

Welcome to Our Savior's!

Time after Pentecost ♦ June 16 and 17, 2018

Today and This Week at OSL

FLOWERS are given in celebration of Phyllis and Harold Krueger's birthdays, which were on June 14 and 15, by their family.

FLOWERS for Father's Day are given in loving memory of Lowell Jahr, whose 100th birthday would have been June 9. Lowell is the father, grandfather, and great-grandfather of Paul, Madeleine, Alison, Elise, and Dante Jahr.

A **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, June 24, at 11:45 A.M. in The Gathering Place for the purpose of voting on the Hezekiah House Project. A light lunch will be served beginning at 11:30. Make plans now to attend.

OSL'S TV BROADCAST on KTTW (cable channel 9) will be pre-empted by sports events for several Sundays: June 17, June 24, and July 1. An alternative broadcast may be found at [facebook.com/oslchurchsf](https://www.facebook.com/oslchurchsf) and oslchurch.com. There may be additional schedule interruptions, so, um, stay tuned.

OSL'S SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE is underway! Here's how things will look through Labor Day weekend:

Saturday: Festive worship, 5:00 P.M., Sanctuary
Sunday: Celebrate worship, 8:45 A.M., Celebrate Center; Festive worship, 10:00 A.M., Sanctuary;
Celebrate worship, 10:30 A.M., Celebrate Center
Outdoor worship will be on the third Sunday of the month, weather permitting.

This summer's **NOISY OFFERING** will be given to two agencies that are making an impact in the lives of children in our community: the Hope Coalition and Project SOS—Supply Our Students. The Hope Coalition is determined to make preschool accessible for all children, and Supply Our Students is working to provide every student with the necessary school supplies. Thank you for your generous support, and thank you to OSL kids, who play an important role in making the Noisy Offering happen each week.

Printed copies of **TODAY'S SERMON** are available at the kiosk near the Information Center.

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Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.

 **Calendar****Saturday, June 16**

5:00 pm Festive Worship - Sanctuary

Sunday, June 17

8:45 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center
10:00 am Festive Worship - Sanctuary
10:30 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center

Monday, June 18

8:00 am OSL Sponsored Pickleball - Gym
10:30 am Summer Food Service Program - Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm OSL Sponsored Pickleball - Gym

Tuesday, June 19

8:00 am OSL Sponsored Pickleball - Gym
9:00 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
10:30 am Summer Food Service Program - Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm Hope for Living w/llness or Cancer - Friendship Room
5:30 pm WELCA Board - Friendship Room
7:00 pm SF Shotokan Japanese Karate - Gym
7:00 pm Celebrate Band - Celebrate Center
7:00 pm In His Steps - Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry - Friendship Room

Wednesday, June 20 - Youth to Vallyfair

7:00 am Conversation with God - Chapel
9:00 am Wellness Wednesdays - Lower Tuthill Park
9:30 am Friends of the Library - Room 103
10:30 am Summer Food Service Program - Fellowship Hall
11:00 am Anna/Elizabeth Circle - Perkins
12:00 pm SF Shotokan Karate - Gym
1:00 pm Library Book Covering - Library
6:00 pm Woodshop Ministry - Shop
6:30 pm Helpline Center - Celebrate Center

Thursday, June 21 - Minnesota Twins Trip

10:00 am Preschool Storytime - Library
10:00 am Good Grief Group - Friendship Room
10:30 am Summer Food Service Program - Fellowship Hall
11:00 am Stephen Ministry - The Gathering Place
11:30 am Stephen Ministry - Friendship Room
12:00 pm Board of Finance - Conference Room

Friday, June 22

9:00 am Friends of the Library - Room 103
10:30 am Summer Food Service Program - Fellowship Hall

12:00 pm SF Shotokan Japanese Karate - Gym

Saturday, June 23

8:00 am Woodshop Ministry - Shop
10:00 am Memory Care Support Group - Conference Room
5:00 pm Festive Worship - Sanctuary

Sunday, June 24

8:45 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center
10:00 am Festive Worship - Sanctuary
10:30 am Celebrate Worship - Celebrate Center
11:30 am Lunch Preceding Meeting - The Gathering Place
11:45 am Special Congregational Meeting - The Gathering Place

 **Community**

As a site for the **SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**, OSL will be open through Aug. 17 for children through age 18 to enjoy free, nutritious lunches, Monday through Friday, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., in Fellowship Hall. Parents, babysitters, or caring adults should accompany their children. There's no sign-up, no forms, and no requirements. All are welcome. Questions? Pr. Sami, sjohnson@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 12.

The OSL Library's **SUMMER ONE CHURCH ONE READ** title will be *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. Be sure to check out a copy in the Library, then join the discussion on Sept. 23 in the Conference Room.

READING ROCKS!, the OSL Library's summer reading program, will run through Aug. 5. Each day they check out items, children through adults will receive a treat and enter their checkout receipt into a contest to determine which child, youth, and adult read the most books during the nine-week program. The Library will track and display the number of books read this summer.

 **Community**

OSL DINING OUT—an evening of dinner and fellowship at a local restaurant—will meet at Shahi Palace India Grill, 2527 S. Shirley Ave., on Friday, June 22, at 5:30 P.M., for food, conversation, and friends you may not have met yet! Sign up at the Information Center or contact Norma Steinocker, 261-6099 or nsteinoc@sio.midco.net.

Registration is open for the **SIoux RIVER LATTE SLAM**, on June 23, at 7:00 P.M., at Coffea Dawley Farms. This competition will feature two brackets, one for baristas and one for those who have never poured! Food trucks and live music will be part of the family-friendly evening, which will raise funds for bus passes for people working toward self-sufficiency—transportation being one of the biggest unmet needs in the community, especially for those who have just begun new employment and are working hard to create a life for themselves and their families. Details and registration are online at thecommunityoutreach.org.

OSL CIRCLES — JUNE 20**Morning**

Glory and Grace – Merrilee Petersen, 709 W. Mardo Cir., 336-7645

Anna/Elizabeth – Perkins by Western Mall (11:00 A.M.)

Afternoon

Goodness – Gayle Hooper, 7418 S. Grand Arbor Ct., 376-0290

Peace – Dorothy Eide, 3104 O’Gorman Dr., 338-8005 (1:00 P.M.)

Rachel – Family Connection, Linda Axtell, 361-5261 (1:30 P.M.)

Evening

Leah – Check with your Circle leader (7:00 P.M.)

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK will run through July 25 (except July 4), 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. Questions? Contact Michelle Anderson (miaanderson@oslchurch.com 336-2942, ext. 28) or Deb Harlan (336-2942, ext. 49, or dharlan@oslchurch.com).

Loving and caring for one another is something Jesus calls us all to do (John 15:12). **STEPHEN MINISTRY** helps people with special gifts for caring ministry put their gifts to use bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who most need it. If you know someone who is going through a difficult time—or if you are yourself—talk with Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19. OSL’s Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to help hurting people experience the healing power of Christ’s love.

Get your friends and family together for a fun morning of golf! Join in The Community Outreach’s **HEZEKIAH HOUSE GOLF TOURNAMENT**, on July 27. Participate in fun challenges and learn about some of the difficulties people in poverty face in the Sioux Falls community. All proceeds will help support the Hezekiah House homeownership program. All skill levels are welcome! Details and registration at www.eventbrite.com/e/hezekiah-house-golf-tournament-tickets-45680731297?blm_aid=1468418.



Community

THE SOUTH DAKOTA SYNOD will elect a new bishop at the 2019 Synod Assembly. As part of the election process, a synod is required to develop, distribute, and evaluate a survey regarding its ministry and desired attributes for the bishop. This is done in coordination with the ELCA Department for Research and Evaluation. A committee formed with representatives from each of the synod's conferences has developed the survey, which is available at <https://surveys.elca.org/scripts/rws5.pl?FORM=3CSBE>. Individuals, congregational councils, and congregations are invited to complete the survey, by Aug. 1. Survey results will be available on Dec. 1.



Learning

“THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING,” Lutherans Outdoors Day Camp, 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 or in The Gathering Place. Cost: \$50 per student. Friends are welcome.

The interfaith gathering **IN HIS STEPS: PATHWAYS OF PEACE** will meet at OSL on Tuesday, June 19, at 7:00 P.M. The documentary *Disturbing the Peace* will be shown, plus updates on a fall awareness tour to Israel/Palestine.

AGING FAITHFULLY 2018 CONFERENCE, “Liberating the Heart: Spirituality of Elderhood, with Joyce Rupp, will be held at the Elmen Center at Augustana University on Thursday, July 26, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. The conference will bring together some of the best voices across religious traditions to discuss how spirituality and well-being are different in the second half of life and how that can be celebrated in daily living. Tickets are \$25 through July 16; \$35 afterward. More details and registration may be found at augie.edu/aging. The Aging Faithfully Conference is a partnership of Augustana University, The South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society.



Service

OSL CHILDREN'S FAMILIES WILL SERVE at Lunch Is Served on June 20, at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1600 E. 12th St., at 1:00 P.M. If you have a child age seven or older, you and they are welcome to come pack brown bag lunches to help local working men and women break the chains of poverty. Space is limited, so email Melissa Nesdahl, Director of Faith Formation, mnesdahl@oslchurch.com, to get signed up!

Even as people are traveling and vacationing this summer, OSL continues its commitment to **MEALS ON WHEELS**. Can you help deliver meals on some open days in June and July, and much of August? If you can, contact Sandy Garnas, 338-5440. Training is provided for first-time volunteers in this important ministry!

Hezekiah House

**OSL Vision for Ministry
Connecting Faith
to Everyday Life**

OSL Strategic Focus:

Service to Our Neighbor

Our mission is carried out in word and deed. When we serve our neighbor, not only have we proclaimed God's love in our actions but it is as though we have served Christ himself. (Matthew 25)

The Mission Opportunity

Accompanying hard-working, low-income Sioux Falls families on their journey toward greater independence and stability.

The Plan: Hezekiah House

1. Our Savior's will lease four rental properties to The Community Outreach (TCO) for five years for \$187.50/month/home (\$9,000/year total rental income).
2. These four properties would be used by TCO to initiate its Hezekiah House (HH) ministry for the working poor.
 - HH will provide stable housing at market rent to qualifying tenants;
 - HH will surround each family with a network of support and education through volunteer mentors (Genesis Program), trained social worker, a caring faith community, financial training, wealth accumulation tools, and performance incentives.
 - HH tenants will "graduate" from the program when personal savings goals and program expectations have been achieved (2½ to 3 years), positioning them to achieve their dream of owning and maintaining their own home.
3. During the lease period (beginning Q3 2018), TCO will:
 - Compensate OSL for use of the four homes;
 - Make needed improvements upon approval by OSL Board of Property;
 - Maintain properties according to OSL standards;
 - Pay property taxes;
 - Maintain renter's insurance (TCO and/or tenants);
 - Initiate and oversee appropriate rental agreements with qualifying tenants;
 - Select tenants based on program parameters;
 - Conduct neighborhood outreach.



The Plan: Hezekiah House, *cont'd*

4. Both OSL and TCO will have the right to terminate the lease agreement at any time. In the event that OSL terminates the lease, OSL will pay TCO the cost of approved improvements depreciated linearly over five years.
5. During the lease period, OSL will provide meeting space for HH tenant meetings and classes once per month and additionally at the discretion of OSL staff.
6. At the end of the lease, renewal, sale of properties, and termination of lease agreement will all be considered.

Next Steps:

1. Congregational vote to authorize lease agreement between OSL and TCO.
2. TCO initiates program and begins to receive applications.

Anticipated Outcomes

- HH tenants are equipped for home ownership and greater community involvement.
- OSL rental properties are properly maintained while serving our mission to connect faith with everyday life.
- OSL, in partnership with TCO, makes a tangible impact in our community.
- The working poor of Sioux Falls experience the love of God through authentic Christian community.

How We Got Here

1. Members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and TCO approached the OSL Congregation Council with proposal to use a portion of OSL property to build an eight-plex of townhomes for transitional housing for the working poor.
2. The council conducted several information forums and listening posts on the proposal.
3. In the mix of widespread support for the concept and concern for the responsible stewardship of our property, the council appointed two task forces:
 - The Hezekiah House Task Force was charged with exploring the feasibility of a Hezekiah-House-like project on OSL property. Members included Anne Rieck McFarland, Jaysen Stevenson, Dan Van Schepen, Erin Capouch, Dennis McFarland, and Bob Thimjon.
 - The Summit Avenue Rental Properties Task Force was charged with researching and analyzing the opportunities and challenges related to owning the three properties on Summit Avenue. Members included Jaysen Stevenson, Dan Van Schepen, Janelle Hoven, Mark Matson, Jeff Mindt, and John Quello.
 - Pr. Randy Gehring advised both task forces.
4. The two task forces merged when it was proposed that we consider using the rental properties on Summit Avenue and Prairie Avenue for the Hezekiah House project.
5. The combined task force, in collaboration with TCO, developed the framework of understanding and proposed unanimously to the council proceeding with the finalization of all necessary instruments that will govern this new ministry initiative.



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