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The Visitor Newsletter

June 2024



**Mission Statement: We at Saint Olaf Lutheran Church exist to
Worship, Proclaim, Serve God and Teach His Word.**

***Deadline for the articles for the visitor
newsletter is the 15th of every month.***

Worship Schedule

Sundays

9 am Traditional
10 am Fellowship
11 am Contemporary

Wednesdays

6 pm

Sunday services live streamed
on our Facebook page:
St. Olaf Lutheran Church, ELCA
and
www.stolaffd.com

10:30 am 1400 KVFD AM

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs
8:30 - 4:30 PM

Note From The Pastor



Fatherly Love

Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6:9-13)

Jesus told his disciples that they should honor their Father God in heaven as their supreme Father; the one who loves them perfectly. On June 16th we celebrate Father's Day with thanks and honor toward our not so perfect Earthly fathers.

I feel that I have a great father and yet not perfect. I was raised in the Catholic Faith, praying the rosary every day, monthly confession to a priest to relieve built up guilt for sins, and Church attendance every Sunday was a priority in our life. My father also modeled discipline, respect for others, work ethic, and compassionate service to others. We really bonded on vacations and bike rides including two annual weeklong bike rides across Iowa (RAGBRAI). But not all people are blessed with a father who has modeled love for them and others.

Often we are presented with opportunities to love someone with fatherly type love. Yes some women are left to be both a mother and a father influence in the lives of their children. Some men have spent time as mentors to kids who come from dysfunctional families where the father is absent. Many of us may find opportunities to bless others with fatherly love.

I have noticed that many in this congregation are very intentional about connecting and building relationships with youth in this church and in the community. It is this kind of attention that builds confidence in these kids. When a child is recognized with praise and encouragement, they are more likely to participate in the life of the church in later years.

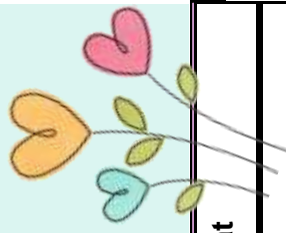
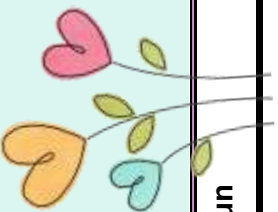
How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. (1 John 3:1 NIV)

May you share the grace of God's perfect love with all of God's children... For God is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim

June 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9am Traditional Worship 10am Fellowship Hour 11am Contemporary Worship	3 6-7pm AA Meeting Boy Scouts 6:30-8:30pm	4 OLES 9am Boy Scouts 6:00-8:30pm	5 Better Choices 8am	6 Lifeworks 1pm	7 Office Closed	8
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CALENDAR IN MORE DETAIL

June 12

- * Prayer Shawl meeting in Room 100 at 10am. After the meeting you're invited to join us at Ardys Mae Coffee and Dessert (Across from movie theater). Lunch will be provided. We appreciate your hard work!

June 16

- * Father's Day blessing

June 25

- * 1:30pm - OWLS get together at Snack Shack. St Olaf will provide a small cone or dish. Please bring money if you'd like a topping. Also - *please bring a lawn chair so we can make sure there's enough seating*. Rain date will be June 26.



St Olaf
Prayer
Shawl

Join us on June 12, for a special morning gathering at 10am in Room 100. After the gathering, you're invited to join us at Ardys Mae (located across from the movie theater) where lunch will be provided. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

LOOKING AHEAD

July

July 4 - Office Closed

July 7 - ONE service at 10am
4th of July celebration - potluck
after 10am service in Fellowship Hall.

July 15-18 - Vacation Bible school

JULY 4th CELEBRATION

July 7 will be a one service Sunday at 10am.

Afterwards, we invite you to join us for a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP on the sheet on the bulletin table. We ask that you bring a side or dessert. St Olaf will provide the main dish. There will be a signup on the bulletin table in June.



OLES

OLES meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. Join them *June 4 and 18* for coffee and fellowship. Men of all ages welcome. Please feel free to join them, they only meet twice a month.



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

SEW SISTERS



We need your help and talents cutting and sewing.

They are in the basement sewing on most Wednesdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm if you would like to join us.

You may want to call the office to make sure we are there before you come.



JOIN OUR SUMMER PROGRAM

**Kindergarten - 5th grade
May 28 - August 16**

Weekly themes! Art, STEM, and more!

Registration is online through the Playground app.
Find it on our Facebook page "Kingdom Kids of St Olaf"



Both part-time and full-time are available for summer.



If you have any question, email daycare@stolaffd.com

DAYCARE

There are openings in our Kingdom Kids of St Olaf Daycare. If you know of anyone looking we can take in ages 3 and up! If you know of anyone looking, please make sure to share!



OWLS
2nd Annual Outing
Snack Shack
Tuesday, June 25
1:30pm
In case of rain: we will see you June 26

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Olaf and Grace have partnered to bring you Lakeside's Traveling Day Camp!!! K-5th graders are invited to spend an epic week with Lutheran Lakeside Camp at church! We'll bring camp to you with songs, games, crafts, exploring nature, engaging worship and more! Learn all week about unplugging from distractions and connecting with God, then share it with everyone during our Thursday night program. This is one week you don't want to miss! Invite a friend and sign up today!!

Details: July 15-18, 1-5PM
\$10 per camper with camperships available.

Register online using the QR code, visit the church's website, or grab a form from the cart outside of the office.



For questions you can email the office at office@stolaffd.com



Lutheran Lakeside Camp

ST. OLAF PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

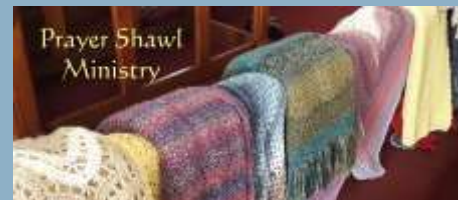
We want to send a special thanks to all who have helped in any way to replenish the Prayer Shawl closet with beautiful baptism and adult prayer shawls. This is an ongoing project to encourage and bless others. Thank you for your time and love. May God bless you!

Please continue working on your creative projects and turn them into the office when complete. We will bless the shawls, put the number and cross on them, and have them available to bless and encourage others. Thank you!

Anyone interested in finding out more about creating prayer shawls for others is welcome to attend the meeting on June 12. If you'd like to get started sooner, call the office and we can get you in touch with Jane Wallestad. Baptism/Prayer shawls will always be needed!

There is always someone to help you get started to knit or crochet.

All supplies are provided.



A MESSAGE FROM GRACE

Hello St. Olaf family!

I am pleased to share that I have completed my first year of seminary at Wartburg! Only three more to go!

I wanted to take a moment to share once again just how grateful I am for all of you and the St. Olaf Foundation. Your prayers and encouragement have blessed me greatly and I can't thank the Foundation enough for their generous scholarship. My first year at Wartburg Seminary was an adjustment at first, but I have loved all my classes so far and look forward to starting again next fall.

This summer I am taking a CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) class online and putting in clinical hours at a hospital in Sioux City to practice and grow my pastoral care skills. Although the summer will slow down a little and allow for some much-needed rest, I am excited about this class and look forward to the challenge of doing chaplain ministry.

I have loved being a Vicar at Christ Lutheran in Le Mars and St. Peter Lutheran in Brunsville. My congregations have been so welcoming to Max and I and we have loved getting to know the church members more! This past year I was able to do two baptisms and this summer I have my first wedding! I am grateful for the ministry that God has done through me and I look forward to all that He has for me in the future!

Max began working from home for Principle Choice Solutions in the in-bound call center. He loves his work so far and I have loved having him work from home! Our three dogs, Liberty, Beethoven, and Timber are all doing well and keeping us on our toes!

There aren't words to express how much St. Olaf has impacted me and I am forever grateful for all you have done as I pursue my call to rostered ministry in Word and Sacrament.

Blessings,
Vicar Grace Baumgartel



Jaxtyn Conley	6/1
Eivor Durando	6/1
Pat Gustafson	6/1
Ryan Kuker	6/1
Elli Yoder	6/1
Dawn Gulton	6/2
Jeffrey Strutzenberg	6/2
Marilyn Meier	6/3
Meadow Balkenende	6/4
Gary Crosby	6/4
Jenni Szalat	6/4
Jenna Williams	6/4
Mylah Dutcher	6/5
Janet Portz	6/5
Bob Younie	6/5
Nicholas Bailey	6/6
Karen Carr	6/7
Cory Krug	6/7
Hadley McKinney	6/7
Shawna Allbee	6/8
Kollins Ashbrook	6/8
Lucy Larson	6/8
Katelynn Anderson	6/9
Barb O'Brion	6/9
Troy Anderson	6/10
David Truscheff	6/10
Hailey Carstensen	6/11
Kelsey Felch	6/11
Roger Petersen	6/11
Robert Cook	6/12
Beth Flores	6/12
Renee Rude	6/13
Bill Bowman	6/14
Alex Bushman	6/14
Landon Getting	6/14
Lindey Krug	6/14

Jerry Landmesser	6/14
Brilee Nelson	6/14
Asle Thorson	6/14
Illa Ellis	6/15
Tjeran Thorson	6/15
Korann Kendall	6/16
Triston Lara	6/16
Drake Callon	6/18
Rachell Horrell	6/18
Jamie Lara	6/18
Tucker Pederson	6/18
Faith Williams	6/20
Tate Balkenende	6/21
Karlee Grove	6/21
Alexia Kvale	6/21
Kieler Smith	6/21
Gale Nore	6/23
Megan Smith	6/23
Julie Williams	6/24
Josh Swanson	6/25
Isabelle Flores	6/26
Dawn Glesne	6/26
Dennis Lynch	6/26
Bonita Miller	6/26
Carolyn Sandvig	6/26
Elise Seehusen	6/26
Erika Bryhne	6/27
Tess Fedderson	6/27
Troy Bennett	6/28
Vicki Fiedler	6/28
Reigan Grossnickle	6/28
Pat Grove	6/29
Max Hollman	6/29
Heidi Meier	6/29
Dave Sauer	6/29
Doug Thompson	6/29
Amanda Warren	6/30



Mother's Day Flowers at Ignite



Baptisms



Theodore James Schorzmann



Brice Ashton Nokleby Gus Tucker Gailey



Lincoln William Castro



Sonia Sandvig-Rodriguez



Welcome to the St Olaf Family
McKayla Smith,
Sonia Sandvig-Rodriguez
and Charles Gray!!





Last night of
Ignite at
Snack Shack



Kingdom Kids of St Olaf Ribbon Cutting



Ceremony with Greater Growth Alliance





Congrats to the
St Olaf Graduates
and
St Olaf Foundation
Scholarship recipients!



ST. OLAF FOUNDATION

Hi – I am Bob Younie and am the Treasurer of the Saint Olaf Lutheran Church Foundation.

I have been a member of Saint Olaf since 1978 when Karen, 2-year-old Erin and I moved to Fort Dodge. That membership continues to be a blessing to me.

My purpose today is to recognize the students who are receiving educational scholarships from the Foundation.

Before those recognitions, I would like to mention that the Foundation has a long history of helping student with their college expenses. It is the Foundation privilege to invest \$34,500 in scholarships this year for individual scholarships, and also for scholarship help to Luther Seminary and to Wartburg Theological Seminary in the amount of \$7,000 each.

The Foundation's scholarship investment in the youth of our church over the last ten years is \$362,050.

As a point of information, the scholarship application process requires two things: 1) The student must be a Saint Olaf member, and 2) The on-line scholarship application form needs to be submitted by the stated date. The Foundation does the work from that point on. The scholarship money goes directly from the Foundation to the educational institution; the student and parents are not involved in that transfer of funds.

An important point is that a scholarship application is not a one-and-done process; each education year requires a new scholarship application.

The students receiving scholarships this year are: Conner Carver, Andrew Dutcher, Maddy Dutcher, Jace Johnson, Makayla Johnson, Drayton Miller, Max Morud, Iris Peimann, Madigan Peimann, Drew Szalat and Laila Taylor.



Monthly Treasurer's Report

Operating Balance 3/31/2024.....454,283.44

Receipts:

Offerings.....19,524.35
Campaign Gifts.....107,154.54
Misc. Receipts.....4,711.52
Double Charge.....(37.45)
Total Receipts for April.....131,352.96

Disbursements:

Benevolence.....0.00
Pastoral Ministry.....28,740.41
Administration.....1,799.27
Worship & Music.....973.64
Christian Education.....407.45
Our Church Home.....5,660.81
Congregational Life.....322.46
Youth Ministry.....0.00
Social Ministry.....0.00
Stewardship.....41.56
Daycare.....20,045.73
Building Improvements.....194,307.38
Misc. Campaign Expenses.....1,764.79
Loan Repay – Foundation.....1,000.00
Total Disbursements for April.....-255,063.50

Operating Balance 4/30/2024.....330,572.90

PASTORAL ACTS & STATISTICS

WORSHIP

ATTENDENCE

Service Times

Day	Date	9:00	11:00	6:00	WEATHER	Totals
Wednesday	4/24	-	-	76	-	76
Sunday	4/28	74	67	-	Cloudy	141
Wednesday	5/1	-	-	68	-	68
Sunday	5/5	110	31	-	Clear	141
Wednesday	5/8	-	-	75	-	75
Sunday	5/12	96	62	-	Mother's Day	158
Sunday	5/19	66	28	-	Nice	94



CHURCH STATISTICS

Weddings: 1
Baptisms: 5
Funerals: 1

School is out, but LSI continues to serve

School may be out for the summer, but LSI continues to serve Iowans year-round. Our Early Childhood team continues their in-home visits, ensuring young families are supported and connected to their community as they raise the next generation of Iowans. Our therapists are talking and, most importantly, listening to individuals struggling with mental health challenges, difficult situations at home, and seemingly simple everyday problems. Children in our Foster Care and Adoption services are bonding with their foster parents as they grow and learn in their community. Immigrant and refugee learners gather at LSI offices in Des Moines, Sioux City, and Waterloo to attend class as they prepare for their citizenship test, learn how to become financially stable, practice their English skills, and more. Global Greens farmers are busy at the farm or selling their produce at the Global Greens Farmers Market in Des Moines.

Summer is a great time to get involved with LSI! Volunteer with our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services, check our social media pages to see what donations our services need most, or give a financial gift to support numerous services benefiting children and families across the state. Visit our website (LSIowa.org) to learn more about getting involved this summer.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).



JOIN "BY THE BOOK"
EVERY MONDAY FROM 6-7PM
AT ST OLAF LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM DOWNSTAIRS