

Welcome to Our Savior's!

Time after Pentecost • September 30 and October 1, 2017

Today and This Week at OSL

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS who are being received into the OSL family at each of this weekend's worship services. You will know them by their red carnations.

FLOWERS are given by Dave and Donna Krueger in celebration of Andrew and Kelly Krueger's sixth wedding anniversary, on Sept. 30.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED in The Gathering Place on Sunday, starting at 9:30. On the menu this week: Pancakes and sausage. Thank you for contributing to the freewill offering to help cover expenses.

Children, youth, and adults are invited to participate in **STICK TOGETHER**, the OSL Library's intergenerational reading program. Each day you check out items, you will receive a treat and a colored sticker that will be added to the "Stick Together with God, Family, and Friends" mosaic, which will reveal one of God's blessings in our lives.

All singers (grade nine and older) are welcome to join **THE ADULT CHOIR FOR THE REFORMATION 500 WORSHIP SERVICE** on Nov. 1, at 7:00 P.M., at the Sioux Falls Arena. Dr. Paul Nesheim from Augustana University will conduct, and an anthem written for this event will have its premiere. There will be one mass rehearsal at the Arena, at 4:00 on Nov. 1; OSL singers will be rehearsing on Wednesday evenings, at 6:30, in the Choir Room, starting this Wednesday, Oct. 4.

THE SHACK Does God still love us when we're angry at Him? Is it possible to heal from unbearable loss? The powerful story of the movie *The Shack* will connect with you—whether you are searching for faith or lost it somewhere along the way. This is the final weekend of Our Savior's **THREE-WEEK SERMON SERIES**, at all worship services, drawing upon scripture and video clips from *The Shack* to help you trust God more completely, connect with God in a deeper way, and experience life-changing love and forgiveness even in the midst of pain.

THE BLOOD MOBILE will return to OSL this Sunday, Oct. 1, 8:00 A.M. to noon. Didn't sign up? Walk-ins are welcome!

Join Pr. Sami for a **SIX-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** based on the book *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* by N. T. Wright, on Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M., Oct. 3 through Nov. 7, in the Office Conference Room. Through video, discussion, and personal application, we will explore the scriptures to gain an exciting new vision for our lives on earth in light of our future in heaven. You are invited to purchase the book, but it is not necessary in order to appreciate the course. Sign up at the Information Center.

Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.

 **Calendar****Saturday, September 30 - *The Shack* Sermon Series; New Members Rec'd**

5:00 pm Festive Worship - SA

Sunday, October 1 - *The Shack* Sermon Series; New Members Rec'd; Blood Mobile

8:00 am Response Singers - ChrRm
8:45 am Celebrate Worship - CC
8:45 am Festive Worship - SA
9:30 am Breakfast - GP
10:00 am Frolic - Heavenly Hangout
10:00 am Sunday School - Labyrinth Room
10:00 am Congregational Life Board - Room 101
10:00 am MS Youth Group - YR
10:00 am Van Schepen LifeGroup - Room 103
11:00 am Celebrate Worship - CC
11:00 am Festive Worship - SA
3:30 pm 9th Grade Retreat - YR
4:00 pm Lemme LifeGroup - FR
4:00 pm Harlan LifeGroup - CM

Monday, October 2

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Gentle Yoga (OLLI) - Labyrinth Room
10:15 am Morning Yoga (OLLI) - Labyrinth Room
11:00 am Writing Group - Room 103
3:15 pm Circle Bible Study Leaders - GP
5:30 pm LeVasseur LifeGroup - GP South
6:00 pm Mindfulness/ Yoga (OLLI) - Labyrinth Room
7:00 pm Pickleball - Gym

Tuesday, October 3

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Staff Meeting - OCR
11:00 am Tai Chi (OLLI) - FH
2:00 pm Hope for Living w/ Illness or Cancer - FR
5:30 pm Bells of OSL - BCR
5:30 pm Sad Isn't Bad - GP
6:00 pm Surprised by Hope Bible Study - OCR
7:00 pm Celebrate Band - CC
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry - FR

Wednesday, October 4

7:00 am Conversation w/ God - Chapel
8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:30 am Friends of the Library - Room 103
3:00 pm Crocheting Sleeping Mats - GP
4:30 pm Open Gym - Gym
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper - GP
5:30 pm LifeGroup Meeting - FR
6:00 pm Wednesday School - Labyrinth Room
6:00 pm Adult Confirmation - OCR
6:00 pm Confirmation - FH
6:00 pm Woodshop Ministry - Shop

6:30 pm Our Savior's Choir - ChrRm
6:50 pm Free Time - Gym
7:00 pm Emerge Youth Group - YR

Thursday, October 5

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Foot Care Clinic - CM
10:00 am Preschool Storytime - Library
10:00 am Good Grief Group - FR
10:00 am Play & Pray - Room 102
10:00 am Sioux Falls News & Issues (OLLI) - FH
11:20 am Stephen Ministry - FR
6:30 pm Hasche LifeGroup - YR

Friday, October 6

6:30 am Men's Bible Study Breakfast - GP
8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Friends of the Library - Room 103
10:00 am My Path/Circuit Judge(OLLI) - FR

Saturday, October 7

8:00 am Woodshop Ministry - Shop
10:00 am Memory Care Support Group - OCR
5:00 pm Festive Worship - SA

Sunday, October 8

8:00 am Response Singers - ChrRm
8:45 am Celebrate Worship - CC
8:45 am Festive Worship - SA
9:30 am Breakfast - GP
9:45 am The Art of Marriage - OCR
10:00 am Addiction Awareness Event - CC
10:00 am Frolic - Heavenly Hangout
10:00 am Kindergarten Milestone - FR
10:00 am Sunday School - Labyrinth Room
10:00 am Immigration: Myths & Realities - FH
10:00 am Baptism Orientation - Room 103
10:00 am MS Youth Group - YR
11:00 am Celebrate Worship - CC
11:00 am Festive Worship - SA

 **Community**

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST meets on the first and third Friday of every month, at 6:30 A.M., in The Gathering Place, for food, Bible study, and fellowship. Next meetings: Oct. 6 and Oct. 20.

BEYOND ADDICTION BOOK STUDY GROUP will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 11, in Caring Ministries, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M., to discuss chapter 12, "Treatment Options." New members are welcome!

Community

ELISE HASCHE, OSL Youth Director for the past five years, will be stepping down from that role this fall. Her last day on staff will be Oct. 31. Please keep Elise and Ben, and OSL's youth ministry, in your prayers during this time of transition.

Join other OSL couples for **THE ART OF MARRIAGE: A BIBLICALLY CENTERED STUDY OF GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE**, a six- to seven-week small-group series, starting on Sunday, Oct. 8, between worship services (9:45 to 10:30 A.M.), in Fellowship Hall. A video will be shown with discussion to follow. This series is open to newlyweds through "seasoned" married couples. Contact Laura Wong, 582-4212, with questions or to sign up.

THE OSL WRITERS will meet on Mondays, from 11:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M., in Room 103, through Nov. 13. Bring something you have written—poetry or prose—and ten copies to share with the group. Writings are read and discussed, with positive comments. If you are a first-time visitor, come and see what the group might offer you. Bring a sack lunch and beverage; there's a lunch break during the meeting time. Questions? Call Margaret, 321-5193, or Gayle, 376-0290.

Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? Consider becoming a **STEPHEN MINISTER!** Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through a difficult time—divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, chronic or terminal illness, or loneliness. OSL will be training another class of Stephen Ministers come January. To find out more, contact Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942.

PLAY AND PRAY is a ministry for moms and caregivers who gather to support one another, laugh and cry together, and grow deeper in relationship with God and one another—all while the children, from birth through preschool, enjoy supervised play in the Nursery. Play and Pray meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00, in Room 102, next to the Sanctuary. Contact Pr. Sami, sjohnson@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 12, with questions.

Families of kindergarten students are welcome to OSL's first ever **KINDERGARTEN CARING CONVERSATIONS MILESTONE**, on Oct. 8. The milestone will be celebrated, and your child will sing at the 8:45 A.M. Celebrate service. Afterward, at 10:00, you will have Family Time with Pr. Sami in the Friendship Room. This will be their Sunday School for the day.

MSYG (MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP) will head to the Heartland Country Corn Maze in Harrisburg on Sunday, Oct. 8. Gather at OSL at noon (after 11:00 A.M. worship) for lunch, then carpool to the Corn Maze together. The group will return around 2:30 P.M. Cost will be \$10, which will cover lunch and the maze. Friends are welcome! Sign up on the SignUpGenius link at oslchurch.com/youth.



Gather with people from all across the South Dakota Synod to commemorate **THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION** in worship on

Nov. 1, at 7:00 P.M., at the Sioux Falls Arena. Details and a link for free tickets (available through Oct. 9) may be found at sdsynod.org/reformation500.

IMMIGRATION: MYTHS AND REALITIES will be presented on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 10:00 A.M., in the Friendship Room. Jennifer Lunder, Ayuda coordinator, and Cari Lee Skogberg Eastman, local author and researcher, will conduct the forum, which will offer an opportunity to study research-based truths about immigration, recognize myths and misperceptions about our immigrant neighbors, and better understand how members of faith communities are called to respond to immigration-related issues.

The OSL Library will be accepting books, movie DVDs, and music CDs through Oct. 18 for its annual **FALL BOOK SALE**. Bring items into the Library during business hours (do not leave them outside the Library). The sale will run from noon to 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, Oct. 21, and from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, Oct. 22, in the Friendship Room.

Community

All are invited to an **OPEN HOUSE FOR RAY ENGH'S 85TH BIRTHDAY**, on Sunday, Oct. 8, from noon to 3:00 P.M., in The Gathering Place. Come share good memories and good food!

WM. PAUL YOUNG, the author of *The Shack*, will be speaking at the Sioux Falls Convention Center, 1201 N. West Ave., this Monday, Oct. 2, at 7:00 P.M. A freewill offering will be received. This event is sponsored by South Dakota Faith in Public Life.

Learning

CPR/AED AND FIRST-AID TRAINING for ushers, deacons, Sunday and Wednesday School Teachers, and all interested OSL Members and staff will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19, in The Gathering Place West. Come at 5:30 P.M. for pizza; training with Jeremy Robertson of Sioux Falls Fire Rescue will start at 6:30. Pre-register with the Church Office, 336-2942, or scurry@oslchurch.com.

All are welcome to join Pr. Randy for another round of **ADULT CONFIRMATION**. The class meets on Wednesdays, through Oct. 18, from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M., in the Office Conference Room. The text for this session is *By Heart*, a richly illustrated, in-depth exploration of the Small Catechism. The class is a perfect way to prepare for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. A donation of \$15 will help offset the cost of the book.

Service

THE HARDEST THING ABOUT HOSPITAL VISITATION is finding a parking space. Hospital visitation is an important ministry that lets OSL members know they matter to both God and their church family. Opportunities exist for you to become a hospital visitation volunteer! Contact Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19, or Deb Harlan, dharlan@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 48, for information.

Volunteers will be **TUTORING SEVEN STUDENTS** at Hayward Elementary, 400 N. Valley View Rd., on Mondays, from 2:45 to 3:45 P.M., starting on Oct. 2—and you can help! There's no need to commit to every Monday; just visit <http://bit.ly/2feBb1i> and put in your information. Materials are supplied. This is a project of the Ayuda Initiative, an ELCA ministry partner of OSL. If you need help or have questions, contact Jennifer, ayuda.elca@gmail.com or 339-8571.

Generosity

From January through July, OSL members directed \$7,594 of **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** to Our Savior's, at no cost to themselves. If you're a Thrivent Financial member, simply call 1-800-847-4836, or log into your account at thrivent.com to direct your Choice Dollars. Thank you for your generous support.

BIG SOO COUPON BOOKS are available at the Youth Information Table on Sundays, or in the Church Office during the week. Books are \$40 each, with \$10 of each sale going toward next summer's youth trips!

OSL MINISTRY PLAN UPDATE

Our ministry of proclaiming Christ and nurturing faith that connects to everyday life is made possible through the generosity of OSL members and friends. Thank you for your ongoing support through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Projected Contributions YTD	\$1,352,664
Contributions Received YTD	\$1,296,317
Ahead/(Behind)	(\$ 56,347)

This shortfall in contributions income is not uncommon following the summer, when worship attendance is typically lower. Our goal remains to meet or exceed our projected contributions for the year to fully fund our ministry initiatives for the year, cover past shortfalls, and position us for continued growth in the future.

May God continue to bless this ministry that we share, the lives that are touched, and all of the ways that each of us contribute—to the glory of God.