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# In Church and Community



From the Senior Pastor

## The Value and Gift of Community



*"The key to creating or transforming community, then, is to see the power in the small but important elements of being with others. The shift we seek needs to be embodied in each invitation*

*we make, each relationship we encounter, and each meeting we attend. For at the most operational and practical level, after all the thinking about policy, strategy, mission, and milestones, the structure of belonging gets down to this: How are we going to be when we gather together?"*

—Community: The Structure of Belonging  
by Peter Block, p. 10.

*"Community: Deepening our experience of God's love through the power of authentic and accountable relationships."*

—Back to the Future: OSL Strategic Plan  
for 2016 and Beyond

I'm writing this shortly after I preached a sermon on prayer in which I shared with the worshipping assembly a note that had been passed along to me on the back of the debt-retirement survey we had distributed in July to gauge the congregation's comfort level with our current level of indebtedness and our continued fundraising to meet our goal of paying off our mortgage by the time we turn 75, in 2021. I

shared the note with the intention of lifting up the reality that there are some in our midst who feel disconnected from the OSL community, and to give the gathered assembly a meaningful response to this reality—praying for those who feel disenchanting with OSL and for all of us as we live out our calling to be the Body of Christ.

It's very easy when things seem to be going well to look past those in our midst who may feel like their experience at church doesn't meet their expectations. There is something alluring about riding the wave of excitement and satisfaction that comes with success, especially when it follows a period of strategic planning and goal-setting and the hard work that results in trying to accomplish those goals. We all like to be part of a winning team. We all enjoy celebrating a victory. But if we do so without being mindful of those who feel like they missed the bus, who feel like their church has let them down, we've ignored a critical piece of what it means to be "community."

At the heart of community in the church is our theology of the Table. At Holy Communion, Christ himself welcomes everyone to receive the gifts he offers: his own body and blood, and with them the forgiveness of our sin. There is no prerequisite to coming to the table; Jesus simply says, "Come, and I will give you what you need to believe and live." At the table, regardless of who we are or what we do, each of us is regarded the same—as a sinner in need of forgiveness

and as one whom God loves and adores. As a result of the grace we receive at the table, we are released of everything that would cause us to maintain divisions between us and others, and are empowered to be agents of God's grace in the world.

As we aspire to live out our core value of Community at OSL, I implore you all to orient your actions around this central theology, especially as you respond to critiques like the one given to me anonymously toward the end of July. While it's true that our mission must absolutely guide all that we do as a church, and it's also true that we will never be all things for all people, it is also just as true that each of us is called to

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tend to the needs of our neighbors, even those with whom we may disagree. In the spirit of community, lend a listening ear when someone needs to share their pain; let compassion, not anger, shape your response; see each other as the apples of God's eye; serve each other and the world God made with graciousness and joy; and witness to the wide welcome God extends to all through Jesus. Together let us strive to deepen our experience of God's love through the power of authentic and accountable relationships with one another.

As we step into a new program year at OSL, "How are we going to be when we gather together?" Will you join me in renewing our commitment to endeavor in every way to be the kind of community God has made us to be, where all are welcome and all encounter the amazing grace of God in life together?

In Christ's love,

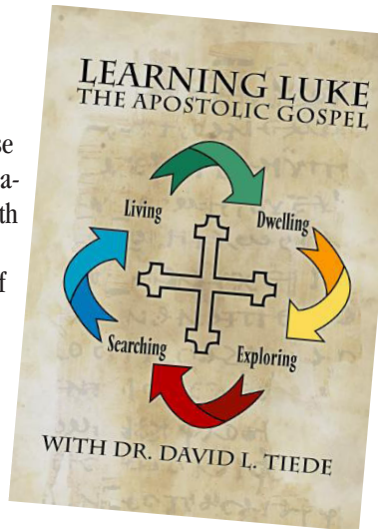


Pr. Randy Gehring

## Connecting Faith and Life: Learning Luke

The fall semester of Connecting Faith and Life, an adult learning opportunity at OSL, will begin on Wednesday, September 11. Classes will be held weekly on Wednesday evenings, 6:00 to 7:00, in the Friendship Room and are open to all adults who enjoy learning more about how our faith connects with everyday life.

The first course of study will feature an in-depth look into the third Gospel of the New Testament, Luke. Together, Pr. Randy and class participants will explore how God calls the church—that's us!—into an era of carrying the Good News about Jesus to the ends of the earth.



A \$5 donation will help defray the cost of resources and supplies.

## Memorials and Honoraria July 2019

### In Memory of Stella Curry

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Kenneth Iseminger  
Marcia Muller  
Gary and Darlene Murra  
Jim and Catherine Nelson  
Carol Nielsen  
Barb Peterson  
Janiece Peterson  
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Lyle and Holly Rossing  
Don and Coryll Weeg  
Glenn and Cindy Wika  
Vernon and Carole Waldow  
Bill and Lavada Woods

### In Memory of Mandeline Gaede

Lowell and Norma Hyland  
Margaret Novak  
Don and Coryll Weeg

### In Memory of Margie Huemoeller

Donald and Coryll Weeg

### In Memory of Nancy and Truman Phelan

Deb Phelan and Family

### In Memory of Bob Roble

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## Kick-Off Sunday

September 8—*Kick-Off Sunday*—is when OSL revs up fall programming and returns to regular worship hours. Wednesday evening activities will resume on September 11. Here are some things you'll want to know:

**Regular worship hours** will resume on September 8: Festive and Celebrate worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 A.M., in the Sanctuary and the Celebrate Center, respectively. Saturday worship time remains at 5:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to wear **your favorite team jersey or shirt** on September 8!

Students are invited to come forward during worship services on September 8 to receive a **Back-to-School Blessing** and a small gift. Bring your backpack, your binder, or simply yourself!

**Sunday School and middle-school programming** will begin on September 8, at 10:00 A.M.; Wednesday School and Confirmation will kick off on September 11, at 6:00 P.M.—register now! Visit [oslchurch.com/children](http://oslchurch.com/children) to register for Frolic, Rotation Sunday School, Rotation Wednesday School, and Connect; visit [oslchurch.com/youth](http://oslchurch.com/youth) to sign up for Confirmation and other middle- and high-school programs. Learn more about each of those programs at those web pages.



### Youth Ministry Programming—

- A new *Middle School Sunday Morning* program will begin on September 8, at 10:00 A.M., in the Youth Room: games, service, Bible story, and craft time, plus donuts with Trish.
- At the same time, *High School Girls Bible Study* will begin, in the Oasis room.
- A new year of *Confirmation* will kick off on Wednesday, September 11, from 6:00 to 7:15 P.M.
- The new *High School Dinner and Homework* time will be at 6:30 on September 11, followed by High School Youth Group Kickoff, from 7:00 to 9:00. *High School Youth Group* will begin with a five-week series, “The Pursuit”: three weeks of teams, activities, and learning about the pursuit of Christ, a week of small-group time, and a final week visiting and having a great night with youth from Pueblo de Dios. Questions? Contact John, [jschomberg@oslchurch.com](mailto:jschomberg@oslchurch.com) or 336-2942, ext. 35.

And don't miss the **Kick-Off Sunday Bake Sale**, on September 8, benefiting the Hope Coalition in its efforts to ensure that every child gets a chance to attend preschool. Bakers: Sign up at the Information Center. Have baked items to OSL by 8:00 A.M. on September 8, or in the Friendship Room kitchen on September 7.

## Have Something to Eat!

**OSL Food Ministry** will resume Sunday breakfasts and Wednesday suppers, starting on Kick-Off Sunday, September 8!

Meals are served in The Gathering Place. Sunday breakfast starts serving at 9:30, and Wednesday supper starts at 5:00. All are welcome! Thank you for contributing to the freewill offering to help cover expenses.

Here are the September menus (subject to change):

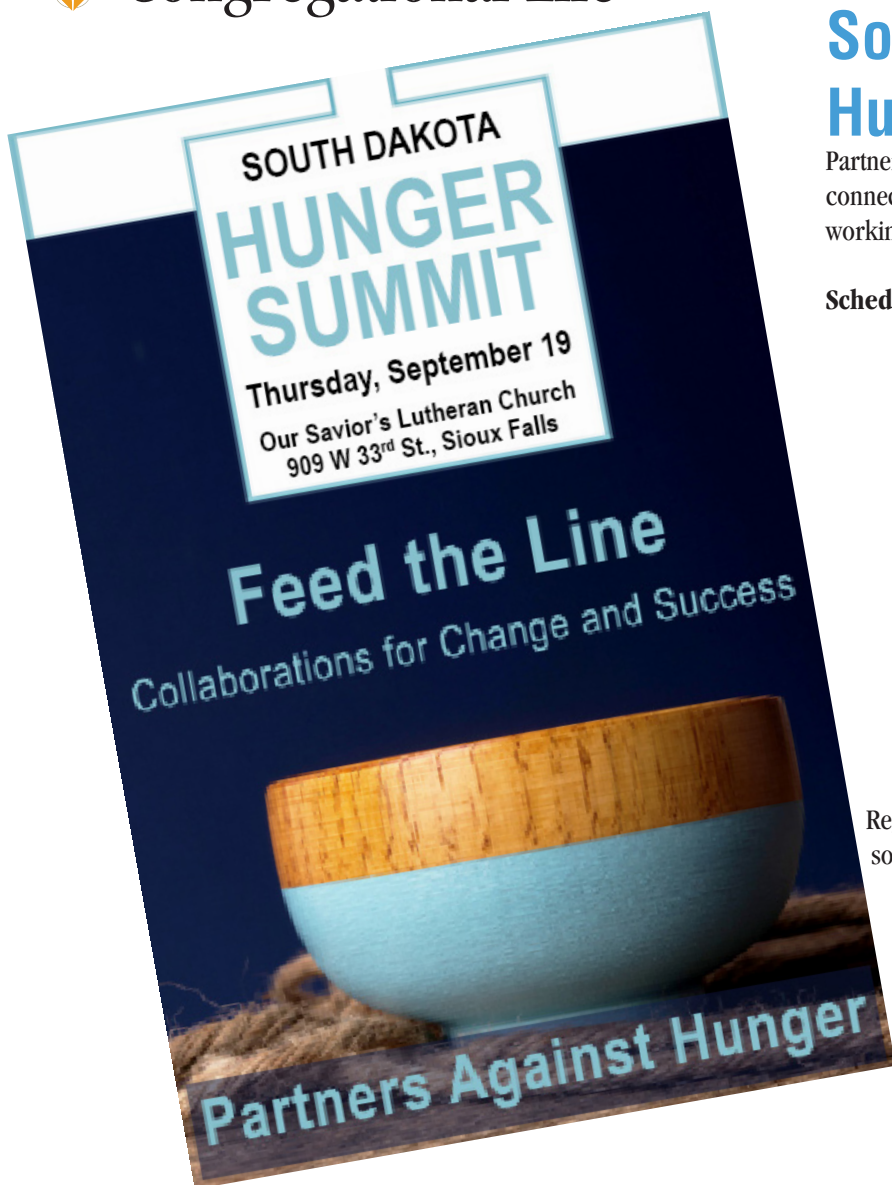
### Sunday Breakfasts

- 8 – Bacon and eggs
- 15 – Egg bake
- 22 – Bacon and eggs
- 29 – Cheese omelets and sausage

### Wednesday Suppers

- 11 – Walking tacos
- 18 – Sloppy joes
- 25 – Smothered chicken breasts





## South Dakota Hunger Summit at OSL

Partners Against Hunger invites you to attend this one-day event to connect with other hunger advocates and to learn about how we are working together to feed our hungry neighbors in South Dakota.

### Schedule – September 19

9:30 A.M.	Check-In/Registration - Our Savior's
10:00 A.M.	Welcome/Prayer/Opening Comments
10:15 A.M.	Panel: Successful Food Pantries
12:00 P.M.	Lunch: Interactive Hunger Awareness Meal
1:00 P.M.	Panels:
	Successful Referral Organizations
	Pierre Area Referral Services
	Helpline Center Network of Care
	South Dakota Coordinated Entry
	Housing Referral Panel
2:45 P.M.	Closing Comments
3:00 P.M.	Networking/Evaluations
3:15 P.M.	Partners Against Hunger Meeting

Registration (\$25 per person) is online at [sdsynod.org/synod-events/south-dakota-hunger-summit](https://sdsynod.org/synod-events/south-dakota-hunger-summit). Registration includes lunch.

## The Art of Letting Go: OSL Women's Fall Retreat

The OSL Women's Fall Retreat will be held at Inspiration Hills, near Inwood, Iowa, from 6:30 P.M. on Friday, September 13, until 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 14. Women of all ages and stages are invited to get away for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, prayer, and learning organizing and lifestyle-management tips.

Ashlee Ferguson, from Queen City Concierge, will speak on "The Art of Letting Go: Tackling the Clutter" and "Home Life Balancing Act." Ashlee is an expert on organization, home management, estate sales, waiting services, and so much more.

There are many housing options available; see [oslchurch.com/events](https://oslchurch.com/events) for online registration and complete details, or stop by the Information Center. Questions? Contact Janiece Peterson, [janiecepeterson@live.com](mailto:janiecepeterson@live.com).



*Ashlee Ferguson, Queen City Concierge.*



# Addiction Awareness

## Sunday, September 22

With opioid deaths on the rise, and the overwhelming problem of meth addiction in our communities, getting help is the first line of defense. Oftentimes, though, families struggle to find treatment for a loved one struggling with addiction, especially the right kind of treatment.

OSL's Addiction Awareness Sunday will be on September 22, at 10:00 A.M., in the Celebrate Center. The discussion will focus on issues surrounding addiction and how they affect the lives of people around us every day.

As part of that morning's conversation, OSL member Melissa Flynn (pictured at left) will share her family's struggle with addiction. A lifetime Sioux Falls resident, Melissa has three children, including her stepson, Nicholas, who died from an opioid overdose in May 2018 after years of battling addiction.



"I feel like I have an obligation to share what I have been through," says Melissa. "We're losing so many people to addiction, and I just feel

like this has to stop. We need to help educate families, we need to save lives, we need to end the stigma and allow people to talk about addiction and seek help—and honestly, helping is the only thing that makes me feel better."

Nicholas' years-long battle with addiction was tumultuous, isolating and painful for the entire family. Melissa describes their fight with addiction as a giant octopus with an unrelenting clutch. "We would fight to get one tentacle off of us, and then another tentacle would grab us. It was a constant battle with little to no relief," she says. "The octopus squeezed the air out of our lungs, the joy out of our lives and the money out of our pocket books, but we kept fighting, we kept hoping, we kept loving."

For loved ones who still feel they are in this position, Melissa's advice includes education, hope and compassion. "Talk about it, seek help for yourself first and educate yourself," Melissa says. "I like to say, 'Lead with love.' Understand that your loved one is suffering and needs help in the right way. I also want people to know help is possible—it's okay to hope. Because for so many years, we felt hopeless."

You are invited to hear more of Melissa's story on Addiction Awareness Sunday, September 22. Invite a friend or family member who would benefit from learning more about the struggle with addiction.

## September Is National Suicide Prevention Month

All this month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members across the U.S. will unite to promote suicide prevention awareness.

In Sioux Falls, the Helpline Center is preparing for *National Suicide Prevention Week*, which is September 8 through 14, and reminding everyone that each of us can play an important role in suicide prevention. Through the Helpline Center (1-800-273-8255), there is always someone available to provide a listening ear.

*World Suicide Prevention Day* is September 10. It's a time to remember those affected by suicide, to raise awareness, and to focus efforts on directing treatment to those who need it most.

For more information about suicide prevention—at any time of the year—contact Michelle Anderson, Faith Community Nurse, [mianderson@oslchurch.com](mailto:mianderson@oslchurch.com) or 336-2942, ext. 28.



## Lunch, Look, and Learn

Join Michelle Anderson, Faith Community Nurse, for Lunch, Look, and Learn, group tours of a local senior community living facility, which include a free lunch. Leave from OSL; tours begin at 11:30 A.M. Here's the schedule for the next few weeks:

- September 11 – Grand Living at Lake Lorraine (RSVP by Monday, September 9)
- September 18 -Trail Ridge (RSVP by Monday, September 16)
- September 25 – Inn on Westport (RSVP by Monday, September 23)
- October 9 – Primrose (RSVP by Monday, October 7)

**Lunch,  
Look,  
and Learn!**  
Exploring Senior Community Living Options

Reservations are required: contact Michelle Anderson, 336-2942, ext. 28, or [mianderson@oslchurch.com](mailto:mianderson@oslchurch.com).



*OSL members visit Avera Prince of Peace Retirement Community.*

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Summer break is over, and Friendship Club is back, kicking off its fall series with a trip to the Herreid Military Museum in Luverne, Minnesota, on September 10. Note the date! Friendship Club usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month, but due to scheduling issues, this trip will be one week earlier than usual.

The Herreid Museum was born out of the Luverne community's desire to share the stories of service and sacrifice of WWII veterans, made popular in Ken Burns' epic documentary, *The War*. Following a tour of the museum, the

group will enjoy lunch at Sterling's Café. If time permits, we may even take a tour of the historic Palace Theatre, directly across the street from the café. The day's travel will be by coach, with the cost of transportation being \$30 per person. You may sign up at the Information Center, or in the Church Office during the week, to reserve your spot on this fun-filled day of looking back through history.

Come and enjoy the day with your friends, at Friendship Club!

## Bearing Fruit by Joan Bacon

You can feel it in the air—summer has fallen behind us, and autumn, the time of bearing fruit for the harvest, is here. For Christians, bearing fruit extends beyond autumn and across our whole lives. Jesus has called us to bear fruit: "No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." John 15:4

But how can this fruit bearing be accomplished when one is in the midst of a serious struggle, major loss, or troubling challenge? Henri Nouwen wrote about being fruitful during hard times in *You Are the Beloved*. He claimed that our fruitfulness often comes out of those very times when we have been raked open like hard ground by something that leaves us vulnerable and powerless: "And the mystery is that our illness and weakness and our many ways of dying are often the ways... that will allow us to be more fruitful if lived faithfully. Precisely where we are weakest and often most broken and needy, precisely there can be the ground of our fruitfulness." Nouwen reminded us that something new can be raised during hard times—even from something as hard as death.

If autumn finds you seeking how to live faithfully when you feel raked open, vulnerable, or powerless, Stephen Ministers are available to walk beside you. A Stephen Minister can offer confidential, prayerful witness to the fruit born in difficult times. To learn more, talk with Pr. Tim Lemme, [tlemme@oslchurch.com](mailto:tlemme@oslchurch.com) or 336-2942, ext. 19, or Deb Harlan, [deharlan@oslchurch.com](mailto:deharlan@oslchurch.com) or 336-2942, ext. 48.



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## Health Ministries

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

### Footcare Clinic

Cost is \$25 per person. Wednesday, September 4, 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](mailto:mianderson@oslchurch.com).

### Knitting/Crocheting Ministry

Learn how to knit or crochet prayer shawls (to be given to people to remind them of God's presence and love in their lives) and mittens and scarves (for missions). Wednesdays, September 11 and 25, 9:30 A.M., Sunshine Room.

### Recent Loss Group

Wednesdays, September 11 through October 2, November 6 through 20, and December 4, from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M., in the Chapel. Contact Michelle Anderson, 336-2942, ext. 28, or [mianderson@oslchurch.com](mailto:mianderson@oslchurch.com), to preregister. Recent Loss attendees are welcome to partake in OSL Community Supper, 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., in the 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.



## Permanent Markers?

Not so fast. Pun intended.

Indelible ink? For how long?

The roads at the Seven Hills of Rome are only 3,000 years old. Ancient Lake Agassiz (think North Dakota flat) dates back 12,875 years. A recent discovery in the Hell Creek formation of a Triceratops (named Alice) boggles the mind: Alice is 65 million years old.

Consistent with the thought of lasting impressions, let's go back to 1946 and the birth of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Try to imagine *all* the events that have taken place since. We would discover that numerous weddings, baptisms, confirmations, and funerals all have filled the rooms, hallways, and worship spaces of OSL with joys and sorrows and new beginnings. Can we even imagine all the cups of coffee consumed in the various meeting rooms and Fellowship Hall?

Recalling those landmarks in our lives can give us a boost for the days ahead. Anticipating the promises brought about each day pulls us ahead in the same way.

The work of Our Savior's Foundation mirrors that same view. We remember the past, live in the present, and plan for the future. We gain confidence when we reflect where we've been, know where we are, and anticipate where we are going. Hmmm...in a way, like a permanent marker!

This is my invitation to you to visit further about what all this reflection might mean for you. Reach me, Jon Oien, at [joien@sio.midco.net](mailto:joien@sio.midco.net). I'm looking forward to meeting you!

## Meet the New Bishop of the South Dakota Synod



The Rev. Constanze Hagmaier was elected to the Office of Bishop at this summer's synod assembly, held at OSL. She takes office on September 1.

Bishop Hagmaier is married to Pr. Dirk Hagmaier, and they have two children, Paul, 20, and Emma, 4, and one foster son, Lymann, 21. The Hagmaiers have been serving at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, where Pr. Dirk continues to serve.

Bishop Hagmaier's first experience of South Dakota was in 1987, as a Rotary exchange student, living in Sioux Falls and attending Brandon Valley High School and Brandon Lutheran Church. She continued her education in Germany at Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, where she graduated with her Master of Divinity degree in 1999. Upon the family's immigration to the United States in September 1999, the couple affiliated with Luther Seminary in St. Paul, and were ordained in 2001 while serving the Waubay Lutheran Parish at NeSoDak Bible Camp.

The public is invited to a celebratory installation service with Holy Communion on Saturday, September 7, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5500 E. 57<sup>th</sup> St. Doors will open to the public at 12:30 P.M., with the worship service beginning at 1:30. The service is estimated to be 90 minutes long. A reception will immediately follow at Gloria Dei. The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA, will preside over worship; the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen will preach. RSVP at [sdsynod.org/installation](http://sdsynod.org/installation).

The worship service will be live-streamed on the South Dakota Synod YouTube channel (<http://bit.ly/2MyeXtX>), starting at 1:30.



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# OSL Youth and Family

## Service and Exploration

By Mollie Varpness,  
Youth and Family Intern

We had a great time in Duluth with 29 students and six adults coming together for a week of service, exploration, and fellowship. During our four mission days, each of our groups had the opportunity to serve at five different locations. These locations included serving at Duluth Parks and Rec, the Salvation Army, the United Way Community Garden, the Benedictine Health Center, Second Harvest Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes, Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers, the Union Gospel Mission, CHUM, Habitat for Humanity, and Minnesota Teen Challenge, for a total of 840 work hours. The variety of projects gave the students an opportunity to experience Duluth in many distinctive ways and allowed them to explore



One of my personal favorite experiences was helping at the Benedictine Health Center, where we played Bingo and trivia with the residents. Students took turns announcing while other students connected with the residents and assisted reading the cards. Not only were the students allowed to grow in their communication skills, but both age groups had the chance to connect to and learn from each other.

Thank you to everyone at OSL for your support of our youth ministry and for your support of the Silent Auction, as well as other fundraisers that make trips like our Service Learning Mission Trip to Duluth possible. We invite you to join us on Sunday, September 15, for our trip report, where we will share more about the impact our trips to Duluth and Colorado have made on our lives and our ministry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



calls they may have to serve the community.

In addition to the missions, we were able to explore Gooseberry Falls, Canal Park, and Park Point Beach. We were also able to enjoy ice cream several times, and even check out the Como Zoo on the way home!

By the end of the week, students excitedly traded stories with each other about what they did in their service projects. One group eagerly talked about their work repairing bikes and wanting to see if that ministry can be found in Sioux Falls as well. Another group spoke of their experience helping at Minnesota Teen Challenge, where they painted and prepared future apartments for people staying there long-term.







## It's Kick-Off Time!

Kick-Off Sunday is September 8! Everyone is looking forward to resuming Sunday School and Middle School programming, at 10:00 that morning. Adding to the day, students will be welcome to bring their backpack, binder, or simply themselves up front during worship services to receive a Back to School Blessing and small gift.

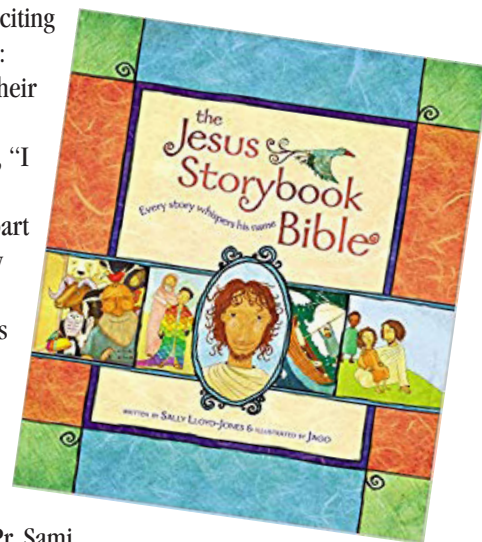
Wednesday School, Confirmation, and High School Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, September 11. Wednesday suppers in The Gathering Place will be back, too!

Please be sure to register your child(ren) for Frolic, Sunday or Wednesday School, and Confirmation every year! Visit [oslchurch.com/youth](http://oslchurch.com/youth) before programming begins to do so.

Thank you to all the children and youth volunteers who will help make this another incredible year!

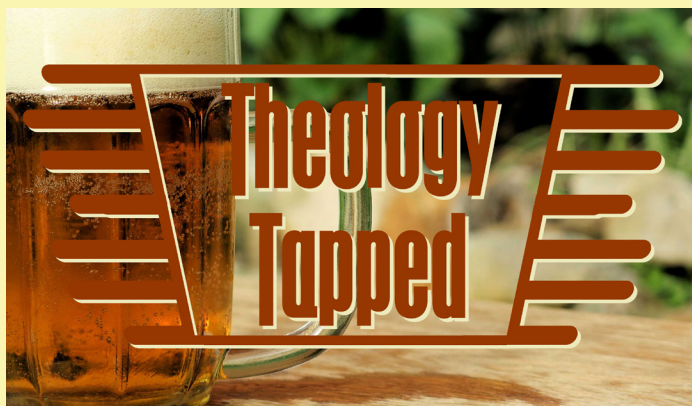
## Three-Year-Olds' Bible Milestone

September 22 will be an exciting day for OSL three-year-olds: that's when they'll receive their *Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd Jones, who said, "I wrote *The Jesus Storybook Bible* to show that we are part of a real-life fairytale." Now these kids will get to learn how they are a part of God's incredible story.



Three-Year-Olds' Bible Milestone will begin at 10:00 A.M. on September 22, with Family Time with Pr. Sami, in the Friendship Room. Then, during the 11:00 Festive worship service, your families will receive a blessing and lead the congregation in "Jesus Loves Me."

Be sure to register now for the milestone day via the form at [bit.ly/3yr-milestone](http://bit.ly/3yr-milestone), or email Melissa Nesdahl, Director of Faith Formation, [mnesdahl@oslchurch.com](mailto:mnesdahl@oslchurch.com), indicating your child's name.



## Theology Tapped

If you're looking for engaging conversation on matters of faith and life in a fun, informal setting—and who isn't?—join Pr. Randy for Theology Tapped!

The next get-together will be on Thursday, September 19, from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M., at Monk's House of Ale Repute, 420 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.

## SAVE THE DATES!

### OSL Children's Milestones and Singing 2019–2020

*All Sunday School and Wednesday School students age four through grade five sing*

**October 13** at 8:45 Celebrate (Kindergarten Milestone)

**November 17** at 11:00 Festive (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Milestone)

**December 15** at 8:45 Celebrate & 11:00 Festive (Children's Christmas Program) *Rehearsal on December 14, morning*

**February 9** at 8:45 Celebrate (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone)

**March 15** at 11:00 Festive (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Milestone)

**March 29** No Singing (4- and 5-Year-Old Preschool Milestone)

**April 5** at 8:45 Celebrate & 11:00 Festive (Palm Sunday Procession)

**April 9** No singing (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestone) *Agape Meal April 8*

**April 26** at 8:45 Celebrate (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Milestone)

*Sunday learners will not attend Sunday School on dates they have a milestone, since you will have Family Time with Pr. Sami at 10:00 A.M. in the Friendship Room.*

## “Whoo Loves Books” Fall Reading Program



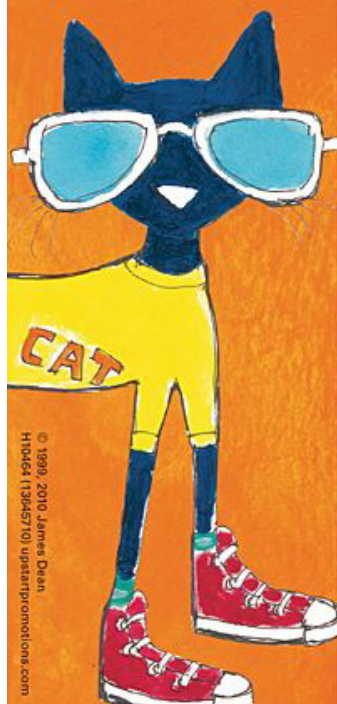
The OSL Library’s fall reading program, “Whoo Loves Books,” will run from September 8 through November 24, for children, youth, and adults.

Each day you check out items, you will receive a treat. The first time you check out books during the reading program, your name will be displayed on the bulletin board, and you will be entered into a drawing for a prize. The

winner of the prize will be announced in the bulletin announcements the weekend of December 1.

## Here Comes Lu the Lion!

Lu the Lion will greet folks as they enter OSL on Sunday, September 15, and Wednesday, September 18, and hand out Pete the Cat stickers and bookmarks. Each child who checks out books will also receive a treat and a prize. Sponsored by the OSL Library, Lu will be here to encourage kids and youth to read and take advantage of everything the Library has to offer.



## Fall Book Sale, October 19 and 20

Time to cull your collection of books, movie DVDs, and music CDs? The OSL Library will begin accepting those items on September 9 for its Fall Book Sale! Donations will be accepted through Sunday, October 13.

The book sale will run from 10:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, October 19, and from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, October 20, 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.

## Second Saturday Movies Are Back!

The Second Saturday Movies return from summer break on September 14, with *Breakthrough*.



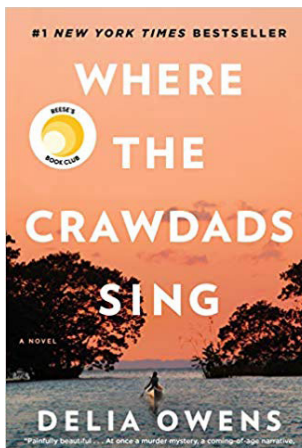
When Joyce Smith’s 14-year-old son John fell through an icy Missouri lake one winter morning, she and her family had seemingly lost everything. At the hospital, John lay lifeless for more than 60 minutes, but Joyce was not ready to give up on her son. She mustered all her faith and strength into one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

## One Church One Read Book Discussion

Come for the discussion of *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens,



OSL’s Summer One Church One Read title, on September 22 at 10:00 A.M., in the Library. If you haven’t read *Where the Crawdads Sing* yet, copies are available in the Library, as well as an audiobook. You also may pick up a copy of the discussion questions in the Library.

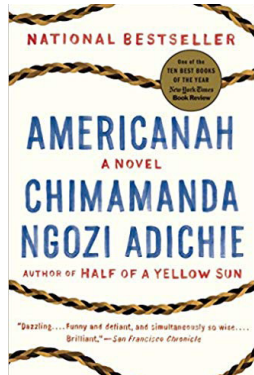
For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. In late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl.

*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.



## 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 September 26 selection will be *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.



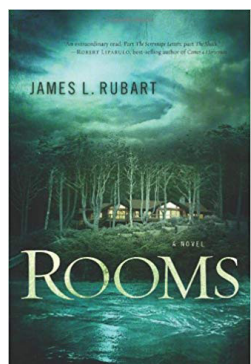
Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America, where, despite her academic success, she is forced to grapple for the first time with what it means to be black.

Quiet, thoughtful Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London. Fifteen years later, they reunite in a newly democratic Nigeria and reignite their passion for each other and for their homeland.

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

## New for Adults

***Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan.** From New York Times best-selling author Patti Callahan comes an exquisite novel of Joy Davidman, the woman C. S. Lewis called “my whole world.”



When poet and writer Joy Davidman began writing letters to C. S. Lewis—known as Jack—she was looking for spiritual answers, not love. Everything about New Yorker Joy seemed ill-matched for an Oxford don and the beloved writer of the Narnia books, yet their minds bonded over their letters. Embarking on the ad-

venture of her life, Joy traveled from America to England and back again, facing heartbreak and poverty, finding friendship and faith and, against all odds, a love that even the threat of death couldn't destroy.

In this masterful exploration of one of the greatest love stories of modern times, we meet a brilliant writer, a fiercely independent mother, and a passionate woman who changed the life of this respected author and inspired books that still enchant us and change us. Joy lived at a time when women weren't meant to have a voice and yet her love for Jack gave them both voices they didn't know they had.

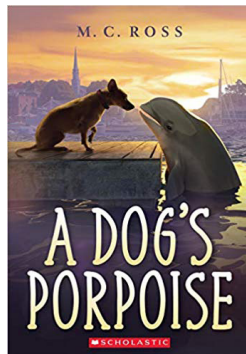
At once a fascinating historical novel and a glimpse into a writer's life, *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* is above all a love story—a love of literature and ideas and a love between a husband and wife.

### Additional New Titles for Adults

- *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes
- *Things Left Unsaid* by Courtney Walsh
- *Window on the Bay* by Debbie Macomber

## New for Middle- and High-School Youth

***A Dog's Porpoise* by M.C. Ross.** When a bad storm throws Bangor, a harbor porpoise, off course, he finds himself all alone in the harbor of Ogunquit, Maine. He's not the only one who's lost in these wayward waters: Lars, a rowdy pup, is knocked overboard from a nearby boat. With the help of a girl named Natalie, Bangor rescues Lars, and they become fast friends.



Not everyone in the small town approves of this unlikely friendship. Some find Lars a nuisance to the community, and it isn't safe for Bangor to remain in the harbor. It's up to Natalie to convince the town to locate Bangor's pod and return him safely home, even if it means saying goodbye to her new friend.

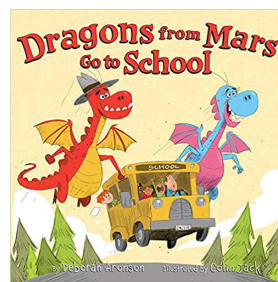
Full of humor and heart, *A Dog's Porpoise* asks readers to consider what it means to be a good friend, especially during tough times.

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

- *Kingdom Keepers: Disney after Dark* by Ridley Pearson
- *Click* by Kayla Miller
- *Enter the Mine* by PopularMMOs

## New Picture, Early Reader, and Chapter Books

***Dragons from Mars Go to School* by Deborah Aronson.** The dragons from Mars are headed to school. But when Molly and Fred arrive at the classroom door, they realize life at school might come with some challenges.



Will Nathaniel's larger-than-most pals fit in with the rest of his class? This Seussian tale about dragons who settle on Earth to join their human friend at

school is a pure delight.

### Additional New Picture Books

- *Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas* by Aaron Blabey
- *The HICCUPotamus* by Aaron Zenz

### New Early Reader Books

- *A Skunk in My Bunk* by Christopher Cerf
- *Have You Seen My Dinosaur* by Jon Surgal

### New Chapter Books

- *The Binder of Doom: Brute-Cake* by Troy Cummings
- *Wild Rescuers: Guardians of the Taiga* by Stacy Plays



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*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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## Ministry Support through July 31

	Annual Giving
Projected Contributions	\$1,969,580
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Projected YTD	\$1,177,053
Ahead/(Behind)	(\$102,949)