JULY 2019 MISSIONARY
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
That All May Know Christ’s Love!

JULY

COMING TO OSLC

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Summer Church Office Hours - July 1 to August 23
Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday - Saturday, 9:00 am to noon

4
4th of July Holiday Observed (Office Closed)

6-7
Altar Food Blessing, all services

5-12
Dominican Republic Adult Mission Trip

14
Agape Youth Camp - All Volunteer Training, 3:00 –5:00 pm, Sanctuary

17-18
Gym closed for floor refinishing. Gym will be available on Sunday, July 21, for Hospitality.

29- Aug 2
Canyonview Camp for 1st – 6th graders, all day (see details inside)

SAVE THE DATE - August 11-18, 2019 Salem Interfaith Week

As a church community, we will open our doors to four Family Promise homeless families during one week this summer. This is a great opportunity to come together and serve in the mission field of Our Savior's, as we work together for the mothers, fathers and children of our greater community. As hosts, we offer a comfy and safe place for the families to stay the night and have meals prepared for them in this beautiful church building.

We need volunteers to:
• Cook & serve breakfast and dinners,
• Greeters to welcome them in the evening, and
• Overnight hosts who can spend the night at the church.

Please see the sign-up board in the Narthex for more information about the program and to sign up for a shift. For more information, you can contact coordinator John Eastman at jaeastman@juno.com or Jennifer Robin in the church office. This is a great service opportunity for small groups or members hoping to connect with others!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Saturday Night
5:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday Morning
9:00 am Traditional Worship
10:30 am Contemporary Worship

OFFICE HOURS
M-Thurs. 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am —12:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am —12:00 pm

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Ever heard of the husband who, for his wife’s birthday, bought her all the things he wanted for himself - new tools and sporting equipment, gadgets she had never heard of? Imagine her reaction when she tried out the new golf clubs and realized they were too long for her but just the right length for her husband. Imagine her reaction to the party… his friends, his music, his favorite foods… Imagine the impact of this on their relationship. All I know is, I wouldn’t want to be her… or him, for that matter.

Ever think about this dynamic when we gather for worship? The planning and preparation for the service and our participation, who is it really for? Who are we wanting to please? Regardless of which service you attend, all our services are prayerfully planned to give glory, honor, and praise to God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Though the music and style of each service may vary, each is prepared to offer God what God most wants from us: honesty, time, devotion, and praise.

If you are one of our more adventurous worshippers, you may have visited all three of our weekend services. If you have, hopefully, you noticed a few similarities…

**Honesty.** Virtually every service we host at Our Savior’s contains some form of confession of our sins. Mostly, this is a distinct part of the service, but occasionally it is more subtly included in our time of prayers. But it is there, because before anything else God desires from us, God expects honesty.

**Time.** Time listening to God, reading Scripture together and hearing it explained. Quiet, personal time as we receive our Lord in the bread and wine and as we pray at the altar rail.

**Devotion.** All our services contain the invitation and opportunity to express and rededicate your devotion to God through prayers, offerings, and the invitation to our Lord’s supper.

**Praise.** Finally, or perhaps woven throughout all of this, is praise—using our hearts and voices to acknowledge the goodness, power, and awesome love of our God. The songs may sound different, but the One for whom we sing ever remains the same.

These are the core values that we build into every worship service we host at Our Savior’s. As you prepare your heart for worship, I challenge you to ask yourself this question: Who’s the party for?

*In Christ’s Love,*

*Pastor Tom*
Agape Youth Camp  July 18-21, 2018, Aldersgate Camp

A Reminder to All Agape Youth Camp Volunteers:  A mandatory orientation/training meeting will be held at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church from 3:00 –5:00 pm, Sunday, July 14.

The Cabin Leader training is from 5:00-6:00pm, the same day.

Please pray for our volunteers and that their service to these children will increase hope and stability through faith. Questions? Please contact Keith or Barb Sandberg at (503) 930-8742.

Information Center/Greeter Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Information Center and Greeters on Sundays. Volunteers are on an 8-wk rotation. It’s an easy opportunity to volunteer and training is provided. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office or speak with Sarah Aguilar.

New Principal at Our Savior’s Christian Elementary School!

We are excited to announce the hiring of Jim Mueller to be the new principal of OSCE! Jim has 30 years of teaching experience. He brings great wisdom and experience to our school in this time of transition. He is also Pastor Don’s neighbor which is how we found him! (Thanks, Pastor Don!) Here is some information Jim provided about himself and his family:

Meet Mr. Mueller

Michelle and I are a blended family blessed with two adult children (Tyler and Nathan), two “almost” adult children currently attending George Fox University (Annie and Isaiah), and six grandchildren;

My professional career includes 15 years as a public high school teacher (12 of those in the Winston-Dillard School District south of Roseburg), and 15 years in Lutheran education serving as a principal in elementary schools from Washington to Arizona and California;

We recently returned and “semi-retired” to Oregon three years ago;

In addition to being a full-time mom, Michelle has also served as a wedding coordinator, personal executive assistant, teacher’s aide and speech and language pathology assistant.

We attend Salem Heights Church in South Salem;

We currently volunteer as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA’s) to foster children in Marion County;

When we’re not visiting family, we love traveling around the United States, hiking and volunteering at church and in the community.

NEW AUDIO-VISUAL TECH!

We, as a church, continue with staff transition, with an intentional process of discerning the needs of this church. Part of that transition is the hiring of a new AV tech. Good sound quality is incredibly important to the worship experience. The process of hiring a new tech included creating a panel to assess and interview candidates. This panel included: Keith Sandberg, Worship and Music Chair; Jay Lawson, Worship Coordinator; and Pastor Jody.

We were blessed with four incredible candidates; two gifted with strong IT backgrounds and two with strong audio experiences. After prayerful consideration, our team focused on the two candidates who brought the most sound experience. The position was offered to Victor Hux. Victor will be at the sound board at each worship service for the next several months as we work to reorganize and fine tune the sound in our sanctuary. Feedback is welcomed and grace is appreciated!
Children’s Education Ministry

R.O.C.K. = Reaching Out to Christ’s Kids!
Our Children’s Ministry Committee met in June and discussed curriculum! It was an
awesome meeting and we decided to use the “Dig In” curriculum for this next year of
Sunday School! It is an amazing curriculum that is full of engaging lessons, exciting
activities, and a focus on allowing our students to go from knowing about God to
knowing God on a personal level.

We will be kicking off our Education Hour with a Rally Day Block Party on
September 15th! Mark your calendars. All ages are welcome!

Kids Connection
With the help of our new “Dig In” curriculum we are going to be having a blast this summer with lots of exciting
ways to learn Bible stories! We are going to be playing games, making friends, and even doing science! Our whole
theme for this Summer is “The Heart of God.” We are excited to “dig in” and make ourselves familiar with how
amazing our God is, and what a loving heart he has for us!

If you have any questions or would like to get connected I would love to talk! You can reach me by email at
gracieh@oursaviorssalem.org or by phone at 541-331-0230.

Canyonview Day Camp
Interested in having your child go to a Christian day camp this summer? A bus picks up
children at OSLC and returns them to the church each day. Canyonview Day Camp is
located near Silverton. The dates Our Savior’s friends and family members are attending is
July 29 - August 2. Canyonview is for students entering 1st – 6th grade in the fall of 2019.
Cost is $143. Contact the church office for a registration form. Sign up in June!

Canyonview Junior Counselors.
We need a few more teens to be our Junior Counselors (JC) for this year’s Canyonview. The camp dates are
July 29 – August 2. Teens must be at least 14 years old and able to attend all five days of Canyonview
including the JC Training on Sunday, July 28. JC’s earn $75 for the week. There are a limited number of JC
positions available. Thus, not all teen applicants may be accepted. Please contact Sarah Aguilar if your teen is
interested.

Scholarships Request
Would you like to help send a child from Our Savior’s or from the community to attend Canyonview in August?
Cost for Canyonview is $143. If donating by check, please write it out to OSLC and memo: Scholarship for
Canyonview. Thank you for your support of the children at Our Savior’s.

Back-to-School Supplies Drive for Schools
Families at two local schools, Pringle Elementary and Battle Creek Elementary, could use
your help with much needed school supplies. Check the display in the Narthex. Donations
will be delivered on Wednesday, August 21. Thank you for any help you can give!

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Youth Ministry

We have plenty of exciting opportunities for high school and middle school students to get connected to our church and our youth program!

Every Monday from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm we have Middle School Anchor at Our Savior’s. Every week we have time for middle school students to play games, have snacks, and learn about God. This is a wonderful opportunity for middle school students to have fun together while learning and connecting with each other, their leaders, and God.

We have High School Anchor every Sunday this summer from 6:30-8:30 pm. High school students will eat dinner together, play games, and experience God’s word together. This is a great space for high school students to step back and just enjoy being in the presence of God and their peers.

Join us for high school Bible study every other week on Wednesdays! We will meet at 11:00 am at the Broadway Coffeehouse on Liberty NE, every other week during the summer for Bible study. In July, we will be meeting on the 3rd and the 17th.

Quest has ended for the summer. Rejoin us in September for our Sunday morning program!

Time now to sign up for our high school summer trip. High school students are invited to join us for the MOVE conference from July 29-August 2. This is a five day conference led by the organization Christ in Youth. We will stay on campus at OSU and get the opportunity to explore the campus as well as the surrounding town. There will be amazing speakers, awesome worship, and so many opportunities for growth.

Sign up at https://bridge.ciy.com/form/move/index.htm?EM=calvinh@oursaviorssalem.org&CN=00002265&YMF=Calvin&YML=Hardy&CH=Our+Savior's+Lutheran+Church&El=MOV19OR

If you have any questions or want to come to any of our events, feel free to call or text Calvin at (253) 509-4110 or email him at calvinh@oursaviorssalem.org

Food Blessing

In June, we donated 421 pounds of food items to the Table of Plenty by our faithful volunteers! This monthly ministry has an on-going need for support. Many families are counting on the community’s generosity. Thank you Our Savior’s for helping to fill their cupboards!

Key Food Items Needed: High-protein foods like canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter, beans; canned fruit and vegetables, rice, pasta, and cereal.

Upcoming food blessings will be the weekend of August 3-4 and September 7-8.

OSLC Financial Update

June 11—17, 2019 General Fund offering received was $22,163
June giving to date: $92,465 June budget approved: $105,142
YTD January - June: $549,812 2019 budget approved: $630,852
We WANT YOU! New - Young Adults Group

I am so excited to announce that OSLC will be starting a Young Adults group this July! If you are in the 18-30 year age range and want to join us, we would love to have you!

Our first event will be 6:30 pm, on Tuesday, July 16th, at Gilgamesh Brewery! Be ready for some yummy appetizers on us and put on your trivia thinking caps!

If you have any questions or would like to get connected, I would love to talk! You can reach me, Gracie Hardy, by email at gracieg@oursaviorssalem.org or phone at 541-331-0230.

Refugee Mentor Team Volunteers Needed

Salem For Refugees is looking for volunteers to join a Mentor Team to support the next refugee family that will arrive in Salem. Mentor Teams are groups of six to eight people who walk alongside refugee families as friends and guides through the first year of their resettlement journey. They help families learn to navigate things like grocery shopping, paying bills, making medical appointments, riding the bus, etc. They also support families through hospitality and friendship. If you’re interested in joining the team, contact Salem For Refugee’s Volunteer Coordinator, Marie Howard: marie@salemforrefugees.org.

BOOK OF ACTS : Jesus’ Witnesses Empowered By His Spirit

Do you ever wonder what it means for you to be Christ’s witness, a Christ-follower in the midst of a “crooked and perverse generation?” You are not alone! If you are aware of what is transpiring in the nations, you can sense the increasing conflict between the darkness and light. And if you know the whole counsel of God, you are keenly aware that the day of the Lord is drawing near. If ever there was a need to understand and do the will of God, it is now!

Precepts Bible study for women of the Book of Acts begins this September and we would like to invite YOU! We will learn what it means to be His faithful witness….the power to be what God wants us to be and the power to do what God wants us to do!

Please consider making the commitment to study and learn with other faithful women who want to learn more of God’s Word and obey it. We meet on Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:30 am. This eight week study will begin Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 9:15 am in Room 205-206. Workbooks cost $18.00. Call or email Nancy Merzenich to ask questions or sign up at 503-999-8231; nancylee4647@gmail.com or contact the church office at 503-399-8601.
Prayers...

Betty Knodle, hospice
Roy Tribe, hospice
Don Harmon
Wendy, brain cancer diagnosis, daughter of Sharon Guyer
Tom Ezell
Dave Waller, recovering from heart surgery, brother-in-law, Annie Ward
Paul Beukelman, chemo treatment, brother of Jim Beukelman
Lynn, mother of Shawn Ryan
Stuart Karpstein, cancer treatment, brother of Kathy Arnold
Stan Jackson, cancer, brother of Brenda Boyce
Lynne, cancer, Dolores Bennett’s daughter-in-law
John Ritter, recovering
Georgene Distad, recovering

Condolences to:
Diane Keiffer at the passing of her mother;
Mike Alley at the passing of his brother;
Mike Hormann at the passing of his father;
Kitty Lawson at the passing of her father.

Military Serving in Dangerous Zones: Joe Jackson, Jason Kroker, Mark Stevens, Mike Young

Active Military: Darius Cox, Nicholas Eastlund, Adam Hansen, Taylor Haun, Zachary Haun, Marcus Hicks, Jake Hoffman, Joe Jackson, Kevin Jensen, Tighe Johnson, Jesse Merritt, Eric Potter, Kate Potter Stowell, Billy Raymond, Mike Russell, Sam Slater, Tanner Smith, Matthew Stephenson, Joshua Watkins, Martin Watkins, Tristan Weber, Conrad White, Jeff Woods

Prayer Network Requests
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The Prayer Team
is available at the altar for any prayer needs immediately following the worship services.

God Bless America!
"One nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Election of New Bishop

The week of August 5-9th is a special one in the life of the church, one appropriately named, “Lutheran Week.” During this time, delegates and pastors from more than 600 churches and more than 12 countries will come together to conduct the business of the church in Indianapolis. We will gather in prayer and conversation, in excitement and reflection for how God has worked through this body and how God will continue to lead and guide us.

One of the tasks is the election of a new NALC Bishop. The role of the bishop is one of great importance as this person is called to be the “pastor to the pastors.” It is not a position that fills an office in a lofty building but instead, it is a role of great humility and faith. This is why we, as a congregation, have been praying for this process. You are also invited to pray through the month of July as well. If you would like to learn more, please reach out to Pastors: Tom or Jody.
# Our Savior's July Mission Trips

This month there are two mission trips with which Our Savior's will be involved.

Together, let's pray for those attending the adult Dominican Republic Mission Trip- July 5-12 and the Salem Middle School Youth City Camp- August 5-9.

Let us keep these individuals in our prayers for safety & protection during their trips and while they share God’s grace & love with those they meet each new day!