

Summertime! And the Livin' Is...

...Busy! Which is par for the course at Our Savior's—pick any season and you'll always find lots happening at OSL.

For instance?

Well, of course, there's **OSL Summer Blasts**, which bring the OSL community and the neighborhood together monthly for food, games, music, and outdoor worship. This year's Blasts kick off on June 12 with *Cruisin' Classics*, with music by Mogen's Heroes, "God Talk" (OSL's answer to "Car Talk") with Peter and Paul; and the Fourth Annual OSL Car and Motorcycle Show. The grills will be fired up in time for supper to start at 5:00 P.M., so gather up family, friends, and neighbors and head to Our Savior's for an evening of summer fun!

(While you're at it, mark your calendar for the next month's Summer Blast, *Splash*, on July 10; and the season's final Blast, *OSL Tailgate*, on August 7. Watch the OSL website, email updates, bulletin announcements, and *The Intercom* for details.)

As this issue of *The Intercom* goes to press, preparations are well underway for the annual **South Dakota Synod Assembly**, which will take place at OSL from May 31 through June 2. Synod Assembly is always an exciting weekend, but this year's will be especially so because, by the time the dust settles, voting members will have elected a

new bishop. The OSL community is honored to host the hundreds of voting members, visitors, vendors, and ELCA guests who will be on hand.

Because of the assembly, there will be a small disruption to the worship schedule, namely, **no Saturday worship on June 1**. But Saturday evening worship will be back on June 8, at 5:00.

Speaking of worship: You'll have noticed that the **summer worship schedule** launched on Memorial Day weekend, as usual. As is customary, the summer schedule will run through Labor

Day weekend, and look like this:

- ◆ Saturday, 5:00 P.M. Festive Worship, Sanctuary
- Sunday, 8:45 A.M. Celebrate Worship, Celebrate Center
- Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Festive Worship, Sanctuary
- Sunday, 10:30 A.M. Celebrate Worship, Celebrate Center

Outdoor Celebrate worship will be at 8:45 A.M. on June 9, July 7, and August 4, weather permitting.

Once again, a group of OSL fans will board a motorcoach and head to Minneapolis for the **OSL Twins Outing**, on July 17. The Twins will take on the New York Mets at Target Field, and OSL has lined up great seats for a funday. Sign up at the Information Center. Questions? Check with Pr. Tim Lemme, tlemme@oslchurch.com.or. 336-2942.

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And that's just some of the highlights—this summer also will see "A Universe of Stories" Summer Reading Program, the Summer One Church One Read, OSL Youth summer trips, Vacation Bible School, and more! Keep an eye on *The Intercom*, bulletin announcements, OSL's Facebook page, and oslchurch.com/calendar for all the latest. And enjoy your summer—before you know it, Kick-Off Weekend will be here, and then things will get even busier!







God, Push It More! by Joan Bacon

After that on-again, off-again spring, we are ready for June! Now neighbors emerge from their homes, not sealed in cars but sandal-footed in front yards. Dog walkers walk unbundled. Kids bloom in parks, pools, and playgrounds.

However, not everyone will greet June with joy: life's problems don't honor the seasons. This sum-

mer, some adults will find it difficult to emerge and unbundle. And sadly, some kids in our city will struggle to bloom.



In Ordinary Resurrections: Children in the

Years of Hope, the author Jonathan Kozol shared what he learned from young children attending inner-city schools in New York City. Children like Stephanie. When Kozol asked Stephanie what might make the world a better place, she replied, "What would make the world better is God's heart. I know God's heart is already in the world. But I would like if he would ...push the heart more into it. Not just halfway. Push it more!"

Long before Stephanie, psalmists exhorted God: "How long, O Lord, will you hide your face from me? Why do you stand far off? Why do you sleep, O Lord? Attend to me, and answer me. Rise up, come to our help!" With little girl words, Stephanie echoed those grownup psalmists: "I know you are there, God, but come on! We need your heart! Not just half way. Push it more, God!"

If you are going through a difficult time this summer, 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.

Baptisms

April 20, 2019

Beckam Randy Gullickson, the son of Bjorn and Alicia Gullickson.

May 5, 2019

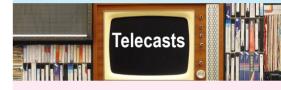
Briggs Denny Johnson, the son of Tyler and Krista Johnson.

Susannah Mae Johnson, the daughter of Prs. Josh and Sami Johnson.



May 12, 2019

Flowers are sponsored in memory of Mary Ann Knutson, whose 80th birthday would be May 14, by her family.



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

Memorials and Honoraria April–May 2019

In Memory of Richard Ambroson Mary Ann Hohman

In Memory of Evelyn DargerGary and Darlene Murra

In Memory of Amy Falk
Paul and Yvonne Madison

In Memory of Nancy Gustafson

Dorothy Eide Dennis and Karen Gale Brian and Joyce Kaatz Lois Matson

Arlen Viste

Don and Coryill Weeg

In Memory of Steven Hanson Conrad and Helen Dice

In Memory of Lois Loge Rhonda Anderson

Thomas and Sandra Markley

Theology Tapped Is Back!

Pr. Randy has finished his wanderings (for now), so if you're looking for engaging conversation on matters of faith and life in a fun, informal setting, join him for Theology Tapped! Meet at Monk's House of Ale Repute, 420 E. 8th St., on Thursday, June 27, from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M.



Friendship Club

"Understanding Insurance and EOBs: How to Be Your Own Health Care Advocate" will be the topic when Friendship Club meet again, on Tuesday, June 18. OSL member Julie Holmes, from Avera Health, will be the guest speaker. Friendship Club meets in the Friendship Room at 10:30 A.M., followed by lunch in The Gathering Place.

Friendship Club will then take a couple months off for summer break, and be back in September—so be sure you don't miss the June meeting! Bring a friend!



Chorus-pondence from Gene LeVasseur

This month I would like to discuss one of the most important things we do together as a church: communion. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me," and at Our Savior's we serve and receive Holy Communion at every worship service. On an average week, that's five worship services, and OSL has nine Communion Team Leaders (formerly called deacons, but that term is now being used for a different role in the ELCA.) Current Communion Team Leaders are Rhonda Anderson, Tom Berkland, Kris Breitag, Dave Brunkow, Tracey Butler, Paul Davidson (coordinator), Bruce Harlan, De Knudson, and Bill Madson. These wonderful servants of the Lord do an amazing job for everyone who attends OSL worship services.

The Worship Core Ministry Team's goal this summer is to increase the number of Communion Team Leaders to at least 20. We currently have approximately 200 volunteers who assist in serving communion. Hallelujah! Our prayer is that God will provide joyful servants willing to lead at least once every two months.

We have created a job description and will provide detailed training and direction, and we pray that you will consider joining this vital ministry:

Communion Team Leader – Job Description

Primary Function: Set-up, preparation, and recruitment of communion assistants for the Sacrament of Communion.

Required Skill: The Communion Team Leader must be committed to the understanding that serving communion is a joyful opportunity to serve our Lord and share that understanding with the team.

Source of Supervision: The source of supervision is through the Worship Core Ministry Team and the Communion Team Coordinator.

Direction of Other Staff or Volunteers: The Communion Team Leader prepares and directs the setup and the distribution of the communion elements and recruits an appropriate number of communion assistants from the congregation.

Work Performed:

Worship:

- 1. Arrive at least 45 minutes prior to worship.
- 2. Set up the elements for communion.
- 3. Recruit and assign sufficient communion assistants.
- 4. Prayerfully lead the communion assistants in serving communion.
- 5. Clean up.

Other Ministry:

1. Assist the pastoral staff in the Sacrament of Baptism.

Core Ministry Area: In consultation with the Director of Worship, work with the Worship and Arts Core Ministry Team to provide support and vision for communicating the OSL mission with the world.

Core Value—Worship: Because worship is central to who we are, we provide a variety of worship experiences in which the Gospel is shared through word and sacraments.

For more information, contact me, Gene LeVasseur, Director of Worship, glevasseur@ oslchurch.com or 336-2942, ext. 42.

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, June 5, 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, June 12 and 26, 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.



For Just Such a Time as This, by Jodie Nielsen

The current WELCA Bible study is "For Just Such a Time as This," by Kim Ward. This phrase is taken from Esther 4:14—you may have heard it before, since it is recited often.

Kari Van Wakeren's article, "Maybe You Were Made for This," in the June issue of *Gather* magazine, states, "Chances are good that most of us will never come into a position of royal authority like Queen Esther. Most of us won't even run for public office. Yet each day...we have the chance to touch another life for good. Of course, most of the time our choices aren't glamorous. They won't get us national attention or make us rich. But through baptism, we each receive a calling as God's child to serve our neighbor. When we use our gifts to serve God and our neighbor, no small act of kindness or generosity goes to waste."

Kari goes on to say, "Celebrate the gifts God has given you, and open yourself up to God's Spirit to use those gifts to bless others.

After all, who knows? Maybe you were made a mom...engineer...sister...farmer...daughter...teacher...friend...quilter...lawyer...

(fill in the blank) for just

such a time as this.

to $6:00\,\mathrm{P.M.}$, as part of that month's Summer Blast. The activity has yet to be finalized, but in the past, we have worked on Comfort Bags for people who are receiving chemo treatments

June Bible Study. "For Just Such a Time as This," by Kim Ward. Session one: "Esther the Queen: Voices in the King's Court."

Text: Esther 1–3 (source: gathermagazine.org).

Prayer: "Holy God, we seek your voice in the words we read and hear. May we open our hearts to your love. Be present with us in our time together so that we might serve you more faithfully. Amen."

OSL Summer Blast Group Activity. All women are invited to help with the group activity that will take place on Wednesday, July 10, from 5:30

and Children's Busy Bags for kids to use during worship services. Mark your calendars and look for more information in the July *Intercom*.

"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; Sherry Roth, Mission Action; Tami Skorczewski, Advisor



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What Do We Ultimately Want to Achieve?

by Melissa Nesdahl

That was the question I asked myself when I first stepped into the role of Director of Faith Formation, and it's the question that continues to inspire how we plan programming for OSL's Children's Ministry.

Knowing that each child learns differently, and aware that more time with one Bible story would promote better story retention, I modified Sunday/Wednesday School for four-year-olds through third grade to prayerfully ensure that each child would experience the Bible story in a way that best connects with his or her learning style. Music and Movement, Godly Play (Bible Room), Games, and Crafting were set as a base, with one week spent in each room on the same story. Drama and Food Experience are sprinkled in here and there with particular stories.

In living in the story, we are also afforded more minutes to discuss how the Bible story relates to their lives today. These aren't just some stories of old to look back on—scripture is filled with people facing hurdles and emotions that translate to students' lives. Scripture has time to come alive, and students are able to connect this faith to their everyday life.

Last night I had the opportunity to sit in a circle with many kids age four through third grade. "Let's debrief and talk about our stories this year—what you loved doing and what you learned." What did they mention?

- Using the parachute in Music and Movement
- Marching around and falling in the drama room for Joshua and the battle of Jericho.
- Using a child-safe slingshot to hit Goliath in the gym, and throwing their fear paper stone at the large Goliath in the Godly Play room—hearing their peers all say, "God will help you" as they did.
- Making a lion snack in the food room and lion prayer pillow in the craft room, which that they can forever cuddle and pray with.

That's just a sample. But I heard this of what they learned:

- "Even when it seems like there isn't a way, God will help make a way."
- "God will help you."
- "Little people can do big things."
- "God is with you when you are scared."
- "You can always pray."



This is what we seek to achieve—helping students understand scripture truths that will empower them in their everyday world. And they are getting it.

So, as we end another education year, I want to thank each of my volunteers who chose to give of their time so that students could grow their faith this year. From Frolic to Rotation to Connect, I would not be able to do this without you. You make faith formation exciting in the lives of these children. Thank you to Pr. Sami, who believed in the rotation vision. And thanks to all of you parents, grandparents, and caring adults for faithfully bringing these precious children each week as you were able. Together we are accomplishing what we hoped to achieve.

An Adventure of a Lifetime By John Schomberg

In just a few weeks, 18 high-school youth and six adults will be loading up and heading to Colorado for Compass Points, the wilderness adventure program at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. We will hike through the breathtaking Rocky Mountains, raft the whitewater of the Arkansas River, camp at 12,000 feet, and peak a mountaintop in a supportive Christian environment that will challenge us to try new things and grow in our faith journey.

Our group will leave from OSL on Saturday, June 15, and will arrive in Colorado by that evening. After a night in a hotel, we will continue on and stop at Colorado Springs to visit the Garden of the Gods before arriving at camp on Sunday afternoon, settling in and preparing for the trip up the mountain. On Monday we will head to basecamp and get set up for our four days on

the mountain. Tuesday will be our peak day, as we ascend to the top of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains—over 14,000 feet—and experience God's creation like never before. On Wednesday we will have the opportunity to explore and experience nature and the beautiful scenery, then on Thursday we will return to Rainbow Trails and take time to reflect on our experience and rest up for our last day at camp. Friday will bring another adventure, as we whitewater raft down the Arkansas River before returning to camp for a barbecue rib dinner and worship that evening. On Saturday morning we will leave camp and be back at OSL by evening.

During this week at Compass Points, I invite the congregation to be a part of our adventure by praying for our safety, for an opportunity to grow in our friendships, and for those on the



trip to encounter God in a new way. We hope this experience can not only be powerful for those going on the trip but also that we can share our experiences back at OSL to help everyone to grow in faith.

We will post as much on Facebook as we are able and encourage you all to check us out that week and see what your OSL high-school youth are up to in Colorado. Thank you all for your support, and we look forward to sharing with all of you when we return.



"A Universe of Stories" Summer Reading Program

The OSL Library's summer reading program, "A Universe of Stories," will

run through August 4. Each day they check out items, children, youth (through high school), and adults will receive a treat.

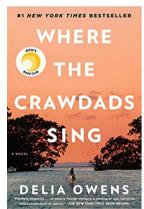
In addition, the one who reads the most book in each age group during the program will receive



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.

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 are available for checkout in the Library. 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.

Second Saturday Movie Goes on Summer Vacation!



The Second Saturday Movies are on break, but will return in September with *Break-through*.

When Joyce Smith's 14-year-old son John fell through an icy Missouri lake one winter morning, she and her family had seemingly lost everything. At the hospital, John lay lifeless for more than 60 minutes, but Joyce was not ready to give up on her son. She mustered all her faith and strength into one force and cried out to God in a loud voice to save him.

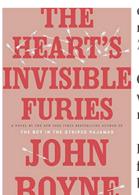
Miraculously, her son's heart immediately started beating again.

Breakthrough is about a profound truth: prayer really does work. God uses it to remind us that God is always with us, and when we combine it with unshakable faith, nothing is impossible.

Make a day of it on September 14, 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!

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 June 27 selection will be *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne.

Cyril Avery is not a real Avery, or at least, that's what his adoptive parents tell him. If he isn't a real Avery, then who is he?

Born out of wedlock to a teenage girl cast out from her rural Irish community and adopted by a well-to-do and eccentric Dublin couple, Cyril is adrift in the world, anchored only ten-

uously by his heartfelt friendship with the infinitely more glamorous and dangerous Julian Woodbead. At the mercy of fortune and coincidence, he will spend a lifetime coming to know himself and where he came from. Over his many years, Cyril will struggle to discover an identity, a home, a country, and much more.

In this, Boyne's most transcendent work to date, we are shown the story of Ireland from the 1940s to today through the eyes of one ordinary man. *The Heart's Invisible Furies* is a novel to make you laugh and cry while reminding us all of the redemptive power of the human spirit.

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



New for Adults

Lost Roses by Martha Hall Kelly. It is 1914, and the world has been



on the brink of war so often, many New Yorkers treat the subject with only passing interest. Eliza Ferriday is thrilled to be traveling to St. Petersburg with Sofya Streshnayva, a cousin of the Romanovs.

The two met years ago one summer in Paris and became close confidantes. Now Eliza embarks on the trip of a lifetime, home with Sofya to see the splendors of Russia: the church with the interior covered in jeweled mosaics, the

Rembrandts at the Tsar's Winter Palace, the famous ballet.

When Austria declares war on Serbia and Russia's imperial dynasty begins to fall, Eliza escapes back to America, while Sofya and her family flee to their country estate. In need of domestic help, they hire the local fortune-teller's daughter, Varinka, unknowingly bringing intense danger into their household.

On the other side of the Atlantic, Eliza is doing her part to help the White Russian families find safety as they escape the revolution. But when Sofya's letters suddenly stop coming, she fears the worst for her best friend.

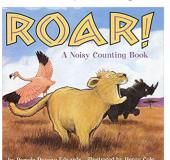
From the turbulent streets of St. Petersburg and aristocratic countryside estates to the avenues of Paris where a society of fallen Russian émigrés live to the mansions of Long Island, the lives of Eliza, Sofya, and Varinka will intersect in profound ways. In her newest powerful tale told through female-driven perspectives, Martha Hall Kelly celebrates the unbreakable bonds of women's friendship, especially during the darkest days of history.

Additional New Titles for Adults

- *The Road Home* by Richard Paul Evans
- Tending Roses by Lisa Wingate
- A Woman Is No Man by Etaf Rum

New Picture, Early Reader, and Chapter Books

Roar! A Noisy Counting Book by Pamela Duncan Edwards. One



day, while great big lions lie basking in the sun, a little lion cub goes off to find some fun. Roars the little lion cub, "Who will play with me?"

One red monkey rushes up a tree. Poor little lion cub! All he wants is someone to play with, but he is simply too noisy.

As the little lion cub roars his way

across the grassland, young picture-book readers can count the African

animals, identify them by color and "roar" along too.

Additional New Picture Books

- Mousetronaut Goes to Mars by Mark Kelly
- Roaring Rockets by Tony Mitton and Ant Parker

New Early Reader Books

- The Adventures of Ook and Gluk, Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future by George Beard and Harold Hutchins
- Veggietales: Bob and Larry's Creation Vacation by Karen Poth

New Chapter Books

- The Dancing Pancake by Eileen Spinelli
- Zoe in Wonderland by Brenda Woods

New for Middleand High-School Youth

Caterpillar Summer by Gillian McDunn. Cat and her brother



Chicken have always had a very special bond—Cat is one of the few people who can keep Chicken happy. When he has a "meltdown," she's the one who scratches his back and reads his favorite story.

Cat's the one who knows what Chicken needs. Since their mom has had to work double-hard to keep their family afloat after their father passed away, Cat has been the glue holding her

family together.

But even the strongest glue sometimes struggles to hold. When a summer trip doesn't go according to plan, Cat and Chicken end up spending three weeks with grandparents they never knew. For the first time in years, Cat has the opportunity to be a kid again, and the journey she takes shows that even the most broken or strained relationships can be healed if people take the time to walk in one another's shoes.

Additional New Titles for Middle- and High-School

- Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds
- Kazu Jones and the Denver Dognappers by Shauna Holyoak
- Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal

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.-3:00 P.M.

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 9:00 A.M.-noon

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

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