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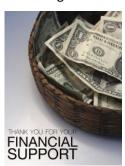
July General Fund Expenses

Auto Exp (Mileage)	839.74 244.17 105.00 250.00 918.00 691.30 329.40 361.90 36.36 581.00 1,154.60 781.29
Office Equip	
Office Supplies	123.57
Miscellaneous Exp	5.85
Pastor Housing Allowance	. 1,200.00
Pastor SS Allowance	
Payroll Exp	667.20
Pension/Ins	
Postage Exp	
Retreat Ctr. Exp (Ins.)	150.00
Sewer & Water Exp	116 29
Special Gifts—Out	391.00
MOM Box (ELCA Youth): 1	23.00
(SAAF): 268.00	
Telephone/Internet/Survaill	
VBS Exp	
Vocal Director Exp	
Wages	
Worship Supplies	
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Total Expenses	\$29,580.68
Total Income	
Income	27.244.57

Retreat Center Fund July Expenses

Greater Ramsey Water...35.00
Guide One Insurance...150.00
MDU24.75
Nodak (2 mos.)258.00
Leon's Building Ctr......705.88



September Mission of the Month

Lutheran Disaster Response: U.S. Wildfires

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 September is Lutheran Disaster Response: U.S. Wildfires.

Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Exacerbated by strong winds, wildfires on Maui have claimed dozens of lives and have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders, some moving to other Hawaiian islands. Wildfires have also affected the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead. Gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to this, and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts given specifically to "U.S. Wildfires" will be restricted to, and used in full (100%) for those affected by wildfires.



Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Retreat Center this summer!

Elevator Update
Donations & Memorials received as of
August 29, 2023: \$2,950.00

THANK YOU!

Stained-glass Windows
Balance in Stained-glass Fund
August 29, 2023: \$12,666.76
THANK YOU!

General Fund Envelope Giving & Memorials & Designated Funds

SI	JNDAY		General Fund:	General Fund:	Designated Funds:
Date	8:30	11:00	Envelope Giving	Gifts & Memorials	Memorials/Donations
July 23	41	70	\$2,390.00	\$110.00	
July 30	47	68	\$5,595.00		
August 6	51	43	\$4,355.00		\$1,491.00
August 13	47	56	\$3,165.00		\$490.52
August 20	61	61	\$2,510.00		\$869.00
August 27	62	46	\$1,223.00		\$3,651.00

Electronic Giving for JULY (29 Households): \$3,665.00

LIVING OUR BAPTISM...Five gifts of discipleship

When a baptized Christian affirms the faith (often called confirmation) the presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism and

FAITH MATTERS;

~ Pastor Lori ~

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability." (Acts 2:1-4 NRSV)

asks the question: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people,to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

RESPONSE: We do, and ask God to help and guide us. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 236)

And so begins a daily claiming and re-discovering of the God-given gifts of discipleship. These gifts overlap and are intertwined as one gift flows into another and into faithful living.

FIVE GIFTS OF DISCIPLESHIP ... during Pentecost

Pentecost is an ideal season of the church year to emphasize LIVING OUR BAPTISM and discover the five gifts of discipleship.

<u>Background</u>: Each year on Pentecost Sunday, the assigned scripture text for worship is from Acts 2. The story occurs after Jesus had been crucified, risen from death, and ascended to heaven. The disciples were in one place in Galilee as Jesus instructed. Although Jesus had warned them about his death and predicted his resurrection, they were unprepared for all that had transpired. Their hopes were shattered—their future was unclear. What was next?

Jesus had tried to instruct them for when he no longer would be able to be with them on their earthly pilgrimage. Jesus had promised to send the Advocate to be with them. And so they waited. Scared and with no vision of the future, they waited.

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

<u>Today</u>: The Festival of Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter Sunday and typically falls between mid-May or early June. It is the longest season of the church year, extending to the season of Advent. Whereas the other seasons of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter) emphasize some aspect of the life of Jesus, Pentecost emphasizes the life of the Spirit-infused church—disciples in action.

The Festival of Pentecost is a wonderful occasion to incorporate the Affirmation of Baptism into worship—either for confirmands and/or the whole congregation. The Holy Spirit is still at work, calling, gathering, and empowering followers of Jesus to grow in discipleship.

SEASON OF PENTECOST: INWARD AND OUTWARD GIFTS

The five gifts of discipleship can be divided into two categories:

Inward Gifts of Discipleship: MY life is blessed! Live among God's faithful people

Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper

Outward Gifts of Discipleship: MY life blesses others!

Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed Serve all people, following the example of Jesus Strive for justice and peace in all the earth. (ELCA Synod -Faith Practices)

Dear friends at St. Olaf Lutheran church, In thinking about the stresses in our lives and our world right now I thought that we perhaps need a reminder of the blessings and gifts of grace we receive in our baptism. (Above)

So with this reminder let us daily claim and rediscover the God-given gifts of discipleship that we are called to through Christ our Savior.

Be Blessed. Pastor Lori Pankratz

Youth News Nexus

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

Time to ramp it up,

September brings Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Events, and Fundraisers.

Rally Day for Sunday School is on Sunday, September 10th. Registration begins at 9am in the lobby by the front door. We will try a new schedule this year for Sunday School. We will start at 10am and end at 11am. This means that some aspects of the service will be moved so that students can still participate. Please bear with us as we try some revised scheduling and ideas for Sunday School. Also, we still need two Sunday school teachers. The reason for this is because we aim to have co-teachers for each grade. So that one teacher does not have to teach every Sunday. We also need individually packaged snacks and 100% juice or water. Any donations are welcome and if possible, please leave them outside my office door.

Confirmation orientation will be on Wednesday, September 20th, at 6:15pm downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All 7th through 9th grade students and their parents/guardians need to be in attendance as we are trying a few new items here as well. Our hope is that some of the changes can bring a renewed energy into our Christian Education programs. The board, Pastor Lori, and I are excited about these creative ideas; we hope you can join us in that.

Youth events are starting up again. We (as I am writing this) have our first one on Sunday, August 27th, with the Amazing Race. September brings an intergenerational event and two earlyout events. First, it is the Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention. This is on Saturday, September 16th, starting at 9:30am. The registration form is located on our Facebook Group. Let me know if you would like to register and need help. This will be open to anyone who wants to participate. Second and third are on Wednesdays, September 20th and 27th, from 2 -4 at the church for all ages. There will be a sign up sheet for both dates for anyone who would like to walk with me from the Middle School. When it comes to youth events we always need additional leaders. I can't continue to do events on my own. Please prayerfully consider how you can help our Children, Youth, and Family programs succeed.

Fundraisers will be starting up again for our seven youth that are looking to attend the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Our first one will be in collaboration with Taco Johns on Monday, September 25th, from 4-8pm. Any items purchased during that time window will contribute towards a total that our group will receive 30% of. Please come get some delicious food and support your Youth Gathering group that evening.

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Things are about to get busy at St. Olaf. There will be kids all over the place helping, playing, and creating smiles. I am asking you to prayerfully consider how you can start or continue to help me and our Children, Youth, and Family programming. JLY (Jesus Loves You),

Kelly Longden St. Olaf Youth Ministry Coordinator

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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.

August Church Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Olaf Lutheran Church council met August 8, 2023.

Present: Michael Kitsch, Mike Boehmer, Kristi Trottier, Crystal Eversvik, Louise Oleson, Colette Boehmer, Pastor Lori Pankratz, Kelly Longden, Darci Gilbertson, Glenn Crowe. Absent: Evonne Geigle, Jeri Steffan, Daria Miller

President Michael Kitsch called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Pastor Lori opened the meeting with a devotion on following Jesus and good leadership attributes.

The minutes of the June council meeting were reviewed. Crystal moved to accept the minutes. Kristi seconded. The minutes were approved.

Mike presented the treasurer's report. Balance as of July 21, 2023: Designated Funds: \$80,938.70; Building Fund: \$27,462.01; General Fund: negative balance (-)149.77. It was noted that three deposits for July had yet to be deposited since Darci was out of the office for vacation. Mike moved to contact 1st United Bank for a line of credit to be used as needed to meet payroll and operating expenses. Louise seconded. The motion was approved.

Pastor Lori's report and Kelly's report were reviewed by the council. Pastor Lori noted that she will be out of the office for vacation, August 11 - August 19. Kelly will lead Sunday worship services on August 13. A potluck picnic/corn feed is being planned for Sunday, Aug. 27 at 12:30 at the Retreat Center.

Christian Education: Kristi reported that their next meeting will be August 10.

Church Properties: The council reviewed a report submitted by Allan

Mosbaek highlighting the deck project at the Retreat Center. Also, two west side doors at the church will be repainted.

Life in Ministry & Mission: Louise reported that she has been helping Pastor Lori with outreach to nursing home residents and shut ins. She helped write a grant for stained glass window repair and helped Pastor Lori and Colette with updating the St. Olaf constitution.

Stewardship: No report. Pastor Lori is working to find another member to join this committee.

Youth & Family Ministry: Crystal reported that their next meeting will be August 10.

Worship & Music: No report.

Unfinished Business: Elevator - Michael reported that he inquired about a possible repair patch for the elevator electrical system but was informed that the elevator is too far out of date to make that happen. Website - Darci, Kelly, and Pastor Lori, are completing the final changes to the new St. Olaf church website before it goes live. Stained Glass Windows - Michael is waiting to hear back from the representative of the stained glass window repair company to see if it is possible to scale down the work to only windows that are in most need of immediate repair. Darci should hear by the end of August if the church will receive any grant money for window repair. Technology contracts - The council reviewed two contracts from Jeremy Eisenzimmer and Glenn Crowe regarding the technology support for office staff and the audio/visual work they provide for St. Olaf.

Glenn answered a variety of questions from council members. Kristi moved to accept the two contracts as written. Crystal seconded. The motion was approved.

New Business: Darci stated that she is in need of a new office computer as the present one is not functioning as she needs it to. Darci asked Jeremy Eisenzimmer to offer his recommendation for a computer to meet her needs and the needs of the office. Based on Jeremy's recommendation and Darci's needs the council agreed to follow through with a purchase. Louise moved to purchase a new computer for the St. Olaf church office. Kristi seconded. The motion was approved. Michael reported that there has been some damage to the double doors that lead into the welcome center at the church. He contacted the Glass Shop in Devils Lake for a bid on removal of the door and installation of a new door. Following discussion, the council agreed to have the Glass Shop do some minor repairs at this time to extend the life of the mechanisms of the current door.

The next council meeting will be on September 19 at 5:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Colette Boehmer



If you or someone you know are in need of prayers, please contact the church office:

662-4911.

Your name and concern will be held before God and prayed for by everyone on the Prayer Chain.

You will be asked if you would like to be included in the prayers at Sunday worship or you may request it.



Sunday, October 8th at the Retreat Center

at the Retreat Center 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Project provided: Fall or Holiday table runner

Fun & Fellowship!

us to provide one. To sign-up, please call the office or

Bring your

machine or let us

know if you need

call the office or email: stolaf@gondtc.com

Lunch included!



St. Olaf WELCA News

*The Quilting Ladies have been busy all summer and have finished some beautiful guilts. We will continue as always on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am or whenever you can make it. You can come and go as you need to.

*Summer is coming to an end.....so our Recess is over. The Meetings begin again on Sept. 7th at 1:30pm. Pastor Lori will lead us in a short Bible Study, followed by the meeting. Hope to see many of you there! (Anna Circle will be in charge of the Coffee Fellowship after meeting.)

*Plans have also begun for the Fall Rummage, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7th from 8:00am until 1:00pm. If you have items to donate please bring them in as soon as possible. (Use the North Door in the alley) Help is also needed sorting etc. If you have a little time, PLEASE come and lend a hand. Help is needed on Friday(Oct. 6th) and Saturday as well. Please consider volunteering to help in some way.

*Also,,,,it is never to early to think about making something for the Annual Bazaar which is in December. It is nice to have many nice gift items to sell. Hope you all enjoyed your Summer! Now to get back in the GROOVE!!

Stay well, God's Blessings, Myrna Unger, President





St. Olaf is putting together a team again this year. This will be our cross-generational event for the month. Please register at the above website and sign up for

team Agape Idios

(Love Yourself in Greek). Any donations are welcome and will go towards the walk. Let Kelly know if you have any questions.



This event is for all adults, men and women, who enjoy coloring in adult coloring books or would like to try it. Colored pencils and coloring books will be provided, but you may also bring whatever you have. If you wish you can come just for the coffee and treats and social interaction.

Please RSVP to Jean Aardahl at 662-9227 Leave a message if no answer



"God's work. Our hands."



Sunday, October 22, 2023

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 8,700 congregations participating in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, on Oct. 22. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us as we do God's work with our hands! Contact us for

more information: St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Join us for a short worship service and then be sent out to use our hands and feet in service to others in our community. There will be a project sign up and lunch following our service.



Faith & Care Group #2—September 2023

Dennis & Jean Aardahl Eric & Corrine Aasmundstad, Britt, Jenna, Taylor

Harlan Adahl

Duane A. & Susan Armstrong, Molly &

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, Zoee, Braxton, Eliza, Piper

Cynthia Geller, Dana, Kirsten, Stephanie

Lynn Goodwill, Natalie

Sharon Henke

Lloyd Hintz

Melissa Hodous, Brody, Mason, Bennett Michael & Rachel Kitsch, Sophie, Grace Kristian & Danielle Lindseth, Isabel, Abi-

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**

Memorials

BUILDING FUND: Elevator

Given in MEMORY of:

Joann Paulson from Sharon Rance, Larry & Betty Nygren

Richard Bergeth, Sharon Eickenbrock, Ralph Rath, Beth Berg and Ilene Schemionek from

Larry & Betty Nygren

LaRissa Unger from Myrna Unger Given in HONOR of:

Vonnie Erickstad's 90th Birthday from Larry & Betty Nygren

GENERAL FUND:

Given in MEMORY of:

Ilene Schemionek from Judy Ovre. Kory & Colette Boehmer, Jodi Nelson

Carrie Kenner from Brenda & Gerald Kenner Bernice Ness from Kent Ness

CONTINGENCY FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Joann Paulson from Basil & Lois Legacie, Armen & Connie Hanson, Newton & Karen Lindseth, Vivian Thorstensen, Friends & Family

NORWAY CEMETERY FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Lawton Miller, Jr. from Harlan Adahl Leland & Millie Oleson from Myrna Unger

RADIO FUND

Given in MEMORY of: Jan Brown from Marlys Sollin

RETREAT CENTER FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Ilene Schemionek from Allan & Evon Thompson

YOUTH FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Darren Blazer from Myrna Unger Kenneth Unger from Myrna Unger

WELCA

Given in MEMORY of: Sandra Lunde from Myrna Unger

ST. OLAF FOUNDATION

Given in MEMORY of:

Joann Paulson from Friends & Family

Baptisms

August Woods Elsperger

Son of Travis & Nikki Elsperger

Eve Elaine Kitsch

Daughter of Michael & Rachel Kitsch

Jasiah Leo LaBlanc

Makaila Trottier & D'Ondre LaBlanc

Richard Bergeth

Faith & Care Group #3— October 2023

Duaine Ash Lisa Bachmeier

Robert Banet, Bailee, Caleb

Roxanne & Mike Barendt, Morgan, Hannah

Rodney Bennes

Terry & Beth Black, Molly, Elle, Charly Zachary & Samantha Bounds, Hudsynn,

Kayson, Madalynn

Janice Breakey

Jared & DeAnn Brown, Ellen, Emma Jon & Cindy Brown, Drew, Casey, Reagan,

Gene & Melissa Burkhard, Brady, Toby

Paulette Clemenson Kermit & Glenna Garske

Judy Hager

Leonard Jemtrud Dona Krahler, Jadyn & Zachary

Richard Mahoney

Brandon & Kelsey Mertens, Holden, Leightyn,

Gannon Don Mertens. Rvan

Duane Moen Kent & Hayley Ness, Ty Derrick & Holly Owens, Alexander Stella Papachek Jacqueline Peterson, Jesse Myrna Peterson Harry & Darlene Pflaum Mabel Rabadeaux Bonnie Rader, James **Sharon Rance**

Chuck & Barb Olson, Alex, Kelley, Mallory

Anne Rasmusson, David, Blake

Jeanette Rohrer

Linda Olson

Marlene & Dana Salisbury

Cory & Tobey Schall, Austin, Alyssa Shannon & Don Senger, Preston

Valerie Sensiba Valerie Skadsem

Amber Lara Gaylene Tollefson

Nicole Tollefson. Austin

Kristi Trottier & Travis Pflaum Orville & Audrey Wang, Autumn, George

Nancy Watt, Brandon Kristi Ystaas

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 vou straight to the site or find it at: https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA6T/home

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9:30am Worship Service 10:00am Rally Sunday! School 10:30am Coffee	11	12 9:00am Quilting	13 10:30am Staff meeting	14 9:00am Doughnut Day	15 9:00am Doughnut Day	9:15am Out of the Darkness Community Walk (Ruger Park)
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9:30am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee & FC #3 Mtg.	25 4:00pm Taco Johns Fundraiser	26 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	27 10:30am Staff meeting 2:00pm Movie & Popcorn 6:15pm Confirmation	28	29	30