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Summer Worship Schedule:

June 4—August 27

8:30am Worship at Retreat Center

9:30am Coffee Fellowship at Retreat Center

10:00am Coffee Fellowship at St. Olaf

11:00am Worship at St. Olaf

Fall Schedule Begins September 3rd—

9:30am Worship at St. Olaf

10:30am Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School/Rally Day: September 10th

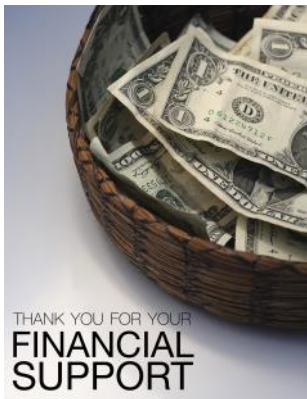
June General Fund Expenses

Auto Exp (Mileage)	185.41
BCBS Exp	839.74
Bulletin Exp	64.58
Church Supplies.....	129.25
Cont. Ed—Fam Min.	21.49
Convention Exp (Assembly).....	329.00
Custodian HIR Exp	250.00
Electricity Exp (Ottertail)	918.00
Envelope Giving Exp (EFT)	37.54
Gas (MDU) Exp	651.00
Maintenance Exp.	527.73
Office Equip.	397.73
Office Supplies.....	208.01
Miscellaneous Exp	59.41
Pastor Housing Allowance	1,200.00
Pastor SS Allowance	397.84
Payroll Exp.....	663.31
Pension/Ins	3,922.84
Postage Exp.....	56.12
Sewer & Water Exp	119.01
Special Gifts—Out	6.50
Telephone/Internet/Surveill.	465.15
Vocal Director Exp	150.00
Wages.....	12,776.74
Wedding Exp.....	450.00
Worship Supplies	35.79

Total Expenses.....	\$24,862.49
Total Income.....	24,338.74
Income	18,338.74
From Contingency.....	6,000.00

Retreat Center Fund June Expenses

Greater Ramsey Water ..	35.00
Guide One Insurance ...	150.00
MDU.....	21.00
Nodak.....	37.00
Glass & Paint.....	50.31



August Mission of the Month St. Olaf Foundation

The clear box at the back of the sanctuary (entrance) is set up at each worship service to bring awareness to missions that we want to support with our donations. Each month we will highlight the mission of the month. The mission of the month for August is St. Olaf Foundation. St. Olaf Foundation was established in 1980 to provide for long range Christian stewardship. The purpose of the foundation is to hold the principal of all monies, securities and properties that have been given to it, in accordance with the requests or directions of the donor(s), and use the income earned from any interest for various religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes. The management and control of the property and affairs of the foundation shall be vested in the foundation board which is composed of seven elected persons. No funds shall be used for normally budgeted operating expenses of St. Olaf Lutheran Church, or for any capital expenses.

Elevator & Stained-glass Window Projects

I just wanted to give everyone an update on the elevator and stained-glass window projects. Back at the end of April, we held a special meeting to inform the congregation of the ongoing issues facing our church. One being, our elevator needs an ADA update to be tied to smoke alarms so no one gets stuck in the elevator and add other safety features that are out of date and could fail without the ability to repair and two being, we have many original stained-glass windows that are starting to deteriorate. The lead is starting to give way and the windows are bowing out.

We have started fundraising for both projects and have set up special accounts that can be donated to. We have not committed to anything yet because we are trying to have most of the funds available to do so. The elevator quote that was good for 90 days will become void on July 27th, 2023. I do not know how much or even if the price will increase. I am working with the stained-glass company to come up with a smaller project to just do the bad windows so that we won't lose them. Nothing will happen with that project until next summer.

I know that times are difficult right now but I just wanted to inform everyone and encourage people to help get these projects off the ground so that we are not stuck with something larger and more expensive to fix.

**Council President,
Michael Kitsch**

Elevator Update
Donations & Memorials received as of
July 19, 2023: **\$1,825.00**

Stained-glass Windows
Balance in Stained-glass Fund
July 19, 2023: **\$12,141.76**

General Fund Envelope Giving & Memorials & Designated Funds

Date	SUNDAY		General Fund: Envelope Giving	General Fund: Gifts & Memorials	Designated Funds: Memorials/Donations
	8:30	11:00			
June 25	32	57	\$4,323.00	\$20.00	\$145.00
July 2	44	52	\$3,340.00	\$140.00	\$585.00
July 9	43	56	\$4,135.00	\$45.00	\$2,835.00
July 16	60	?	\$4,535.00	\$600.00	\$358.00

Electronic Giving for JUNE (29 Households): \$3,660.00

FAITH MATTERS;

~ Pastor Lori ~

What is prayer and how does it work?

Since I have my mind on the Lord's Prayer this week as it's the subject of our Gospel reading this coming Sunday as I write this, I thought this would be a good opportunity to talk about prayer.

Prayer is much more than giving a list of desires to God, and expecting the outcomes to come out of a vending machine. Prayer is acknowledging and experiencing the presence of God and inviting His presence into our lives and circumstances. It's seeking the presence and releasing the power of God which gives us the means to overcome our problems.

The Bible says, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 18:18). God gives us authority on earth. When we take that authority, God releases power to us from heaven. Because it's God power not ours, we become the vessel through which his power flows. When we pray, we are humbling ourselves before God and saying, "I need Your presence and Your power, Lord. I can't do this without you, I can't do this on my own." When we don't pray it's like saying we have no need of anything outside ourselves.

Praying in the name of Jesus is the key to God's power. Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to

you, whatever you ask the Father in my name He will give you." (John 16:23) Praying in the name of Jesus gives us authority over the enemy and proves we have faith in God to do what His Word promises. God knows our thoughts and our needs, but He responds to our prayers. That's because He always gives us a choice about everything, including whether we will trust Him and obey by praying in Jesus' name.

Praying not only affects us, it also reaches out and touches those for whom we pray. When we pray for our children, we are asking God to make his presence a part of their lives and work powerfully in their behalf. That doesn't mean there will always be an immediate response. Sometimes it can take days, weeks, months or even years. But our prayers are never lost or meaningless. If we are praying, something is happening, whether we can see it or not. James 5:16 says this: "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much". All that needs to happen in our lives and the lives of our children cannot happen without the presence and power of God. Prayer invites and ignites both.

Be Blessed, Pastor Lori

Funerals

Gary Ferestad
Janice Brown

Baptisms

Beatrice Morgan Nygaard
Daughter of Jada Nygaard

Owen Ross Helgeson
Son of Amanda Helgeson

Rhettlyn Kay Peterson
Daughter of Chad & Amanda Peterson

Blake Piper Wang
Daughter of George Wang & Erika Eversvik

Edward Jay Flores
Son of Justin Flores & Amanda Kraft



Alyssa Schall
Chad & Amanda Engen
SSgt. Sherri Read &
SSgt. Barry Read
Cpl. Jeffrey J. Olson
Sgt. Jesse S. Olson
Grant Thompson
Justin & Jill Johnson
Derrick Owens
Jonathan Pearson
Matthew Martin
Sgt. Major Brian Soper
Nevon Heisler
Brian Pederson
Cory Schall
Brent Schall
Amy & Cory Everson
Austin Dammen
Ryan Mertens
Gregory Fritz
Spc. Jade Baker
Major Miranda Iverson
SSgt. Billyjo Sandberg
1st Lt. Cassidy Wilkins
Kaitlyn Thompson
Matthew Alexander
Trentin Ystaas

If you know of someone serving in the military, please let the church office (662-4911) know.

Youth News Nexus

The Scoop on Events and Happenings at St. Olaf for Children, Youth, Parents, and the Youth Ministry Minded

Fall is approaching,

With fall steadily approaching and school starting in August that means things will begin to pick up at St. Olaf.

Summer camps will continue through the second week of August at all of our ELCA outdoor camps, Red Willow, Park River, and Metigoshe. As a church, we support these camps in different ways, because as a church in the Easter North Dakota Synod of the ELCA they are ours. We are a part of these camps as they are a part of us. Please see me if you or your youth(s) are interested in going.

July brought us our time at Vacation Bible School (VBS). We had all kinds of fun at Ruger with staff from Red Willow Ministries. There were games, songs, snacks, lessons, and the occasional goofy skit. We wrapped everything up, out at the Retreat Center with a program for the parents and s'mores. A big thank you to Allen Mosbaek for having the Retreat Center ready for the Red Willow staff to stay out there and to Michael Kitsch for his donation towards the counselors breakfasts and water games.

Please be on the lookout for events, fundraisers, Sunday School, and Confirmation as the school year gets closer. There will be the Amazing Race event sometime in August; it is one of our more popular events as well as needing additional help. If you are interested in helping then please let me know.



JLY (Jesus Loves You),

Kelly Longden

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Women of the ELCA **Miriam Circle Assembles Kits**

For the past 26 years, Miriam Circle has been assembling 40 Newborn Kits and 20 Hospice Kits through Global Health Ministries in Minneapolis to our companion Synod of Central African Republic. We recently completed the final delivery as we are discontinuing this project. Our kits have been designated to the Immanuel Clinic in Gallo, C.A.R. to supplement the vital care program of that facility. For instance, the very simple layette is distributed as an incentive to women to schedule prenatal checkups prior to the delivery of their babies. With the exception of one scary "Covid year", delivery to the GHM warehouse has been made in the past by Pastor Harold Ovre. I will deliver the one in late July of 2023. A big thank you to Harold and also to Thrivent Insurance and its predecessor company, Lutheran Brotherhood for their generous financial donation toward this effort, which has supplied and grand total of 1000 Newborn Kits and 500 Hospice Kits. Others beyond our circle who provided for this project included the Carol Fenner and the late Beth Berg who crocheted many hundreds of baby caps. Florene Rogne has

joined us on assembly day to take pictures and lend a hand. As C.A.R. is one of the poorest 5 countries on earth, we can only imagine the impact of these gifts at the beginning and end of lives. It has been a joy to work with our Miriam Circle who gave time and money for the past 25 years to complete this worthy task.

Blessings, Judy Ovre, project chairperson



Miriam Circle pictured with kits, l-r: Betty Petska, Paula Bourcy, Charlotte Riggan, Judy Ovre, Karen Riggan, Janet Peterson, Barb Miller and Florene Rogne.

WELCA resumes September 7 @ 1:30 p.m.

Faith & Care Group #1—August 2023

Ray & Deb Bertsch
Gordon Braathen
Doug & Darlene Carlson
Rhea Crane & Doug Longie
Brad & Deb Eback, Marissa, Emily, Landen
Chad & Alisha Ehnert, Morgan, Breydin
Diane Engebretson
Cory & Amy Everson, Faith, Blake
Jim & Debra Frank, Darren, Mallorene
Mark & Darci Gilbertson
Larry Hatten
Kimberly Hatten
Robert & Sheri Hatten, Kendall, Stephanie
Steve & Sharon Johanson
Roger Knutson
Steve & Becky Lang, Amanda, Kaylee
Darin & Stacy MacDonald, Beth
Vonda Markestad
Ronald & Barbara Miller
Jamie Minnerup, Shayla, Shelby, Brynlee
Dan & Bonnie Ness, Nikki, Wyatt
Kitty Overbo
Darren & Nikki Paulson, Lyla, Tucker
Kenneth Paulson

Brian Pederson
ReAnne Pederson, Keegan, Emmalynn, Seth
Janet Peterson
Brent & Toni Pflaum, Travis
Kim Rau & Kevin Birkeland, Cody
Dennis & Karen Riggan
Lance & Tammy Riggan, Hunter, Nash, Harper
Roxanne Rose
R. Glenn & Ardys Salisbury
Anna Schemionek
Randy & Julie Schemionek, Alexis, Justin, Ryan
Ray Sletteland
Michael & Cheryl Steffan
Arlo & Darlene Svedberg, Erika
Gary & Kerry Thompson
Kristie Tollefson
Clarence Jr. & Linda Toso, Justin
Jason & Niki Toso, Kyleigh, Kole
Janet Tweeten
James & Kelly Wang, Marit, Peter
Deb Weber Brady, Griffin
Steve Weber

Faith & Care Group #2—September 2023

Dennis & Jean Aardahl
Eric & Corrine Aasmundstad, Britt, Jenna, Taylor
Harlan Adahl
Duane A. & Susan Armstrong, Molly & Ben
Katelyn Armstrong, Ashton
Judy Aronson
Trent & Holly Beckedahl
Arne & Kristi Berg
Dean & Allison Blazer
Kory & Colette Boehmer, William
Marvin & Patricia Bye, Bryan, Justin
Kelsie Bye, Kennedy
Jared & Elisa Christensen, Cassandra, Kaylee, Carter
Judy Cox, Michael & Patrick
Wendy Cox Olson, Jacob, Austin
Cleo Deplazes
Jeremy & Jennifer Devier, Blair, Coby, Austin, Zoe, Braxton, Eliza, Piper
Cynthia Geller, Dana, Kirsten, Stephanie
Lynn Goodwill, Natalie
Sharon Henke

Lloyd Hintz
Melissa Hodous, Brody, Mason, Bennett
Benjamin & Jenna Idland, Kaspynn, Amzee, Sloann
Michael & Rachel Kitsch, Sophie, Grace
Kristian & Danielle Lindseth, Isabel, Abigail
Darren & Lori Lippert, Kaylee, Blake
Nicole McIvor, Julia, Blaine
Necito Montaniel
Allan Mosbaek
James H. Murray
Keith & Joan Ness
Robert Ness
Rene & Sherri Ouellette
Art & Carol Rohr
Byron & Jessica Rohr, Julia, Clara, Wyatt
David & Ranae Schnaidt, Emily
Terry & Connie Straabe, Caitlin, Michelle & Tara
Jarrod & Lori Stubbe, Quenten & Malcolm
Shirley Tostenson

SIMPLY GIVING: As a part of our desire to make giving simple and convenient; we have created an online giving page through Vanco. Each part focuses on one of the causes here at St. Olaf and a couple outside as well. Our hope is that this site will allow you to see more of what you can give to and make an impact through the ministries of St. Olaf. The QR code below can be scanned via smartphone and will take you straight to the site or find it at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA6T/home>



Memorials

BUILDING FUND: Elevator

Given in MEMORY of:

Merle & Cora Horner from Myrna Unger
Joann Paulson from Arne & Kristi Berg, Wanda Zettler, Myrna Unger, Ray & Judy Strong, Betty Rushfeldt
John Unger from Myrna Unger
Gary Ericksrud from Judy Hatten
Arlo Bourcy (Duainne Bourcy's brother) from Duainne & Paula Bourcy
Wayne Skramstad from Perry & Denise Garske
Perry Horner from Myrna Unger
Andy Horner from Myrna Unger
Dean Petska from Betty Petska
Hans Paulson, Mark Paulson, Beverly Paulson and Melvin Paulson from Betty Rushfeldt

Stained-glass Windows

Given in MEMORY of:

Jean Ivesdal from Robert Dahl, Dale & Loretta Giedd, Newton & Karen Lindseth, Darin & Stacy MacDonald, Jody & Gary Friskop, Jerry Reeves Family, Darcy & Merlin Helton, Wally Klindt-worth, Chuck & Kristy Laber, Dorothy Fenske Miller, Dale Simon, Deb & Doug Lunde, Helen Simon

GENERAL FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Ilene Schemioneke from Doris Michaels, Mike & Sherry Boehmer,
Wayne Skramstad from Myrna Unger
John Dunn from Mike & Sherry Boehmer

ALTAR GUILD Fund

Given in MEMORY of:

Nan Yager from Ray & Judy Strong

RADIO FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Ilene Schemioneke from Vonnie Erickstad, Duainne & Paula Bourcy

Given in HONOR of:

Vonnie Erickstad's 90th Birthday from Duainne & Paula Bourcy

YOUTH FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Earl Olson (Tammy Riggan's Father) from Rhonda & Jerry Allery & Family

W.E.L.C.A.

Given in HONOR of:

Vonnie Erickstad's 90th Birthday from Judy Ovre

Given in MEMORY of:

Ilene Schemioneke from Myrna Unger

St. Olaf Foundation

Given in MEMORY of:

Clarence Erlandson, Lester Nyhus, Ray McDaniel, Irving Thompson from Myrna Unger

August 2023

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September 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays Worship at 8:30am at Retreat Center Coffee Fellowship at 9:30am at Retreat Center Coffee Fellowship at 10:00am at St. Olaf Worship at 11:00am at St. Olaf 		Aug 1 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	2 10:30am Staff meeting	3 1:00pm Brain Injury Support Group	4	5 2:00pm Marlys Sollin's 90th Birthday Open House (basement)
6 8:30am Worship @RC 9:30am Coffee @RC 10:00am Coffee @SO 11:00am Worship @SO	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	9 10:30am Staff meeting	10	11	12
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