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# THE SONSHINE

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

### “We’re Ready for You!”

A few short days ago I sat in the waiting room at my dentist's office. I had broken a tooth and lost a crown. Words like “root canal” and “tooth reconstruction” had been tossed around on the phone and now the door opened ... a sinking feeling overwhelmed me as the receptionist said, “Paul, we’re ready for you!” Ooooh...

Fortunately, the words, “We’re ready for you!” have a completely different effect here at OSLC! As we look to the exciting ministry opportunities that are ready to go this fall, we ARE ready for you! Ready with growth opportunities through a “life-changing” God, ready with volunteer opportunities that will impact hearts and lives for eternity, and ready with fellowship opportunities to touch the connections of your soul.

Here’s just a sample of what lies ahead for growing, serving and connecting opportunities here at OSLC this fall. Where do you fit?

- Sunday School (Nursery all the way through High School) – Young lives get connected with Jesus! It takes 20 caring people to give a quality program. Is this on your heart?
- K.F.C. – Our Wednesday night “Kid’s For Christ” program for kids up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Do you love laughter, crafts, music? The kids do! 15-18 people who care about a child’s spiritual future are needed! Is this where your heart is drawn?
- Confirmation Instruction – OSLC’s confirmation instruction for grades 7-9 is different than many. It involves study, service, and connection. Almost 50 students participate each year and for many it’s the first time they’re given an in depth exposure to

the Christian faith. How important is that? 23 willing volunteers are needed. Would impacting a young heart give you joy? We're ready for you!

- High School Youth Ministry – August is the prep-time for the fall High School events. Come fall, there's a regular Wednesday night High School gathering for friendship, fun, growth in the Christian life and growing together in the Word of God. The events that take place for this group can be life-changing, as our youth mission trips have shown. What would happen if there were 10-12 adults whose hearts were drawn to the spiritual growth of High School students? Is the Lord calling your heart? It might be time for you to get involved.
- OSLC's Adult Mission Team – Feb/March of 2010 up to 20 adults from OSLC will take a trip that will impact the poorest of poor in Mexico. Working with a local church, our mission team will build homes, deliver shoes, clothing, food and more to destitute families who have very few other options. In the process, the message of the Gospel finds a ready audience. How would you feel if you were the "very hands of Jesus" to someone in hopeless need? You see, we're ready for you!

That's just the start of what's ready to happen at OSLC this fall. I haven't even mentioned the start-up of small groups, the new Sunday morning Bible study topics, the "Family Life

Summit" happening with churches in the ND District, the launch of our fall "Foundations of Faith" class, the newly revamped "Discovery Series", or any of our music, worship or friendship opportunities! We're ready for you! We're ready for you to come, discover, to grow, to get involved in the life-changing work of God that happens here each week. Are you ready?

### **OSLC-Online**

**[www.oslc-minot.org](http://www.oslc-minot.org)**

Make sure you take a look at the redesigned web site for OSLC. Some parts are still under construction, but many more are up and ready to go! There's a wealth of information right there at your fingertips! A special thanks to Susan Ewert and Shana Erie for design and to Ken and Jolene Lewis for posting all the information, updates and more!

### **OSLC's Next Important Step!**

On Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, the membership of Our Savior Lutheran Church took another important step, giving the approval to seek out, and then to call an Assistant Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Ministries to serve at OSLC. Youth Ministry has been one of the congregation's strengths over the course of its 25 year history. While providing additional help with general pastoral ministry, this 'youth focused' pastor will continue this vital, youth focused part of our church's ministry!

Is this important? Perhaps there's no more important time than now! Consider the statistics. Or more importantly, consider what the statistics tell us about OUR CHILDREN right

now! Here's just a sample of what they say:

- 63% don't believe Jesus is the Son of God (This comes from a survey of kids who actually GO to church!)
- The largest consumers of internet porn are kids between the ages of 13 to 17 years old
- 1000 teens begin drinking each day in America
- 58% believe that all faiths teach equally valid truths
- 65% don't believe Satan is real
- Every day in America 8000 teens become infected with a sexually transmitted disease
- 51% don't believe that Jesus rose from the dead. (This too comes from a survey of kids who actually go to church! How can this be?)
- In America, 1106 teen girls have an abortion each day
- 135,000 kids bring a gun or a weapon to school on the average day in American schools
- Research shows that the odds of reaching an individual for Christ after 20 years of age are nearly 10 to 1

Wow! Think of the heartache! These are the things that your children and my children are facing each day! Is it any wonder that kids today, as author George Barna writes, feel as if they've been hung out to dry with "their feet firmly planted in thin air!"?

Perhaps there is no more important time to make this investment in our youth and young adults than right now. Author Steve Holt writes, "*We must rebuild*

*the foundations of our teen's faith within this generation or we will lose everything that we hold dear."* Author Josh McDowell adds, "*If we're going to reclaim the next generation, then the home and the church must join forces together like never before."*

I hope you'll agree with me that our kids need us! They need the best of us, and they need our commitment to growing their faith. I hope you'll also agree that this vital step, the calling of a 'specialist' to work with children, youth, young adults, and the ministries that serve them, as well as the volunteers that make them happen here at OSLC, is truly worth our time, energy, expense and effort. After 17 years as your Pastor, (Lord willing with many, many more to go!) I can think of no greater legacy to leave than to leave a legacy of strong, faith-filled, God directed, deeply committed youth and young adults who love Jesus and truly live changed lives! It's what's on my heart as we take this important step. I hope that it will be on your heart as well! Thank you for your support. Please lift this in prayer to our Lord.

### **The Call Process for Calling our Assistant Pastor**

- A Call Committee, representing a congregational cross-section, will be selected by OSLC's Board of Elders.
- The ND District President will be asked to present a list of names containing Pastors from the field who meet our criteria.
- The congregation, meeting in a special voter's assembly, will make the final

selection and extend a call to the person best suited for our need.

- The Called Pastor has the choice to accept or decline our call. Upon acceptance, he would begin as soon as possible. Upon declination, a new list of names is presented before the congregation for selection.

### **Hostfest Volunteers and OSLC Ministries**

Volunteers are soon needed for OSLC's food booths at the Norsk Hostfest. It's a fun way to "hang out" with your church family and take in the sights and sounds of the Hostfest. You'll get a free ticket into the festivities, and at the same time your volunteer efforts will benefit the ministries of your church. Last year more than \$3000 was given to OSLC Youth and Mission ministries! But without your help it won't happen. Young? Old? New to OSLC? Long time member? You can help, and have fun at the same time! We have a lot of shifts to fill so there is a place for you! You can contact Julie Krueger, 839-6498, or sign up for your shifts at the table in the Fellowship Hall following our worship services.

### **"I<sup>3</sup>" - The Personal Touch**

Are you an "I<sup>3</sup>" Christian? You might be. There are three things that you can do to help others come to know the great gift of salvation that is ours through Jesus Christ – Invest, Invite, Involve. I call this being an "I<sup>3</sup>" Christian. An "I<sup>3</sup>" Christian cares about people and is willing to:

- INVEST their life in the lives of others. You and I all have people we

know who hunger for someone who genuinely cares about them and their life. Having built a friendship, an "I<sup>3</sup>" Christian then;

- INVITES people to get to know Jesus. The easiest way to do this is to simply invite someone to join you for worship here at OSLC. The fall is all about invitation. Who can you invite? Understanding the transformational power of the Lord Jesus, an "I<sup>3</sup>" Christian then seeks to:
- INVOLVE that friend in something that gives eternal meaning. There are many small groups, volunteer ministries, care ministries, Bible studies and more happening at OSLC where a person's heart and life can be blessed.

It's a simple, but effective strategy for touching people's lives in a very personal way. It's what Jesus himself did! It's something that you and I can easily do as the fall approaches. Who can you become an "I<sup>3</sup>" Christian towards? It could be the most significant thing that ever happens in their life! The fall is filled with many opportunities for an "I<sup>3</sup>" Christian. Let's work together, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ behind us, to be a blessing to many people – within our doors and beyond!

Looking Forward With YOU!  
Pastor Krueger

## VICAR'S CORNER

The Lord has blessed us through the vicarage program with wonderful new friends, but it is so hard to say goodbye! Vicar Anders and Sarah Davidson made it safely to St. Louis for Anders' last year of seminary. We are anxiously waiting for news of the birth of their son. Have you guessed a date yet?

Their new address is:

Anders and Sarah Davidson  
7519 Weaver Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63143

We are also anxiously waiting for the arrival of our new vicar, Rick Jones and his wife, Betsy. Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> Rick will be installed at OSLC and will officially begin his duties. You'll have a chance to meet both Rick and Betsy following our services that day, with our "official welcome" happening in a BIG way on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. As a part of our "Blast-off to Fall" we'll be slow-cooking turkeys on "The World's Most Dangerous Spit" for a noon meal here at the church. It will be our Sunday School, and fall programs "Kick-Off", but it will also be an opportunity to meet both Rick and Betsy and welcome them to our church family.

## MUSIC BEAT SMALL GROUP AND VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

### Music Ministries

Worship is a beautiful opportunity to recognize God's greatness, ask for repentance, and reflect gratefulness for God's mercy and grace. As I am writing this article, Mark Haugen is at the National Worship Leaders Conference in Leawood, Kansas. I am so excited to find out what kinds of ideas and inspirations he will bring back to further enhance our worship services. He will be attending sessions on sound/recording, working with a worship band, songwriting and many other essentials for our worship services. The guest speakers, workshop presenters and worship bands in attendance at this conference are absolutely top notch. I know Mark was honored to be asked, and I appreciate Mark taking the time to attend.

We've got some exciting special musical guests coming up:

- August 16<sup>th</sup> - Zelda Nera
  - September - JulieAnn Smith, harpist
  - Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> - Copperstreet Brass Quintet
- And how grateful we are that we have so many gifted musicians right here in our midst at OSLC who serve willingly and cheerfully! Just in July, thank you to: Karen Atwood, Pastor Krueger, Lori Walker, Ed Haugen, Mark Haugen, Van Tvedt, Nathan Hance, Dave Niess, Amber Yates and Nicole Tvedt. God truly works through each one of you!

### **Small Group Ministries**

We have some exciting new opportunities coming up for your own spiritual growth. You will soon be hearing a lot more about these renewing gatherings that will be held here at the church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. Together we will learn more about how to grow in discipleship, leadership, parenting and so much more! Keep your eyes and ears open and be ready to be a part of these uplifting sessions!

### **Volunteer Ministries**

I don't know about you, but I've really missed seeing those greeters before our worship services. Where are they? Well, they're still around and they're still willing to serve, but we are missing a key person for this ministry. The Greeter Team does not have a contact person – the person who calls the volunteers and schedules them for specific Sunday services. Could you be this person? You are needed! Give me a call if you could serve in this way. My phone number at church is 852-6404. Think about it, pray about it, would you?

In His service,  
Bonnie Rennich

Director of Music and Congregational  
Ministries

“My purpose is that they be encouraged  
in heart and united in love . . . in order  
that they may know Christ.”

Colossians 2:2

This is an exciting time of year with much going on as we are preparing for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Sunday School and KFC programs are being planned and we have a number of volunteers ready to serve. We are planning a special start to this year – so keep your eyes open for the opportunity to join in the fun!!

We are sad to announce that VBS will not be held this fall. With illness of some volunteers and other issues, a quality program would not be able to be provided – so we will focus on doing the program well in 2010.

### **Sunday School**

We are pretty well set for Sunday School for the fall (1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday School is September 13<sup>th</sup>), but we do need help with a couple areas:

1. Preschool: 4 to 5 year olds have a lot of energy and are eager to learn. We need a teacher and a helper to teach and show the love of God to these children.
2. 1 – 2 people to help count attendance and offering each Sunday would be beneficial. If we have 2 people, the duty could be split so one person would be responsible for the duty each Sunday.
3. Another area is the opening of Sunday School—someone who loves music, drama or leading devotions would be a great asset to

the team. Even one Sunday a month would help!

*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

*Proverbs 22:6*

A Sunday School teachers meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are volunteering, we will go over guidelines – curriculum – classrooms and students lists.

Gayle Balster  
Board of Education Chair

### **KFC (Kids for Christ)**

Board of Education members:  
Joan Hance, Joyce Goodvin,  
Gayle Balster

Quite a bit of help is needed for the KFC program. This is a chance for you to share your love of God with the children of OSLC. The program is tentatively set to start September 16<sup>th</sup>. Also tentative is a KFC volunteer meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The areas we need help with KFC are:

## **FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH**

Not pouring rain while packing the vans or big winds and chilly weather could ruin the spirits of 27 enthusiastic participants plus Waldo at Sonshine Festival 2009.

1. A director – someone who is good at organizing, leading and encouraging others
2. Teachers / helpers – to teach the lessons from the “Hands on Bible” curriculum. We will need at least 8 people to help in this area.
3. Snacks – 1 – 2 people to purchase (KFC has budget for this) and prepare snack each Wednesday
4. Games / Music - someone to help do the games and music for all children in KFC
5. Crafts – a time for each age group to do a simple craft—2 volunteers would be helpful for this area

Sonshine Festival SWAT team prepared activities for the ride down, prepared menus, food lists, borrowed tents and cook stoves, but we were not prepared for the unusual weather and the great attitude, enthusiasm and hope for sun that the group had. Some of the unique things that happened were:

- packed the vans in pouring rain which did not dampen the Sonshine Team
- put up tents in high winds which took a great team effort
- wore many layers of clothes to keep warm while we were at the festival and to sleep in

Please stop me at church or give me a call (837-0355) if you have questions on any of these volunteer opportunities. I would love to talk to you.

Some of the greatest moments had nothing to do with music such as:

- sitting in circles of lawn chairs and laughing, talking and hanging out
- relaxing and reading a book before your next concert

## LHLH CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

- Kiera found Waldo who wanted to be part of our group and was a wonderful help
- dressing and doing hair in a creative fashion
- sharing the hope of seeing the sun and warmer temperatures tomorrow
- appreciating and thanking God for the little things we have back home that are convenient, but often overlooked such as strong walls that require no extra staking, plug-ins for I pods, cell phones and curling irons, flushing toilets, etc.

Autographs of the musical artists, handshakes and free hugs, picture taking, shopping in an arena of Christian merchandise and hearing 75 different artists with so many different styles of Christian music all made the trip so awesome! My favorite is always singing the praise songs with 25,000 people during the News Boys concert.

Thank you to the SWAT team that planned the event, Karla Yates for keeping track of the money, a big thank you to the people we borrowed camping gear from and the wonderful enthusiastic participants.

Where will you be next July 14 -17, 2010? **Sonshine! Sonshine! Sonshine!**

In HIS service,  
Candice Saunders

“It seems God chooses not to call the equipped, but to equip the called.”

This statement jumped off the page of my August edition of Guidepost Magazine and directly into my heart just as words from the Bible often do. I've come to know this is the Holy Spirit speaking to me, uplifting me, directing me. And so, I pay attention! How has God equipped me to continue HIS work through Little Hands, Loving Hearts Child Development Center?

Just a few weeks ago we learned of our acceptance as a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. This was fantastic news in that it allows us to apply for the remainder of our start-up funds through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund! We are currently in that process and “equipped” with assistance from Bill Sharpe, our District Executive Director.

The LHLH CDC Board of Directors continues to meet monthly to “equip” our program and is prepared to kick into over-drive for the final push toward a projected fall opening. Their steadfast faithfulness has been such a support to me, and my family, as we transition.

God has provided delightful and helpful volunteers through Community Options, Inc. and congregation member, Beth Feist McHenry, the program director. These young adults have dedicated hours to cleaning, sorting, and labeling toys to equip our classrooms.

In closing, as back-to-school preparations are made at your home, as you decide to complete that home or garden project, or even as you go about your everyday shopping, please remember that using SCRIP to make your purchases can further "EQUIP" LHLH CDC. Stop by our table in the fellowship hall and visit with our friendly volunteer to purchase, pick-up, or learn more about this wonderful program. We're open after every service each Sunday. All proceeds go toward funding Little Hands, Loving Hearts Child Development Center, an outreach mission ministry of Our Savior Lutheran Church. You'll all be invited to our annual "Patty-cake" Pancake Breakfast and Book Sale in the fall also! God bless you all!

Forward in faith,  
Terry Voeller, CDA  
LHLH CDC Director

## SEWING DISCIPLES

We will be meeting the last Monday of the month, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. We have lots of quilt tops ready to tie!

We would LOVE to have some new faces (and hands!) join us for this wonderful mission opportunity. You do not need to know how to sew!! It is a wonderful time of fellowship as we "tie" for approximately 2 hours and then we enjoy a sack lunch together before going home. Do you have a couple hours to spare? We may not be able to change the

whole world, but we can make a difference one family at a time!

School supplies are now on sale! If you would like to help with our school kits, the following are items that we need:

Spiral Notebooks  
Blunt Scissors  
Ruler (with centimeters)  
Pencil Sharpener  
2½" Eraser  
Construction Paper

We do NOT need pencils or crayons at this time. Items may be dropped off at the church office. Thank you!

## AUGUST USHERS

**8:30 a.m.**

Archie Zahursky  
Jack Stack  
David Krueger

**9:45 a.m.**

**Ushers Needed!!**

**11:00 a.m.**

Michael Orvik  
Steve Coyle  
John Walker

**If you are willing to serve in this vital area of ministry, PLEASE call the church office at 852-6404 and let Peggy know or sign up on the "Usher Sign Up" sheet hanging on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 1 Matthew Spaulding  
Aug. 2 Kristy Hanson  
Halle Mattson  
Aug. 3 Roxanne Whorley  
Michael Chester  
Brenda Orvik  
Barrett Hulse  
Easton Thompson  
Seth Rice  
Aug. 4 Chanda Klug  
Brittany Rosin  
Aug. 5 Kurt Hauf  
Wyatt Heizelman  
Aug. 6 Kolee Boser  
Aug. 8 Tammy Ness  
Aug. 10 Leon Vollmer  
Angela Vera  
Jesse Ramirez  
Aug. 11 Shelby Ring  
Cutter Koetter  
Aug. 12 Brent Podoll  
Sarah Meyers  
Meghan Detlaff  
Aug. 14 Brenda Ott  
Hannah Bechtold  
Sarah Willoughby  
Bailey Uleberg  
Aug. 15 Jolene Lewis  
Dustin Schell  
Calvin Wanner  
Aug. 16 Jodi Krueger  
Teresa Lem  
Christa Steinke  
Amber Zolondek  
Aug. 17 Anders Davidson  
Tawnee Potts  
Alexys Smith

Eve Tooley  
Aug. 18 Wayne Schumaier  
Darcy O'Connor  
Karoline Gessner  
Dillan Hahn  
Abbie Christianson  
Aug. 19 Scott Meyers  
Seth Vetter  
Nathan Vetter  
Aug. 20 Angeline Wenzel  
Lynn Amundson  
Jeremy Benjamin  
Kedrin Armenta  
Violet Demars  
Olivia Demars  
Aug. 21 Jonathon Anderson  
Christopher Benno  
Aug. 22 Nathan Schweitzer  
Adrienne Vollmer  
Aug. 23 Brandi Koetter  
Aug. 24 Lisa Olson  
Lavetta Melchert  
Aug. 25 Ione Ross  
Kaycee Urness  
Aug. 26 Morton Kent  
Todd Wegenast  
Ricky Melchert  
Kimberly Poppinga  
Eric Poppinga  
Christine Schriock  
Aug. 27 Debra Tangen  
Paul Dodd  
Tracy Rosin  
Aug. 28 Merle Zander  
Bryan Stein  
Tyson Tooley  
Kya Williams  
Aug. 30 Vail Jensen  
David Hance  
Aug. 31 Philip Nelson  
Brent Schonauer  
Sierra Erdman

Happy Birthday and God's richest blessings to each of you! If your birthday is not listed, or if the date is incorrect, PLEASE call the church office and let me know!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Aug. 2 Regan & Nancy Graham  
Aug. 2 Paul & Chanda Klug  
Aug. 4 Gabriel & Rayanna Temples  
Aug. 6 Todd & Paula Mikkelson  
Aug. 8 Paul & Heather Polsfut  
Aug. 8 Rick & Shelly Faul  
Aug. 11 Gail & Rhonda Schmidkunz  
Aug. 11 Brent & Kristina Weber  
Aug. 12 Chris & Tammi Benno  
Aug. 14 David & Jennifer Alexander  
Aug. 16 Jonathon & Tonya Anderson  
Aug. 18 Erik & Heather Klug  
Aug. 19 Darrell & Clarice Bernsdorf  
Aug. 19 Kevin & Robin Forbes  
Aug. 24 Jeff & Debra Buller  
Aug. 24 Aaron & Randi Jung  
Aug. 25 Kelly & Roxann Hayhurst  
Aug. 26 Brent & Michelle Schonauer  
Aug. 28 Michael & Denice Bachmeier  
Aug. 29 John & Dorothy Kerr  
Aug. 30 John & Barb Bethel  
Aug. 30 Alphonse & Candy Fleck  
Aug. 31 Harold & Angela Marten  
Aug. 31 Donovan & Mandy Womack

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Serving Away From Home**

Nicole Raney

Scott Howe  
Matthew Schmitz  
Chad Schell

## Health Difficulties

Myrtle Bachmeier  
John Bethel  
Vicki Carstens (former member)  
Evelyn Hildebrand  
Warren Howe  
Delia McLain  
Ray Mertz  
Marilyn Nelson  
Donna Richard  
Sue Saltsman  
Clara Schell  
Don Simonson  
Jean Tohm  
Carol Tribitt  
Doug Voeller  
Archie Zahursky

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING AVERAGES

### *Attendance:*

June Average: 290

July Average: 251

### *Offering (General Fund):*

June Average:

\$5,748.29/Week

Designated Fund Average:

\$377.75/Week

July Average:

\$5,548.62/Week

Designated Fund Average:

\$43.75/Week

FROM THE  
CHURCH RECORDS

## **Baptisms**

**July 19, 2009**

**Gavin Isaiah Tobey**

Son of Channing Tobey  
and Brittany Erdman

**July 20, 2009**

**EllaLynn May Marquart**

Daughter of Travis and Diana Marquart

**July 26, 2009**

**Keith Von Alan Klug**

Son of Erik and Heather Klug

## **Wedding**

**July 3, 2009**

**Thad Manuwal and Amanda Rice**