



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter July 2020

Hello everyone at Our Savior's,

I just wanted to give you a quick update on behalf of your Church Council.

- Thank you all very much who could share our on -line worship service this last Sunday July 5th to welcome Pastor Bryan Schmidt to Our Savior's for his first worship service with us. The turnout for online worship was great, thank all of you for doing that especially on such a busy holiday weekend. I thought Pastor Bryan did a really great job.
- Moving forward we are going to try to expand our online worship services with live and or recorded music each Sunday. I hope you all enjoyed the music that was added to the service this last Sunday. Big thanks to Linda Tedlie for putting that together for the congregation. We also hope to expand in other ways as well.
- The council has compiled a list of people whom have expressed the interest and willingness and those nominated by parishioners to serve on our MSP/ Call Committee. The Council thanks all of you for your quick responses and it is very appreciated.
- The council will have the MSP/Call Committee selected and formed in less than 2 weeks. Stand by for further updates about the Call Committee.
- The council is taking action to upgrade our internet service at Our Savior's. The upgrade is greatly needed, and it will dramatically improve online worship and help with Church Ministry.
- The council remains committed to safety first with regards to Re-opening for Church services at our brick and mortar sanctuary building. We will keep you updated every step of the way with regards to re-opening of our Church Building for worship services. I encourage all of us to be prayerful and thankful during this time and to find joy in the ways that we can worship. No matter how we worship we are always God's church.

God Bless you,

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Women of Our Savior's... How We Can Stay Connected

So, here we are. We are in a place none of us imagined as of only a few months ago. We are separated, isolated, almost "handcuffed"! That's how I feel...handcuffed. I can't reach out in ways I've wanted to...to make lunches for hungry children, welcome them to enjoy crafts and books, and just talk with them. I can't shake your hand or give you the hug we both need. I can't fold baby clothes into Baby Care Kits, or wrap soap, toothbrush, comb, & nail clipper into a towel for Health Care Kits, or compile supplies into a school bag for the LWR School Kits. I find it easy to name the things I "can't" do.

However, we all know the "I can't world" is not where we are to dwell...at least not for long! I often reflect on the verses from Jeremiah 29:11-13....

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Plan...prosper...hope...future...no harm...seek...find...heart...PRAY!

Those words give us direction and promise.

It feels like the most important thing for us to do right now is to stay connected...keep communication going...work on those mutual future plans. Here are a few possibilities:

1. Join JOY Circle via "zoom" every 3rd Tuesday at 6 p.m. for a current book study of "Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Unlearning and Relearning God" by Sarah Bassey. You don't need the book to join...we read out loud, so you can listen. Contact Jenny Williams to be added to the "zoom" link. (jennyw1485@gmail.com) You can "join" a zoom meeting by phone if you don't have internet/video access.
2. Join 1st Tuesday of each month: "Circle of Light" Bible study, also on "zoom". This group uses the WELCA site, "Bold Cafe" (www.BoldCafe.org) for contemporary topics of discussion. Contact Linda Tedlie to be added to the zoom link. (tedliel@gmail.com)
3. Check out what all the East Central Wisconsin church women are doing/reporting at www.ecsw.org (Find "The Open Door" here.)
4. Don't forget that we will still be needing items for LWR kits once we can meet again. Collect items as listed in the WOOS handbook, crochet/knit baby sweaters (with caps or hoods) & prayer shawls.
5. Join in common prayer times! Set a "daily alarm/notification" for noon...pray what comes to mind or pray The Lord's Prayer.
6. EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON: This time has been set by the national Women of the ELCA as a time to be in prayer together.

If anyone has seen the goods we have been graciously given toward our (couldn't have) May 2020 "Make a Fair Offer" sale, you know it will be our priority once we are able to gather again! That being said, keep setting aside those items you don't want/need, and we'll have a great sale!!

Holding you all in prayer for safe "being" and reunion!

Shari England



Stephen Ministry update:

The team continues to meet the second Tuesday of each month. If you are experiencing circumstances where you could use a spiritual listener- we are here for you. Please let me know if you think we can help, and I can chat with you about it.

Linda Tedlie

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FEEDING HUNGRY KIDS 2020

Again, this year our mission is to feed neighborhood children during the summer when the school food program no longer offers breakfast or lunch. This year, due to COVID-19 we have adapted the program to include items that are delivered to the site. These items will allow individuals or families to prepare their own lunches.

After gathering much information from the community, we are pleased to share with you the plans for this year.

**Monday only: July 13th, 20th & 27th we will be at the following locations:*



Edison Estates Mobile Home Park- 11:45 am- 12:15 pm

1940 Snell Road, Oshkosh, WI near the blue office building

Logan Drive Neighborhood- 11:00 am -11:30 am

3317 Logan Drive, Oshkosh, WI near the entrance to the apartment complex

If we get enough attendees, we will continue each Monday through August 24th

We could use a couple of volunteers to be at these sites if we continue into August.

**Monday and Thursday only-August 3rd,6th,10th, 13th,17th,20th ending August 24th*

Oshkosh North High School- 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm

(1100 W Smith Ave) at the turnaround in front of the main building

We have connected with the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry, Heroes of Oshkosh, First English Lutheran Church, Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church and members of First Presbyterian Church, to study and learn where the need is and where the Oshkosh Area School District has been providing meals.

We welcome volunteers to help us at the sites to keep count of attendees and place the food on a cart. The attendee will then take the food which will be bagged or boxed. With no hand to hand contact required. We will be practicing social distancing, wearing masks and gloves. Please contact Deb Stephany 920.379.6248 or Barb Rothenbach 920.379.2972 with any questions.

NOTE: •St Andrew's (1100 E Murdock Ave) every Monday and Thursday from July 13th- August 27th will be offering hot lunch to go at 11am to 12:30 pm

•First English (1013 Minnesota St) every Monday and Thursday from August 3rd -August 27th at 11:00am to 12:30 pm Food offerings for attendees to prepare their lunch at home.

Thank you,

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