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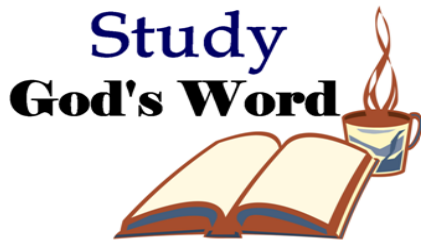
September 2020



Sunday School Kick Off
Sunday, September 13th - 6pm

Drive In Style Movie
Crystal Lake Parking Lot
"The Lorax"

See Sunday School article for more info.



Thursdays
10:30am & 6:30pm
The Gathering Room

Our regular Thursday morning and evening Bible Study will resume on October 1st at 10:30am and 6:30pm. Masks and social distancing will be used. Each week we will be focusing on the gospel text for the upcoming Sunday, taking it in the context of our Lutheran faith.

This Bible Study is geared for those who are both new to the faith and those who have followed Jesus for a long time. There are no requirements for attendance, other than a desire to learn more about our Savior, Jesus Christ and what He means to our lives right here and right now.



We have started a new a weekly YouTube sponsorship, like we do with our flowers and radio broadcast. Cost is \$50. Please call the church office if you would like to sponsor a Sunday.



Sunday, September 20th
10:30am

We are excited that we are finally able to hold our First Communion for our now 6th graders. This service will only be for our First Communicants and their families, but will be available on YouTube for those that would like to be a part of this special time in our church family.

Those receiving First Communion are:

Caleb Erickson	Seth Greenleaf
Clark Robb	Lena Roell
Madalyn Sleik	Emma Strom
Michael Weber	Connor White

We would also like to thank the instructors who helped prepare our fifth graders for this special moment in their faith journey. They are: Karen Baij, Jan Buckman and Molly Gustafson.





Pastor Paul, Geoff White, Kris Kreh, Bruce Buckman, John Kelm, Toby Carlson, Ted Sparapani, Bev Wadke, Todd Veale, Nick Jungles, Jaeme Kaski, Linnea Marchetti, Jim Meier

Action

- Approve Katie Jungles as a check signer at First National Bank & Trust.
- Use Memorial Funds (up to \$1,032.67) for a new computer for streaming.
- Create a live stream sponsorship , similar to our Radio sponsorship.
- Continue onsite worship as long as county & state guidelines allow.

Informational

- Sunday School Calendar
- Review of Worship Services
- New Office Specialist role - Katie Jungles
- Council Replacement for Nick Jungles - let Geoff know of any ideas
- Committee Updates - Preschool given by Bev Wadke - They begin Tuesday, Sept. 8th
- Confirmation - Reformation Sunday, October 25th
- Our Saviour's 100th Anniversary - 2023
- Pastoral Acts for July



Several months ago each household was mailed a Personal Profile Update to complete for our new membership program, Breeze. Many have returned their profiles, and we encourage those that have yet to return theirs to please do so. If you have misplaced yours and need a new copy or would like to give your information over the phone, please call the church office.

It is very helpful to have updated information with new addresses or phone numbers, a divorce, etc. Also on the form we ask your preference for receiving mail, newsletters and surveys whether by email, the postal service or a combination of both. We hope to start using these preferences in the near future.



Food Cart

Don't forgot to help out our neighbors by donating a few items to our food cart for the First Lutheran Food Pantry. There is always a need in our community.



Happy Retirement Ms. Joy!

It is with mixed feelings we say good bye to Joy Nasi after 9 years of wonderful, loving leadership to our God Club program. Because of family responsibilities and the circumstances of the COVID virus, (which makes God Club nearly impossible) Ms. Joy decided it was time to step down.

Ms. Joy took over in 2011 after Cynthia Cowen, the creator of God Club, retired. By her side these past years, supporting and encouraging her was faithful assistants, Sandy Shulstad and Sue Poupore. We thank them as well for their dedication to this wonderful ministry.

Students gathered together to learn about, practice, and celebrate God's love in all different ways – using Bible verses, stories,

songs, crafts, puppetry, games, videos and plenty of yummy snacks. Ms. Joy had a special gift and love to share with our 2nd-5th graders over the years. Thank you Ms. Joy for teaching our students and modeling the love of Jesus.



Confirmation will resume in person for 7th & 8th grade students on Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30 - 7:30pm. We have small enough classes where we are able to social distance with masks. We ask the returning students bring their completed book from March with them that evening.

We are currently looking for a 7th grade teacher for our six student class. If you would be interested in this position or would like more information, please call the church office.

In the past our 6th graders would begin Confirmation, however this year we are transitioning to a two year program for 7th & 8th grade students. Our 6th graders are welcome to take part in our virtual Sunday School and activities, such as the Outdoor Family Movie Night. If, and when our other activities begin, we would encourage our 6th graders to attend BASIC Training, normally held on Sunday mornings.



Lutheran World Relief Needs Our Help!

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) had three 40-foot shipping containers filled with humanitarian aid that included thousands of hand-made quilts and baby-care items destroyed in the devastating Aug. 4 explosions at the port of Beirut, Lebanon. The explosions killed more than 200 people, injured more than 5,000 and left at least 300,000 without shelter. The blast was strong enough to register as the equivalent of a 3.3-magnitude earthquake and was felt as far as Cyprus, 150 miles away.

The shipment, which also included school supplies for students and Personal Care Kits, were destined for refugees living in Lebanon, principally from Syria and the Palestinian territories.

The loss of more than 22,000 quilts, sewn by individuals and members of Lutheran congregations across the United States, could mean a more bitter winter for thousands of refugees, said Melanie Gibbons, deputy director, outreach and engagement at Lutheran World Relief.

"Our quilts are made with love by those who painstakingly craft them, and they're deeply appreciated by the people in distress who receive them, both for the warmth and the message of care they provide," Gibbons said.

In addition, the shipping containers held 100 cartons of kits filled with school supplies, 300 cartons of Personal Care Kits and 125 cartons of Baby Care Kits.

More than 47,000 quilts and kits were destroyed in the Beirut explosion. The total value of the lost shipments was approximately \$624,000.

"Our hearts are breaking as we grieve and pray with our brothers and sisters in Beirut," said Daniel Speckhard, president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief. "We are committed to replacing the aid that was lost and are working on an emergency response to provide assistance as the city recovers and rebuilds."

Lutheran World Relief is asking individuals and congregations to provide quilts and kits to replace those that were destroyed. Here's where you come in.

Our morning quilters are challenging our congregation to try to complete at least 100 Personal Care Kits with them.

Each kit contains a dark colored bath towel (96), large tooth comb (43), toothbrush (91), nail clipper with attached file (48) and 2 bars of soap (44). These are the items we collect throughout the year. The number you see next to the item is what we have as of this week. Items can be dropped off anytime at the church office.

Sunday School

It's that time of year again! The start of Sunday School is coming fast! To register for your children for Sunday School this year please visit our website, www.oslfamily.org and click on the Sunday School registration tab. The start of this year has created some unique challenges, but teaching your children about God is our priority! The Sunday School Ministry Team brainstormed and has come up with events and lessons that will teach your children about God, maintain social distancing and create fun family activities centered around the lessons we are learning about God. Below is a list of those events and activities.



September 13th - 6:00pm – Family Movie Night – Drive-In Style in the church parking lot. The movie will be The Lorax. We will talk about God's Creation and how we are to be good stewards of all God has created.

September 14th – Self paced family lesson will be emailed/mailed to parents on God's Creation.

September 20th - 11:00am - Creation Story Virtual Lesson VIA BlueJeans – students can attend via computer, tablet, chromebook, cell phone or phone call. Invitations for this lesson will be emailed/mailed to parents.

September 21st - 27th – Family Creation Sidewalk Event – Sidewalk Chalk will be available for pickup starting September 21st outside church's Kimberly Street entrance – Each family will pick up their box of chalk anytime that week and draw a creation picture on one of the sidewalk squares around the church or on the wall in the church parking lot. Take a picture of your creation and email it to sunday-school@oslfamily.org and we will post all of our beautiful creations on our Facebook page.

If you have any questions or If you do not have internet to register for Sunday School, please call the Church Office at 774-2733 and they can help you register and take down your information so we can make sure to mail you the resources. We will continually evaluate our situation and change as necessary to make this ministry both God centered and safe for all.

In Christ's love,
Your Sunday School Ministry Team





Your prayer requests are important to us at Our Saviour's. Here are some helpful tips:

- If you would like to add a name to the Prayer Concerns portion of our bulletin, we ask that you call the church office (774-2733) to let us know.
- Please make sure you have permission from that person to add them to our prayer list.
- With the exception of our prayers for those serving in the armed forces, prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for one month.
- Please let the office staff know if circumstances change in that time and you would like a name removed.

If you would like to submit a prayer request more privately, please continue to use the yellow prayer cards available during services. Prayer requests on those cards will not be put in the bulletin, unless you also call the church office and request it.



Dear OSL,

On May 7th, 2020, I left my apartment to take the dog out before work and was never able to return. A 5 alarm fire swept through my apartment, wiping out everything I owned.

First was disbelief and hysteria. That was soon replaced by anger and devastation. However, not long after we began to experience a new feeling - overwhelming support. We will never be able to fully express our gratitude to everyone who helped support us during one of the hardest times in life so far.

During some of the worst experiences in your life, you have to look for God's presence a little harder. But it was clear, God was with everyone in the apartment building that day. The amount of things that had to go right that morning in order for no lives, human or furry, to be lost was clearly an act of God. The comfort of God as well as the support we have received has helped us begin to rebuild our lives.

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, prayers and all of the contributions.

Sincerely,
Carlye Buchcusi



September

BIRTHDAYS

1 Jonathan Ringel
Amanda Rudnick
4 Wade Edwards
Patti Forgette
Travis Giguere
5 John Edlebeck
6 Arlo Maki
7 Betty Soderberg
8 Mya Grunlund
9 Scott Camp
Gabe Celello
Sandra Meier
Travis Smith
Laura VanGuilder
10 Jim Myllyla
Brittany Pugh
Elizabeth Seymour
Alex Swartout
Andrew Swartout
11 Adam Kruppstadt
Austin Plonke
Dean Ruohomaki
12 Patricia Menza
Mary Parrott

13 Kay Conery
14 Alison Bray
15 Chris Carlson
Greg LaFreniere
Jaycie Marchetti
16 Nikki Recla
Geno Schinderle
17 Clark Robb
18 Carlye Buchcusi
Aubrie Moore
Mandy Shogren
19 Zaeda Bowers
Laura Olsen
20 Grace Flunker
21 Bonnie Greenleaf
Jeremy Maki
Wyatt Scott
Cassie Taff
Matthew Willman
22 Don Coplan
Donna Westphal
Peter Kennedy
Mariann Goodchild
Ethan LaVarnway
Tom Nelson
Steve Westphal

23 Jay Gareau
Soren LeMire
Nathan Markell
Nicholas Opolka
Christine Kruppstadt
25 Nan Johnson
29 Chris Moore
Joann Seppi
30 Richard Bath
Miriam Belding





Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Virtual Fall Fest Saturday, October 3rd

This year's event will be entirely online! They'll begin with an online Silent Auction starting on Wednesday, September 23 and culminate with the LIVE event on Saturday, October 3. They ask that you please consider how your young professionals and youth can help some of your senior members--who may not be as technologically savvy--to participate in this historic event! They plan to continue the tradition of connecting bidders with beautiful, hand-made items while raising the most funds for Fortune Lake in a single day!

Fortune Lake has lodging options available for family rentals. They have COVID -19 mitigation protocol in place and have been providing safe, affordable vacation opportunities for families and individuals since the beginning of July. Guests choose their preferred accommodations, prepare their own meals, and enjoy all that their facility has to offer privately and at their own pace: nature hikes, a giant grassy field for stargazing, a full-court basketball court, a private playground, campfires, swimming and pontoon rides (*an additional cost, based on staff availability*). Our Place of Grace is a great space for Sabbath rest. Take a virtual tour: <https://fortunelake.org/retreats-rentals/camp-tour/> Call (906) 214-2267 or email campdirector@fortunelake.org for information.



Shepherds Preschool is happy to be starting back up on September 8th! We have an exciting year ahead, and look forward to meeting our new students, along with those returning for another year of fun and learning! During these times of uncertainty, we have made some changes to our daily routine to keep both students and children safe and healthy, along with their families. We will continue with lots of fun and learning in our classroom! We do still have openings in our Preschool Class this year. If your child or a child you know would be interested in joining us this year, please pick up a registration form in the church office or send an email to shepherdspreschool@gmail.com.

We are celebrating our 20th year of preschool this year! What an amazing blessing that is!! A huge thank you to all the teachers and assistant teachers that have been a part of our preschool in the last 20 years, making this program successful and loved by everyone! I am proud to be a part of such a wonderful team, starting my second year and Ms. Kaye her 19th year!

Ms. Mandy Shogren & Ms. Kaye Wienke



Sept. 4th – 55 Years
Vic & Joann Seppi

Thank You:

Madelyn Yake

Sincere Sympathy to:

- ** Doreen Olson on the death of her sister, Sandy Pouliot

Congratulations to:

- ** Ethan & Mackenzie Metras on the birth of daughter, Brynlee Lynn Metras and proud grandparents, Scott & Justine Metras.

Financials & Attendance

July Receipts	\$34,313.00
July Expenditures	\$29,843.00
Balance	\$4,470.00

August 2	57
August 9	54
August 16	55
August 23	60
August 30	66



The Pastor's Link

There was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces...but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.
– 1 Kings 19:11-13

For many of us, living through the pandemic has meant letting go of life rhythms we've known and counted on; people, places and habits that once grounded us. This letting go for some, has led to significant isolation; while for others it's led to the rediscovery of creative ways of staying connected. Avoiding the virus has become the dominant task for all of us. And while there are many things we miss about being with the physically gathered community, we have slowly grown accustomed to our forced "new reality". And perhaps we will be less apt to take things for granted when this does pass. It begs the question: Where do we expect to find God these days? How do we expect God to show up for us?

The Scriptures record many stories of how through the ages the people and prophets have had to come to terms with new ways of understanding who God is and how God might show up among us. The quote above comes from the story of the prophet Elijah, whose battle against Israel's worst king, Ahab and his evil wife Jezebel had taken its toll on him. Elijah was feeling weak and vulnerable. So when Queen Jezebel puts a bounty on his head, Elijah flees for his life, journeying 40 days and 40 nights to the holy mountain of God at Horeb. Elijah arrives there feeling depressed, defeated, fearful and alone. He wonders whether all his efforts for God's sake have been for nothing. Exhausted, he crawls into this cave and he waits for a sign. There's a lot packed into this story, into what precedes it and what comes after it, but three verses captured my attention.



Elijah is commanded: ***“Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”*** And so Elijah, bone weary, looks toward the mouth of the cave.

This is what happens next: ***“There was a great wind, so strong it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire, a sound of sheer silence”***

It's when Elijah hears that silence; so deep, so pervasive that he wraps his mantle around his head, crawls to the mouth of the cave, and he stands up before the LORD. Elijah has been around God long enough to learn that God may just show up in ways we least expect; not through out-sized events or huge natural phenomenon or feats of strength, but in the form of sheer silence accompanied by a “still small voice”.

The answer to the question: Where will God show up for us during this pandemic, may surprise us. The story of Elijah invites us to not come to conclusions too quickly about where we can find God, but instead to remain open to how and where we see God manifested during this vulnerable time. To listen for that “still small voice” which can only be heard when we learn to filter out all the other loud, boisterous, public, competing voices which vie for our attention.

So like Elijah, we take time to listen for that silence, and in deliberately listening we will hear God's “still small voice”. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guide and direct us in paths of righteousness for His Namesake, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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Saturday - 5:00pm
Sunday - 9:00am

**Communion will be offered
at every service.**



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