

# The Sentinel

## July 2019



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

**Since 1869**



## OUR SAVIOUR'S Lutheran Church

### Prayer List

Shayne, Sequoya, and Matias Knutson

Zoebon Daidii

Steve Lindley's step-mother,  
Meredith

Sophia Stout's father, Jerry

Dan Lattu's father, Brian

Susan Davis-Stuckey

Linda Lindert, aunt of Liz Lewis and Ken  
Lewis

Jim Johnson's father, Les – gratitude for  
healing – returned home this past week

Hannah Bolt's grandmother, Arline Bratvold,  
who is hospitalized recovering from a stroke

Jacob Wojta, son of Sheryll Mennicke and  
Steve Wojta, hospitalized with complications  
from medication

Thanks for the birth of Heather, granddaugh-  
ter of Nanette Smith, our seminarian. Moth-  
er, Thierry, and baby doing well

### Sunday Worship Service 10:30am

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### Come to the Table Day Camp Recap!

*Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell*

Day camp was quite a week – and, like all of the best intense and demanding experiences of life, it's hard to describe it in words! Day camp is an experience of being church together – as young campers and adult volunteers come together, and as we join with our ecumenical partner churches from across the city. It's rich, it's messy, it's fun, and it's an experience of faith formation. Here are some of the highlights of the week, from my perspective:

- Witnessing high school youth (including our very own Madeline Lind) grow in their leadership as counselors. Seeing Madeline lead a bunch of tired 5 year olds in a game of "Sleepy Cat" under a giant cottonwood tree on Augsburg's campus was quite a vision!
- Having Deacon Dorothy of Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church teach ASL every morning. She led them in a song without sound. Ask our campers how to sign "table" and they should be able to show you!
- Our field trip – being welcomed by the pizza crew at OSLC and then going to Augsburg community garden for a wonderful garden scavenger hunt led by our very own Allyson Green
- Peeking into the art room to see kids creating altar table cloths for our partner churches by adding paint to them using vegetables as stamps
- Seeing kids move their bodies to Zumba with Val Turner and hip hop with Agape (Dave Scherer)
- Making 150 sandwiches for Our Saviour's Housing and seeing kids add the sweetest decorations to lunch bags for residents to brighten their days
- Squeals of glee from getting to do a grape stomp in a kiddie pool as they learned about winemaking for holy communion

- Making a Global Farm challenge obstacle course with middle schoolers, which they led for the younger campers

Truly, the main words I have for camp right now are: THANK YOU. Thank you, God, for bringing us together. Thank you, parents, for entrusting your kids to us who were leaders for the week. Thank you, kids, for your presence and life - particular thanks to the 12 kids from OSLC who participated as campers. Thank you, youth counselors, for building relationships and taking on strong leadership roles (particular thanks to our very own Madeline Lind!). And, thank you, wonderfully generous adult volunteers. Over 20 adults from OSLC participated in some capacity or other, from bringing snacks to making and serving pizza to volunteering all week... and others of you contributed grapes and avocado peels and more. Thank you. It's a joy to be the church with you!



## **150th Anniversary Singing– come, sing in the choir**

*150th Anniversary Committee*

All former choir members, visitors, first-timers and current choir members are invited to join in the singing of some old choir chestnuts, PLUS newly composed Anniversary songs!!

### **Outdoor Worship in August**

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Rehearse at 9:30am indoors

Worship outdoors at 10:30am

### **Anniversary Worship**

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Rehearse at 9:45am

Worship at 10:30am

Open House is noon to 3pm

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## Mission of the Month: Curran Hospital, Liberia

Alfred Flomo and Maryellen Skan

Curran Lutheran Hospital in Liberia is the Mission of the Month during July. For OSLC members who are new, here is some background. Located in Zorzor, the northernmost portion of Liberia, Curran Hospital is more than 200 miles from the capital of Monrovia (4 1/2 hours on gravel). Curran Hospital was built in 1924 as a bush hospital. During the Civil War (1989-2003), the hospital was destroyed twice.



Today, Curran Hospital provides critical health care for a large region. In addition to 125 hospital beds, it provides outpatient services, runs a nursing school, and supervises 23 community health centers and clinics.

OSLC has had a partnership with Curran Hospital for the past 14 years. Dr. Willie Roberts, a former OSLC member, became the Medical Director in 2009. When he retired in 2015, he wrote to us, "I earnestly urge you, Our Saviour's Congregation, to continue to care for and share with Curran Lutheran Hospital."

OSLC helped fund the rebuilding of the hospital (severely damaged by civil war). Through mission of the month OSLC helped purchase: a generator, an X-ray machine, medical lab equipment, and personal protective equipment (for staff during the Ebola crisis). The last two years we supported "Current for Curran" - a solar energy project to provide a more reliable source of energy which is necessary for quality health care.

In a recent email, Bob Singbeh, Curran Hospital Administrator, extended greetings from the management and staff to the members of Our Saviour's.

*"We wish to extend thanks and appreciation to you, our partners for the assistance to this Healing Ministry of Christ over the years. In the midst of a financial crisis [government support reduced by 60%], we are managing to continue the provision of health services to our clients." Due to this lack of funding, the hospital has had to scale back on improvements. In order to meet and maintain quality improvement, the management and staff at Curran are focused on expanding the existing operating room to provide for two operating rooms with a recovery room. In closing, Mr. Singbeh asks for our support: "Any assistance to Curran Hospital in this direction will greatly help in the realization of our dream. Thanks a million for contributing to God's work."*

To support the Curran Hospital Operating Room Project, please note "Curran" on your check or envelope. Thank you!

### **CES Food Shelf Update**

In June CES became a **Certified SuperShelf**. The newly designed food shelf is a more grocery store-like experience that features better signage, a variety of healthy choices (produce is the first section and healthier items are at eye level), and culturally appropriate foods. CES even provides samples of better food choices and a shopping list with recipes. How can you help? Here is a list of items that you can donate: maseca flour (corn flour), herbs & spices, broth, brown rice, whole grain pastas, whole grain Honey Nut Cheerios, Raisin Bran, quinoa, canned tuna, and peanut and other nut butters.

## **Our Saviour's Summer Book Study!**

***Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in America*, by Rev. Lenny Duncan**

Join in this faith formation opportunity to read and reflect together on Lenny Duncan's love letter to the church. *Dear Church* comes out July 2. You can order it from many places, but we recommend buying it directly from Augsburg Fortress (and, you will likely get it faster that way, too!). We will have opportunities to discuss the book sometime in August or September. If you are interested in being the host of a book conversation, please contact one of the pastors.

A bit about the book from the publishers: Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work--drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. The problems the ELCA faces are theological, not sociological. But so are the answers.

Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of Duncan's denomination and the broader mainline Christian community of faith. *Dear Church* rejects the narrative of church decline and calls everyone--leaders and laity alike--to the front lines of the church's renewal through racial equality and justice.

## **July 21 - Toxic Sites Bus Tour and Come Together Worship**

*Pastor Martha Schwehn Bardwell*

Join the Minneapolis Area Synod and other churches in North Minneapolis for an afternoon of learning about environmental and racial justice issues. Roxanne O'Brien, a Northside resident and environmental activist has been leading groups on a toxic sites bus tour to highlight toxic sites throughout North Minneapolis that disproportionately affect the health of people, land, and water in North Minneapolis. Come be part of the conversation about why caring for the river, land and people is part of our calling as Christians. Join an ongoing discussion about the Upper Harbor Terminal Project and what that means for residents of North Minneapolis.

Here are the event details:

When: Sunday, July 21, 1:30- 4 p.m. - followed by a Come Together worship service

Where: Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4150 Dupont Ave N, Minneapolis MN

Suggested donation of \$25.

Please **RSVP** here so we can rent the appropriate amount of buses: <http://mpls-synod.org/event/toxic-sites-bus-tour/>

# Human Fraternity: For World Peace and Living Together

*Amy Blumenshine*

The “Attacks in Sri Lanka” LTE (April 24) rightly speaks for Islam renouncing the attack on Christians. So does the recently signed document on “Human Fraternity: For World Peace and Living Together” between patriarchs of Christianity and Islam. Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar affirm that both of their religions hold life sacred and do not support killing.



“We resolutely declare that religions must never incite war, hateful attitudes, hostility and extremism, nor must they incite violence or the shedding of blood. These tragic realities are the consequence of a deviation from religious teachings. They result from a political manipulation of religions and from interpretations made by religious groups who, in the course of history, have taken advantage of the power of religious sentiment in the hearts of men and women in order to make them act in a way that has nothing to do with the truth of religion. This is done for the purpose of achieving objectives that are political, economic, worldly and short-sighted. We thus call upon all concerned to stop using religions to incite hatred, violence, extremism and blind fanaticism, and to refrain from using the name of God to justify acts of murder, exile, terrorism and oppression. We ask this on the basis of our common belief in God who did not create men and women to be killed or to fight one another, nor to be tortured or humiliated in their lives and circumstances.”

## Climate Changed: Facing Our Future - coming in September

Save the date! We have an opportunity to learn together this fall. Nobel Conference 55 at Gustavus Adolphus College is entitled "Climate Changed: Facing Our Future". Seven experts including Sheila Watt-Cloutien, Canadian Inuit activist and political representative who wrote "The Right to be Cold" will present at Gustavus September 24 and 25, 2019. High school students tickets are free. Go to Gustavus College website for more information and/or contact either Pastor Martha or Elaine Johnson if interested.

## Our Saviour's T-shirts

Get your t-shirt to honor our 150th Anniversary and wear it with pride to events in the community! We will be taking orders thru July 14th. See the display at church and turn in your orders to the office or Nancy Nygaard Johnson. We will be ordering additional shirts to have on hand if you decide you want one later. Shirts are \$10 for Toddler and Youth, and \$15 for Adult (Unisex or Ladies styles). There are sample sizes at church. Scholarships are available for t-shirts – ask Nancy for details. Questions, contact Nancy at [n2j2@comcast.net](mailto:n2j2@comcast.net).



## What's worth war? Shouldn't we be talking about it?

Amy Blumemshine

You are invited to stay after church on Sunday July 14 to help us debut a conversation tool for discussing war decisions. We'll be exploring principles of conscience related to making war on Iran.

Isn't it amazing how little we talk about decisions that result in directing our human, financial, and natural resource treasures away from human flourishing into destruction? 140 million people in America live in poverty while our government spends more per capita ([click here](#) and search World Military Spending) on the military than any country except Saudi Arabia, and more than the next seven countries combined. All of this spending of public money is conducted without a proper financial audit which is a basic step to avoid waste and fraud.

Our national church – thanks to initiation from OSLC – has resolved to engage in robust examination of the consequences of war. A Minneapolis area synod task force, chaired by Pastor Laurie and assisted by Amy Blumenshine, is designing better ways for us to talk about these fearful and fateful issues. We have a prototype that we're asking for your help to refine.

The conversation starter asks participants to consider the three contrastingly different positions held by the ELCA on participating in the military. The positions are quoted at the end of this article and this page on the synod website ([mpls-synod.org/youth/discernment-military/](http://mpls-synod.org/youth/discernment-military/)) of the synod's description geared to youth. These are positions of conscience, which, although differing, can guide Lutherans in particular, as our nation determines whether and how to make war.

The tool is intended to allow discussion from different points of view towards facilitating understanding without rupturing relationships. The framework can be used for a variety of questions but currently, "Should the U.S. make war on Iran?" seems most pressing. There's no need to read the links or otherwise prepare ahead for this conversation. We hope to see you July 14 after church!

For more info, contact Amy Blumenshine or Pastor Laurie.

*"The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America supports those of its members who conscientiously object to bearing arms in military service at any time, those who in conscience object to participation in a particular war or military activity (such as the refusal to use weapons of mass destruction in combat), and those who in conscience choose to participate in armed service."*

(Resolution adopted by the Constituting Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1987)

### Summer Potluck

Mark your calendar for our Summer Potluck on July 21st following church. Our Liberian members will be bringing Liberian food to share, and please bring a Salad (lettuce, pasta, fruit, veggie, bean, etc) or dessert to go along. Let's share a meal and be in community with each other!

# July 2019 at Our Saviour's

Mon, July 1	7-8:30pm	Church Council (CR)
Tues, July 2	12:30-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
Wed, July 3	Front concrete Repair 10:15-12pm	Bible Study (CR)
Thurs, July 4	Independence Day- OFFICE CLOSED	
	7-9am	Women's Breakfast at The Birchwood Cafe
Fri, July 5	OFFICE CLOSED	
	7-8AM	Men's Breakfast at Butter Bakery Café
Sun, July 7	10-10:30am 10:30 11:30-12pm	Hospitality (HC) <b>Worship (S)</b> Hospitality (HC)
Mon, July 8	10-11am 6-7:30pm	Anniversary Committee Meeting (CR) OSCS Board Meeting (CR)
Tues, July 9	12:30-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
Wed, July 10	10:15-12pm	Bible Study (CR)
Thurs, July 11	7-9am	Women's Breakfast at The Birchwood Cafe
Fri, July 12	OFFICE CLOSED	
	<b>Holden Trip</b>	
Sun, July 14	10-10:30am 10:30 11:30-12pm 11:30-1pm	Hospitality (HC) <b>Worship (S)</b> Hospitality (HC) Examining the Consequences of war (HC)
Mon, July 15	9-11am	Archive Committee Meeting (basement)
Tues, July 16	12:30-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
Wed, July 17	10:15-12pm	Bible Study (CR)
Thurs, July 18	7-9am	Women's Breakfast at The Birchwood Café
Fri, July 19	OFFICE CLOSED	

Sun, July 21	10-10:30am 10:30 11:30-12pm	Hospitality (HC) <b>Worship (S)</b> Summer Potluck (HC)
Tues, July 23	12:30-2pm 6-7pm	Staff Meeting (CR) OSCS Executive Committee Meeting (CR)
Wed, July 24	10:15-12pm	Bible Study (CR)
Thurs, July 25	7-9am	Women's Breakfast at The Birchwood Café
Sun, June 28	10-10:30am 10:30 11:30am 11:30-1pm	Hospitality (HC) <b>Worship with Clara and Connor Baptism (S)</b> Baptism Reception (HC) ISAIAH Meeting (CR)
Mon, July 29	<b>July Sentinel Deadline</b>	
Tues, July 30	12:30-2pm	Staff Meeting (CR)
Wed, July 31	10:15-12pm	Bible Study (CR)

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Lutheran Night at Target Field

Join us for the Annual Lutheran Night at Target Field when the Minnesota Twins will take on the Atlanta Braves on Monday Aug 5th at 7:10pm. Tickets are in section S, rows 1-3 and are \$28. Sign up at church by July 14th. Questions, contact Nancy Nygaard Johnson at [tn2j2@comcast.net](mailto:tn2j2@comcast.net).

### Summer Outdoor Worship

Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 10:30am

Location TBA. Stay Tuned. Information forthcoming in future Sunday Worship Folders.

**Deadline for the August Sentinel is Monday, July 29 at 9am**

Send your submissions to [alex@oursavioursmpls.org](mailto:alex@oursavioursmpls.org)

## Lectionary Text for Home Devotions

<b>July 7</b>	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
<b>July 14</b>	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
<b>July 21</b>	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
<b>July 28</b>	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13

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## Come to the Table lyrics

Another highlight of day camp was welcoming Tim Gustafson (aka Gus) as our resident songwriter for the week. Gus worked with the kids on Thursday afternoon to co-create this wonderful song. We sang it in church on June 23, and hopefully we will sing it again later in the summer and perhaps on Rally Sunday in September.

### Refrain:

Come to the table, there's food for all.  
Come to the table, there's drink for all.  
Come to the table, there's love for all.  
Come to the table, God welcomes all.

1. Come to the table with mac and cheese,  
Pizza and tacos and beans and peas,  
Cherries and mangoes, bread and wine;  
Come to the table, come now and dine.
2. Come to the table with pigs and pugs,  
Bunnies and zebras and trees and bugs,  
Penguins and lions and bats and sharks,  
Hamsters and monkeys and lions and larks.
3. Come to the table with flutes and drums,  
Saxophones, clarinets, trumpets, come!  
Violins, keyboards, and cellos too,  
Come with your heartbeat, God welcomes you.
4. Come to the table and share the meal  
Food for the hungry, and love revealed;  
Keep the door open and welcome in  
Strangers and enemies, neighbors and friends.

