



Weekly NEWS

YOU are Our Savior Lutheran
Church in 2024!



Aug 18th

Blessing Bags for Bridge Ministry are DUE TODAY

There is still time to help with gift bags for the Gordon College students for the "Local-Churches Event" on campus at the end of August.



GORDON COLLEGE

1. You can still make a **cash donation** and we will pick up the needed items.
2. Stay after church and write a little **note of encouragement** to go into the "Blessing Bag". It doesn't need to be long, just a scripture verse or a few words to encourage the students as they start a new year. **Our goal this year is 150+ bags!**

If you'd like to help be a part of representing our church home and chatting with new students Aug. 27th 5-7PM see Mark or Joanne Vermont. (There will be a short training zoom before.)

"Let us not neglect meeting together... but let us encourage one another Heb 10

Operation Shoebox Program:

**The collection for AUGUST is
SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Sales have started with reasonable prices to quickly fill many shoeboxes. Crayons, pencils, spiral notebooks. Crayola colored pencils .99 and crayons .50 are on sale at

Walmart and Staples. There are also sales on summer TOYS so it's a good time to look for them—which we will be collecting in SEPTEMBER.

Our goal is 50 shoeboxes at our October "Packing Party Plus another 100 from families in November. We will joyfully fill our goal of 150 boxes!

Preparing for the



Service Times & Serving Updates

Fall Sunday Schedule:

We return to our TWO Worship Times September 8th.

8:15 Traditional

10:30 Contemporary with Praise Band

Kids Connection Returns Sunday Sept 15th

Worship Serving Schedules— BLOCKING DATES

Fall Scheduling is being done NOW.

Sunday volunteers please go to oslcma.ccbchurch.com and block out dates you will be away Sept—Dec.

How to BLOCK OUT your AWAY dates on your smart phone or tablet.

1. Log into oslcma.ccbchurch.com and click the three bars in the upper left.
2. Click SCHEDULES & PLANS on the left of screen.
3. Click MY SERVING on upper right of page under your photo.
4. Click on EDIT PREFERENCES on upper part of screen.
5. Click on BLOCKOUT DATES on upper part of screen.
6. Tap the first and last days you will be out.
7. Screen will show numerically your blocked out dates.

MAKE SURE TO CLICK SAVE on the bottom right!

Worship Role of the Week - USHERS (host!)

The Usher is the “host” of our church home on Sunday mornings. The goal is just like a party at your house. (1) Greet guests at the door, (2) make sure all know where to go and what is available, and (3) be attentive throughout the event of peoples needs.

Here is what goes on with this role...

Ushers have a huge role in creating a welcoming environment, and pay special attention to help visitors feel comfortable. This continues throughout worship if someone needs help. Ushers have the end responsibility that the candles are lit and the offering collected, both of these are great opportunities to include families in children in serving. If you have interest in serving this “host” role, please talk to Charlie Cuilla, Diane, or Pastor Joe

MUSIC NOTES by *Wendy Betts*

In consideration of excellence in worship, (note I did not say perfection! Only JESUS HIMSELF is perfect!) we musicians research, practice, prepare, then present, delivering up our God-given talents directly and joyfully back to Him. He deserves our very BEST!

“Music (canto) functions meaningfully in parallel with speech (cancio) in our DIVINE SERVICE, a foundational concept for Lutheran music that Martin Luther himself explained very clearly: next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise”. After all, the gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both word and music, namely, by proclaiming [the Word of God] through music.

In our LSB Hymnal, you will find 5 liturgical settings of worship liturgies, 4 of which we rotate months in the liturgical service. They are all scripturally based; all contribute to bind the spoken Word and the sung Word into a cohesive whole. Sometimes we are called to listen respectfully; other times we sing heartily; and throughout the service we respond and speak boldly. Word and music, speech and song, all must be done with the greatest integrity and skill.

That’s why pastors practice and polish their sermons, chorus and praise bands and handbell ensembles rehearse their music - regularly and with great diligence and intention! All this we do in service to our most Holy God and His Gospel!

Quote from Daniel Zager (Lutheran Music and Meaning)

Coffee Donations Box: You can drop in a reimbursement occasionally to help this ministry. Buying the cups, lids, coffee pods, and coffee for pots all contribute to the cost of our fellowship coffee time. There is now a clear donation box by the coffee.

For Planning: Please note there is a wedding on Sat afternoon Aug 24th in the church. Please don’t plan any activities at the church this day. The loft and worship space will be getting prepared and decorated on Fri evening as well.

Help recruit for the Band: We’re always looking to expand our “pool” of musicians for the band. Please spread the word to high schoolers, neighbors, friends... for keyboardists, drums, guitar, singers... even once a month! *Rob and Pastor can be con-*

Serving at UNITY service	Aug 18th 9:30AM	Aug 25th 9:30AM
Announcements	Karen Nawoichik	Diane Herth
Altar Care Set Up Altar Care Clean Up	Kathy Kishbaugh Marilyn Perry	N/A
Coffee Set Up Coffee Clean Up	Gail Sullivan Gail Sullivan	Ann Nollet Diana & Jim Campbell
Communion Servers	Levi Kishbaugh	N/A
Media Audio Media Advance Slides	Joel Trunfio Sam Gustafson	Gary Terhune David Howe
Reader	Sharon Gower	Sophie Gustafson
Ushers	Charlie Ciulla Sean Lovett	Josh Gustafson Steve Howe

About CCB (*there is a link to CCB right on our website home page)

*If ever you **cannot** serve. Please click email "ACCEPT"; then follow prompts to **FIND A REPLACEMENT**. When this request for a replacement is sent out by CCB, it will appear as a personal note from you and goes to all who serve on that particular team. **Thank you for serving!***

Just a reminder... Communion is on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays.

Kid's Sermons are every Sunday. We try to have Mission and Ministry Moments on the 2nd and 4th Sundays if available. Adult Ed is each week after worship except is something is scheduled for that time slot.

Nursery is available each week.

Upcoming dates:

8/21 Worship Ministry meets 10AM-12PM

8/24 Erica Giovannello wedding

8/29 Blessing Bags passed out at Gordon College 5-7PM

9/8 Return to 8:15AM Traditional & 10:30AM Praise services

9/15 Kid Connection begins

Summer Hours: During the summer, Pastor Joe is typically at the church Thursdays— Sunday Just give him a call to confirm 860-478-2559