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Our Savior Lutheran Church Living Faith Center

WORSHIP WITH US
Worship 9:30 AM
Adult Class 10:45 AM

Communion August 9 & 23

ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY
AUG. 17-23, 2009 "God's Work, Our Hands"
Minneapolis Convention Center
 The Assembly will consider many issues including: full communion with United Methodist; Ministry policies; statement on justice for women; funding HIV & AIDS Strategy; Lutheran Malaria initiative; recommendations on Human Sexuality; amendments to ELCA Constitution; Budget proposals; various Memorials & Resolutions. For information, see the ELCA website at <http://www.elca.org>.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN STAFF

MINISTERS	ALL PEOPLE OF OSLC
PASTOR	STEVEN HERZBERG
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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	STACY GONZALEZ
ORGANIST/PIANIST	LINDA TODD
YOUTH DIRECTOR	ABBY LINDHOLM
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	ESTHER OLSEN
NURSERY ATTENDANT	JILL RIVAS

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Pastor's Notes

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior,

Where did the summer go? Can you believe we are in our last weeks before the children and youth head back to school and the teachers back to work? It has gone by rather quickly – a sign that we have been rather busy. We put an emphasis on the youth and children again this summer, and that has absorbed most of our busyness. We pray to God that it has been meaningful in those younger lives. . . .

The first two weeks of August will be filled with the Music and Activities Camp. I thank the volunteers in advance for their efforts. May it be a God-

pleasing endeavor. . . .

August also begins our planning for the start-up of our Fall ministries again. Watch for the appointed meeting times and pray for those leaders as they focus anew on our renewed ministries. . . .

We will be spending some time preparing for the addition of a new part-time staff member – Janet West. The council will head up the effort to put those steps in place. . . .

Please enjoy the time you still have left this summer. Stay out of the heat but in the kitchen of God's activity here at OSLC. We are His servants and want to serve Him year-round.

Pastor Steve (home phone 956-631-0273)



SUMMER 2ND SUNDAY POTLUCK!!
Sunday, August 9th.
Bring a breakfast dish to share!

OSLC Dime Ministry:

The dimes from the 3rd quarter will go to Comfort House, a non-profit hospice for those with terminal illnesses. The funds will be used for much needed supplies. Save your dimes and bring them to church on the last Sunday of every month. God bless you all.

A BIG THANK YOU to all my church friends and family for helping make my 90th birthday so wonderful with your cards and greetings. It is heartwarming to know that so many of you participated in my celebration. May God bless you as he has me. Ruth Eckman

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS—

Healing: Virgil Mullins, Phyllis Shartle, Tim Smith, Branch Zuniga. **Shut-Ins:** Mary Ann Hadan, Bob & Gwen Preston. **Family Members:** Gerri Craig (Linda Todd's mom), Bob & Lorna Rainey, Kelli Travers. **Friends of Congregation:** Ashton Arizpe, Ray & Joyce Barnhart (friends of Diana Clark), Stephanie Engler (granddaughter of Janet Young), Tim Harrison (son of Ralland & Lois) Cassie Hovland, Patrick Hovland, Sally Houston, Wyatt Anthony Kamp, Gene Kloss, Arlene & Jonathan Luna, Debbie Martin, Megan Mitterling, Karen Montzka (Virg & Rose Mullins' daughter), Joe Parenio (cousin of Salinas'), Rubye Samilton, Patty Schneider, Mike Taylor, Jon Young, and Rita Simmerer. **In military service:** Anthony Carter (frined of Liljedahls), Cody Crumpler (relative of the Todd's), David Lamborn (Jerry & Vicky Ervine's grandson), Marcus Rodriguez (friend of Sheryl Carriere); Ramiro Sandoval (Burnhams' son); Brian Ruiz (cousin of Ruiz family), Michael Sanchez (Linda Todd's grandson), Tony Soderquist (nephew of Delaneys), and David Westfall (grandson of Gwen Preston).

L.O.S.T. OPEN GYM NIGHT!

Come one and all on Friday, August 28 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Movies, basketball, volleyball, football in the courtyard, video game tournaments (bring your system & games). Concessions for sale with all the good stuff. Spread the word and bring your friends grade 6 & up!

No open gym Friday, August 14. Come enjoy the musical presentation of "Promise U" at 7:00pm instead!!

SUMMER ADULT CLASS

"A LINEAGE OF GRACE": We will begin the book *Unshaken: Ruth* on August 9th at 10:45am in Classroom C. *Unspoken: Ruth* and *Unafraid: Mary* will follow and we will take 3 weeks on each study. These books are available on Amazon.com if you would like to join us. Please read ahead and bring your books and your Bible to class.

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Treasurer report Through Quarter 2 ,2009
January-June Period (6 Months)

	Actual	Plan	Difference
Income	\$160,062	\$158,955	\$1,107
Expense	\$152,762	\$156,071	(\$3,309)

Income thru June was 0.70% greater than plan
Expense thru June was 2.12% less than plan
Income about equal to plan
Expenses were well less than plan-good job folks.
Various members have asked for an updated Mortgage balance-currently our open balance is \$312,137. I will publish this balance quarterly going forward.
God's Peace to you.
Tom Riesterer, Treasurer

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Brianna Beasley
- 1 Norma Cohrs
- 4 Michelle Milligan
- 5 Veretta Johannsen
- 6 Abby Lindholm
- 6 Ron Ortenstone
- 7 Donald Peterson
- 14 Gracka Herzberg
- 16 Charles Sondrol
- 18 Doris Bagaus
- 18 Marlene Hemmer
- 20 Kathy Salinas
- 21 Marge Hopkins
- 22 Rayna Delaney
- 23 Carney Olson
- 23 Irma Shafer
- 27 Maynard Kreidler
- 28 Amy Zuniga



For our Youth: We have had a fun-filled and busy summer! Thanks to everyone who participated in our DU's (Destination Unknown) and gym nights. At this writing, many of our middle school youth are at Camp Ebert and our high school youth are at the National Gathering in New Orleans. The Lord has truly blessed our youth this summer, and has graced us with Dawn Everson who will soon take over the direction of our youth program. Dawn will lead us in positive new directions. Thanks to all the adults who have helped lead the youth this summer. Our youth are not the future of the church, they are the present church. Thank you for the leadership, prayers and hours donated, but keep in mind that Dawn will need your support, prayers and helping hands as we begin a new school year.

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Base & Sandy Huston
- 7 Jim & Jan Offerdahl
- 12 Joe & Elayne Nelson
- 18 Duane & Doris Bagaus
- 27 Steve & Tonia Herzberg
- 28 Bob & Lois Thomto
- 29 Ralland & Lois Harrison

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

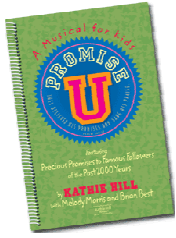
	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Lectors	Ann Gales	Darrell Smith	Diana Herzberg	Hal Schultz	Mackenzey Liljedahl
Greeters	Ernie & Vi Greenwald	Gene & Sue Nielsen	Dick & Barb Rush	Jennie Drozdowski Vi Greenwald	Duane Bagaus Doris Bagaus
Ushers	Rick & Ann Gales Dick & Barb Rush	Rick & Ann Gales Dick & Barb Rush	Dave & Sally Askins Rick & Ann Gales	Dave & Sally Aksins Rick & Ann Gales	Dave & Sally Askins Rick & Ann Gales
Communion		Joe & Elayne Nelson		Joe & Elayne Nelson	
Assistants		Duane & Doris Bagaus		Duane & Doris Bagaus	



SHARING AND CARING

ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS we collect items for our outreach programs. On August 9 please bring **TORTILLAS & CANNED TOMATO PRODUCTS** and on August 23 it's **RICE AND BEANS**. You may leave them on the "Our Savior Cares" table in the Narthex. The committee will not meet again until October. Summers we slow down a bit here, but the need for food supplies remains. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry.

Summer Music & Activities for Kids—2009



The greatest promise is "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." God's promises are for all believers, whether they lived 2000 years ago or today! If you are in grade 1-8 & like to pretend, you can come on a 2 week journey to Promise University during S.M.A.K! Register online at www.oursaviorcallen.org or pick up a registration form in the Narthex or the office. The \$50 fee covers bowling, ice skating, swimming and a Mr. Gatti's party, plus arts, crafts, and recreation. Scholarships are available. Free lunches will be offered for kids. Come join us at S.M.A.K. on August 3-14, 1:00-5:00pm, Monday-Friday. Register now for your packet to learn the music!

SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 7:00 P.M.

A message to Our Savior family: We haven't even begun SMAK at the printing of this newsletter but we would like to stop in the middle of planning to thank everyone. The Dime Ministry brought us enough to cover the snacks and still help to sponsor kids, and we thank you deeply for this. Without our church family helping us, we never would be able to offer our summer music camp so we just want to pause again and say thank you for your support, both financial and your prayers. From all the staff.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN....

As I write this I am listening to raindrops on the roof of our camper. We are still vacationing in Kansas, visiting with friends and family. We have experienced a lot of rain in every part of the State. I wish we could send some of it to the Valley. Les' brother's farm has been flooded four times so far this year. When we are traveling from place to place like this I really enjoy seeing all the beautiful places, things, and people our God has created. I take a breath in the morning and my heart wants to sing with joy at the blue sky, the raindrops and the smiles I see. When I hear the thunder, it sounds like a drum roll to announce God's presence. And He is there always. I hope you are able to experience His presence each and every day in everything you do and everywhere you are.

I have seen the results of the Synod offerings that were received during the Conference held in our new convention center. The Synod requested \$88,000 for a variety of projects throughout the Conference. We exceeded that total by close to \$700. I'd like to send a hearty "Thank You" to all of you for allowing the Spirit to lead you in your contributions. We will be returning to the Valley in time to share in the activities that are on our August calendar. We look forward to seeing all of you again soon. With love and peace, Lynne

Angel Food Ministry

Orders are due by August 16, with food box pick up on August 29. Currently we are helping 6 families at OSLC. See Les & Lynne Watkins to donate or to order a box. Thanks for sharing!

Let's get busy!!

Worship & Music Meeting:

Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 3:00pm.

Learning Committee:

Thursday, Aug. 6 at 6:30pm

Council Meeting:

Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 6:30pm.

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