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I Need to Hear a Word

By Pastor Krahn

I need to hear a word.
I need to hear a word from God.
 An audible word,
 A fleshy word,
 From another's lips to my faulty ears.
I need to hear this Word spoken to me.

Sometimes it is carried by a lilting tune –
 (What wondrous love is this, O my soul...that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul?)
Sometimes it is carried by a triumphant melody that lifts you to a glorious place –
 (Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!)
At times this word is preached.
 Dramatic or gentle,
 A story that packs a punch.
 An "I love you" from God, that penetrates my heart.

I need to hear this Word.
I need to hear it often.
 It's a desperate need – a gasping for breath, a clawing out of the grave – need.

I need to hear the old, old story time and time again.
For without it, what would I do? Who would I be?
Dare I confess that without it I would feel estranged from God.
I would forget to trust.
I would stray. I would not know the way back.
How would God reach me?

I wouldn't hear it on the golf course even if it was Sunday morning.
 The skies don't open for me. I would hear no "I love you" from God.
 No one would feed me the love I need,
 the forgiveness I need,
 the bread I need,
 the life I need.

Without the faithful hearing this Word with me,
 encouraging me, supporting me,
 speaking the Gospel Word to me,
 I might let go and find myself flailing around in an ocean of fear and despair.
Through you, the faithful, God says, "I love you"
And God holds on to me for dear life.

I need to hear this Word...lest I die.

Worship Themes

The entire month of May will see the church year continuing the alleluia feeling of Easter Sunday. Join in praising the risen Lord throughout the five Sundays in May.

May 1—The Second Sunday of Easter—Jesus shows up among the disciples despite the closed door. *Where Are You Hiding* encourages us to recognize the peace of Christ comes when we break through that which encloses us. A special Noon service today will witness the church affirm the faith of our most recent confirmation students to complete their work.

May 8—The Third Sunday of Easter—How is your heart affected by the good news? Think it over and hear what we find in Scripture when we explore “*Gotta Have Heart*”.

May 15—The Fourth Sunday of Easter—Reverend Ron Mach, former assistant to our synod bishop, will preach this morning.

May 22—The Fifth Sunday of Easter—Stephen’s journey as a disciple takes him from waiter to martyr. He dies for the Way and we exclaim “*Oh, Stephen*”.

May 29—The Sixth Sunday of Easter—We will hear Jesus’ promise that he will not leave the disciples orphaned. Could that mean we are *Bonded for Life*?

2011 Synod Assembly

This year the synod assembly will return to the Marriott West hotel in Middleton. The two-day event begins on Saturday morning, May 14. The assembly adjourns at around 1:00pm on Sunday, May 15.

The theme of “Telling a Better Story” will bring keynote speaker David Lose to Madison. Lose is a homiletics (preaching) professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The assembly will include a number of workshops. Some of the workshops highlight the work of OSLC people. Pastor Krahn, Brett Christensen and Katie Christensen will all be part of the synod leadership. Bruce Hutler, presently serving on our Board of Finance, is in the running for synod treasurer.

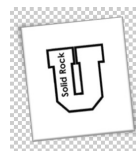
Voting members from Our Savior’s are: Pastor Berggren, Brett Christensen, Kela Feldman, Pastor Krahn, Michael Schmidt and Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Thompson.

Last Call to Join... Well, Not Really



Our new member classes will begin Sunday, May 15. We’ll be meeting for four sessions from 6:00-7:30 pm (May 15 & 22 and June 5 & 12) for you to gather information about OSLC, learn about our Lutheran identity, and get to know the pastors, staff, and the ministries of our community of faith. Child care will be provided as well. Contact Pastor Krahn at 837-3111 or pastorkrahn@oslc-elca.org with any questions you have.

SRU News: 19 Students Affirm Their Faith



The Affirmation of Baptism service held on May 1 celebrates a grand milestone in the life of faith of nineteen students. The following students have completed their confirmation journey and now participate in the life of Our Savior’s as confirmed members:

Matthew Barman	Amanda Mittelstadt
Ashley Belgarde	Brett Moon
Kyle Christensen	Kaiti Playter
Courtney Dudgeon	Brent Pursifull
Jamie Fish	Lewis Renk
Alex Henson	Kjerstin Saarela
Sydney Hoekstra	Eliza Swanson
Nicole Knudtson	Danielle Syse
Cory Kramschuster	Miriam Valley
	Shane Walden

We’re very proud of their accomplishments. Please congratulate and encourage them in their faith journey when you see them.

Sunday School Summer Haiti Project

Sunday school students from pre-school to 6th grade are encouraged to continue to utilize their envelopes throughout the summer. Monies shared will be added to the \$58.00 (already given to Haiti during Sunday school) and sent to the Grace Children’s Hospital in Haiti through the International Child Care ministry. This ministry provides medicine and health care, provides access to clean water, runs an eye care clinic and provides healthy food to the children in Haiti. Let’s see if we can match last summer’s Global Barnyard donation.

Sunday School Registration for 2011-12

Registrations for 2011 – 2012 Sunday school will be given to the children on May 8 and May 15. If your children are not in attendance those dates, registration forms will be mailed to you OR you can download them from the OSLC website. Please return them as soon as possible so that over the summer months we can begin to plan for the fall.

Hometown Nazareth – Where Jesus Was a Kid!

June 13-17, 2011

Nazareth is waiting for YOU
- Join the Vacation Bible School Team as we plan this

year's exciting adventure to Nazareth – Where Jesus was a kid! Positions are open for set up, tribal leaders and assistants, merchants and assistants, recreation team, music team and drama team (we are looking for a Mary and her friend Eunice). Check out the table in the narthex and sign up today! All students who are presently in fifth grade and above are eligible to assist. The first training sessions will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30pm. Vacation Bible School Registrations forms can be found on the VBS Table or you can download one from the OSLC website.



O.S. Faith Odyssey



Returns to Port

On Sunday, May 22 the O.S. Faith Odyssey will dock after an exciting year of Sunday school where children learned about the Bible, visited with John the Baptist and learned about the importance of Baptism, and studied the words - Faith, Hope and Love in the

rotation on Easter – I am a Believer. The Odyssey is presently stopping at Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossae, and Rome revisiting the path of Paul. During this past year the children, through their regular and special offerings, have bought a cow and 7 goats for the ELCA's God's Global Barnyard (and will be purchasing more animals by the end of May), assisted the Westside school with milk money for students and donated money to Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti for a total of \$2,800 in benevolence monies. Thank you for sharing with those who are less fortunate.

Confirmation Camp Meeting

There will be a meeting for all campers and their parents on Sunday, May 22 at 9:45am. We will be talking about transportation, schedule and what to expect that week. We will meet in the Underground immediately after 6th grade Sunday school. If you have questions see Brett.

RIOT Mystery Mission Trip Reminder and Group Building Day Scheduled

Parents please remember that your child's balance due for their trip is due by June 10 to Our Savior's. Please make checks out to OSLC. All youth and chaperones should attend a group building evening on Friday, June 17 from 7:00pm-11:00pm. We will get to know each other better, write a covenant for the trip and answer any questions regarding the trip. Please make attendance to this event a priority if you can. See Brett with questions.

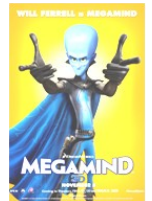


Summer Stretch 2011

Summer Stretch is a summer mission awareness program for youth completing 6th and 7th grades. Starting June 15, on Wednesdays during a 5 week stretch, youth will be responsible for Christ-centered ministry at one of over 20 different mission sites throughout Dane County. After completing a morning of hands-on mission work, an afternoon of fun awaits the youth and adult chaperones (mini-golf at Vitense, Duck riding at the Dells, etc.) The program culminates on the fifth week with a day-long fun activity. Lunch is provided by the participating churches. T-shirts and transportation are included in the \$90 registration fee. Registration forms have been mailed to your home during the month of April. Extra forms are available in the office. Registration deadline is May 22. This wildly popular program fills quickly so register early. See Brett with questions.

Family Movie Night – "MEGAMIND"

Last Family Movie night of the school year! The last family movie night until next fall will be Friday, May 20 beginning at 6:00pm in Mission Matinee. The movie "MEGAMIND" will be the feature this month. This event is open to all ages. Check out the Youth and Family bulletin board by the library to sign up for this fun fellowship event with your church family. See Brett with questions.



chaos Lock-in

chaos will be having a year-ending lock-in on Friday, May 20 from 6:00pm to 7:00am. Please sign up on the youth table, pick up a permission slip, and **bring a canned good for the food pantry** that night. Friends are always welcome. The lock-in begins with family movie night and the movie "MEGAMIND" which begins at 6pm. See Brett with questions.

Church-Wide Rummage Sale is BACK and Soon Able to Take



Your Donations

The RIOT youth group will be hosting our tri-annual church-wide rummage sale in conjunction with the city-wide sale in August. We welcome any donations of

gently used items for our sale. We can begin to receive those items on Monday, May 23. Please check with the office for directions for drop-off.

RIOT Concert Featuring Agape' AKA Dave Scherer

Join high school youth from other churches around south-central Wisconsin for a one-night concert experience. Agape' will be at McFarland Lutheran Church Saturday, June 4 from 4:00pm-9:00pm. See the sign up on the youth table or Brett for more information.



Stuff the Bus



A summer campaign has begun to collect school supplies for kids who can't afford to buy their own. Our

Savior's has been assigned **pocket folders without fasteners**. The entire community will be working towards filling an entire school bus with school supplies so we can "Stuff the Bus" for students in need. Drop your folder donations or any other school supplies you wish to donate in the box in the narthex by August 3. Thank you!

Volunteer Dinner

Wednesday, June 1 at 5:30pm is the date and time for our annual volunteer dinner. If you volunteer in any context here at Our Savior's, the staff would like to show you our thanks by hosting a dinner in your honor. Please sign up on the Ministry Opportunity Table so we have an idea of how many we will be cooking for. Kids are welcome!

Please Support Worship

As we gather each week, one of the most important supporters of worship are the ushers. We are in great need of people to assist with ushering. Sunday ushers are assigned to teams that are responsible for one worship each month or Saturday nights on a rotating basis, about once every 10 weeks.



Usher tasks include making sure everyone who arrives at worship is given a bulletin, ushering people for communion, assisting with offering and other similar tasks. Couples and families are encouraged to usher together.

To volunteer to be an usher contact Brandy in the church office or if you would like more information about being an usher at OSLC please talk with either of the pastors. We sure could use your help!

ADD/ADHD Support Group

There are so many questions, concerns, and often times, frustration that comes with parenting children with ADD/ADHD. Come join us for an informal group of parents looking for answers, suggestions and ideas on how to raise a happy, successful child with ADD/ADHD. We meet every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. Please contact Tonya at (608)213-6014 or tkoskelin@gmail.com for more information.

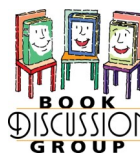
Table Talk with Pastor B

The men of the congregation are again welcome to join an informal discussion with Pastor B at Buck & Honey's on Monday, May 2 at 6:30pm. This month's topic is the church year.



Book Club

Our May book is *Breaking Night* by Liz Murray. Our June book is *True Grit* by Charles Portis. There will be a new Book Club News out this week with a list of our summer reads.



Eat Boldly

This month, we'll gather to *Eat Boldly* at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee. We'll look forward to lively conversation and good food on Friday, May 6. Reservations have been made for 7:00pm. Please sign up on the Ministry Opportunity Table to let us know you will be there. Please join the fun!



Lutheran Men in Mission

Men's Softball: Batter-up!! Want to wipe the dust off that old ball & glove that's been buried in the closet? Wake up muscles that your brain forgot you had? Enjoy fellowship and meet new people? OSLC has just the thing for you: An Area Wide Church Softball League! WE ENCOURAGE PLAYERS OF ALL AGES. Last year was our first year and we had great success, playing a few games and having a ball. This year we look forward to having more players and possibly form another team. We are currently signing up players. We will begin practice in May for a June start! Visit the Ministry Opportunity Table or website for sign up, schedules, and plans for 2011. Contact Steve Caron at (608)345-6096 or steven.w.caron@cummins.com.

Spring Service Retreats: April 29-30 and May 6-7: Sugar Creek Bible Camp has appealed for help again, cutting wood and building a bridge, this Spring before their busy retreat season begins. It is part of our mission, to support the ministries that are so important to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Sugar Creek Bible Camp is among them. We will leave from OSLC on 4:00pm Friday and return 6:00pm Saturday on both weekends. *Join OSLC-LMM for a couple days of service, fellowship, and devotion. Men of all ages are encouraged to come and the cost is \$20.* Contact Kelly Thompson at kthompson@oslc-lmm.org or at (608)577-0094. Please visit <http://www.oslc-lmm.org> for all the up-to-date events and devotional blogs!

Lutheran Men in Mission

Relay for Life

You are cordially invited to A Royal Reunion honoring Relay for Life's 15 year anniversary in Sun Prairie. We will gather July 15 and 16 at the Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School. Some of this year's highlights include the luminaria ceremony with sky lanterns, food court featuring local restaurants, costume contest and for this year's celebration there will be a survivor court. An Our Savior's team meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00pm in the chapel. Fundraising packets will be handed out, team members will sign up for event T-shirts and the team will decide on campsite décor. If you are not able to attend the meeting but still want to be a member of our team please contact Chris Boettcher at (608)842-0354 or christineb12@yahoo.com. We will need at least 8 team members to register a team for this year's event.



Official Acts

Funerals - *commending the faithful to the loving arms of God*

April 19—Lani Kay Welborn
April 20—James "Ken" Harden

Baptisms - *celebrating new life through the sacrament of belonging*

April 3—Elliot P. Witkiewicz—son of E. Philip & Emily J. Witkiewicz
April 17—Claire Ann Kvalheim—daughter of Michael & Jenna Kvalheim
April 24—Lucas Gregory Joling—son of James & Tiffany Joling

Thank You from the Ponath's

We would like to express our deepest thanks to Pastor B and Our Savior's choir for their prayers, love and compassion over the past four months. These are things money cannot buy. Thank you for the cards, phone calls and all the food prepared for us. We love each and every one of you. Our Savior's Senior Choir follows the example of what our savior speaks to us about in the Bible. Thank you is not enough but it is all we have. We are surely blessed by our senior choir. Thank you once more.

Peace and Love,
Chris & Paul Ponath



Volunteers of the Month—Larry & Marge Woodbury



For many people the fellowship time between services on Sunday morning brings great joy and a sense of belonging. There are many people who make our coffee hour a much anticipated time. We'd like to particularly uplift Larry (Woody) and Marge Woodbury for their work in coordinating volunteers and keeping the goodies stocked. Thank you for this and the many other places you serve at OSLC.

+ One a Week Club +

To find a current list of blood drives or to make an appointment to give blood you can call 1-800-give-life or visit givebloodgivelife.org. Donating blood takes about an hour of your time. Please consider making time for this vital need in our community. Call to schedule your appointment today!

Thanks to Virginia Clinton, Jen Engelbrecht, Jordan Niemeyer, Hal Sommer, Eric Basile, Julie Niemeyer, Bridget Nawrot, Sue Barman (DBL red cell) x 2, Colleen Fjelstad, Yvonne Wilhelmi and Byron Bunge who donated blood recently.

Our total for 2011 so far is 39! Way to go!

Community Events

HospiceCare—“Caring for Someone with Alzheimer’s Disease or Dementia.” On Tuesday, May 10 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, HospiceCare Inc. will offer “Caring for Someone with Alzheimer’s Disease or Dementia.” Participants will learn about a dementia patient’s changing needs, as well as approaches and communication techniques for caregivers to use as memory-loss diseases progress. This free presentation will be held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison. Pre-registration is requested; please call Carrie Glantz, HospiceCare public affairs, at (608)327-7202.



CROSS TRAINING

In partnership with our synod and churchwide, Youth and Family ministry at Our Savior’s invites ALL ADULTS who work with youth to a FREE training event. CROSS training events will be a mix of “face-to-face” meetings throughout the next several months, as well as online webinars that you and other youth ministry leaders can participate in at home. The topics provided at these events include:

- The Landscape of Youth Ministry
- Youth Ministry Events as Faith Formation
- Lutheran Theology: How God is at Work in the World
- Lutheran Theology: How Lutherans Read the Bible

- Your Role as a Leader
- Strategic Planning
- Leading a Small Group
- Faith Conversations
- Planning for the Unexpected

Again, anyone from pastor to confirmation or Sunday school teacher to chaperones and drivers are invited to attend any and all these events. The best thing is....THEY ARE FREE! We just ask that you sign up on the youth table so we can plan accordingly.

Spring 2011 Training Opportunities

- “The Landscape of Youth Ministry” Presented by Brett Christensen
- “Youth Ministry Events as Faith Formation” Presented by Brett Christensen
- “Getting Ready for NYG 2012” Presented by Cory Hamilton

Two Location Opportunities

Grace Lutheran Church – Dodgeville, WI
 1105 North Bequette St. Dodgeville, WI 53533
 May 28, 2011 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am

***McFarland Lutheran Church – McFarland, WI**
 5529 Marsh Road McFarland, WI 53558
 June 4 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

*This event held in conjunction with the SCSW LYO Senior high Concert with AGAPE’ 4:00pm-9:00pm

We look forward to entering into holy conversations with you!
 Thank you for your ministry with and among young people.

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Help decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday, June 12. If you would like to donate a geranium plant, please complete this order form. *Make checks payable to OSLC.* Return this form and payment to the basket on the Ministry Opportunity Table, no later than May 29.



Number of plants _____ at \$12 each.

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ Payable to *OSLC*.



Please print your name(s) : _____

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