charlotte Ward

First Communion occurs annually. If you, a youth, or any adult you know is interested in celebrating the First Communion milestone, please contact JennAndTed@OSLC-Appleton.org or 920.248.1720.

Attached you will find the calendar with specific Sunday School dates/events/milestones for the 2021-2022 year. Please note holiday breaks, special event days, First Communion, the Christmas Program, and more! If you have any questions, please reach out to us at JennAndTed@OSLC-Appleton.org.

2021-2022 OSLC Sunday School* Calendar

*Meets 9-10:15AM on Sundays, unless noted
*Virtual Sunday School will appear on the OSLC website/Facebook page

September		October		November		DATE	ITEMS TO NOTE
2021		2021		2021		10/3	OPEN HOUSE (9-10:15AM)
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	First week of Sunday School
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	YOUTH/FAMILY EVENT:
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Trunk-or-Treat @4-5PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	(OSLC parking lot)
26	27	28	29	30			MILESTONE EVENT: Bible
							Sunday @10:30AM Worship
							(Grade 3/new students)
2022		2022		2022		10/31	First Communion Practice
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	during Sunday School (Grades
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3/4 and new students)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	First Communion @Worship
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	(6:30PM) (Option #1)
26	27	28	29	30	31		First Communion @Worship
							(8:00AM or 10:30AM)
							(Option #2 & #3)
2022		2022		2022		11/7	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Sunday School Christmas
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Program @10:30AM Worship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	(All ages)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
27	28	29	30	31			NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
							NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
2022		2022		2022		11/28	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	Sunday School Christmas
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Program @10:30AM Worship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	(All ages)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
27	28	29	30	31			NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
							NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
2022		2022		2022		12/19	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
27	28	29	30	31			NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
							NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
2022		2022		2022		1/2	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
27	28	29	30	31			NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
							NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
2022		2022		2022		1/23	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
27	28	29	30	31			NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
							NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
2022		2022		2022		4/17	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	YOUTH/FAMILY EVENT:
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Easter Activity @9-10:15AM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Last Day of Sunday School
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Special Activity for All Ages
27	28	29	30	31			(9-10:15AM)

Youth Group Christmas Edition

- Cookies, & Shopping!!!

Who: 9th-12th Grade Youth & Friends!

When: Sunday, December 5th

Where: Meet at OSLC@4-4:30 PM for a ride to the mall to go shopping with friends or meet at the food court mall entrance @4:30 PM!

What: Meet at OSLC @4 PM to ride together to the Mall to go shopping with friends for family and friends covertly. We will give you a goodie bag to take home! You can meet us at the food court entrance of the mall if you would like @4:30 PM!

Time: 4-7:30pm

Attire: Ugly Sweater

Love God. Love Others.



Confirmation

Schedule 2021-2022

Wed October 2021-April 2022

- + Wednesday Classes: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- + **First Wednesday – campfire 7th – 9th**
- + Second Wednesday – Classes for 7th & 8th
- + Third Wednesday – Classes for 7th & 8th
- + Fourth Wednesday – Virtual Class for 7th & 8th
- Dec 1 – Campfire 7th – 9th grades**
- Dec 8 – Bible/Catechism Class 7th & 8th grades**
- Dec 15 – Bible/Catechism 7th & 8th grades**
- Dec 22 – Virtual Class 7th & 8th grades**
- Dec 29 – No Class Christmas Break**
- Jan 5 – Campfire 7th – 9th grades**
- Jan 12 – Bible/Catechism Class 7th & 8th grades**
- Jan 19 – Bible/Catechism Class 7th & 8th grades**
- Jan 26 – Virtual Class 7th & 8th grades**

Come watch The Star movie!!!

Where: OSLC Sanctuary

When: Wednesday, December 29th

Time: @6 PM

What: Watch “The Star” movie in your PJ’s. Enjoy the movie and popcorn with friends!



Thank you
for supporting our
youth going to Quake
with the Book Sale!!!

Kwik Trip Gas Cards Available

You can purchase Kwik Trip Gas cards for the youth. If you would like to purchase cards, simply email Sam@OSLC-Appleton.org with your order. Thanks for your continued support of our youth!!!

We Need Your Help with Donations!

Please donate any camping gear such as; flashlights, tent, pegs, tarps, bungee cords, sleeping bags, rope, hot dog sticks, water carrier, camping/folding chairs, bandanas, binoculars, camping tin, anything that looks campy/etc. Drop off bin is located next to youth minister Sam’s office! Donations are for VBS in 2022 & youth camping trip!

Email: Sam@OSLC-Appleton.org with questions



QUAKE
YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL

Wisconsin Dells

6th-12th Grade

\$95 deposit

February 11th- 13th

The Wilderness Resort

Cost: \$231

2 nights in resort room, waterpark fun passes, all programming, all meals, & transportation.

This is a great weekend of fun & growing in your faith, We’ll leave church @3:30pm Friday night for the hotel. The weekend consists of building relationships, challenging messages, interactive workshops, dance party, service projects, praise, worship, and waterpark time. Sundays worship celebration will bring the weekend retreat to a close. We will be back at the church around 4pm Sunday. Email: Sam@OSLC-Appleton.org to sign up!

-----Hate has no business here-----

We respect **WOMEN**.

We value **BLACK LIVES**.

We stand with our **LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY**.

We stand with **IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES**.

We stand with **PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS**.

We stand with **OUR COMMUNITY**.



All are

WELCOME HERE.

Love God, Love Others.

December Fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering!

The beautifully decorated envelopes on the cork board outside the sanctuary go up by \$5 all the way to \$100. You pick a pretty envelope off the board put the amount written on the back of the envelope in the collection basket below the board, and get to keep the youth hand crafted envelope! All the money is going to support the youth going to the youth Gathering week of service in the July 2022.



Attention 8th-12th Grade!!!! ELCA Youth Gathering

Late Registration

Nov 22, 2021 -Feb 21, 2022 -\$440

Come be part of the Gathering service trip in Minneapolis, Minnesota with 30,000 ELCA high school youth from across the country! The Gathering week is faith formation through days spent in service projects, fellowship, & bible study! This event is for high school students to grow in faith & be challenged!

Budget

- Registration / youth \$390
- Food 5 +15 meals / youth \$225
- Hotel 4 nights / youth \$185
- Transportation/ youth \$100
- Total for 1 youth = \$900

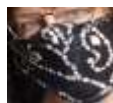
Late Registration

Nov 22, 2021 -Feb 21, 2022 -\$440

Purchase a 2022 calendar year day!

This is a fundraiser for 6-12th grade youth! This is where you pick a day in the year and we dedicate that day to you when we put the calendar out each month. You could pick your birthday, anniversary, pet's birthday, day of remembrance, etc.! Whatever day you choose is how much you pay.. So if you pick the 17th of July, you pay \$17. Sign up in the narthex (put payment under Youth Minister Sam's door) Or email: sam@OSLC-Appleton.org to reserve your day! INFO needed: name, reason for day, month, day, payment.





others."; this policy has been put in place to:

- Continue to gather in person
- Continue to have singing in worship
- Protect those who are not, or cannot, be vaccinated.

"Are masks required? . . . I'm just masking for a friend."

The OSLC Council continues to monitor the state of the pandemic and our masking policy when they meet each month. Due to the very high levels of illness and the hospitals being overwhelmed, we will continue masking for each other.

We are striving as a faith community to fulfill our vision to "love God. love

Please participate in Worship:

- Thursday evenings in person at 6:30pm
- Sunday in person at 8am
- Sunday in person at 10:30am
- Sunday virtual on-line at 10:30 streaming on Facebook Live.
- Watch recorded Worship at a time that is convenient for you.

Take care. Be well.

Security Alarm On-Call Volunteer



If you live near-by, are usually home overnight, and are willing to accept and answer a phone call from TECC Security if the security alarm goes off at OSLC, please let us know.

This does not happen very often, but if it does, TECC will call the individuals on this list to come over to the church to check on the building. The police will also show up at OSLC.

Click here if you can help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e44a9af2eabf85-security>

OSLC Council Positions Available

Would you be willing to serve as a member of the OSLC Council, starting at the annual meeting in January? Won't you please share the gift(s) God gave to you and help in this way?

Available position:

Personnel Committee Chair

Thank you to the individuals whose term is up. We appreciate you serving on the OSLC Council.

If you are interested in learning more or saying "yes, I will serve" in this role, please contact LarryWilliams7149@gmail.com or call (920)470-8123, or contact CarolLamp44@gmail.com or call (920)830-2415.

GIVING STATEMENT CORRECTIONS :

The Stewardship mailing was sent via Bulk Mail with the USPS on Wed., Oct. 13th. You should have received it by now.

Along with the stewardship information, a 3rd quarter giving statement was included. Please review your statement. If there are any corrections needed, please email Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org or call 920-734-6396 ext. 200 and leave a detailed message including your name and phone number.

This is our opportunity to correct statements before year-end. Thank you for your help!



Church Office is Staffed . . .

Mon & Wed: Noon-3pm

Tue & Thur: 8am-11am

Exception Dates:

Office staff will be on holiday Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27
Office staff will be on holiday starting at noon on Friday, Dec. 31.
Office staff will be on holiday Monday, January 3.

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



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Giving a Different Kind of Gift

Looking for an alternative gift-giving opportunity this year? Consider giving a Christmas gift to your favorite Crossways camp. We update our website quarterly to give you an idea of what items would be most needed and useful at each location. Check out the list at <https://www.crosswayscamps.org/siteneeds>, then call to find out if there are specific brands or sizes that camp needs.



NEIGHBORHOOD PRESCHOOL

Where FUN and LEARNING go hand in hand

3009 North Meade Street
Appleton, WI



Christmas for Dunlap Elem. Students 2021
(Home of Lincoln Lions)

This is an On-Line Sign-Up. The link was sent to members through an email from Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org via the Constant Contact program. The link will not be posted on-line.



Jeanne Krauss will be at OSLC on Sunday, December 5 to help anyone who needs assistance to sign up.

There is one clothing tag and one toy tag for each child. (The need is great. Please consider finding a buddy to help with your gift purchases; some of the 'wish list' includes items like sheets.) Click to sign-up/claim that you will fulfill that wish list. You can click on 1 or multiple. Thank you for helping to make Christmas 2021 special for this child and their family! You are a blessing!!

Return the wrapped gift with the ID tag clearly visible on the outside of the present, taped on. Gifts need to be delivered to OSLC by Monday, Dec. 13th. (The office is staffed: M&W Noon-3pm and T&Th 8-11am. The church is also open during Worship times on Thursday evening 6:30pm and Sunday mornings 7:45-11:15am.)



LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves and Fishes does not plan on serving meals in person. My husband and I serve once a month and it is very easy to sign up. If you decide that you would like to do this on your own, please follow the link. <https://loavesandfishesfv.org/volunteer/get-involved/>

I will also continue to collect and deliver baked goods on the nights that I volunteer. Everyone loves the home-made baked goods! If you are interested in baking to donate, please contact me at

Donna@OSLC-Appleton.org so I can let you know when I will be volunteering.

Donna Allen

We have LOTS of yarn. We need more knitters and crocheters!



Crochet and/or Knit for the Prayer Shawl Ministry

The first gathering of the season will be on December 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

We are knitting prayer shawls, stocking hats, and mittens.

If you crochet or knit, you are more than welcome to join us!



QUILTING

Tuesdays Dec. 7 and 14 from 1-3 pm

Join us at church in the back Sunday School/craft room to complete quilts from tops made by our members. Please use the North entrance Sunday School doors (off E. Florida Ave.). If you have any questions, call Linda Storma, at 739-0455.



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!! OSLC will be collecting plastic (film) for the next six months. Please bring in CLEAN, DRY, and FREE OF FOOD RESIDUE:

Plastic grocery bags	Bread bags	Bubble wrap	ice bags
Drycleaning bags	newspaper sleeves	plastic shipping envelopes	
ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags	cereal bags		
produce bags	case overwrap (such as the wrap over cases of water)		
Salt bags (like for water softeners)	wood pellet bags		


If OSLC can collect 500 lbs. or 40,500 plastic film and bags in this 6 month period, the church will be awarded a TREX bench (made from recycled items). Let's help save the planet and do our part to accept this challenge!!

Oooooohhhh . . . we're half way there!!!

What can be recycled?

All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.



Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sa
 Church office is regularly staffed: M & W—Noon to 3pm T & Th—8-11am Staff Holidays: Friday, Dec. 24, Monday, Dec. 27, Friday after noon Dec. 31, Monday, Jan. 3	2021					
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26 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE-10:30am Worship-In person in the Sanctuary; streaming on Facebook Live, recorded	27 Church office closed. 1:30pm Women of Wisdom Bible Study	28 No Staff meeting	29 6:00pm THE STAR MOVIE being shown at OSLC NO Confirmation	30 6:30pm Worship-In person in the Sanctuary	31 New Years Eve No study.	



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What is a Monthly Meet-Up?

Monthly Meet-Ups will be a novel way to connect with friends, family, OSCL members, non-members, community members...all are welcome! We would LOVE everyone to come be a part of something new...yet something that feels so familiar. Bring yourself and whomever is important to you! Join us, to bridge ourselves back over the gap of lost time. Let's be safe and have some fun! All ages invited!

- Board games and Bingo w/prizes
- Outdoor-led activities in nature
- Opportunities to discover new hobbies
- Campfires and connections
- Service Projects and fellowship for all

Event Details

When: Thursday, Nov 18th, 2021

Time: 7PM, or after the service

Where: Fellowship Hall - OSLC

Who: ALL ARE WELCOME!

What: What's happening we will be doing a Food service project and Games, & Fun Fellowship for all ages!



When: Thursday, Dec 9th, 2021

Time: 7PM, or after the service

Where: Fellowship Hall - OSLC

Who: ALL ARE WELCOME!

What: Holiday art project, games, and fellowship for all ages!



When: Thursday, Jan 20th, 2022
Time: 7PM, or after the service
Where: Fellowship Hall - OSLC
Who: ALL ARE WELCOME!
What: Come in you pajamas to relax with others and watch a short movie! Fellowship for all ages!



When: Saturday, Feb 12th, 2022

Time: 10:15AM - 11:45AM

Where: Apple Creek YMCA

Who: ALL ARE WELCOME!

What: Learn to Snowshoe/Animal Track Hike! Snow painting and winter games for the younger kids if desired! Pending weather conditions!

RSVP: JennAndTed@OSLC-Appleton.org or to Sam@OSLC-Appleton.org to reserve your spot. (Max participants exists for snowshoes.)

COST: FREE!



When: Thursday, March 17th, 2022

Time: 7PM, or after the service

Where: Fellowship Hall OSLC

Who: ALL ARE WELCOME!

What: St. Patrick's Day celebration - including FREEZE games, Shamrock Shakes, and more!



When: Thursday, April 7th, 2022

Time: 7PM, or after the service

Where: Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve

Who: ALL ARE WELCOME!

What: Snow Stomp! Join us for fellowship for all ages! Meet in the parking lot of Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve.



When: Sunday, May 7th, 2022

Time: 6PM - 7:30PM

Where: Apple Creek YMCA

Who: Everyone ages 3 and up (unless baby-wearing)

What: Wildflower Hike in the preserve. Leisurely hike appropriate for ages 3 and up. No stroller access.

RSVP: JennAndTed@OSLC-Appleton.org or sam@OSLC-Appleton.org to reserve your spot. (Max participants exists.)

COST: FREE!



OSLC Council Meeting Highlights

November 9, 2021

1. The Council has accepted Pastor Kurt's retirement letter.

His last day will be May 31, 2022.

2. Pledge Cards for 2022 Giving have been sent out. Please return them to the Office as soon as possible to help us in budgeting for next year.
3. The Annual Meeting will be January 23, 2002 at 9:15.
4. We still have some Council positions open beginning Feb 2022, please contact any Council Member for information.

MEETING MINUTES

OSLC Council Meeting Minutes: 10/12/21

Mission Statement: Gather, Grow, Go

Vision: Love God, Love Others

Present in Person: Carol Lamp, Steve Bartell, Brian Krauss, Michael Emrick, Lori Knoke, Winnie McPeake, Joel DeShaney, Brad Wendt, Sam Weiland, Larry Williams, Steve Alstad, Stacey Wagner, Pastor Kurt.
Present Via ZOOM: Stephanie Lenz

The 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.

September 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
- Youth Coordinator written report was

submitted

- Financial Reports were submitted.

Old Business:

- A Capital Campaign Committee has been officially formed, the members are: Stephanie Lenz, Brian Krauss, Lloyd Eggert, Alan Babcock, Joel DeShaney, Steve Alstad, Larry Williams, Jim Pierce, Brad Wendt, Jim Leppla and Kerry Arnt. Watch for updates!
- Stewardship Committee has started the Fall Campaign. Mailings will be going out on 10/12. The committee has produced Videos that are being showing during services to provide information on all of OSLC's missions and activities, and to encourage E-Giving.
- The Ministry Site Profile committee has been set. The members are Larry Williams, Carol Lamp, Laura Purath, Steve Bartell, Lloyd Eggert, Jeanie Krauss, Heather Loudon, and Stacey Grosnick. They will be meeting with Reverend Asher O'Callaghan, Associate to the Bishop in December.
- Masking policy extension until/revisited at November Council Meeting.
- The following Council positions will be open beginning February 2022: Presi-

dent, Evangelism, Christen Education, Personnel (Staffing), and Treasurer

- Snow Removal services have been contracted with Lecker Construction for the 2021-2022 season.
- Sunday Bible Study, "You were made for the Moment," book of Esther, starting Nov 7th.
- We are excited to have 32 students in our Confirmation Program.
- We confirmed that we will be signing a contract for HV/AC maintenance with Energy Control and Design.

New Business:

- Larry Williams shared an article from USA Today, titled "The Nones." The articles discussed the current attitudes of Americans regarding belonging to Churches vs. being spiritual in their daily lives. We had a discussion about how we can meet people where they are in their faith journey.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

We adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Knoke, Council Secretary

October 2021

General Fund	Monthly Comparison		YTD		YTD Budget	YTD Variance	
	October 21	October 20	2021	2020			
Contributions / Income	\$31,613	\$28,254	\$335,833	\$372,724	\$413,735	(\$77,902)	WORSE
Debt LOC Reduction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$764	\$0	\$0	FLAT
Expenses	\$36,891	\$38,852	\$306,818	\$337,401	\$285,994	\$20,824	WORSE
Net Profit / Loss	(\$5,278)	(\$10,598)	\$29,015	\$34,559	\$127,741	(\$98,726)	WORSE

Designated Monies		
10/31/21		\$52,955
Amount of Undesignated Memorial funds:	\$4,816	

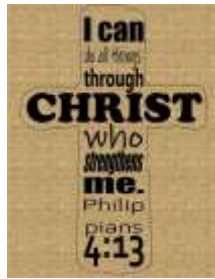
Endowment Funds		
10/31/21		\$165,768

Reserve Fund		
10/31/21		\$10,050

	Checking Acct Bal	Mortgage Bal	Credit Line Used	Line of Credit Avail
Beginning of Month	\$127,730		\$0	\$80,000
End of Month	\$122,439		\$0	\$80,000
Change	(\$5,291)		\$0	\$0

See Office for copy of full financial reports
Respectfully submitted by Brad A. Wendt, Financial Secretary

NEXT Council Meeting:
Tues., Dec. 14th,
2021 6:30pm



2021 Stewardship Theme:
"In Plenty or In Want"

Thank you for being such a vital part of Jesus' ministry through Our Saviour's Lutheran. Little would be done without your help.

The attached Intention of Giving Card for 2021 is your opportunity to continue to help Jesus change the world through the ministries of Our Saviour's Lutheran.

Please consider the following:

+ Faith Formation of our children, teaching them about Jesus, happens because of your money.

- + Worship for hundreds each week happens because of your money.
- + New pastors and deacons are educated in seminaries to help lead the church because of your money.
- + 42 seniors have affordable housing at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes in Appleton because of your money.
- + The ill, the hospitalized, the homebound, the distressed and lonely are visited because of your money.
- + The choir beautifies worship because of your money.
- + The cold are covered with quilts locally and around the world because of your money.
- + Hundreds of little girls around the world are made safe by wearing pillowcase dresses because of your money.
- + Hundreds of students in the Fox Cities are able to concentrate better at school by using "fidget mats" because of your money.
- + Hundreds of people are feed, sheltered and kept safe through the Salvation Army, St Joe's Food Pantry, Loaves and Fishes, Harbor House, Pillars, the Thanksgiving

Food Drove – and many more services, because of your money.

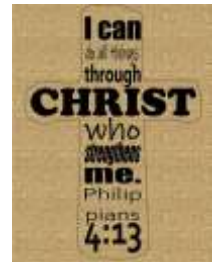
This is just the "tip of the iceberg" of the ways your money – in very real and tangible ways - makes Christ know and changes lives internally here at OSLC and in our communities and around the world.

Please Give Your Money
 IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Dedication Thursday/Sunday is November 18/21

- Turn in your Intention of Giving Card one of those days during worship.
- You can turn it in before or the week after if you're not able to attend Celebration of Gifts Thursday/Sunday

Grace and peace,
The Our Saviour's Lutheran Stewardship Ministry Team



My 2022 Intention of Giving: "In Plenty or in Want"

I intend to return to God a portion of the generous gifts that He has first given to me. Financially, my Intention of Giving will be the following amount to further the Lord's work through the ministries of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

\$ Weekly or \$ Monthly or \$ Yearly

I intend to give using: ☐ Offering Envelopes ☐ Automatic E-Giving ☐ Mobile App or QR Code
☐ I've changed the amount of my automatic giving. ☐ Please make the change now. ☐ Please make the change effective January 1.



☐ I'm interested in learning more about making a Legacy Gift to Our Saviour's Lutheran.

☐ I'm interested in making a gift to the Our Saviour's Lutheran Endowment Fund.

Signed Name

Address

Phone #'s Email

2022 Children's Intention

Please check the ways you are able to help take care of the mission and ministry of our church on behalf of Jesus Christ for the coming year.

I promise to be a steward by:

- ☐ Bringing an offering of money to church
- ☐ Bringing items for the food pantry program
- ☐ Helping to make food for the meals program
- ☐ Helping with special mission projects
- ☐ Helping in the worship service
- ☐ Other gifts I have to offer:

Name:



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www.fvlh.org

November 15, 2021

Dear Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Friend:

Your financial support continues to offer HOPE to the Fox Valley Lutheran Homes community by supporting the health and well-being of our tenants. The staff and volunteers at FVLH offer HOPE every day as they support our tenants facing the many challenges related to aging.

Recently, our long-time tenant Bernice visited our Care Coordinator, Cheryl to report symptoms of dizziness and fatigue. Cheryl encouraged and supported Bernice as they called her physicians. Bernice was advised to go the ER and Cheryl arranged a ride and remained with her until her friend arrived. Bernice remained in the hospital to have a life-saving pacemaker implanted. Without the support and encouragement of Cheryl, Bernice would not have sought immediate medical care.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, we were able to celebrate the following accomplishments in 2021:

- Rejuvenate our raised bed gardens and remove unsightly buckthorn on our grounds.
- We were a recipient of a \$20,861 PPP grant that allowed us to continue our ministry when fund-raising events were cancelled due to COVID.
- Improve the safety and accessibility of our entrances.
- Offer wellness programs including flu clinics, fall prevention and Tai Chi classes.



As we continue our faith-based ministry, we hope to accomplish the following activities and projects in 2022:

- Restore an office and meeting room to an apartment and provide much needed affordable housing.
- Create outdoor sitting areas for performances, worship services, picnics and recreation.
- Offer additional worship and social events for our tenants.

We ask for your continued support by making a gift to support our ministry. Your gift can be made online (fvlh.org/donate-now) or by mailing your donation to the above address.

In Appreciation,

Rev Jake ~~Czarnek-Neimeyer~~
Board Chairperson

Lynn Ann ~~Clausen~~ Rusch
Executive Director



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