



“The Visitor”

Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Canby, MN

507-223-5528 – www.oslcanby.org

Volume 19 Issue 9

September 2017



+Bishop Jon V. Anderson

On Friday night I watched the parade of hundreds of torch-bearing people stream through Charlottesville, VA. Later, I read reports from a colleague in a church surrounded by people with torches seeking to intimidate and scare them. I saw images of people carrying Nazi flags and shouting slogans that I will not repeat. Eventually I realized I was soul sick. The anger in the faces of mostly white men, young and old, shouting their resentment and terrible slogans struck me. We all are soul sick in different ways and times, but I felt especially sick to my stomach as I prayed for God’s help and guidance. That was before the events on Saturday unfolded with more advocacy for racism and white supremacy. Eventually it led to the deaths of three people and the injury of many others. I still feel soul sick.

The photographic image of people being thrown into the air either injured or killed by a car seeking to hit protesters made me want to scream out, “Stop!” When I saw the bodies on the ground, I could not help but remember the months of recovery for our son after being run over by a driver. I remembered the long walks of grief as a pastor with people whose loved ones were killed in car accidents. But this was not an accident, it was terrorist behavior. All those people’s lives and their families have been changed forever.

We are soul sick people. These events, and those like it, remind us of our broken-ness as a people and of the broken-ness inside of us. I find myself wanting to tell stories about my racism and encounters with racism. I want to share my history of encountering white supremacists and my deep disagreement with their theologies and philosophies. I want to go off on a theological tirade about the ways the use of Jesus and Christianity to justify racist and white supremacist behavior is heresy and makes an idol out of skin color and the historic European cultural values. But, I think the most important thing is to simply ask how will you be engaging in this important work in the days ahead of fighting the sin of racism? Let’s keep talking and sharing what we learn.

A few years back I wrote a prayer that a friend kept and shared on Saturday on Facebook. It was written for another time...but it speaks to our realities today. I wrote this prayer after a day of discussing racism at a gathering of all the different communities of theologians in our church body.

(Continued on next page)

Dates to Remember...

9/3 – Worship rescheduled to Wednesday 8/30.

9/13 – 7:30p Choir Practice

9/15 – 8:15a Release Time Begins

9/16 – OSL Youth Carnival in Central Park

9/17 – Divine Dogs & Digs; Rally Sunday (1st day of Sunday School)

9/24 – Paul Oman special worship WELCA Fall Bazaar

9/27 – 6:30p Confirmation Orientation

Lord God we gather to pray knowing that we have much to lament in our church body and in our lives when it comes to the matters of injustice.

- *We confess our personal and communal involvement in the sin of promoting inequalities.*
- *We lament the ways racism damages men and women.*
- *We lament the structures of the world and the church that contribute to the racialization of our relationships.*
- *We lament the ways racism has damaged the lives of black people, other people of color and white people as well.*
- *We lament the overt behaviors and the covert forms of racism.*
- *We lament how the issues of class ripple through all issues of race in our life and culture.*
- *We lament how urban, suburban and rural people end up divided in this conversation.*
- *We lament how it is common for people to make jokes or statements about Lutheran's difficulty in changing.*
- *We lament all the teachers and candidates for call who are waiting, we fear because of racism, to share the gifts you have given them...*
- *We lament our failure to see, acknowledge and challenge evil.*
- *There are so many things we lament dear God. Hear our prayers*
- *Lord God hear our prayers – (Silent Prayer)*

Lord in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayer

Lord God we give thanks for your deep longings for all of creation and for all your promises.

- *We give thanks for your creating love and your ongoing creation.*
- *We give thanks that you continue to open our eyes to see all our relatives.*
- *We give thanks for your redeeming work in our lives and world.*
- *We give thanks for your ongoing choice to draw near to us and make us holy in your presence and grace.*
- *We give thanks for how you send your Spirit to call us to turn around and become all you imagine and long for us to be.*
- *We ask you to throw out of us personally and communally the evil that afflicts us.*
- *We give thanks for the ways you make us holy – guiding us and making us whole and calling us towards your justice.*
- *We give thanks for the ways your Holy Spirit calls us each to our vocations to love this creation and all our neighbors.*
- *We give thanks for your call to remember that we are called to participate in life for all, not to simply participate for the sake of our selves.*
- *Lord you promise to be with us always and hear our prayers.*
- *Lord God hear our prayers – (Silent Prayer)*

Lord in your mercy – Hear our Prayer

For July 27th – August 24th:
Gifts/Offerings received: \$16,509.72
Distributions: \$12,217.59



Driver Information - If you need a ride to church for Sunday morning services, please call the church office at 223-5528 by Friday noon prior to the Sunday for making arrangements.

Communion Services



Tuesday, 9/12/17

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion at Sylvan Court Chapel
 12:45 p.m. Holy Communion at Sylvan Place
 2:30 p.m. Holy Communion at Sunset Assisted Living
 3:30 p.m. Holy Communion at Twinwood A and Twinwood B

Wednesday, 9/13/17

1:30 p.m. Worship/Holy Communion in Our Saviour's Chapel

Daybreak Bible Study for Men

Wednesday, September 27th
 7:00 a.m. at the Campus Grill

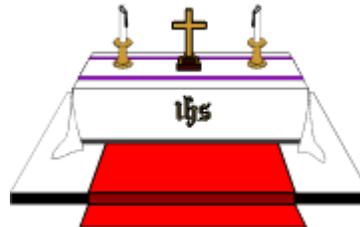
Women's Circle Meeting Dates & Times

Phoebe- 9/11 – 7:00 p.m.
 Elizabeth- 9/12 - 2:00 p.m. – Bev Dybsetter's
 Naomi Circle- 9/21- 2:00 p.m.
 Gather Bible Study – 9/19 - 10:00 a.m.
 Sylvan Court

*****Our new email address is
 oslcanbymn@gmail.com*****

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Assistants:
 Juli Wornson & Lori Husby



Ushers

David Snortum, Captain
 223-5203
 Gordon Rangaard Don Vershelde
 Todd Stockman Dane Nordquist
 Adrian Hemish Jon Gorder
 Paul Olson



Scripture Readers

10th Cheryl Norquist
 17th Mike Weckwerth
 24th Peggy Sik

Acolytes

Confirmation youth will be signing up weekly.

Communion Assistants:

Confirmation youth will be signing up.

Eternal Lights for the month of September



For **September the Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in memory of Dan Sorby.
 Given by Nadine

Mission Calendar for August:

- August 4th:** In honor of Chuck Oellien's 80th birthday today. Given by Darlene.
- August 6th:** In memory of John "Banker" Hansen. Given by Shirley Saum.
- August 7th:** In honor of Carol Kopperud. Given by Phoebe Circle.

Radio Broadcasts for August:

- 6th:** In memory of Dolly Peterson, whose birthday is August 7th. Given by Barb and Don Peterson

Mission Work

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutheran Paz y Esperanza [Peace and Hope Lutheran Church]. Our Mission Calendar will go ½ toward our new mission church and ½ to our missionary.

The Mission Calendar is \$10 per day and you may designate it for birthdays, anniversaries, or any special day you may have.

Our Saviour's Lutheran offers a mission opportunity for individuals and families to partner in spreading the Gospel through financial support of our radio and TV broadcasts. Broadcasts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones with their names being published in our weekly bulletin and our monthly newsletter. One TV broadcast costs \$50 and one radio broadcast costs \$100.

Altar

Cliff Sillerud

Broadcast Fund

Dolly Peterson

Cemetery

Barry Ufkin

Jay Christianson

Cornerstone

Cliff Sillerud

Eternal Lights

Jay Christianson

Mission Calendar

Cliff Sillerud

Honor of Carol Kopperud

Music (Handbells)

Neva Kamrath

Organ Fund

Barry Ufkin

Cliff Sillerud

Undesignated

Barry Ufkin

***A list of categories where you can designate your money when giving Memorials to Our Saviour's

Lutheran include:

- Altar Fund**
- Blanket Fund**
- Broadcast Fund**
- Building Fund**
- Campership Fund**
- Cemetery Fund**
- Cornerstone Fund**
- Eternal Lights**
- Fireside Room Furniture**
- Foundation**
- Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)**
- Mission Action**
- Mission Calendar**
- Music Memorial Fund**
- Organ Restoration Fund**
- SundaySchool**
- Women's Retreat Fund**
- WELCA Projects Fund**
- Youth**

Or you may give it as:

Undesignated

Our Dearly Departed in July:

Barry Ufkin

INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:

Levi Bollerud

President of Congregation:

Bruce Wornson

Vice President:

Richard Kvols

Congregational Secretary:

Karen Hacker

Congregational Treasurer:

Sherri Full

Organist/Handbell Director:

Karen Olsen

Choir Director:

Dawn Ourada

Custodian:

Jesse Engesmoe

Office Manager:

Cheryl Norquist

Youth Coordinator:

Amber Groen

COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD OF DEACONS

Karen Hacker* 2015
 Lori Husby* 2015
 Doug Hansen 2014
 Dan Kraft 2016
 Tammy Welker 2016

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dee Benson 2014
 Jenna Norquist 2016
 Tricia Groenhoff 2016
 Carrie Benson 2017
 Sabrina Stockman 2017

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bev Larsen* 2015
 Curt Olsen* 2015
 Rick Olsen* 2015
 Bob Welker* 2015
 Larry Stoks* 2014

YOUTH BOARD

David Snortum* 2014
 Cheryl Norquist 2016
 Rick Hansen 2016
 Beth Hansen 2016
 Alex Whittier 2017
 Collin Bueltel* 2016
 Matthew Groen 2017

OSL Food Shelf

As discussed last month in Pastor Levi's letter, Prairie Five had approached us about combining our food help missions. It was passed by the Trustees to move forward with this idea. We will continue to collect items here at Our Saviour's and periodically bring it over to Prairie Five. The food that we provide will be placed on shelves for people to take to add to the box of food that they receive through Prairie Five. Our policy of encouraging folks to take all that they need would stay in affect, as well as our yearly "Trick or Treating for the Hungry" event that the youth participate in. Thank you for your continued support!



**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
 Council-at-Large**

Minutes of the August 9, 2017 Meeting

These are the minutes of the Council at Large meeting of August 9, 2017. Chairman Wornson called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Pastor Levi gave the opening devotion based on Matthew 15. A Canaanite woman approached Jesus to heal her daughter. He recognized that she was a woman of great faith, and her daughter was healed. Pastor Levi prayed with the council for the Lord to give us eyes to see His children as our sisters and brothers.

The July 12 Council Minutes were read and approved.

Youth Coordinator, Amber Groen, spoke to the Council about a plan to hold a Carnival in the park as a fundraiser by the Youth Board during the City's Fall Festival with cars on Sept. 16. Some of the ideas that she shared about the carnival were Bingo, food, a raffle, and a movie in the park. Since there were no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The Council closed with The Lord's Prayer.

The Youth, Deacons, and Trustees retired to conduct their individual board meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Hacker

BOARD OF DEACONS:

Board of Deacons July 12, 2017, minutes.

Present Lori Husby, Karen Hacker, Doug Hansen & Tammy Welker

Absent: Dan Kraft

Previous minutes were read and approved.

Communion Schedule: Wednesday Aug. 30th.
There will be a meal provided before service starting at 6p.

Divine Dogs & Digs: It was decided to hold this event in conjunction with Rally Sunday, September 17th. We will work with the Board of Ed. Planning to serve hotdogs, chips, water and root beer floats on the church lawn. Lori will look into getting street in front of church blocked off to allow for more room for games & tables and chairs. We received a \$250 Thrivent grant to help with expenses. This will be held immediately after Sunday School. The entire congregation is invited and any community members as well.

Church Directory: Pictures are finished for August, however, another date of October 18, 19, 20 & 21 has been added to accommodate those who were unable to participate in August. There was also discussion that Sylvan Place residents need to be included. Bruce Wornson has contacted administration to assure this gets done. Much discussion on how this project could have been handled differently next time. We thank all those that helped us organize this large project.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Welker

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Board of Trustees minutes August 9, 2017

Members present: Bob Welker, Curt Olsen, Bev Larsen, Rick Olsen and Larry Stoks

Members absent:

Others present: Bruce Wornson Richard Kvols and Pastor Levi.

The minutes from the July 12, 2017 meeting were read and approved as read.

After a review of the bills, a motion was made, and seconded, to pay the bills as printed from July 13, 2017 to August 9, 2017. Motion carried.

- ❖ Discussion on the new door and front door locks. Larry will work on getting the project completed.

- ❖ Reminder to the Personnel Committee that reviews are to be done in September. Pastor Levi will notify the Personnel Committee members to set a date.
- ❖ Discussed the wire fencing around the new unit. Help is needed to complete the project. Larry is working on getting all the necessary equipment.
- ❖ Ramp Update: The area around the ramp needs to be cleaned up and possibly add a few shrubs to make it more appealing.
- ❖ Outdoor Theater: More information from Amber is needed. The board talked about the Bus purchase again and will look for more information.
- ❖ Cemetery: Larry reported on the Cemetery meeting held after church last Sunday. Several items concerned the maintenance at St. Stephan's cemetery with the trees and the fence line. Also discussed the maintenance at St. Paul's Cemetery and some issues with the Florida Cemetery.
- ❖ Quote on AC in the main lobby: A quote was received from Anhalt Plumbing and Heating to install an AC unit in the front lobby. There is no AC in that area. A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Anhalt's plumbing and Heating. Motion carried.
- ❖ Update on Video and Sound Equipment: Information from New Life was received. Discussion was held on the needed updates. A motion was made and seconded to update the Video and Sound system. Motion carried.
- ❖ Bell Tower Repair: We will get another quote.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Bev Larsen

YOUTH BOARD

Youth Board minutes from August 9, 2017.

Members Present: Collin Bueltel, Beth Hansen, Amber Groen, Cheryl Norquist, Dave Snortum

Members Absent: Matthew Groen, Alex Whittiter, Rick Hansen

-Bible Camp - 11 kids going. Leave Friday, August 11th and come back Sunday, August 12th

-National Youth Gathering - Still working on getting transportation situated. Students need to register by August 31st with \$150 for Registration. Then \$200 requested at a later date. Students are able to use their credit they have. National Youth Gathering is Summer 2018 in Houston, Texas.

-Softball Game - Another family softball game is being discussed. Sometime in September or October. Ice-Cream and Water will possibly be available.

-Monthly Breakfast Fundraiser - One Sunday a month for a breakfast fundraiser. More details will be discussed later.

-Paint Classes - Possible paint classes sometime later. In the process of being discussed.

Having no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Collin Bueltel

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The Board of Ed met on August 9, 2017

Present: Dee Benson

Absent Tricia Groenhoff, Jenna Norquist, Carrie Benson and Sabrina Stockman.

Dee Benson and Pastor Levi briefly reviewed Sunday School plans and will get together again to further discuss.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectfully submitted, Dee Benson Chairperson



**Thrivent
Financial**

for LutheransSM

All Thrivent benefit members can receive up to **two \$250 grants per year** that can be used as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials to support an activity that meets a need in our community or church, a mission project, service activity, or educational event.

If interested, please contact the church office at 507.223.5528 for additional information.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Happy Birthday to all those born in September:

1st:

Aiden Kack

2nd:

Beverly Larsen
Franklyn Ochocki

4th:

Tanner Balvin
Don Erp
Ilene Jacobson
Brynn Kockelman

Milo Larson
Kaci Lozinski
Helen Stoks

5th:

Daniel Madsen

6th:

Josie Frank
Jacob Winters

7th:

Chad Anhalt

8th:

Ryan Jacobson
Melissa Winter

10th:

Bailey Hanson
Amanda Larsen

11th:

Sharon Birk
Jameson Grong
Doug Haugen
Alayna Pederson
Orville Schultz

12th:

Donald Houtkooper

13th:

Trent Adkison
Velma Alleckson
Michael Bliss
Eric Hanson

14th:

Ernie Chrtt
Kelsey Feuerhelm
Austin Welker

15th:

Leon Gehrking
Darrell Peterson

17th:

Mischelle Balvin
Corey Nelson
Stephen Ufkin

18th:

James Beiningen
Ben Hall
Sabrina Stockman
Nona Verschelde
Tierney Viessman
Peyton Winter

20th:

Jacob Fairchild
Derrick Cornell
James Vanderostyne

21st:

Cameron Anderson
Sig Armitage
Kathy Johnson
Alenni Nemitz

22nd:

Blake Haugen

23rd:

Greg Coil

24th:

Ashley Belaen
Lyle Gorder
Lori Nosbush

25th:

Isaac Bollerud
Henrietta Hundt
David Mercer
Gary Peterson
Briella Pridal
Eric Stene

26th:

Scot Roth
Susan Schanning

27th:

Paxton Grong
Mason Mack

28th:

Brady Hulzebos

29th:

Debra Cornell
Kelly Eischens
Roy Fairchild

30th:

Falon Antony
Jaden Coil
Curtis Olson

Make sure to check out our NEW website, www.oslcanby.org. Our monthly schedule is posted there. You can find links to the sermons and other information! Contact the church office if you have information you would like to add or if you have any questions. You can also go to Facebook and "like" the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and Our Saviour's Lutheran Sunday School pages.



We ask God's guidance and prayers for all those who have special needs: Rev. Bill Jacobson, Mike Sperl, Margaret Olsen, Monica Larson (Sherri Full's niece), Marvel Haas, Charlene Christie, Delroy Thompson, Marsha Tollefson, Karen Wendroth, Zach Moltzer, Stephanie Kreutner, John Cornell, Stacy Norquist, Jade Otteson (niece of Spencer & Amanda Otteson), LaVonne Winters, Cameron Stockmann, Evelyn Husby, Marcie Wolff, Bertha Johnson, Mike Bissen, Henrietta Hundt, Jerry Thomsen, Debbie Cornell, Karen Schultz, Judy Halvorson, Joyce Brouwer, Ken Club, Mary Adler, Don Kirkeide, Robert Kokesh, Glenn & Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Dean Behnke, Pastor Cy Solberg, Connie Severson, Demitrius Bridges, Bill & Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Patty McLain, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Clarie Ouverson, Dean Hedge, Melanie Haggard, Betty Ferguson, Karen Ouverson-Pohlen, Sonny Stephenson, ArLoa & Harold Meyen and family, Braylee Jo Pridal, Violet Hook, Kent Bren, Sandra Nelson, Kristina Paiakham, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaminc, Noah Hanson, and all whom we name before you in our hearts. May God strengthen all who are in need.

We continue to pray for the Leaders of the Nations, for all the Peacekeeping forces and especially for the service men and women connected with OSL, both those who remain deployed and those who now feel the safety of home: Cody Dinius, Andrew Thompson, Ross Larson, Nicole Nelson (granddaughter of Larry & Joanne Nelson), Ethan Webster, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, Tony Nelson, Kirk Larson, Ryan Otto, Tyson Coil, Christopher Oellien, Stephanie Geier and Sue Behrens. May God continue to strengthen these committed military personnel and their families. If anyone has been omitted or you would like to add a name, please contact the church office. We ask God to surround them and their loved ones with His love and presence.

Thank You.....

Graduation Quilt Makers, Thank you so much for the quilt you made me for my graduation! It will be coming with me to college!

Sawyer Hansen

Release Time

Grades 3-6 will have Release Time at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Friday mornings beginning September 15, 2017 from 8:15a.m.-9:20a.m. Please use this release form to inform the school that your child will be attending.

TO CANBY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:

(Student's name)

Grade ____ has my permission to be released from school to attend the Release Time classes at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church during the 2017-2018 school year.

(Parent's Signature)



Have you ever wondered what it would be like if we couldn't practice our Christian faith, if we weren't allowed to worship openly?

On August 19th, 9 senior high youth attended a bible camp at Lost Timer Bible camp and participated in an underground worship service where we reenacted a time when Christianity was forbidden and individuals were not allowed to worship and churches were burned and curfews were enforced to keep Christians from gathering for "church". We were having a camp fire and guards with flashlights came up to us and were yelling at us and telling us to stand up and one of the guards grabbed Matt and carried him off to jail. We were stunned and before we could even react we were escorted to our cabins and told that we had better not be having a worship service. We were not supposed to talk to each other and we were told if we left our cabins, we would be thrown in jail. We had to come up with a secret code to find out where

the "gathering" was. Even when we were in our cabins, the guards came in and wanted to make sure we were there and told us we better not leave our cabins. We had to sneak around in the dark trying to find where the "gathering" sight was. We were told that the secret question was "when do the cows come home?" We were even told that there were spies among us. Some of us even asked the guards if they knew "when the cows come home?" Needless to say, they had no idea what we were talking about and looked at us like we had lost our minds.

I participated along with the youth and had been thrown in jail on 2 different occasions. The jailer asked if I was a Christian and I said yes. The jailer then asked the youth with me and they all said yes. He then said that we will stay there for a while because his group does not like Christians. I was so proud of those youth who stood with me as a Christian. It was so amazing to see the youth and chaperones try to distract the jailer so that some Christians could escape. When I was in jail with about 4 youth, we turned off the lights so that we could plan our escape. The guard came in and moved us to different parts of the room and told us to leave the lights on. As soon as he left, we all huddled together and turned off the lights as we were determined to get out of there. It was very humbling to know that all of us felt like we were in this together.

Once one of us found the person to ask when the cows come home? This person answered with a riddle. "Find the moving home, follow the path to 6 and there the cows will come home"

We tried to pass this riddle on to whomever we could. I had 2 people with me and we found the RV and then followed the path to a number 6 on a light pole and then kept going until we found a round roof barn. I had a brace on my knee as I have a bum knee and we didn't dare use a flashlight because we could have been seen but

these youth walked with me and didn't leave me there to be caught even though I guarantee you that I was slowing them down. We met behind the round roof barn and no one was there so the youth went back to get others and bring them back to where the "underground worship" was going to be. Not all of us made it to the "service" behind the barn between the barn and a ramp. We all sat on the ground and prayed and we discussed what it must have felt like for those individuals that had to worship this way. They feared for their lives and their families. Then we heard the guards come closer and were yelling they think they heard something. Every one of us lay down on the ground, and we did not make a sound. The guards kept yelling but did not find us and gradually went away.

I have done this exercise several times before but it still gets my heart pumping and the adrenaline coursing through my veins. We didn't feel safe until the bell rang 4 times to let us know the experience was now done. We all gave a sigh of relief and headed back to the campfire where we all met the guards and talked about the experience and we also were able to hear the guard's point of view. I guess at times, they had to walk away so they wouldn't laugh at some us trying to hide in plain sight or when they saw our scared expressions when we were caught or put in jail. The guards and the jailer did a very good job making the experience feel real. I am so glad that the youth were able to participate in this experience. It was a pleasure spending time with them and I have to say, I was impressed with every one of the youth that attended.

A special thank you to Ethan Webster and Amy Johnson who chaperoned this event. We couldn't have had this event if it wasn't for them volunteering their weekend to spend time with myself and 9 youth. Thanks so much for giving of your time.

Amber Groen, Youth Coordinator

*Confirmation (7th-9th Graders) –
Orientation – Wednesday, September 27th
at 6:30pm – A letter containing more
information will be forthcoming.*



New in the OSL Library!

Three wonderful books for kids donated by Jim & Vicki Coy. Vicki Sigardson Coy grew up in Canby and was a member of Our Saviour's congregation. The three books are **"The Parables of Jesus"**, **"The Miracles of Jesus"**, and **"The Abc's of Matthew"**. The artwork in the books was done by their daughter Patricia Coy Ragsdell. If you have a child or grandchild that enjoys a good book, check out these delightful new books.

*****The OSL Handbell Choir will be taking a year off. We have struggled with busy schedules for a while now and just don't have the numbers to continue this fall. We will see what next fall brings and hopefully have new and returning members to make a choir again. Thanks to all for the time, commitment and support you have given the group!

OSL Handbell Director, Karen Olsen

School supplies needed....they are on sale right now! If you aren't able to shop but would still like to donate, we can do the shopping for you! Please contact the office with any further questions....223-5528

HERO CENTRAL "Discover Your Strength in God"

VBS was held June 25-28 this year in the evenings. The kids were excited to become God's Heroes!

Each day the kids met for a light supper and then moved into smaller groups for Bible Stories, Games and Recreation, Music and Crafts and Science.

Sue Halvorson from Rejoice in Omaha was able to join us again this year and opened each evening with song and prayer; Sue also met with the kids in smaller groups to learn new songs. Bible Stories were led by Missy Richter, Blake Stoks and Aaron Bueltel. Jenna Norquist and Jon Hanson led the Games and Recreation and Crafts and Science were led by Libby Nemitz and Alise Hanson. We had many other helpers, including Brenda Lothert, Carrie Benson, Beth Beiningen, Laura Stoks, and Cheryl Norquist.

We had 32 kids attend this year as well as some older kids who were group leaders, including Devic Bridges, Brandt Eischens, Ryah Beiningen, and Mitri Bridges.

On Wednesday night following supper with families and other members of the church, the kids performed the songs they learned and assisted Pastor Levi with worship. The kids wore the masks and capes they made in crafts.

We are truly blessed to have so many people help with this great ministry for our children.

Truly Blessed, Dee Benson, Chairperson

WELCA NEWS AND NOTES



Mark your calendars!!!

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| September
24th | Fall Dinner & Bazaar |
| October 7th | Prairie Conference Fall Gathering |
| October
14th | "Brunch" for Hospice |

Please continue to sign up for serving coffee - we still need someone for **September 10th and 17th**. Please call the church office to schedule your time. Thank you!!

2017 FAIR Project

We thank everyone again, who in any way contributed to the success of our Fair Food Stand Project this year!

Total Revenue	\$10,398.09
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 4,711.15</u>
Total Profit	\$ 5,686.94

Prayers for Tuesdays @ Two

September 5 ~ Pray for the children celebrating anniversaries today.

September 12 ~ Remember those who have left this earthly life.

September 19 ~ Pray that God will lead and guide us through the fall, and second half of this year.

September 26 ~ Pray! Pray! And Pray some more!

Sale of Cards.....

The WELCA Board has decided to discontinue the sale of greeting cards as one of our projects. We will have a closeout sale of the cards at the Bazaar. We sincerely thank everyone who has supported this project in the past.

Bazaar – Sunday September 24, 2017

We are gearing up for the Bazaar to be held Sunday, September 24th. Whatever baked goods, produce, crafts or plants anyone is able to contribute will be appreciated. **If** you have any ideas on how the Bazaar could be enhanced please let one of the committee know. There will not be a White Elephant table this year. We will have takeout and delivery options. Orders will be taken in the Church office (507-223-5528) through Friday before the Bazaar and that Sunday from 11a-12p you can call 507-530-4885 and leave a message.

Please contact Janice Zimmerman 223-7722 or Juli Wornson 507-530-8001 with questions or comments.

Thank you for your continued support with this project!