

# The *Witness* In Church and Community

## From the Senior Pastor Providing Hope One Coin at a Time



Our Savior's began inviting children to help collect a "Noisy Offering" during worship several years ago, an offering of mostly coins that, when dropped in a metal bucket, makes a recognizable sound that gives joy to both the giver and the receiver.



In the past, these offerings were designated for helping kids get to Bible camp and getting food to hungry people through Kids against Hunger. Coming up this month, OSL will be sending a portion of the Noisy Offering received over the past months to the Sioux Falls Hope Coalition in another gesture of kids helping kids.

The Sioux Falls Hope Coalition was created in 2017 to mobilize community resources to help

children of low-income families attend preschool. Research shows that kids who attend preschool do better in school, graduate at a higher rate, get better jobs, and make wiser life choices. In short, sending kids to preschool breaks the cycle of poverty.



Most of us give little or no thought to a growing reality in our burgeoning city: the ever-widening income gap between those who have plenty and those who struggle to have enough. As this gap widens and more and more families find themselves living at or below the poverty line, Sioux Falls is becoming a community in which a growing number of children are not being given the opportunity to succeed.

Believe it or not, as many as 350 children in Sioux Falls are unable to attend preschool each year because their families cannot afford it or they can't get into one of the subsidized programs, such as Head Start. Most of those kids will enter kindergarten unprepared to begin their journey of learning and growing into productive members of society.

The Sioux Falls Hope Coalition believes that every child in the city ought to be able to attend preschool regardless of income—something they call the Sioux Falls Promise.

In 2017–2018, three high-quality church preschools and several community and business partners joined the coalition in placing 40 preschool children in classes. Next year, the Hope Coalition is striving toward an even higher goal—placing 100 children in preschool. To help meet this goal, Central Church, which operates the largest preschool in the city, has joined the coalition for next school year.

Placing 100 kids in preschool, including transportation and meals, will cost \$270,000. What this means is that a gift of \$2,500 will put one child through an entire year of preschool. What this means is that when that child completes their preschool training, his or her life is forever changed, the cycle of poverty in his or her life will likely be broken, and the trajectory of our community becomes brighter and more hopeful.

On Sunday, June 10, at all worship services, we will announce the amount of OSL's donation to the Sioux Falls Hope Coalition, given from what has been received in the Noisy Offering. Join us for what surely will be a momentous celebration of our core value of Generosity and our strategic initiative of serving our neighbor.

In Christ's love,

*Randy*

Pr. Randy Gehring



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## Memorials and Honoraria March–April 2018

In Memory of Loren Amundson  
Richard and Barbara Friess  
Merle and Sharon Johnson  
Eldon and Pauline Nelson

In Memory of Margaret Franken  
Sherwood Beek  
Chhing Chov  
Sefin Chov  
Mary Christensen  
Ron and Sharon Dannenbring  
Bob and LuAnn Decker  
Douglas DeGroot  
Michael and Cynthia Franken  
Cindi Grevlos  
Mabel Halstenson  
Jeffrey and Sarah Herbert  
Shirley Hillgren  
Mark and Janelle Hoven  
Mark and Deborah Hueners  
Mike and Cindy Huether  
Kenneth Iseminger  
David and Karen Kerkhove  
Dennis and Anne Rieck McFarland  
Gary and Darlene Murra  
Michael and Deborah Olson  
Charles and Barbara Quam  
Brian and Betsy Sittig  
Carol Weisz  
Ann Willis

## Baptisms

April 29, 2018  
Riley Lucas Boysen, the son of Lucas and Karissa Boysen.

May 6, 2018  
Madelynn Sue and Elise Christine Aeilts, the children of Brian and Kristin Aeilts.

May 27, 2018  
Jacob David Odland, the son of Erik and Kristin Odland.

June 2, 2018  
Elida Marie Travica, the daughter of Brett and Erin Travica.

## Flowers

May 13, 2018  
Flowers are given in memory of Mary Ann Knutson, whose birthday is May 14, by her family.

## Telecasts

May 13, 2018  
Telecasts sponsored by OSL Women of the ELCA.  
Telecasts sponsored in honor and memory of our mother and grandmother, Christine Bly, by her family. Christine passed away on January 4, 2018, at the age of 101.

# Congregational Life

## Marilyn Schempp to Retire from OSL



Marilyn Schempp, Our Savior's principal organist and Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts, has announced her retirement after 22 years of faithful service to the OSL community.

A congregational celebration of Marilyn's music ministry is being planned for August 5; watch for details.

Marilyn's last day on staff will be August 8, but she and Mark plan to continue as members of OSL. Please keep the Schempps in your prayers as they make their way through this transition in their lives.

## Youth Director Begins Work

John Schomberg joined the OSL staff in late May as the new Director of Youth Ministry. Hailing originally from Houston, Texas, John has called South Dakota home for the past 12 years, spending most of that time in youth ministry, "helping youth to build a relationship with God," he says.



John and his wife, Takara, a nursing professor, are the parents of an "almost four-year-old daughter," Keziah. Be sure to extend a hearty OSL welcome to the Schomberg family as you see them around OSL in the weeks ahead!





## New to the OSL Community

Welcome these new members, who were received into the OSL church family in April. The next new member orientation will be this fall. Contact the Church Office, 336-2942, or check [oslchurch.com](http://oslchurch.com) for details.



**Kristin & Brian Aelts**



**Mike & Karla Dykstra**



**Lon Hawley &  
Nancy Monson**



**Beverly Hendrickson**



**David & Marilyn Kerssen**



**Christy & Tim Olson**



**Steve & Sherry Olson**



**Bruce & Beth Williams**

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## Who's in WELCA? by Jodie Nielsen

Have you ever wondered if you need to actively "join" WELCA to be a member? Even if you haven't asked this question but are still curious to know the answer, I am happy to tell you that you do not need to join WELCA. If you are a member of Our Savior's, or any ELCA church, you are a member. This means you can take part in WELCA luncheons, fundraisers/activities, and Bible studies. The luncheons and fundraisers are not associated with specific Circles; Bible studies are.



What are Circles?  
Circles are a way  
of dividing OSL's

WELCA into smaller sections. Each Circle determines when to have their Bible study (some choose to use this time to volunteer), what they want to be involved in, and what organizations they would like to support. They offer individuality within the WELCA organization. The Circles also support the Unit Wide Mission. The only request is that you offer to help with one luncheon each year.

If you would like to know more about joining a Circle or creating your own Circle with a group of friends, please let me (jodie.nielsen@gmail.com) or another board member know. If you are already part of a Circle, consider inviting new friends to join you. Establish your "Circle of Friends" today!

**June Devotional/Bible Study.** "Let Us Pray, Session One: The Paradoxes of Prayer" by Anna Madsen. (Source: gathermagazine.org.) Focus Verse: "Do not be afraid," Samuel replied. "You have done all this evil; yet do not turn away from the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. Do not turn away after useless idols. They can do you no good, nor can they rescue you, because they are useless. For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own. As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right." 1 Samuel 12:20–23

**Unit Wide Mission Project** for 2018 is #kidsareGod'sgift, focusing on children. Email me (jodie.nielsen@gmail.com) if you know of an organization that focuses on children that you would like considered as one of our Mission Project recipients. We welcome your input.

**South Dakota Synodical Convention**, "Discover God's Peace," will be held at Abbey of the Hills Inn and Retreat Center, Marvin, South Dakota, June 28 through 30. Contact me or any board member for more information.

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

WELCA Board Members: Jodie Nielsen, President; Michelle Schuknecht, Vice President; Valori Maher, Secretary; Toni LeVasseur, Treasurer; Sandy Fischer, Mission Action Chair; Tami Skorczewski, Advisor.

## Stephen Ministers Commissioned

Our Savior's Lutheran Church has one of the longest-running Stephen Ministry programs in the nation. Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry through which trained congregation members offer high-quality, confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are going through tough times.



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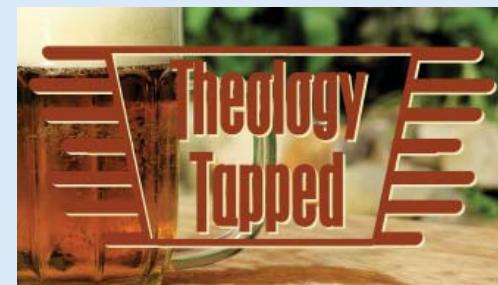
Four new Stephen  
Ministers were

commissioned at OSL on May 13 (delayed a few weeks by a mid-April blizzard). OSL's newest Stephen Ministers are Karen Andrisen, Sherri Bloch, Lavada Woods, and Michelle Black.



Please include them and their ministry in your prayers, and celebrate their commitment to bringing hope and healing to those they will serve.

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



## Theology Tapped

Looking for engaging conversation on matters of faith and life in a fun, informal setting? Join Pr. Randy for Theology Tapped on Thursday, June 28, from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M., at Monk's House of Ale Repute, 420 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.

# Health Ministries

Our Savior's has a number of ongoing health ministries that meet on a weekly or monthly basis. Feel free to join any of the following sessions. For more information, contact Michelle Anderson, Faith Community Nurse, 336-2942, ext. 48, or [mianderson@oslchurch.com](mailto:mianderson@oslchurch.com).

## Footcare Clinic

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

## Hope for Living with Illness or Cancer

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, contact Michelle Anderson, 336-2942, ext. 48, or [mianderson@oslchurch.com](mailto:mianderson@oslchurch.com).

## 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 13 and 27, 9:30 A.M., Sonshine Room.

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Knitters, June 9, 9:30 A.M., Sonshine Room.

## Good Grief

Every Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in Room 103. This group is for anyone dealing with loss and crisis in life.

## Memory Care Support Group

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

## Pickleball

OSL-sponsored Pickleball: Mondays, 8:00 A.M. to noon and 5:00 to 9:00 P.M.; Tuesdays, 8:00 A.M. to noon; Wednesdays and Fridays, 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.; Thursdays, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

# Caring Ministries

## Health Screenings Offered at OSL

Avera and Sanford will be providing different types of health screenings at OSL this month.

On June 7, Avera will offer vascular screening (circulation testing, blood pressure, abdominal aorta and carotid scan), from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and 3:00 to 7:00 P.M. Schedule your 20-minute appointment (\$25): 877-AT-AVERA (877-282-8372). Exams will be performed in the Caring Ministries area.

On June 8, Sanford Heart Screen will be offered (EKG, blood pressure, non-fasting cholesterol finger stick, body mass index, CT scan for heart calcium scoring), from 11:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Schedule your 30-minute appointment (\$25): 312-2150. Exams will be performed in the Sanford mobile screening truck in the east parking lot, but check in at Caring Ministries first.

Questions? Contact Michelle Anderson, [mianderson@oslchurch.com](mailto:mianderson@oslchurch.com) or 336-2942, ext. 28.

## Wellness Wednesdays in the Park

Beginning on June 6 and running through July 25 (except July 4), Wellness Wednesdays in the Park will meet at 9:00 A.M. at Lower Tuthill Park shelter and playground.

The booklet "Model for Healthy Living" will be used, available from Caring Ministries (suggested donation \$5).

These informal discussions are for all ages and stages—come as your summer schedule allows—and will begin with a short scripture reflection followed by conversation. Ending time is up to you: enjoy walking or biking the trails, exploring the gardens of upper Tuthill Park, or just being together outdoors as a supportive faith community.

Questions? Contact Michelle Anderson (336-2942, ext. 28 or [mianderson@oslchurch.com](mailto:mianderson@oslchurch.com)) or Deb Harlan (336-2942, ext. 49, or [dharlan@oslchurch.com](mailto:dharlan@oslchurch.com)).

## Men's Bible Breakfast

OSL's Men's Bible Breakfast group meets on the first and third Saturday of each month at 8:30 A.M. in the Conference Room. A continental breakfast is provided by members at each gathering. Men of all ages are invited to attend this one-hour Bible study when it meets on June 2 and 16. For more details, contact Pr. Tim Lemme, [tlemme@oslchurch.com](mailto:tlemme@oslchurch.com) or 336-2942, ext. 19.

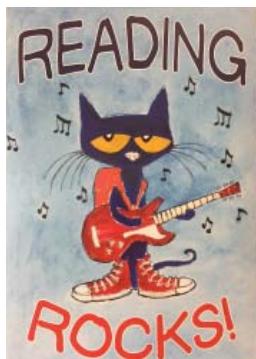
# OSL Youth and Family Faith Formation Notes

Sign up for *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!* Vacation Bible School now. VBS is for children age three through fifth grad, and meets from 9:00 A.M. to noon on June 11 through 14. There will be a program on June 14 at 11:30 with pizza to follow. The cost is \$10 per child; each family will receive one complimentary CD. Register at [oslchurch.com/childrens](http://oslchurch.com/childrens) or in The Gathering Place. Friends are welcome!



Lutherans Outdoors Day Camp, *This Changes Everything*, will be at OSL July 9 through 12, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., for students who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade. NeSoDak staff will bring Bible study, games, worship, arts and crafts, and more. There will be a pizza party kick-off on July 8 at 5:00 P.M., with the final program on July 12 at 2:30 P.M. Register at [oslchurch.com/childrens](http://oslchurch.com/childrens) or in The Gathering Place. Cost: \$50 per student. Friends are welcome.

## “Reading Rocks” Summer Reading Program— for Children, Youth, and Adults

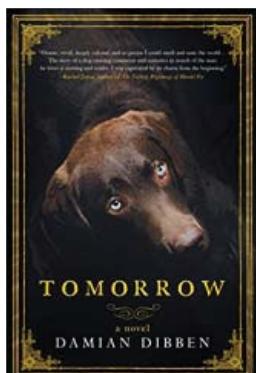


The OSL Library is sponsoring “Reading Rocks,” a summer reading program, through August 5. Each day they check out items, children, youth, and adults will receive a treat and enter their book receipt in a weekly drawing for a \$5 gift card.

In addition, the child, youth, and adult who read the most books in their category during the program will receive a \$15 gift card. Library staff will track and display the number of books each person reads on vinyl “records” on the bulletin board in the center of the Library.

## New for Adults

**Tomorrow** by Damian Dibben. A winter’s night, Venice, 1815. A 217-year-old dog is searching for his lost master. So begins the journey of Tomorrow, a dog who must travel through the courts and battlefields of Europe—and through the centuries—in search of the man who granted him immortality.



His adventures take him to the London Frost Fair, the strange court of King Charles I, the War of the Spanish Succession, Versailles, the golden age of Amsterdam, and 19<sup>th</sup>-century Venice. His is a story of loyalty and determination, as Tomorrow befriends both animals and humans, falls in love (only once), marvels at the human ability to make music, despairs at their capacity for war, and gains insight into both the strength and frailties of the human spirit.

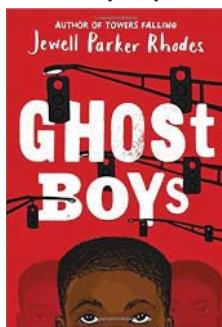
Tomorrow’s journey is also a race against time. Danger stalks his path, and in the shadows lurks an old enemy. Tomorrow must find his master before their pursuer can reach him and his master disappears forever.

### Additional New Titles for Adults

- *Talking with God* by Adam Weber
- *Force of Nature* by Jane Harper
- *Beach House for Rent* by Mary Alice Monroe

## New for Middle- and High-School Youth

**Ghost Boys** by Jewell Parker Rhodes. Only



the living can make the world better. Live and make it better. A police officer who mistakes a toy gun for a real threat shoots 12-year-old Jerome. As a ghost, Jerome observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family

and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing.

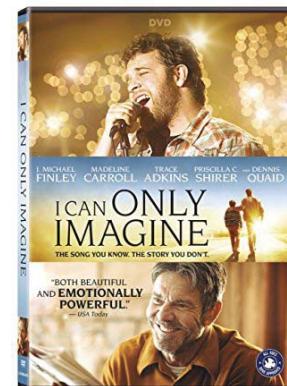
Soon Jerome meets another ghost: Emmett Till, a boy from a very different time but similar circumstances. Emmett helps Jerome process what has happened, on a journey toward recognizing how historical racism may have led to the events that ended his life. Jerome also meets Sarah, the daughter of the police officer, who grapples with her father's actions.

### Additional New Titles for Middle- and High-School

- *You Go First* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- *Sunny Side Up* by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm
- *The Doughnut Fix* by Jessie Janowitz

## Second Saturday Movies

### Take a Summer Break

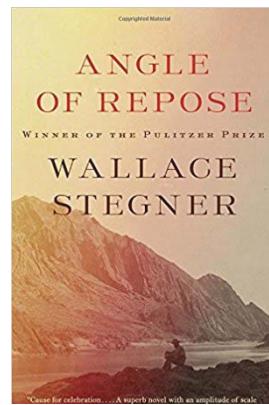


The Second Saturday movies will be back this fall, with *I Can Only Imagine*, on September 8.

MercyMe’s hit Christian song, “I Can Only Imagine,” has touched millions of people around the world, but few know about the pain, redemption, and healing that inspired it. Now Bart Millard, the award-winning recording artist and lead singer of MercyMe, shares how his dad’s transformation from abusive father to man of God sparked a divine moment in music history.

Mark your calendar now to make a day of it at OSL with the movie, followed by worship at 5:00 and dinner afterward, on September 8!

## Monthly Book Club for Adults

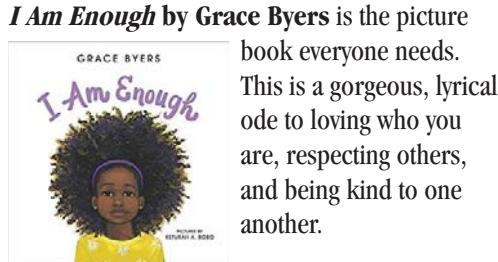


The Book Club for Adults meets at 7:00 P.M. on the fourth Thursday of each month in the OSL Library to discuss that month’s novel. The June 28 selection will be *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner, an American masterpiece and iconic novel of the West by the National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize winner.

Lyman Ward, a retired professor recently confined to a wheelchair, retreats to his ancestral home to write the biography of his grandmother, an elegant and headstrong artist and pioneer who, together with her engineer husband, journeyed through the hardscrabble West nearly 100 years ago. In discovering her story, he excavates his own, probing the shadows of his experience and the America that has come of age around him.

Join this exciting community of readers! A list of the 2018 selections is available in the OSL Library.

## New Picture, Early Reader, and Chapter Books



This is the perfect gift for mothers and daughters, baby showers, and graduations. We are all here for a purpose. We are more than enough. We just need to believe it.

### Additional New Picture Books

- *Alphabet Adventure* by Audrey Wood
- *Yip! Snap! Yap!* by Charles Fuge

### New Early Readers

- *Marvel Super Heroes 6: Early Readers* by Thomas Marci
- *Elephant & Piggie: I Am Invited to a Party* by Mo Williams

### New Chapter Books

- *Eerie Elementary: The School Is Alive* by Jack Chabert
- *Finding Tinkerbell #1: Beyond Never Land* by Kiki Thorpe

### OSL Library Hours

Sunday	8:30 A.M.–12:00 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
2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month	10:00 A.M.–noon and 4:30–6:30 P.M.

## OSLC Foundation Foundation Notes

I am sure you have heard it—I am just as sure you have said it—the sign-off on a letter or a phone call or a conversation: “Take care.” It is probably in the top five of all-time short sayings with the most meaning (thank you, love you, good job, etc.). For me it is almost a command, a command of stewardship: “take care” of yourself on your next adventure; “take care” on your next trip to the store; “take care” in how you live your daily life, body, mind, and soul; “take care” of the environment; “take care” of your friends, family, neighbors, etc.

“Take care” is also the charge of the OSLC Foundation—policies, procedures, and processes to follow, assets to administer and distribute, all with the idea to serve the intentions of our donors and our members. To find out how you can take care of your church community contact me, Jon Oien, 212-5261 (voice or text) or [joien@sio.midco.net](mailto:joien@sio.midco.net). I am looking forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, “take care.”

### Gifts to the OSLC Foundation January 9 through May 9

In Memory of Margaret Franken  
Randy and Michelle Gehring  
Jim and Rosalie Ryan  
Dennis and Pamela Hanneman  
Pam Hoiland  
Richard and Janice Boe

### In Memory of Majorie Elkins Glenn and Cindy Wika

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Arlette Villuame  
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Steve and Susan Hauff  
Floyd and Carol Prouty  
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### In Memory of Clarice Eithreim

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## In Church and Community

The Monthly Newsletter of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

### *Summer Worship Services (May 27 through Labor Day)*

#### Saturday Evening

Festive Worship – 5:00 P.M., Sanctuary

#### Sunday Morning

Celebrate Worship – 8:45 A.M., Celebrate Center

Festive Worship – 10:00 A.M., Sanctuary

Celebrate Worship – 10:30 A.M., Celebrate Center

### *Television and Internet*

Celebrate: 9:00 A.M., KTTW (cable channel 9; channel 7.1)

Festive: 1:00 P.M., KSCB (cable channel 30; channel 53)

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## Your Offering Makes a Difference

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.

### **Ministry Support through April 30**

Annual Giving

Pledged	\$1,849,306
Received YTD	\$696,794
Remaining	\$1,152,512
Projected YTD	\$621,238
Ahead/(Behind)	\$75,556