



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Spreading Faith & Blessings Afield

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In Church & Community

From the Senior Pastor On a Mission from God

The first movement of our strategic plan, "Back to the Future," takes us back to the center. Getting back to the center means getting in touch with our purpose, our mission, our reason for being, and making sure that everything we do is in alignment with that central core.



Randy Gehring
Senior Pastor

So what is our mission? We are a people forgiven in Christ whose mission is to proclaim Christ and nurture faith that connects with everyday life.

In other words, it all begins with forgiveness. Regardless of our status or station in life, we gather at OSL as people in need of the same thing: we are sinners who hunger for God's grace and mercy. In worship, we hear God's Word proclaimed and through this living word, along with the sacraments we receive, our brokenness is healed, faith is nurtured, and we are transformed into God's people.

In this new identity, we are given a purpose: to proclaim Christ and nurture faith. We are an extension of what we ourselves experience within this community of faith. We witness to the power of Christ in our lives—not with fancy words and well-fashioned arguments, but with authentic stories of how knowing Jesus makes a difference in our lives. We share the mercy of God in acts of service, not from a position of superiority or greater fortune but out of love and compassion for fellow human beings who need us to care for and love them. And we practice a holy hospitality in which we extend God's welcome to any and all who may be searching for belonging in this world marked by division, prejudice, and hatred. There is no greater purpose in this world than to be God's people on a mission—for the sake of the world. And the more we embrace this God-given purpose, the more God smiles.

Now, what excites me these days about being a part of this amazing community of faith that is Our Savior's is all of the evidence I see of how you are living out this mission. From teaching Sunday and Wednesday School and mentoring our confirmation students to serving at the Bowden Center or in Hammond, Indiana, and Duluth, Minnesota, this summer; from feeding the hungry at The Banquet to delivering Dinner to Your Door to a neighbor in need; from opening our doors to Augustana students for classes during their construction phase to inviting those same students to OSL for a night of studying for finals and "soul" food from your kitchens; from studying scripture with eight or ten of your "church buddies" to knitting prayer shawls for folks going through tough times; from crafting Faith Chests in the woodshop to providing beautiful music for our worship services—all of these examples and countless others tell me that you are a people who are claiming God's call upon your life to be people who proclaim Christ in word and deed and find ways every day to nurture a faith that connects with everyday life. I thank God for your witness, your faithfulness, and your passion for living as God's people.

Even more than this, I have felt within me lately a tidal wave of gratitude as I have witnessed God's Spirit active in and through us:

- First and foremost, OSL is blessed with some of the most talented and dedicated staff members I have ever worked with. Day after day they give themselves away in ministry and service to our mission. In June we have the privilege of recognizing and celebrating the faithful ministries of Joyce Kaatz (Parish Nurse), Anne Anderson (Director of Education), and Chuck Havelaar (Facility Manager) as they step away from their duties here. We give thanks to God for each of them and how they fulfilled God's call to serve among us in each of their positions.

- I am humbled by this congregation's generosity. Time and time again, you respond to specific needs in ways that tell me that God is moving in your lives to share freely from what God has given you. From giving regularly in support of the mission we share to giving to support

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Outdoor Celebrate Worship

Outdoor Celebrate Worship is a much-loved tradition at OSL. Unfortunately, we are currently experiencing a shortage in key musical and technical personnel who, in the past, have allowed us to move worship outside fairly seamlessly. While this lack of human resources is anticipated to be temporary, the Board of Worship has recommended that we offer outdoor Celebrate Worship once a month this year, June through September. Outdoor worship will be scheduled for 8:45 A.M. on the first Sunday of each month, weather permitting. Should weather cause us to move indoors, we will gather for outdoor worship the following Sunday...weather permitting. Thank you for your understanding.

the work of the ELCA among the hungry of the world to responding with passion and joy to continue aggressively paying down our mortgage through Mission: Possible, you are teaching me how fun and satisfying it can be to be generous.

• And lastly, I am truly excited about how OSL is reaching outside of itself in service to our community through several ministry initiatives: We are Mission Partners with Table of Grace, a new ELCA/Presbyterian congregation in the Harrisburg school district, Pueblo de Dios, the Spanish-speaking ELCA congregation in Sioux Falls, and WestSide Lutheran Church, a recent new start in the northwest corner of town where Pr. Heidi Binstock serves as pastor/developer; we have committed to becoming a Solving Addiction congregation, a safe place where all people impacted by addiction can come to connect with a caring, compassionate congregation and receive direction and support as they navigate their way through that disease; We have also committed to being a supporting partner of the Ayuda ministry at Pueblo de Dios, an initiative to provide a full-time social worker in that community of faith to better serve the needs of the congregation and its immediate neighborhood; and we have been at the table developing a collaborative approach among the faith community in Sioux Falls called Empower Sioux Falls to address poverty in our community—watch for more details coming soon on how OSL will be a part of this community-wide effort to impact our city.

All of this fills me with excitement and joy, for it points clearly to a congregation that is in touch with the core of its being and eagerly strives to live out that mission to the glory of God. Thank you for the privilege to serve as your senior pastor, and thank you for your ongoing partnership in living as the forgiven people of God who are called daily to proclaim the Jesus we've come to know and love and nurture the kind of faith that connects with everyday life.

In Christ's love,



Pr. Randy Gehring



Two long-serving members of the OSL staff are retiring at the end of the month: Anne Anderson, Director of Education, and Chuck Havelaar, Facility Manager. Although their absences will be deeply felt, the rest of the staff, and the entire OSL community, are grateful for their years of unflagging dedication and service, and are excited to see what the future holds for them.

A celebration of Anne and Chuck's tenures at OSL will be held on June 26. Details were still being worked out as *The Intercom* went to press; keep an eye on the bulletin announcements, Coming Up at Our Savior's weekly email announcements, and oslchurch.com for information.

Thank you, Anne and Chuck, for your service and your friendship!

Financial Update

As OSL steps into summer, here are a few highlights of where things stand financially:

- The budget adopted at the annual meeting in January is a deficit budget—expenses exceed projected income by about \$25,000. It also includes a one-time income item from the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Foundation.
- Again, this year's budget includes the interest expense associated with the mortgage—\$132,000.
- The current mortgage principal balance is \$2.87 million. Since December 31, 2014, OSL has reduced the principal balance by nearly \$1.3 million. This reduction translates into a savings in interest expense of over \$50,000 on an annual basis.

OSL as a congregation has much to be thankful for—making great progress on paying down the mortgage and while remaining current in general giving. Moving into the summer months, it will be critically important that each of us remains faithful in giving so that OSL is able to continue funding our shared ministry of proclaiming Christ and nurturing faith. Thank you for your ongoing support of Our Savior's.

Together We Did It!



As of May 15, the final day of the Mission: Possible match, OSL had received 226 new or increased pledges for a total of \$250,976.61.

When these gifts are matched by Joy Smolnisky's gift of \$250,000, a little more than half a million dollars will be applied toward the principal of OSL's mortgage.

Here is some additional info from the Mission: Possible task force:

- Current loan balance, as of May 19: \$2,869,214
- Reduction to loan balance since December 31, 2014: \$1,275,675
- Additional principal payments above regular payments since December 31, 2014: \$1,041,525
- Interest savings for one year on \$1,275,675 at 3.95%: \$50,389, or \$4,200 per month
- Large principal payment on May 17: \$344,000

Thanks to Joy for her gift, thanks to you for accepting her challenge, and thanks be to God, with whom all things are possible!



**JUNE 21, 2016
SENIOR
MINISTRIES BUS
TRIP TO
PIPESONE, MN**

Spend the day together in historic Pipestone, MN



Gathering at church 8:00 a.m.
Departure at 8:30 a.m.
Returning around 4:00 p.m.

We will be visiting the historic Pipestone Quarry, Fort Pipestone, and viewing American Indian Cultural Demonstrations.

Lunch together at the Calumet Inn (Not included in the price of the trip.)

COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON

Includes bus transportation and refreshment. Lunch and extras not included.

Register by June 10th to reserve your spot.



Aging Faithfully
2016 CONFERENCE

Spirituality and well-being in the second half of life

With featured speaker Sister Joan Chittister

Date: July 26, 2016

Time: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Augustana University Etnes Center

Tickets: \$25 through July 18; \$35 on/after July 19

Our lives and faith look different in the second chapter of life. There are new opportunities, and many experiences behind us, too.

You may find yourself asking:

- What does faithfulness look like now?
- How do I trust Him and have courage in seasons of change?
- How can my faith remain vibrant and strong?
- How can I help others who find themselves in this stage of life?



Whether you are an older adult, you work or care for an older adult, or you are simply interested in the topic, we invite you to take part in this day of reflection and discussion featuring best-selling author and speaker Sister Joan Chittister. We invite guests of all faiths.

Learn More and Register at
www.augie.edu/events/aging-faithfully-conference

It'll Be a Blast!



OSL Summer Blasts go off starting in June! Known as Family Fun Night last year, the Summer Blasts will once again be monthly opportunities for food, fun, games, music, and worship! The first Summer Blast will be held on Wednesday, June 15, and will feature OSL's first Car Show as well as outdoor worship. Food will be served starting at 5:00; games will start at 5:45; worship will begin at 6:00. Come on over and bring a friend or two! If you're interested in showing a car, contact Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19.

Baptisms

April 10, 2016

Asher Jay Pankonen, the son of McCord and Nicole Pankonen.

April 23, 2016

Iain Alaivin Rasmussen, the son of Paavo and Heather Rasmussen.

May 8, 2016

Jaxyn Bennett Steinwand, the son of Rebekkah Steinwand.

April 2016
Memorials & Honoraria

In Memory of Donald Jensen

Arlys Sewalson

In Memory of Thomas Newton Richards (Father of Jeff Richards)

Don and Toady Weeg

In Memory of John Pederson

Ken and Donna Jipp
Curt and Shirley Schafer
Phil Songstegard

In Memory of Darrell Sewalson

Howard and Lou Ann Paulson

In Memory of Arnie Zueger

Richard and Janice Boe
Joe and Mary Jo Colby
Bob and LuAnn Decker
Shirly Hillgren
Marsha Millage
Floyd and Carol Prouty
Arlys Sewalson
Don and Toady Weeg
Bill and Lavada Woods

MSYG

Students who have just completed grades five through seven are invited to the first summer Middle School Youth Group (MSYG—pronounced “message”) event! Meet at Kids Against Hunger at 6:30 P.M. (wear close-toed shoes and bring a \$10 donation), after which the group will walk up to the Dairy Queen on Minnesota Avenue for some ice cream. Students can be picked up there around 8:30 P.M. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend as well! Let Elise know—echesley@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 35—if you plan to attend.

ValleyFair

Students who have registered for the Valleyfair trip will be meeting at around 6:45 A.M. on Thursday, June 9, at the south entrance of OSL to board the bus! The group will return by 10:00 P.M. Bring money for meals and extras, a swimsuit and towel (if you choose to go to the water park), sunscreen, and a water bottle. Students will be responsible for whatever they bring!

June Summer Blast and Youth Group Fire

Come eat, play games, and worship at the June Summer Blast (formerly known as Family Fun Night) on Wednesday, June 15, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. After worship, high-school students (including students who will enter ninth grade in the fall) are invited to the “grassy knoll” behind the fence on the west side of the south parking lot for a fire and s’mores! Bring a chair to sit on if you don’t want to sit on the ground! The group will hang out till the bugs get too annoying or the firewood runs out (usually around 9:00 or 9:30 P.M.).

Duluth Mission Trip

Twenty middle-school students and five adults will be blessed during the 8:45 A.M. Celebrate worship service on Sunday, June 19, before they hop in their vans and head north to Duluth, Minnesota! The group will spend the week serving the community and enjoying Lake Superior. Thank you for your prayers of support while they are traveling and serving. The group will return on Friday evening around 5:00.

Childrens Ministry Calendar - June

- 13-16 – VBS, three-year-olds through fifth grade
- 16 – OSL Bike Rodeo, noon
- 26-29 – Fifth-graders at Joy Ranch

Youth Calendar - June

- 8 – MSYG
- 9 – Valleyfair
- 15 – June Summer Blast, Emerge Youth Group fire.
- 19-24 – Middle School Mission Trip to Duluth
- 26-29 – Confirmation Camp at Joy Ranch

Education

Thank You Very Much!

The Board of Education thanks all who participated in Children’s Ministry during this past year. The positive qualities you demonstrate in the life of OSL are the characteristics children need to see in the adults who teach them, laugh with them, and become their models of the Christian life. Thank you!

Steve Barjenbruch	Becky Bray	Adrianna Johnson	Matt Skilbred	Jeff Mindt	Julie Holmes
Kris Kaufman	Mollie Lems	Crystal Foster	Lori Dubisar	Susan Eichacker	Leah Ohme
Kiara Kaufman	Ashlea Brenna	Jill Rallis	Janet Fee	Beth Helgerson	Valori Maher
Ariel Engebretson	Dione Gerdes	Lisa Ducheneaux	Jakob Devos	Darla Horton	Leah Weins
Jody Aadland	Libby Hintgen	Kelsey Brenna	Shawn Wells	Stu Horsted	Kristi Humpal
Angie Miller	Brooke Tollefson	Jill Roach	Erikka Jensen	Amy Horsted	Trish Sverson
Liz Carlson	Angela Krueger	Sarah Peanasky	John Etrheim	Katie Fee	

Teachers Speak Out

“I started teaching Sunday School in 1995. Served six years on the Youth Board, I think it was three or four years on the Education Board. I mentored confirmation for six years. I taught Peer Ministry for nine or ten years—went on many mission trips with the youth. I started teaching Sunday School because I thought it was very important for my children to attend. It didn’t take long until I realized that I truly loved teaching. I received as much from the children as I gave to them. The Bible verse that I took to heart is Proverbs 22:6:

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”—Julie Holmes

“Every time a child is baptized at Our Savior’s I make a promise, along with the congregation, to support that child and family as they grow in faith. Teaching church school is one of the ways I can keep that promise. Plus, it’s tons of fun!”—Sarah Peanasky

“I started volunteering when my girls started Sunday School at three years old, and now they are almost 15. I felt that as a parent it was important that I be a part of their faith

formation as well as helping other kids. I was asked to serve on the Board of Education and served seven years. The time I spent volunteering was very rewarding and enjoyable. I would recommend that anyone who hasn’t served on a board give it a try.”—Tim Shavee

“I love teaching three-year-olds. My goal for Sunday School, as a teacher, is for them to like coming to church and to hear about our lord Jesus!”—Ariel Engebretson

To the Parent Who Doesn't Feel Like Enough, by Melissa Nesdaahl



My kids fought over prayer wording on the way to church.

The dishes aren't all done.

Laundry is in piles.

Bedtime is abominable.

And tonight I denied echo prayer because I was 99.9% sure it was a delaying bedtime technique that I wasn't game for. I'm pretty sure Jesus gets it the first time around.

There are a million ways that I can look at my life and critique all the things that I am not.

A common condition.

Today I sat amongst a group of mamas bravely breathing aloud their questions and fears. In a season where days can feel long but years go by fast we struggled together with how to best love our children into the finest people they can be when there are so many outside voices and we're just one voice trying to get it right.

I can't imagine that parenting has ever been easy. Challenges have and always will be present, in flux with trends and financial outlooks. *Ironically the bane of our time—creating quality experiences with our kids—might also be the thing most killing us.*

This Pinterest-perfect world has created pressure to do everything bigger and better. There's sense that our house isn't lovely unless it looks a showroom, our children's birthday party isn't quality unless it's a money-draining thematic event, and our parenting isn't loving unless we can drop all frustration and urgency. (I once read an article from a mom suggesting she was never going to say "hurry" to her child again because she didn't want the tape in their mind to be rushing through life. This seemed nice in theory until I failed the first time out the door.) Add to that the activities we feel we need to put them in as badges of pride and there's no wonder why we feel failure.

It's not possible.

The question was posed to me after hearing my work, "What one thing would you tell parents?" It was meant in a to-parent-children way. Big and broad and difficult to answer. I said, "Try to seize discussion in the everyday moments so they know they can always come to you."

Why?

I just read an email from a 12-year-old who wrote, "My parents don't ever talk to me about the important things. I don't even know if they know I exist. They'd have probably been better off never having me."

My heart fractured into a million pieces. For the tween feeling this way and for the parents who could very well be your everyday mother and father, trying to do their best to love well. *It's just that all the right things to the world fall shallow in a tiny heart.*

Sometimes gifting yourself permission to let go of what you think makes the perfect parent—it's not if you made the cake, or signed up for all the summer activities, or made your house more sterile than a hospital floor; that just makes people nervous anyway—and *reviving the simple breathes the most life-giving breath into these relationships that matter most.*

Play board games. Make ice-cream floats. Laugh. Take a class together. Talk about all the things they face and answer the questions even if you don't skate your way through. I can tell you my "What does sign language of the middle finger up mean?" answer didn't fall out perfect *and is that truly sign language* but I gave it a try and hopefully knowing she can ask me about the "swear finger" now without getting in trouble assures her she can ask tougher questions down the road.

Relationship over imagined perfection.

This simple investment is quality experience to our children. And it says you are safe. You are secure. You are loved.

You might just be one voice, but you are the most important voice.

You're enough.

The ordinary you is actually an extraordinary you.

Yes, we are going to feel exhausted and our kids will, at times, drive us nuts but we are doing the challenging work of raising a human not a robot. We aren't going to feel like we nail everything because we don't get convenient little memos about when issues are going to come up or escape the impressions of society.

But only One's impression matters anyway. And if you are earnestly asking the questions and seeking the Lord's voice in the struggle, I can only imagine his voice saying, "Well done" because that is a humble heart, tender to God's leading.

Perhaps the sign of a great parent isn't so much feeling we have it all together as it is feeling we need More.

And in simple moments you turn to find witness to the good you've laid.



Playing church. Serving each other communion.

Sign of God's presence saying, "We got this. Together."

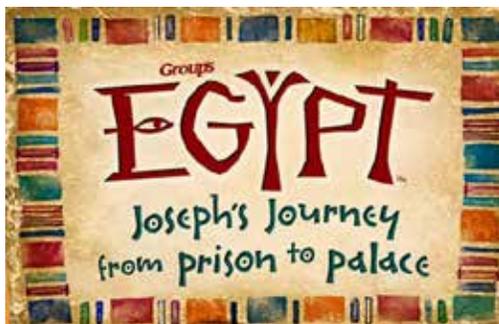
Melissa Nesdaahl first posted this article to her blog, Fill My Cup (melissanesdahl.blogspot.com), after an OSL Play and Pray discussion. It was then picked up by FamilyShare.com for a broader audience.

Summer at OSL—Register Online!

Summer is almost here! Don't miss out on these great activities:

VBS will start on June 13! Visit ancient Egypt in “Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace.” Explore Pharaoh’s palace, experience thrilling “real-life” dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty snacks, and hear unforgettable music—plus, meet lots of new friends! Visit oslchurch.com/children to register. VBS is for kids age three through fifth grade, and will meet from 9:00 A.M. to noon, June 13 through 16.

OSL’s Bike Rodeo will take place on Thursday, June 16, following VBS. Kids age three through grade five are welcome and encouraged to attend and bring friends. Register online at oslchurch.com/children.



Confirmation Camp will be June 26 through 29, at Joy Ranch. This is for fifth-graders who will enter sixth grade this fall. Students will build relationships with each other as well as prepare for the start of their Confirmation program in the fall. Visit oslchurch.com/children for more information or to register. Financial assistance is available: contact Elise

(echesley@oslchurch.com) or Nicole (nmindt@oslchurch.com) for information.

OSL’s Day Camp is for kids in grades one through five. Day Camp will kick off on July 24 with a pizza party from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M., then meet from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on July 25 through 28. Outlaw Ranch and NeSoDak staff will help youth engage in Bible study, worship, songs, arts and crafts, service projects, and games. A Thursday night program will be presented for family and guests. Cost: \$50 per camper (camp scholarships are available). Visit oslchurch.com/children for more information or to register.

For more information about any of these activities, contact Anne Anderson, Director of Education, 336-2942, ext. 17, or aanderson@oslchurch.com.

OSL Women of the ELCA

Women  Community of Women by Tami Skorczewski

“But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”
2 Corinthians 4:7

OSL’s Women of the ELCA:

- Participate in Bible studies
- Support charitable organizations each year
- Provide the opportunity for community building and fellowship.

Bible Study. In June, the theme is “Treasure in Clay Jars,” where in community we learn practical ways to live out our baptismal covenant to “live among God’s people,” using resources in *Gather* magazine.

Benevolences.

- Project CAR (“Call-a-Ride”; www.flcsf.org/seniors/) is a service that provides free transportation for seniors and special needs adults involved in First Lutheran,

First Congregational, St. John American Lutheran, Our Savior’s Lutheran, the Senior Companion Program, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

- Prison Congregations of America (www.prisoncongregations.org) is a ministry that plants denominationally sponsored worshipping communities in prisons across the country. The PCA model is unique in that the prison inmates are the members of the worshipping community. They are led by a pastor from the outside who is trained by and accountable to the sponsoring denomination. The prison congregation or worshipping community is supported financially by congregations on the outside, who also take turns being worship guests.

- St. Dymas of South Dakota (www.stdymas.net) is two ELCA congregations located behind the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls and the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield. St. Dymas also supports Sunday evening worship at the Yankton Minimum Unit in Yankton.

Community Building and Fellowship.

WELCA’s Second Annual Service Project, making hygiene kits for the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry, will be held on Wednesday, July 20, at 5:30 P.M. in The Gathering Place. We will be assembling one large roll of toilet tissue, one bar of soap, and either one large tube of toothpaste or one bottle of shampoo per kit. Donations of items and/or monetary support will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Afterward, all are welcome to stay and participate in the OSL meal and worship service.

“True generosity is an offering; given freely and out of pure love. No strings attached. No expectations. Time and love are the most valuable possession you can share.”—Suze Orman

Blessings,
Tami Skorczewski
OSL WELCA President

“Paying it Forward”: Introductory Workshop at OSL



“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:4-6

The verse above begins the journey of each Christian who takes training to become a caregiver through the Stephen Ministry program. Our Savior’s Lutheran Church has had Stephen Ministry as part of its ministry outreach since 1988. Over 300 members of OSL have taken the distinctively Christian caregiver training and gone on to be commissioned as Stephen Ministers, serving in over 700 caring relationships!

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

OSL is one of over 12,000 congregations throughout the world that embrace and value the impact Stephen Ministry has for congregation life and the community at large. On April 16, OSL Stephen Ministers were honored to share their success with others as a host site for an Introductory Workshop presented by the St. Louis headquarters of Stephen Ministry. Designed for congregations and faith-based organizations that are interested in starting a Stephen Ministry program, the workshop provided a strong overview of what makes Stephen Ministry a unique and successful program.

Months of planning came to fruition as 76 people, representing four states and 17 different congregations, attended the workshop held in The Gathering Place. OSL volunteers went over and above to welcome attendees, some of whom traveled over 100 miles to attend!

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

One of the main points brought home in the

workshop was the reminder that God has designed us to serve one another as Christian caregivers. The Stephen Ministry training program provides extensive classroom training to prepare caregivers to serve others in need. A few of the topics include:

- The Art of Listening
- Process vs. Results
- Assertiveness
- Maintaining Boundaries
- Crisis Theory and Practice
- Using Community Resources
- Ministering for a Wide Variety of Needs
- How to Make a Caring Visit
- Providing Spiritual Care

In addition, an ongoing education and support system is built in to the Stephen Ministry program that ensures caregivers remain focused and prepared for the variety of situations that they are called to serve.

“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.” 1 Corinthians 3:6

No special skills are required to be a caregiver. It is a calling that is for all ages and stages of life. Deb Harlan, OSL Caring Ministry Coordinator, has information on upcoming Stephen Ministry training classes that will begin in January 2017. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend! The decision to become a commissioned Stephen Minister is not a requirement, but a personal choice upon completion of training.

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12

To learn more about Stephen Ministry at OSL, contact Deb Harlan (336-2942, ext. 48, or dharlan@oslchurch.com) or Pr. Tim Lemme (336-2942, ext. 19, or tlemme@oslchurch.com).

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Our Savior’s has a number of ongoing health ministries that meet on a weekly or monthly basis. Please feel free to join any of the following sessions. For more information, call Deb Harlan, 336-2942, ext. 48.

Footcare Clinic

Cost is \$25 per person. Wednesdays, June 1 and July 6, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Call the Church Office, 336-2942, to schedule your appointment.

Living with Chronic Illness

Every Tuesday at 2:00 P.M. in the Friendship Room. People and their families who have or are experiencing the challenge of cancer are welcome. If you cannot attend, but would like to be on our prayer and devotional mailing list, call 336-2942, ext. 48.

Knitting/Crocheting Ministry

Learn how to knit or crochet prayer shawls (to be given to people to remind them of God’s presence and love in their lives) and mittens and scarves (for missions).

Wednesday, June 8 and 22, 9:30 A.M.,
Sonshine Rm.

2nd Saturday Knitters, June 11, 9:30 A.M.,
Sonshine Rm.

Good Grief

Every Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in Room 103. Offers support to anyone dealing with loss and crisis in their lives.

Pickleball

Monday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00, Gym.
Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to noon, Gym.
Wednesday mornings, 11:15 to 2:45, Gym.
Friday mornings 9:30 to noon, Gym.

Memory Care Support Group

Saturdays, 10:00 to 11:00 A.M., Room 103. For caregivers of those with Alzheimer’s and dementia, the group is a place for caregivers to share and to receive understanding and empathy. Contact Caring Ministries, 336-2942, for information.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This month sees a special Friendship Club event—a Senior Ministries bus trip to historic Pipestone, Minnesota! The group will meet at OSL at 8:00 A.M. on June 21 to board the motorcoach for an 8:30 departure. Features include Pipestone Quarry, Fort Pipestone, and American Indian cultural demonstrations. Lunch will be at the Calumet Inn. The group will return to OSL at around 4:00 P.M. Cost: \$25 per person, including bus transportation and refreshment; lunch and extras are not included. Register in the Church Office (336-2942) by June 10 to reserve your spot!

Only a Year Away!

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“Get in the Game—Read” Reading Program



To encourage the OSL community to “get in the game of reading,” the OSL Library is sponsoring a summer reading program for children and adults. Beginning on June 5, each day you check out items, you will receive a treat and earn a stamp on your Summer Reading Card, which you’ll receive the first time you check out. In addition, children will receive a prize each day they check out items.

The Library will keep Summer Reading Cards, and stamp them each day you check something out. Each week, the stamped cards will be entered into a drawing for a \$5 gift card—one for an adult (B & G MilkyWay, Bagel Boy, CherryBerry, Coffea, Cold Stone Creamery, Josiah’s, Scooters, Queen City Bakery, or West Mall 7 Theatres) and one for a child or youth (B & G MilkyWay, CherryBerry, Dairy Queen, Juice Stop, Last Stop CD Shop, Rainbow Cards, Thunder Road, or West Mall 7 Theatres). The child, youth, and adult who reads the most books over the eight weeks from June 5 through August 31 will receive a \$15 gift card to Barnes and Noble.

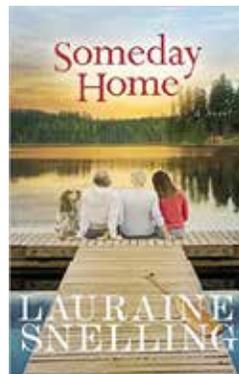
New Fiction for Adults



Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate, a large print edition. When Iola Anne Poole, an old-timer on Hatteras Island, passes away in her bed at age 91, the struggling young mother in her rental cottage, Tandi Jo Reese, finds herself

charged with the task of cleaning out Iola’s rambling Victorian house.

Running from a messy, dangerous past, Tandi never expects to find more than a temporary hiding place within Iola’s walls, but everything changes with the discovery of 81 carefully decorated prayer boxes, one for each year from Iola’s youth to her last days. Hidden in the boxes is the story of a lifetime, written on random bits of paper—the hopes and wishes, fears and thoughts of an unassuming but complex woman passing through the seasons of an extraordinary, unsung life filled with journeys of faith, observations on love, and one final lesson that could change everything for Tandi.



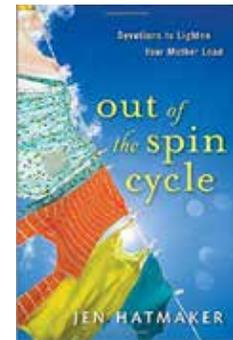
Someday Home by Lauraine Snelling Krueger. The sprawling lake home Lynn Lundberg built with her husband has been an epicenter of joyful family life, from summer holidays spent around the water, to cookies baked in the kitchen with grandchildren in the fall. But since her husband’s sudden passing two years ago, Lynn has been lost in the grief and solitude she feels without him at home. She doesn’t want to sell the big family place, but she can’t exist there on her own much longer.

After hearing of a new way of living—where single women share responsibilities as housemates—Lynn thinks she’s found the answer to her prayers. Soon she meets two ladies with whom she could begin this journey. Angela Bishop, a successful real estate agent accustomed to the finer things in life, has just been jilted by her husband of 25 years. Judith Rutherford, who has devoted her adulthood to caring for her ailing father, must leave the only home she’s known now that he has passed.

These three women seek a place to grieve, to laugh, and to be renewed. Coming from

such differing circumstances, will the new challenges they face undo their plans or will they begin a friendship to see them through the years to come in this someday home?

New Nonfiction for Adults



Out of the Spin Cycle: Devotions to Lighten Your Mother Load by Jen Hatmaker.

Following Jesus shouldn’t be just one more thing to do. Motherhood sometimes feels like a list of expectations. You may be busy or even overwhelmed, but you are also strong and brilliant. Here’s a secret: a lot of those things on your list of expectations are things Jesus never expected you to do on your own.

In *Out of the Spin Cycle*, author and speaker Jen Hatmaker takes the words and deeds of Jesus, adds the humor of a young mom’s life, and offers messages of grace and encouragement. Covering areas such as worry, marriage, priorities, money, and the comparison trap, this dynamic Bible teacher brings Jesus’ message alive in short, to-the-point devotionals for your busy life. This is a devotional for you—the woman inside the mom—the Bible student, the learner, the world-changer. So put aside that to-do list for a moment and discover the ways Jesus can lighten your mother load.

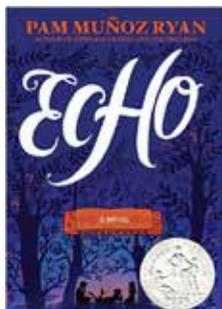


Learning to Walk in the Dark by Barbara Brown Taylor. From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *An Altar in the World*,

Learning to Walk in the Dark cont.

Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark* provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers. Taylor has become increasingly uncomfortable with our tendency to associate all that is good with lightness and all that is evil and dangerous with darkness. Doesn't God work in the nighttime as well? In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." She argues that we need to move away from our "solar spirituality" and ease our way into appreciating "lunar spirituality" (since, like the moon, our experience of the light waxes and wanes). Through darkness we find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God's presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen.

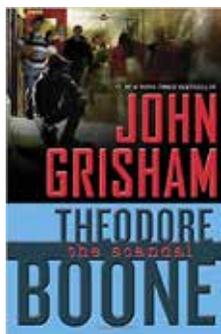
New for Middle- and High-School Youth



Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica.

Decades later, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California each, in turn, becomes interwoven when the very same harmonica lands in their lives. All the children face daunting challenges: rescuing a father, protecting a brother, holding a family together. Ultimately, pulled by the invisible thread of destiny, their suspenseful solo stories converge in an orchestral crescendo.

Richly imagined and masterfully crafted, this impassioned, uplifting, and virtuosic tour de force will resound in your heart long after the last note has been struck.



Theodore Boone: The Scandal by John Grisham. Thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone knows every judge, police officer, and court clerk in Strattenburg. He has even helped bring a fugitive to justice. But even a future star lawyer like Theo has to deal with statewide standardized testing.

When an anonymous tip leads the school board to investigate a suspicious increase in scores at another local middle school, Theo finds himself thrust in the middle of a cheating scandal. With insider knowledge and his future on the line, Theo must follow his keen instincts to do what's right in the newest case for clever kid lawyer Theo Boone.

New Chapter Books and Early Readers



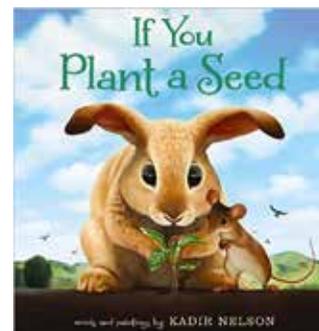
Rubble to the Rescue by Kristen Depken. Rubble the puppy tries to be a superhero for a day, but finds he still needs a helping paw from the rest of Nickelodeon's Paw Patrol. Boys and girls ages 4 to 6 will love this Step 1 Step into Reading leveled reader. Step 1 Readers feature big type and easy words. Rhymes and rhythmic text paired with picture clues help children decode the story. This book is for children who know the alphabet and are eager to begin reading.



Home: The Chapter Book adapted by Tracey West. When an alien race invades Earth, an unlikely friendship forms between Tip, a human girl, and Oh, a banished Boov, in this chapter book retelling of the movie.

When Earth is taken over by the overly confident Boov—an alien race in search of a new place to call home—all humans are promptly relocated, while all Boov get busy efficiently reorganizing the planet. When one resourceful girl, Tip, manages to avoid capture, she finds herself the accidental accomplice of a banished Boov by the name of Oh. Equally stubborn and set in their ways, these two fugitives realize there's a lot more at stake than intergalactic relations as they embark on the road trip of a lifetime. It's a good thing they have a flying car.

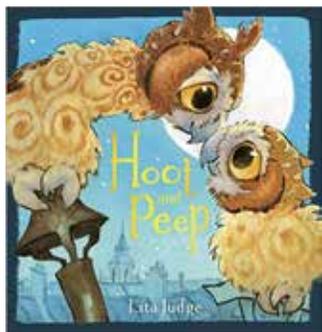
New Preschool Picture Books



If You Plant a Seed by Kadir Nelson. The acclaimed author of *Baby Bear* and winner of the Caldecott Honor and the Coretta Scott King Author and Illustrator Awards presents a resonant, gently humorous story about the power of even the smallest acts and the rewards of compassion and generosity.

With spare text and breathtaking oil paintings, *If You Plant a Seed* demonstrates

not only the process of planting and growing for young children but also how a seed of kindness can bear sweet fruit.



Hoot and Peep by Lila Judge. Hoot the owl is very excited for his little sister, Peep, to join him on the cathedral rooftops. She's finally old enough to learn all his big brother owly wisdom: First, owls say *hooo*. Second, they always say *hooo*. Lastly, they only say *hooo!* But why would Peep say *hooo* when she could say *schwееepty peep* or *dingity dong*? Why would she speak when she could sing? As she explores the breathtaking Parisian cityscape, Peep discovers so many inspiring sights and sounds—the ring of cathedral bells, the slap of waves on stone—that she can't help but be swept up in the magic of it all. Hoot doesn't understand Peep's awe, until he takes a pause to listen...and realizes that you're never too old to learn a little something new. From the beloved author/illustrator of the classic picture book *Red Sled*, this gorgeous read aloud celebrates the wonder found in little things—and in the hearts of dreamers, young and old.

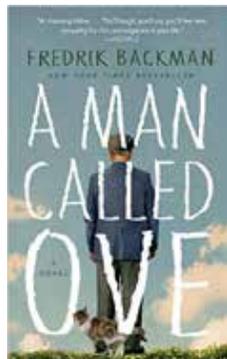
OSL Is Streaming Live



After several weeks of testing, debugging, rebooting, retesting, and tweaking, OSL is

now live streaming Festive and Celebrate worship services on YouTube: youtube.com/oslchurchsf. There you may experience OSL's worship services as they happen (Celebrate at 8:45 A.M.; Festive at 11:00), and catch up on them again at your convenience. Other videos will be appearing on OSL's YouTube channel as they are produced. Thank you for your support of this important outreach ministry!

Monthly Book Club for Adults



The Book Club for Adults meets at 7:00 P.M. on the fourth Thursday of each month in the OSL Library to discuss that month's novel. The June 23 selection will be *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him “the bitter neighbor from hell.” But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?

Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when, one November morning, a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

A feel-good story in the spirit of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others.

Join this exciting community of readers! A list of the 2016 selections is available in the Library.

“Get in the Game—Read” A Wall of Thanks Displays

To help you “Get in the Game” of reading, sports and game items are on display in the Library, along with new books in these categories: fiction, nonfiction, youth, junior, chapter, early reader, and picture books.



Movies Will Be Back This Fall

The OSL Library's Second Saturday movies will take a break for the summer but resume beginning on Sept. 10.

Library Hours

Sunday	8:15 A.M.–12:15 P.M.
Monday	9:00 A.M.–noon
Tuesday	9:00 A.M.–noon
Wednesday	9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.
Thursday	9:00 A.M.–noon
Friday	Closed
2nd Saturday of the month	10:00 A.M. - noon and 4:30–6:30 P.M.

Midnight Madness, OSL's semi-annual invitation to Augustana University students to come over for an evening of studying, relaxing, snacking, conversing, and devouring pizza as they prepare for the semester's final exams, was held on May 16. As usual, a dedicated group of OSL members prepared food and staffed the evening's event, which was much appreciated by the Augie students who enjoyed OSL's customary hospitality—just check out the wall of thank-you notes they left after the madness had ended.



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Your generosity is making a real difference in people's lives through the mission and ministry of OSL. The pages of this newsletter tell that story in more depth. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving and your passionate commitment to God's work through this congregation. Your continued generosity helps us reach our congregational goal of fully funding our ministry of connecting faith to everyday life.

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