



FROM THE PASTOR

His Hands

For this month's Tidings article, I wish to highlight a very important mission for our community that our congregation helps to support.

That mission is called **His Hands**. This is a faith-based organization that offers a variety of services for low-income persons with no insurance or coverage with a high deductible.

His Hands offers the following:

- Medical care from Iowa licensed physicians
- Physical therapy
- Women's health
- Mental health screenings
- Dental care
- Chiropractic care
- Specialty services
- Durable medical equipment

Since this is a faith-based service, the goal of the staff and volunteers is to treat all patients with dignity and respect. Likewise, His Hands expects patients to treat the staff and volunteers with dignity and respect so this facility can remain a safe place.

If you are interested in learning more about His hands and participating in a tour, on the 4th Monday of every month the clinic hosts a "Tours and Treats" evening. This lasts about an hour and open to anyone with their friends and family. This isn't meant to be a fundraising event.

Blessings,
Pr. Cindy



Phil and Andy's Pantry – April

May and June we will be collecting paper products. This will be helpful for families during the summer months when kids are off from school and home for more meals. Try to also make a choice for recyclable cups and plates and avoid foam types. Spring is here and soon it's summer and this will be helpful for needy families.



- Paper Plates
- Cups
- Napkins
- Bowls
- Paper Towels
- Bathroom Tissue and
- Other paper Items



Last day of Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School for the 2023 – 2024 year will be Sunday, May 19th. We will resume in the fall. Stay tuned for news about VBS and summer youth activities.

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle has a new date and time! We plan to meet the third Thursday of the month at OSL Church at 1:30. The May meeting will be May 16 at the church at 1:30 and Julie Freeman will lead the lesson. Bring your Gather magazine. We would love to have new members. Come and join us. We will welcome you!! Doris Hardt

Welcome Bob Sindelar!

Bob became a new member on 4.7.2024. Welcome to our Christian family, Bob!



Readers

May 5 – Therese Plummer
May 12 – Hannah Plummer
May 19 – Nicole Flockhart
May 26 – Dale Hovden

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

Assisting Ministers

May 5 – Hannah Plummer
May 12 – Nancy Greer
May 19 – Jeremiah Miller
May 26 – Hannah Plummer

Acolytes

May 5 – Natalie Fiester
May 12 – Jeremiah Miller
May 19 – Parker Zeien
May 26 – Eric Strottman
June 2 – Korver Sindelar

Children’s Sermon

May 5 – Hannah Plummer
May 12 – Pastor Cindy

May 19 – Hannah Plummer
May 26 – JoAnn Kohl

Prayer for Pastor

May 5 – Arnold Strottman
May 12 – Natalie Fiester
May 19 – Ann Larson
May 26 – Nancy Greer

Ushers/Greeters


May 5 – Mark & Suzanne Schmitt, Ann Larson
May 12 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson
May 19 – Dave Sampson, Marv Houg, Tom Zuber
May 26 – Strottman’s

Serving Our Congregation

Cindy McKenzie – Interim Pastor
Sue Clapp– Congregation President
David Sampson – Treasurer
Therese Plummer – Parish/Financial Secretary
Forrest Green – Music Director
Terri Hodge – Bell Choir Director
Hannah Plummer – Children & Youth Ministries Director

Youth of the Month


YOUTH OF THE MONTH **Evelyn**



When I grow up, I want to be a...
NURSE OR LAWYER

My favorite season is...
SPRING

My favorite animal
KOALA



My favorite sports team?
KS CHIEFS

I have 2 dogs
JOHN HENRY & ROCKY

I'm good at
READING & WRITING

Property Board – Rick Rogness

I would like to give you a little history, from when I started on the Property Board.

The church owned “The Expansion Properties” 4 houses that would be rented to pay for themselves and the church would own and have control of the property for future use. The corner property on 1st Ave & 36th St wasn’t available yet for purchase until early 1998 or 1999. I first started on the Property Board in 1989. Betty Anderson was coming off Property Chair and Denny Oltman was taking over for her. I was recruited to help manage the Expansion Property as well as other duties.

All the houses had a name. The first house closest to the church was the old Parsonage, which the church was providing living quarters for the minister & family and later deemed economically better for ministers to be given living expenses, so it became a rental. Then came the Duplex that had two one-bedroom apartments, the Lundstrom House it was built in the 40s and made entirely with metal from the roof to siding to the interior walls and doors, the corner house was the Corner house it had the pink bathroom fixtures, the Stucco House was on the corner of 36th Street and the alley and on the other side of the alley had a house that was converted into parking before I was involved with property.

The Church janitor at the time Wayne Kirchoff needed a place to live and we offered him one of the Duplex Apartments for Manager Duties at the Expansion Property. Collect Rent, find renters, mow grass, repair work and still clean at church.

Where are the houses now? We wanted to clear the property. The Parsonage was lifted off its foundation and moved to the 200 block of 35th Street SE. The Lundstrom House was dismantled by a church in the Marshalltown area and was going to be used as part of their Parsonage. Then the other three houses were all demolished, the trees were taken by one of the demolition crew for wood and firewood. It was graded flat and planted with grass.

The church ended up purchasing the alley from the city and after that we sold Premier Investment the Lundstrom Property, Corner Property, and the Stucco Property. With the Parsonage & Duplex Properties left Handicap Parking was constructed next to the church and more parking closer to the church.

2000 – 2005 Church Council Purchased the corner lot & the alley behind and removed all of Expansion Property Buildings. Selling off a section of land to the Premier Investment Building. The rest of the property remains church parking, handicap parking, and rainwater retention basin.

2000 - 2010 The church got a new metal roof over the Sanctuary and the Flat Roof. Air Conditioning was added for the church. We had the alley paved behind the church and we poured a new slab and ramp in front of the kitchen door.

1989 the church did a major renovation in the Fellowship Hall. Drop ceiling, Wallpaper, New Windows, New Window Blinds, Carpeting, Florescent Lighting. 2018 replaced carpeting with new Vinyl Planking and replaced Florescent Lighting with LED Lamps, 2022 Replaced Window Blinds in Fellowship Hall.

2015 – 2020 All of the Restrooms got a makeover. Property installed new tile flooring in all, wall covering, tile, wainscoting, paint, new lavatories.

Rick Rogness

Bell Choir Story from the Road – by Nancy Trout

The bell choir goes on “the road” from time to time. Most recently we played at the 10:30am Mass at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. Two of our ringers are members of St. Joe’s, so we play there four times a year. We play 3 anthem pieces, a couple of hymns and the service music. It’s a busy hour for sure!

The bells, tables, pads, table cloths and stands are kept in storage at all times at St. Joe’s. Everything has to be setup just prior to our warmup before service time. We go over parts of our anthems and also rehearse with the cantor. During our most recent performance on April 14th, we were met with a series of obstacles.



Three members were subbing with the bell choir at St. Mark’s Lutheran that same morning. They would need to rush to get to St. Joe’s for our warmup time. The rest of us were to have everything set up so warmup could start as soon as possible. One member of the choir had a conflict that morning and would be arriving just in time for a quick warmup.

I was on the setup crew. As I walked into the church a little after 9am, I see a private baptism service is in progress in the sanctuary. Just steps from where the bell choir is to play. It is impossible to set up folding bell tables without making noise. We had to wait. The three arrived from St. Mark’s and we waited. Finally, we were given the go ahead to setup. So, in the next 15 minutes there was a lot going on. The tables were unfolded and covered with pads and table cloths. Stands and books were put in place. Bell cases were opened and bells distributed. Bell cases were closed and taken to the store room. Parishioners were arriving. Our last member arrived. But wait, where was the cantor? A phone call was made and one choir member jumped in the car to pick up the cantor. No time to warmup with the cantor. As this was all going on there was a brief time to go over a few measures in one anthem. The church is filling up. We had to stop.

A couple of minutes later we stood to play the prelude. This piece has a quicker tempo and showy bell techniques. We played it cold. No warmup. We finished it and the congregation applauded. That was a moment for sure!

We went on to play all the other music for the service. We got our job done. Terri, our director, said we played that prelude on pure adrenalin. I would say adrenalin mixed with a good measure of the Holy Spirit!

OSLC Updated Constitution

Great news! The Synod and your Council have approved our updated Constitution. Marv Houg, Marcia Adix, Arnold Strottman and Laurie Strottman worked diligently over the past year to update our Constitution by aligning it with the Synod's model constitution from 2022. The next step is to present it to the congregation for review and then at our June semi-annual meeting have it voted on for congregation approval.

The main changes from our former Constitution are that our bylaws are now embedded in the document rather than being separate and we have lowered the quorum number for our congregational meetings from 45 down to 25. This number will be much more manageable with our current active membership.

Although the official notification of the semi-annual meeting will be coming in several weeks, we wanted to get the new constitution into your hands sooner than later. You should be able to find the constitution for review (before voting for approval in June):

- constitution is attached to the email with this May Tidings
- using this online link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YN7kNE_p2M3bSHq4VCXSJfVP2nZO2oDZ/view?usp=sharing and
- a printed copy available in the church's narthex. (It is a lengthy document, so the plan is to only print one copy to stay at church)

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns and a huge thank you to the team for their hard work in this endeavor.

Blessings,

Our Savior's Church Council

Save the Date - God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, Sept. 8**, when congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, "[God's work. Our hands.](#)" Participating in service projects is one way to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Learn more: elca.org/dayofservice

May 4th is National Star Wars day!

Jedi says...



Lutherans reply ...



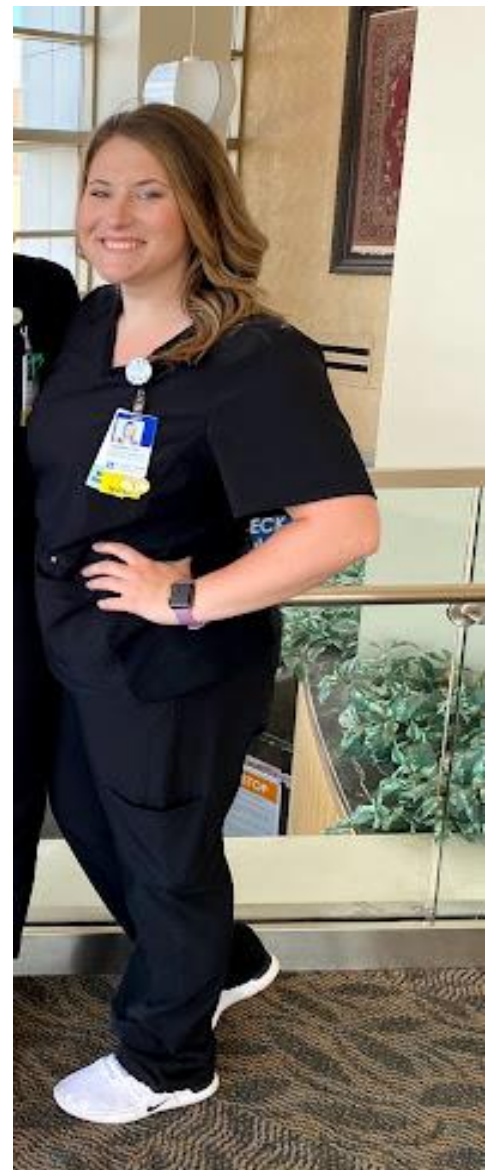
Nurse's Week

Nurse's Week is May 6th-May10th! OSLC is blessed with some outstanding nurses! We are thankful for your service to others, Happy Nurse's Week!

Cindy Fiester, RN, BSN, MSN



Hannah Plummer, RN, SANE, CEN



Angie "Runau" Greiner, RN



Pictures from Easter breakfast

