



## GOOD NEWS!

### AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Friends,

I am writing to you this month having just returned from our Synodical Convention. This is an event held every 3 years and it is the first time it was held in Florida. Tampa to be specific. It was quite an honor to be able to represent our area of Florida and about 15 Pastors or so. It was several days long and we voted on many things as a synod. It was a good place and time to come together and remember that we are one as the LCMS. For those who might not know, Synod means walking together and that's what we came together to do. To vote on certain things and to remember that we are one in our beliefs and practices. Good times with great people.

The convention did get me thinking though. I know some of you are thinking, "uh oh, here he goes again." So I'll give you a moment before you read on... It got me thinking about how we had about 1,000 commissioned workers, pastors, and lay-people all gathered together in one place. And while we did have a servant event, I could not help but to think what an impact we could have had on that community if we would have all gone out serving the community in some way and helping to teach people about Jesus Christ and the love he has for all people. To help them to know Jesus true God and man in the flesh. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20. This is the great commission.

#### Message cont'd...

I'll be the first to admit there was nothing stopping me from doing that and yet I still did not act on this nor did I reach out in some spectacular way. For all I know many did go out and do just that and the work the servant event accomplished was no small thing/ it had a huge positive impact for the organization it was helping and it was a great thing. Many people will be served through this and will learn more about our Lord Jesus Christ.

I bring this up for two reasons. One: because it was on my heart and I like to share things with you all and two: because I think here at OSL we have a great mindset to help and serve those who do not know Jesus as well as those who do. Our Mission statement is simple: "Showing people Jesus Christ through faith, service, and love. It hits home the meaning and intent of that great commission.

I saw an article the other day talking about churches, their effectiveness, and whether or not they are "stuck". The Article said the #1 thing they do is keep an Outward Focus, "It's probably the key distinguishing factor when it comes to the health of the church: whether the church is outward-focused or inward-focused. That issue is always what creates the most tension when it comes to the potential for change. Churches get stuck when they begin to focus more on people who are already Christ-followers than on reaching people outside the faith."

I hope you hear that as an encouraging reminder that we are doing things right and ought to continue reaching into our communities. God placed OSL on the corner of 'Lake and A' 91 years ago and what an opportunity we have to share the Gospel with people in our community today. Thanks be to God for the last 91 years and the next 91 years to come!

In His Grip, Pastor Jake



If you or anyone you know needs a ride to church, please let the church office know. We do have some options available. You may call the Church Office (561-582-4430) or Pastor's cell (561-234-8727).



## ATTENTION TO OSL CONGREGATION

The monthly newsletter will no longer be mailed out (except to local LCMS Churches, winter residents and a few mail recipients). The Greeters/Ushers will hand out your newsletter as you pick up your Sunday bulletin. If you are a visitor, there will be spare copies on the lobby table. Deadline for submissions/articles is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.



### CROS Food Pantry Needs Our Help!

This month's needed items are **CANNED TOMATO SAUCE AND PASTA**. Please consider donating is or any non-perishable food item. Together we can do more and make a difference! Thank you for your support!

--- Evangelism/Missions



## BATHROOMS ARE NEXT REMODEL PROJECT!

OSL will be reviving the remodeling committee. The committee will be looking for leaders and members to serve. If you are interested in serving on this special committee, please contact the church office.



## PRAYER PARTNERS WEDNESDAY MORNINGS!

Every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. is a special time at OSL! Come pray with us!

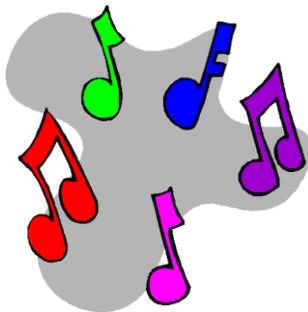


# LWML MITE BOX AUGUST MISSION GRANT

## August

- 08/03 Marlene Woodward-Cooper
- 08/04 Pam Zmistowski
- 08/07 Enid Gustavson
- 08/10 Joan Purdy
- 08/11 Marcia Laymon
- 08/11 Betty Olsson
- 08/14 Donna Macha
- 08/15 Jennifer Brown
- 08/20 Jan Fennell
- 08/20 Debbie Schuette
- 08/27 Sue Murray
- 08/30 Sue James

The August LWML Mission Grant of \$80,000 supports Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya. This grant will help the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya to extend their ministry of Word and Sacrament by expanding the clean water project for their schools and orphanages. Our OSL Mite Box is located on the table at the east wall of the sanctuary along with the LWML August Mite Box Devotion packets. Thank you for remembering your August Mites and for your prayers and support for this LWML Mission Grant.



## MUSIC BOARD SUMMERTIME AT OSL 2019

### Schedule for choir:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – practice:  
following Sunday – SING

### Schedule for BELL choir:

1<sup>ST</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday – practice:  
following Sunday – PLAY

## POTLUCK SURVEY

It will soon be time to start Family Potlucks again. In order to get more involvement, I would like some feedback. *Please fill out the survey forms in the lobby and place in the offering plate.* Thank you for your response. Rita Kaiser

1. Would your preference be? Day or Night (if choosing a night, please note that Saturday Evenings are not available as there is a "standing" meeting in the West Wing)
2. Which day of the week works best?
3. Additional comments or suggestions or if you would like to volunteer, sign your name and phone number.