



## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Friends,

I found an interesting article from the Kissing Fish Facebook page. Kissing Fish is from a United Methodist pastor. This article offers nine reasons why people should join and regularly attend worship.

1. Belonging to a congregation means to commit to a social circle you do not get to choose and therefore, can show us whether our spirituality is real or not.
2. Joining a church is a way of practicing with a group of people what you would like the world around you to be.
3. Attending church regularly is to organize your life around a time to confess your limitations and imperfections together with others so you can receive the words of God's forgiveness, and hope in response to your honesty.
4. To join a church is to resist traditional loyalties to state, politics, culture, family or affinity in an act of commitment to a group that transcends all natural life categories.
5. Belonging to a congregation organizes your financial priorities around supporting an inclusive and diverse community of vulnerable people that you must associate with.
6. Being an active member of a congregation is to help create an environment different from your home, work or play where your life is not measured according to any other purpose or goal than to discover, enjoy and celebrate your human self.
7. Committing to a congregation is a way of maintaining healthy skepticism about finite human knowledge and capacities in the language of God's mystery.
8. Attending a church regularly encourages our imagination for how our unique talents and creative potential can be used for the good of others.
9. Belonging to a congregation creates life lessons on how to deal with difficult people without retaliating, dehumanizing or running away in the hope of not becoming difficult yourself.

I hope you found this interesting. Feel free to add your own ideas!

Peace and Blessings,  
Pr. Cindy



## **Harvest Sunday**

Sunday, November 19th at our 10:00 service. Please bring a non-perishable food items that can be donated to a local shelter. Our goal is to donate items that would be helpful for preparing a Thanksgiving dinner. Please bring your donations to church with you on or before Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Some ideas for donation would be:

- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit/cranberry sauce
- Cream of mushroom/chicken soup
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Stuffing mix
- Instant gravy
- Box's of favored Jell-O
- Cranberry Sauce



This is a very tangible way of showing God's love to those less fortunate.



## **Phil and Andy's Pantry**

In November and December OSLC is going to help Kenwood School by collecting winter items like gloves, hats and Goodwill gift cards for families that need extra items for winter. We will also collect easy to prepare food items such as pop tarts, instant oatmeal, granola bars, cereal, canned fruit and pudding cups. These will be useful when children are out of school for the holidays and are not receiving school prepared meals. Please let Dorothy know if you have questions.

## **OSLC Christmas Party**

The annual OSLC Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 3. Music and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5:30.

Dave Poggenklass will play piano and sing at this event. The meal will be catered by Dostal's catering and will be served at 6:00. The menu will consist of tossed salad, roast beef, chicken, party potatoes, green beans almonndine, fruit and dinner roll. Coffee, lemonade and water will be provided. The cost to attend is \$16. We would like everyone to have an opportunity to attend this fun event. If you'd like to attend, but have obstacles (don't drive at night, financial, etc) please talk with Nancy Trout or Suzanne Schmitt. Reservations with prepayment will be taken beginning on November 12 by Nancy or Suzanne.



## **Women's Joint Circle Christmas Brunch**

The Circles are planning on having their joint Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hal at church. All OSLC women and friends are invited. Everyone is to bring a potluck dish to share. Please let Jan Zuber or Ann Larson know if you have questions.

## **Mitten Tree**

OSLC Mitten Tree will be up and ready to receive your gifts by Sunday, November 5th. All donations will be going to the Linn County Child Development Center located at 1020 6th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. The Linn County Child Development Center works to advance the dignity and well-being of at-risk and low-income children, youth and families by providing access to high quality, comprehensive, strength-based services that equips them with a sound foundation for lifelong development, family success and tools for a thriving and meaningful future. They are in need of hats, socks, scarves, mittens (they work better than gloves because it is hard to get those little fingers into gloves) and underwear for ages 3 – 5. We will be collecting items until the Women's joint Christmas brunch, which is being held on Thursday, December 1st.



## **Youth News**

**Annual Christmas Program** - Our youth Christmas program will be Sunday, December 24th at the 10:00 AM service. The program has yet to be decided but it is always fun to watch our kids teach about the birth of Christ through skits and songs. Please reach out to Hannah with any questions.

## **Fellowship Time After Service**

Please sign up for Fellowship Hour after service on Sunday. Pat Ask has graciously offered to make coffee, so we just need treats. This is an awesome time enjoyed by many to catch up with your Christian Family, Sign-up sheet is on our fabulous new bulletin board (thank you Hannah Plummer) across from Therese's office.



## **AED: Our AED has finally arrived!!!!**

The AED is located outside of Pastor Cindy's office along with our "Stop The Bleed" kit and a new first aid kit. The cabinet enclosing the AED is secured by an alarm, so if you open the cabinet, IT WILL ALARM - this is so anyone else in the building will know if someone is in need of emergency medical attention. If you are interested in learning more about our device, or want a demonstration, please let Hannah know. Thank you, Mark Schmitt and Rick Rogness, for installing this for us! If reading this on a digital device, click here for [Demonstration video](#).

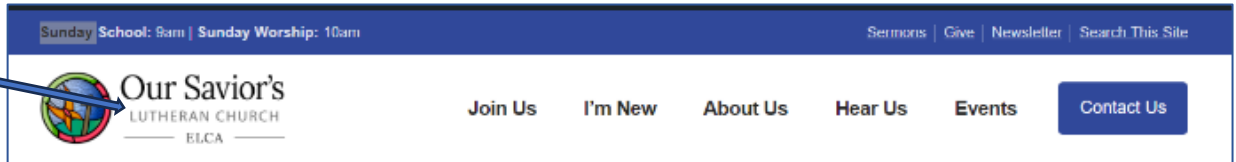
## **OSLC Book Club**

Book club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11:00 after Bible Study in the IMC. Books are chosen from the Cedar Rapids, Marion or Hiawatha Library "Book Club Kit". Please feel free to join us for casual conversation – everyone is welcome. Please contact Lori Hayes if you have questions.



# Great news!! Our new website is due to be launched on November 1st!!

Note: when on the OSLC website, clicking on "logo" will bring you back to our "Home Page".



We have been working with the company Informatics and finally have a product that we think Our Savior's will be very proud of. Please take time to log-in to this website often- as the more "clicks" it receives - the more popular it becomes for others searching church websites. Tell your friends to check it out, too!! You should be able to log-in to the website from Facebook or use this search address - [crsaviors.org](http://crsaviors.org) (tentatively due to be available on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>)

We hope you enjoy the new website. If you ever see things you wish were changed, we would appreciate your input. Also, if you have information that should be added to this site, send your information to any of our core team members. We will gladly add or change content and information as we hope to keep the website updated often!

A Big Thanks to the Website Team – Mark Schmitt, Nancy Trout, Sue Clapp, Hannah Plummer, Therese Plummer and Pastor Cindy McKenzie!

## Readers

November 5 – Nancy Greer

November 12 – Laurene Case

November 19 – Dave Case

November 26 – Nancy Trout

***\*\*Readers can pick up their reading  
in the "Reader" mailbox located between  
the offices in the back hallway***

## Assisting Ministers

November 5 – Hannah Plummer

November 12 – Nancy Greer

November 19 – Jeremiah Miler

November 26 – Hannah Plummer

December 3 – Nancy Greer

## Ushers/Greeters

November 5 – Fiester's

November 12 – Mark & Suzanne Schmitt,  
Ann Larson

November 19 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson

November 26 – Dave Sampson, Marv Houg,  
Tom Zuber

December 3 – Strottman's

## Prayer for Pastor

November 5 – Nancy Greer

November 12 – Laurene Case

November 19 – Nancy Trout

November 26 – Dave Case

December 3 – Ardy Erickson

## Acolytes

November 5 – Lexi Flockhart

November 12 – Korver Sindelar

November 19 – Natalie Fiester

November 26 – Hailey Clapp

December 3 – Evy Fiester

## Serving Our Congregation

Cindy McKenzie – Interim Pastor

Sue Clapp – Congregation President

David Sampson – Treasurer

Therese Plummer – Parish/Financial Secretary

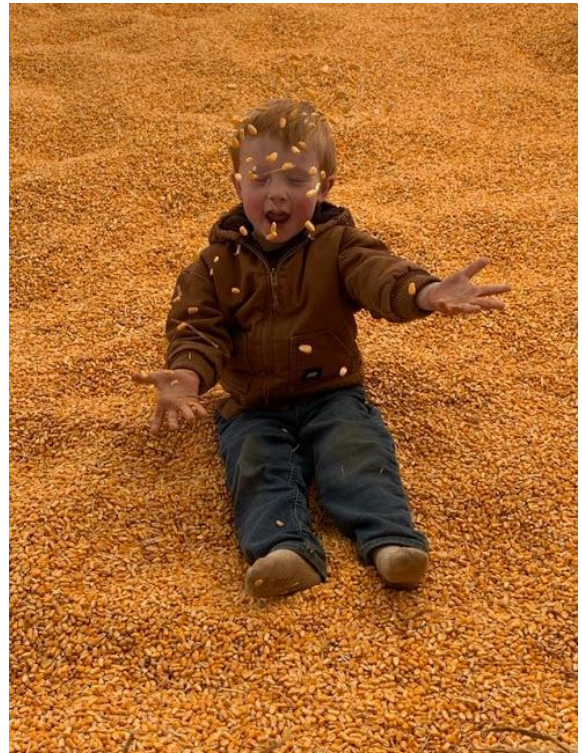
Hannah Plummer – Children & Youth Ministries  
Director

Forrest Green – Music Director

Terri Hodge – Bell Choir Director

## Youth News

- **Bloomsbury Farm-** Thank you to everyone who joined in Sunday fun at Bloomsbury Farm! We jumped on the jumping pillow, played in the corn, enjoyed the extra big slide, made our way through the corn maze and rounded it off with a hayrack ride! Fun was had by all!!





## October 15<sup>th</sup> - Polka Service followed by luncheon





## October 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday School



## October 8<sup>th</sup> Choir



## **Thank You Do Day Ladies**

Many thanks to the Do Day ladies and their donation of 12 quilts that were blessed at the beginning of the October 22<sup>nd</sup> service. The mission that received these quilts are so grateful that they have them available to give to the struggling, less fortunate people that visit their shelters. Your time and talent is greatly appreciated!



## **BEWARE!!**

Don't let yourself be scammed! Scams are happening every day, and the scams are getting more and more creative. Recently, there was a show about a bank scam that uses a phone number that looks like it comes from a well-known bank. It was stated that the person's bank account had been compromised. The person was convinced to open a new bank account. All of it was fake even though the caller ID looked legitimate.

If you get a text or call about a problem concerning any money, or your personal information don't give them any information. Hang up and directly call your local bank, store, or credit card company yourself. (Or even go to the bank or store yourself!) Do not reply to a phone number provided in the original text or call – probably fake!

**BEWARE OF  
SCAMMERS!**

**Bottom line – DO NOT GIVE OUT ANY  
PERSONAL INFORMATION VIA EMAIL, TEXT OR TO  
A CALL FROM SOMEONE YOU DO NOT KNOW!**