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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

*Rummage Sale*  
Saturday, October 7  
8:00am until 1:00pm

COFFEE & SWEET TREATS  
starting at 8:00am

BBQ LUNCH  
starting at 11:00am

Doughnuts for Sale

at St. Olaf Lutheran Church  
601 6th St. NE | Devils Lake

# August General Fund Expenses

Auto Exp (Mileage) .....	531.91
BCBS Exp .....	839.74
Bulletin Exp .....	175.07
Church Supplies.....	158.74
Cont. Ed—Youth Coord .....	13.64
Convention Exp.....	472.00
Custodian HIR Exp .....	250.00
Electricity Exp (Ottertail) .....	918.00
Envelope Giving Exp (EFT) .....	37.44
Gas (MDU) Exp .....	504.00
Insurance Exp (Aug/Sept).....	2,309.20
Maintenance Exp. ....	128.49
Office Equip. ....	397.73
Office Supplies.....	135.19
Miscellaneous Exp .....	7.98
Pastor Housing Allowance ....	1,200.00
Pastor SS Allowance .....	397.84
Payroll Exp.....	671.05
Pension/Ins .....	3,922.84
Postage Exp.....	134.04
Retreat Ctr. Exp (Ins.)(A&S) ....	300.00
Sewer & Water Exp .....	127.85
VBS Exp.....	79.92
Vocal Director Exp .....	150.00
Wages.....	12,953.06
Worship Supplies .....	668.99
( Licenses & Subscriptions)	

<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$27,484.72</b>
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>21,539.63</b>
Income .....	16,539.63
From Contingency.....	5,000.00

## Retreat Center Fund August Expenses

Greater Ramsey Water .	38.30
Guide One Insurance ..	150.00
Leon’s Building Ctr. ....	67.58



THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

# October Mission of the Month Hope Center



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 October is the Hope Center.

The Mission is to Demonstrate Christ's Love by helping meet the Nutritional, Emotional, Spiritual and Shelter needs of others. Through regular food distributions and special programs, we are meeting needs and impacting hunger in the Lake Region.

Visit [www.hopecenterdevilslake.com](http://www.hopecenterdevilslake.com) and go to the "Get Involved" section to learn how you can be a part. If you are in need of assistance, visit our "Need Help Now?" section or come by during business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8am-12pm/1-3pm. Wednesday, Friday 8am-12pm/ 1-5pm. Closed 12-1 for Lunch.



# Lutefisk & Meatball Supper

Will Be Served By The St. Olaf Men

## Sunday, October 15, 2023

From 3:00—6:30 p.m.

**Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner.....\$24.00**  
**Children 6 & under .....Free**

**Menu:**  
Lutefisk—Meatballs  
Potatoes—Peas—Cole Slaw  
Lefse—Dessert

At

**St. Olaf Lutheran Church**  
601 6th St. NE—Devils Lake—662-4911

**Elevator Update**  
Donations & Memorials received as of  
September 26, 2023: **\$3,975.00**  
THANK YOU!

**Stained-glass Windows**  
Balance in Stained-glass Fund  
September 26, 2023: **\$12,711.76**  
THANK YOU!

## General Fund Envelope Giving & Memorials & Designated Funds

SUNDAY		General Fund:	General Fund:	Designated Funds:
Date	9:30	Envelope Giving	Gifts & Memorials	Memorials/Donations
September 3	72	\$3,620.00	\$100.00	\$89.00
September 10	112	\$3,030.00		\$1,089.00
September 17	119	\$1,614.00	\$25.00	\$377.00
September 24	95	\$1,995.00	\$40.00	\$982.89

**Electronic Giving for AUGUST (30 Households): \$3,555.00**

# FAITH MATTERS;

~ Pastor Lori ~

## Stewards of God's Love

Ok truth be told, stewardship is not my favorite topic, and a few of you may be saying the same thing right now. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word “stewardship”? Budgets and spreadsheets? (Well that’s true for our council this month). Money? Pledge Cards, offering envelopes? A grateful response to God? What about Love?

For many of our congregations, stewardship means “the church asking for money” or it means nothing at all. For some it conjures memories of an annual stewardship pledge drive in the fall to ensure enough money to fund the budget for the next year. But really at the end of the day or year in this case it’s seems it’s often about the need of a congregation to receive rather than the need of the giver to give.



Stewardship includes so much more than money. It’s a way of life that calls for integration of the way we believe and the way we generously live our lives, in gratitude. It is a mindset, a culture and a discipline that can never be contained in budget planning and stewardship drives. Clarence Stoughton, former Wittenberg University President says that “Stewardship is everything we do after we say “I believe”. It’s the way in which we use all of our resources that God has entrusted to our care so that we can love God and neighbor. A response to the boundless love God first showed you and me. It is a privilege to share time, talents and finances, to care for God’s earth and serve my neighbors. Stewardship is about Love. And I will leave you with these verses from the Gospel of Matthew to think on and wonder about, this loving stewardship that God intends:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” Matthew 22: 37b-39

I am Thankful and Blessed by all of you! **Pr. Lori**



Season 2

## The “Chosen” Bible Study

Tuesdays:

**October 17 & 24**

At 5:30 p.m.

Sundays:

**October 29,  
November 5, 12, 19, 26**

**December 3**

at 12:30 p.m.



Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth invites all members of the Eastern North Dakota Synod to participate in this year’s Fall Gatherings! Join others from around the synod for an afternoon of connection, conversation, and prayer. Dates and locations are listed below. If you are not able to attend the gathering for your conference, you are invited to attend a gathering in another location.

**Wahpeton and Jamestown Conferences:**

October 8, 3-5pm at St. John’s Lutheran in Verona

**Prairie Rose and Spirit Lake Conferences:**

October 15, 3-5pm at Dacotah Oyate Lutheran, Tokio

**Grand Forks and Grafton Conferences:**

October 22, 3-5pm at Grafton Lutheran in Grafton



# Youth News Nexus

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

It's bootiful outside,

October is here with its own fun, work, crazy, and new adventures.

Our fun consists of a few different events at the church. The two youth ones are happening in relation to the church. First, on Sunday, October 8th, is our yearly trip to Northern Air in Grand Forks. This is for any 6th grade and up youth plus friends. We will leave from the church at noon and return about 6pm. As always, we need drivers so please let me know if you can help with this. Also, there will be a sign-up outside my office as well as on Facebook so I have a headcount for travel arrangements and to give Northern Air. Second, is a collaborative event with Our Saviors, Trunk or Treat. This is for all ages to participate either as a trunker or a treater. It is on Sunday, October 29th, set-up starts at 5pm and the treating starts at 6:30pm. Please let me know if you would like to participate as a trunker.

We have some Service Work opportunities on Sunday, October 22nd, starting at 9:30am at the church. God's Work, Our Hands will consist of multiple opportunities for service projects to help a variety of people. Sign-up sheets and the list of projects will be forthcoming. If you are or have a confirmation student(s) this is a perfect chance to get some service hours in for their Confirmation Covenant.

The crazy as it is usually everyday will culminate in our yearly Blessing of the Animals at 10am on Sunday, October 15th, in the green space. We are trying to get more of a variety of animals this year,

so if you have one or more that you would like to bring then please do so. We will be a general blessing and then I will go to each animal to give them their own blessing. After that, we will have pictures, sidewalk chalk, and lots of cuddling with our animal friends.

There are new adventures for our 3rd grade and 10th grade students. On Sunday, October 3rd, during the beginning of the worship service we will be doing the Giving of the 3rd Grade Bibles. This will have a brief ceremony and then during Sunday School they will go with me to learn some Bible Basics. Our 10th grade students will be reaffirming their baptism through being confirmed on Sunday, October 29th, during the worship service. There will be pictures beforehand, a ceremony during, and cake after at coffee hour. Both of these steps create a new adventure for the youth taking them. The 3rd graders can dive more fully into their Bibles to learn about our amazing God and the 10th graders will be able to fully participate in the life of the church to continue to form their faith.

Fun, work, crazy, and new adventures will be here this month. I hope to see you there and ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help or continue to help our Children, Youth, and Family Programming here at the church.

JLY (Jesus Loves You),

**Kelly Longden**

St. Olaf Youth Ministry Coordinator  
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## Northern AIR Family Fun Center

**WHEN:** Sunday, October 8th  
Leave at noon  
**WHO:** 6th-12th Grade Youth  
**WHERE:** Northern Air, Grand Forks  
**COST:** Whatever snacks or games you want to play

*Come join us for some fun times at the Northern Air Family Fun Center.*

**Please sign-up on Facebook or outside Kelly's office.**

*If you are able to be a driver, please let Kelly know.*

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

**TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT**

**Come and Join Us!**

**October 29th  
Our Saviors Parking Lot**

**Set up at 5pm  
Treating at 6:30pm**

**We are working with Our Saviors again this year for Trunk or Treat. This is an all ages event and if you are interested in bringing a trunk, please let Kelly know.**





# Quilt Retreat

Sunday, October  
8th

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

Project provided: Fall or Holiday table runner

**Bring your machine or let us know if you need us to provide one.**

**To sign-up, please call the office or email: [stolaf@gondtc.com](mailto:stolaf@gondtc.com)**

**Lunch included!**



- Alyssa Schall
- 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.*



*Noah & Holly  
Ullman*

HELLO, FRIENDS! WE ARE TEACHERS OF GOD'S WORD. TOGETHER, WE TRAVEL THE WORLD, FOLLOWING THE SPIRIT'S LEAD, AND IMMERSING IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING THE LORD. WE ARE BLESSED TO TEACH ACROSS AMERICA, EUROPE, AND AFRICA.

OUR STUDIES FOCUS ON ILLUMINATING THE ORIGINAL BIBLICAL HEBREW OF THE SCRIPTURES, AND EXPLORING ITS REAL-LIFE APPLICATION.

*Join us*

**Monday, Oct. 23**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

At

**St. Olaf**

Greeting Ladies,

Quilting is going well. We had a couple "summer visitors" with us helping for a while. It was so nice meeting new people. Any and all help is great to have! One Quilt was delivered to Deloise Haugen who is in the Good Sam in Lakota. Also three Quilts were sold.

Thanks to all who helped with donut making for the rummage sale and the lefse making for the Men's October dinner.

Jean Aardahl Hosted The Coloring, Coffee and Conversation on Sept 21. Thank you Jean for always being such a Great Host...the Coffee "Goodies" are always appreciated.

The Fall Rummage is soon upon us. Much work has already been done in preparation for this event. It will be held on October 7 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. PLEASE volunteer to help in some way. Remember ALL Ladies of St. Olaf are Members of our WELCA. I Hope many of you will be a part in this work, the fellowship is always fun! We will be setting up on Thursday the 5th and Friday the 6th. PLEASE come for a couple hours or whatever you can to help out. Start time is around 9:00am each day. We need a few strong men to help move the boxes out in the mornings...Please pass the word to the men!

Our next meeting will be on October 12 at 1:30pm. Pastor Lori will present the documentary by Kevin Wallavend, on tracking the quilts we send to Lutheran World Relief. It should be very informative. Business Meeting will follow and Coffee Fellowship.

Deborah Circle is in charge of the Lunch for Coffee Fellowship.

We hope to see you there.

God's Blessings to all,  
Myrna Unger, WELCA President



## Color, Coffee & Conversation Thursday, Oct. 19 @ 1:30 p.m.

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



## Anna Circle & Friends

Anna Circle and friends put together 40 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Pictured from l-r: Doris Michaels, Jean Aardahl, Nicole McIvor, Amanda Cory and Julia McIvor. Dennis Aardahl assisted in packaging the backpacks.



**"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 (9:30—10:00 a.m.) and then be sent out to use our hands and feet in service to others in our community.**

**Sign-up Sheets for the following service projects are in the entry to the sanctuary:**

- Nursing Home visits or make cards for residents
- Tie blankets for First Responders to give to emergency victims
- Collect & pack items for the Hope Center
- Polish the pews
- Help serve the catered meal
- Raking and/or simple home projects

**Return from the activity and enjoy a lunch following our service project.**

Please  
Bring a canned  
food item  
for the  
Hope Center

## 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, Bailey  
Gene & Melissa Burkhard, Brady, Toby  
Paulette Clemenson  
Kermit & Glenna Garske  
Judy Hager  
Leonard Jemtrud  
Dona Krahl, Jady & Zachary  
Richard Mahoney  
Brandon & Kelsey Mertens, Holden, Leightyn, Gannon  
Don Mertens, Ryan  
Duane Moen  
Kent & Hayley Ness, Ty

Chuck & Barb Olson, Alex, Kelley, Mallory  
Linda Olson  
Derrick & Holly Owens, Alexander  
Stella Papachek  
Jacqueline Peterson, Jesse  
Myrna Peterson  
Harry & Darlene Pflaum  
Mabel Rabadeaux  
Bonnie Rader, James  
Sharon Rance  
Anne Rasmusson, David, Blake  
Jeanette Rohrer  
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

## Faith & Care Group #4—November 2023

Carly & Jesse Braathen, Riley, Tommy  
Wade & Rebecca Christianson, Cayden, Ethan  
Lisa Craddock, Charles  
Robert Dahl  
John & Kim Dahlen, Cassandra & Christopher  
Yvonne Erickstad  
Eric & Crystal Eversvik, Gannon, Bryer, Delaine, Amelia  
Tammy Fischer, Garrett, John, Michael  
Steven & Evonne Geigle, Kade, Micah  
Dale Giedd & Loretta Bloomquist  
Becky Hawkins, Maria, Isabelle  
Rob Hendrickson  
Helen Hunt  
Jason & Amber Hunter, Gabriella, Ryder, Hudson  
Kristen Johnson, Chase  
Jan Johnson, Brittany & Kayla  
Jerry & Kara Johnson, Jeremiah  
Josh & Nicole Kuntz, Hayden, Halle

Mike & Kristina Kuntz, Jack & Mallory  
Kathy Lovseth  
Richard Lybeck  
Doris Michaels  
Vernon Moen  
Charles & Helen Nelson  
Robert Nelson & Marte Stensli, Mathea & Liam  
Louise Oleson  
Judy Ovre  
Mark & Kristel Peterson, Craig, Kelsey  
Betty Jane Rushfeldt  
Tyler & Emily Schiele, Kynlee, Tucker, Bo  
Sheldon Severtson  
Helen Simon  
Kyle Sletteland  
Don & Barb Sowatzki  
Ray & Judy Strong  
Janice Thompson  
Kris Thompson, Kayla, Kaitlyn, Austin  
Shirley Webster

**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:*

Vicki Oehlke from G.E. & Janet Westlind, Dennis & Karen Riggan, Myrna Peterson, Kevin & Cynthia Olson, Darlene Zimmerman, Arne & Kristi Berg, Jean Jurgens, Jim & Ardy Rydell, Randel Christmann, Roger & Jane Gage, R.D. or P.K. Dever, Merrell & Vicki Hoveskeland, Jerry & Daria Miller  
Joni Haugland from Myrna Unger, Newton & Karen Lindseth  
Janice Brown from Myrna Peterson

### Stained Glass Windows

*Given in MEMORY of:*

Vicki Oehlke from Myrna Unger

### GENERAL FUND

*Given in MEMORY of:*

Ray & Gen Foss from Dan Foss  
Vicki Oehlke from Kermit & Glenna Garske, Mike & Sherry Boehmer  
Joni Haugland from Mike & Shery Boehmer

### MEN'S CLUB

*Given in HONOR of:*

Dan Haugen's 50th Birthday from Judy Ovre

### NORWAY CEMETERY FUND

*Given in MEMORY of:*

Lawton Miller, Jr. from Gary Bryn, Aldene Miller, Todd & Liz Miller, Curtis & Andie Christianson, Doug & Darlene Carlson, Sharon Peterson

### RETREAT CENTER FUND

*Given in MEMORY of:*

Vicki Oehlke from Harris & Dianne Saele, Allan & Evon Thompson

*Given in HONOR of:*

Dan Haugen's 50th Birthday from Allan & Evon Thompson

### ST. OLAF FOUNDATION

*Given in MEMORY of:*

Vicki Oehlke from Rodger Haugen, Janice Thompson, Kathy Lovseth  
Joni Haugland from Rodger Haugen

## Funerals

Vicki Oehlke  
Joni Haugland

# October 2023

October 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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November 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Oct 1</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:00am Sunday School 10:30am Coffee	<b>2</b> 9:00am Lefse	<b>3</b> 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	<b>4</b> 10:30am Staff meeting 6:15pm Confirmation	<b>5</b> 9:00am Rummage Sale Set-up 1:00pm Brain Injury Support Group	<b>6</b> 9:00am Rummage Sale Set-up	<b>7</b> 8:00am Fall Rummage Sale
<b>8</b> 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee 12:00pm Northern Air Trip 12:00pm Quilt Retreat at RC	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study 5:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 9:00am Flower Shop 10:30am Staff meeting 6:15pm Confirmation	<b>12</b> 1:30pm WELCA Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:30am Worship 10:00am Blessing of the Animals 10:30am Coffee 3:00pm Lutefisk Supper 3:00pm Fall Synod Gather	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study 5:30pm "The Chosen" Bible Study	<b>18</b> 9:00am Flower Shop 10:30am Staff meeting	<b>19</b> 1:30pm Coloring, Coffee +	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 2:00pm 90th Birthday Open House (Basement)
<b>22</b> 9:30am God's Work. Our hands. Worship 12:00pm Meal	<b>23</b> 2:00pm Studies with Noah & Holly	<b>24</b> 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study 5:30pm "The Chosen" Bible Study	<b>25</b> 9:00am Flower Shop 10:30am Staff Meeting 6:15pm Confirmation	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30am Confirmation Worship 10:00am SS 10:30am Coffee w/FC #4 12:30pm "Chosen" BS	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	<h2 style="color: green; text-decoration: underline;">Fall Worship Service Schedule</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 a.m. .... Worship Service</li> <li>• 10:00 a.m. .... Sunday School</li> <li>• 10:30 a.m. .... Coffee Fellowship</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Holy Communion: October 1, 15, 29</i></p>			