

# The *intercom* In Church and Community



OUR SAVIOR'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.*

## Pastor for Outreach and Communication Faith and Companionship, by Pr. Justin Kosec



In Genesis 2, the first human being lived entirely alone in a garden called Eden. There were no other animals at that time. The person was alone with the wind and the sun and the untalkative trees. The silence must have been deafening.

Especially in this age, where social media enables a steady stream of surface relationships and where screens allow people to be alone together, it is easy to believe that loneliness is more acute than ever. But according to our scripture, loneliness was a part of the human experience from the very beginning.

In that old story, God knew a person could not live happily, even in Eden, all by himself. God made dogs and cats and emus and dodos and komodo dragons, but none of these helped. So God created a human friend. In this story, God used the vast powers of divine creativity just to alleviate one person's loneliness.

God knows we need human relationships and meaningful connections. LifeGroups are one way we build these connections here at Our Savior's.

LifeGroups are small groups where people build faith and companionship in an informal setting. Some LifeGroups meet at OSL; some meet in homes. Some meet year-round. Others gather around four- to six-week preaching series.

The next LifeGroup series, WORTHY, begins this month. In WORTHY, we will discuss how we measure our worth through our friendships, our success in life, our roles as children, our expectations as Christians.

Our society tells us our worth comes from success, or the number of friends on our social

edge all these messages. But then we'll live into the alternative created by our faith: We are worthy people, because God said so.

If you participate in this LifeGroup series, I think you'll make some new friends, discover new things about old friends, and find your faith uplifted and affirmed.

Still, relationships take time and energy to build. For this reason, we're making it easier than ever for LifeGroups to meet you where you're at. We have one- or two-session modules for groups that meet monthly. More ways for newer groups to connect. More resources for older groups to stay engaged and stay together. To get involved, stop at the LifeGroup table at OSL, call the Church Office (336-2942), or contact me (jkosec@oslchurch.com; 336-2942, ext. 44) or Trish Syverson (tsyvers1@gmail.com).

Human community is a gift from God. You may not find any dodos or komodo dragons at Our Savior's, but any time you are here we hope you find the gifts grown only in the

garden of human community: belonging, trustworthy friends, and a place where you are loved for how you are different.

media feeds, or how we prepare our kids for college in preschool, or how a proper Christian behaves. It sends us many more messages besides, and these messages affect our faith in God. This October, we will honestly acknowl-

# Worthy

## LifeGroups

## Memorials and Honoraria August 2018

### In Memory of Audrey Anderson

Dennis Beeman  
Barbara J. Peterson  
Floyd and Carol Prouty

### In Memory of Larry Detmers

Don and Sarah Abbas  
Joe and Karla Alick  
Lois Buitendyk  
Miriam Clayton  
Daniel and Virginia Hanson  
Muriel Hanson  
James and Marlys Knutson  
Jerome Knutson  
Lloyd and Donna Knutson  
Diane Ritter  
Don and Dee Sorvaag

### In Memory of Bob Elmen

Don and Sara Abbas  
Charlotte Carver  
Diane Cramer  
Loren and Sharla Dykshorn  
Candis Hanson  
Dave and Joan Haugen  
Lowell and Norma Hyland  
Timothy and Jennifer Jeffrey  
Dave and De Knudson  
Donald Knudson  
Joan Nelsen  
Rob and Angela Oliver  
Ruth Olsen  
Barbara J Peterson  
Ron and Martha Rossing  
Dennis Schmidt  
Dave and Linda Stadheim  
Don and Toady Weeg

### In Memory of Clarice Eitrheim

Rita Elmen

### In Memory of Harry Krueger

Rita Elmen

### In Memory of Carol Jean Myers

Karen Hohman  
John and Bonnie Nelson  
Tien Nguyen and Suong T Pho  
Roger Peters

### In Memory of Pastor Pete Peterson

Adam and Kathy Pavek  
Don and Coryll Weeg  
Arlen Viste

### In Memory of Truman Phelen

Jim and Patricia Croston  
Carol Nielsen

### In Memory of Jill Stoefen-Fischer

Don and Toady Weeg

## Baptisms

### August 26, 2018

Avery Katherine Wylie, the daughter of Tyler and Brittney Wylie.  
Braxton Arthur Greenwood, the son of Kirk and Heather Greenwood.  
Gavin Theodore Eitrem, the son of Andrew and Kayla Eitrem.

## Congregational Life

### Share Joy!

OSL's Board of Stewardship and Benevolence will launch the Fall Stewardship Appeal for 2018 in mid-October. This year's theme is *Share Joy!* and draws upon that well-known verse in Nehemiah, "...the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)

*Share Joy!* is about recognizing the strength we enjoy as followers of Jesus because of our trust in God's faithfulness and, in turn, mobilizing for ministry in ways that share this joy with others. Be watching for more information coming soon in your mailbox and at OSL.

# Share Joy!

Stewardship 2018

### Family Favorites Pot Luck Supper

Sponsored by the Congregational Life board, the Family Favorites Pot Luck Supper will be held on Saturday, October 27, at 6:00 P.M., in The Gathering Place. Bring your family's favorite dish to share with others—and bring copies of the recipe to share too!



Remington is getting ready to be a big brother.

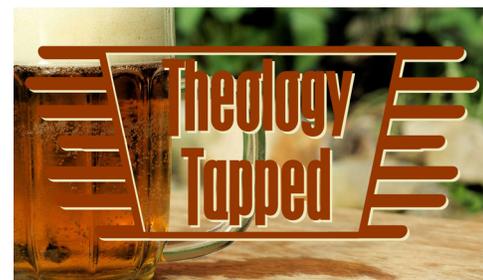
We're expecting Baby Johnson in March 2019!

### Baby on Board. Soon

Prs. Sami and Josh Johnson are thrilled to announce that they are expecting their first child. They thank you for your prayers and support during this new season of their lives.

### 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, October 25, from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M., at Monk's House of Ale Repute, 420 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.



### Telecasts

### September 9, 2018

Telecasts are sponsored by Sharon Weber.

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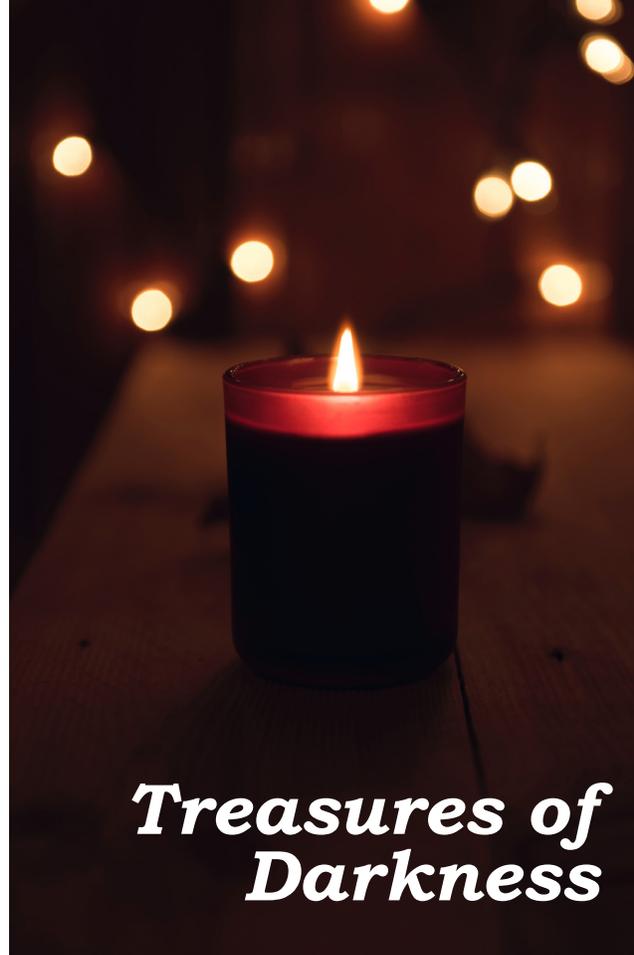


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# Treasures of Darkness

## Advent Devotional

OSL members are invited to submit brief devotional writings for the Advent Devotional booklet, *Treasures of Darkness*. A guide for writers may be found at the Information Center or at [oslchurch.com](http://oslchurch.com). The deadline is November 9; send contributions to Bill Reynolds, [breyolds@oslchurch.com](mailto:breyolds@oslchurch.com), preferably as a Word document attached to an email message.



**OSL Food Ministry**

**OSL Food Ministry** serves breakfast on Sundays in The Gathering Place, starting at 9:30, and Wednesday dinner starting at 5:00. All are welcome! Thank you for contributing to the freewill offering to help cover expenses.

**October Menus (subject to change)**  
**Sunday Breakfasts**

- 7 – Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Roasted Potatoes, Donut Holes, Orange Juice, Yogurt
- 14 – Egg Bake, Fruit Tarts, Donut Holes, Orange Juice, Yogurt
- 21 – Cheese Omelets, Sausage Patties, Tri Taters, Orange Juice, Yogurt
- 28 – Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Roasted Potatoes, Donut Holes, Orange Juice, Yogurt

**Wednesday Dinners**

- 3 – Tater tot Casserole, Tossed Salad, Jell-O, Buns, Dessert
- 10 – Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots, Bread and Butter, Tossed Salad, Dessert
- 17 – BBQ Riblets, Baked Beans, Cheese Hash Browns, Bread and Butter, Tossed Salad, Dessert
- 24 – Chicken Pot Pie in a Bowl, Biscuits, Tossed Salad, Dessert
- 31 – No meal: Happy Halloween!

## Peace by Piece Ministry Meets the Need

Every year, the Lutheran aid organization Global Health Ministries sends thousands of Hospice Kits overseas “to help the hands that heal.” Earlier this fall, word went out that more kits were needed, and OSL’s Peace by Piece Ministry (the quilters) helped fill this need by purchasing supplies and assembling 30 kits (see photo). Thanks to them for stepping up!

These Hospice Kits provide comfort and needed supplies to someone suffering from HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other terminal diseases. Kits are distributed by palliative care providers in many countries. Learn more about Global Health Ministries at [ghm.org](http://ghm.org).



## Open House Peace by Piece Quilting Ministry

October 13, 4:00 to 6:30 P.M.  
October 14, 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

Come see the new workspace, learn what the group has been working on, enjoy refreshments, and receive a free pocket prayer shawl!

Peace by Piece is located at the bottom of the stairs next to The Gathering Place kitchen.

All are welcome!



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# OSL Women of the ELCA

## Opportunity to Serve by Jodie Nielsen

We are excited to announce that Nancy Krueger has volunteered for one of the open board positions beginning in January! We still have one opening, and we would love to hear from you. Please prayerfully consider putting your name in for either the secretary or mission work

**Women of the ELCA**  position. If you have any questions regarding these openings, please let me know (jodie.nielsen@gmail.com).

**October Bible Study.** “Turn, Turn, Turn: A Time for Faithful Repentance” by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. (Source: gathermagazine.org.)  
Session Two: “Turning to Others.” Focus Verse: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like

it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Matthew 22:37–40

**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.

### Upcoming Events:

- ♦ Annual Pie & Lefse Sale – November 18.
- ♦ WELCA Christmas Luncheon – Saturday, December 1, 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., with Short Notice Band.

“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.

## Caring Ministries

## Thirty Years of OSL Stephen Ministry By Pr. Tim Lemme

It’s time to celebrate! Stephen Ministry has been a vital component of Our Savior’s mission and ministry for 30 years now!

Since 1988, OSL’s Stephen Ministers have provided compassionate, Christian care to those in need of support during difficult times. Now we pause to acknowledge that accomplishment: Come join Stephen Ministers past and present as we celebrate, together with the entire OSL family, the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone.



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Stop by The Gathering Place on October 7, between worship services, for refreshments, information, and a presentation on Stephen Ministries through the years. And learn how you too can become part of Stephen Ministries!

As we give thanks for this vital ministry, we will welcome Dr. Julie Kahl, former pastor of Our Savior’s, who was instrumental in bringing the Stephen Ministries Program to OSL, and will acknowledge and affirm OSL’s Stephen Leaders, some of whom have been active in this ministry since the beginning!

For more information, contact Deb Harlan, Stephen Ministries Coordinator (336-2942, ext. 48, or dharlan@oslchurch.com) or me, Pr. Tim Lemme (336-2942, ext. 19, or tlemme@oslchurch.com).



Sioux Falls is blessed with many works of art created by local and regional artists. Guest speaker Jeff Hanson will present a program on these artworks—including the SculptureWalk and upcoming Arc of Dreams, which will span the Big Sioux River downtown—at the next Friendship Club, on Tuesday, October 16, at 10:30 A.M., in the Friendship Room.

Come learn more about the artists, what their works represent, and future art projects coming to the community, then stay for lunch and fellowship afterward in The Gathering Place. Bring a friend!

Friendship Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at 10:30 A.M.

# 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.

## Footcare Clinic

Cost is \$25 per person. Wednesday, October 3, 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.

## 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, October 10 and 24, 9:30 A.M., Sonshine Room.

## Recent Loss Group

Wednesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M., in the Chapel. Contact Michelle Anderson, 336-2942, ext. 28, or mianderson@oslchurch.com, to preregister. OSL Community Supper is available before the meeting, at 5:00 in The Gathering Place.

## 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 meets on Mondays, 8:00 A.M. to noon and 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., in the Gym.

# Caring Ministries

## Now Hear This

The next OSL Hearing Screening and Educational Opportunity will be on Wednesday, October 10, from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M., in Caring Ministries. Dr. Kristen Kaufman of Audiology Specialty Clinic will conduct screenings from 4:00 to 6:00 (all ages welcome), followed by a time of questions and answers regarding the newest technological interventions, till 6:30. Sign up at the Information Center for your 15-minute hearing evaluation. Questions? Contact Michelle Anderson, 336-2942, ext. 28, or mianderson@oslchurch.com.

## Moments of Joy

Our Savior's will partner with numerous local agencies to present "Communicating With Joy – When Your Loved One or Friend Has Dementia" on Saturday, November 3, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., in The Gathering Place.

This event is for anyone who spends time with those affected by various forms and stages of dementia—family members, friends, faith community members, and others.

The program is being developed as this *Intercom* goes to press, but attendees will be able to

- ♦ Understand the losses that people with dementia experience as the brain fails, and learn how to assist in compensating for these losses.
- ♦ Share practical verbal and nonverbal communication skills that help the person feel heard and supported.
- ♦ Learn how to creatively and effectively turn challenging situations into moments of joy.
- ♦ Identify how faith communities can support with dignity, grace, hope, and joy.
- ♦ Access resources and tools that enhance caregiving resilience and joy.

The event is free to participants; a freewill offering will be accepted.

For more information or to register, contact Michelle Anderson, RN, Faith Community Nurse, mianderson@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 28.

## Coming up in Caring Ministries

**Blood Mobile** – Sunday, October 7, 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Sign up at the Information Center.

### "Hearing Health and New Technology"

– Wednesday, October 10, 4:00 to 6:30 P.M., in Caring Ministries. Sign up for a 15-minute hearing screening at the Information Center. At 6:00, Dr. Kristen Kaufman, an audiologist with Audiology Specialty Clinic, will present information and address questions about new hearing technologies. There is no cost; all ages are welcome

### OSL annual CPR, AED, and First-Aid

**Training** with Jeremy Robertson – Thursday, October 25, 6:00 P.M. pizza supper, 6:30–7:30 training and practice (hands-only CPR), in The Gathering Place. All are welcome, especially OSL staff, teachers, ushers, and volunteers. Sign up at the Information Center; no cost, but a head count is needed for food ordering.

### "Communicating with Joy – When Your Loved One or Friend Has Dementia"

– Saturday, November 3, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., in The Gathering Place. This special event is for family, friends, and faith community members who spend time with those affected by various forms and stages of dementia. See "Moments of Joy" on this page for more details.

The next Recent Loss Group will start on November 14 and meet on Wednesdays through December 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M., in the Chapel.

## 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 October 6 and October 20.

For more details, contact Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19.

## Faith Formation Notes

The Kindergarten Caring Conversations Milestone is October 7. Students and their parents will receive a blessing during the 8:45 A.M. Celebrate worship service, then, at 10:00, will have Family Time with Pr. Sami in the Friendship Room, and make a conversation cube together. Kindergartners in Sunday School will not attend education that day, since they will be in Family Time with their parents.

All Sunday and Wednesday School Students age four through grade five will sing at the 8:45 A.M. Celebrate worship service on October 7.



## Youth Ministry Notes

### New Youth Ministry Team

Help welcome new mentors to OS� High School Youth, who also will assist with youth group and events:

**Moriah Goddard**, a junior at Augustana University studying Nursing, is returning for her second year at OS�. Moriah is from southern California and describes herself as empathetic, passionate about sports, and very excited about youth group connections this year.

**Mollie Varpness** just finished the summer as the Head Intern here at OS�, and is excited to continue at OS� this year.

Mollie is a junior at Augustana University, studying Religion and Communications with plans to continue for a Master of Divinity degree and ordination in the ELCA. "The students have been amazing this summer, and I can't wait to continue and grow with them," Mollie says. "Thank you for this opportunity."

**Elle Weg**, a senior at Lincoln High School, is planning to attend Luther next year to begin a degree in Youth Ministry with plans to be a youth director. Elle has volunteered at Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp for the past two summers and has a passion for teaching kids about Jesus while having a lot of fun at the same time.

We are excited to have all three young women on our team and to see them connect with and grow youth ministry here at OS�.

### Youth Group

**Middle School Youth Group.** Students in grades six through eight are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings, from 10:00 to 10:50, in the Youth Room. Grow in faith through games, activities, and opportunities to serve, all while learning about God and having a lot of fun.

**High School Youth Group.** All students in grades nine through 12 are welcome to join us on Wednesday nights, from 7:00 to 9:00, in the Youth Room. Youth group is a little different each week, as we explore various topics through worship, study, prayer, and service, as well as games, activities, and off-campus activities such as bowling, trampoline parks, hayrides, mall scavenger hunts, and much, much more.



### Confirmation

**Confirmation class** for sixth- through eighth-graders meets every Wednesday, from 6:00 to 7:15 P.M. Start in Fellowship Hall for large-group time with Pr. Sami and John, then head to your small groups for a time of reflection and fun. For questions or to register, contact Nicole Mindt, 336-2942, ext. 33, or [nmindt@oslchurch.com](mailto:nmindt@oslchurch.com).

### Ninth-Grade Confirmation Banquet.

On Sunday, October 7, at 5:00 P.M., ninth-graders will gather to celebrate their confirmation milestone with their family, friends, and baptismal sponsors. Meal with family begins at 6:00.

### Youth Events

**Football Night with John.** High-school youth are invited to join John on October 5 as he attends the Lincoln Patriot football game and checks out the world-famous Sioux Falls Lincoln High School Patriot Marching Band. Come out and enjoy the fun atmosphere while cheering on your fellow youth group members playing in (and leading) the band.



# OSL Youth and Family

**Country Apple Orchard.** Wednesday and Sunday School, confirmation, and high school youth group students and their families are invited to join us at Country Apple Orchard on Wednesday, October 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M., for apple picking, train rides, bounce houses, hayrides, and more. No cost for this event. Apples, cider, and other food will be available for purchase from the country store. Children in fifth grade and younger must be accompanied by a caring adult.

**Middle School Sunday FUNday Event** will be on Sunday, October 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Middle-school youth are invited to join the fun at Heartland Country Corn Maze for some corny fun. Cost is \$8 (cash or check only), and if we find all the checkpoints, we get a free treat.

**High School Haunted Corn Maze Event** will be on Saturday, October 29, at 7:00 P.M. High-school youth will be heading to the Heartland Country Haunted Corn Maze for a scary good time. Cost is \$10 (cash or check only).

## Youth Group Summer Trips 2019

**Service Learning Camp,** Duluth, Minnesota. Middle- and high-school students are invited to join us July 13 through 19 as we head to the North Shore of Minnesota to serve the people of Duluth. The cost is \$400, with a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Sign up at the Youth Table in The Gathering Place and the Youth Room, or contact John for more information or with any questions.

**Compass Point Adventure Experience,** Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Colorado. High-school students are invited to join us June 15 through 22 as we head to Rainbow Trails Lutheran Bible Camp, one and a half hours west of Pueblo, Colorado. We will embark on a four-day backpacking adventure to the peaks of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Sign up at the Youth Table in The Gathering Place and the Youth Room, or contact me for more information or with any questions.

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336-2942, ext. 35



# OSLC Foundation

## Gifts to the OSLC Foundation May 10—September 4

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When you make memorial gifts or gifts that honor others, you are thinking and acting in a three-dimensional way: You honor the past; you serve the present; you demonstrate faith in the future. How thoughtful! When you are ready to visit more about current and future gifts to the OSLC Foundation, contact me, Jon Oien, at [joien@sio.midco.net](mailto:joien@sio.midco.net).

# OSL Library

## Fall Book Sale

The OSL Library will accept books, movie DVDs, and music CDs for its Fall Book Sale through October 17. The sale will run from 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 20, and from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, October 21, in the Friendship Room.

A large selection of children's and adult fiction and nonfiction books will be for sale, along with music CDs and movie DVDs. Don't miss it!



## Fall Book and DVD displays

Explore the beauty of fall through books and movies from the OSL Library. To make your selection easy, a large selection of items is on display for children, youth, and adults.

## “We ‘FALL’ow Jesus” Fall Reading Program

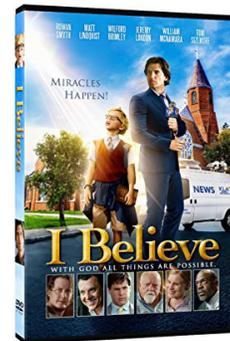
The OSL Library's fall reading program, “We ‘FALL’ow Jesus,” runs through October 28. Each day they check out items, children, youth, and adults will receive a treat and have their book receipt submitted for a chance to win a weekly \$5 drawing.

As the program continues, the Library's Tree of Life display will show the beauty of God's creation by its leaves of green turning to brilliant golds and reds, representing the ways God richly blesses and transforms us.



## Second Saturday Movie

This month's movie, on October 13, will be



*I Believe.* Nine-year-old Brian (Rowan Smyth) has a supernatural encounter with God, an experience that sends him on an adventurous quest to find out more about what Christians believe. He faces heavy opposition from the

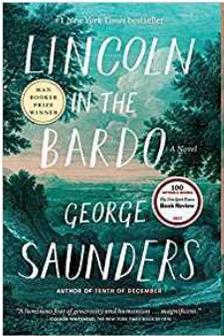
world around him, especially from his own father Simon (Matt Lindquist), an atheist TV newscaster.

Brian finds allies in the pastor of a local church (Wilford Brimley) and a wounded U.S. Marine (Jeremy London). Brian's pure and innocent faith brings about manifestations of God's extraordinary power that quickly become breaking news.

Make a day of it with the movie, followed by worship at 5:00 and dinner afterward!

## 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 October 25 selection will be *Lincoln at the Bardo* by George Saunders.



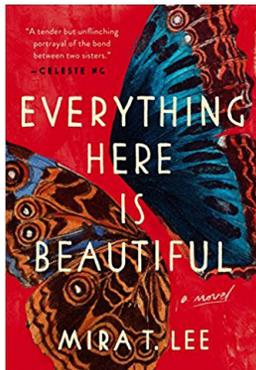
February 1862. The Civil War is less than one year old. The nation has begun to realize it is in for a long, bloody struggle. Meanwhile, President Lincoln's beloved 11-year-old son, Willie, lies upstairs in the White House, gravely ill. In a matter of days, despite predictions of a recovery, Willie dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery. "My poor boy, he was too good for this earth," the president says at the time. "God has called him home."

From that seed of historical truth, George Saunders spins an unforgettable story of familial love and loss that breaks free of its realistic, historical framework into a supernatural realm both hilarious and terrifying. Willie Lincoln finds himself in a strange purgatory where ghosts mingle, gripe, commiserate, quarrel, and enact bizarre acts of penance. Within this transitional state—called, in the Tibetan tradition, the *bardo*—a monumental struggle erupts over young Willie's soul.

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

## New for Adults

***Everything Here Is Beautiful* by Crystal**



**Stine.** Two sisters—Miranda, the older, responsible one, always her younger sister's protector, and Lucia, the headstrong, unpredictable one, whose impulses are huge and often life-changing. When Lucia starts hearing voices, Miranda must find a way to reach her sister. Lucia impetuously plows ahead, but the bitter constant is that she is, in fact, mentally ill. Lucia lives life on a grand scale, until, inevitably, she crashes to earth. Miranda leaves her own self-contained life in Switzerland to rescue her sister again—but only Lucia can decide whether she wants to be saved.

*Everything Here Is Beautiful* is, at its heart, an immigrant story, and a young woman's quest to find fulfillment and a life unconstrained by her illness. It's also a story of the sacrifices we make to truly love someone.

### Additional New Titles for Adults

- *Devotion: An Epic Story of Heroism, Friendship, and Sacrifice* by Adam Makos
- *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover
- *Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler

## New for Middle- and High-School Youth

***Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly** is



a funny and poignant story about unexpected friendships. Told from four points of view—two boys and two girls—the novel celebrates bravery, being different, and finding your inner *bayani* (hero). In one day, four lives weave together

in unexpected ways. Virgil Salinas is shy and kindhearted and feels out of place in his crazy-about-sports family. Valencia Somerset, who is deaf, is smart, brave, and secretly lonely, and she loves everything about nature. Kaori Tanaka is a self-proclaimed psychic. And Chet Bullens wishes the weird kids would just stop being so different so he can concentrate on basketball.

They aren't friends, at least not until Chet pulls a prank that traps Virgil and his pet guinea pig at the bottom of a well, and leads Kaori, Gen, and Valencia on an epic quest to find missing Virgil.

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

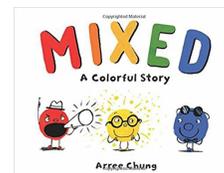
- *The Honest Truth* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *The Unwanteds: Island of Graves* by Lisa McMann
- *Evil Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs

## OSL Library Hours

Sunday	8:30 A.M.–12:15 P.M.
Monday	9:00 A.M.–noon
Tuesday	9:00 A.M.–noon
Wednesday	9:00 A.M.–7:30 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.

## New Chapter, Picture, and Early Reader Books

***Mixed: A Colorful Story* by Arree Chung.**



The Reds, the Yellows, and the Blues all think they are the best in this vibrant, thought-provoking picture book, with a message of acceptance and unity.

In the beginning, there were three colors—Reds, Yellows, and Blues—all special in their own ways, all living in harmony until one day, a Red says "Reds are the best!" and starts a color kerfuffle. When the colors decide to separate, is there anything that can change their minds?

A Yellow, a Blue, and a never-before-seen color might just save the day in this inspiring book about color, tolerance, and embracing differences.

### Additional New Early Readers

- *Monsters Love School* by Mike Austin
- *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman

### New Picture Books

- *Dora the Explorer Phonics Reading Program: Let's Go Explore!* by Scholastic
- *Ten Apples up on Top* by Theo. LeSieg

### New Chapter Books

- *Dragon Masters: Waking the Rainbow Dragon* by Tracey West
- *The Fantastic and Terrible Fame of Classroom 13* by Honest Lee and Matthew J. Gilbert

# How your offering becomes Mission Support

**As Lutherans**, we believe that Christ has freed us from sin and death, even from ourselves, so that we can love and serve our neighbors. One way we put our faith in action is by making a financial gift—an offering—to our congregations.

Each year, ELCA congregations pledge to send a portion of the offerings they receive to fund ELCA ministries in their synods and beyond. In the ELCA, we call these funds Mission Support.

Mission Support enables the ELCA's 9,300 congregations and 65 synods to pool resources to love and serve our neighbors in ways that no individual or congregation can do alone. **Mission Support is one way we are church together—it's essential to who we are as the ELCA.**

Through Mission Support, we participate in God's life-changing work in our communities and around the world.

## How Mission Support works

### Your congregation

Your congregation stewards your offering to support your congregation's vital presence in your community. When your congregation votes to designate a portion of your offering to be shared with your synod and the churchwide organization, your congregation is sharing Mission Support for the ministries stewarded by the wider church on your behalf.

### Your synod

Your congregation's Mission Support dollars are stewarded by your synod leaders to nurture and equip ELCA congregations and rostered ministers. Synods support area ministry partners (camps, colleges, seminaries and more) as well as build relationships with companion churches around the world. Synods designate a portion of the Mission Support funds they receive from congregations to be shared with your churchwide organization for ministries across our church.

### Your churchwide organization

Your churchwide organization stewards Mission Support dollars to lead and support ministry on behalf of the whole church. This includes accompanying ELCA congregations as growing centers for evangelical mission, equipping leaders and building the capacity of this church for witness and service in the world.



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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 August 31

	Annual Giving
Pledged	\$1,232,119
Received YTD	\$617,187
Remaining	\$732,715
Projected YTD	\$1,169,930
Ahead/(Behind)	\$ 62,189