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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. Classic

9:15 a.m. Blended

10:30 a.m. "The Crossing"

Communion

1st Sunday: All services

3rd & 5th Sundays:

8:00 & 9:15 a.m. services

Grounded in Faith
Gathered in Love
and Sent with
a Purpose
So that others
may gain
the Kingdom



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The Crucial Balance of Church Leadership

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor...

- 1 Timothy 5:17

Have you ever heard the word *Presbuteros*? It's Greek. In some congregations it's translated "the council." In others they're called "the overseers," or "the elders" or "the presbytery." In our church we call them "the board." But whatever their name, their function was created by God for the proper guidance and administration of the local congregation. Our Savior's has a lengthy history of wise and thoughtful boards who have ably managed the affairs of the congregation with gentle wisdom, deep faith and, when necessary, bold leadership. They have held in crucial balance, the principles of business, and a sensitivity of the Spirit so that God's Church might be healthy, vibrant and transparent.

I am deeply grateful for the current leadership at Our Savior's: Doug Smith, Chris Peterson, Keith Anderson, Rick Peterson, Kim Corbett and Steve Ordahl. With a budget nearing a million dollars, their wisdom, coupled with their love for this church, is a gift to us, and as the scripture notes above, they are worthy of our honor. (Thank them, will you, when you next see these board members at church?)

Why do I mention this now? Because in the coming months, our board will be considering five very important items, items that directly affect every member and friend of this church. I want to detail them below, and then request of you two things: Will you pray for our board discussions? And will you provide to us your input so that we might sense the pulse of our membership moving forward? Here's the list:

A: Children, Youth and Family Ministries. It's a whole new chapter for Our Savior's. Soon we will be welcoming new staff, and saying farewell

First Word Pastor Steve Molin



to Missy Carmack. We will be rolling out a new model of family ministry that will call on parents, grandparents and godparents to take a greater role nurturing faith in our little ones. This is enormously important to all of us!

B. Evaluate worship, improve attendance and grow membership. I've been telling you for a couple of years now of my concern for our worship attendance trend. After eight straight years of meteoric growth, we have seen a 15% decline over these past three years. We need to study the content, quality and climate of our existing worship services, and respond in ways that will lead to more hearts exposed to the gospel.

C. Maintain and improve giving/stewardship. There is no question that the economic downturn, beginning in 2008, has affected churches everywhere. However, the uncertainty of anticipated income, the compulsion to do more ministry with less funding, and the lack of knowledge of biblical stewardship among our members needs to be addressed.

D. Confirm that prudent financial and process controls are in place. Hardly a week goes by that we don't hear about financial malfeasance in churches, business and non-profits. As our budget grows and the cyber-world of banking continues to evolve, our members need to have confidence that your generous gifts are protected and well spent. We are in the midst of a review of all of our financial controls and we will report our progress when completed.

E. Finally, is it time to re-open discussion about building a new sanctuary? The Community Life Center is a remarkable space and it has served us extremely well for worship, fellowship, recreation and outside use for the past eight years.

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Financial Box Score

March Budget Giving	\$ 61,733
March Budget Expense	\$ -65,136
March Budget Total	\$ -3,403
March Building Contributions	\$ 10,779
March Mortgage Expenses	\$ -10,932
March Building Net	\$ -154
March Mortgage Amount	\$ 10,932
Current Mortgage Amount (as of March 31, 2011)	\$1,133,192
YTD Giving	\$ 175,885
YTD Expenses	\$ -195,685
YTD Total	\$ -19,800
YTD Building Contributions	\$ 27,835

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However, it was intended to be an interim worship space until a new, formal sanctuary could be built. This project was wisely tabled in 2008 due to the economic horizon. Is it time to re-visit this issue? We are hearing that many are longing to have worship in a sanctuary.

As you can see, this board has its plate is full! But we have the right people, the people God has selected, to wisely and prayerfully consider these important issues. Will you pray for us, that we would keep sensible business practices and sensitive faith in a crucial balance? The future really is now; let's enter it with joy and confidence!

Peace,
Pastor Steve

Got Thrivent?

If you have financial products through the fraternal organization, *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*, you have the opportunity to direct additional financial support to Our Savior's. Through a program called "Choice Dollars" you can indicate that you would like to see Our Savior's receive a portion of what would otherwise be given to other organizations. Find out more at www.thrivent.org

Legacy Friends Celebration

Thursday, May 5th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm
 Jim and Marilyn Meier's home

Save the Date for a Legacy Friends event! Join us at Jim and Marilyn Meier's home on May 5th, 2011, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for a celebration to recognize those who have included OSLC in their wills or estate plans (and those considering it). Wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and special entertainment will be provided by comedian and OSLC member Brad Kruse. Invitations and bulletin announcements with more information will be forthcoming.

Adopt a Highway on May 14th

We will have our bi-annual spring Adopt a Highway clean up on May 14th at 9:00 am. Meet at Otto Berg Park. We then go for one mile down Stonebridge Trail. We provide bags and vests. This is a great family service event. It is a nice morning walk and helps keep our city beautiful. If you have any questions contact Mary Knuteson at 651-430-3152 or emknuteson@usfamily.net

Faith Formation and Wet Cement!

Over these summer months, “transition” is the best word to describe Children, Youth and Family Ministry. Karen Gieseke will move on to another congregation needing her guiding hand through an interim period, and Our Savior’s will welcome new leaders to guide us. In July, Missy Carmack will become a mom and a seminary intern, all in the span of about six weeks! Again, a new face will join us to build upon the remarkable foundation of youth ministry in this church.

But even now, as I write this, there is still much “wet cement.” New schedules will be formatted just in time for fall. A creatively new worship gathering will anchor Wednesday nights, and for those attending Sunday Faith Formation at 10:30, a whole new way of “doing Sunday School” awaits you! Even the registration process is being re-tooled to allow you to consider a list of menu options and select what works best for you and your family. Watch your “in box” for a registration email in July, and then plan to be a part of the grand plan for Faith Formation in this place. It’s an exciting time to be the Church!

Be on the lookout for:

- Lemonade meetings with each new staff person!
- PandaMania Vacation Bible School Aug. 1st – 5th!
- Missy’s Farewell on Sunday July 17th
- A Faith Formation Registration email at mid-summer
- And on Sunday, Sept. 11th and Wednesday, Sept. 14th...“Faith Happens – The Reunion Tour!”

Happy Sun Screen,
Pastor Steve

CYF Team Members:

Kim Corbett (OSLC Board liaison)
Ingrid Aasan
Chris Doering,
Trent Doering
Mark Fjestad
Nancy Fjestad
Jim Nelson
Molly Roeske
Lann Zimdars

Staff:

Pastor Linda VanEaton
Missy Carmack
Karen Gieseke

faith
formation

Transition Timeline

- ⇒ March 2011 Children, Youth and Family Team formed and begins to meet to help shape and form vision. This will be an on-going team to support this vital ministry at OSLC.
- ⇒ March 2011 Posted jobs for Minister of Faith Formation (FT/PT), Children and Family Coordinator (PT), Early Childhood and Family Coordinator (PT).
- ⇒ April 2011 Missy Carmack announces resignation (and internship!) effective July 17th, 2011.
- ⇒ April 2011 Posted job for Youth and Family Director (FT/PT).
- ⇒ April - May 2011 Interview for Minister of Faith Formation (FT/PT), Children and Family Coordinator (PT), Early Childhood and Family Coordinator (PT).
- ⇒ May - June 2011 Interview for Youth and Family Director (FT/PT).
- ⇒ May thru August 2011 Hire for all positions and begin the transition!

Note: All job postings are available at www.oslcstillwater.org or at the Welcome Desk.

Any questions? Contact Pastor Linda VanEaton or Karen Gieseke!

May Worship & Music

Sunday, May 1st, 2011: *Second Sunday of Easter and First Communion Sunday*

Pastor Linda VanEaton, preaching

- 8:00 am Holy Communion
 9:15 am Holy Communion
Special music at 8 & 9:15: Proclaim!, Joyful Noise Choir
 10:30 am "The Crossing," Contemporary Worship and Communion with Praise Team
Special music at 10:30: Cherub Choir

Sunday, May 8th, 2011: *Third Sunday of Easter*

Pastor Steve Molin, preaching

- 8:00 am Worship
 9:15 am Worship
Special music at 8 & 9:15: Jubellate
 10:30 am "The Crossing," Contemporary Worship with Praise Team

Sunday, May 15th, 2011: *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Pastor Steve Molin, preaching

- 8:00 am Holy Communion
 9:15 am Holy Communion
Special music at 8 & 9:15: Kingdom Choir
 10:30 am "The Crossing," Contemporary Worship with Praise Team

Sunday, May 22nd, 2011: *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Pastor Steve Molin, preaching

- 8:00 am Worship
 9:15 am Worship
Special music at 8 & 9:15: Kingdom Choir
 10:30 am "The Crossing," Contemporary Worship with Praise Team

Thursday, May 26th: *Summer Song Worship begins*

- 6:00 pm Worship outdoors, weather permitting

Sunday, May 29th, 2011: *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule begins

Pastor Steve Molin, preaching

- 8:00 am Holy Communion, "Now the Feast and Celebration" Liturgy
 9:30 am Holy Communion, "Now the Feast and Celebration" Liturgy

LIVING CHRISTIANLY

A sermon series on living as Easter People
 Pastor Steven Molin

- May 8 "Called to Change" Acts 2:14-41
 May 15 "Called to Share" Acts 2:42-47
 May 22 "Called to Conviction" Acts 7:1; 51-60
 May 29 "Called to Tell" Acts 17:22-31



Summer Worship

From May 29th through Labor Day, join us for worship:

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month

- 8:00 & 9:30 am Holy Communion, "Now the Feast and Celebration" Liturgy

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship, ELW Liturgy Setting Six
 9:30 am "The Crossing" Contemporary Worship with Praise Team

Every Thursday

- 6:00 pm Summer Song Worship
 Meets on the back lawn for a casual but reverent outdoor worship experience. Bring a lawn chair!

Hymn Selection!



During the month of May you will have the opportunity to jot down on the Sunday Yellow Pages the ELW number and title of a favorite hymn that you would like to sing at Summer Sunday Worship. In June the top choices will be announced and then sung on Holy Communion Sundays. O Sing! to the Lord!

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all who helped make the Oak Grove High School concert a success on April 1st. Aaron Zinter, the director and the students were very pleased! - Sharon Ronning

Dear OSLC members and staff,

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of the World Record Food Drive. I helped unload the many cars, but never did hear your total. It was inspiring to witness your congregation in action, and see so many involved. Over 45,000 pounds of food was collected during the World Record Food Drive weekend. Awareness, food, and money given this month makes this our most successful March FoodShare month to date. What a blessing to our clients! You're amazing!

Sincerely, Kris Huntley, Valley Outreach Church Partner Coordinator

Mlafu Mission Trip

We are moving forward! Plans continue to fall into place for the fall trip to our Companion Congregation in Mlafu, Tanzania. The anticipated dates are October 22 to November 3. Five members of our congregation are committed to go with more seriously considering the journey.

Please join us for an unforgettable experience as we visit our brothers and sisters in Christ at Mlafu and the Iringa area in Tanzania, East Africa. For more information, please contact Marilyn and Jim Meier: ph. 651-439-5421; meierculp@msn.com



Women's Groups

Deborah/Naomi Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, May 12th, 7:00 pm at Ellie Zaniewski's
 Contact: Donna Peterson (439-5903)

Lydia Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, May 5th, 7:00 pm
 Contact: Paula Barber (651-351-1907)

Hannah Circle

Next Mtg: Tuesday, May 3rd, 9:30 am at Sherry Yahner's
 Contact: Becky Maier (439-4459)

Ruth Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, May 5th, 9:30 am at Boutwell's Landing in
 The Commons Special Dining Room, hosted by
 Jean Stenseng
 Contacts: Barb Loudon (644-7240)

Sarah Circle

Next Mtg: Thursday, May 12th, 1:00 pm at OSLC
 Contact: Donna Carlson (351-5052)

Morning Quilters

Next Mtg: Thurs., May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th at 9:00 am
 Contact: Audrey Reed (430-2744)

Mission Quilters

Next Mtg: Thursday, May 19th at 9:00 am
 Contact: Audrey Reed (430-2744)

Piecemakers (Evening Quilters)

Next Mtg: Wednesdays at 7:00 (schedule is flexible)
 Contact: Valerie Kubal (998-3973)

Card Recyclers

Next Mtg: Tuesday, May 31st, at 9:00 am
 Contact: Doris Freeman (439-7876)

Prayer Shawl Knitters

Next Mtg: Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30 pm
 Contacts: Sherry Yahner (430-9863) & Kitty Roettger (777-4192)

Bible Study Groups



Beth Moore (Tuesdays)

Next Mtg: Meetings resume in the fall
 Contact: Nancy Robertson (715-549-6118)

Beth Moore (Wednesdays)

Next Mtg: May 4th, 6:30 pm at Judy Goldstrand's
 Contact: Judy Goldstrand (651-439-3267)

Beth Moore (Thursdays)

Next Mtg: Meetings resume in the fall
 Contact: Barb Schlosser (651-439-8432)

Men's Groups

Men's Bible Study

Next Mtg: Thursdays at 6:00 am at Our Savior's
 Contact: John Rock (747-0311)

Friday Guys

Next Mtg: Fridays 6:30 am at Joseph's Restaurant (Hwy. 36)
 Contact: Pastor Steve (439-5704, ext. 14)

P.E.P. (People Enjoying People 55+)



May 2nd: Bethlehem Lutheran at 9:15 am

Help prepare, serve and clean-up for a meal at Bethlehem Lutheran In-the-Midway. Five people are needed. Sign-up sheet is posted on the PEP bulletin board. Meet at the church to carpool, leaving at 9:15 am.

May 16th: Coffee/Dessert, Fellowship and Program at 1 pm

Our guest speaker will be Dwight Cummins. He has had a law practice in the St. Croix Valley since 1985 and has helped many people with issues related to death, taxes and long-range planning.

Joining Dwight will be Todd S. Gillingham, a senior consultant with the Landmark Group of Thrivent Investment Management. Todd has spoken extensively on estate, charitable, and retirement issues across the country.

This is a valuable time for us to listen, to learn and to ask questions about issues that pertain to our gifts to family and others. It gives us an opportunity to learn more about taking good care of our finances in these difficult times.

May 21st: Small Group at 9:30 am at Gorman's in Lake Elmo

We will meet for brunch and continue to study and discuss the book, "The Gift of Years."

Upcoming Events:

June 6th: Serve meals at Bethlehem Lutheran
 June 13th: Prepare meals at Feed My Starving Children
 July: Annual picnic/outing at Boutwell's picnic area

Women @ the EDGE



Are you a woman in need of some ME time?
 Are you on the EDGE—whatever that might mean?

Join us once a month for a time of learning, sharing and breathing. This year we will be using Colleen Baldrice's book, "The Tree Spirited Woman" as our guide. You do not need to read the book to be part of our discussion. We meet once a month on **Mondays at 8:00 pm at Perkins** on Hwy 36. Join us any time!

Upcoming dates/topic:

May 2nd: Ending(s)

Questions? Contact Pastor Linda: linda@oslctillwater.org



Sunday
Morning Magazine

Meets on Sundays at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary

Sunday Morning Magazine—an adult learning opportunity for you! Our topics vary from Mission to Bible Study, local authors and experts. Learning is a life-long process!

Do you have ideas for Fall 2011- Spring 2012?
Contact Pastor Linda!

iSERVE



StrengthFinders Talent of the Month:

SELF-ASSURANCE

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."
- Hebrews 11.1*

You are confident in your ability to manage your own life. You possess an inner compass that gives you confidence that your decisions are right and true. You know that you are able to take risks, able to meet new challenges, able to stake claims, and, most important, able to deliver. You have confidence not only in your abilities but also in your judgment. No one can tell you what to think. They can guide. They can suggest. This theme lends an aura of certainty to your resolve. It may be quiet or loud- depending upon your other talents- but it is solid.

Choose iServe/ service opportunities where you can help start up something NEW- a place where no rulebooks exist. You will be at your best when you are asked to make many decisions- and it will feel good! Keep your eyes on the Yellow Page or the eBlast for opportunities.

"You have to be sure of yourself; you have to be completely unconsumed with other people's opinions, and that sounds conceited- it isn't."

~Mary Eugenia Charles
former Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica

OSLC is a Strengths-based church. We believe that God has given us TALENTS to be used to bring God's kingdom. OSLC uses Clifton StrengthsFinder to measure the presence of talents in 34 general areas or themes. Pastor Linda is a StrengthsFinder coach and teaches a "Living Your Strengths" class. Each month we highlight one talent. If you want to learn more about StrengthsFinder contact Pastor Linda: Linda@oslcstillwater.org

OSLC Book of the Month Club



Book chats will again be held this summer at the Stillwater Public Library on **June 13th, July 25th, and August 29th at 1 pm** (no 6:30 pm session). Come with your book suggestions and leave with some new ideas. Everyone welcome!

Book Selections for 2011-12

September/Best Seller: Life of Pi by Yann Martel

October/Leader's Choice: Riding the Bus with my Sister
by Rachel Simon

November/Holiday Favorite: The Christmas Carol
by Charles Dickens

January/Spiritual: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

February/Children's: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

March/Leader's Choice: Traveling Mercies by Anne Lamott

April/Let's Have fun!: Life Among the Lutherans by Garrison Keillor

You are invited!

YoungLives Fundraising Tea Party & Boutique

Bring a friend and wear your favorite party hat!
Saturday, May 21st, 2011 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Childcare provided for infants to preschoolers. To RSVP or donate contact Darla Goble at 651-430-1873 or ylscvmn@gmail.com by May 10th, 2011. Donations will provide the opportunity for teen moms and their children to attend summer camp at Castaway and support the YoungLives teen mom program.

Here's another way that you can help with our YoungLives Retreat to send teen moms and their children to Castaway!

We have created a Registry at Target. Visit your local Target and print off our YoungLives Registry. You can find our registry under the baby section. Enter first name as Younglives and last name as Retreat. You can purchase the items we have requested. Those donated items can be dropped off at the Stillwater Young Life Office by August 15th or you may bring the items to the tea. Please let Darla know if you purchased items from the registry at another location so that we can take the item off of the registry at Target. (ylscvmn@gmail.com or 651-430-1873)

We would also like Walmart or Target gift cards in any amount to purchase supplies for camp. We are planning several activities at camp for the moms and children. The hope is to provide each child and mom with a gift at these activities. Any gift items you would like to donate would be appreciated. The children range from 9 months to 4 years old. We would like to give each of the children a toy and a book. We will also have prizes for the moms. Donations of anything teens or moms would like will be greatly appreciated. Children's clothes are always welcome; please make sure they still have the tags on them.

Thanks for your support!

Mother-Daughter Banquet



"Meet Miss Manners – 2011 Style"

Thursday, May 5th, 2011 at 6:15 pm

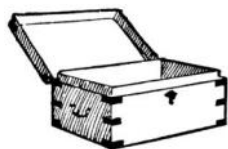
Adults \$15.00

Children \$5.00 (12 & under)

Ever wonder where to place the forks, knives and spoons when asked to set the table at home or at a friend's home? What does creating a 'first impression' mean in today's world? Are jeans appropriate for all occasions? Well if these or other questions regarding etiquette have been a topic within your family or with girlfriends, then please join us for a lively discussion on Thursday, May 5th at Our Savior's. Invite your Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, Granddaughters, Aunts, Nieces, Sisters and Girlfriends to gather together for an evening of learning about new approaches to having confidence and fun in social settings.

Our speaker, Gretchen Ditto, will share some key elements of creating a first and lasting impression through a lively and engaging presentation. She will touch on topics of interest, such as, communicating through social media, eating with grace and dressing with style.

Tickets will be available for sale in the Gathering Area on May 1st. Tickets will be available during the week in the church office.



Trunks and Treasures Sale

May 14th, 2011 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN

Still time to Register or Plan to Attend the Annual Trunks & Treasures Sale! Reserve your space for Saturday, May 14th, 2011 prior to May 11th, 2011. Space is limited, so register early to guarantee a spot. For only \$10.00 (participants are also encouraged to donate 10% of their sales) you can reserve a spot (two parking spaces) for your treasure-filled vehicle. To reserve your space please fill out a Registration Form, located in the Gathering area at Our Savior's Church or email trunkstotreasures@comcast.net for a registration form.

This is the perfect solution for those who do not have space for a garage or yard sale to join others in selling their gently used or new items on a beautiful summer day.

Love a garage sale? However, not so much the getting in and out of your vehicle at each sale or the driving from one location to another with time being a factor? Then the Trunks and Treasures Sale at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Stillwater is the perfect venue for one stop shopping, where you park once and walk a parking lot filled with vehicles chock-full of new and gently used merchandise to sell. Also there will be an opportunity to purchase Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate; Lucinda Pins; and Cookbooks. This fund-raiser will benefit various Women's Ministry activities at Our Savior's. Please join us for a fun-filled day of shopping, meeting new people, visiting with neighbors or friends. If a seller, pocket a little money or if a buyer, take home a new treasure!



Our Savior's Lutheran Church Women

Sisters in Christ

2011 Schedule of Events

All Women of Our Savior's are Invited to attend events

- May 1** Rachel's Day
- May 5** Mother/Daughter Banquet at 6:15 pm
Our Savior's
- May 14** Trunks & Treasures Sale from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Our Savior's
- July 12** Bible Study in the Park at 9:30 am
Valley View Park
- July 14 -17** Triennial Gathering
Spokane, Washington
- August 11** Bible Study in the Park at 9:30 am
Valley View Park
- August 18** Salad Supper at 6:00 pm
Our Savior's

For more information, check out the "Our Savior's Women" bulletin board in the hallway by the nursery!

Thyme for Grace Kitchen Ministry

The meals are ready for sharing!

*Jesus said to him, "Take care of my lambs...
Take care of my sheep."*

John 21: 15-16



REMINDER:

Two entrée's (Sloppy Joe Casserole or Chicken Wild Rice) are available for sharing with individuals or families when they are in need of a little 'comfort food' during times of difficulty or transition by all members of Our Savior's. These meals are intended to be shared for all occasions: whether a birth, death, illness, surgery or just a need for a friendly visit to share a meal and conversation with someone needing a smile.

The meals are located in Our Savior's kitchen freezer. When removing a complete meal(s) from the freezer, please note the information on the Inventory Sheet on the wall above the freezer. This information is for inventory purposes and feedback on how the Thyme for Grace Kitchen Ministry is serving the community and will help determine when the next cooking session will be scheduled. With each meal, please include a Prayer Card, located on the clip board attached to the side of the freezer.

Vacation Bible School News

We're continuing to gear up for Pandamania VBS this summer scheduled from August 1st-5th. Registration for VBS is available on the OSLC website. Both AM and PM sessions are open.



If you are interested in helping out with "pre" decorating, come on May 4th, 11th and 15th to the church from 9:45 am to 1:00 pm. Stay as long as you can. Any help is appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering, we are still in need of Youth Crew Leaders for our 5th and 6th graders (both AM/PM sessions), a photographer for AM/PM sessions, soundboard helper for PM session and crew leaders for elementary crews. The sign-up board is outside the Children's Gathering Area, near the entrance by the CLC.

The donation display is up in the Gathering Area. Just grab a "Panda" and help us out by donating any of the items from sardines to Lucky Charms cereal.

Questions? Contact:

Lori Olson, VBS Coordinator, loridan_ols@comcast.net
Karen Gieseke, CFM Director, cfm@oslcstillwater.org

Generous Hands Reach Out in Sunday School, WAVE & Club 56!

During the month of April, OSLC children and families joined hands with Open Hands Midway in St. Paul to serve our neighbor. Hygiene items, which will be bundled into individual, personal kits, were the focus of the donations. Several other donations were given, based on stories shared by PEP members who visited the OSLC Sunday and Wednesday children.

Donation totals include 331 hygiene items, 63 wash cloths & towels, 17 pairs of gloves, 12 hats, 8 pairs of socks, 2 coats, and 1 blanket. THANK YOU to all who were able to give! Please continue to pray for those who will receive these gifts.

Sunday School, WAVE & Club 56 complete 2-year mission offering to Hannah Zellmer!

The children and families at Our Savior's are completing a 2-year commitment to assist in supporting Hannah Zellmer, who has been teaching children just like us. Hannah is a teacher at the LAMB School, in Bangladesh, where rural health and education are a commitment of the staff and missionaries. OSLC has given over \$3,500 to support Hannah as she does God's work to our brothers and sisters on the other side of God's world. To learn more about LAMB, go to www.lambproject.org. To reach Hannah's blog, go to www.lambschoolbangladesh.blogspot.com

For all your questions about Children and Family Ministries, Sunday School, WAVE, FaithMarkers, summer programming, nursery and preschool programs, and more, please contact:

Karen Gieseke, Interim Director of Children & Family Ministries
Phone: 651-439-5704, ext. 23, or email: cfm@oslcstillwater.org

Summer Camps



SportsLife Camp: "Bring It!"

July 5th-8th, 2011
Grades K - 4 (2010-11)
9 am - 12 pm
Cost \$60

Register online by June 17th, 2011
www.oslcstillwater.org



Vacation Bible School: "PandaMania - Where God is Wild About YOU!"

August 1st-5th, 2011
3 yrs (by 6/1/11) to Grade 6 (2010-11)
AM Session: 9 am - 12 pm
PM Session: 1:30 - 4:30 pm
Cost \$35

Register online by July 8th, 2011
www.oslcstillwater.org



Camp Wapo - SEEDS Weekend: July 15th-17th, 2011

Grades 2 - 3 (2010-11)
Cost \$130 due at registration



Camp Wapo - Youth Camp: July 17th-22nd, 2011

Grades 4 - 6 (2010-11)
Cost \$380 / \$100 deposit due at registration

Register for Camp Wapo using Wapo registration forms available at the church.

Family Camp!

WHERE: Wild River State Park, just one hour north on highway 95

WHEN: August 12th - 14th

WHAT: Potluck, movie night, pancake breakfast, swimming, hiking, geocaching, canoeing, biking and roasting marshmallows with top masters in this culinary art. Fun times with family and friends.

This year we ask that you make your own reservations, but contact me so we know who will be joining us. We have reserved 3 sites 5c, 6c, and 7c so far. This is a great opportunity for both experienced and inexperienced campers. We are asking for a small donation to cover the cost of the pancake breakfast (amount to be determined).



For further information contact: Mary Knuteson at 651 430-3152 or emknuteson@usfamily.net. Hope to see you there!

Stillwater Area High School's National Honor Society presents....

PARENT'S NITE OUT

To raise money for a school to be built in Kenya, enjoy a night out!

SATURDAY, MAY 21st from 4-8 pm

For further information, or to sign up your child, contact
LEAH RANTA at 651-303-8282 or email rantal2@yahoo.com

FaithMarkers

FaithMarkers is a time of intentional family teaching, where children and parents/guardians/caregivers come together for a time of learning around faith.

2 year olds through Kindergarten will use an assigned Sunday/Wednesday class time. 1st through 6th grade will meet on an assigned Monday evening.

Childcare is available for FaithMarker classes. You will receive a special invitation for this learning event with all the details. Check the schedule below and Save-the-Date!

Family FaithMarkers 2010-11: Families Learning Together

Age	FaithMarker Event	Teaching Date/Time	Worship Celebration
6th Grade	Martin Luther	May 2, 2011 5:30-6:30 pm	

Faith Marker - First Communion

Sunday, May 1st at any service

Children who participated in the First Communion Retreat on April 18th will celebrate their First Communion in worship on Sunday, May 1st at any of the three services.

Grade 6 Faith Marker - Martin Luther

Monday, May 2nd at 5:30 - 6:30 pm

So what was Martin Luther really all about? And how does his life and faith journey connect to mine? These are just a couple questions that we will dig into at the Grade 6 Faith Marker. Come ready to discover why a guy from Germany who lived in the 1400's wrote and said things that we continue to explore today, and how his symbol for the Lutheran faith gives us an example of how to share our faith.

Sixth graders and their parents/guardians are invited to explore together, PLUS have an introduction of what's to come for 7th graders and their families as Confirmation (Affirmation of your Baptism) is just around the corner!

Time to think ORANGE! ORANGE! ORANGE!

We're ready to round up some stiff competition for this year's winner of the traveling trophy. Abby Garness was our winner last year, but who will take home the glory this year?

Pumpkin seeds will be available in three different categories on May 1st & May 8th (Mother's Day) between church services for \$5.00. This is always a fun, highly competitive (with Christian love) race for bragging rights.



Many hands make light work, so we welcome you to join us in putting this event together. Come by yourself, bring children; it's an OSLC family event!

Contacts: Dan & Sara Garness Family at 430-9548
Luke & Barb Schlosser at 439-8432

Lake Area Discovery Center at Our Savior's

- May 3:** New Parent Orientation night
- May 10 & 11:** Field Trip to Lake Elmo Park Reserve
- May 30:** No School (Memorial Day)
- June 2 & 3:** LADC Graduation and End of the Year Picnics



LADC-Stillwater New Parent Orientation

New Parent Orientation will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd from 6 pm-7:30 pm in the Children's classrooms.

LADC Field Trip to Lake Elmo Park Reserve

Children will go on a field trip to Lake Elmo Park Reserve on Tuesday, May 10th and Wednesday, May 11th. They will enjoy learning from the RadZoo and "Just for Kix" dance studio! Classroom teachers will be providing families with more information.

May Family Fun!

Plan a family star-gazing picnic in your backyard! Talk with your children about the constellations and different star patterns in the sky. Pack an evening picnic with your family, adding some of your favorite spring foods and some "star themed foods":

- Mini marshmallows and toothpicks (Have children make their own constellations with the toothpicks and marshmallows.)
- Star Fruit
- Use a star or moon shaped cookie cutter to cut a star/moon sandwich (Call them moon cakes)
- Use celery and raisins to make space shuttles

Take your family picnics outside and enjoy the evening on the lawn in cozy sleeping bags while you watch the stars together!



CELEBRATE A GREAT YEAR OF PROGRAMS!

Sunday, May 1st and Wednesday, May 4th are the last days of First Light Confirmation, Sunday Morning Live, and Wednesday Night Live. Don't miss out on the grand finales celebrating a wonderful year! Come see and be a part of the celebration!

Early Bird Summer Stretch

REGISTRATIONS DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH!

All 6th – 9th Graders (and Sr. High Leaders too) get your registrations in to be a part of a summer event that you don't want to miss! After May 11th, cost goes up by \$30.00. Grab a registration form (or download one online at www.oslcstillwater.org under the youth page) and sign up today! Friends are invited too!



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Hey 12th Graders...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU!!

SENIOR SUNDAY IS MAY 22ND

May 22nd is Senior Sunday to recognize you! We would like to honor and recognize you, and “surround you with comfort and warmth” as we send you off to the next journey in your life on Sunday, May 22nd at the 10:30 am service. Check the Gathering Area and make sure your name is on the ‘graduating’ list.

Diggin’ Deeper Breakfast Club (10th-12th Grade)

Friday, May 6th, 6:30 am @ Perkins in Stillwater



Only 2 Breakfast Clubs left of the year! Don’t miss them! Meet at Perkins at 6:30 am for FREE breakfast, great conversation, and a sweet Bible study! All Youth 10th – 12th grade are welcome. Rides provided to school after Breakfast Club also.

Finalize Your Summer Plans!

Are you all signed up for your Youth Summer Opportunities?? There is lots going on for all 7th – 12th graders around Our Savior’s this summer!!!! Go online (www.oslcstillwater.org under the youth section) or pick up a flyer outside the youth room to double check that you are a part of all the exciting opportunities!!

Senior High Summer Thursdays!

New this summer!!! All Current Senior High Youth (Current 10th – 12th grades) are invited to be a part of SENIOR HIGH SUMMER THURSDAYS, where we will get together for 5 weeks to help the community, have fun, and engage in fellowship!! Grab information and registration forms outside the youth room or online at www.oslcstillwater.org under the youth “Summer Ministries” page.

Youth Jamaica Mission Trip

Informational Meeting on Sunday, May 1st, 11:30 am

Interested in going on the Youth Jamaica Mission Trip next fall? Come find out all the details (and apply for the trip if you want!) at the Informational Meeting on Sunday, May 1st after the 10:30 am worship. We will meet in the small sanctuary. Any interested students and at least 1 parent must be present! Find out about the trip, get your questions answered, and see where God may lead you to go!!

THANK YOU YOUTH LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS!

To recognize and show our appreciation for the amazing work you have done this past year, we invite you to an appetizer and dessert open house on Monday, May 9th, beginning at 4pm! Your formal invitation will explain more details on this appreciation event. See you there!!!

CALLED TO CARE — SHELLY ROCK

Retirement Planning – Phase Two!

People put a lot of time and attention into 401ks, stock portfolios, future financial planning. But what about other parts to the equation? Retirement means relational planning. There are a whole host of variables that will change once retirement is set in motion.

I know a couple where the man retired from a very responsible position. Without the palette for his considerable abilities, he projected the same energy on to his home and family. Strangely, his wife did not appreciate this too much. She was used to defining her own space. Appointing himself the new CEO wasn’t welcomed. The problem was solved when he got a job at Walmart as a greeter. There he could channel his energy and need to be of service.

There are at least five challenges to retirement that transcend the financial.

1. **Re-definition of Time.** Many couples welcome this. A casual time for morning coffee is the reward. But if one person hasn’t planned out what they are going to do with their day, the other can feel like that person is just hovering. That can become stressful and affect their relationship.
2. **Re-definition of Space.** In retirement, couples are thrown together much more intensely – physically and emotionally. The daily commute is gone. The natural rhythm of being away at work has changed. For a person who is used to freedom and independence this change can be difficult. Work can also be an emotional counter-balance. When removed through retirement more is asked of the couple in terms of interaction and communication.
3. **Re-definition of Focus.** Work and productivity give way to relationship-building and personal transformation. How will family members adjust to this? What happens when friends who are not retired cannot share your interests? What about the spouse who is at a different place or out-of-sync when it comes to sharing your adventures? Hobbies don’t always spring to mind. What then?
4. **Re-definition of Relationship.** Couples that are child-focused can sometimes struggle when the last child leaves home. Retirement also exposes problems in communication and closeness that were not there when business / career provided a “distraction”. What will we talk about if it’s not about work or children or grandchildren? How well do I know my partner? What activities can we enjoy together? Can I count on this person at this point in my life?
5. **Re-definition of Self.** Who am I without my work? What is my value? What is God calling me to do? The question of planning is the question of whether we do this before retirement or after we are already there. Gradually divesting oneself from work (if feasible), taking longer vacations with your spouse, making it a priority to learn a new skill or to volunteer or to develop other non-work-related interests are all ways we can begin to retire before we retire.

Financial planning might protect retirement. But the second phase of retirement planning is to examine the kind of things mentioned above. These are what give retirement its satisfaction, meaning and constructive direction – more than what simple financial planning can do.

John A. Bragstad is a licensed Marriage and Family therapist who works in the Stillwater area and is also a member of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church.

<p>1 First Communion Sunday Rachel's Day 8:00 AM Classic Worship 9:15 AM Blended Worship 9:15 AM Children & Youth Educ. 10:30 AM "The Crossing" Worship 10:30 AM "The EDGE" (10-12th Grade) 10:30 AM Children Education 11:30 AM Youth Jamaica Trip Mtg 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>2 9:15 AM PEP (Bethlehem Lutheran in-the-Midway) 5:30 PM Grade 6 Faith Marker 6:15 PM Love Circle SG 8:00 PM Women@theEDGE (Perkins)</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 9:30 AM Hannah Circle 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #242 7:00 PM JuBellate</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM Stillwater Cares for Kids (Lily Lake) 4:30 PM Youth Handbell Choir 5:30 PM WAVE & WNL 6:30 PM Beth Moore 6:30 PM Cherub & Joyful Noise Choirs 6:30 PM First Light Leaders 7:00 PM First Light 7:00 PM Kingdom Choir</p>	<p>5 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters 9:30 AM Ruth Circle 5:30 PM Legacy Friends (Meier's) 6:00 PM Cub Scouts #162 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #55020 6:00 PM Mother/Daughter Banquet 7:00 PM Lydia Circle 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>6 6:30 AM Diggin' Deeper (at Perkins) 6:30 AM Friday Guys</p>	<p>7 8:00 AM Christian Yoga 8:30 AM Planning Meeting (Resurrection Lutheran Church)</p>
<p>8 Plant Pick Up (Boy Scouts) 8:00 AM Classic Worship 9:15 AM Blended Worship 10:30 AM "The Crossing" Worship 1:00 PM Swanson Memorial 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>9 4:00 PM CYF Volunteer Appreciation 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #52794 7:00 PM Supper 7 Task Force</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #242 7:00 PM JuBellate</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM Stillwater Cares for Kids (Lily Lake) 7:00 PM Kingdom Choir</p>	<p>12 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM Sarah Circle 7:00 PM Church Board 7:00 PM Deb/Naomi Circle 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>13 6:30 AM Friday Guys 8:00 AM Trunks & Treasures</p>	<p>14 8:00 AM Christian Yoga 8:00 AM Trunks & Treasures 9:00 AM OSLC Road Clean-up 1:00 PM Peer Gynt Norwegian Dancers 1:00 PM Private Reception</p>
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<p>22 8:00 AM Classic Worship 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Check 9:15 AM Blended Worship 10:30 AM "The Crossing" Worship 10:30 AM High School Senior Recognition 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>23 6:00 PM Girl Scouts #52794</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Piano Rehearsal 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #242</p>	<p>25 9:00 AM Stillwater Cares for Kids (Lily Lake) 7:00 PM Piano Recital</p>	<p>26 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters 6:00 PM Summer Song Workshop 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>27 6:30 AM Friday Guys</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS 8:00 AM Classic Worship 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>30 Memorial Day Offices Closed</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM Card Recyclers 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Boy Scouts #242</p>	<p>1 9:00 AM Stillwater Cares for Kids (Lily Lake)</p>	<p>2 LADC Graduation 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM Quilters 6:00 PM Summer Song Workshop 7:00 PM Lydia Circle 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>3 LADC Graduation 6:30 AM Diggin' Deeper (at Perkins) 6:30 AM Friday Guys</p>	<p>4</p>



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1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month

8:00 & 9:30 am Holy Communion, *"Now the Feast and Celebration"*
Liturgy

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month

8:00 am Traditional Worship, *ELW* Liturgy Setting Six
9:30 am "The Crossing" Contemporary Worship with Praise Team

Every Thursday

6:00 pm Summer Song Worship
Meets on the back lawn for a casual but reverent outdoor
worship experience. Bring a lawn chair!



Summer Worship

*Grounded in faith, Gathered in love, and Sent with a purpose,
So that others may gain the Kingdom.*

