

Chronicles



Ole Missionary Gary, as he calls himself, visited us on October 22 and as always touched us deeply with his passion for those who've never heard of Jesus. The congregation showed their support, providing an honorarium, mileage, dedicated funds, and good will offering to Mission Central totaling nearly \$4,000! With his wife's unfortunate fall and the recent arrival of Rev. Steve Schultz, who accepted a Call to help Gary at Mission Central, Gary speculated that this may have been his last visit to Our Savior, pledging still to continue in his mission until the Lord calls him home. Gary boldly reminded us that ALL of us in Christ's Church are missionaries and we should (Cont. on pg. 4, MC)

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Greetings OSL:

Nobody knows when writing was first invented or why. I guess nobody thought at the time to write it down: "Invented the alphabet today."

The written word has a much shorter history than the spoken word.

When you were first learning to write (you had been speaking for some time before that) probably one of the first things that you learned to write was your name. This was so that you could go around writing your name on stuff, claiming possession. An additional motivation might have been simply to mark your presence. You spray-painted your name on the sides of buildings and bridges (making it easy for the cops). Maybe you traced your signature into wet cement, practicing up for your induction to the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

People like to have their names remembered. Leaving a legacy has become something of a cliché these days.

There is a desire for permanence. Once given life we do not like the idea of surrendering it without a fight. To have your name live on is a concession; but the best one some people can dream up.

What a relief to know you are eternal. Scrambling to scribble your name on things - even the pages of history is unnecessary; because God wrote his name on you in baptism.

Jesus once held a coin in his hand and asked, whose image does this bear, and whose name is inscribed on it?"

"Caesar's."

"Then let Caesar have it."

But render unto God what is God's. And that is -- you. God gave you your life for all-time so that you could spend your time here on earth for the sake of others freely.

Generously render your life unto God by way of your neighbor; for "what you do unto one of these you do unto me."Pastor Picard



Thanksgiving Eve: 11/22 at 7p

Midweek Advent Services begin 12/6 and continue 12/13 and 12/20 at 7:00 p.m.

Decorate the Church : 12/1 at 9a

Caroling : 12/10 at 3p, Chili Supper after

Christmas Eve: Divine Service at 9:00a

New Years Eve: Divine Service at 8a

with Children's Program



Holiday
Schedule

November



Nov 2: Care & Share Meeting 9a

Nov 12: Commitment Sunday

Nov 13 & 15: Quilting 9a

Nov 16: OSL West with Pr. Brandt

Nov 20: LWML Meeting

Nov 23: Thanksgiving Day



All Ladies Welcome and encouraged to join us on Monday, **November 20 at 4pm** for our next meeting.



November Volunteers:
Altar Guild: Mary Ervin
Fellowship: Maria Casad
Greeter(s): Pat Shelton
Media: Julie Dlouhy
Ushers: Steve Shelton
2nd Elder: Ron Dlouhy

A Message from Maria Casad.....

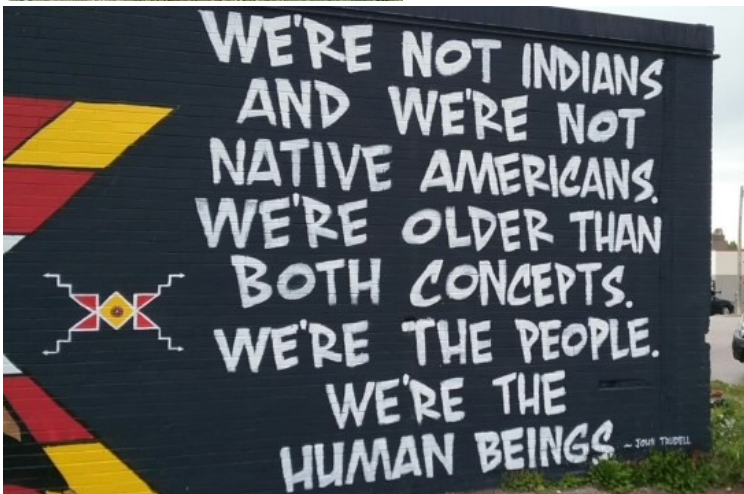


Thank you for the generous donations that I delivered to Pine Ridge. I am confident that every item will be used by the residents of the reservation.

My service retreat week was spiritual, inspiring, and humbling. I listened to Native speakers in the evening and worked side by side with them building beds, ramps and skirting trailers

by day. The day began with 6:30am, waking-up to Native flute music. Then breakfast, words of wisdom and our work assignments. We also toured Wounded Knee, the Town of Pine Ridge, the Trading Post and Black Hills.

The week was a tremendous learning experience that I will carry with me always.





Window Replacement Project Authorized

At our October Voters' Meeting, voters approved the Window Replacement plan. This involves replacement of the remaining 21 pairs of windows located around the church. The first two sets of windows located in the kitchen were installed during the first week of October. The committee will coordinate with the installer to formulate an order to schedule to properly time delivery of the windows and minimize the need for storage prior to installation. Sufficient funds have been identified from long-range planning and other sources to cover the cost of the windows. Fundraising efforts will continue in hopes of raising the remaining funds necessary to cover installation costs. To date, about 12% of our \$30,000 goal has been raised. Any contribution is welcome. If you'd like to sponsor a window at a particular location in the church, the various options for doing that are listed on the posterboard in the narthex. Our windows have served a long life but now must be replaced to keep both heating and cooling expenses in check. If you can contribute to this campaign, a donation of any size would be appreciated.



New Roof is Underway



The materials for our flat roof arrived on October 12th, and the crew arrived on October 19th to begin complete removal of the old roof and

installation of all new materials. Once the flat roof has been replaced, the same crew is planning to install the new steel shingled roof over the sanctuary. We will be mildly inconvenienced by a large trailer, dumpster, and drivable lift that are all parked on the far east end of the parking lot. These items should not have a significant impact on parking on Sundays because that space has rarely been needed for parking. Barring rainy weather, the complete project is expected to be complete in 3 weeks or roughly by Election Day, November 7th. During the week, there will occasionally be cones set out to define the work area, so please stay clear for your own safety. The roofers know that our primary entrance is the east entrance so they will ensure access to it is preserved. If you have any questions or concerns about the roofing project as it progresses, please direct them to Rick Schiller.

(MC cont.) always be looking for people with whom to share Jesus. Wherever you go, whatever you do, al-



ways be ready to give a testimony for the hope that lies within you.

You can't give anyone more than giving them Jesus!

So be NOT NORMAL,

and show that you know how important it is to share Christ while there's still time. God Bless Gary, his wife



Maxine, and all who work at or contribute to God's heart changing treasure which is Mission Central!

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Fall Clean-up at Church

Saturday, Oct. 14 turned out to be a fun and fruitful day as about 17 workers came to OSL to perform the fall ritual of cleaning off the outside landscaped areas and cleaning inside the church. Everyone got very busy doing jobs that needed to be done. It's good we don't all have the same talents or many tasks would have been left undone! Cooperation & teamwork of those present resulted in a very nice looking church and grounds for our visiting pastor, Pastor Jerry Doellinger and his wife to enjoy the following day, and for all of us to enjoy through the coming winter! Thanks to all who helped in any way to make such a successful day!





Christmas Light Display

The Care & Share committee recommended, and Voters approved the purchase of a lighted sign that features two doves on opposite ends of the words "Peace on Earth" to be included in the Maytag Park light display during the Christmas season. A small sign beneath this display will recognize the sponsor as Our Savior Lutheran Church. This sign will be purchased with Memorial funds pending approval from the families. Please look for the display when you drive through the park this December.



The ladies (and Steve!) gathered at church to assemble and pack LWR Kits (Lutheran World Relief). Many hands made quick work. 8 Baby Care Kits, 9 School Kits and 6 Fabric Kits were completed and Julie D. will deliver them to Des Moines on Oct 21, then they go to headquarters in Minneapolis and on to

their final destination overseas.

Thanks to all who participated.



2024 ELECTION OF OFFICERS



The election of officers for the 2024-2025 term was completed at the Annual Voters' Meeting on October 17th. Four officers presently serving on the Council were elected to new terms including Donita Huegel as Financial Secretary, Tim Huegel as Trustee, and Jerry Roby and Jary Boger as Elders. Steve Hartz will be stepping down from his position as Trustee after many years of service, but Kevin Hartz has volunteered to fill his father's vacated position. We thank Steve for his faithful service! The complete

list of officers on the Council for 2024 is as follows:

CONTACT LIST	Office	Phone	Term	Term Expires
Doug DeJong	President	515-230-9894	1st	2024
Jary Boger	Elder	641-840-0951	2nd	2025
Jerry Roby	Elder	515-210-8484	2nd	2025
Bob Bringolf	Chairman, Trustees	641-792-7460	2nd	2024
Carmen Sanders	Trustees	417-860-6102	2nd	2024
Tim Huegel	Trustees	641-831-3689	2nd	2025
Kevin Hartz	Trustees	515-215-0442	1st	2025
Deanna Ihde	Secretary	641-831-7033	2nd	2024
Sue Fortune	Treasurer	641-792-9303	1st	2024
Donita Huegel	Financial Secretary	319-330-5626	2nd	2025



Call Process Update

On October 4, the Call Committee received information on 10 of 17 pastors nominated by the congregation. An 18th nominated pastor has taken another Call since his name was submitted so he was withdrawn from our call consideration. The Call Committee is busy studying the information provided and plans to schedule a Call Meeting in mid-November to present the slate to voters.



Each voter will receive a printed copy of the pastoral summaries assembled by the Call Committee. Voters may make notes as they wish as each pastor is presented and questions are asked. These printed summaries must remain in the church building, so they'll be collected at the conclusion of each Call Meeting. They will be reissued at the next

Call Meeting if one is required along with new summaries for any pastors added to the slate. The Call Committee is obligated to publish the date for the Call Meeting in the bulletins at least two Sundays prior to the Call Meeting. As of this writing, the Call Committee anticipates the first Call Meeting will be in mid-November, but the exact date will be published as soon as it is available. Please make plans to attend as the participation of every voter is important to this process.



Salvation Army Newton Food Pantry Food Collection



On Sunday, Oct. 15, a free movie, **American Underdog**, was shown at the Capitol II Theater in Newton promoted by the OSL Care-And-Share organization and sponsored by Thrivent. Those attending had the opportunity to make a donation to the Newton Salvation Army Food Pantry of a food item or cash. OSL also had a food collection prior to the movie's showing. Fifty-eight individuals attended the movie about the Kurt Warner story. A total of 119 lbs. of food and \$75.50 of cash donations were delivered to the food pantry on Monday.



Shown delivering the food and money are Randy Ervin and Bob Bringolf. Receiving the donation is the manager of the food warehouse. Thanks to all who donated/participated.

