

**OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1524 WEST MAIN, DURANT, OK 74701**



# OUR SAVIOUR'S NEWS

**AUGUST, 2018**

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

### *Matthew 28:19-20*

*<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*<sup>1d</sup>

I was perusing Facebook this morning and putting off writing this newsletter and I noticed my daughter, Rebekah's Godparents, are taking a trip to Alaska and they had posted a few pictures on social media. In Rebekah's case we chose well! They never missed a life passage of hers or her baptismal birthday without marking it in some way. Whenever they could, they showed up to support her in her endeavors, such as during her time a few years ago at Lutheran Summer Music.

So as I sit here at the office computer jotting a short note for our newsletter I am reflecting on the baptismal promise that we make to our children. And most specifically the promise that Our Saviour's has given to many folks in the history of ministry in this place. We just celebrated a Baptism in our context a few weeks ago. We promised as a congregation along with the family and sponsors to intentionally take care in the baptized person's life of faith. And if history is any judge we will do just fine with that promise. Just off the top of my head I can think of numerous stories of youth growing up here and going off and doing great things with their life through their discernment with this congregation walking alongside.

Paul Hill, while he was at Wartburg Seminary years ago, was fond of talking about triple AAA adults – Authentic, Available, and Affirming. And that is what Our Saviour's has been as a faith institution. Of course being triple AAA adults has benefits for all of us even if we are not youth since we all are the baptized, walking wet, people of God. It is harder to be authentic than we think, and it is really hard to be available and still set good boundaries, and it can be real difficult to be affirming when we have to set our stuff aside for the sake of the other, especially, those who might not make decisions in a way that we might. It is only the work of the Priesthood of All Believers in Worship, Study, Prayer, Stewardship, Fellowship and Mission together that God uses in the baptismal promise at Our Saviour's.

By the time you all are reading this we will be gearing up to start the main ministry year of the church. The schedule will be filling up - both spiritual and secular. We will need each other reminding us of our baptismal promise together so we can bear the fruit of the Spirit of God known through Jesus to the context that we are called by God to minister. If our history of keeping our baptismal promises to our youth is any indication we are up to the task!! After all Jesus does say that he will be with us to the end of the age!

See you in Church.

Pastor Jeff

# CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday June 10, 2018

In attendance: Robin Bell, Brandon Burnette, Gary Hicks, Martha Landua, Paige Poppe, Rade Radasinovich, Sarah Weissenbuehler, Pastor Jeff Corson, Kathleen Burnette (guest) Absent: none

President Rade Radasinovich called the meeting to order at 12:19 am. Pastor Corson opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the May 6, 2018 regular meeting of the council were presented; no Financial Report was available.

**Gary moved to approve the minutes; second by Brandon; motion passed.**

Committee Reports were presented by the following representatives:

Brandon (Fellowship) – Reported that the Church Picnic/Ice Cream Social/Pool Party on June 9 was attended by 28 people and enjoyed by all. Suggested a possible trip in the planning stages would be to Dallas to the Museum of Art and a meal out.

Martha (Secretary) – nothing to report

Sarah (Education) – nothing to report

Paige (Worship) – Worship Committee met on May 23 and debriefed the Easter Season liturgy and accompaniment issues at the May 20<sup>th</sup> worship service (when both Pr. Jeff and Joanna were absent) in which there were some issues. Joanna is planning a possible “hymn fellowship” before service during the summer to introduce new hymns to the congregation. The Chicago Folk Service began June 3<sup>rd</sup> and will extend through July 15<sup>th</sup>. Morning Prayer Service will be used beginning July 22 through September 2. Dan Lund (of the NT-NL Prison Ministry) will be at OSLC on Sunday, September 9, which is also God's Work-Our Hands Day in the NT-NL & churchwide ELCA. Assistant to the Bishop, Kris Trotke, is scheduled to be at OSLC on Sunday, November 11. Pr. Jeff was gone June 3 (moving daughter Rebekah to her summer job in Virginia) and will be gone July 29 (presiding at a niece's wedding in Colorado). The next meeting of this committee will be June 20<sup>th</sup> for Joanna's “review.”

Gary (Stewardship) – nothing to report

Robin (Ministries) – nothing to report

Pastor Jeff – Pastor presented a written report.

Old Business:

\* The Durant Nutrition Center was the recipient of this year's Lenten soup supper offerings. This organization was again selected by vote of the Council at their May meeting to receive the July Noisy Offering. Robin, who works at the Durant Nutrition Center, requested to change the recipient of the July Noisy Offering to another entity. **Robin moved to donate the July Noisy Offering to the Light of Hope Shelter project; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandon; motion passed.**

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# COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

## New Business:

- Martha brought up to the Council that a member of the congregation is concerned about the overflow bank parking on OSLC property causing damage to the grass and ruts in the soil. Several suggestions were discussed and all agreed that we should be good neighbors. The discussion ended with agreement that Pr. Jeff would call 1st United Bank and kindly request they ask their employees not to park on the grassy areas.
- The Light of Hope Shelter organizers may request use of our facility and/or the East lot for a fund raiser. No date has been decided upon. **Robin moved to allow the Light of Hope shelter to use our building and/or outside areas as needed for a fund raiser on a date to be announced; second by Paige, motion passed.**
- The removal of the last pew on the west side of the Nave was discussed. The very narrow area behind that pew is not adequate for traffic flow and does not allow handicapped access if needed. It was decided that Council members ask around to members of the congregation their opinions and bring back information to the next Council meeting.
- At a May 6, 2018 Special Congregational Meeting it was approved to change the OSLC Bylaws to allow the Council, following the seating of the new Council each year, to appoint a Vice-President. After discussion and agreement by Brandon, **Gary moved to appoint Brandon to the position of Vice President for the remainder of 2018 calendar year, second by Sarah; motion passed.**

**Robin moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm, second by Gary; motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Landua, Secretary

The next meeting of the Church Council will be August 12, 2018 after fellowship.

## A HUGE THANK YOU

To Christyn Raincrow for trimming the OSLC shrubs in the hot, HOT weather.

To Bill Boreham for donating some rock from a job he was working and to Christyn Raincrow for hauling the rock to church and filling holes in our parking areas. We do appreciate Bill's donation of rock and Christyn's donation of her time and hard work.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Gary Hicks & Sharon Wilcox
- 2 Bettie Hernandez
- 5 Lauren Johnson
- 10 Ruby Iker
- 24 Legend Cincotta

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 1 Mary & John Slice
- 14 Barbie & David Noltkamper
- 18 Jenny & Chad Hale
- 29 Sarah & Jeff Corson
- 31 Danelle & Skip Lamb

**ARE YOU SEARCHING** for something to do at 9:30 am on Sunday morning? Well, look no further as Our Saviour's has the perfect place for you!

You're invited for a time to exercise your vocal cords and have fun too! No experience necessary—just a desire to make a joyful noise during worship and impress that person sitting next to you that you know how to sing those "new" unfamiliar hymns—and he or she doesn't!



## UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Be watching for a "Let's Eat Out" at Gecko's Mexican Restaurant in Kingston.

The Collier family is hosting this event and will soon give information as to the time and date. Watch the church bulletin for updates.



Carter Moore's mother is the new owner of Gecko's. Help us support her and OSLC member, Carter, as she embarks on this new venture. You'll enjoy some yummy food and fellowship at the same time. Bring a friend with you!

In September (either the 8th or 22nd), OSLC will go to the Dallas Museum of Art (admission is free). We plan to go out to lunch and then go the museum. More details to come.

There are two special exhibits we are planning to see while we tour the museum.

One exhibit is the *Journey of the Human Spirit* by Hopi artists Michael Kabotie and Delbridge Honanie. It narrates the history of the Hopi people from the mythic emergence through the arrival of the Europeans to the rebirth of Hopi traditions in the information age.

The other exhibit is drawn from the Dallas Museum of Art's collection, *Word and Image: Works on Paper from the 15th Through 20th Centuries* which focuses on artists who blurred the boundaries between art and text. Biblical journeys, whimsical adventures, and cautionary tales are among the subjects depicted.

This event is hosted by Brandon and Kathleen Burnette.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education will resume on Sunday, September 9, at 9:30 am. We will continue our Study of Mark. All are welcome.

Nothing firm yet for dates for Family Faith Formation so stay tuned!

Your sister is Christ,  
Sarah Weissenbuehler

**THANK YOU** for the tremendous response Our Saviour's members donated through the recent Pregnancy Center of Bryan County Baby Bottle Campaign. The total donation was \$471.76 of coins, bills and checks from Our Saviour's.

### WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOUR'S!

We welcome Peggy Milks who joined Our Saviour's on July 1st and

Liam Milks who was baptized into Our Saviour's membership on July 1st.

Their address is: phone 580-980-0731

471 Parker Road email:

Mead, OK 73449 [peggymilks@gmail.com](mailto:peggymilks@gmail.com)

## NEW ADDRESSES

David Odem and Laverne Fulcher  
 638 West 4th Street  
 Sinton, TX 78387  
 Phone 361-587-3369  
 Email dodem@sbcglobal.net

David and Laverne recently moved and would love to hear from you.

Pvt. Fox, Brady  
 Bravo Co3rd BN  
 13th Inf Reg 4th PLT  
 4420 Jackson Blvd.  
 Ft. Jackson SC 29207

Brady is currently in Army Basic Training and will soon be moving to a new location for further training. Notes and letters are appreciated.

We have not received an address for Legend Cincotta who is also in Basic Training but is expected back in Kingston upon his completion of Basic Training to attend the fall semester at KHS.

## LIGHT OF HOPE FISH FRY

A FISH FRY will be held on Saturday, AUGUST 4th, from 5 pm to 8 pm to raise funds for the LIGHT OF HOPE, Inc. to start a homeless shelter in Durant. The fish fry will be held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1524 West Main. Weather permitting it will be held on our vacant east lot on Main Street. Cost is \$12.00 and children under 10 are free.



Our Saviour's has been asked to provide COLESLAW. Please see Martha Landua or Pastor Jeff if you can provide a big batch for this event. Contact Sarah Weissenbuehler if you can help in the kitchen or in any other capacity.

PLEASE HELP PUBLICIZE THIS EVENT BY INVITING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO THE FISH FRY.

THANKS!

### WESLEY CAMPUS MINISTRY

It's that time of year again! Southeastern will begin the fall semester in August and that means student lunches at the Wesley Center.

The date for Our Saviour's to provide a meal has not been scheduled but watch for details that will be announced when plans are finalized.

If you have or know of a student attending Southeastern, please tell them about Wesley and the Thurs. free lunches.

### MOSAIC FALL TREAT BAGS

Our Saviour's & Trinity, Sherman, Women of the ELCA will be partnering for the 10th year to provide Fall Treat Bags for the residents that Mosaic serves in the metroplex area.

You will be able to adopt a resident or two to provide goodies such as personal hygiene items, snacks, gift cards, crafts, fall holiday items, etc. to brighten their day. Bags will be provided for you.

More information will be available later in August or early September. Watch for it!



## NT-NL SYNODICAL WOMEN OF ELCA CONVENTION OCTOBER 26-27, 2018

**Location:** Rejoice Lutheran Church  
12000 Independence Parkway  
Frisco, TX, 75035

**Cost:** Friday & Saturday \$85.00 (includes Friday dinner & Sat. lunch)  
Saturday only \$60.00 (includes Saturday lunch)

**Theme:** Have a Heart for Humankind!

**Bible Verse:** *Psalm 51:10—“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”*

The Convention Business Meeting begins on Friday at 1 pm with a worship service from 7-8 pm. The Hospitality Suite will be open from 8-10 pm along with the Movie “Pray the Devil Away.” Saturday’s agenda begins at 8:30 am with opening remarks and Bible Study. The Keynote Speaker is Kathryn Koob and she will speak at 10 am. Lunch and workshops will be held in the afternoon. Closing worship service will be held 4-5 pm. A Silent Auction will be held on both days.

Hotel Room Block available at Wingate by Wyndham  
14700 State Hwy 121  
Frisco, TX 75035  
214-494-5500

Cost \$85/day plus tax (\$96.05/day)

Call to make your reservation and note you are with the SWO Convention.

Hotel reservation includes Complimentary breakfast, indoor pool, laundry, free Wi-Fi, Fitness Center, Business Center. A Walk/Run will be held at the hotel on Sat. at 6:15 am for those who wish to participate in this event.

**NT-NL Scholarship Committee is offering 10 Scholarships of \$100 each for women to attend the convention.** Preference is given to first time attendees and those who are Hispanic/Latino and will be shared across the area as much as possible. Applications must be received no later than September 15. Forms available at church.

**Our Saviour’s Women of the ELCA has some funds available for those interested in attending the convention. Contact Martha Landua, OSLC Women of ELCA Treasurer, for more information.**

Convention flyer, Registration form, Scholarship form and the Nomination form for SWO Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, Synodical Board Member, Triennial Delegate and 2020 Nominating Committee are all posted on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board.

The North Dallas Metroplex Women of the ELCA units are hosting this event and Our Saviour’s has been asked to be in charge of the Finance/Offering Committee. Mary Slice will serve as Chair along with Martha Landua, Rhonda Collier and SWO Board Liaison & Treasurer, Diane Fehler. Susan Remshardt is on the Nomination Committee.

**We need someone to serve as a delegate from our congregational unit.. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position. Contact Martha, Mary or Rhonda for more information or to volunteer.**

# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy B'day Gary Hicks & Sharon Wilcox  Happy Ann. Mary & John Slice	2 Happy B'day Bettie Hernandez	3	4 5-8 pm Light of Hope Fish Fry at OSLC
5 10:30 Worship  Happy B'day Lauren Johnson	6	7	8	9	10 Happy B'day Ruby Iker	11
12 10:30 Worship, Fellowship & Council Meeting	13	14 Happy Ann. Barbie & David Noltkamper	15 5:30 pm Worship & Music Commit- tee Meeting	16	17	18 9-4 pm Quilter's Retreat Happy Ann. Jenny & Chad Hale
19 10:30 Worship	20	21	22	23	24 Happy B'day Legend Cincotta	25
26 10:30 Worship, Fellowship	27	28 7 am—7 pm Runoff Primary Election in Fel- lowship Hall	29 Happy Ann. Sarah & Jeff Corson	30	31 Happy Ann. Danelle & Skip Lamb	