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A Message from Pastor Daniel Provost

Dear fellow redeemed in Christ, I'll admit it – I'm a bit of a water snob! Ice cold, Smart Water or Culligan, at least 3 or 4 bottles (24 oz.) a day. Maybe it's because we have a water softener on the pipes at home, and the water out of the tap is salty to the taste. Maybe I've just been born with a silver spoon in my mouth. In any event, we nearly ran out of Culligan water this weekend. I guess I just forgot that with all of us spending much more time at home this month, I wasn't prepared to have more bottled water on hand. So, Friday morning came, and we put the last 5 gallon bottle on the bubbler, which normally lasts us a day or so, and I was wondering what we were going to do. Now, I usually purchase Smart Water bottles to reuse out of the bubbler; but we didn't have any more new ones of those, either. The stores here in town don't usually have that brand of water on the shelves; much more so in these times of limited stock and difficulty in sourcing different brands. What were we going to do until the delivery came on Monday? Would I have to resort to drinking tap water, or maybe even those little disposable half-liter bottles that you aren't sure what part of the country they came from? (I actually read one once that said the source was an aquifer in New York City! I can't imagine that water from the big metropolis is better than that here in Iowa, but I digress...)

However, none of this came to pass! We had just enough saved in the refrigerator, in Smart Water bottles, to last the weekend. The delivery came this morning (right on time, about 9:00). There never was a shortage; we had just enough to get by.

Now, this might seem as if I'm talking about a "first-world" problem (and I am 😊). This was not anything approaching a crisis! If anything, I'm exaggerating only a little about the situation that was at hand. But, it reminds us that often we worry way too much about things of this life, and don't concern ourselves enough with the things of the world to come. How many of us stocked up on toilet paper, or toweling, or other paper products in the last month? I'll raise a sheepish hand; in fact, we were just cleaning out the linen closet yesterday and were surprised just how much was there indeed.

We didn't "panic buy", but we did stock up a little more than we normally do. The same goes for our food supply and other "essentials". We think that by worrying, we can add more hours to our lives. We think that by focusing on these comparatively minor things, that we can distract ourselves from the major things yet to come.

God knows our every need. He provides for us every day. He gives us the knowledge of when to go to the store, and when not to. Even when things seem dire, and we don't know where we are going to get "spiritual food", He gives us means to do so. Yes, worship on the computer or the smartphone, at home, is not the same as being together as the people of God in this place. Yes, only receiving the Word, and not the Sacrament, for a time is disappointing and difficult. He provides technological means that would have been science fiction even ten years ago for us to record and later play back services in God's house. Even though I don't know all the technological ins and outs, He has provided us with those who do, and have been very helpful to us.

Most importantly, the promises of God NEVER fail. We might run out of our favorite type of bottled water. We might have to become inventive to receive the gifts of God, which are so superabundant that we have a hard time counting the ways in which He reassures us of His forgiveness and love and mercy. But God never leaves us high and dry! He is with us every day, He has provided His Word to sustain us and remind us of His provision. He gives us each other, to build each other up, whether it be in person, on the phone, on email, or via video calling (which we discovered this weekend, to talk to my Dad up in Michigan!). Thanks be to God that He is gracious, will see us through these trying times, and will restore us to Himself here in the church sooner rather than later, if it be His will.

Ihope to see you soon, in church, in Bible Study, and around the community. Until then, if I do see you out and about, don't be scared to wave or say hello – after all, you can't spread the virus from across the street or the parking lot! Take care... and God bless...

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Daniel M. Provost



FAITH SOCIETY

OSL LWML Faith Society will continue our 'social distancing' safe guards and not attempt to hold an 'end of season' May meeting. We'll make plans to resume monthly bible study/meetings starting in September.

LWML CONVENTION

Iowa East District LWML Convention, scheduled for June 2020 in Cedar Rapids, will no longer be held as planned. Instead, essential convention business will be conducted by the voting body via USPS mail, for officer elections, bylaw changes, and mission grant selections. New plans are being made for Sat, Sept 12 to gather for a Convention/Celebration at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, in place of the usual LWML Fall Retreat event. Specifics on this modified convention gathering will be coming soon.



LIBRARY NEWS



Please see if any of these titles are something you might want to check out. 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/dvd back within a month or so.

ADULT NON-FICTION

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Services here at OSL are cancelled through at least May 17th. We will keep you updated as we know more. We continue to have **Digital Services, bulletins, chroniclers, daily devotions and pastors blog** posted online.

Please go to:
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"We cherish too,
the Poppy red,
which grows on fields
where valor led,
it seems to signal
to the skies
that blood of heros
never dies."
~Moina Michael~

Tradition of the Poppy:
Poppies would grow on battlefields everywhere blood stained the ground. In 1915, John McCrae penned his famous poem "In Flanders Field" commemorating this phenomenon.

In response, Miona Michael wrote her own poem, above, and began wearing a red Poppy on Memorial Day. Madam Guerin of France heard about the idea and began making and selling red Poppies. A year later she asked for the VFW's help ~ and the rest is history!

**Happy 50th Anniversary
Bob & JoAnn**



May 2020 at Our Savior Lutheran Church

THE RECIPE BOX

SWEET MACARONI SALAD

From www.tasteofhome.com

Ingredients

- 1 package (16 oz.) elbow macaroni
- 4 medium carrots, shredded
- 1 large green pepper, chopped
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- 2 c. mayonnaise
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 c. cider vinegar
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper



Directions

1. Cook macaroni according to package directions. Drain and rinse in cold water; drain well.
2. In a large bowl, combine macaroni and vegetables. Whisk together remaining ingredients until smooth and sugar is dissolved; stir into macaroni mixture. Refrigerate, covered, overnight. *16 servings*

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BUTTERSCOTCH PIE

From www.tasteofhome.com

Ingredients

- 1 c. packed light brown sugar
- 4 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 c. milk
- 2 egg yolks, beaten
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 (9 inch) pie crust, baked



Directions

1. In top of double boiler, combine brown sugar, cornstarch, salt and milk. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture starts to thicken, about 20 minutes.
2. Whisk in egg yolks; continue to cook and stir until filling is thickened.
3. While pudding mixture is cooking, preheat the oven to 400°.
4. Remove filling from heat, and stir in butter and vanilla.
5. Pour filling into prepared pie crust. Bake in preheated oven until top begins to brown, about 5 minutes. *8 servings*

We'd love to have your recipe!

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

FRUIT SALAD

From Marilyn Jessen

Ingredients

- 1 can fruit cocktail, undrained
- 1 can pineapple chunks, drained
- 2 cans mandarin oranges, drained
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans, optional
- 1 box instant lemon pudding
- Bananas



Directions

1. Stir in 1 box instant lemon pudding to fruit.
2. Add bananas at the end.



Upcoming Events in May

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MAY 10TH
MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 12TH
Elder's Meeting

MAY 22ND
Chronicler Deadline

MAY 25TH
MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY'S IN MAY
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