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Newsletter of  
Our Saviour's  
Lutheran Church  
Appleton, WI

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## 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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## OSLC All Congregation House Call:

**Wednesday, July 22  
6:30pm. Returning to  
Worship Task Force  
Update on OSLC Face-  
book Live.**

**Participate just like  
you do during Worship  
on Sundays at 9am!**

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

Well this year, so memorable because of its number, 2020, has become memorable because of so many other things like a global pandemic and perhaps our country finally coming to terms with the sin of racism that has plagued us from our inception.

I'd like to give some clarity on where OSLC is in regards to reopening for in person worship at our Center for Mission on Meade Street.

A Task Force was convened by the church council tasked with working through the data and coming up with recommendations on how and when to safely reopen for public in person worship.

This task force has been and continue to meet regularly and is following the guidelines and recommendations of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, the ELCA, our East Central Synod Office, all of which recommendation, at least as of this writing (mid-June), that none of the benchmarks for safely gathering together in numbers greater than 10 have been met, in spite of what stores, businesses and other churches are doing.

The task force is looking into how to get people into and out of the worship space in an orderly and socially distancing manner; how

to seat people in an orderly and socially distancing manner; how to conduct public in person worship with the following restriction: no singing (water vapor hangs in the air for hours), no public speaking – ie Lord's Prayer, Confession, Creed – (same reason as singing); No Holy Communion (working on perhaps using sealed, prepackaged wafer/wine packages); no touching – etc. Until we can safely gather in groups of 50, these are the plans we're preparing for.

All of the ELCA congregations of the Fox Valley have agreed to (along with several downtown Appleton congregations) to not hold in person public worship until our bishop and the benchmarks for safety are met – thus avoiding pitting one against another.

Your safety is our primary concern and as soon as we can – OSLC will be open. Until that time, we continue to hold virtual worship on Facebook Live, conduct daily devotions, hold virtual Bible and topical studies, hold virtual games for all ages and are now looking into confirmation, Sunday School as well.

Please be patient – beloved people of God!

Grace and peace,  
**Pastor Kurt**

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### Council Corner: June Council Meeting Highlights

1. The Task Force for Reopening is continuing to meet, and is evaluating the conditions under which the church can reopen in a safe and thoughtful way. Virtual Sunday services and daily devotions have been very well attended and will continue until we can again meet in person, if you have not checked them out, recordings are available on Facebook and at [www.OSLC-Appleton.com](http://www.OSLC-Appleton.com).
2. Karen Stangel will start playing live at the 9:00am Sunday virtual services starting June 14.
3. We are very thankful and so PROUD of our members for their continued dedication to sending their offerings for the financial needs of the church.

# From the OSLC Council President



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## SAFER AT HOME

I know over the past almost four months we all have heard numerous times the saying “safer at home”. Along with please don’t take unnecessary risks and practice social distancing. Now added to that for everyone’s safety is please wear a mask when out among people.

If you have been following local news you have also observed that in Outagamie County the number of COVID-19 cases for the most part remain in the double digits on most days. An indication that the virus is still prominent in our county. As I am writing this article, the health department continues to release a statement that reads “COVID-19 continues to be very contagious. We should continue to limit our interactions with others as much as possible to protect ourselves, our communities and the capacity of our health care system”.

I am aware that many members are questioning, ‘when can we return to worship at OSLC’ and ‘when can we take communion’. Unfortunately, at this time I do not have an answer to these two questions. I am especially empathetic of our members who are not able to access our website for daily devotions and our Sunday service. I know for me right now that is my lifeline to OSLC. I wish I had a way to assist those of you that don’t have that life-line, but truth be told, I don’t other than you reaching out to family or members who receive these messages to have them summarize them for you.

As you know we are a member of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin governed by our Bishop. In addition we are also a member of the Wisconsin Council of Churches that is an ecumenical Council. In the Fox Valley a decision was made that all of our churches associated with these two groups will work together to decide on when it is safe to open the doors of our respective churches.

We as the Church Council of OSLC, support what decisions are being made by these two groups especially our East Central Synod. We do not want to jeopardize the

health and well-being of our members by opening our church doors before it is deemed safe.

I know you are aware that some churches in the Valley have opened their doors to Sunday worship. We, as a member of the ELCA, and as a church council, do not believe it is safe for us to open our doors at this point and time. Know that every decision we are making is what we deem safe for you our members. Trust us as a council that when the time is right and we know our place of worship is safe we will Praise God by welcoming all of you back to OSLC.

I personally want to thank all of you for your financial gifts to our church. These gifts have definitely allowed us to continue providing God’s message to you in a variety of ways. A special thank you to Pastor Kurt, Deacon Brett and Laura for all you are doing to provide God’s message as well as Bible classes and other updates to our members. Another special thank you to the volunteers who provide special music for our Sunday services and to those volunteers who are helping us financially by keeping our landscaping around the church looking nice. Lastly, a special thank you to our members for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

Please know that when we are given the green light from our Bishop that it is safe to open our church we will do so. Until then please do not hesitate to contact any staff or council member with your thoughts and questions.

God’s Blessings to each of you. I personally miss being with you during these difficult times but know God is watching over us and helping us to stay strong and patient.

Carol Lamp, Council President

# 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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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](#)



## 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.
- [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>

# From the Pastor's Desk

People of God - Our Saviour's Lutheran,

Two Words  
NOTHING & EVERYTHING



These two words seem to encapsulate the world that our lives are now lived in. As I write this, I'm sitting in my church office and I can look out the window and see trees leafed out, flowers in bloom, birds singing and flying, rabbits munching on clover. I hear kids laughing and playing and lawn mowers mowing. In short it seems from my window that NOTHING has changed from an ordinary, everyday July day, the kind I've known for 63 years.

And yet I know and you know as well that what I'm seeing isn't the whole picture. As much as it seems to be "ordinary" it isn't and the reality is that EVERYTHING has changed. We don't gather like we used to. We don't congregate as we used to. We're more afraid of each other, don't trust one another, are suspicious of each other. We don't eat out, shop, recreate, serve, worship, get haircuts, well do almost anything like we used to – AND WE MISS IT!!

As I reflect on this reality, it strikes me that this actually should feel normal to me as a Christian in that my everyday life is one constant of NOTHING & EVERYTHING. My brokenness and sin is the NOTHING has changed part and the grace and forgiveness of God through Jesus is the EVERYTHING part.

We are the beloved, forgiven, gifted, body of Christ who live as if that were not true. We strive to trust and believe but on our own can't quite get there, if we're trying at all.

The great good news is that in Jesus, God does meet us where we are at, in both the NOTHING times and the EVERYTHING times, constantly calling us back to what is the really real – His grace and mercies that are without end.

So even though we may get stuck in either or thinking, in NOTHING & EVERYTHING thinking

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Kurt*

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## OSLC All Congregation House Call

Please mark your calendar for **July 22nd at 6:30 pm!** Visit the OSLC Facebook page and look for the live "House Call" that is scheduled.

What's an OSLC All Congregation House Call?! It's an opportunity for you to hear a live presentation by some of the members of the OSLC Return To Worship Task Force team and an opportunity for you to ask questions by typing—just like commenting during Virtual Worship on Facebook Live on Sunday mornings.

We miss not being together to Worship, for study, for fellowship, for serving. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Appleton, is following guidelines set by health officials, science, the local East Central Synod of Wisconsin, among others. Please click on the links below to access the information your church council and staff have been reading and listening to in order to make decisions for the health & safety of everyone.

- [Click here for a message from the Appleton Conference ELCA churches.](#)
- [Click here for Safe Return to Worship recommendations.](#) Also printed 
- [Click here for the presentation from the ecumenical Wisconsin Council of Churches.](#)
- [Click here for additional resources.](#)

We are anxious to be able to gather together again. Based on the science and the health experts, OSLC is planning to take it slow, and return to gathering at the building once it is safer to do so. Please know that your church leaders and the return to worship task force is working diligently as to how we can safely do that when the time is right.

When it is deemed that we are getting closer to returning in person, a very short survey will be coming your way which will help OSLC plan how many Worship services will be scheduled each week. Take care. Be well.

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# Recommendations for a Safe Return to Worship

PROTECTING  
THE GREATER  
GOOD<sup>®</sup>



## Preparation

### PLANNING

- Assign responsibility for monitoring and incorporating government orders and guidance.
- Assign responsibility for coordinating with local health authorities and law enforcement.
- Provide leaders, staff and volunteers with masks and other protective equipment to wear while serving.
- Establish protocols for physical distancing before, during and after services including seating arrangements, modified worship practices and dismissal procedures.
- Continue offering online worship options for those who are sick, higher risk, have been exposed to a coronavirus (COVID-19) patient within the last 14 days or are otherwise uncomfortable gathering in person.
- Develop isolation protocols should a staff member, volunteer or attendee become ill at your facility.
- Minimize use of printed or hand-held materials such as bulletins, hymnals, bibles and attendance pads.
- Do not share equipment used for worship services such as microphones, etc.
- Minimize areas of your building(s) being used during services and gatherings to minimize disinfecting needs.
- Block off unused areas of your building(s).
- Designate 1-in-1-out protocol for tight spaces.
- Establish frequency and processes for enhanced cleaning and disinfecting — between services at minimum.
- Develop admission criteria for worship services, noting that anyone who is ill or appears ill should plan to worship remotely.
- Postpone children's activities such as nursery/child care or implement additional safeguards.
- Discontinue playground use or implement additional safeguards and limitations.
- Postpone mission trips and summer activities such as vacation bible school (VBS).

### CRITICAL NUMBERS

- Six feet of distance = 50 square feet per person when removing overlap.
- The virus may live on surfaces up to seven days.
- Disinfectants may need 2-10 minutes of contact to be effective (see EPA list).
- Symptoms typically show within 7-14 days.

### BUILDING

- Conduct a thorough facility inspection/walk-through to check on the safety of your building before it is reopened.
- Restart systems and reset thermostats and lights.
- Flush hot and cold water through all points of use in your building if unoccupied for a prolonged period.
- Complete spring HVAC (professional) maintenance.
- Address overgrowth and other issues stemming from building vacancy.
- Check for any rodent/pest activity or infestations.
- Address any slip, trip and fall hazards.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect the building and contents** before reopening.
- Ensure cleaning supplies and disinfectant have been ordered and are on hand.
- Make hand sanitizer and/or hand wipes available throughout the building.
- Post signs regarding social distancing, safety measures and handwashing.

## Preparation

### SUPPLIES

- Disinfecting agents for your facility.
- Hand sanitizer for staff, volunteers and attendees.
- Masks and gloves for staff and volunteers.
- Face coverings for attendees.

### COMMUNICATION

Prior to reopening, communicate your plan via multiple channels such as email, website, newspaper, social media, phone calls, etc.

- Communicate the plan and make it available to members and non-members alike.
- Update and share details of the plan as circumstances change.
- Reinforce messaging that persons who are ill or higher risk should continue worshipping remotely.

### INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Develop on-site instructional materials such as signs or projected images to generate awareness of new protocols and procedures.

- Directions to aid the flow of people and vehicles.
- Information on physical distancing and face coverings.
- Messaging to stay home if sick.
- Importance of handwashing and hygiene practices.

### TRAINING

Train staff, leaders, ushers and volunteers on established plans and protocols for worship services and gatherings.

- Addressing high(er) risk individuals that arrive or those presenting signs of illness.
- Maintaining physical distance requirements among those who attend.
- Understanding cleaning and disinfecting procedures, as well as the supplies used.

## Implementation

### BEFORE SERVICES

- Disinfect the worship area.
- Disinfect worship materials such as microphones and music stands.
- Disinfect restrooms and other common areas.
- Replenish disinfecting and covering supplies.

### DURING SERVICES

- At entrances, prop doors open (weather permitting), apply admission criteria and provide hand sanitizer.
- Seat individuals or family units from front to back if building entrance is located rear of the worship area.
- Modify "passing the peace" or greeting time to avoid physical contact.

### AFTER SERVICES

- Dismiss attendees from closest to furthest from the exit.
- Disinfect your worship area, materials, rooms used and frequently touched items such as doors, light switches, chairs, etc.
- Provide hand sanitizer and new protective equipment (masks and gloves) to those that have post-service responsibilities such as counting offerings, etc.

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- Disinfect activity areas and equipment before, between and after activities.
- Establish admission criteria and have parents drop children off outside the activity area.
- Plan for activities that maintain appropriate spacing.

### OFFICE OPERATIONS

- Create accountability for yourself and your co-workers regarding established protocols.
- Maintain physical distance and wear face coverings to protect each other.
- Consider having office spaces deep cleaned on a weekly basis.



**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.\*

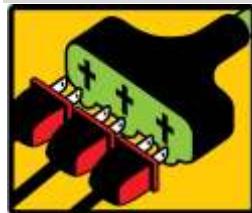
**New... Virtual Summer Spirituality Study** led by Deacon Brett. All are welcome to a new Spirituality study group that will meet virtually each Monday at 6:30pm during the summer months. Brett will be hosting this weekly study at 6:30.

The first seven-week study will center on Joyce Rupp's book, "The Cup of Our Life." More information will be coming about the next study. Each Thursday prior to our Monday meetings, Brett will send out an invitation to join our virtual zoom meeting. Please connect with him with questions. [brett@oslc-appleton.org](mailto:brett@oslc-appleton.org)

**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](mailto:Laura@OSLC-Appleton.org).

*Use a smartphone, laptop computer, tablet/notebook, or even a desktop computer with a camera—you will be seen by the group as this is a video chat. It will be fun for you to see each other again, even virtually. Let us know if you have any other questions.*

\*ZOOM is a communication tool allowing participants to "gather/meet" virtually. ZOOM should be easy for you to connect. All you need is internet access and an email address. Once you've notified the study group leader that you wish to participate, you will receive an email from [Brett@OSLC-appleton.org](mailto:Brett@OSLC-appleton.org) with a link to click on. There may be a password in his email that you will need to enter for privacy/security purposes.



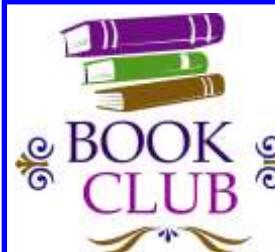
It's time to . . .  
**Plug In**

The world just took us around a serious S curve. In order to stay connected with church activities, friends, family, you may want to consider getting connected!

No computer or internet access? 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.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Kariann Hesse has officially become a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church! We are so glad you're here, Kariann!!



## 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](mailto:CarolLamp44@gmail.com) to participate on **Wednesday, July 22nd at 11:30am**. We meet online virtually. All you need is internet access, and a device with a camera and microphone.

## PODCAST-Taps and Table Scraps to take the summer off!



In an effort to focus our energy and time on doing all we need to do to ensure everyone's safety, as we come back together as a faith community, Kurt and I have decided to put our podcast on hiatus for the summer. We look forward to the time when we can reunite in the same space and talk about life, our community, bible stories and good beer. We will keep you in our prayers. We look forward to reconnecting in the fall. Cheers!

<http://oslc-appleton.org/taps-and-table-scraps/>

## Vacation Bible School Update



It is with a heavy heart and a solid understanding of the conditions we find ourselves in that we have decided to cancel Vacation Bible School for this year. Until we can be together, we will look for ways to connect virtually. Remember that Pr. Kurt is hosting virtual Sunday school each Sunday, directly following worship. There are online resources for Sunday school students and families on our website, [www.oslc-appleton.org](http://www.oslc-appleton.org). Contact Deacon Brett Christensen if you have any questions. [brett@oslc-appleton.org](mailto:brett@oslc-appleton.org)

# Updates

Congratulations and best wishes to

**Darrell & Andrea Fralin**

who were wed on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.



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

**Lillian Ruth Loppnow**  
who entered eternal life on  
June 19, 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**

## Did You Know . . .

**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.*

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

**20 yrs:** Kenlie Cerull  
Kara Lendved  
Gregory Goymerac

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

## How are we doing? Financially?

	<b>May 2020</b>	<b>Previous 12 months</b> (May2019-May2020)
Actual Expenses	\$30,050	\$503,987
Actual Giving	<u>38,382</u>	<u>461,160</u>
Difference	8,332	- 42,827

Est. expenses: \* Jun2020: \$40,606      Jul2020: \$44,836

\*Based on the 2020 Budget.

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

## As of May 31, 2020: Liquid Assets

Checking	\$89,611
Designated monies	48,795
Undesignated memorials	3,065
PPP Loan funds avail. (in Sav.)	22,492**

## Outstanding Loans

Line of Credit	\$29,152
PPP Loan	37,508**

## Investment

Endowment Fund	\$100,581
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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.*

<b>May</b>	<b>Avg. Attendance Per Weekend</b>
2019	212
2018	218

## VIRTUAL WORSHIP on facebook

	<b>peak live views</b>	<b>total views</b>
May 31:	60	257
May 24:	48	275
May 17:	57	325
May 10:	65	287
May 3:	69	305

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!**

## Youth News

### Confirmation Ministry

Just a few notes on confirmation ministry. As we look toward the fall, remember that we are still planning on holding a confirmation service for those students who have just completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade. That will be at the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, October 31. We do not know in which phase of Badger Bounce Back we will be in so we do not have a lot of information on what that service will look like. Contact Deacon Brett ([brett@oslc-appleton.org](mailto:brett@oslc-appleton.org)) with questions.

Pr. Kurt and Deacon Brett have begun to plan this fall's confirmation ministry program. We will have plans for in-person study, virtual study or a blend of the two. All we can say at this point is that our goals are to provide young people with the opportunity to explore who God is, and how faith and their journey connect. As we get more information about safe meeting practices, we will provide updates.

#### 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.

#### NEW ADDITION

There is a plan in the works to add a third "cupboard" next to the little free libraries at OSLC!

There will still be two libraries, but now there will also be a little food pantry to help neighbors in need.

#### COLLECTING BOOKS AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS:

**Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 10, 11, & 12  
8am-4pm**

**There will be boxes under the canopy by the front doors at church. Please drive up and drop off:**

- **Gently used or new books for children (age PreK through Grade 6)**
- **Canned and boxed food (that has not expired)**
- **Face masks**

**Thank you for helping to make this Ministry of Our Saviour's Lutheran a wonderful outreach to our community!**



## Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

**To Our Conference Partners from  
Executive Director, Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch  
Linwood Place, A Ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes**

### Appleton Conference Support

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes was founded by the 18 congregations of the Appleton Conference of the East Central Synod of the ELCA. The Appleton Conference continues to support us with funding. We recently received a gift from the conference that allows us to offer additional programs and services to our tenants including flu shot clinics, exercise classes and educational series about diabetes, fall prevention and more. The physical and mental wellness of our tenants is dependent on these type of programs and we are thankful for the support of the Appleton Conference!

### Accepting Applications for New Tenants

We anticipate a vacancy of a 2 bedroom apartment in September. We are also accepting applications for our waiting list for future vacancies. Are you interested in living at Linwood Place? Please contact us for information and to schedule a tour by calling 920-734-7225

### Help Wanted: Salon Beautician!

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes is seeking a licensed beautician for our Linwood Place Salon. Our "in-house" salon allows our tenants (age 62 and over) who no longer drive and/or find it difficult to find transportation to have their hair care done on site. If you or someone you know would like to be our barber/beautician, please contact Executive Director Lynn Ann at [lynann.fvihomes@gmail.com](mailto:lynann.fvihomes@gmail.com). Rent and options for outside client use of the salon are all negotiable.

In His Service,

**Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch**, Executive Director



The staff and children of Lincoln Elementary School send the people of Our Saviour's our heartfelt thanks for all you have shared with us this past school year!

We thank you for:

- Tutors who help us learn and grow,
- Lunch Attendants who feed our kids,
- Outside workers who clean and restore our grounds and playground,
- Meal coordinators and servers for special events,
- Donors who send us supplies and gifts and resources,
- Donors and wrappers who helped us with our Christmas Gift Exchange,
- Helpers who created our Drama Club,
- Readers who share stories with our kids,
- And much, MUCH more!

You have brightened our world with hope by all you have shared.

Thank you.

Principal Bill McClone, Staff, Children and Families of Lincoln School



We Love Our Volunteers!



### 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!

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**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!

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	<b>Worship, "activities", and meetings are all virtual!</b>		<b>1</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Inspired by Laura	<b>2</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Inspired by Laura	<b>3</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Inspired by Laura	<b>4</b> Independence Day
<b>5</b> 9:00am Worship/Sunday School- streaming on Facebook Live (recorded for later viewing)	<b>6</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Inspired by Laura	<b>7</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett 1:30pm Women of Wisdom Bible Study – Jesus Calling 6:30pm Spirituality Study-The Cup of Our Life	<b>8</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett 5:30pm Returning to Worship Task Force	<b>9</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Inspired by Laura	<b>10 READ &amp; FEED COL-LECTION 8-4</b> 8am-4pm: Collecting kids books, masks, and canned, boxed food	<b>11</b>
<b>12 READ &amp; FEED COLLECTION 8-4</b> 9:00am Worship/Sunday School- streaming on Facebook Live (recorded for later viewing)	<b>13</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Inspired by Laura	<b>14</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett 6:30pm Council Mtg	<b>15</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Inspired by Laura	<b>16</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Inspired by Laura	<b>17</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Inspired by Laura	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Father's Day</b> 9:00am Worship/Sunday School- streaming on Facebook Live (recorded for later viewing)	<b>20 Articles due-August newsletter</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Laura	<b>21</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett 6:30pm Bible Study with Pr Kurt	<b>22</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Book Club ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> OSLC All	<b>23</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Laura	<b>24</b> 9:00am Devotional-Bread for the Journey by Pr Kurt 9:20am Staff meeting ~Noon Devotional-A Minute at a Time by Deacon Brett <b>B4 Noon</b> Devotional-Laura	<b>25</b>
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# Mail is being received at the church building on Meade Street again.

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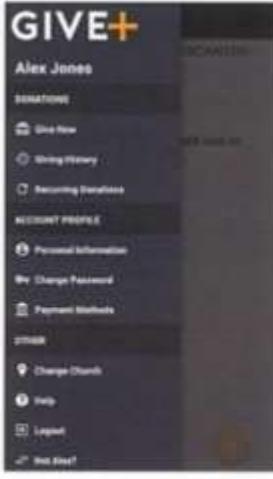
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## MEETING MINUTES

### OSLC Council Meeting: May 12, 2020 (Zoom Meeting)

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

Present: Pastor Kurt, Brett Christensen, Carol Lamp, Susan Kulkarni, Joan Allen, Steve Bartell, Brian Krauss, Jeff Furgens, Jim Leppla, Greg McDonald, Lori Knoke, Larry Williams, John Stangel, Steve Alstad

Excused: Will Hansen, Lorna Wulterkens

The Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Carol Lamp. Pastor Kurt gave the devotion.

March 10, 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
- Children's Ministries Written report was submitted
- Christian Education Update was submitted
- Long range Planning Update was submitted, Survey will be going out to the congregation shortly.
- Personnel Chair Update was submitted

#### Old Business:

- Pastor Dee's Retirement Celebration will be held later this year – pending COVID 19 situation – All gifts and messages were dropped off at Dee's home.

#### New Business:

- The Boy's and Girl's Club asked if they could use our building this

summer for overflow kids, and we have made the decision that under the current conditions, we are not comfortable having large groups of people in the building.

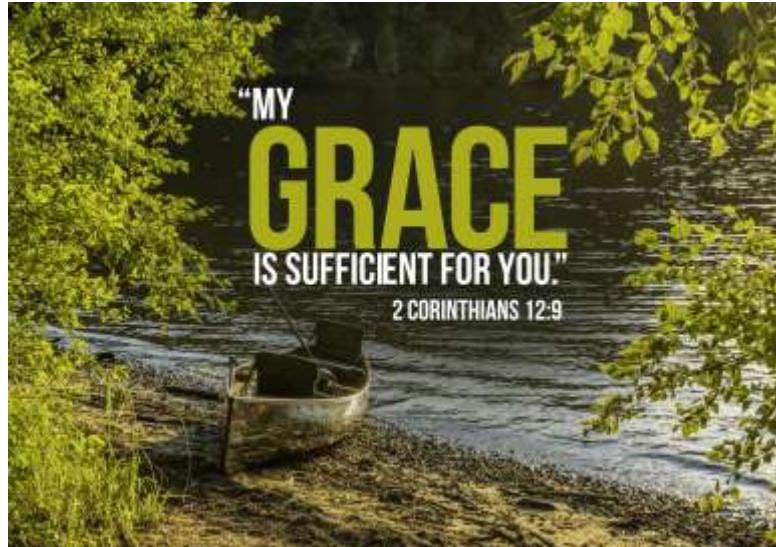
- We are in need of people to volunteer to cut the lawn. Please contact Jeff Furgens if you can help.
- Crossway Camps are all cancelled for the summer. They are looking at a deficit of \$360,000. We agreed to a \$750.00 donation at this time. This is an Annual Budget item.
- Other Annual Donations that were agreed upon: Camp Awesome \$500.00, LEAVEN \$500.00, and \$1,000.00 to Fox Valley Lutheran Homes in the fall.
- Pastor Kurt and Brett will continue with daily devotions on Facebook, 9am and 12 noon. Laura will also do devotions on Monday and Friday.
- A task force has been formed to begin discussing the 'when and how' to reopen our church in a safe and thoughtful way. Members of the committee are: Pastor Kurt, Brett, Laura, Steve Bartell, Carol Lamp, Greg McDonald and John Stangel.
- We agreed to start mailing the Our Glass to members that do not have computers or internet access. About 100 homes.
- Carol Lamp and other ELCA leaders will be doing a Zoom conference meeting with the Bishop on May 15 to discuss the procedures that the ELCA is using to deal with the pandemic as it impacts our churches.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

We adjourned at 8:06

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Lori Knoke**, Council Secretary

**See page 8 for financial report.**



# Adult Mission Trip 2020: Pine Lake Camp





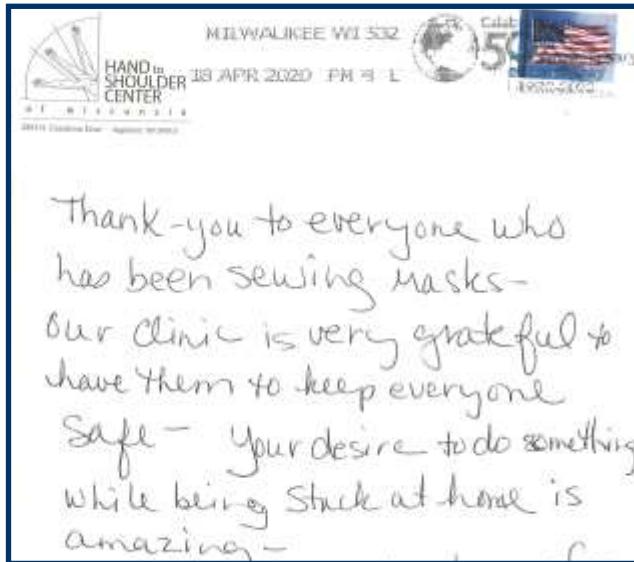
**This crew even cleared a few trees  
so those who stay in this cabin will  
have a better lake view!!**



**As everyone has been affected in some way by the pandemic, non-profit organizations are struggling. Your continued commitment to send your offerings to OSLC means that your church is able to honor our commitment to send benevolence monies to these organizations. They are every so grateful!**

**You are a blessing!!!**

**The mask makers are doing an outstanding job!**



May 25, 2020

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

Thank you for your very generous \$500 donation, which will be used to support operations at Camp AweSum.

Because of your support, we can continue to improve, build and grow the Outdoor Ministry of the Wisconsin Conference UCC. Friends like you help keep our programs strong and are vital to fulfilling our mission.

Please note that IRS regulations require that this letter state that United Church Camps Incorporated is a tax-exempt organization that did not provide any specific goods or services in return for this contribution. Please save this letter for your tax files.

Again, a sincere thank you for your very generous and caring support.



Glenn Svetnicka  
Executive Director – UCCI

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May 21, 2020

Dear Friends of Crossways:

I would like to thank you for your gift to Crossways Camping Ministries. Your congregation's generosity is of vital importance to the future of Crossways Camping Ministries and to each youth and adult camper who visits one of our three sites. Each gift helps to ensure that our programs will continue to serve our Mission for many years to come.

Again, thank you for your generous support in our efforts to equip people of all ages with an experience that will change lives and communities. Your gift will help us ensure that every camper or guest will be able to afford a quality camping or retreat experience.

For more information about Crossways Camping Ministries, please check out our website: [www.crosswayscamp.org](http://www.crosswayscamp.org).

Respectfully,

*Sharon L.S. Cook*

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Executive Director

Date	Transaction Description	Check # / Card Type	Amount Received	Non Deductible Amount	Receipt Amount
05/15/2020	CHECK payment of \$750.00 towards Financial Support Congregations	3710	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00

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April 27, 2020

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Pastor Kurt Hoffman  
3009 N. Meade St.  
Appleton, WI 54911-1581

Dear Pastor Hoffman,

Your support makes a difference! On behalf of LEAVEN and the people we serve, I want to thank you for your gift of \$756.00 received on 4/27/2020. With your help, we are able to address the near- and long-term basic needs of vulnerable members of our community.

LEAVEN's commitment to stewardship ensures your gift will be wisely used to help stabilize individuals and families in crisis who had nowhere else to turn for help.

Charity Navigator, the nation's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities, recently awarded LEAVEN their highest possible rating. Earning 4 consecutive 4-star ratings indicates that we adhere to sector best practices and execute our mission in a financially efficient manner. Only 13% of the charities they evaluate have earned this rating, indicating that LEAVEN outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets LEAVEN apart from our peers and demonstrates our trustworthiness. We are proud of this honor and hope it affirms your faith and confidence in our performance.

The LEAVEN Community Resource Center broadens the impact of your gift. By coordinating services with 15 onsite partners, we are addressing the root causes of our clients' poverty. Our goal is to help them build lasting financial stability, reducing their need for charitable assistance.

We hope you will continue to support our efforts to help our neighbors in need transition from crisis management to self-sufficiency. When that happens, our whole community benefits.

Sincerely,  
*Mary Parsons*

Mary Parsons  
Executive Director

*Thank you for your generous support. It is greatly needed and much appreciated as we assist the many households impacted by the health crisis.*

The Internal Revenue Service requires us to acknowledge that LEAVEN has not provided you with goods or services in exchange for this contribution. Please retain this letter for your records. It is an important document necessary for any available federal income tax deduction for this contribution.

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