

All Saints Sunday

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a phrase that I use as I share my homilies each and every time I preach at church. It's a powerful sentence. Jesus offers us grace and peace each day of our lives. This is especially true as we enter the month of November.

On November 3rd and 4th we celebrate All Saints Sunday. First, it will be an opportunity to give thanks for all the children who were baptized in Christ this past year. This list of those baptized speaks volumes to the potential growth of OSLC.

Ila Grycowski
Robert St Pierre
Oliver Moua
Peyton Plaster
Charli Steif
Evangeline Vlies

Jack Landreman
Nora Klundt
Edie Beyer
Joplin Krueger
Dashel Dolphin
Eva Klundt

Alexander Meyer
Layla Cloutier
Carter Plaster
Mila Pizarro
Suriya Gibson
Ellie Pudlowski

Take a moment! Pray for these children, along with their parents and sponsors so that they will experience the grace and peace that comes from Jesus the Christ.

On All Saints Sunday, we will also "give thanks" for all the Saints at OSLC who are now a part of God's resurrected people. We will light a candle in remembrance and share comments about their faithfulness and love for their families. A special invitation has been sent to all of these families to attend this moving service. Here is a list of our Saints.

James Schuppe
Kenneth Sievert
Stephen Ellisen
Roy Bartz

Irene Stinson
Isabelle Jacobson
Gregory Ulbrich
Donald Prah

Gloria Peterson
Marion Madsen
Shirley Hanford
Delores Boehm

Again, take a moment! Pray for these Saints and their families who still struggle with their loss, and give thanks for these Saints.

Our traditional Thanksgiving Eve worship services are on November 21. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to offer thanks for all of our blessings. Thanksgiving is a day marked by wonderful family gatherings and, in many cases, nonstop football. But we all need an opportunity to remember to give thanks. So come and worship and remember to give thanks that we have the ability and resources to be a blessing in the lives of others.

See you in worship for this "Giving Thanks Month".

God Bless you and our loved ones,

Interim Pastor Dennis E. Ellisen

Confirmation News

We've got a busy month ahead of us. Check out what's going on!

Tuesday, Nov. 6th - Chili Supper— Attention Youth! We need your help! Please consider volunteering for this year's Chili Supper. It will begin at 4:00 p.m. we hope to see you there!

Wednesday, Nov. 7th - S'more fun for the Youth!

Join us for some sticky fun and treats before class! We will meet in the Gym at 5:00.

Sunday, Nov. 11th - A Million Thanks for Those who Serve

Please join us for this special Veteran's Day activity! We will meet at 9:15 in the Youth Room to write letters to deployed members of the military, that we will send through the A Million Thanks foundation.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship (November 21 at 6:30PM) is required for all confirmation students. Attendance is taken.

Sunday, Nov. 25 - Advent Intergenerational Day

Parents and Students— Come participate in a special Advent activity at 9:15.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 - Christmas Project—Students meet

at Church after school, and will board a bus at 4:00 to The Crafty Woodmaker in Appleton, where we will make a special Christmas project.

Wednesday Offering - *The offering we collect on Wednesday evenings helps to sponsor two students in India. We need to raise \$600 for the year.*

Sunday School News

We are so excited to have two directors who have volunteered to lead our annual Christmas program. A practice will be held on Saturday December 8, at 9:00 a.m. Typically practice lasts an hour. As we get closer to the date, the information will be updated. We also have three volunteers to take care of the children moving, standing, or sitting during the program. If you happen to see Kristin Curtis, Sarah Trachte, Katie Rickets, Kristin Ely-Bluemke, and Judy Trachte please thank them and say a prayer or two for all the people and children involved.

On October 14, Ann Pokel taught the "Growing in Faith" class for the 3 and 4 year olds. Ann's comment after the class ended was "it's neat to see the parents interacting with their children." All five children were honored at the 10:30 service.

On October 21, we made prayer pillows and prayer cards with the Kindergartners. The pillow covers are sewn for up by Janet Dehn who is not a member, but a very special person who enjoys helping OSLC with some sewing projects. Thank You Janet for all the beautiful pillow covers.

Have a Fabulous Blessed November, everyone.

Ruthie

Communion Class for Grade 2 and Up

To prepare for First Communion at Our Savior's, parents and students attend a short meeting, a Sunday afternoon retreat, and work on a family project together. Through crafts, a video, and parent/child conversations, we will discover the meaning of Holy Communion. Children will also make a special Communion cup to be used at their First Communion. Contact Kasey in the church office at 725-3956 for more information.

The first class is Sunday, November 4, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

The retreat is Sunday, November 11, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

First Communion weekend is November 18 at the 10:30 service.

Nursery News

Thank you to all of the volunteers who signed up to help each week in our church nursery. Nursery staffing is offered at both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services each Sunday, and will continue into next May. We are still looking for volunteers to staff a few of the 10:30 services. If you would like to sign up, please contact Ruthie for more information.

"God's Work. Our Hands" - Yes, YOU can make a difference! Here are some opportunities to share God's love in our community.

Supporting Our Missions

It's Time to Spice Things Up!

Our annual Chili Supper will be held on Tuesday, November 6, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. **Suggested Donation:** Adults - \$6.00; Children 8 and under - \$3.00 **Chili-To-Go:** Quarts - \$6.00.

This community event requires many volunteers and donations. Sign up in the gathering area; there's a spot for everyone! Your support is key to the success of this community event.

Where Do the Chili Supper Proceeds Go?

All proceeds go to support three organizations that help those in need. This year's recipients are: Fox Valley Warming Shelter (local), Lutheran Disaster Response – domestic (national) and From Houses to Homes in Guatemala (international). We encourage you to support this effort by donating your time, providing food, attending the Chili Supper and/or making a monetary donation.

Christmas Cookie Sale

Enjoy the holidays without the stress and leave the baking to us! Pre-order a variety of delicious, homemade Christmas cookies from November 4 til December 2, then pick up your order on December 15. Orders must be pre-paid. See the display in the Gathering Area. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the 2019 Guatemala mission trip.

Beat the Blahs with BINGO

Our Guatemala mission group is having a B-I-N-G-O party on Saturday, January 26 at Cedars Bar & Grill. So mark your calendar and come for food & drinks, bingo, prizes and MORE to support our Guatemala mission work!

One-Day Volunteer Opportunity

Our Savior's supports the ministry of Crossways Camps and Fox Valley Lutheran Homes. We are seeking volunteers to represent Our Savior's at either organization's annual meeting on a Saturday in late February or early March of 2019. You can do this alone or with someone, AND food is provided.

To sign up, please contact Sue Schultz or the Church office as soon as possible and let us know which meeting you would like to attend. You'll get a real feel for the impact these ministries have on the people who work there and the people who receive their services.

Volunteer—Cuz We Need YOU!

In October, we shared 'show & tell' demonstrations during worship to let you know what it takes each week for a worship service. We hope you were inspired to share your own time and talents. Every member can and should play a role as we worship God together; all it takes is participation, *not* perfection. It's not too late to help in some way. More opportunities will be coming, so please consider what you can do with and/or for your church family.

Men's Breakfasts

The men's Bible study meets on the second and fourth Saturday of every month. We meet at 8:00 a.m. in the meeting room of Perkins Restaurant across from Wal-Mart. This month we meet on November 10 and 24. Come and join us. All men welcome.

OSLC Mission Quilters

Come see how much fun we have! This month we meet in the church gym on:

November 1, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

November 15, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Women's Book Club

The book club at OSLC welcomes you to join our friendly group of 10 to 12 women. We generally meet at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the church library. This month we meet on November 27. Come join us!

Altar Guild Meeting

Altar Guild will be having their next meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at church.

Change Your Clocks!

Be sure to turn your clocks BACK one hour on November 4 or you'll be really early for church on Sunday!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**Services will be held on
November 21 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Note: The church office will be closed on November 22 and 23.**

Advent Project for All Ages

Create a personal Advent wreath!

Please join us for a special intergenerational event on November 25th at 9:15 in the gym. Everyone will get to make a mini Advent wreath, using air dry clay. The process isn't difficult, and we encourage people of all ages to participate. (Reminder: children need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Materials will be provided; donations toward supplies are welcome but not required. Hope to see you there!

Retirees and Friends

We have picked a date for our Christmas Dinner. It will be held on December 11, 2018, at the church. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area in a few weeks. Be looking for more information later in November.

Milestone Bowls

Remember the heart shaped bowls we made a few years ago? Ruthie will be setting another date to glaze your own bowl for those of you who did not make one yet or are new to church or Sunday school.

The milestone ministry was started so people could have a stone to mark the important milestones in their lives, such as marriage, first day of Sunday school, and mini courses like 'Growing in Faith.' Confirmants will receive stones also. If you have any questions or would like to see the bowls or stones, see Ruthie. More information as to the date for this activity will be coming shortly.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Fall Congregational Meeting on November 4 after the 10:30 worship service.

New Office Hours

The church office hours have been changed. They are now 8:00 to 4:00 on Mondays through Thursdays, and 8:00 to noon on Fridays.

Thank You to the Congregation!

Thank you so much for my retirement gift. Your cards and good wishes have touched my heart. I've enjoyed my time as office manager and am thankful for the opportunity to serve our Lord and Our Savior's in that capacity.

Volunteers are crucial to the life of the congregation, and I would like to give a special thank you to the office "regulars" who helped me over the past 10+ years: June Luett, Jon Laflin, Sandy Smith, Bonnie McGee, Donna Zuleger, Sherri Woller, and Bobbie Leibold. Thanks again!

*God's Peace,
Cheryl Timm*

Adult Forum Schedule

Join us on Sunday mornings in the library, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. as we listen, learn and explore a variety of topics through Bible study, videos, Q & A time and guest speakers.

November 4 – We are Church Together In Christ none of us live in isolation from others. Jesus is our peace and has broken down the walls that divide us—walls of judgment, hatred, condemnation and violence—and has made us into one new community.

November 11 – We are Church for the Sake of the World In Jesus Christ, all of life—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life—flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

November 18 – Give Now, Give Later - Give & Receive Be a good steward of the gifts you've been given, and learn how to make giving an act that benefits you and the people and causes you care about. Guest speakers from Thrivent.

November 25 – I NTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT PROJECT

December Topic: "Advent Intentionally"

Wanted! Musicians and Vocalists!!

If you love to sing, want to share your talent with the congregation, enjoy fellowship with a fun group, or just want an opportunity to praise God, we've got the spot for YOU! Chancel Choir is for youth in 9th grade and up and adults. Reading music is helpful. We rehearse every Wednesday night from 7-8 pm. **Please prayerfully consider joining!!**

If you would rather join our choir for just Lessons and Carols or Palm Sunday weekend - a short commitment - that is encouraged. Put that on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering area.

Joyful Noise is for 7th grade and up and adults. We rehearse Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and sing at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. We do not sing the first Sunday of the month. We also welcome instrumentalists to join us. Song selection includes Praise songs.

Something new this year....We invite all of you talented "closet" singers or instrumentalists to sign up for a time you'd like sing or play once, once a month, or as often as you like, whatever works for you. We will work with you to pick music and arrange a practice time. Look for a display and sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. Questions? Contact Roberta Golden or Ardy Kreuter.

And of all that you give me, I will surely give one tenth to you.
~ Genesis 28:22

Generous People...

So Many Reasons to be Grateful

Thank you, everyone, for making 2018 another year of generous giving to Lutheran World Relief. Special thanks to the "behind the scenes" people who've dropped off supplies; sorted through donations; made diapers, school bags, blankets and baby gowns; knit baby sweaters; and searched thrift stores and rummage sales for useful items. Thanks also to several adults and a dedicated group of middle school youth who volunteered to assemble 32 personal care kits, 44 baby care kits, and 63 school kits! Some of last year's kits went to Niger, Angola, and Nicaragua; we hope to track our newest gifts in 2019.

Want to be involved in this ministry? Donations are welcome all year round. Simply drop off monetary gifts with our church secretary, or place donated items into the LWR bin in the closet across from the main office **(Notice: an updated list of supplies will be available in December)**. We'll also have a "noisy offering" to support LWR during a worship service in February. Thanks again, OSLC, for your faithful support of LWR!

Generous Congregation...

Unified Budget YTD Through September

	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Actual</i>
Income	\$327,000.00	\$282,450.46
Expenses	<u>\$326,893.29</u>	<u>\$323,615.97</u>
	\$ 106.71	(\$ 41,165.51)

Special Offerings ...

Noisy Coin

Hams
\$197.21

Memorials Received...

A special thank you to those who remembered

Don Prah

Building Fund...

Through September

Remaining on Loan	\$369,257.89
Principal Paid on Loan	\$122,324.49
Total Contributions	\$172,143.01
Billed on Loan	\$ 28,970.82
Paid on Loan Over Billed Amount	\$ 93,353.67