THE NEW SENSE

The Monthly Newsletter

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MAY 2016

WEAR RED SUNDAY....Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 10:45 a.m.
Combined Service!

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place..." (Acts 2:1) Read on. After that brief statement, *"...all heaven breaks loose!"* (my words, not Luke's)

Phrases like "violent wind" and "tongues as of fire" simply made the experience one for the ages! The phenomenon of people being able to talk in the language of their ancestry (this wasn't gibberish – it was understandable languages by many who were gathered that day) would be emblazoned on their hearts and in their memories forever!

The day of Pentecost had been predicted by Jesus (see John 14:15-17, 26). Could it even be that Jesus' cousin, John, predicted this wonderful day in Matthew 3:11? **"...I baptize you with water for repentance, but One who is more powerful than I is coming after me. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire..."**

Jesus would clarify things a little better in John 14 when He would assure His friends, **"...I will not leave you orphaned..."** (vs. 18)

This month is a special time for OSLC. The Council has approved suggestions from the Worship and Music Committee – and I concur totally – that we have a week of honor for the youth of OSLC. On Sunday, May 8, we will offer first communion to eight children. We will have one service at 10:45 a.m. to acknowledge this experience for them and for their families. It will also be "Youth Sunday" with our young people taking a major role in the liturgy of this Holy Communion worship! Please be willing to come and celebrate.

(As is our tradition of the last few years) on Sunday, May 15, Pentecost Sunday, we will also have a one-service Sunday to commend and acclaim the experience of the first Pentecost, with Connor Hall affirming his baptism during this service. This will be followed with the WELCA's annual Pentecost Tea - a wonderful occasion for fellowship.

So, let us join together especially on May 8 and May 15 and give thanks to God for His goodness, and, to praise the gift of youth! On Pentecost, which is also a tradition here, wear something *red* – symbolic of the fire of the day, that which adorned the hearts and minds of so many that first Pentecost. God bless you in every good way.

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Jim

New Members?

Pastors Ed and Jim are interested in meeting with anyone who has an interest in OSLC. We would love to sit down with all potential new members and help you get acclimated with this new family!

Speak to us if you would to meet soon!

Council Highlights + April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Ed opened the meeting with devotions

$2,001.26 was raised for our Lenten project "Kathy's BFF (for Breast Cancer support)."

Appreciation and thanks was given to the "High Road Sunday School Class" for their support of this year's Easter Egg Hunt, and "Dreamscapes" Landscaping Company for their good work on our church yard.

Approval of Monthly Reports and Minutes was given.

Council approved May 8 and 15 as "one-service Sundays" to highlight our youth. May 8 will be "Youth Sunday" and First Communion for 8 children; May 15, Pentecost Sunday, will be to recognize Connor Hall and his "Affirmation of Baptism" (the Rite of Confirmation).

A plan has begun for a small garden just outside the office door in memory of Marjene Chapman.

Council decided to pursue the repair of the chancel organ instead of pursuing the replacing of the organ.

Council will be offering back to the Vision Team and the Property Committee in May the "Top Three" plans of action for the initial renovation of the building. They are: (1) make the church totally handicapped; (2) do a necessary office overhaul/improvement/updates (including computers and phone system); (3) make the basement/downstairs bathrooms more "child friendly" for PDO.

We will be collecting information for our new database for the "One Call" messaging system that we hope to start soon. Jay Stafford will have a card design soon for us to distribute amongst the congregation.

Council chose to give $2,000 from the Stafford-Bell Memorial Fund (a fund for those pursuing theological careers) to Mr. David Holland. Pastor Jim will contact him about how to appropriately send this to his seminary to help with his debts. (Yes, even seminary students incur debt!)

Dr. Tedd Stephens, Pastors Jim and Ed will be the voting delegates at the 2016 SE Synod Assembly, in Birmingham, AL, May 27-239, 2016.

It was approved to proceed setting up a "Search Team" to find a new Office Manager. The team is: Marcy Aaroen, Nick, Arredondo, Carolynn Bailey, Joni Cannon, Mitch King.

Pastor Ed is interviewing different companies to assist us with the office updates that are drastically needed. He hopes to report back to council very soon.

Recently had to replace the "daily copier" (dry copier) because parts were no longer available. Council also approved for Pastors Jim and Ed to pursue the purchase a new Risograph (copier used for larger projects like bulletin and newsletters) when she "finally goes out" – she also is on her "last legs" where parts are no longer available. Council was reassured that there is money in the budget to cover these needed expenses.

We had to also pay $5,500 for new H/AC units that were in need of replacement.

"Security for Faith Based Organizations" Program offered at Boone's Creek Christian Church will be attended by 8-9 people from OSLC.

Tammy Crawford has requested to be off on Mother's Day (May 8th) and for Sunday, August 21. We will be searching for volunteers for those days!

Closed the meeting with praying the Lord's Prayer.

Youth and Family Ministry

The Underground

The Underground Huddle, for our students in 6th -12th grades, meets on Wednesday nights. During our Huddle times we check-in on what's going on in life, and have some in-depth bible study/discipleship learning time. We've also been known to play a few games.

- **May 4th** - Dinner at 6 p.m., Huddle from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **May 11th** - Dinner at 6 p.m., Huddle from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **May 18th** - Dinner with the congregation for Feed the Souls at 6 p.m., Huddle from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **May 25th** – Dinner 6 p.m., Huddle from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Affirm (Summer Camp with students from across our Southeastern Synod) Registration is now open. You can register via the Southeastern Synod Youth website: www.sesyouth.org. Everyone who has completed 6th – 12th grades is eligible to go! See Pastor Ed for details. To register for Affirm, go to www,sesyouth.org.

WOW URBAN MINISTRY

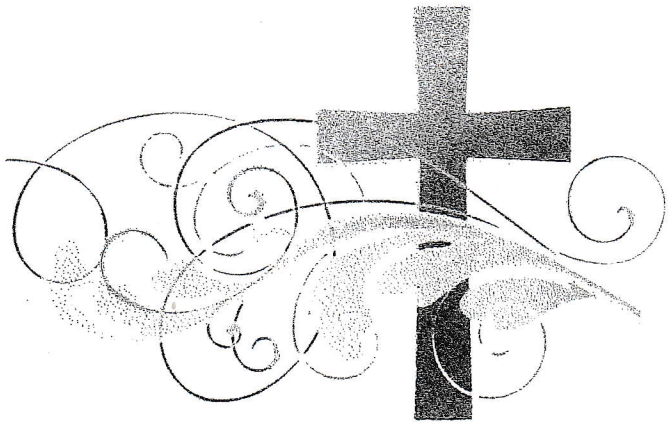
WOW, (Win Our World), is an urban mission ministry experience in the heart of downtown Knoxville. It is a mission trip - but so much more! Youth Groups from across the region come to St. John's Lutheran Church to participate in five days of faith formation, leadership development activities and hands-on mission work with the homeless and less-fortunate folks in our neighborhood. It's an incredible opportunity for growth in our faith, our leadership, to serve others - and to have a lot of fun! To learn more about WOW and how to get involved please contact the Ministry Team, at 865.809.2405, or info@urbanministry.org or visit their website at www.sjlcknox.org/ministries/wow.aspx

LUTHERIDGE

We are also only a 1 ½ hours away from one of the greatest Lutheran Outdoor Camps in the world – Lutheridge. Lutheridge offers a wide variety of summer camps for all school age youth. To learn more about their many summer opportunities visit www.lutheridge.com

If you are interested in going to Affirm , WOW, or Lutheridge, contact Pastor Ed. Our Saviour wants to help you fund your faith forming experience.

Christian Education



Celebration Sunday

We will gather together on Sunday, May 22, to celebrate the closing of another successful Sunday School year. Please join us at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall as we recognize all of the hard-working people who have made this year possible. Our Sunday school classes will compete in our annual Kids vs. Grown-ups Bible Jeopardy and enjoy root beer floats.

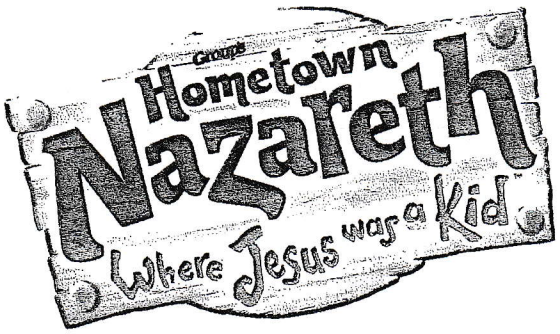
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Upcoming Events

May 8
Youth Service &
First Communion

May 15
Confirmation

May 22
Celebration Sunday



Join us Sunday, June 12, through Thursday, June16, for our annual Vacation Bible School. We will be transforming our church into the village of Nazareth in order to study what Jesus's life might have been like as a child. Please watch the Christian Education bulletin board for sign-ups and volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions, see Sean Golden or Marcy Aaroen.

VBS News

Dates: Sunday, June 12, through Thursday, June 16

Time: 5:00-8:00 p.m. (light dinner included)

If you are planning on your child(ren) attending, please check out the Christian Education bulletin board in the main hallway. We have registration sheets that can be filled out and left in the envelope. Early registration makes it easier for us to shop for our tribe members.

We have several opportunities for volunteers who would be willing to share their time as well as those who would be willing to share their treasures. If you have some time to spare and would like to witness the faith of our youngest church members, consider volunteering for the week or even a day. You will definitely come away from the week with a renewed enthusiasm for the workings of the church. We need adults to help in the kitchen, on the playground, and in our marketplace (supervising the kids as they make body scrub, pot herbs, and make jewelry/toys).

We are also in need of donations if you would be willing to share your treasure in this outreach event. We are in need of all size of EMPTY tissue boxes for decorating purposes. These can be left in the collection bin in the hallway. We also have sign-up sheets on the Christian Education bulletin board in the main hallway for other items we need. It is difficult to run Vacation Bible School without the generosity of our church members.

If you have any questions, please contact Sean Golden or Marcy Aaroen.

Musings from the Organ Bench

My Dear OSLC Family:

Here's a little "quiz" for you regarding the hymns during Holy Communion. Ready? Thinking caps on? Here goes. (Please check those you think apply.)

____1. We have hymns during communion so that the noise from people going to and from the altar rail will be masked.

____2. We have hymns during communion because the choir needs something to do.

____3. We have hymns during communion so that the organist earns her pay.

____4. We have hymns during communion so that members can meditate.

____5. We have hymns during communion so that we might get our minds and hearts in sync with God's incredible love – manifested physically through the sharing of the Holy Meal.

Well, if you checked #1, #2, or #3 you need to schedule a time to talk with our pastors. (Haha – I really didn't think you would check those.)

If you checked # 4 you are getting closer to the "truth" but I offer you #5 as the "correct" answer.

Please **SING** the hymns during communion. Okay – so you feel alone – but if everyone sings, that will not be an issue.

Now I do take reality checks occasionally so I know that not everyone will sing the communion hymns. I suggest that even if you don't sing them, open your hymnal and **read the lyrics**! You will find that the words have deep meaning and relevance. Eric Routley, inspiring British churchman, lecturer, teacher, and composer, offers to us that the hymnal stands a little lower than the Bible. When going to hospital, Routley shares that many Brits take their hymnals for solace and comfort.

How about it? Give it a try for a few Sundays and let me know what you think.

Loving You in Christ,

Carolynn

PRIME TIMERS May 4, 11 a. m. in the Church library. Lunch at Logan's. Make reservations with Berla Smith (282-0508).

Gentle Reminders: If you turn a light on for a meeting, etc., please turn it off. If you make coffee, please turn the coffee machine off when you leave. Treat your church like you do your home and we will all benefit. Thanks!

If you are going to be out of town for an extended period of time, please let us know and we will hold your New Sense. We've received many back this year and we have to pay for them **twice**! Thanks!

Remember to wear red to church on Pentecost, May 15.

RKS & RECREATION COED CHURCH EAST LEAGUE

1. GRACE FREEWILL BAPTIST 4. GRAY UNITED METHODIST
2. OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN 5. HIGHLANDS FELLOWSHIP
3. BETHLEHEM STARS 6. GRANDVIEW CHRISTIAN

ALL CITY PARKS ARE TOBACCO-FREE
ALL GAMES PLAYED ON WINGED DEER PARK FIELDS 1 AND 2

MON-WDP 1	MON-WDP 2
WEEK OF MAY 2	6:30 XX 1-4
7:30	2-6 3-5
8:30	1-2 3-4
9:30	5-6 XX
WEEK OF MAY 9	6:30 XX 1-5
7:30	6-3 5-2
8:30	1-3 4-2
9:30	6-4 XX
WEEK OF MAY 16	6:30 XX 1-6
7:30	3-5 1-4
8:30	2-6 4-5
9:30	2-3 XX
WEEK OF MAY 23	TOURNAMENT STARTS

Chance Johnson's New Address:

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WELCA NEWS

HEALTH KITS: Thanks to everyone who contributed and/or helped assemble the Health Kits last month. Your efforts are much appreciated!

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet on Monday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Trudy Blackmer, 160 Raven Court, Telford TN. The next lesson from ***Healing: God's Forgotten Gift*** by Dr. David Stewart will be presented.

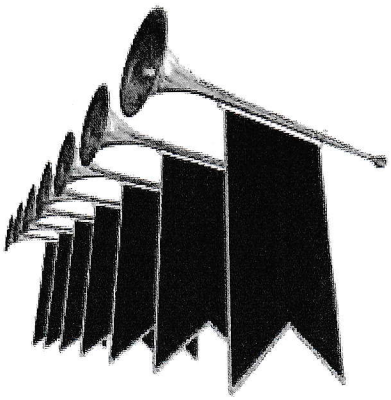
KATIE CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. in the Church library. The next lesson from the Bible study ***Embraced by God*** will be presented.

LOOK REMINDER!

The annual WELCA Retreat, "Garden Getaway," will be held at the Neas' Farmhouse in Parrottsville on Saturday, July 9, 2016. Watch the WELCA bulletin board for more information and to register for this special retreat.

WELCA is no longer collecting Campbell soup labels or other merchandise coupons.

Cover girls meet the 2nd and 4th Monday beginning in May and through August.



There are people in our church who shun the limelight and quietly carry out their ministries. BUT if they were not doing them, there would be a big and terrible gap in service. This month we highlight ***Patty Sorenson and her fine crew***, who each month serve many people at the Melting Pot. If you are ever here when Patty is cooking, you will salivate. The food she serves is top quality, yummy good! **Blessings Patty and all who help her!**

May Products of the Month: Family Promise

For the next two months, we have designated **Family Promise** (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) as our agency to receive donations. Family Promise sponsors a network of churches, volunteers and community members to assist homeless families with children. Through **Family Promise**, families can remain together while addressing the challenges confronting them to obtain housing. Families receive counseling and assistance to address their particular needs. Visit their website at: www.familypromise.org.

When a family leaves the program and goes to an apartment or a house, they need products to clean and "fix up" their new home. They also need personal items such as deodorant, soap, tooth paste, toilet paper, etc. As the OSLC family, let's put together 3 laundry baskets filled with items to start their homes. Two baskets will be in the narthex and one in the fellowship hall. Let's see if we can give three families a boost and love with a gift from OSLC.

Food Pantry

Always needed items are:

Crackers	Peanut butter	Cereal
Macaroni & cheese	Spaghetti sauce	Spaghetti
Soup	Canned fruit	Rice
Dry beans	Jello	Raisins
Cornbread	Cookies	Apple sauce
Canned veggies	Canned meat	

Blood Drive for April was cancelled due to sickness among the Marsh staff. The next blood drive will be on Family Night (Feed the Souls) in June. Watch the June newsletter for details.

We have signs for your yard. The **Re-Store of Habitat** will be coming this summer and we want to spread the word. They are in the office. **Please take one!**

Melting Pot
Wednesday April 13
153 meals served

Parish Nurse Happenings in May

Psalm 118:24- This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!!!

- **May 10: Educational presentation on Heart Disease and valve replacement**- Tuesday @ 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Heart healthy snacks will be provided. Speaker: Janey Owens MSN,CCRN,NP-C; Heart Valve Clinic coordinator at JCMC.
- **May 10: - Friends in Grief** OSLC library. 10:00-11:00am
- **May 24: - Friends in Grief** will meet for lunch at 11:45am. Place TBA.
- **May 15: Blood pressures** will be taken free to anyone who wishes to have their blood pressure checked. Very important and encouraged to do so!!!

Ministries in Motion:

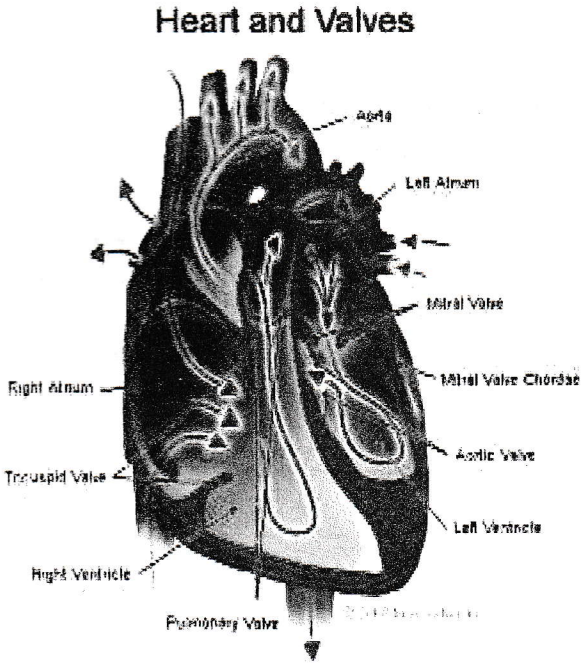
- **May 21**: ***Holy Yoga & essential oils*, educational/instructional seminar;** Saturday from 2pm-4pm in fellowship hall.
- **Thursdays: 6:30 pm YOGA** meets in the OSLC youth room. If you have a yoga mat, please bring it with you.
- **Fridays: Walk/Talk** 10:00-11:00 am. Devotion, prayer, "joke of the week" and **Chair Yoga** in the fellowship hall.
- **"Care" Bears** are available to take to a family member, friend or anyone in need of extra tender loving care from OSLC. Please use this outreach ministry to touch hearts!

Heart Disease is a leading cause of death in both men and women. Johnson City Medical Center provides services to our communities to prevent or help control this catastrophic life-changing disease.

Janey Owens MSN, CCRN, NP-C has graciously offered of her time to come educate our congregation on procedures provided at the Heart Valve Clinic at JCMC. She is the Valve Clinic Coordinator at this facility. Heart healthy snacks will be provided. OSLC Fellowship Hall; Tuesday, May 10, 2016 @ 6:30 pm.

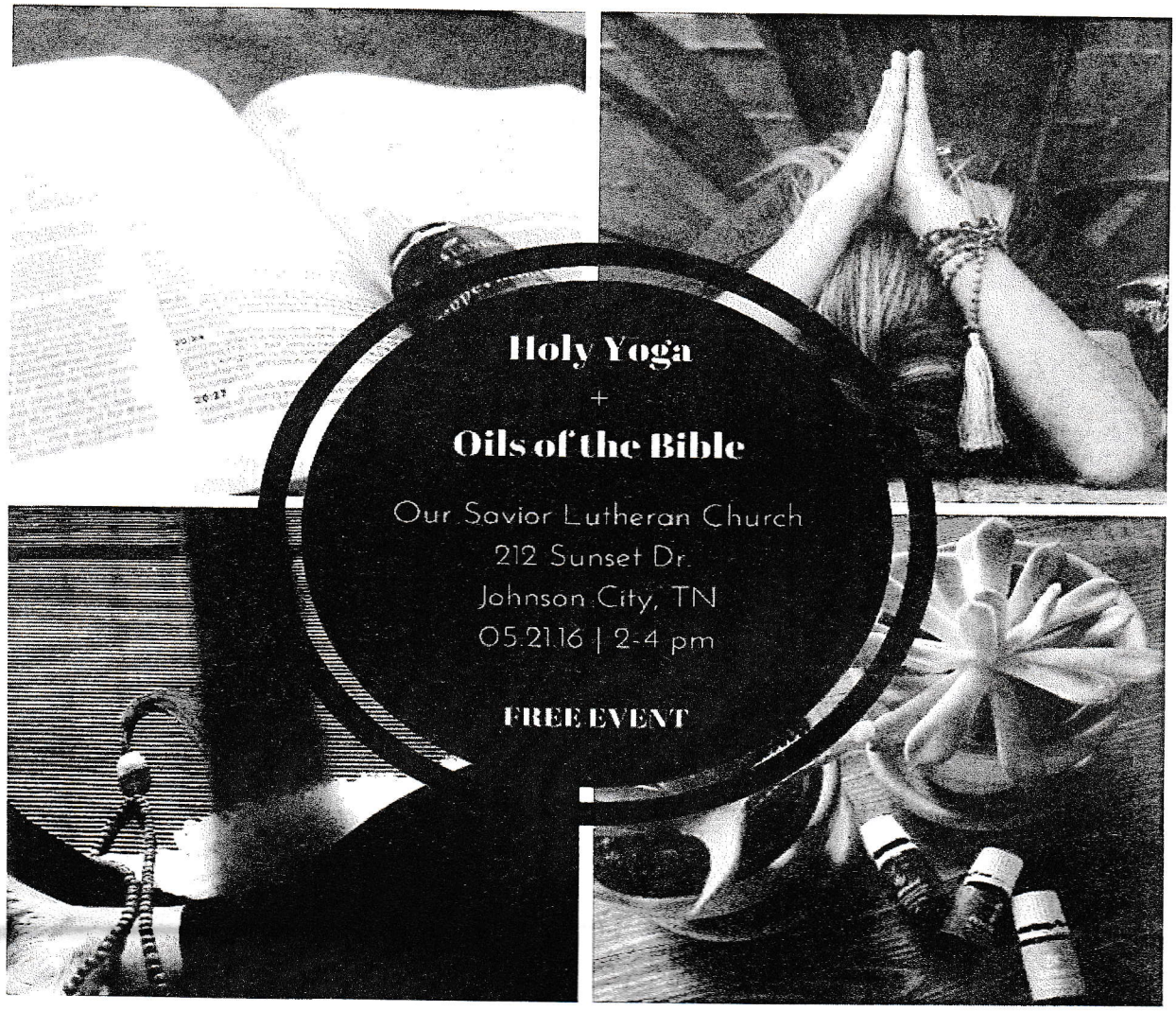
Congestive heart failure (CHF) is a condition in which the heart's function as a pump is inadequate to meet the body's needs. Many diseases can impair the pumping efficiency of the heart.

Aortic stenosis is abnormal narrowing of the aortic valve caused by many conditions. When the narrowing impedes blood flow from the left ventricle to the arteries, heart problems develop.



EMPOWERING WHOLENESS

CONNECT TO GOD THROUGH HIS WORD, WORSHIP, AND WELLNESS



WHEN: May 21, 2016; 2:00-4:00 PM
WHERE: OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH (fellowship hall; use back entrance)
CONTACT: Melissa Malenda, RN, OSLC Parish Nurse (276-210-4670)
PLEASE BRING YOUR YOGA MAT

GUEST SPEAKERS/INSTRUCTORS

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Join us for a free event to learn about integrating scripture, healing oils and prayer/meditation into a yoga practice and your everyday lives. The spiritual disciplines of yoga, prayer and meditation and the use of essential oils are ancient practices that are confirmed by science as important tools for health and wellness. Come experience the benefit of gentle movement, worship and aromatherapy for a natural lift to your Saturday afternoon! **COME EARLY TO SIGN IN AND GET SETTLED (DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 PM)**

You Take the High Road and...

The "High Road" Sunday School class (5th grade and up) have some fun events planned (usually on the evenings of the third Sundays). Please mark your calendars.

June12-16 :	Assist with Vacation Bible School
July 17:	Swim/cookout at the Soikes
August 21:	To be decided
September 18:	Drive-In Movie night outside at the church
October 16:	**Fender's Farm**
November:	**Second Harvest** holiday service project
December 18:	**Cap the Gap** stocking stuffers and Christmas Party

Families of the Week

May 1: Marcy & Mark Aaron (Jake & Gabe)
Heidi Sutphin (Aubrey, Erik Julianne)

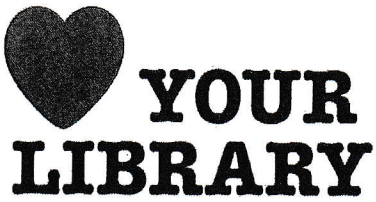
May 8: Joan & Mark Blackmer
Christa Dison

May 15: Ella & Mike English
Faith Akin

May 22: Judi & Tim Boebel
Lisa & Eddie Jones

May 29: Joni & Dale Cannon
Linda & Gene Maddox

Library News



This month's focus is on Christian Life. Our library has many books on this subject. You can find them under the Dewey number 248, including 248.4 through 248.8.

Check out (pun intended) these book titles:

- ***If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat***
- ***How to Hear from God, Learn to Know His Voice and Make Right Decisions***
- ***Seven Things That Steal Your Joy, Overcoming Obstacles to Your Happiness***
- ***From This Day Forward* by Cokie & Steve Roberts**
- ***For Everything a Season, Simple Musings on Living Well***
- ***Have a Little Faith, a true story* by Mitch Albom**
- ***Here am I, Lord; Send Somebody Else!***
- ***Unlocking Your Legacy, 25 Keys for Success***
- ***Victory in Jesus, Running the Race You are Meant to Win***
- ***Standing on the Promises, Keeping Hope Alive for a Tomorrow we Cannot Control***
- ***Women of Honor, God's Incredible Plan for Fulfillment***

Sound interesting? These books will be on the table under the library bulletin board. Please peruse them and others in the library. Thank you to those of you who have checked out books. Please remember to return them so others can enjoy.

Happy Reading!
Mary Ann McGaughey

Meet Marcy Aaroen: Council Person of the Month – Christian Education

I was born and raised in a small-town farming community in central Wisconsin. My parents instilled in my sisters and me the importance of family, education and hard work (as well as a love of the Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers). To this day, these are still some of my core values. Mark and I have been married for 27 years and have three boys (Drew, Jake, and Gabe). Raising the boys led me to develop other core values – faith and Christian education. Just as I had to rely on my faith when raising them, I knew my children were going to need a solid faith foundation to become young men who cared about others and would be able to stand in the storms that life would bring. Helping them establish this foundation eventually grew to include their friends and other young people in our church. As Lutherans, we promise to support and nurture each child baptized in our church; and I believe this promise always needs to be at the root of our Christian Education programming.

In Service This Month:

Ushers:	8:15 a.m.	5/1: Bill Ewing, Carmen Paulson 5/22: Bill Ewing, Brian Patteson, 5/29: Bill Ewing, Ronda Keffer
	10:45 a.m.	5/1: Ken Diehl, David Chalkley, Tedd Stephens, Dale Cannon 5/8: Ronda Keffer, Martha Montgomery, Janeen and Travis Pennell 5/15: Mark Blackmer, Trudy Blackmer, Tom Marshall, Dale Cannon 5/22: Tedd Stephens, Tom Marshall, Mark Blackmer, Dale Cannon 5/29: Janeen Pennell, Dale Cannon, Patricia & Tom Petti
Lectors:		8:15 Nancy Shilling 10:45 Donna Whitley
Library Volunteer:		Mary Ann McGaughey
Hospital:		5/1: Alexander 5/8: Holland 5/15: Farst 5/22: Gugliotta 5/29: Blackmer
Altar Guild:		Marilyn Keys, Maggie Flint
Financial Tellers:		Ist Sunday: Debbie Seifert & Berla Smith 2nd Sunday: Jean Loveday & David Chalkley 3rd Sunday: Christy Huff & Ken Diehl 4th Sunday: Joe & Lu Mattson 5th Sunday: David Chalkley & Jean Loveday (May 29)
Communion Assistants:		5/1: Phyllis Farst, Marcia Peters (8:15) Sylvia & Fred Beckelhimer (10:45) 5/8: Fred & Sylvia Beckelhimer 5/15: Phyllis Farst, Marcia Peters 5/22: Phyllis Farst, Marcia Peters (8:15) Fred & Sylvia Beckelhimer (10:45)

Altar Flowers: Heartsong

5/1: Carolyn & Randy Parrish honoring family April birthdays
5/8: Combined service in sanctuary
5/15: Maggie Flint to honor Harmoni's birthday
5/22: Denise and Jim Montag to honor Emma on her birthday

Traditional

5/1: Marilyn & Bob Keys to the glory of God
5/8: Kasey Sorenson to honor Patty on their 26th anniversary (5/5)
5/15: Maggie Flint to honor Harmoni's birthday Mary Alice & Pastor Jim to honor Connor Hall
5/22: Janet & Larry Ecklund on their 64th anniversary
5/29: Stephanie & Brian Patteson on their 44th anniversary

When no flowers are given for a Sunday, designated live plants will grace the altar.

May Birthdays

1	Beth Abel
	Ken Loveday
	Lisa Rye Jones
2	Marianne Simonson
3	Aubrey Golden
4	Kathleen Gray
	Kaitlyn Flynn
6	John Paul Neas IV
7	Brenda Whitson
	Linda Brooks
	Fred Hossler
8	Fred Beckelhimer
10	Ben Garrison
	Ralph Keffer
11	Katie Harris Stacy
12	Nolan Hopper
13	Carl Snyder
16	May Moore
17	Brandi Flint
18	Laura Arredondo
22	Emma Montag
	Kylah Morris
24	Pamela Ross
26	William Brooks
	Debbie Bowman
30	Mary Jane Paulson

Otto Zinser
c/o Chris Cox
4867 Springfield Dr.
Dunwoody, GA 30338

...Everyone "getting fit" with Yoga (Thursdays) and "Walk and Talk" (Fridays).

...Dr. Sara Creekmore for offering a very informative talk on Glaucoma, April 2.

...Everyone who gave money and/or supplies to our WELCA Health kit project. We collected money for up to 300 kits.

...Thrivent for matching funds that helped WELCA reach the goal of 300 health kits.

...WELCA for hosting this month's "Feed the Souls" meal, April 20.

...Marcy Aaroen and her help with the First Communion Retreat on April 24.

...the Chancel Choir and Heartsong Band.

...the "Friends In Grief" that meets every other Tuesday.

...the Mutual Ministry Committee, the "Staff Committee," and the Search Committee for getting things started for finding a new Office Manager.

...Pastor Ed for all the "leg work" on getting quotes/bids on a new office system (computer updates, phone system, etc.).

...Phoebe Sand, Joni Cannon, Deb Soike, and Marcia Peters for their continued good work in the church office.

...Everyone who was able to attend the "Security for Faith Based Organizations" on April 23.

...Jay Stafford for designing the info card for our new data base for the new "One Call" messaging system.

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First Communion: May 8 (Mother's Day)

We have eight students this year who have completed the retreat "A Place For You" (completed on Sunday, April 24) and will receive their first communion on Mother's Day, the 7th Sunday of Easter.

We are very proud of our 2016 First Communion Class: Aubrey Golden, Easton Hopper, Adryana King, Audrey King, Owen King, James McAllister, Lily McAllister, and Caleb Wilcox.

Their communion will happen during the 10:45 a.m. Youth Service on May 8. Please come and celebrate with our children of the congregation!

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Our Confirmation Class finishes out the year!

Our Confirmation Class for this year ends their studies with a final test on the Ten Commandments on Sunday, May 1, following the late services. Our thanks to all the parents who provided lunch for the class through the year.

Thanks to our students: Hayden Estep, Hannah Ballard, Emma Montag, and Connor Hall.

We look forward to Pentecost Sunday, May 15, where Mr. Connor Hall will confirm his faith and affirm his baptism! His sponsor is Carolynn Bailey.

MAY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:15 AM – Holy Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School 10:45 AM – Holy Communion 10:45 AM – Heartsong/Holy Communion 12:30 PM - Confirmation Durham Baby Shower – 6 – 8:30 pm	2 PDO 9 – 2 pm Worship & Music 6 pm	3	4 BRQG 9 - 5 PDO 9 – 2 pm Prime Timers 11 a.m. Choir – 7 pm	5 BRQG 9-5 Yoga 6:30 pm	6 Walk/Talk 10 am	7
8 8:15 AM – Holy Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School 10:45 AM – Holy Communion/First Communion; 1 service	9 PDO 9 – 2 pm Cover Girls 10:00 Prayer Shawl 2 pm Council 6:30 NAMI Bd. 7 pm	10 Friends in Grief; 10 am Heart Valve Talk – 6:30 in FH	11 PDO 9 – 2 pm LYO 6:00 – 7:30 Melting Pot	12 Yoga 6:30 pm	13 Walk/Talk 10 am	14
15 8:15 AM – Holy Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School 10:45 AM – Holy Communion/1 service; Affirmation of Baptism – Connor Hall	16 PDO 9 – 2 pm Hannah Circle 1 pm	17	18 PDO 9 – 2 pm Feed the Souls 6 pm LYO 6:00 – 7:30	19 Yoga 6:30 pm	20 Walk/Talk 10 am	21 Holy Yoga – FH 2-4 pm
22 8:15 AM – Holy Communion 9:30 AM – Sunday School 10:45 AM – Holy Communion/Baptism 10:45 AM – Heartsong/Holy Communion **Celebration Sunday** – Sunday School	23 PDO 9 – 2 pm PDO Reception 9-11 Fellowship Hall Cover Girls 10:00	24 Friends in Grief 11:45	25 LYO 6:00	26 Yoga 6:30	27 Walk/Talk 10 Pastors at	28 Synod Assembly
29 8:15 AM - Service of the Word 9:30 AM – Sunday School 10:45 AM – Service of the Word 10:45 AM - Heartsong Pastors at Synod Assembly	30 **MEMORIAL DAY** Office closed	31				

Ray Efrain Osejo

KNOXVILLE – Ray Efrain Osejo, Sergeant First Class, retired, age 60 of Knoxville, died Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the University of Tennessee Medical Center. Ray was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard, Via de Cristo, Appalachian Paddling Enthusiast and Tennessee Scenic River Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nina and Albert Osejo. Ray is survived by his loving children, Ryan and Naomi Osejo, Daniel Osejo, Samantha Luchtefield, Stephanie Bell and Chantell Osejo; brother, Dean Osejo; friend and partner, Larent Gregg.

A celebration of Ray's life will be held **5:00** PM Wednesday, April 6, at Messiah Lutheran Church, Knoxville, with Pastor Eric Murray and Pastor Pauline Farrington-Pezzino officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the fellowship hall. Interment will take place at Mountain Home National Cemetery, Johnson City, TN.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard, 7508 Ledgerwood Road, Knoxville, TN 37938, or to Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association.

Psalm 23 (KJV)

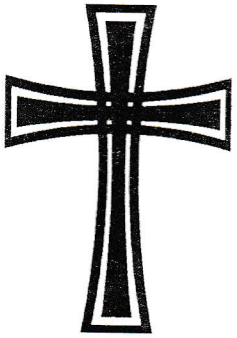
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

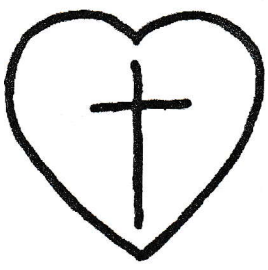
Gale Revilla passed away on April 19, 2016 in Morganton, NC. Gale and Ruth were former members of OSLC.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." **Revelation 21:1-4**

A huge thank you to our OSLC family for all your prayers, love, and support poured out on our family throughout Gary's battle with ALS and after his passing. Gary and I often commented that the only gift of ALS was experiencing the love and encouragement shown to us through countless cards, emails and Facebook messages, visits to our house, and meals you provided. On top of that, many of you showed your love and support by walking with Gary at the Tri-cities Walk to Defeat ALS or sharing a donation to the local ALS Association or the Gary Shealy Clemson Scholarship in memory of him. You shared God's grace with us again and again and lifted our spirits in the midst of a very difficult journey.



After Gary's passing, your prayers and kindness provided much needed comfort to our family, and we're grateful. A very special thank you to all who helped with the memorial service: especially Carolynn Bailey and the Heartsong Band, all who helped with the food and reception after the service, and all who brought food for our family.

God's peace to you,
Faith, Jennifer, and Cole

Thanks to everyone for all the visits, cards, and phone calls during my recent hospitalization. Thank you to Pastor Nipper, Pastor Ed and Melissa Malenda for your help and understanding. We have a very loving church family. May the peace of the Lord be with you all.
Kathy Robinson