

Osakis Lutheran Church Action News September 2018



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Sunday Funday! "God's Work Our Hands!"

Sunday September 9th!

We have something for everybody! Please come to morning service and then lend a helping hand at one of our many service opportunities which we have organized. This is meant to be a fun social event while we do...That's right "God's Work Our Hands". And also when we are through we will provide a delicious light lunch in our fellowship hall. Please take a look at our sign up sheets in the narthex. This will help us plan how many projects we can get accomplished that morning of September 9th. If you do not get a chance to do so prior to this day, it is alright! We gratefully can plug you into any one of the project sites! It will just be Fun having you and your willingness to participate! See you all there on September 9th!

Church in Society

We are collecting supplies for putting together the Lutheran World Relief Kits and Global Health Ministry Kits on September 9th here at Church.

"God's Work Our Hands Sunday"

Bath Towels white and colored (new or gently used – need not be heavy weight)

Wash Cloths white and colored

Bath Size Bars of Soap Ivory and other brands (need more of the "other" brand than Ivory)

Cloth Diapers and Pins

Toothbrushes in original packaging – you can buy 6 to a package for less than individually packaged

Metal Nail Clippers

Pick Combs and Sturdy Combs

Newborn Infant Shirts or Kimono

Newborn Stocking Caps

Receiving Blankets (new or gently used)

Regular Band-aids

Jar or Tubes of Vaseline – smaller size 4 oz or so works best

Heavy Duty Kitchen Gloves

2 Gallon Ziploc Baggies

White Cotton Sheets for rolling bandages (can be gently used)

Thank You All in Advance!

Church in Society

News from the Education Committee

Pathfinders starts September 12th

Sunday School Rally Day and Backpack Blessing is September 16th, ELCA World Hunger for Sunday School offering

3rd Grade Bible Sunday is October 7th

Confirmation Sunday is October 28th

Christmas program will be December 16th

Pathfinders is transitioning into a 6th-8th grade program so there will be a spring Confirmation on April 7th.



Rich Reflections

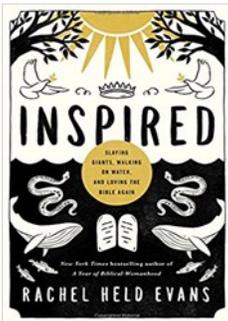
As I write this summer is winding down, the state fair and sweet corn season are in full swing, and school is about to begin. We live our lives in the various cycles—simultaneously tending to beginnings, middles, and ends. In the last few weeks we've had baptisms, weddings, and funerals to remind us of the cycles and circle of life. Trying to be fully present, or mindful, in the all moments of life can be a challenge.

In September's Gospel readings Jesus is helping us to see the value of the small and overlooked matters of life in the people he/we encounter/s. He is helping them and us to come to new understandings of what God truly desires for us. Sometimes we need to pay attention the big things in life, sometimes the little things right under our noses, and still other times we need moments to tend to what's on the inside—in our hearts and minds.

During the summer, with its long, light evenings, I try to get caught up on books that I've been wanting to read. It helps me tend to what's on the inside. I've read fun crime novels, a couple memoirs of public servants, and two books that help explore the cycles and changes in our faith.

Inspired is by Rachel Held Evans, a 35 year-old author, speaker and mother of two, who grew up Baptist. In asking hard questions of the Bible and church as she became an adult she didn't find satisfactory answers for herself until she doubted, explored and settled in the Episcopal church.

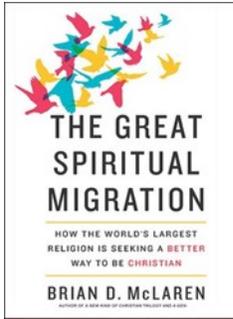
One of her questions was about a vindictive and violent God portrayed in parts of the Bible and the violence of the world accepted by the church.



“Finally, the last thing I know is this: If the God of the Bible is true, and if God became flesh and blood in the person of Jesus Christ, and if Jesus is ‘the revelation that culminated and supersedes all others,’ then God would rather die by violence than commit it. ...On the cross, Jesus

chose to align himself with victims of suffering rather than the inflictors of it.”

Brian McLaren who wrote *The Great Spiritual Migration* is a 61 year-old, pastor and father of four who grew up in the fundamentalist Plymouth Brethren. In seeking Jesus' way of love, versus the uncaring rules of religion, he is now travels in circles among Presbyterians, Lutherans, the Disciples of Christ and the like.



The Bible tells a story of humans on the move, ...Jesus himself was perpetually in motion leading his disciples from town to town, their physical movements mirroring their spiritual odyssey. His first words were ‘Follow me,’ and his final words were ‘Go into all the world.’ Jesus, we might say, was a migrant messiah, and the Bible is a book of migrations.”

McLaren goes on to show how in the Bible Jesus teaches love and human need are more important than rules, and how the church has (slowly) followed that direction in its migration.

“It will forever be true that for centuries Christianity taught people to believe that gay people were extraordinarily evil. Similarly, it will forever be true that for centuries Christianity taught people to believe women were inferior to men, and dark-skinned people were inferior to pale-skinned people; that the earth was in the center of the universe; that colonialism, slavery and apartheid were justified; that kings had a divine right to rule; and that irrational behaviors were the result of demonic possession. And it will be true that eventually most Christians stopped teaching these things.”

Martin Luther, 500 years ago, helped us (re)discover that the church is intended to be an ever-reforming presence of Christ in the world. It can be easy to admire the bold changes of Jesus and reformers from history. Still we as the church have struggled to keep from freezing the movement of the Spirit in the past.

I look forward to exploring how the Spirit has been helping us be inspired anew and migrate toward the call of Jesus... “Come follow me.”

Pr. Rich Fitzer

September Birthdays

- 2 Cassie Halbur
- 7 Richard Steinbeisser, Chad Redetzke
- 9 Anna Woidyla
- 10 Makayla Finnegan
- 11 Julie Strelow, Katelynn Strelow
- 12 Scott Triebenbach
- 14 Aria Kugel
- 15 Shari Laven, Anthony Garcia, Rob Engfer, James Gilbert
- 17 Joanne Eason, Tonya Malvin
- 19 Averie Mounsdon
- 20 Ryan Maddock, Jason Kreemer
- 22 Anthony Strelow
- 23 Hannah Lien
- 24 Richard Harth, Bradley Strelow, Issac Infanger
- 26 Arlene Ludwig, Julie Schoeck, John Ramey
- 28 Leroy Manders, Dean Johnsen
- 30 Penny Miller, Chris Grove, Brooklyn Vik



Monday Quilters

A great day! That was August 6th when we made 11 quilts, Carol brought in 4 and Sheila 1. On the 20th we made 4 quilts and Carol brought in 3.

We gave baptismal blankets to 3 baptisms in August.

Also 25 pairs of mittens were donated to St. Stephens in Minneapolis, a homeless center there.

Lil took 5 blankets to Life Connections.

Our sympathy to the family of Joyce Engstrand who passed away July 27. Her funeral was August 1st. She will be missed. Please remember Joyce, her family and friends in your prayers.



Rebekah Circle Minutes 8/14/18

Members present:

Ruby Maus, LaRayne Johnson, Sharon Kummrow, Janice Frank, Madlyn Manders, and Marlys Benson

Business:

LaRayne opened the meeting with a reading from Max Lucado's book Grace, "Just Pray."

We received a thank you from Barbara Berg for our memorial for Howard.

"Action News" was compiled by Mary Hunter, Loretta Becker, Ruby Maus, LaRayne Johnson, and taken to the Post Office by Jeremy Thorson.

We received the July statement from the bank. It balanced. We began the month with a balance of \$37.00. We added \$24.00 from our August 14th offering which gives us a balance of \$61.00. I will write a check to the OLCW after our September meeting. All the money collected for the Sunshine fund will be added to the \$19.00 which was removed in May so we could collect for the Kit Fund.

Our coffee time in August was an "Ice Cream Event." LaRayne brought ice cream and the rest of us brought toppings/fruit/cookies. A great time was had by all.

We have our hostess list set until the end of the year.

September—Sharon

October—Madlyn

November—Marlys

December—Christmas Tea

Our Bible Study for September is from Rick Warren's A Purpose Drive Life pages 203 How Temptation Works through 208 and all of chapter (day)27.

Think about what kind of study we should have after A Purpose Driven Life. Some suggestions are, but not limited to, women of the Bible, lesser prophets, and stories from the Gaither magazine. Please think about these topics and any others you think would be interesting.

Our next meeting will be on 9/11/18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Terrace Heights Lunchroom. We would love to have you spend that time with us. We have a lot of room!

September 2018

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2 8:45 a.m. Praise Team Practice 10 a.m. Worship with Communion 11 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	3 Labor Day	4 8 a.m. Sewing	5 6:30 p.m. Church Council	6 1 p.m. Bible Study @ Terrace Heights 2 p.m. Church in Society	7	8
9 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	10	11 9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle 2:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle @ Terrace Heights 7:30 p.m. Trustees meeting	12 5:45 p.m. Pathfinders—Orientation & ditch cleaning 7:00 p.m. Rachel Circle	13 1 p.m. Bible Study @ Terrace Heights	14	15
16 8:45 a.m. Praise Team Practice 10 a.m. Worship /Sunday School starts /Back pack Blessing 11 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	17 8 a.m. Sewing	18	19 5:45 p.m. Pathfinders—learning 7:30 p.m. Education Committee	20 10 a.m. Worship at CMH 1 p.m. Bible Study @ Terrace Heights	21	22
23 Action News Deadline 10 a.m. Worship with Communion Sunday School 11 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship	24	25	26 5:45 p.m. Pathfinders—learning	27 1 p.m. Bible Study @ Terrace Heights	28	29
30 10 a.m. Service of Healing Sunday School 11 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship						

Osakis Lutheran Church Council Meeting, Wednesday, August 1, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Present: Diane Zimmer, Gina Hoffarth, Nancy Exley, Paul Christensen, Kathy Ryan, Pastor Rich, Lil Ortendahl and Jerry Wiggins

President Elect Paul Christensen called the meeting to order.

Pastor Rich gave devotions.

Highs and Lows

President Jerry Wiggins arrived and continued the meeting. Lil Ortendahl motioned to accept minutes of the last meeting. Kathy Ryan 2nd. Approved.

Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer's report: Outstanding bills for July are \$3,777.51 plus August bills. July benevolences also need to be paid. Lil Ortendahl made a motion to take \$3,000 from Memorial Savings fund and transfer it to the general fund to help pay late bills. Paul Christensen 2nd. Approved. Paul Christensen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Gina Hoffarth 2nd. Approved.
2. Trustees' report: We discussed lawn care. The old stove in the basement kitchen is rusted through and will be taken out. A new Anderson window has been ordered to replace the broken one in the fellowship hall. Lil is doing the paperwork to get account and tax exempt status at Builders First Source. She is still waiting on permission from the city to have the light in the parking lot replaced. The alley light was replaced, free of charge. Lil added that she would like to see a refresher course with the defibrillator this fall. Also, Paul Christensen suggested a refresher on fire safety at the church, probably during fire safety week in October.
3. Pastor report: 3 funerals this month, 1 wedding, August 24th. Pathfinders getting organized. New Bible Study beginning at Terrace Heights.
4. CIS: August emphasis is on ELCA World Hunger (penny jar) and domestic violence. September 9th – "God's Work, Our Hands". The committee is still working on ideas and specifics for that day of service. Operation Bootstrap Africa – Marlys will be attending a meeting at First Lutheran in Alexandria regarding this year's walk.
5. Education: See attached minutes.
6. Worship: Next meeting will be before the end of August.

Next Council meeting is Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Kathy Ryan, Council Secretary

Operation Bootstrap Walk is on October 6th. Marlys Benson will give a Temple Talk on September 23rd.

We will have the penny jar on September 19th. Save your pennies!



Blessings to Kristen Rose Aramburu and Zoey Jane Aramburu who were baptized on August 26th. Their parents are Christopher Aramburu and Rebecca Downes.



Congratulations to Alexis Anderson and Parkers Betts who were married here at Osakis Lutheran on Friday August 24th. May God bless them as they start their new life together.

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***Osakis Lutheran Church
2018 Church Council***

President—Jerry Wiggins

Past President— Brent Werven

President Elect—Paul Christensen

Secretary—Kathy Ryan

Treasurer—Nancy Exley

Church in Society—Dianne Zimmer

Financial Secretary—Cindy Christensen

Deacons— Cindy Christensen

Education—Melanie Stier

Trustee— Lil Ortendahl

Worship—Pat Converse and Shelly Triebenbach

Youth— Jill Ramey

Stewardship—Mike Curtis

Ex Officio—Pastor Richard Fitzer

Church Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Closed Friday

The deadline for the bulletin is
Thursday at 9 a.m.

Church phone number 859-2350

To contact Pastor Rich:

Pastor Rich will typically be
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with Friday as his day off. His
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