



OUR SAVIOUR'S NEWS

JULY/AUGUST, 2019

PASTOR'S CORNER

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^{el} toward all the saints, and for this reason - I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16

The other day I was running errands off and on all day, and traveling between the church and my house most of the day. Every time I would enter into our bedroom office space I would look over and notice that our cat, Max, had not moved since the last time I had entered. Pretty much all day he was racked out on the end of our bed. At one point I did check to make sure that he was still breathing. Luckily, he was! That evening I had a meeting with the Light of Hope Board to discuss the next steps in getting a shelter built in Durant and it was a very fruitful meeting and we have a plan moving forward at least for now.

These two things, our lazy cat and the LOH meeting, I think perfectly lift up the juxtaposition of summer time in the church. The term dog days of summer comes to mind. It is a time of year to relax, (like our cat, Max) and spend some time on vacation or visiting family etc. and enjoying the warmer weather. While, at the same time, even though not much happens in our context at Our Saviour's in the summer. Or does it!?

Every Sunday we gather for word and sacrament, yes, even in the summer, and all that is required from all the volunteers to make that happen is a perfect testament to the priesthood of all believers at Our Saviour's. We just finished the baby bottle fund raiser campaign for the pregnancy center and had a wonderful ice cream social time together. We have had a couple of meetings to seriously look at updating our social media presence through our website and Facebook accounts! The worship and music committee has given the go ahead to create a pray/play space in the back of the sanctuary and the materials needed for that to become a reality are almost all here and ready to go once our summer blues liturgy has ended. Speaking of the summer blues liturgy – Joanna and the band have been rehearsing to make it the best it can possibly be. The educational offerings for the upcoming fall are beginning to fall into place and I have been putting together and brainstorming a Family Faith Formation style day for an ecumenical summer bible school day. We recently had our floors waxed so that our building looks as good and inviting as it can on the inside. The church council is in the process of negotiating with the bank, who made us an offer to buy some of our property and when the council has thought through their recommendations, we will hear more about that I am sure in the future!

This is just a short list off the top of my head that is going on right now from our context. We may be entering into the dog days of summer in the next two months but the ministry done in Christ's name here at Our Saviour's through the wonderfully committed members and volunteers is nothing but GRACE, even when we think nothing is happening, if we look closely, we will be astounded with the love of God in Christ!

Thanks to everyone who make this a loving and grace filled church!

See you in church,

Pastor Jeff

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, June 9, 2019

In attendance: Robin Bell, Brandon Burnette, Gary Hicks, Martha Landua, Rade Radasinovich, Sarah Weissenbuehler and Pr. Jeff Corson; Absent: Paige Poppe; Guests: Trey Collier, Kathleen Burnette

President Rade Radasinovich called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm.. Pastor Corson opened the meeting with prayer.

Presentation and Review of Minutes and Financial Reports:

No financial reports were available. The minutes of the May 12, 2019 regular meeting of the Council were distributed to all council members prior to the meeting and formally presented for approval (attached). One error was found in the minutes regarding the date of the final Family Faith Formation, which was listed as April 19 rather than May 19. **Sarah moved to approve the minutes with the correction; second by Gary; motion passed.**

Reports were presented by the following:

Brandon (Fellowship) –Twenty were in attendance at the Lamb's on Saturday, June 8th for the annual picnic-pool party-ice cream social.

Martha (Secretary) – nothing to report

Sarah (Education) – nothing to report

Paige (Worship) – In her absence, Paige provided a written report for the Council, Pastor Jeff reported that he will be absent on Sunday, May 30th. Brady Fox will preside during the liturgy and sermon and Rhonda Collier will preside at Holy Communion. Concerning the "Backdoor," Pr. Jeff mentioned that it is possible that OSLC may hold a Talent Show in its stead possibly sometime in the fall.

Gary (Stewardship) – nothing to report

Robin (Ministries) – Robin had nothing to report, but did have a question concerning a combined Vacation Bible School with St. John's Episcopal and First Christian churches that was mentioned at a previous Council meeting. Pr. Jeff reported that Father Blagg and Andy Shelton have been asked to provide a date and, if so, Pr. Jeff will organize the event hopefully mid-July. The 3rd Saturday in July, the 20th, was suggested by Sarah and Robin as a good weekend to proceed with this event.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Jeff provided a May pastoral report. He informed the Council that he is taking some personal care time during the coming week for three days.

Old/Other Business:

First United Bank Update:

Trey Collier (Treasurer) – Trey joined the meeting at its beginning to give his report. Trey provided an aerial view of block 64, which includes OSLC's 4 lots, and a drawing of OSLC's 4 lots with measurements of each. He was sent a report from Mr. John Haislip of Quality Realty and representing First United Bank of comparable costs of other "like properties" for sale in Durant. Everyone agreed with Trey that the comparables listed were not in line with those owned by OSLC, especially the locations of those comparables.

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COUNCIL NOTES CONTINUED

After discussion the Council decided to move forward with a first step in seeing exactly what First United Bank has in mind at this point in order to have specific information to take to the Congregation at some point in the future. **Sarah moved that OSLC request a “written hard offer” from First United Bank for the lot/lots they are interested in purchasing; second by Brandon; motion passed.**

Update: “Citizen Response to Active Assailant in Churches” at the Bryan County Campus of Kiamichi Technology Center: Martha reported that she is very frustrated with KTC with regard to this program. Most recently in May she left messages for Vickie Richards, who is the person charged with organizing this event. Her messages have not been returned. Pr. Jeff said that he will attempt to make a contact with Ms. Richards.

Mowing of OSLC property: Jeff Garrett has been hired for lawn care. He will mow/trim every two weeks in season for \$85/ea. He will also trim the front hedges as needed for \$60 each time.

New Business:

Substitute Custodian: Evelyn Engel submitted a recommendation to the Council for her granddaughter, Maya Sharp, to serve as a substitute for custodial duties at any time Evelyn is out-of-town. **Robin moved to hire Maya Sharp as a substitute custodian as needed; second by Brandon; motion passed.**

Sarah moved to adjourn the meeting 1:10 pm; second by Gary; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Landua, Secretary

The next scheduled meeting of the Church Council is Sunday, August 11, 2019 following Worship/Fellowship.

NOTE: The May Church Council minutes were posted on the church narthex bulletin board and therefore were not included in this issue of Our Saviour’s News.

A Special Called Meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for July 7th immediately following the morning worship service. Purpose is to discuss the offer made by First United Bank for the lot/lots they are interested in purchasing from Our Saviour’s to provide more employee parking.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO STEVE REMSHARDT who faithfully mowed the OSLC lawn for many years. Steve decided it was time for him to retire from mowing. We do appreciate your dedicated service, Steve, in keeping our lawn and church grounds looking great,

The council has hired Jeff Garrett for OSLC lawn care. He will mow/trim every 2 weeks in season and trim the front hedges as needed. See above council notes for additional information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

3 Joanna Nannestad
7 Annie Iker
10 Dawson Noltkamper
14 Barbie Noltkamper
14 David Noltkamper
23 Chris Comer
24 Chaz Johnson
29 Shantyle Sanchez

AUGUST

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JULY

4 Annie & Brandon Iker
5 Joanna & Josh Nannestad
7 Lauren & Chaz Johnson
15 Robin & Kevin Bell
20 Kathleen & Brandon Burnette

AUGUST

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

Welcome to Maya Sharp who has been hired as a substitute custodian when Evelyn is out-of-town.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We will have a Sunday School meeting on Sunday, July 28, after church to discuss our plans for the fall and the Fall Festival to kick off the Sunday School year. Any and all who want to help with the Sunday School program this fall are welcome to attend!

This fall will bring changes to our Sunday School schedule for our children. Sunday School will take place before church from 9:30-10:15 a.m. at the same time as Adult Christian Education. We are looking forward to this change!

Contact me if you have any questions!

Your sister in Christ,

Sarah Weissenbuehler

COMBINED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHAT: OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN, FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH & ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMBINED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHEN: JULY 20, 2019 (SATURDAY)

WHERE: OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1524 WEST MAIN STREET
DURANT, OKLAHOMA

TIME: 10 AM TO 5 PM (TENTATIVE)

WHO: ALL YOUTH FROM THE 3 ABOVE CHURCHES & THEIR GUESTS

THEME: WATER BIBLE STORIES

All children in the above 3 churches and their guests are invited to join us for a one-day only Vacation Bible Story based on the Family Faith Formation pattern used at Our Saviour's this past year. There will be songs, bible stories, various fun activities about "water," crafts and some surprises too. Lunch will be provided.

Pastor Jeff and Sarah are in the process of planning this event and would appreciate your letting them know if you are going to attend. Please tell them soon.

In order to have enough supplies on hand and food to feed everyone, we need to know who and how many youth and helpers will be in attendance. If you feel this is something you would love to help with as a volunteer, please let Sarah or Pastor know that also.



THANK YOU TO:

*Everyone who filled a baby bottle with coins, checks and cash for the annual Pregnancy Center of Bryan County Baby Bottle Campaign. The center has had a good response and thanks every church and business in Bryan County that allowed them to get bottles out to the public.

*Annie Iker who was in charge of the OSLC Baby Bottle Campaign. Annie picked up the bottles and took the filled bottles back to the Pregnancy Center.

*Those who helped decorate the church for Pentecost and also took down the decorations.

*All those who moved tables and furniture so Our Saviour's floors could be cleaned and waxed plus those who helped put the furniture and tables back in time for church early on Sunday morning..

*Everyone who brought their Noisy Offering coins, cash or checks for the New Life House on June 30th.

*Skip and Danelle Lamb who hosted the Picnic/Ice Cream Social/Swim Party for the congregation at their home. A good time was had by all who attended.

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

*To the family of Neoma L. Frank, a long time member of Our Saviour's, who passed away on May 22nd at her home in Ozark, MO. Services to honor Neoma's life were held at 10:30 am on May 30th, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church with Interment at Highland Cemetery in Durant. A lunch was held in the Fellowship Hall for family and friends at noon.

*To the family of Nathan Kusch, who died on May 29, 2019. Nathan was confirmed at Our Saviour's. A graveside service was held at 10:30 am on June 4th at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Calera. A lunch was held for Nathan's family and friends at Our Saviour's following the service.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4 NIV

Evelyn Engel and Jack Wallace invite you to attend their wedding ceremony on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m.

A reception will be held in the church Fellowship Hall following the ceremony. No official invitations are being mailed but everyone is invited to attend the ceremony and reception. The couple requests, "No gifts please."

God's richest blessings as Evelyn and Jack begin their life together as husband and wife.



July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Happy B'day Joanna Nannestad	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 10:30 am Worship Special Council Meeting Happy B'day Annie Iker	8	9	10 Happy B'day Dawson Noltkamper	11	12	13 1-3 pm Light of Hope Commu- nity Meal
14 10:30 am Worship & Fellowship Happy B'day Barbie & David Noltkamper	15	16	17 5:30pm Worship Committee Mtg.	18	19	20 10am—5 pm (Tentative Time) Vacation Bible School No Quilters
21 10:30 am Worship	22	23 Happy B'day Chris Comer	24 Happy B'day Chaz Johnson	25	26	27 2 pm Engel/Wallace Wedding
28 10:30 am Worship & Fellowship & S.S. meeting 3:30 pm Light of Hope Board Mtg.	29 Happy B'day Shantyle Sanchez	30	31			

NOTE: The August calendar will be emailed to you the last week in July.

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the USA!

