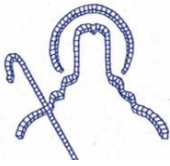


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AUGUST 2023

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Local and Global Missions

Opportunities: Temple Choir, Worship Band, Handbells, Quilting, Adult Bible Study, 1st Communion, Confirmation, Assist with Worship, VLM Bible Camp, Vacation Bible School White Elephant Sale, & MORE!

OSLC Children's Clothes Closet:

By Appointment

OSLC Food Shelf: Wednesdays & Fridays,

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND PASTORAL CARE

Please contact the church office to schedule a Baptism or Wedding in advance. If you are seeking pastoral care for yourself or a loved one, please contact the church office to set up an appointment.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE!

Just scan this QR Code and it will bring you directly to our VANCO Page. You can also go to bit.ly/oslchibbing and it will also direct you to our VANCO page. You also can still give through VANCO. Thank you for your generosity!



SCAN ME

A NOTE FROM PASTOR BRIAN BIRK

During the transition between Pastor Erick Holleque and Pastor Kevin Olson, I served as an associate pastor here for two and a half years. Pastor Kevin has been here for about nine years. I left to serve a couple of other congregations soon after Pastor Kevin arrived.

Whenever I leave a congregation, I wonder about whether or not I will ever see the people of that congregation again. It has been nice to be here again. It is only for three months while Pastor Kevin is on a sabbatical, but it is nice to be back and to catch up with people I had gotten to know earlier.

I retired after I turned seventy. I don't plan to take a long-term call to another congregation, but I do plan to be available for pulpit supply approximately every other Sunday. That also gives me a chance to see people in former congregations. When I am not serving as a supply pastor, Kathie and I generally attend the worship services in Tower where we live.

When I do supply preaching, my hope is that God will inspire me to say things that may inspire the people who listen to what I have to say.

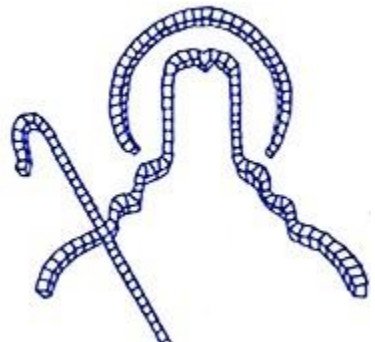
In our scriptures, Jesus promises to forgive our sins. He promises a resurrection after this life is over. He promises eternal life with Him in paradise. I believe that I will get to see you again in that life also.

Thank you for the opportunity to fill in during Pastor Kevin's sabbatical. I hope that my time in this congregation has been a blessing to some of you and I want you to know that you have been a blessing to me.

May God bless you and keep you today and every day.

Sincerely,

Pastor Brian Birk



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

We would also like to wish a Happiest of Birthday to all of our August Members with special recognition to:



Don Schwartz	8/4
Phillip Harris	8/8
Cliff Rasch	8/19
Patricia Johnson	8/21
Sylvia Lehman	8/25
Helga Nelson	8/27
Frank Kangas	8/28
Phyllis Fawkes	8/30



We also wish Happiest of Anniversary to all of our August Members with special recognition to:

Keith & Linda Saralampi celebrating 50 years! (8/11)

Mark & Judy Johnson celebrating 55 years! (8/24)

Dan & Julie Jordan celebrating 40 years! (8/27)



Items needed for Lutheran World Relief school kits:

Good pencil sharpeners - 70

Blue or black Bic style ink pens - 50

30 cm/12 inch rulers - 15

Cash is always welcome as then we can buy tax free.

Notebooks and scissors have been ordered thru Walmart. We have enough crayons, pencils, and school bags on hand to do 100 bags.

COUNCIL MEETING NOTE TUESDAY, JULY 11TH

Dear Congregation,

Over the last couple of months, the council has been struggling with this year's spending plan vs this year's expenses. As of June 31st, we are \$20,898 in the negative.



We started the year in January \$9,500 in the red, carrying the 2022 debt into 2023.

We also had some considerable amount of double salary payments, including the training of two office support staff. We also were not immune to the inflation costs that everyone has felt. We also had a few office repairs to our copier.

The roof project exposed an electrical wiring issue that needed to be fixed, but again the cost of this repair was substantial.

Here are a couple things we are looking at, hopefully they will help lessen the future burdens.

First, we asked Cindy, with her guidance to withhold Synod Benevolence payments until the congregation's budget is stable. Our giving to them monthly is about \$2,000.

In the office, we are looking at the number of phones and data plans for internet service. Also, we are exploring a service contract for the copier, as stated above we had some significant repair bills for the copier lately.

Barring any staff changes we should not have any extra staff salaries.

Right now, the council could use your prayers and ideas for cost savings.

We have included an envelope with this month's newsletter, not only are we hoping some people will be able to help financially, but we would love to receive your ideas.

Thank You,

OSLC Council Members

MUSICAL NOTES

It is time to examine our August calendar. Pencils ready? THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT! Temple Choir will have its first rehearsal on Wednesday,

August 30th, at 7:00PM. We have two rehearsals to get ready for September 10th, which will be "Gods Work, Our Hands." Please, spread the word amongst one another because not everyone reads the newsletter! How shocking! We have so very much to look forward to this year.



I haven't forgotten Handbells. Our rehearsals begin on September 13th, at 6:00PM in the handbell room. It would be a dream come true if you could match the excellent turnout last year. Once again, I would like to try to present something once a month. Bring along a calendar so we can begin to look at schedules.

Our Music Ministries are an important part of life at OSLC. It is not uncommon these days to see programs dropped in churches. Let us all strive to fight this horrible trend and show growth. Please try to work your schedules around our selected services. Notice, I did not say performances. Our choirs offer the best fellowship, musical growth and opportunities for spiritual enrichment. What a deal!

Nadine and I just want you to know what a great privilege it is to serve as choir director and organist. We are very humbled by all of the supportive comments and compliments we have been receiving. We are part of a very loving community of faith.

Roy

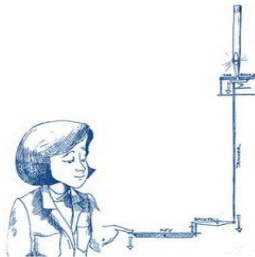


ORGAN FUND

Donations can be made toward this initiative by indicating "Organ Fund" on your contribution envelope.

INTRODUCTION TO THE ORGAN

Installment IV: Types of Action



The connection between the key and the pipe valve, called the “action” of the organ, can be achieved by mechanical or electrical means. In a mechanical action instrument long rods or “trackers” pull down the valves under the pipes. covered, all organs used trackers to connect the keys to the pipes.

Today, many builders make mechanical action instruments.

Obviously, the keyboards must be close to the pipe valves or the action may be hard to play. Usually, the keyboards and pipes are all built in a case with the pipes directly above and in front of the player. The best thing about mechanical action is that the player can feel the opening of the pipe valves and can make different kinds of attacks and releases by pressing and releasing the key slowly or quickly. Until electricity was discovered, all organs used trackers to connect the keys to the pipes. Today, many builders make mechanical action instruments.

CONFIRMATION NEWS



Wishing all students and their families continued relaxation, recreation and renewal during August!

Any student that has completed 1st Communion instruction during 2021 through 2023 may pick up their 1st Communion Certificate from the office hallway table.

Thank you to our acolytes this summer, you're doing a terrific job.

8th – 10th graders (fall grade): Summer is a great time to catch up on doing service for others and to complete sermon notes. (forms are found in the narthex, back of the sanctuary).

11th graders:

Mark your calendars and message your family to save Sunday, Oct. 29th to attend your special Rite of Confirmation service.

Be sure to meet with your mentor and complete any sermon notes and hours of service soon.

News from Mission Action Committee

The Mission Action Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the water well project this Lenten season. \$893.00 was given. We had \$910.00 from Advent so the total being \$1803.00 is an awesome total. I'm sure any community that this helps will be much appreciative.



Praise be to God!

OSLC Women

Update on happenings:

1. Every second Thursday we have Bible study at 10a.m. All are welcome. We run copies of the women's study so no purchase of any materials is necessary.
2. The closets in fellowship hall have been cleaned and also the dessert corner. Any table cloths that do not fit large table in fellowship hall are stored in the cabinet at south end of the Fireside room.
3. Quilting will resume on August 7th at 9 a.m.. Come join a fun group of ecumenical ladies of our community.
4. It was decided to take \$1,000.00 of pasty profits and give toward the general fund deficit. Also \$10,000.00 of the kitchen remodel fund as put into a one year CD at 5+% interest.
5. We are looking for someone(s) to chair a bazaar –perhaps on a smaller scale. Contact Sue Stanisich if interested.
6. Pam Rundell is heading up Lutheran World Relief school bag project. See small article elsewhere on needed items.
7. We would like suggestions on how to make all women feel more welcome and wanting to become more active in events at our church. What times, days, items of interest for programs would you be interested in? We know how busy family life can be as we too worked, had families and tried to attend church activities. We miss your smiling faces.
8. As fall approaches we are also considering another pasty bake. Would anyone be interested in another fresh baked bread for sale Sunday or a pie social?
9. The Mom's quilting group can always use people to tie quilts or make burp cloths.



God's blessings on the rest of summer and the hectic planning for a new school year.
Sue Schock and Sue Stanisich

MISSIONARY FOR A DAY

2023 Missionary for a Day Calendar has received \$590 to date.



During July gifts were received:

From Sharon & Mitch Cook in celebration of:

the birthdays of David, Mitch, Logan and Gunnar
the anniversary of their daughter and son-in-law's
and their anniversary.

From Mark and Judy Johnson.

In celebration of Bill & Emily Pietila.

Thank you for your generous support of our missionary, Dr. Friberg in Tanzania.

Any time is a good time to sign up and contribute to the *Missionary for a Day Calendar*.

A gift of \$10 in memory or honor of a special friend or loved one will support our missionary for one day. Dr. Friberg's work in Tanzania is very important and you can be a part of it!

The Columbarium at Our Savior's offers perpetually endowed care for the remains of those members and their family who choose cremation. It is a place of peace, solitude, and prayer restoring the ancient practice of church burial.

If you would like to learn more about the columbarium, please make an appointment with Cindy in the church office.

Niche owners: call Cindy to arrange your keyless entry code for the Columbarium area door. 218-263-7422.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - AUGUST 10TH.

The Women of the Church will hold their monthly Gather Magazine Bible Study on Thursday, August 10th at 10 a.m.. Copies of the Bible study will be printed and available on the table by the Church Office. All women of the church are invited to attend these informal meetings and spend some time learning, sharing and discussing what "Salvation" means. Matters concerning the women of the church are also addressed, and it is important to have your voices heard. So, Please join us on August 10th at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



PASTA FEED FOR BENEFITING PROJECT CARE

September 19 and 20. Hibbing Memorial Building

This group of dedicated medical volunteers conducts free medical clinics twice a week in Hibbing and also has clinics in three other Iron Range cities. Their mission is to serve those who are under or non-insured giving help with blood pressure check ups, diabetes check, vaccinations and minor ailments.



It has been three years since our group of area ELCA churches have held this event due to Covid interfering for two years. The dates are September 19 for prep work and 20th for serving. We do take outs and eat in and for noon time we also deliver to local businesses, school and the mines. We serve 11:30-1:00 and again 4:30-7:00 usually for dine in and take out. Since we are doing this at the Memorial Building we will also offering drive by for take outs. I have discussed with the PC director the possibility of have a raffle/silent auction they would be responsible for running.

The menu is a pasta in red sauce with meat, coleslaw, a cookie, a couple slices Italian bread with butter pats and we also provide small packets of parmesan cheese. We are hoping to solicit cabbage heads for local gardeners as well as carrots. We will try to buy locally made pasta. Whether we bake or buy cookies is still being decided.

We plan to make the sauce ahead of time and freeze to help with prep time. Pasta is usually partially cooked the day before and finished day of event.

I am contacting area churches again to participate in this worthy event. Some of us have discussed have the Ministerial group of Hibbing taking this on as an annual event as our churches are taught to help those less fortunate than we are whether it is with food, shelter, medical help and mostly certainly remembering all in prayer.

Contact Sue Schock for more info. 218-929-1892

Thank you for your consideration in helping with this project,

The Mission Action committee