

Welcome to Our Savior's!

Time after Pentecost ♦ October 7 and 8, 2017



Today and This Week at OSL

Through the **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** the OSL community welcomes *Rickey Thomas Niedermeier* into the Body of Christ. Rickey is the son of Adam and Kelcey Niedermeier; his sponsors are Abbey Anderson, Katie Chandler, and Brian Niedermeier.

OSL FOOD MINISTRY: Breakfast is served in The Gathering Place on Sunday, starting at 9:30. On the menu this week: Bacon and eggs. Wednesday supper is served from 5:00 to 6:30, in The Gathering Place. Up this week: Spaghetti and meatballs. Thank you for contributing to the freewill offering to help cover expenses.

The **KINDERGARTEN CARING CONVERSATIONS MILESTONE** is this Sunday, Oct. 8! Your child will sing at the 8:45 A.M. Celebrate worship service; afterward, at 10:00, parents will go with your child to Family Time with Pr. Sami in the Friendship Room. You'll be making a caring conversations cube to merge kids' school and faith milestones together in a way that promotes meaningful conversation in your home.

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 have begun rehearsing on Wednesday evenings, at 6:30, in the Choir Room.

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 12:15 in The Gathering Place, for the purpose of voting on a recommendation from the Congregation Council to extend a call to Pr. Justin Kosec to serve as OSL's Pastor of Outreach and Communication. A light lunch will be served.

MSYG (MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP) will head to the Heartland Country Corn Maze in Harrisburg this 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.

ADDICTION AWARENESS MINISTRY SUNDAY is this weekend. Matt Walz, from Keystone Treatment Center and the Jason Foundation (preventing teen suicide), and Dave Jansa, a recovery coach with Face It TOGETHER Sioux Falls, will discuss "Underage Drinking and Prevention," in the Celebrate Center, from 10:00 to 10:45 A.M., in the Celebrate Center. All are welcome! Invite your family and friends.

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., 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, October 7**

5:00 pm Festive Worship - SA

Sunday, October 8 - Addiction Awareness Ministry

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
12:00 pm MSYG Sunday Event - Off Site

Monday, October 9

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
11:00 am Writing Group - Room 103
7:00 pm Pickleball - Gym

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

7:00 am Conversation w/God - Chapel
8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:30 am Knit/Crochet Ministry - Sonshine Room
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
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 12

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
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

3:00 pm Religious Liberty in America (OLLI) - FR
5:00 pm Church in Society Board - GP
5:15 pm OSL Foundation - OCR
5:30 pm Outreach Board - GP
6:00 pm Education Board - GP
6:30 pm Senior Ministry Board - GP
7:00 pm Deacons Board - GP
7:00 pm Property Board - GP
7:00 pm Caring Ministries Board - GP
7:00 pm Worship & Arts Board - GP
7:00 pm Youth Board - Off Site

Friday, October 13

8:00 am Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Friends of the Library - Room 103

Saturday, October 14

8:00 am Woodshop Ministry - Shop
8:30 am Stephen Ministry Leaders - OCR
9:30 am 2nd Saturday Knitters - Sonshine Room
10:00 am Memory Care Support Group - OCR
10:00 am Library Open - Library
2:30 pm Movie: *Zookeeper's Wife* - Holy Word Theater
4:30 pm Library Open - Library
5:00 pm Festive Worship - SA
6:00 pm Saturday Night Supper - GP

Sunday, October 15

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 - FH
10:00 am Frolic - Heavenly Hangout
10:00 am Sunday School - Labyrinth Room
10:00 am Forum (WestSide) - FR
10:00 am MS Youth Group - YR
11:00 am Celebrate Worship - CC
11:00 am Festive Worship - SA
12:00 pm Congregational Lunch - GP
12:15 pm Congregational Meeting - GP
5:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal/Pictures - SA
6:00 pm Confirmation Banquet - GP

 **Community**

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.



Community

Join other OS� 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 this 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.

ELISE HASCHE, OS� 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 OS�'s youth ministry, in your prayers during this time of transition.

Children, youth, and adults are invited to participate in **STICK TOGETHER**, the OS� 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.

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.

Another **STEPHEN MINISTRY** class will start in January. Stephen Ministers work alongside pastors to care for, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time—divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, listening, and encouraging, you might want to be part of this exciting ministry! Talk to Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19.

Everyone is invited to the **OSL SIOUX FALLS ROCKS** intergenerational event on Oct. 22, from 10:00 to 10:50 A.M. Come paint rocks with pictures, Bible verses, etc., to join in the #SiouxFallsRocks fun, which involves hiding rocks in the community for others to find and bless someone's day. Rocks been found in parks, cancer centers, and even OS�'s Healing Garden. This special event is in lieu of Sunday School that morning. All children younger than grade six must be with a caring adult.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Project Warm-Up fleece collection and blanket tying event. Because of your generosity, 92 local children or families receiving a home through Habitat for Humanity or experiencing illness, homelessness, or crisis will be blanketed in love.



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.

The OS� 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.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION meets on the third Saturday of each month, at 8:30 A.M., in the Office Conference Room, for an hour of Bible study, breakfast, and fellowship. Join them at the next meeting, on Oct. 21.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT will be on Friday, Nov. 3, from 5:30 to 8:30 P.M. Register for Nursery care (infant through age ten) by contacting Nancy Heesch, robertheesch@yahoo.com, with the names and ages of your children. Also, there's an opportunity for two Nursery volunteers that evening—contact Nancy!

 **Community**

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

 **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 CARING FRIENDS PROGRAM expands OSL's visitation program to members who are homebound or in nursing homes or care facilities. Currently, there are opportunities for Caring Friends at Good Samaritan Luther Manor and Good Samaritan Prairie Creek. To learn more, contact Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19, or Deb Harlan, dharlan@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 48.

Volunteers are **TUTORING SEVEN STUDENTS** at Hayward Elementary, 400 N. Valley View Rd., on Mondays, from 2:45 to 3:45 P.M.—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.

THE OSL NURSERY is a fun and busy place—so busy that opportunities always exist for volunteers to help with OSL's youngest members! Contact Nancy Heesch, robertheesch@yahoo.com, to get in on the fun!

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.

 **Generosity**

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	\$1,384,682
Contributions Received YTD	\$1,330,894
Ahead/(Behind)	(\$ 53,788)

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.