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A Message from Pastor Daniel Provost

Dear fellow redeemed in Christ,

One of the most precious gifts that has been given to the church here on earth is the Sacrament of the Altar. Whether we believe it or not, the elements of Christ's true body and His true blood are actually present in the Sacrament. This is a comfort to us, because it means that it doesn't depend upon our faith to receive the elements. It's also a caution to us, because the only variable is whether we receive the benefits – these are only distributed to those who believe in the one true faith. Those who do not believe in what's actually there, and those who deviate from what our church teaches, are in danger of receiving these powerful gifts to their condemnation. I'm not being so bold as to say that we DO receive harm from them if we commune without discerning the body and blood; however, the severe risk is there of doing so. Consequently, we do everything possible to ensure that folks that receive the elements of the Supper at this altar do so with a right understanding of what they are doing.

Secondarily, although not any less importantly, when we commune at a given altar, we are making a solemn **public confession** by doing so. We confess that we believe in the doctrine that a given church teaches. When we become a member of a congregation, either by youth or adult confirmation, we pledge, among other things, that we will not allow anything, even death, to separate us from the true confession that we are giving at that altar. Those who commune together at the altar of our Lord state that they **believe the same faith in common**. If one comes that has made other, conflicting claims by joining with other denominations that confess something different, it's at best confusing as to what they believe. We must ascertain which body of doctrine that person confesses, and then they must disavow the one in which they do not believe.

Admittedly, this is a very difficult, personal, and emotional process – one which can easily divide families, even the body of Christ, the church, if we allow it. We live in a religiously pluralistic country,

where many folks don't stop to consider the ramifications of their actions. We're told that communion is simply a personal decision, that has no bearing on the confession of a church or a church body. We're told that we can hold to competing doctrines without there being a serious contradiction. We must rediscover the preciousness of our Lord's Supper and realize that there's far more going on here than just our own personal reception of His elements. Table fellowship, which occurs often in the Scriptures, is the most intimate of fellowships recorded in the Bible. When something "big" was going on in holy Writ, usually there was food and fellowship involved. Examples include the feeding of the 5000, the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, and the Last Supper. What's more, communing together in the Early Church, and in Luther's day, involved careful determination as to whether someone held to the same body of doctrine before communing together.

That's why we're going to spend some time intentionally exploring these issues. On **Wednesday nights, starting April 24th and continuing through the month of May, at 7:00 pm**, we're going to have a time of instruction specifically on the subject of the Lord's Supper – what it is, what we're receiving, why this is important, and what bearing this has on fellowship together. Please come: ask questions and be prepared for a time of discussion. That's why we're doing this! It is God pleasing for us to be aligned IN THE TRUTH on this matter. We're going to be delving into the Scriptures on this, and why we agree with the Bible, the Confessions, and our LC-MS on this issue. Again, please plan to join us!

Please contact me with any particular questions you might have, regarding your own personal situations with regard to this matter. I truly want to hear from you, and try to have us "reason together", as the Scripture says, around the truths of God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions. I hope to see you in church, in Bible study, and around the community.

In Christ's Service,
IPastor Daniel M. Provost



LIBRARY NEWS



Please see if any of these titles are something that you might want to read. Put your name on the check out card with month and year in the date area. Put the card in the card box. Please try to bring the book(s) back within a month or so.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Title and call number

Grandma's voice	242 Rai
Celebrate Jesus at Easter	242 Rec
Good morning Lord (devotions for young teens)	242 Rey
Life in the real world 2	242 Rit
Good morning Lord (devotions for homemakers)	242 Rob
Stand your ground devotions for teens	242 Rom
God calling	242 Rus
Affliction	242 Sch
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Little visits for toddlers	242 Sim
Little visits with Jesus	242 Sim
More little visits with Jesus	242 Sim
Little visits everyday	242 Sim
Little visits with God	242 Sim
Little visits for families	242 Sim

PLEASE NOTE

Pastor Provost will be gone to District Pastors' Conference Monday & Tuesday, May 6th & 7th.

**Thank you for
volunteering
this month!**

ELDER

Rick Schiller

LAY READER

Bob Doerring

USHERS

Rick & Gail Hartz

GREETERS

Rick & Gail Hartz

ALTAR GUILD

Peggy Gerdts

MEDIA TEAM

N/A and Amanda

MUSICANS

Joy McGinley
Miranda Ervin

A special note of thanks to those of you that have and continue to contribute your ideas, photos, and articles.

LWML NEWS

LWML Faith Society will be meeting on **Monday, May 20th at 6:30 pm** in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to attend. We will take the summer off and meet again in September. Hope to see you there!

RESERVATION CALENDAR

If you'd like to reserve a room here at OSL for an occasion, please contact Amanda in the office. You must be a member to reserve a room and must be present at the event.
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Mark your calendar!

*Spring Cleaning at OSL
will be Saturday,
May 4th
starting at 8:00am.*

YOU'RE INVITED

**Class
of 2019**



**GRADUATION
SUNDAY
IS MAY 26TH!**

CLASS of 2019

*Let's celebrate
THE GRADUATION OF:
CUTLER WILLIAM BENAC*

Saturday May 18th
Hy-Vee Club Room
1501 1st Ave E
Newton IA 50208
1-5 pm

May 2019 at Our Savior Lutheran Church

WEBSITE

Please remember that if you'd like to see our chronicler in "mostly" ☺ color, you can visit our website, navigate to the Resources tab and select Chronicler.
www.oursavlutheran.com



WHAT A BLESSING!



Springtime may not have been in its full glory on Sunday, April 7th, but those members and guests who worshiped in Our Savior’s sanctuary that morning were treated to a warm colorful display of color. The color emanated from over 350 (368 at last count) gifts of love that were blessed that day for distribution to those in need -- all donated and prepared by members and friends of OSLC and the LWML Faith Society.

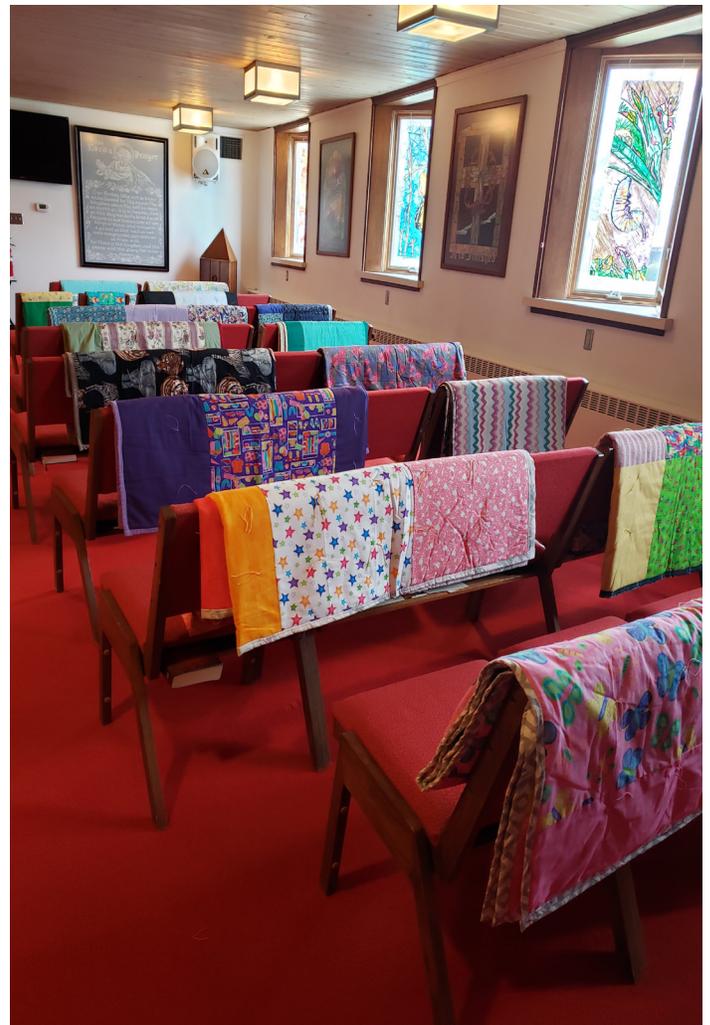
Over 100 single-bed sized quilts covered pew backs and the altar railing. Over 100 “pillow-case dresses” hung just above the pews, and over 100 pairs of children shorts, cut and sewn from every color and size of adult T-shirts, were accents on many of the quilts. Eighteen (18) of the quilts --including four baby-sized pieces -- were distributed to those in need locally. On Monday the remaining quilts were packed into boxes for delivery to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) – thank you, again, to Steve Hartz for his expert assistance in the boxing and taping completed so efficiently that morning. These items will be distributed by LWR to mission fields around the world. The shorts and dresses were also packaged that morning for transportation to the Iowa site for Orphan Grain Train. Each of these items pieced and sewn from fabric, pillowcases and sheets, and adult T-shirts that you have so generously donated for that purpose.

Also in the bright décor and the blessing, though in smaller quantities, were kits distributed by LWR. This year the kits from OSLC included nearly 30 sets of items for the care of infants and small children. These included items donated or made by our OSLC members and others such as diapers, receiving blankets, clothing, soap and towels. Several of the kits contained hand-knit and hand-crocheted hats and sweaters from the hands and hearts of you, our benefactors. Continuing to utilize the abundance of fabric, which was donated, seven (7) fabric kits were prepared. These kits each included thread and two fabric pieces of sufficient size for an adult woman’s dress.

It is also worthy of note and “thank you’s” that OSLC members sponsored two Thrivent Action Team projects which assisted in the purchase of quilt batting, diapers, and baby-t-shirts. This is another way in which we can each reflect and share Christ’s love for all.

While these activities have wound down for the spring and summer, we ask that you continue to keep

them in your prayers, AND PLAN TO JOIN US IN LATE SUMMER OR FALL WHEN ACTIVITIES BEGIN TO RESUME. As you can tell from the number of projects included above, our “quilting sessions” go well beyond sewing machines and needle and thread (though we certainly invite any, and all, who are interested in those). It is a time of Christian fellowship during from which many products emerge, including those enumerated here, and beyond. Praise to the Lord for His Love and Goodness. SPECIAL NOTE AND THANK YOU’S to those of you have also contributed clothing, bedding, and other items to be delivered to Orphan Grain Train. As you may know, this group has sent truckloads of materials and supplies – everything from clean-up supplies to school materials, etc , -- locally to aid in tornado relief in Marshalltown, and more recently to the flooded areas of Iowa. Your sharing is caring!





Discover Hope Presentation with Bonnie Claussen & Robbie Robinson



COMMUNION BIBLE STUDY

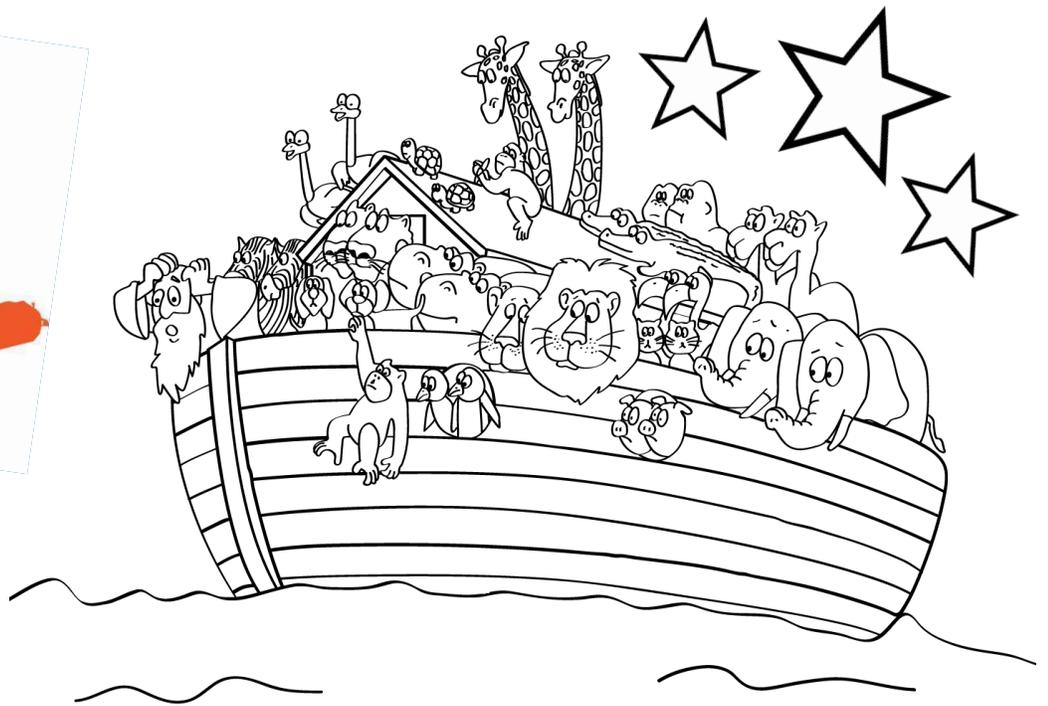
Please join the congregation to review and discuss our preparation for Holy Communion, what the Bible says about this important commandment from Christ, and Lutheran doctrine as set forth by our Synod.



Who: All LCMS believers
When: Wednesdays at 7:00pm through May
Where: Fellowship Hall



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**KIDS IN THE
 DIVINE SERVICE**
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Do Lutherans honor and remember the saints?

Yes. Remembering and honoring the saints is very "Lutheran." God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions teach that remembering and honoring the saints is a great thing to do.

Why is it such a great thing to do?

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, which explains what Lutherans believe, teaches that we honor the saints for three reasons. ① Thanksgiving. When we honor the saints, we thank God for "showing (his people) examples of his mercy, revealing his will to save men, and giving teachers and other gifts to the church." ② Strengthening our faith. When we see how our Lord forgives the saints, we are "encouraged to believe that grace does abound more than sin." (Do you remember when Peter, one of the disciples, denied Jesus three times? Even the Apostles sinned and received forgiveness.) ③ "the imitation, first of their faith and then of their other virtues ..." We pray that God would keep us as strong in the faith as they were!



Parents: Explain to your children that we are not praying to the saints; we are simply honoring them on a special day in the Church Year. Remind them that, when we die, we will be with our Lord in heaven, which is where the saints are right now!

"I am with you always."

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he encouraged his disciples in the work they had to do. We, too, are Jesus' disciples and should follow his same instructions.

Follow the words in the clouds to find Mark 16:15-16a, NIV.

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Answer: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)

THE RECIPE BOX

BBQ POTATOES

From www.geniuskitchen.com

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- 1/4 Tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 Tsp. ground pepper
- 2 lbs. medium red potatoes, quartered



Directions

- Oven ~
1. Preheat oven 400°F.
 2. In large bowl, combine, chili powder, honey, garlic powder, pepper and butter.
 3. Add potatoes; toss to coat.
 4. Spoon potatoes in greased 11x7-inch baking dish.
 5. Bake 40-50 minutes until potatoes are tender.
- BBQ ~
- Wrap and seal in foil; place on grill for about 30 minutes until tender!

EASY MARSHMALLOW FRUIT SALAD

From www.allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- 1 large can pineapple tidbits drained
- 2 small cans mandarin oranges drained
- 2 large sliced bananas
- 1 pint sliced strawberries
- 1 package mini marshmallows
- 1 small container sour cream (8 oz)



Directions

1. Mix all ingredients and let it sit in the fridge for a short while so flavors can develop.

SHARE
your
RECIPES

We'd love to have your recipe!

If you'd like to share your recipe or recipes with the OSL Family, please submit a copy to Amanda in the office or e-mail it to oursavr@windstream.net.

Upcoming Events in May

MAY 1ST
MAY DAY

MAY 2ND & 16TH
9:00AM LADIES BIBLE STUDY

MAY 4TH
8:00AM OSL SPRING CLEAN-UP

MAY 5TH
MITEBOX SUNDAY

MAY 8TH & 22ND
5:30PM YOUTH GROUP

MAY 9TH
3:00PM ELDER'S MEETING

MAY 12TH
MOTHER'S DAY



MAY 13TH
9:00AM LWML BOARD MTG - FEL. HALL RSVD

MAY 18TH
ARMED FORCES DAY

MAY 19TH
6:00PM DOUG'S BIBLE STUDY @ PETTET'S

MAY 20TH
6:30PM LWML FAITH SOCIETY

MAY 21ST
6:30PM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
7:00PM COUNCIL MEETING



MAY 24TH
CHRONICLER DEADLINE

MAY 26TH
GRADUATION SUNDAY



MAY 27TH
MEMORIAL DAY
(OFFICE CLOSED)

SUNDAY'S IN MAY
9:00AM WORSHIP
10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS

TUESDAY'S IN MAY
BULLETIN DEADLINE - AM

WEDNESDAY'S IN MAY
1:00PM FAITH 101
7:00PM COMMUNION BIBLE STUDY

