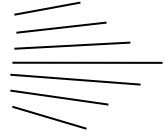




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The monthly newsletter of Our Savior Lutheran Church
1103 N Broad St., Mankato, MN 56001

MAY 2019

Confirmation Sunday **May 5, 2019 ~ 10:30 service**



We give glory to God for our brothers and sisters that will publicly proclaim their faith in their Baptism, their reliance on God's Word and the Small Catechism, and their intention to hear God's Word and receive His gifts faithfully.

Please encourage them as they join us on this holy journey.

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Office hours are Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Unless there is an activity or event taking place, please use the Broad Street entrance by the mailbox.

In case of emergency or urgent need, our pastors are available at all hours and all days by calling their cell phone. Please use the office phone for other business. Please also remember that Sunday morning and other worship times are not for bringing church business to other members or staff but for focusing upon the Word and gifts of God. "The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work." - Exodus 20:10

From Pastor Lauer

I'm writing this on Good Friday. But I'm not filled with despair or guilt or fear as our Lord's disciples seem to have had on this day. That's because I know what's coming. Even though Jesus had told them in advance that He would rise again, they don't seem to have realize that Jesus would overcome this brutal death, leave the grave under His own power, rise to sit at the right hand of the Father, and return to bring them to eternal glory with Him. They believed, even to the end, that Jesus was the Son of God and Promised Messiah, but they could not see how the cross and the grave were necessary in God's plan.

It didn't matter that they didn't understand. Jesus still died, was buried, rose, ascended, and will return for them just as He had promised.

This gives me great comfort when I consider the other things which Jesus has said which I don't yet understand. It's not important that I understand, in advance, what Jesus is doing in my life or why He is doing it. What matters is that I believe He is the Son of God, the Christ, and my Savior. What it will be like when He comes to take me to heaven or what heaven itself will be like are things that He knows and will show me when the time is right.

So, after the crucifixion, when the Lord's disciples were hiding behind locked doors in fear of the Romans, He did not condemn them for being afraid or worrying or doubting. Instead, Jesus said, "Peace to you." Then He showed them His hands and His side and said, "Stop doubting and believe."

There are many things which Jesus said and many things which Jesus is doing in our lives which we don't yet understand. But that's not important. What is important is that we believe and trust Him to be the Son of God and Savior of all. As He did for the disciples before He ascended into heaven, He is also opening our minds to understand the Scriptures. Beyond that, we believe and trust in Him because our Lord Jesus knows and understands and fulfills all that is needed for us. This is living, and dying, in faith.

As we know that Easter is coming after Good Friday, we also know that Eternal Life lies ahead for us after death.

From Pastor Matheny

It is a beautiful early Spring morning. The sun is edging its way up over the horizon sending the mist and darkness of the pre-dawn scurrying for cover. Though the morning is young the birds are wide eyed and bushy tailed as they laud their infinite creator. The air is crisp and cool and the grass is glazed with dew because the sun hasn't had full opportunity to warm them. But despite all these beauties, you take no notice.

That is because your heart and your mind, not to mention your legs, are racing. Your whole self is in such rapid motion because not an hour ago you heard some unbelievable news. You were there in the room when Peter and John burst in, with eyes like saucers. Their words scrape out between big gulps of air.

What they have to say is perplexing yet it spreads like wildfire. It seems that not long before a group of women went to the master's tomb to complete His preparations for burial. But they returned with much commotion claiming that they had seen an angel and that the tomb was empty. The twelve were tempted to write off their message as feminine silliness, but Peter and John believed them and investigated for themselves. Now they had returned with much the same story as the women. The tomb is empty.

Again, some had balked at the message. Others simply parroted it to any that would listen. You decided to investigate. That is why your lungs are heaving and your legs are burning. You push around the last turn and you see it. His tomb. You immediately see that the stone is indeed rolled away. As you catch your breath you lower your head and stoop inside. You find no angel but otherwise things are just as you had heard. It is completely empty, save for the linen bindings that have been left where He was laid. Now your mind reels and you begin to wonder what this could possibly mean, and what will come next.

Christ is risen!

Planning Council Meeting
Minutes- Our Savior's Lutheran Church
April 9, 2019

Members Present: Denise Painter, Matt Brand, Mel Hendrickson, Judy Mensing, Dale Bergemann, Barb Anderson, Judd Schultz, Chris Anderson, Lindsey Marso, Dianne Willett, Pastor Paul Lauer, Pastor Adam Matheny, Perry Eimers, Robb Hobbs, Dave Eberhart.

Members Absent: Immanuel Mueller.

Guests: None

1. Meeting was called to order by President Denise Painter at 6:59 p.m.
2. Pastor Lauer opened with prayer.
3. Public/Congregation presentation: questions were raised concerning voice quality and broadcast issues.
4. Additions / Approval of Agenda: No additions, Motion made and seconded to approve agenda as printed. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Previous Council Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as printed. Motion Carried.
6. Pastors' Report: Pastor Lauer Lent is very busy season, a few official acts, Staff is happy. Pastor Matheny Nothing in particular to report.
7. Treasurer's Report: Motion made and seconded to approve report as written with a date correction of March 31 2019 on first page. Motion carried.
8. Unfinished Business:
 - a) Organ Project Update: One of the ranks has been re voiced, project is on schedule, Tentative Monday April 29 to start installation on site. March payment has been made and April check is written, Watch the Voice for updates.
 - b) Safety Committee Update: Will be meeting on the 10th for planning purposes.
 - c) By-Laws Revision Committee: Has paperwork in hand and will start meeting to work on items to present to congregation.
9. New Business
 - a) Organ Dedication: looking at an Organ Celebration on June 30th 2019, a Rite of Rededication (TBD), a meal on June 30th if Persons step forward to manage it.
10. Board Sharing (Additions, questions or Explanations of written reports.)

Endowment: Nothing new to report. Deacons: Church Picnic is June 9th looking for help from the other boards.

Trustees: working on the lighting issues in the balcony, also at replacement for the Airport lights upfront, also flooring issue in the Fellowship Hall. Elders: approved the Duty changes and job title for Sue Hendrickson. Youth: NYG all funds have been raised, TSNT is up and running strong and well.

11. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.
12. Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.
13. Next Council Meeting is May 14th at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Mel Hendrickson, Secretary
OSLC Planning Council

Accessions & Losses

Accessions:

Cynthia Hoffrogge; Affirmation of Faith; April 14, 2019

Losses:

Kimberly Brooks, Koby [age 11], Dexter [age 5]; Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato; ELS; April 9, 2019

Michael & Marissa Humburg, Madelyn [age 7], Isaac [age 4]; Lutheran Church of Our Savior; LCMS; April 9, 2019

Kristianna Hislop; Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato; ELS; April 14, 2019

IN MEMORIAM

Gary Wayne Otto

January 14, 1944 ~ March 19, 2019



*Articles for the June
VOICE are due by Friday,
May 17th at 4 pm*

OSLC Treasurer's Report Commentary Period Ending March 31, 2019

Income and Expense Summary

	Current Month	Y-T-D
Income	\$56,383.61	\$151,256.74
Operating Expenses	-\$58,073.56	-\$152,662.73
LCEF Mortgage Principal Payment	-\$881.20	-\$2,634.55
Net for Period[†]	(\$2,571.15)	(\$4,040.54)

[†]Positive net value indicates we received more than our expenses, a negative number indicates that we have spent more than we have received for that period (deficit).

Cash Summary

	Amount	Notes
Checking Account	\$57,993.29	Daily checking account
Joyful Response	\$73,024.19	Joyful Response deposits and loan pmts
Library Fund	\$20,107.12	Certificate of Deposit
LWML Fund	\$10,000.00	
Accounts Receivable	\$23.30	
Total Cash Assets	\$161,147.90	
Dedicated Accounts	-\$158,878.46	Amount of our cash balance designated for specific activities
Other Liabilities	-\$2,246.14	Accruals for HSA payments, youth, etc.
Available Cash Balance	\$23.30	\$73.60 last month

Long Term Debt (LCEF Mortgage)

Current Balance	\$279,809.55
Monthly Payment	\$1,845.99
Interest Rate (Variable Annually)	4.125%
Pay-off Date	7/2036

Additional Comments:

There are some discrepancies on this month's reports that will be ironed out as Sue and I continue working together on the accounting processes, when things are due or need to be dated, etc. Additionally, for now, we managed to remain positive in cash-on-hand 😊

Respectfully submitted,
Immanuel Mueller, Treasurer



Quilting group meets for our LAST session of the season on May 13th from 9am – noon upstairs in the Youth Room. We sew tops, backs, and middles together and tie. No sewing experience necessary. Call Julie at 388-7533 if you have any questions.



ATTENTION MEN! Don't forget that our Men's Bible Study meets at 7:30pm in the Fireplace room on the second Thursday of each month (Thursday the 9th in May). This month we will discuss chapter 7 in *Man Up*.

Organ Project Progress

The reinstallation of our pipe organ should be starting about the same time that you receive this newsletter. It is expected to take 3-4 weeks to reinstall 1,671 pipes which have all been cleaned, upgraded in some cases, and voiced to ensure that they make the exact sound each one should. The now digital console will be reconnected and then each key, switch, lever, etc must be tested as the pipes are individually tuned.

We hope to have our organists using the upgraded organ in June to put it through its paces. A special Celebration Sunday is being planned for June 30th to highlight this magnificent upgrade and mark the completion of this project. More information about the celebration will be in the June newsletter.

Spring Backpacking Trip

May 30 - June 2

Looking to get out and enjoy spring? We have been assured that by the end of May spring will be here for good, so we have scheduled our Annual Spring Backpacking trip for May 30th - June 2nd (leaving early on Thursday and returning on Sunday). We will be hiking a portion of the beautiful Superior Hiking Trail that runs from Duluth to Canada along Lake Superior. Some camping experience is helpful, and being able to hike with a loaded pack is a must, but no specific backpacking experience necessary. Don't worry if you don't have the gear, we can borrow as necessary. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Matt Brand (mattsbrand@gmail.com) or Lisa Gahler for more details. Looking forward to an adventure!



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Beginning in May and through the summer, the Sunday morning Bible class held in the fellowship hall will be led by the pastor preaching that day and present a deeper study into the readings and theme for the sermon and hymns of the day.

stephen MINISTRY®

Find fulfillment in doing what God designed you to do. Maybe you already have a natural concern for others, but wonder how best to use it. Maybe you would like to do more, but don't feel qualified. We can help with that!

Stephen Ministry is a visitation ministry that reminds people of God's love for them by being present during struggles. First, members go through 3 to 4 months of training and then are matched with a Care Receiver. Would you consider being trained for this ministry?

Beginning Monday, May 13 at 6:30pm, we will be starting our next class. If you are interested contact Deaconess Lisa Brand to learn more about it and order materials. (385-2185 or lisa@oslcmandato.org)

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing (1 Thes. 5:11)

Wednesday Night Meals

The last Wednesday Night Meal for the academic year is May 1st. The meal begins at 6pm. Following the meal, at 6:45pm, is a short devotion led by Pastor Matheny.



The Board of Deacons would like to thank all who helped by planning, shopping, cooking, serving, bringing desserts, cleaning up. You made it easier to participate in Wednesday night activities! Thank you, Pastor Matheny, Sue, Barb, and Edith, for bringing God's Word to us each week in the devotion and hymns. We'd also like to thank all who came to eat. In addition to enjoying a good meal, a great time of fellowship was had by all. Look for the meals to resume in the fall.

Potluck Dinner & Bible Study

Please join us for food and Bible study! On Thursday, May 23rd we will gather at 5:30 in the Fireplace room for a potluck dinner. Then at 6:30 we will study God's Word together. See you there!

Widowed to Widowed

Welcomes all Widows - Encouraging
one another
in the love of Christ.

The Widows meet on the second
Monday, May 13th, at 11:30am at Our
Savior Fireplace Room.

Bible Study from Bless These Lips will
review Lesson Day 5, pages 33-34,
Telling Tongue. Lesson page 35-40
Soothe: Comfort with
Encouragement. James 3:1-10
Taming the Tongue. New Attendees,
your Bible Study book is here for you.

If you need a ride, you may call WS Transportation (420-4503 or 388-0708) one-half to one hour ahead of time. This service is provided by Our Savior's Taxi Fund.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



A Prayer Shawl, simply put, is a soft warm shawl, knitted or crocheted, which is given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss or are in the midst of a crisis. Shawls. . . made for centuries are universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God.

If you know of anyone who you would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact Nancy Clausen at 345-3063.

Let no corrupting
talk come out of
your mouths, but
only such as is good
for building up, as
fits the occasion,
that it may give
grace to those who
hear.

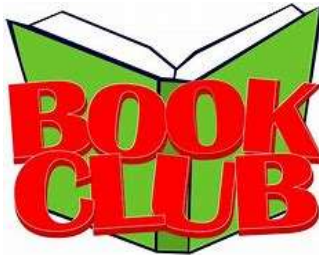
Ephesians 4:29

2019 Youth Gathering Planning

Our thanks to the congregation, many individuals, and the Thrivent Group for helping the Youth fund their trip to the 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis July 11-15. All the needed funds have now been raised to take 12 students and 3 adult chaperones. We even have space and funding for 2 more students.

Proceeds from the Easter Garden and Easter Breakfast as well as other new fund raisers will be used for the overall youth program and future projects.

Stop by the youth bulletin board outside the church office for information, photos, and a list of students and adults attending.



The Our Savior's book club will begin a new book in May. We will read Shusaku Endo's incredible novel, *Silence*. This book is a challenging and captivating historical account of Portuguese missionaries to Japan. We will discuss the Prologue, first, and second chapters at our May 12th meeting and chapters 3 and 4 for our May 26th meeting. We meet at 4:30pm in the Fireplace Room.



Vacation Bible School 2019

Our Savior Lutheran Church
August 5-9, 6:00-8:00 pm
REGISTRATION FORM
We welcome children age 3
through those entering 6th grade.

Child's Name

Age/Grade

Please place my child in the same group as: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ *Zip:* _____

Telephone/Cell Phone: _____

Secondary Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please list allergies, medical issues, or special needs we should know:

Please also complete both release forms on the back.

EMERGENCY RELEASE

I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Parent Signature

Date

PHOTO RELEASE

We occasionally publish pictures of our events in print and electronic publications. We will never publish names, phone numbers, or email addresses.

_____ Yes, we give permission for photos of our child to be published.

_____ No, we do not give permission for photos of our child to be published.

Parent Signature

Date





Music Notes



Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:2

May Worship Music Schedule:

May 5- Kids Music Day

May 12- Special Music

May 19- Adult Music Day

May 26- Lyle Kettner

Kids Music Sunday- Our kids have been working hard! All kids music groups, kids bells, JAM and Sunday School kids 3 years- 5th grade, will play or sing for both worship services on May 5th.

Adult Music Sunday- On May 19th our adult music groups will be sharing their talents at both Sunday worship services.

Music Picnic Potluck- Anyone involved in the music program, and those who cooked our Wednesday evening suppers are invited to join us for an old fashioned Pot Luck Supper on Wednesday May 15th at 6:15pm.

Summer Special Music Needs YOU! If you would like to volunteer to sing, ring, or play an instrument for one service, two services, or more, please contact Suzie. Any age or ability is welcome! If there is a specific date you would like to provide special music, please contact Suzie Gangi. If you need music or assistance learning a song, just ask.

As the school year comes to an end, we want to thank everyone who participated in our music groups, or as a soloist! We thank God for the many musicians that have blessed us by sharing their musical gifts!

Blessings,

Suzie Gangi

507-341-4173, suzie@oslcmandato.org



LWML Mites

Our Savior's continues to collect Mite Offerings to be passed on to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for their district, national, and international mission projects on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Mite Sunday is May 19th. A large 'mite box' is put out in the narthex to receive your offerings. You can pick up a small mite box to use at home or just add your loose offering to the box. Everyone is encouraged to contribute! What is a mite offering? It's a micro-offering, often being loose pocket change collected at the end of each day. See Luke 21:1-4.

Go to www.mnslwml.org or www.lwml.org to keep up with the district news and activities. The Quarterly and WOM (Women on a Mission) always carry the mite grants and the contributions. To God be the Glory!

New list of 31 proposed grants to be voted on at the next LWML Convention are listed in the narthex. Please review them and tell or send Trudy Wiechmann your top ten choices.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

**THANKS BE TO GOD FOR MEETING
THE 2017-2019 MITE GOAL.**



*** HAPPY ***
MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR

Watch Our Savior's Sunday Worship anytime on KTV (Public Access)

After Our Savior's worship has been uploaded for viewing on KTV, it may be viewed on their web site at your convenience. Go to: www.accessktv.org, hover over "Watch KTV", then slide down and click on "Public Access". Scroll down to the calendar and click on the original date aired (Tuesday or Wednesday). Select "Our Saviors Lutheran Church" from the schedule. Then click on the arrow to start play.



Our Savior's is hosting a blood drive on Monday, May 6th from noon – 5pm. To schedule an appointment, go to: www.redcrossblood.org, or the Blood Donor app on your mobile device and enter sponsor code: oslcmankato, or you can contact the church office (507-385-2180).

Each pint of blood collected can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to make an impact on people in our community and across the country. Be a hero. Donate blood!

Mission Service

Wednesday, May 15th, 4pm

Mission Service is an Our Savior volunteer group who actively prepare mission projects. Volunteers are needed. With you, we are able to continue Mission Service and help more than 50 in need each month. Yes, you are very important to this Mission. If you are able, Mission Service needs "U" on Wednesday, May 15th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Supplies needed. If you are able, please bring any of the following donations for newborn kits and homeless kits to the former Card Shop. (Cloth items can be new or gently used):

- Bath towel (approx. 48-52" long)
- Wash cloth
- Bath size bar White Ivory Soap (in original packaging)
- Newborn cotton t-shirt (size 0-3 or newborn)
- Cloth diapers
- Diaper pins
- Travel size shampoo
- Travel size soap
- Travel size lotion
- Travel size Kleenex
- Tooth paste
- Tooth brushes
- Combs

Portals of Prayer are also needed. Please bring your Portals of Prayer to the former card shop when you are finished with it. Thank you for sharing.

Donations of clean used cotton sheets are also needed. Please mark them "For Bandages".

Remember to save Christian Christmas card fronts for our operation Christmas Child boxes. Put them in the box in the Former Card Shop.

Cancelled Stamp Program: All proceeds go to projects supporting Bible translation. Thank you for serving in the Lord's work through your efforts in collecting, saving, and trimming stamps. Here are a few guidelines:

- Save all stamps, US and foreign, cancelled and uncanceled, and computer-vended postage.
- For stamps on envelopes, when possible leave a ½-inch border around the stamp; do not attempt to trim too close.
- Picture postcards are also collected.
- Stamp collections, accumulations, and any other stamp-related items are collected.

Please drop them off in the box in the former Card Shop.

Thank you for all the donations!

Young at Heart / Lutheran Laymen's League (YAH / LLL) *FOR YOU of every age!!!*

Time for Spring Gathering The S.A.G.E.S. LC-MS MN South District Older Adult Ministry is holding the Spring Gathering XXXI May 6-7 at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato. The theme is NAVIGATING LIFE'S CHANGES. Facing the Future with Confidence: Transitioning from total independence to complete dependence by main speaker, Mark Schoep. Mark is focused on encouraging and equipping congregations for older adult ministry, including health and wellness. The workshops and presenters all contribute to how to navigate the changes in our golden years. This is an open invitation to older adults in all congregations of LC-MS MN South District. The Gathering features an outstanding Bible Study leader/presenter; interesting informative breakout sessions; Monday evening banquet with entertainment; and Fellowship!

The Sagacity Newsletter contains all information about Gathering XXXI. Registrations forms are included. Hard copies are in the narthex, or go to www.mnsdistrict.org/publications. Don't miss this educational, fun-loving Gathering "Navigating Life Changes."

Thank you to the servers for the April S.A.G.E.S. Board Meeting.

Listen to The Lutheran Hour Sunday 6 p.m. on KJLY 107.1, and 6 a.m. on WCCO 830

Lutheran Hour Ministries: Bringing Christ to the Nations - and the Nations to the Church. Many new activities for all ages. Visit the LHM website. Read the Lutheran Layman News. Hardcopies are available in the Narthex. Check out the Men's network: www.lhmmen.org and www.lhm.org for children, www.lhm.org/layman.



Ladies of Our Savior . . .

Alert - Read now!

Email and mail information that comes for the ladies of Our Savior from LWML National, LWML District, Missionaries, and Mission organizations are placed on the LWML Bulletin Board or on the shelves in the former Card Shop. Take and read (ex. Pablo, Orphan Grain Train, notes from missionary Johanna Heidorn, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Gloria Sauck, Rachel Streich, 2018 Quilt Report, LWML e-news, etc.) New items every week.

LWML Biennial Convention, will be held in Mobile, Alabama on June 20-23, 2019. Register now. Thirty-one new grant proposals to be voted on are in the narthex. Every person is asked to review them and tell or send Trudy Wiechmann your top ten choices. One grant, #8, is for Camp Omega in Minnesota for \$50,000. The congregation can also be helpful by making a Pledge to the Mission Walk.

“Joy of the Lord” Arlington Zone Spring LWML Rally Speaker was Pastor Fred Hinz, the Public Policy Advocate for both the MN North and MN South Districts of the LCMS. He provided information on the Minnesota Legislature and bills being voted. Are you aware of what is going on? He had handouts and information for the Christian Voter. You can contact him at fred.hinz@mnsdistrict.org. He is happy to give presentations on public policy matters for groups. Suggested movie: Pro-Life “Un Planned”.

The Christian Life LWML Committee invites you to upcoming events and retreats planned for 2019 on Saturday, September 28th and a Retreat is planned for July 18-20. Mark your calendars.

Share encouragement to those you know who could use a little boost. A card, phone call, special food, or ?

Join the crew for a Miraculous Mission

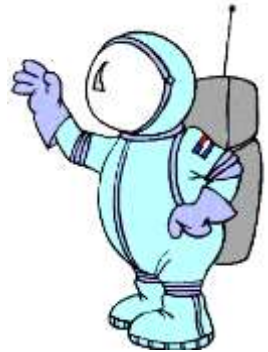
Our goal for VBS is for kids (and adults) to know Jesus. They will learn about God's mission to Save the World. We're even going to celebrate Christmas and Easter in the same week!

Would you be willing to join the team? Do you want to hang out with the kids or be behind the scenes? Do you like to plan or would you be willing to pray? Check out the options below and let Deaconess Lisa Brand know how you can support the mission.

- Prayer Partner
- Planning Committee
- Publicity
- Decorations

Station Leader (Preschool or Elementary)

- Story _____
- Music _____
- Crafts _____
- Snacks (all)
- Science (Elementary)
- Games (Elementary)
- Station Helper _____
- Group Leader (rotate with the kids)
- Check-in Table



Name _____

August 5-9 from 6-8pm



Camp Omega Annual Work Weekend Friday, May 24th – Sunday, May 26th

Join others in Christ's fellowship at Camp Omega, Waterville, while preparing the camp for the arrival of over 1600 children and adults for our summer camp programming. Entire families are welcome to join in the service, fun, and recreation of a fulfilling service weekend. Camp Omega staff will lead the youth and children in age-appropriate service projects and recreational activities.

The weekend kicks off Friday evening and last through lunch on Sunday, but join us for any part of the weekend as your schedule allows.

This is a Free event! Register on-line now at:

www.campomega.org/events/annual-work-weekend/

From the Stewardship Committee:

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another.

Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”
(Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable

to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

Through this we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday Matins is aired at 8:03am and 5:45pm each Sunday on KTOE 1420AM</p> <p>Our Savior's Worship service is aired Tuesday at 7pm and Wednesday at 2pm on KTV.</p>			<p>1 12:30 Christus Choir 2:00 Bday Party@ Pathstone 3:30 Cancer Companions 5:00 Kids Ring 5:45 JAM 6:00 Meal 6:45 Devotion 7:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Confirmation Photos/Reception 7:50 Brass</p>	<p>2 9:00 Circuit Pastors 9:45 Ruth/Lydia Circle Bible Study 3:00 Grief Group</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 6:00 Worship</p>
<p>5 Kids Music Sunday 8:00 Worship 8:45 Coffee Time 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Bible Class 10:30 Worship - <i>Confirmation</i></p>	<p>6 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 12:00 Blood Drive S.A.G.E.S. Gathering Country Inn & Suites P. Matheny Vacation</p>	<p>7 10:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Bd of Deacons 7:00 Bd of Elders 7:00 Bd of Trustees</p>	<p>8 3:30 Cancer Companions 5:45 Adult Choir 7:00 Adult Bells</p>	<p>9 3:00 Grief Group 7:30 Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>10 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 3:30 Schultz/Steinkamp Wedding 6:00 Worship</p>
<p>12 8:00 Worship 8:45 Coffee Time 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Bible Class 10:30 Worship 4:30 Book Club 7:00 TSNT</p>	<p>13 6:30 Early Bird Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 11:30 Widowed to Widowed 6:30 Stephen Ministry Training State Pastor's Conference</p>	<p>14 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tues. Bible Study 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>15 3:30 Cancer Companions 4:00 Mission Service 5:15 Adult Choir 6:15 Music 'End of the Year' Potluck 7:00 Adult Bells</p>	<p>16 3:00 Grief Group 6:30 Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>17 1:30 Mary Circle Bible Study 4:00 Voice Deadline</p>	<p>18 6:00 Worship</p>
<p>19 Adult Music Sunday Mite Sunday 8:00 Worship 8:45 Coffee Time 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Adult Bible Class 10:30 Worship 2:00 Fellowship Hall Rental</p>	<p>20 6:30a Early Bird Bible Study 6:30p Stephen Ministry Training</p>	<p>21 10:00 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>22 3:30 Cancer Companions 5:45 Adult Choir</p>	<p>23 3:00 Grief Group 6:30 Potluck Meal / Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 6:00 Worship</p>
<p>26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Class 10:30 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hall Rental 4:30 Book Club</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	<p>28 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Tues. Bible Study 1:00 Rebekah Circle Bible Study 5:15 Board of Ed.</p>	<p>29 3:30 Cancer Companions 5:45 Adult Choir</p>	<p>30 3:00 Grief Group Spring Backpacking Trip – thru June 2nd</p>	<p>31</p>	

Serving in May

Date	Elder 8:00		Elder 10:30		Assistant Usher		Usher Team		Acolyte		Greeter	
	EOD	Assisting	EOD	Assisting	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30
5/5/2019 Confirmation	Alex J.	Matt R.	Chris T.	Gaylen L.	Kevin H.	Dave H.	1st Early	1st Late	Alex J.; Mackenzie H.	Alexa W.; Jack B.	Bruce & Jeanne A.; Rhonda R.	Arlene W.; Mary H.; Gin K.
5/12/2019	Randy B.	Thad S.	Mike B.	Lon W.	Gary R.	Kurt A.	2nd Early	2nd Late	Olivia A.; Mackenzie H.	Jordis L.; Miah B.	Karen F.; Leann Z.; Marie G.	Merle & Lois K.; Becky K.
5/19/2019	Kirk Y.	Matt W.	Thad S.	Lon W.	Gordy W.	Mark S.	3rd Early	3rd Late	Teresa K.; Alex J.	Mike L.; Jack B.	Bev C.; Doris E.; Lorraine K.;	Bob & Janet T.; Gwen C.
5/26/2019	Matt R.	Alex J.	Gaylen L.	Chris T.	Kevin H.	Steve J.	4th Early	4th Late	Macy N.; Madelyn M.	Alexa W.; Jay C.	Orville & Renee Z.	Chad & Kris M.; Betty M.

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