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LUTHERAN CHURCH
Connecting Faith to Everyday Life

From the Senior Pastor Time for an Update



Back in January, we voted to adopt interim bylaws and enter into a season of test-driving a new governance structure at Our Savior's. The time had come for us to "right-size" our system of governance to more

effectively serve our mission.

Notable changes under the new structure include:

- A seven-member Governing Board made up of the president, vice president, immediate past president, secretary, treasurer, an at-large member, and the senior pastor, with all positions except the senior pastor being elected positions, and all positions having voice and vote. This governing board replaces the former Congregation Council, a 20-member elected representative body that included four officers, four at-large members, and 12 representatives, one from each ministry board. All of the pastors and a representative from the Women of the ELCA also attended council meetings with voice but no vote.
- The board is served by three standing committees that assist the board with its governance responsibilities: Finance; Policy and Leadership Development; and Stewardship Development. Each committee includes the senior pastor and another member of

the board and several other congregational members appointed by the Governing Board without limitation to term.

- Five Core Ministry Teams replace the 12 nine-member ministry boards. These teams, led by key program staff members, are comprised of appointed members recruited by the team leaders without limitation to term.
- The congregation will be regularly invited into conversation by the Governing Board using an open question format to collaboratively discern future directions for OSLS's ministry.

Perhaps the most succinct summary of the new model is to say that the Governing Board is in charge of governance, and the staff, headed by the senior pastor, is empowered to be in charge of ministry.

Now that a few months have passed since we voted to live into this new model, it's time for an update.

- The Governing Board has met twice since January and has spent considerable time strategizing approaches to policy as well as learning the basic principles underlying the new model. The board has recruited and appointed members to the three standing committees, whose names are printed below. Board members include Dan Van Schepen, President; Alison Sahly, Vice President; Anne Rieck McFarland, Immediate Past President;

Bruce Hasche, Secretary; Brian Sittig, Treasurer; Charlie Nesdahl, At-large; Pr. Randy Gehring, Senior Pastor.

- The Finance Committee, comprised of Brian Sittig, Pr. Randy, Dean Buckneberg, Donna Jipp, and Jill Mollner, is overseeing the process of restructuring our financial reports to reflect the new ministry structure, reviewing current practices and policies with an eye toward recommending transitioning to a fiscal year that, starting in 2020, will begin on July 1, and discerning any new policies that may be necessary.
- The Policy and Leadership Development Committee, comprised of Anne Rieck McFarland, Pr. Randy, Brenda Bernard, and Dan Lunder, is working on developing a template that will be used to aid in the writing of new policies while bringing consistency to the format of existing policies. They are developing a board orientation manual that will be used to orient current and all future board members to their duties and responsibilities. And they envision developing an integrated system for identifying and nurturing new leaders.
- The Stewardship Development Committee, comprised of Pr. Randy, Andrea DeGroot-Nesdahl, Dan Drenkow, Brad Green, Dave Knudson, and Heidi Seefeldt, has yet to meet, having been recently appointed at the April 9 meeting of the Governing Board.

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On the ministry side of the equation, here are the highlights from each of our five core ministry teams:

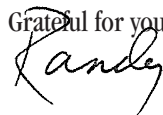
- Faith Formation (Pr. Sami, team leader; Melissa Nesdahl; John Schomberg)
 - + Since the transition, there is increased collaboration between our children's and youth ministries, strengthening both programs and collegiality.
 - + Expanded activity-based opportunities allow for engagement in short-term ministry opportunities like VBS volunteers, Bible Immersion Camp leaders, and mission trip teams.
 - + Additional opportunities to be part of on-going ministries in a small scope include Sunday/Wednesday School education leaders, Hy-Vee Table, and High School Youth Leadership Team.
- Spiritual Care (Pr. Tim, team leader; Michelle Anderson; Deb Harlan)
 - + The new structure has renewed our commitment to the mission and strategic direction of our congregation.
 - + It has reminded us of the rich and diverse ministry of our many volunteers within the Spiritual Care area. We are beginning to see more people interested in joining specific ministry teams that focus on the gifts and interests they have to offer.
 - + The team feels empowered to look to the future with new excitement as we consider ways in which we can broaden spiritual care to our members, our community, and our world in partnership with new and existing ministry teams.
- Discipleship (Pr. Justin, team leader; Lori Tendler; Becky Fiala; Julie Oien)
 - + The excellent ministry of the Library now collaborates intentionally with LifeGroups, outreach, and adult education opportunities.
 - + We've begun a subtle shift to actively acknowledging our meal service as a ministry, where the church feeds bodies and spirits.
 - + We continue strong congregation-wide fellowship opportunities like our Chili Cook-Off, blessing bags to our home-bound parishioners, and more.
 - + Staff that led ministry teams now collaborate within this core ministry area, facilitating greater communication and

connections between programs.

- Love in Action (Pr. Justin, team leader; Jetty Duffy Matzner; DeAnn Corcoran; Brenda Bernard; Kris Breitag)
 - + The shift to ministry teams has liberated this ministry area to undertake several new initiatives:
 - + Discharge with Dignity: A new program coordinated through Sanford to provide patients with necessary clothing like shoes and pants before discharge.
 - + Ramps on Rosebud: In partnership with Celebration in Brandon, we will travel to the reservation to build ramps for elders who have no wheelchair access into their homes.
 - + Bigs and Littles Dance: We're coordinating a first-ever intergenerational dance with our ministry partners at Pueblo de Dios.
- Worship (Gene LeVasseur, team leader; Matthew Tylutki; Denny Gale; Tom Syverson; Don Lange; Paul Davidson)
 - + Under the new governance structure, we have experienced a streamlined decision-making process, which helps us be more nimble and creative.
 - + Our team is comprised of key staff members as well as congregational members who sense a deep commitment and call to serve OSL's worship life.
 - + We are working on developing a new understanding of what was formerly known as Deacons at OSL and creating more on-ramps for congregational members to share in some of those helpful and important duties on a short-term basis.

Because this transition to a new governance structure is a pilot, we welcome your feedback, your questions, and your prayers. Together we will continue to strive to be a church that "proclaims Christ and nurtures faith that connects with everyday life."

Grateful for your partnership,



Pr. Randy Gehring

Baptisms

April 7, 2019

Tate Gerrett Van Heerde, the son of Tyler and Megan Van Heerde.

Flowers

March 31, 2019

Flowers are sponsored in memory of Dr. Loren Amundson and son Mark by the Amundson Family, Mavis Amundson, Jim and Carolynn Stavenger, and the grandchildren.

April 7, 2019

Flowers are given in memory of Orville Helgerson's birthday, on April 9, by his family.

Telecasts

April 14, 2019

Telecasts are sponsored by Bryan Peters and Safe-N-Secure Security Equipment in memory of Marilyn Peters.

April 21, 2019

Telecasts are sponsored by the estate of Darrell Svendsen in honor of his mother, Ione Svendsen, who has been blessed by Our Savior's television ministry.

Theology Tapped

Theology Tapped

Looking for engaging conversation on matters of faith and life in a fun, informal setting? Well, you'll have to wait just a little longer—Pr. Randy will be gone at the usual Theology Tapped date in May, but look to join him again next month!

Caring Ministries

Words from Wise Women

by Joan Bacon

In *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, Father Richard Rohr states, “Without elders, a society perishes socially and spiritually.” He

claims the inner brightness of soulful elders provides what is necessary to “grow up” those

who are less mature. During our April Stephen Ministers’ continuing education, we experienced the inner brightness of four OSL members—Eleanor McMahon, Ruth Olson, Arlene Lefler, and Karen Kratochvil—who graciously shared their hard-earned wisdom about grief, loss, and healing from widows’ perspectives.

These soulful women called their tears “liquid love” and “my words of pain to God.” They shared ways people helped them: friends who talked and listened; the comfort of food gifts, prayer shawls, and cards—especially those with personal messages; parish nurses’ gentle

questions and direction to resources; formal and informal support groups; and calls and visits from pastors and Stephen Ministers. They recommended other resources: grief books, devotional readings, prayer, memorized scripture; journaling; purposeful activity like helping others. The closing advice from these wise women: “Use the tools there for you!” And look ahead to God’s promise, “All will be well.”



stephen MINISTRY

Father Rohr writes, “Sooner or later... some event, person, death, idea, or relationship will enter

your life that you simply cannot deal with using your present skill set, your acquired knowledge, or your strong willpower. You will be led to the edge of your own private resources.” When you find yourself at that edge, remember to “use the tools there for you!” No one needs to suffer alone.

One of the great tools available to you when you’re hurting is OSL’s Stephen Ministry program. Talk to Pr. Tim Lemme or Deb Harlan in the Church Office, 336-2942, about finding a Stephen Minister who will be there for you.



Why Mah-Jongg?

Mah-Jongg may help improve a person’s memory skills and sharpen the mind. It can help people to make faster decisions and better observations, and also requires players to think on different spectra. And it’s an excellent social activity! Join OSL’s Mah-Jongg players on Wednesday at 1:00 P.M., in The Gathering Place! All skill levels are welcome.

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, May 1, 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 Caring Ministries. 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). Wednesdays, May 8 and 22, 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.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Spring is in the air for Friendship Club! On Tuesday, May 21, OSL members Joyce Kaatz and Ralph Johnshoy will be telling us all about butterflies, how to raise them, and what we can learn from these beautiful creatures. Joyce and Ralph will share what they have learned from their years of raising and releasing butterflies. Friendship Club meets in the Friendship Room at 10:30 A.M., with lunch following at 11:30 in The Gathering Place. See you there!

Caring Ministries

Walking Workout Wednesdays and Model for Healthy Living

Walking is one of the simplest ways to get more exercise, and offers many benefits for people of all ages and fitness levels! If you're ready to rack up some steps and lead a more active lifestyle, join the Walking Workout group on Wednesday mornings, at 10:00, in the Labyrinth Room.

Sessions begin with a 30-minute fat-burning walking workout using the "Just Walk – Walk Off Fat Fast" DVD by Leslie Sansone. This will be followed by a 30-minute walk, either outside or indoors depending on the weather.

Following the Walking Workout, Michelle Anderson, Faith Community Nurse, will have a time to discuss the book *Model for Healthy Living*. Created by Church Health, *Model for Healthy Living* addresses seven integral components of our lives—Faith Life, Movement, Medical, Work, Emotional, Nutrition, and Friends and Family—as they interconnect in affecting our overall health and well-being. Through exploring holistic health and the balance of all seven components, this model contributes to a life filled with joy, love, and a stronger connection with God. Complete with reflections on scripture and tools for self-evaluation, this booklet helps to assess your life, set attainable goals, and celebrate the joy of healthy living.

More than Just Food!

Nationally, one in six seniors struggles with hunger. Many have no desire to cook, feel uncomfortable in the kitchen, or are physically unable to cook for themselves, so they miss nutrients to keep them healthy or able to live on their own. Thankfully, Active Generations' Senior Nutrition Program, a program funded by Sioux Empire United Way, provides hot, nutritious meals to homebound residents through Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels volunteers touch the lives of seniors through time and service. You can make a difference by brightening their day, showing them that people care, and helping them feel connected. New Meals on Wheels drivers are always welcome—and training is provided—so why not consider helping in this service to our community? Contact Sandy Garnas, 338-5440, for more information or to volunteer for this important ministry.



Memorials and Honoraria January–April 2019

In Memory of Robert Roble
Craig Dean and Donna Murasky

In Memory of Marilyn Green
Gary and Darlene Murra
Arlen Viste

In Memory of Lois Loge
Arden and Darlene Barlow
Jerald and Sylvia Berg
Melissa Cooper
Douglas DeGroot
Dennis and Mitzi Drey
Jan Dudley
Thomas and Theresa Dunn
Dorothy Eide
Rita Elmen
Becky Fiala
Michael and Kristen Gabrick
David Herbert
Jeffrey and Sarah Herbert
Pamela Hoiland
Arlene Horner
Mark and Kriss Ibis
Frances Kilen
Richard and Jeri Krsnak
Ann Johnson
Jay and Joyce Larscheid
Daniel and Mary Loge
L. Nesje
Donald and Toady Weeg

In Honor of Harriet Bresee's 85th Birthday
Don and Toady Weeg

In Honor of Lois Nearman's 80th Birthday
Sarah Herbert

Correction

In the February 2019 *Intercom*, the following Memorials, listed under Matthew Doese, should have been listed under Velma Johnshoy:
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The Return of OSL's Summer Blasts!

Join your OSL families and friends in celebrating summer with food, fun, music, and worship!

OSL's first Summer Blast of the year will be on June 12, beginning at 5:00 P.M. with the fourth annual OSL Car and Motorcycle Show. Food will be on the grill in the parking lot, music will be drifting across the lawn, and there will be an outdoor worship service with special guests "Peter" and "Paul," the hosts of "God Talk."

Do you have a special car or motorcycle to show off? Contact Pr. Tim—tlemme@oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 19—to get signed up for the Car and Motorcycle Show.



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Mark your calendar now for June 12, July 10, and August 14, and stay tuned for more details to follow!

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 next meets, on May 4 and 18.

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

Almost Everything You Need to Know about _____.

(Yikes! What a headline!)

Go ahead and fill in the blank. There are lots of choices—too many for anyone to manage. That is the reason we hire professionals to help us navigate the way. For my journey, I have summarized those choices into a matter of health: spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, vocational, and financial health are the ones that come to mind. I am confident that we all have experienced good or bad health in each of these areas.

This discussion about staying healthy will continue for generations as we all try to do what is best. A recent reading from *MarketWatch*, by Fred Leamson, inspired me to write this article: "Almost everything you need to know about inheriting an IRA." "Almost everything," is what caught my eye. The article was eight pages long! What novice can navigate that mine-field? And that's only one area of maintaining financial health—imagine this: there are *over 500 ways* to take Social Security!

Now please turn your thoughts to the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Foundation, which exists solely to support the mission of Our Savior's. There are plenty of pathways to follow and rules to obey. From my experience the journey is much easier to follow when rooted in your intentions—for your loved ones and for your church.

Any healthcare professional will tell you that a good checkup must start with good questions: Why me? Why now? The same is true of your financial and spiritual health. So feel free to pepper me—Jon Oien, joien@sio.midco.net—with questions about the OSLC Foundation, what it can do for you, for your loved ones, and for your church. I'll try to answer "almost everything" you need to know!



Tune in to OSL!

You'll find recent videos of worship services and special events at oslchurch.com/media, but in addition you'll want to subscribe to OSL's YouTube channel, where videos are archived for easy access. Visit youtube.com/oslchurchsf.

From Generation to Generation

by Jodie Nielsen

The PEW Research Center has issued new generation guidelines. Here are their groupings:

- The Silent Generation: Born 1928–1945
- Baby Boomers: Born 1946–1964
- Generation X: Born 1965–1980
- Millennials: Born 1981–1996
- Post-Millennials: Born 1997–Present

The generation groupings were determined by how the different age groups experience or experienced the world socially, economically, politically, and technologically. When we look at the changes each group has gone through and continues to go through, we gain a better insight and, perhaps, a newly found respect for these individuals.

The May *Gather* magazine focuses on the different generations, and the May devotion highlights some of the different intergenerational relationships found in the Bible.

May Devotional: “From Generation to Generation: Two-Way Blessings” by Christa Von Zychlin.

Focus Verse: “One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.” Psalm 145:4

Prayer: “Gracious and Almighty Creator, you have embedded us within a rich ecosystem of human relationships; Abuelas and Omas, daddies, aunties, kids in the neighborhood, and rainbows of babies.

“Thank you for the rhythms of life. Guide us as we attend to the challenge and gift of intergenerational relationships. Strengthen us through your word of life today. Amen.” (Source: gather-magazine.org).

Annual Mother & Daughter Luncheon will be on Saturday, May 11, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., in The Gathering Place. All women



are cordially invited. The event will be at the Church Basement Ladies from Clear Lake, S.D. Come for good food, fellowship, and laughter! Tickets (\$9 each) may be purchased in the Church Office during the week or at the Information Center on Sunday mornings.

“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

WELCA Board Members: Jodie Nielsen, President; Michelle Schuknecht, Vice President; Karen Zimbeck, Secretary; Nancy Krueger, Treasurer; Tami Skorczewski, Advisor

OSL Food Ministry

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

Here are the May menus (subject to change):

Sunday Breakfasts

- 5 – Eggs and bacon
- 12 – Cheese omelets
- 19 – Eggs and bacon

Wednesday Suppers

- 1 – Fried chicken dinner
- 8 – Pulled pork sandwiches



Photo by Katherine Chase, on Unsplash.com



A Welcome for Baby Susanna Johnson

The OSL community recently had the privilege to welcome and give thanks for Susanna Mae Johnson, the daughter of Pr. Sami Johnson and Pr. Josh Johnson. Susanna came into the world in the wee hours on March 31. Here she is (above), celebrating her first Easter Sunday, with her folks.

A card shower for the Johnson family will be held in The Gathering Place on Sunday, May 5, from noon to 2:30 p.m. All are invited to come meet the newest member of the Johnson household!



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You Belong Here!

You'll make a difference, meet new friends in faith, and deepen your walk with God when you join OSL. Contact Loretta, 336-2942, ext. 14, or lnelson@oslchurch.com, to reserve your spot at New Member Orientation on Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. New members will be received at worship services on May 25 and 26.

Faith Formation Notes

Third-graders and their parents/caregivers will celebrate their **Bible Milestone** on May 5. Adults will be led in a blessing over their child, and students will receive their Bibles—marked with words of encouragement from members of the congregation—in the 8:45 a.m. Celebrate worship service. Then, at 10:00, students and parents/caregivers will go to Family Time in the Friendship Room with Pr. Justin. This will be in lieu of Sunday School for Sunday learners.

All Sunday and Wednesday School students age four through fifth grade will sing in the 8:45 a.m. Celebrate worship service on May 5. Please show your student where you will be sitting for worship and then bring him or her down to the Labyrinth Room to warm up.

The final night of Wednesday School will be May 8.

Parents of all children from birth through eighth grade, sign up now for **Muffins with Mom and Dad** on May 12! We'll be celebrating the end of the education year with food, games, a photo booth, and more in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. Grandparents and family that may be visiting for the holiday weekend are welcome. There is no cost to attend, but please sign up via the StartUpGenius link you were emailed, or contact Melissa Nesdahl, Director of Faith Formation, mnesdahl@oslchurch.com.

My First Year In Review

By John Schomberg

It has been one year since my arrival at Our Savior's, and so it seems a good time to look back on the year and see what our youth ministry has been up to.

My year began with the last youth group of the school year, at Thunder Road, where I had the opportunity to meet and was impressed by many of our youth.



Less than a month later our summer schedule

began, and we were off on our first trip! I joined eight students for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, where we learned about how God changes everything. In July OSL's middle- and high-school youth traveled to Minneapolis for our Week of Hope Mission Trip, where we served in nursing homes and youth centers during the day and played a lot of 9 Square in the Air at night. Over the summer we also hosted middle-school countdown events on Summer Blast days as well as continuing our Fire Pit tradition for high-school youth.

series based on the movie *Frozen*, two more lock-ins, Stampede Hockey with wiener dog races, and the Silent Auction, which brought in over \$14,000 dollars for our 46 students who will be attending summer trips to Colorado and Duluth.

As spring began, we sent another group of sixth- through eighth-graders and our very first group of fourth- through sixth-graders to a recharge weekend at Okoboji, and we continue to prepare for our high-school trip to Compass Points in Colorado, where 18 kids and six brave adults will climb a mountain and go whitewater rafting. We are also getting ready for our first Service Learning Mission Trip to Duluth, where 28 youth and seven adults will serve the people of Duluth while exploring the area each evening.



Thank you for a great first year at OSL and for all that this congregation does to support our youth and provide opportunities for them to grow in faith. We have

In the fall we began a new year of youth group by setting a foundation for ministry. We talked about how everyone is welcome, how we treat everyone well, how our youth group is a safe place, and how Jesus loves you. Once we set that foundation, our youth ministry began to grow through youth group and events at the apple orchard, fall lock-ins, the corn maze, pumpkin Olympics, confirmation banquet, and Okoboji Recharge. We were also able to hang out at the VOA youth center, visit Luther Manor, and serve a Thanksgiving feast at the Bowden Youth Center.

Over the winter, youth ministry hit a milestone as our Wednesday night high-school youth group began to average over 25 students. Our middle- and high-school youth groups took part in events such as the progressive dinner, Christmas games, glow games, high-school Okoboji retreat, a



a lot of new and exciting opportunities coming up and I look forward to another great year!

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Trying Something New: Drive-In Mystery Movie

Increased engagement in Frolic, and awareness that families seek opportunity to find out-of-the-home activities in cold months, led to our trying something new in OSL Children's Ministry: On March 16, we held



our first annual Drive-In Mystery Movie for children age two through kindergarten and their families.

The event actually began before families walked in for the movie. At home, parents and their children worked together to create their "cars" from boxes and laundry baskets. This made space for joyful bonding moments that grew their relationships.

When they arrived for the event, the children—about 15—all got to present their "cars" to the group. Then, sitting in their "cars" beneath movie décor, with gas-can-shaped popcorn boxes and "admit one" ticket napkins in hand, students and adults enjoyed the mystery movie, which was (drumroll, please) *The Gruffalo*. Afterward, ribbons for car creativity were presented.

This free event provided opportunity for families and invited friends to create lasting memories. Look for more such opportunities to come at Our Savior's!

—Melissa Nesdahl,
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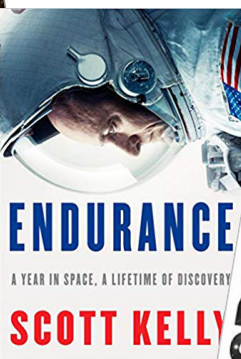
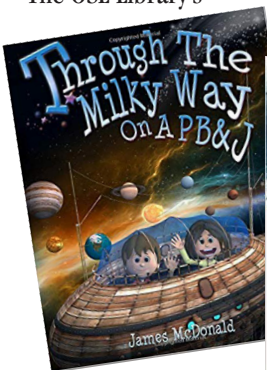


“A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program

The OSL Library's

summer reading program, “A Universe of Stories,” will run from June 2 through August 4.

Each day they check out items, children, youth (through high school), and adults

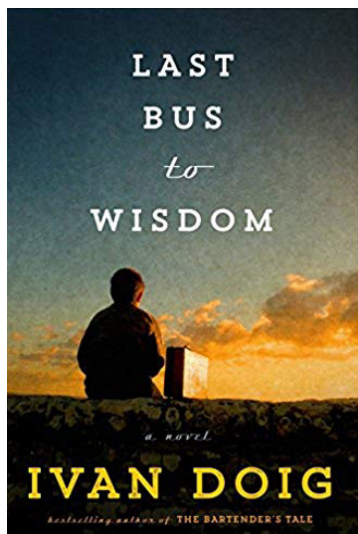


will receive a treat.

In addition, the one who reads the most book in each age group during the program will receive a \$15 gift card. Throughout the program, the Library will track and display the number of books each patron reads on stars on the “universe” bulletin board in the center of the Library.

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 book. The May 23 selection will be *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig.



Donal Cameron is being raised by his grandmother, the cook at the legendary Double W ranch in the Montana Rockies, a landscape that gives full rein to an 11-year-old's imagination. When Gram has to have surgery for “female trouble” in the summer of 1951, she sends Donal off to her sister in faraway Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

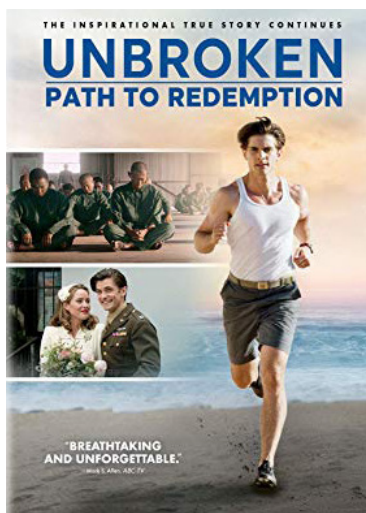
There Donal is in for a rude surprise: Aunt Kate—bossy, opinionated, argumentative, and tyrannical—is nothing like her sister. She henpecks her good-natured husband, Herman the German, and Donal can't seem to get on her good side either. After one contretemps too many, Kate packs him back to the authorities in Montana on the next Greyhound.

As it turns out, Donal isn't traveling solo: Herman the German has decided to fly the coop with him. In the immortal American tradition, the pair light out for the territory together, meeting a classic Doigian ensemble of characters and having rollicking misadventures along the way.

Join this exciting community of readers! A list of 2019 selections is available in the OSL Library.

Second Saturday Movie

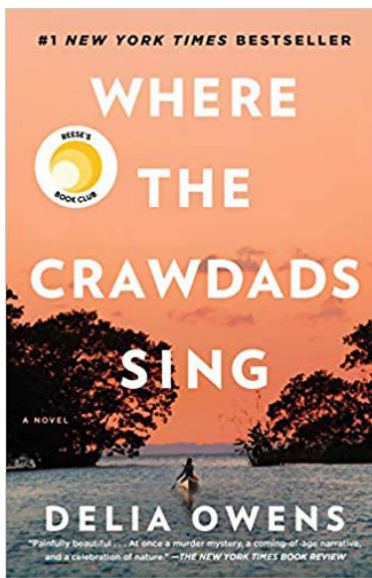
This month's feature, on May 11, will be *Unbroken: Path to Redemption*. The story begins where the April movie, *Unbroken*, concluded, bringing the rest of Louis Zamperini's inspirational true story to life. After surviving years of torture as a prisoner of war, Louis (Samuel Hunt) returns home from World War II, where he meets and marries Cynthia (Merritt Patterson). Haunted by his past, he is driven deep into despair. When Cynthia turns to God at the 1949 Billy Graham Crusade, her most fervent prayer for Louis is to find peace and forgiveness.



Make a day of it with the movie at 2:30 in the Holy Word Theatre, followed by worship at 5:00 in the Sanctuary, and dinner afterward in The Gathering Place!

Summer One Church One Read

The Library Committee has selected *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens as its Summer One Church One Read title. Eleven copies will be available for checkout in the Library on June 2. The discussion is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on September 22.



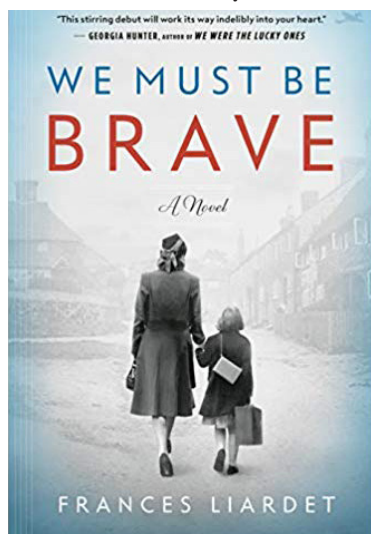
For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. In late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl.

Sensitive and intelligent, Kya has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. But the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life until the unthinkable happens.

Where the Crawdads Sing is an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

New for Adults

***We Must Be Brave* by Frances Liardet.** One woman. One little girl.



The war that changed everything. December 1940. In the disorderly evacuation of Southampton, England, newly married Ellen Parr finds a small child asleep on the backseat of an empty bus.

No one knows who little Pamela is. Ellen professed not to want children with her older husband, and when she takes Pamela into her home and rapidly into her heart, she discovers that this is true: Ellen doesn't want children. She wants only Pamela.

Three golden years pass as the Second World War rages on. Then one day Pamela is taken away, screaming. Ellen is no stranger to sorrow, but when she returns to the quiet village life she's long lived, she finds herself asking: In a world changed by war, is it fair to wish for an unchanged heart?

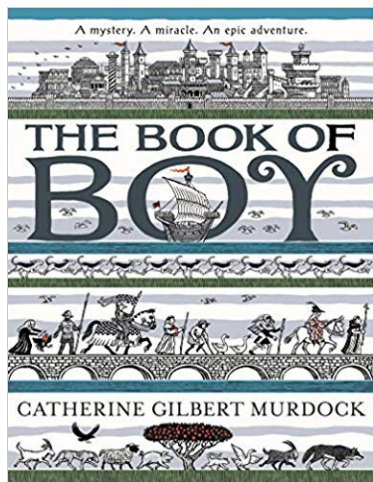
In the spirit of *We Were the Lucky Ones* and *The Nightingale*, this is a novel about courage and kindness, hardship and friendship, and the astonishing power of love.

Additional New Titles for Adults

- *Two Weeks* by Karen Kingsbury
- *The Persian Gamble* by Joel C. Rosenberg
- *In Shock: My Journey from Death to Recovery and the Redemptive Power of Hope* by Dr. Rana Awdish

New for Middle- and High-School Youth

***The Book of Boy* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock.** Boy has always been relegated to the outskirts of his small village. With a hump on his back, a mysterious past, and a tendency to talk to animals, he is often mocked by others in his town, until the arrival of a shadowy pilgrim named Secondus. Impressed with Boy's climbing and jumping abilities, Secondus engages Boy as his servant, pulling him into an action-packed and suspenseful expedition across Europe to gather seven precious relics of St. Peter.



Boy quickly realizes this journey is not an innocent one. They are stealing the relics and accumulating

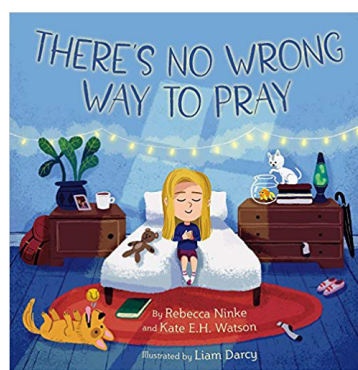
dangerous enemies in the process. However, Boy is determined to see this pilgrimage through until the end—for what if St. Peter has the power to make him the same as the other boys?

Additional New Titles for Middle- and High-School

- *Flush* by Carl Hiassen
- *Willa of the Wood* by Robert Beatty
- *The School for Good and Evil: A Crystal of Time* by Soman Chainani

New Picture, Early Reader, and Chapter Books

***There's No Wrong Way to Pray* by Rebecca Ninke.** Prayers don't



have to sound holy to be holy! Author Rebecca Ninke teamed up with her ten-year-old daughter for this reflection on the importance of prayer in everyday life—why to pray, when to pray, and how to pray. Sometimes funny, sometimes profound, and always honest, the result is a book that will inspire kids of all ages and reassure them that there's no wrong way to talk to God..

Additional New Picture Books

- *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Philip C. Stead
- *Because I'm Your Dad* by Ahmet Zappa

New Early Reader Books

- *Casey and Peep's Home Run* by John Nichols
- *Super Heroes Collection: An I Can Read Book*

New Chapter Books

- *The Alien Moon: An Amazing Yeti Adventure* by Alex Milway
- *Ramona the Brave* by Beverly Cleary

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 (through May 8)	9:00 A.M.—7:30 P.M.
Wednesday (May 15–30)	9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.
Thursday	9:00 A.M.—noon
Friday	Closed
2 nd Saturday of the Month	10:00 A.M.—noon and 4:30–6:30 P.M.



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Sunday Morning

Festive Worship – 8:45 and 11:00 A.M., Sanctuary

Celebrate Worship – 8:45 and 11:00 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 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 March 31

Annual Giving

Projected Contributions	\$1,969,580
Received YTD	\$513,102
Remaining	\$1,456,478
Projected YTD	\$594,711
Ahead/(Behind)	(\$81,609)