



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

SEPTEMBER, 2018

PASTOR'S CORNER

1Peter 2:5

...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

When I was attending seminary I met a person who was making a career as a spiritual director and he was fond of taking trips up to the north shore of Lake Superior and carefully collecting stones from the shoreline there while visiting. He introduced me to the spirituality of stones. As it turns out there are some folks who really connect with this sort of spirituality in their faith life. It is not my main thing but I do have a few stones in my office that I have collected over the years. I also used to grab a rock from the many places that we would visit and bring them back and put them into a drainage port that I had developed to carry rain water into my garden at my home in Reisterstown Maryland.

Not surprisingly then, stones have importance in many of our biblical stories. In Matthew's gospel, Satan asks Jesus to turn the stones to bread – Jesus not so subtly reminds Satan that he (Jesus) is the living bread. In the twentieth chapter of Numbers Moses bangs on the rock and water gushes forth, once again, reminding us of who brings forth life out of death. A stone is rolled away at the Easter event and the rest is history. If you type in "rocks or stones mentioned in the bible" in an internet search engine you will find more than you bargained for.

That is why this little passage from 1Peter intrigues me, because we are like stones, encompassing all the negative and positive images of which we sometimes see ourselves. I mean, according to Matthew, Peter was called both the **Rock** and **Satan** within a couple of verses of each other! This is, crazily enough, what makes us all the messy, living stones of God!

And what is God calling us, the living spiritual stones, to be and do? A holy, set apart, priesthood to offer our sacrifices to God! What those sacrifices look like will depend on our varied gifts and talents etc., but oh, what a wonderful messy rock garden it is to see!

Joanna and I have been spending some time thinking through our church's liturgical worship life together this fall. Everything we have been pondering has been permeated with this understanding of the priesthood of all believers. We are intentionally working at ways in our worship to lift up the gifts and participation of this priesthood in the life of the world. Hopefully, we will be able to roll out the stones, as the living stones from here, Our Saviour's, every Sunday and into every day of the week.

Thanks for all the priesthood of believers and everything that is done in God's name through Jesus in this place, Our Saviour's Lutheran, through that priesthood!

See you in church,
Pastor Jeff



CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 12, 2018

In attendance: Robin Bell, Brandon Burnette, Gary Hicks, Martha Landua, Rade Radasinovich, Sarah Weissenbuehler, Pastor Jeff Corson, Kathleen Burnette (guest) Absent: Paige Poppe

President Rade Radasinovich called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. Pastor Corson opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the June 10, 2018 regular meeting of the Council and financial reports for May 21, June 30 and July 31 were presented. **Robin moved to approve the minutes and financial reports; second by Sarah; motion passed.**

Committee Reports were presented by the following representatives:

Brandon (Fellowship) – Brandon reported that September 8 is the date for the trip to the Dallas Museum of Art. Attendees will leave from the church parking lot at 10:00 am, drive to a restaurant (to be determined), then proceed to the Museum. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Also this Fall OSLC will again host the annual Trunk or Treat on Wednesday October 31st. Shanetha Collier has volunteered to apply for Thrivent funds to help with the cost of food. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the appropriate time for worker bees. We will need several cars and people outside to hand out candy plus at least 5 workers in the Fellowship Hall.

Martha (Secretary) – Since schools are beginning classes this week, thoughts have turned to what OSLC can do for our “adopted school” this year. Instead of providing teachers and staff with pastries and fruit at the beginning of the school year, we will provide a salad luncheon in May. Martha will soon visit with Mary Morgan, school counselor, about student needs, possibly having a “hat, gloves & underwear drive” in early November as we have done in the past. We will also continue to provide funds to WI a couple of times per year through our Noisy Offering for student needs.

Sarah (Education) – Sarah reported that the 2018-2019 Education program has been outlined. Adult Christian Education (ACE) class will resume on September 9th at 9:30 am with the study of Mark. A schedule for Family Faith Formation programming was distributed with the theme “Dreams and Dreamers of the Bible.” The first event will be held immediately following Worship on September 16th. The Year’s offerings will go to Global Barnyard with “the dream that all will be fed.”

Paige (Worship) – In Paige’s absence, Pr. Jeff gave this report. The last meeting of the Worship Committee took place in June. Pastor Jeff and Joanna meet weekly during the lunch hour on Tuesdays. At 9:30 am on Sunday mornings Joanna is hosting a “Music Ministry Experience” to all interested individuals, which has been well-received and continues through August. The *Morning Prayer Service* will continue through September 16th. Dan Lund of The Church of the Damascus Road (NT-NL’s Prison Ministry) will be at OSLC on September 9th. Confirmation continues with Eran Gray on September 16th with his Confirmation planned for the Spring 2019.

Gary (Stewardship) – Gary reported that Peggy Milks has joined the Stewardship Team led by Larisa Comer & Kevin Kusch. Both teams continue to be working well in the present format of dual team leaders with teams’ active every other month.

Robin (Ministries) – Robin is dedicated to encouraging congregational members to be involved in church-life and with any ministries they feel moved to do. Her daughter, Charlee, has begun her ministry to the church by being trained as an Acolyte, serving in that capacity for the first time on this date.

Pastor Jeff – Pastor gave council members a copy of his report. Pr. Jeff will be taking two classes at Southeastern (SOSU) this Fall.

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Old Business:

Pew Removal (last pew on right side of Nave):

Pr. Jeff provided a copy of minutes of a Council Meeting held on April 16, 2014 to explain that this same discussion was held at that time and the vote of the Council was not to remove this pew. Nothing was included in the minutes as to the reason for this action. Discussion was held. There is not enough room behind that pew for more than one person to maneuver or for handicapped access. **Robin moved that the last pew on the right of the Nave be removed and moved into the Fellowship Hall for seating; second by Sarah; motion passed.**

New Business:

William Fahrendorf of First United Bank has requested to talk about partnering with OSLC to build some additional parking. FUB would pay for all construction with OSLC providing a lot. Following much discussion and many suggestions, the general consensus was that this would be a win-win situation for OSLC. A group to meet with FUB was suggested to include Pr. Jeff, John Slice, Trey Collier and Rade Radasinovich. **Gary moved that a group from OSLC will meet with FUB representatives to discuss and hash out a proposal to take to the OSLC Congregation; second by Martha; motion passed.**

The Light of Hope Board has requested to have their monthly meetings (last Sunday of each month) at OSLC at 3:30 pm. **Sarah moved that the Light of Hope Board be allowed to hold their monthly meetings at OSLC as long as a church-related event is not scheduled; second by Gary; motion passed.**

The date of this year's annual Harvest Banquet was discussed. The Sunday following Halloween, which is All Saints Day, was selected even though Trunk or Treat will be held on that Wednesday prior. **Robin moved that the Harvest Banquet be scheduled immediately following Worship on Sunday, November 4th; second by Sarah; motion passed.**

A Fall Clean-Up Day is needed with emphasis on stripping and waxing the Fellowship hall and Narthex floors. Pr. Jeff will turn this over to Evelyn for assembling a crew and scheduling. It was decided that the outside areas around the church building are okay at the present time.

Removal of the dead tree is needed; however, this may be taken care of if the building of the FUB parking lot in that area comes to fruition.

Designation of recipients for the remaining two Noisy Offerings was discussed. **Robin moved the September 30 Noisy Offering be presented to The Church of the Damascus Road (NT-NL Prison Ministry) and that the December 30 Noisy Offering be presented to Washington Irving Elementary School; second by Gary; motion passed.**

Brandon moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm; second by Robin; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Landua, Secretary

The next meeting of the Church Council will be September 9, 2018 following Fellowship time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER

1 Rade
Radasinovich
12 Liam Milks
13 Pr. Jeff Corson
18 Leslie Flint
25 Emersyn Wells
30 Kathleen
Burnette

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER

29 Susan & Steve
Remshardt

NEW ADDRESS FOR BRADY FOX

PVT Fox, Brady
262nd Quartermaster
Battalion, U Co.
3501 A Ave. Bldg.9600
Fort Lee, VA 23801

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Family of Isaac Wayne Smith who entered his eternal home on August 8 at the age of 13.

Survivors include his Paternal Aunt, Jenny Hale & Chad Hale. Cousins are Devin Fox, Brady Fox, Taylor Martinez, and Jastiny Hale.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Matthew 5:4 NIV

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

A TRIP TO THE DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

On September the 8th, OSLC will go to the Dallas Museum of Art (admission is free). If you want to carpool, we're planning to meet at church at 10:00 am and go out to lunch at Ellen's (address: 1790 N. Record St.) at the West End Historic District in Downtown Dallas. It's a brunch restaurant. I will be making reservations, so I need a headcount of who is going to eat at Ellen's. We plan to be at the museum around 1 pm. You can sign up at church until September 2nd, otherwise you can contact me by phone or text me at 580-380-8199 or by email at brandrb@yahoo.com.

There are two special exhibits we're 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 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.



CONGREGATIONAL "LET'S EAT OUT"—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15



Please join us for a "Congregational Let's Eat Out". This will be on Saturday, September 15. We will meet at the church at 11:15 am and travel to Gecko's Mexican Restaurant in Kingston. Or you can just meet us there around 12:00. This will be a Dutch treat meal and a time of fellowship for us as we share a meal together. The restaurant is owned by Carter's mom. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board so that we can get a count and let her know how many are coming. Please let Rhonda Collier know if you have questions or need a ride. Hope we have a great turn out for this event.

WESLEY CAMPUS MINISTRY STUDENT LUNCH

Our Saviour's will be hosting the Wesley Campus Ministry Student Lunch on Thursday, September 20th from 11 am—1 pm. The fall semester holds many unknowns as to how many students to prepare for but at this time it is anticipated around 70—80 Southeastern students and faculty will stop by for a bite to eat.

Mary Slice has applied and received Thrivent Financial seed money for her Thrivent Action Team to purchase the main food ingredients to prepare the meal. We are planning to make Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti for the main course plus salad, veggies, fruit and either crackers or rolls. Needed from OSLC members is cookies or brownies for dessert (homemade or purchased). If you can help in this area, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Mary and let her know what you can provide. The students and Mary thank you very much.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The fall Sunday School Schedule is upon us! Here are some of the educational opportunities this year.

Adult Christian Education (ACE):

- * Sunday mornings from about 9:30 – 10:15 am. We are studying the Gospel of Mark and meet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! No previous attendance necessary.

Family Faith Formation: Dreams and Dreamers of the Bible

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.” Acts 2:17

- * **Time:** Approximately 12-2 or so on the third Sunday of the month (usually). We gather for a light lunch after church then meet for song, story, and activities to help us learn our stories of faith. Here is the schedule as it now stands:
- * **Schedule:**
 - * September 16, 2018: Jacob’s ladder
 - * October 28, 2018: Joseph, son of Jacob – Dreamer
 - * November 18, 2018: Joseph, son of Jacob – Interpreter of dreams
 - * December 16, 2018: Dream of Joseph, earthly father of Jesus
 - * January 20, 2019: Dream of the Magi, Joseph dreams again
 - * February 17, 2019: Paul’s dream
 - * March 17, 2019: Peter’s dream
 - * April 14, 2019: Dream of wife of Pontius Pilate
 - * May 19, 2019: Dreaming dreams

We have an exciting year ahead! Join us for one of these educational opportunities, and as always, continue with your own Bible studies and daily devotions. Talk to Pastor Jeff if you need help starting devotions or if you want some guidance with daily Bible reading.

May we all dream dreams of how God is calling us to live out the Kingdom of God on earth!

Yours in Christ, Sarah Weissenbuehler

OUR FAMILY FAITH FORMATION will be beginning again on Sunday, September 16. We are asking for volunteers to help provide meals. It doesn’t have to be anything fancy—a simple meal such as sandwiches, pizza, chili—would be great. We usually plan for 15-20 people. If you are willing to do this, please check the bulletin board for the dates and the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please see Rhonda Collier. Thank you for your help with this.

“Under His Wings”

“Under His Wings” is a new 501© 3 nonprofit in the Bryan County area with the mission to minister to widows and widowers in a Christ-centered environment with excellence. Our vision is to help provide for widows and widowers in need. Research has identified three areas of need as social, practical and emotional. To meet this need, we plan to provide our region with a gathering place for events and information as well as work with the community of churches to host monthly banquets to honor our widows and monthly fellowships to honor our widowers. **All widows and widowers are cordially invited to attend our September Banquets.** Locations and RSVP information are as follows:

WIDOWS BANQUET

Where: Hosted by Fusion Bible Church
1097 Gerlach Street
Durant, OK

When: September 22, 2018
12— 2 p.m.

What: Lunch and entertainment provided

How: RSVP to 580-916-8016
rsvp@underHiswings914.org
RSVP by September 14, 2018

Contact information:
Under His Wings
Rhonda Richards, Director
717 North 49th Street
Durant, OK 74701
580-916-8016

WIDOWERS BANQUET

Where: Hosted by First Baptist Church, Durant
In the Coffee Shop
124 West Evergreen
Durant, OK

When: September 22, 2018
6:00—9:00 p.m.

What: Dinner and football watch party

How: RSVP to 580-916-8016
rsvp@underHiswings914.org
RSVP by September 14, 2018

NOISY OFFERING

The September 30th Noisy Offering will be given to The Church of the Damascus Road (NT-NL Prison Ministry).

The December 30th Noisy Offering will be presented to Washington Irving Elementary School.

MOSAIC FALL TREAT BAGS

Be watching for the list of Mosaic residents to adopt! Mary Slice is coordinating this project along with Sharon Krenek from Trinity Lutheran, Sherman. We are currently waiting to receive the list of residents to adopt. As soon as we get the names, bags will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign your name beside the resident or residents that you adopt. Bags will be delivered to the Mosaic office in mid October.

Mosaic, a non-profit organization, serves intellectually challenged men and women who live in several group homes in the Carrollton and Dallas metroplex. This will be our 10th year of bringing a smile to the faces of those who receive a bag filled with goodies just for them. Thank you for adopting these residents. It will put a smile on your face also.



NT-NL SWO CONVENTION

WHEN: OCTOBER 26-27, 2018
 WHERE: REJOICE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 12000 INDEPENDENCE PARKWAY
 FRISCO, TX
 THEME: HAVE A HEART FOR HUMANKIND!



Check the Narthex & Fellowship Hall bulletin boards for information and registration forms to attend the NT-NL Synodical Women of the ELCA Convention October 26-27 in Frisco, Texas. There is a choice of attending both Friday and Saturday or the Saturday only session.

The keynote speaker is Kathryn Koob from Iowa who will speak on Saturday about her 444 days in captivity during the Iran Crisis in late 1979 and 1980. The Business portion of the convention begins on Friday at 1 p.m. The election of president, officers and board members will be held. Triennial delegates will also be elected. A worship service will be held on Friday night and again at the closing of the convention on Saturday. Various activities will be available to do both on Friday and Saturday.

Our Saviour's W-ELCA has scholarship funds available. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM**, instead return your completed registration form to Martha Landua (OSLC W-ELCA treasurer) no later than September 23rd. At least a portion (or possibly all depending upon the number attending from OSLC) of the registration fee will be paid with scholarship funds.

A block of hotel rooms are available at the Wingate by Wyndham at 14700 State Hwy 121, Frisco, TX 75035. Cost is \$85 per day plus tax (\$96.05). This includes Complimentary Breakfast, Indoor Pool, Laundry, free Wi-Fi, Fitness Center, Business Center. When making your reservation please tell them you are with the NT-NL SWO to get the discounted price. **You must make your own hotel reservations by calling 214-494-5500.** All types of rooms are available from single occupancy to those that will accommodate 2 to 4 in a room.

Note: T-Shirt Iron-ons will be available—"Humankind—Be Both!" Bring a shirt to decorate. There will be a Walk/Run at 6:15 am at the hotel for those who would like to participate. A Silent Auction will be open both days to purchase some neat items. Convention participants and congregational units are encouraged to donate items for the Silent Auction.

The Dallas Area Metroplex Conference Women of the ELCA units, of which Our Saviour's is a part of, is serving as the host for this convention. We hope that several OSLC women will be able to attend this year's convention and fellowship with their sisters in Christ from all over our Mission/Synod area.



A SMILE is something nice to see
 It doesn't cost a cent.
 A smile is something all your own"
 It never can be spent.
 A smile is welcome anywhere
 It does away with frowns.
 A smile is good for everyone
 To ease life's ups and downs.



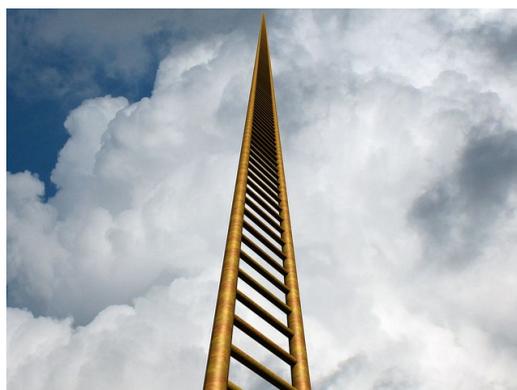
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September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy B'day Rade Radasinovich
2 10:30 am Worship	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8 Trip to Dallas Museum of Art—carpool meets at church at 10 am
9 9:30 Adult CE 10:30 am Worship & Fellowship & Council Mtg.	10	11	12 Happy B'day Liam Milks	13 Happy B'day Pr. Jeff Corson	14	15 9-4 pm Quilter's Let's Eat Out at Gecko's. Meet at 11:15 am at church to car- pool. Eat at noon.
16 9:30 Adult CE 10:30 Worship Noon: FFF Jacob's Ladder	17	18 Happy B'day Leslie Flint	19	20 11-1:30 pm OSLC Hosts Wesley Student Lunch Newsletter Arti- cles Due	21	22 12-2pm Under His Wings Wid- ows Banquet 6-9pm Widow- ers Banquet RSVP 580-916- 8016
23 9:30 Adult CE 10:30 Worship & Fellowship	24	25 Happy B'day Emersyn Wells	26	27	28	29 Happy Ann. Steve & Susan Remshardt
30 Noisy Offering 9:30 Adult CE 10:30 Worship 3:30 pm Light of Hope Board Mtg.	Happy B'day on Sept. 30 to Kathleen Burnette					

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September 16, 2018 - Noon
“Jacob’s Ladder”

