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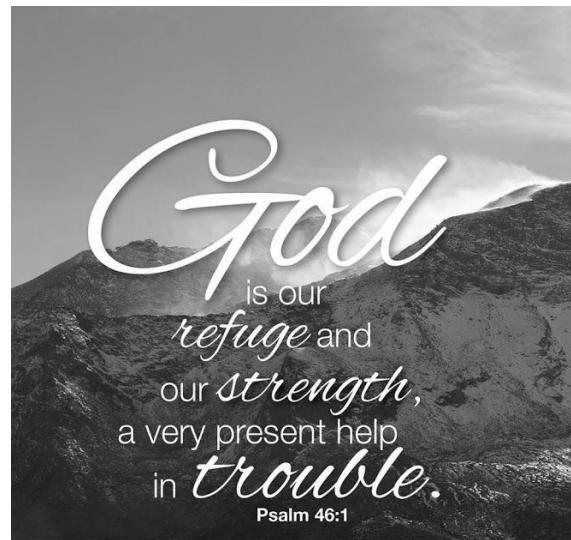
OSLC Update 3-25-20

A Message from Pastor Bruce

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea...

(Psalm 46:1-2) These words remind us of our promise that God is with us to guide us through these troubled and uncertain waters. The Psalmist goes on, God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. We don't know when the morning will dawn on the other side of this pandemic, but we will make our way through. We will make our way with the help of healthcare workers, infectious disease experts, scientists testing drugs for treatment and working on vaccinations, those ramping-up production of desperately-needed ventilators and personal protective equipment, those building makeshift hospital facilities, and calm and wise leaders to direct us. We will make our way through with our God who is a very present help in trouble.

Life and ministry at OSLC continues, even though the forms have changed. Although public worship is currently suspended during this pandemic, we held our first live stream worship last Sunday, March 22 at 10:00 and it was received really well. Many people watched it live or at a later time, and there have been many wonderful responses! As one of our staff put it, "This is not about perfection, but connection." And we are still able to connect virtually!



Please join us again this Sunday, March 29 at 10:00 for another live stream worship service. It will include both traditional and contemporary styles of worship and music. Music and sermons are prepared and presented as always, just without the physical presence of a congregation to hear it. But it seems the virtual congregation watching and listening has become very large!

Children's and youth programming continue virtually. Kate Roettger leads a Live Kidshine Sunday Morning Opening at 9:45 just before the 10:00 live stream worship. And she's posting Facebook activities and devotionals for children and families. Leisha Tays leads a Zoom confirmation meeting every Wednesday, beginning March 25, from 6:00 - 6:40. And then she leads a senior high Zoom meeting every Wednesday from 7:00 - 7:40.

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Pastoral care continues via phone. The pastoral and program staff are organizing and managing OSLC's Facebook posts. We will have a daily devotional at 9:00 Monday through Saturday. The plan is to have an additional afternoon and evening post M - F.

Other teams continue to meet virtually. The Transition Team held a 2.5 hour Zoom meeting on March 23 to complete their final report and work on OSLC's Ministry Site Profile (MSP). They'll complete their work on March 30 and then present the MSP and their final report to the Council and the Call Committee on April 2 in a virtual meeting.

Bishop Ann Svennungsen will host a virtual MSP visit (via Zoom) with OSLC on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity for her to ask questions of us and us of her regarding the call process for a new senior pastor. (Details on how to participate will be sent later.) The Call Committee should receive their initial slate of pastoral candidate names from the Bishop's office sometime in May.

Though the church building/office has been closed with some staff working at the office, all staff will now work from home for the duration of the Governor's Stay at Home executive order. Staff will continue to connect virtually and via phone. Our regular weekly full staff meeting at 1:00 Tuesdays will continue virtually.



Thank you to all who've been able to continue giving your offerings. The number of checks received through the mail has increased. And 12 new sign-ups for automated giving have been received! To sign-up for automated giving, go to our website: oursaviourslc.org/giving. For help, leave a message for Kim Fread in the office at 763-434-6117 (calls can be accessed remotely), or email her at kfread@oursaviourslc.org.

God's peace and presence be with you and yours and with our entire nation and world through this challenging time.



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This order delivery has been put on hold. It was initially scheduled for April 1. Date is to be determined.

Stay Connected—Things You Should Know

Looking for latest updates?

Check the website, oursavioursslc.org, and FB page, facebook.com/OurSavioursLutheranChurch. We'll be posting updates as needed.

How to get updates if you don't have internet/computer/smartphone? We will be changing the voice mail message with brief updates (763-434-6117). While the staff will not be in the office, we will be working at home, checking emails, and are able to check voicemail remotely.

Our Saviour's online calendar is being updated regularly. That can be found from the website or directly at mychurchevents.com/calendar/57810777. Keep updated with worship, events, and meetings taking place virtually.

Facebook Streaming Schedule:

If you're on FB, be sure to Like and Follow OSLC's page.

- Sunday, March 29, KidShine opening at 9:45 a.m. and worship with organ and band at 9:55 a.m.
- Sunday, March 29, Lego Group at 11:30 a.m. on Facebook or Zoom (email Glenndy, gose@oursavioursslc.org for Zoom connection).
- daily devotions at 9:00 a.m. Mon. through Sat.

- Tuesday OSLC Kids time with Kate & Evie
- Wednesday night Holden Evening Prayer intro at 5:20 p.m. with links to worship at 5:30 pm. Holden songbook available on OSLC website so you can sing along.
- Virtual Wednesday night Confirmation & Youth Group on Zoom:
 - 6-8th Confirmation– 6:00-6:40 p.m.
 - Youth Group for 9th Grade-College-age 7:00-7:40 p.m.Login info available on the website or email Leisha at ltays@oursavioursslc.org
- Monday and Thursday, join Jennifer in evening hymn sings around dinner time.

More Online...

- Choir Director Eeva Savolainen will post weekly sing along warm-ups and other videos. To get connected, email Eeva, erksavolainen@gmail.com

Staff is reaching out directly. If you have a need and we haven't contacted you yet, please contact us! See contact info below. We're here to help.

Ministry continues as we Reach Out with a Voice of Hope! Thank you to all who've been able to continue giving your offerings. To sign-up for automated giving, go to oursavioursslc.org/giving.

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Easter Cake

Celebrate our risen
Lord with this uniquely
decorated cake.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Box of cake mix (any flavor)
- Tub of brown frosting
- Shredded coconut
- Green food coloring
- Chocolate Hostess Ding Dong cupcake
- Donut hole
- Pretzel sticks
- M&M's candies

What you do:

1. Bake cake in rectangular pan. When cool, frost it.
2. Pour coconut into bowl. Add drops of green food coloring. Mix until coconut resembles grass.
3. In one corner of cake, set Ding Dong upright to resemble a tomb. Place donut hole in front of it, to one side.
4. Make three crosses with six pretzel sticks and some frosting. Arrange on opposite corner from tomb.
5. Use brown M&M's to make a path from the crosses to the tomb.
6. Use other colors of M&M's to spell out "Jesus lives!"

15 Family Boredom Busters

Turn off the electronics and start the fun with this list of easy, inexpensive, and fun family activities that you can enjoy at home.

1. Have a Costume Night
2. Throw an Indoor Picnic
3. Film a "Newscast"
4. Have an Indoor/Outdoor Scavenger Hunt
5. Film a Cooking Show
6. Have a Karaoke Night
7. Do a Puzzle
8. Invent a Writing Code
9. Have a Photo Shoot
10. Invent Your Own Board Game
11. Play Charades
12. Make a Family Scrapbook
13. Go on a nature walk
14. Make Forts out of cardboard boxes
15. Host an International Dinner Night

Look for more ideas online at
lifehack.org/articles/lifestyle/30-fun-things-home.html

