

The Sentinel



*Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a dynamic community,
centered in Christ, called, nurtured and sent --
to celebrate, serve and do justice.*



OUR SAVIOUR'S
Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship – 10:30am

Prayer Requests

Sequoya Knutson	Jeanne Asp
Zoe Massaquoi	John Thurow
Glenda Elder	Joe English
Blanche Autin	
Naomi Hartman (Amy's mother)	
Jim Johnson, recovering from back surgery	
Karen Wogstad (Marki's sister)	

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OSLC Summer Project 2018

Pastor Laurie Eaton

Memorial Day weekend in Minnesota marks the official beginning of summer vacation season. Though schools won't generally close until sometime in June, schedules seem to take a significant turn this time of year as we strive to get the very most out of the beautiful, but brief, season of sunshine and warmth. When weekends become devoted to cabins and adventures, our church community seeks other ways to remain connected. We simply aren't complete when we are missing members (literally and figuratively), so I invite you to engage in our summer project for 2018.

Time away from our worshipping community creates opportunities of another sort. Visiting other places of worship is one possibility. Noticing what you miss about being gathered in our sanctuary with people you know and love can be a useful exercise. Paying attention to where and how you experience the Divine when you are out of your usual routine is an important part of spiritual growth and wellbeing. Our summer project – *Engaging in Holy Conversations* – is a way of taking these experiences even further.

In our current culture there are very many people who describe themselves as “spiritual but not religious.” Generally that means something on the order of, “I believe in God (or a Higher Power) but I'm not connected to a church or a tradition.” I'm really curious about what lies at the heart of that self-description, and I hope you are, too. At the very time research shows people longing for authentic community and a place to belong, churches are not typically considered as a natural response. So what if we asked people to talk with us at a deeper level?

Here's the proposal. Look for opportunities to engage in authentic, but uncommon conversation. Take the risk of asking someone you know (or even someone you don't!) the following questions:

- Where do you most feel a connection to God or a Power greater than yourself?
- What does that connection feel like?

- What does it look like when you have such an experience? Are there things that you do? Do you look around, or close your eyes? Do you keep silent, or talk, sing, pray, laugh, dance?
- How do you engage with community? Where do you find safe space for real conversations and questions?
- If you are not part of a faith community – can you imagine a kind of spiritual community that you would want to be a part of?

These questions are simply suggestions – you can start wherever you like. Just listen, with open ears and a curious heart. Follow where the conversation leads; you are not bound to these questions. Notice not only what your conversation partner says, but also how *you* experience the Spirit at work in you as you engage.

If you can't imagine jumping into such a conversation, try "buying insurance." That is, let them know first that you'd like to open a different kind of conversation. Try something like this: "My congregation is exploring Holy Conversations, and I want to ask you a couple of uncommon questions. Are you ok with that?"

Thank them for their time and their willingness to share with you. We are hoping to hear (anonymously) the kinds of experiences people are having. You can make notes about the things you heard, and post them on the "sticky wall" that will be mounted at church. You can send an email to one of your pastors, or share an experience on the OSLC Facebook page. You can even take a moment during announcements on Sunday, where we will invite folks to share testimonies about their experiences.

Blessings on this adventure, as we listen for where the Holy Spirit is at work in the world! May the wind blow you into Holy Conversation.

June Mission of the Month: Our Saviour's Housing

Sandy Aslaksen

Our Saviour's Housing operates with the following mission statement: We are a community of hope for those who need a home. Our mission is eliminating homelessness by providing shelter, support and a chance to start over.

One of our core values, stated clearly in this mission statement, is community. When an individual experiences homelessness, loneliness and isolation

are quick to set in. Warm beds, warm meals and a safe secure environment are certainly a first priority. Once those essentials are covered, the staff quickly works to establish good relationships within the context of a healthy community. We find that residents have their best chance to grow and thrive when they enjoy the support of a supportive, healthy community.

This is illustrated well in Larry's story in

A Promise Kept

Before his brother's passing, Larry made a promise. Stuck in a toxic cycle of alcohol, gambling, theft, and jail, he promised to leave his hometown of Milwaukee and make a fresh start. So after his brother's funeral, Larry hopped on a bus to Minneapolis.

That bus ride, as Larry likes to say, is when he had his first bit of luck. Another passenger told him to go to Our Saviour's Housing, "because it was the best." He got a bed at the shelter within a week and then quickly obtained a temp job. That temp job turned into a permanent position. He saved up his money, moved out of shelter, and seemed to be on his way in his new life.

However, several weeks later, Larry lost the job due to lack of transportation. The temp agency arranged for transportation, but once it became permanent Larry had to find his own way. When the coworker he carpooled with took another job, he was stuck. Without income, he lost his housing and ended up back on the street.

Then Larry started drinking again, setting off a downward spiral that would last for the next six years. Whenever he could, however, he returned to Our Saviour's Shelter. It provided one safe refuge in his life. He formed a strong relationship with the weekly onsite psychologist. Over time, she helped him recognize that he had depression, and he started taking medication. About the same time, Larry learned about Our Saviour's Permanent Supportive Housing Program, applied, and ...

To learn more about Larry's path to housing, find his story on our website:

www.oscs-mn.org/oursaviourshousing

To make a contribution, please write "OSH" on your pew envelope or the memo line of your check. To volunteer, please email volunteer@oshousing.org.

South Minneapolis Day Camp: Love your Neighbor

Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell

This month, around 90 kids will gather at Bethel Lutheran Church for our ecumenical day camp. Day camp is always a highlight of my summer. I really enjoy getting to spend some quality time with our children at OSLC. It's wonderful to witness them grow in relationships with each other and with God as we abide together all week.

Our theme this year is "Love your Neighbor." Each morning, the kids will gather to sing and welcome one another – and they'll get to meet a new 'neighbor' who will speak with them about who they are, how and when they experience love from other neighbors, and how they try to love their neighbors. They will get to do art projects that include mosaic and puppet-making, experience bible stories Godly Play-style, meet amphibians and reptiles and goats (animal neighbors!), do some zumba (love in motion!), and more. Over the week, we will be collecting Global Health Kit items, and we'll assemble the kits towards the end of the week. One small, tangible way to love our neighbors across oceans.

We have some special OSLC support this year as well. Liza Johnson will be helping with day camp music for the week, and Bret Hesla will be working with the kids to write an original day camp theme song. We'll have to bring the song back and share it in worship! All 3 of our Youth Gathering-bound youth (Denis, Claire and Sophia) will be participating as youth counselors as well, which is wonderful!

So yes, we have some special OSLC support – but we could use more. If there are adults in the congregation who have time the week of June 18 – 22 between 9 – 4 to be present with our kids, or who could support in another way (like, bringing snacks for kids or making dessert for one of the lunch meals), please get in touch with me.

Thanks for partnering in this important ministry!

June 3 – Graduation Celebration

As is our custom, we will celebrate graduates with a cake after church! Please plan on staying after worship on June 3 to enjoy cake and share a word of congratulation. As far as we know, Finn Scharen is the only graduate in our midst. Finn is graduating from Great River High School and will attend Colorado

College in the fall. Congratulations on this milestone, Finn – we celebrate you!

Racial Equity

In this election season, how do you find hope? Come Sunday, June 10, 9:00am, to talk together about how we can respond to this political moment and (build on our May conversations about *A Good Time for the Truth*) to the continuing challenge of racial equity in Minnesota. Gain an understanding of ISAIAH as one vehicle through which we can work together in hope. Questions? Contact Allyson Green, Cindy Devereaux, David Scheie or other members of the ISAIAH/ Sanctuary Support team.

ISAIAH Youth Leadership Training – June 11-12

Pastor Laurie Eaton

- Have you been paying attention to the young people from Parkland, Florida and their amazing response to the gun violence that took place at their school?
- Have you felt similar passion around gun violence, or climate change, or bullying, or LGBTQIA+ rights, or any of the other situations that we are facing at this moment in time?
- Have you wondered how youth can make a difference and have an impact on the world in which they live?

We have a great opportunity to learn together about Faith Based Community Organizing in a **two-day retreat, June 11-12th**. Grant Stevensen, who is a member of Our Saviour's and has worked with ISAIAH for many years, is going to teach us the basics of building power to influence the world by building powerful relationships with other people – at a level that is appropriate for our everyday lives.

We will combine with a small group of youth from River Falls United Methodist Church, led by their Youth Director – who happens to be my daughter, Kelly! Let me be clear: I may not be what you think of as "fun" – but Kelly really is!

Her kids are doing a weeklong urban immersion retreat and they've invited us to join them for this two-day event. The River Falls kids will be sleeping over at Our Saviour's the night of June 11 – and having dinner

somewhere out on the town. We/you are invited to be part of the sleepover too. (Just so you know, those kids are nervous about meeting new kids too.)

Many adults at Our Saviour's choose to live out their faith by engaging in public action – after all, it's been said that "Justice is what Love looks like in public." We want you to have an experience that might be one way for you to respond to the grace of God poured out for you.

We'll begin at **9:30am on Monday, June 11, at Our Saviour's and conclude at 3:00pm on Tuesday, June 11.** Each day will consist of a morning and afternoon session, with a break for lunch, and some fun and games on Monday night.

Please seriously consider this short-term commitment and **let me know if you can be part of it.**

Perhaps God created you for such a moment as this!

Book Fair and Kick Off to Summer!

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Sunday, June 3rd, come to the Sparkhouse Family Book Fair and Kick Off to Summer! Shop for faith-filled children's summer reading (for ages birth thru 12) at a special discount. Stop by the Hospitality Center between 9:30 and 12:30 to browse through a selection of books, place an order, and enter your name for a drawing for one of the books.

Can't attend? Get an order form from Nancy Nygaard Johnson or from the office. Orders are due by June 10th. 20% of what we sell will come back to Our Saviour's and will be used to supplement materials for Children's church or for items for the kid's corner in the Hospitality Center.

After church, kick off summer with a bouncy house on the back lawn for young kids, or play Giant Four to Score or bean bag toss. Fun for all ages! Thanks to the Kehrberg Family for donating a credit to rent these items.

Hospitality Teams

Nancy Nygaard Johnson

Hospitality teams launched! Our new Hospitality teams were introduced in April and Team #1 covered the month of May. Each team has two leads and will be responsible for ushers, greeters, and hospitality/kitchen duties for 1-2 months during the year. Other jobs may be covered as needed.

The teams for each month and the Team Leaders are:

May – Team #1:

Nancy Nygaard Johnson and Margaret Kinney

June – Team #2:

Lee Johnson-Scheie and Sarah Lindley

July – Team #3:

Jeanne Asp and Kim Smith

August – Team #4:

Laura Kehrberg and Tezra Osthus

September – Team #5:

Elaine Johnson and Elle Ellerbee

Team leaders should be contacting their team members. If you don't know which team you are on, contact Cindy Devereaux (crdevereaux@gmail.com) or check the lists in the office. Thanks for being part of this ministry!

Coming Home Collaborative – Reflections on Conscientious Objection

Amy Blumenshine

Last month, May, was the month for recognizing the international human right to follow one's conscience related to military killing. Conscientious objection took on a particular urgency during the heated national rhetoric threatening the use of nuclear weapons along with an alarm – albeit false – of incoming missiles in Hawaii.

At our Vets Ministry Roundtable, we posed these questions: What are the issues of ethics and conscience for military regarding nuclear annihilation? What protects the conscience of service members as they fulfill their duties? We lifted up the right of service members to not be forced to violate their conscience in an immoral war or means of conducting it – "selective conscientious objection." Can the order to trigger the destruction of the planet ever be given as a legal one?

Most people think that slaughtering millions of people and provoking years of famine is immoral. Yet, these are the consequences of nuclear attack. Military personnel prepare for such a scenario daily. American taxpayers fund nuclear weapons at great expense over other priorities.

In addition, the Coming Home Collaborative held a ceremony of lament over war and hope for peace in support of a Korean-American's symbolic long walk.

Kyong Juhn is a Rochester photographer. Her mother had walked over 300 miles to escape the Korean war in the 50's. Juhn, moved to "do something" as the Korean peninsula was being threatened with the fire and fury of nuclear annihilation, decided to follow a route of similar distance and direction from Rochester to Bemidji.

In our ceremony, we poured our tears into Minnehaha Falls in recognition of the great suffering that had occurred, not only to Koreans, but also to American vets of the Korean War. We expressed our hope for the metamorphosis of the Korean Peninsula – that it be transformed from a place of constant war to a model of a nuclear-free zone.

In addition, the CHC collaborated in producing a forum at Central Lutheran which gave voice to two draftees who became conscientious objectors, one at the time of military conscription and one after moral deliberation decades later.

As the late President John Kennedy said, "War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today."

News from Curran Hospital

Dr. Levi D. Korheina, Acting Medical Director, Curran Lutheran Hospital, Liberia

Greetings to our friends of Curran at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. It is true that I took over from Dr. Gobeh who had to leave for further study. Together with a new administrative team we are keeping the doors of the hospital open to serve our people's health needs. We are so grateful to your congregation for their contributions to the Current for Curran Project [in 2017]. Thanks for all your help and may God be with us all.

Save the Date – CES Donor/Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is Saturday, June 17 from 11am – 1pm. Join CES staff for lunch, updates about CES and fun activities for all ages!

Reminder – Submit Your Recipe(s)

There's still time to submit your recipe(s) for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 150th Anniversary Cookbook. Cookbooks will be available later for purchase – both printed and digital versions. Recipe

submission sheets are available on the table in the narthex or from the office, or submit your recipe(s) online here: <http://tiny.cc/oslc150>

New Directories

Copies of our new directory are available to members; pick up a copy in the church office. Or, if a pdf copy will work for you, email deb@oursavioursmpls.org. Members who are homebound but need a printed copy are welcome to call the church office and ask that a copy be mailed or sent home with a friend.

Lectionary Texts for Home Devotions

June 3: Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23--3:6

June 10: Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1; Mark 3:20-35

June 17: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 24: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 141; Acts 13:13-26; Luke 1:57-67 [68-80]

June at Our Saviour's

Fri Jun 1	6:30 – 7:30am	Office Closed
	7 – 10pm	Men's Breakfast @ Butter
		Narc Anon (HC)
Sat Jun 2	9am – 12pm	Work Day (inside and out)
Sun Jun 3	9:30am – 12pm	Book Fair (HC)
	10am	Coffee (HC)
	10:30am	Worship (S)
	After Worship	Finance Committee Mtg (HC)
	After Worship	Celebrate our Grads! (HC)
Mon Jun 4	6:30 – 9pm	ISAIAH Central Leadership Meeting (HC)
	7 – 8:30pm	Church Council (CR)

Tue Jun 5	12:30 – 2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)	Mon Jun 18	9am – 4pm	Day Camp (@Bethel)
Wed Jun 6	10:15am 12:30pm 6 – 9pm	Bible Study (CR) Office Volunteer Lunch (HC, K) Confirmation Get-Together (offsite)		9 – 11am	Archives Committee (basement)
Thu Jun 7	7 – 9am 12:30-2:30pm	Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood Peer Grp Mtg (CR)	Tue Jun 19	9am – 4pm 12:30 – 2pm 6:30 – 8:30pm	Day Camp (@Bethel) Staff Meeting (CR) MCFE mtg (off site)
Fri Jun 8	Office Closed 7 – 10pm	Narc Anon (HC)	Wed Jun 20	9am – 4pm 10:15am	Day Camp (@Bethel) Bible Study (CR)
Sat Jun 9	10:30am – 12	Recital (S, HC)	Thu Jun 21	Sentinel Deadline 9am – 4pm	Day Camp (@Bethel)
Sun Jun 10	9 – 10am 10am 10:30am After Worship 12-1:30pm	ISAIAH Forum (HC) Coffee (HC) Worship (S) Hospitality (HC) Worship Table Mtg (CR)		7 – 9am	Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood
Mon Jun 11	9:30 through evening – Youth Leadership Training (HC) 6 – 9pm 6 – 7:30pm	Private event (S, K, HC) OSCS Board Mtg (CR)	Fri Jun 22	Office closed 9am – 4pm 7 – 10pm	Day Camp (@Bethel) Narc Anon (HC)
			Sat Jun 23 – Sun Jun 24	Twin Cities Pride Festival	
Tue Jun 12	'til 3:30pm – Youth Leadership Training (HC)		Sun Jun 24	10am 10:30am After Worship	Coffee (HC) Worship + Baptism of Joan Hospitality
Wed Jun 13	10:15am	Bible Study (CR)	Tue Jun 26	12:30 – 2pm 6 – 7pm	Staff Meeting (CR) OSCS Exec Com Mtg (CR)
Thu Jun 14	7 – 9am 11:30am – 2pm	Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood OSCS Event (HC, K)	Wed Jun 27	Claire, Dennis and Sophia depart for Houston 10:15am	Bible Study (CR)
Fri Jun 15	7 – 10pm	Narc Anon (HC)	Thu Jun 28	7 – 9am	Women's Brkfst @ Birchwood
Sat Jun 16			Fri Jun 29	Office Closed 7 – 10pm	Narc Anon (HC)
Sun Jun 17	10am 10:30am After Worship	Coffee (HC) Worship (S) Hospitality (HC)	Sat Jun 30		