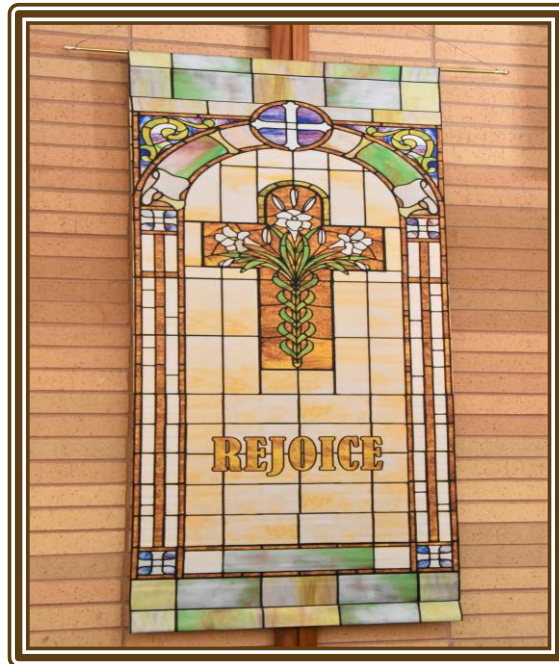


The Messenger



Mark Your Calendar

- Apr 6 – 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
- Apr 6 – 9:00a Church & Yard Clean up
- Apr 6 – 10:00a Golden Circle – Fellowship Hall
- Apr 10-11 – 9:00a Quilters – Fellowship Hall
- Apr 11 – 6:30p Church Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- Apr 13 – 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry – 2890 S 1900 W, West Haven
- Apr 20 – 10:00a Women's Bible Study – Teen Class Room
- Apr 21 – 10:30a Congregational Meeting – On Constitution & By Laws
- Apr 27 – 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry – 2890 S 1900 W, West Haven
- Apr 26 – 6:00p Wine & Cheese
- Apr 28 – 12:00p Young Adults PickleBall– West Haven Pickleball Court
- May 5 – Gail McLaughlin Stained Glass Window dedication

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- Apr 7 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
- Apr 14 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
- Apr 21 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
- Apr 28 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School

Council President's Corner

By Dan Kartak

Greetings from your Council President

As we move into spring, is it fair to say that a lot of excitement is surrounding Our Savior's? The Holy Spirit has increasingly kindled a fire in this congregation.

This interim period, while we await God's revealing of who will be the next "Shepherd" of us "sheep," is providing us great opportunities to grow and support our ministries and our church. We are moving forward in a methodical way as we learn from each other how to avoid impatience and to fully embrace trust.

We had a very successful Lenten season. It was exciting to see and hear so many of our members stepping up to lead the "I AM" reflections for our Wednesday evening services. There was great fellowship at the meals held before the services. Diane, our guest organist, said it well: "It is so nice to hear everyone and then to reflect even more".

The call committee has been meeting weekly and filtering the applications that we have received. So far there have been six candidates that have applied for our open position. We have also reached out to five other possible candidates. The call committee will keep the congregation informed, as much as is appropriate. We are all eager for the time when the call committee can present the candidate that they believe is the Lord's choice for Our Savior's. What will follow is a request for endorsement by the council and then by the full congregation.

A special voters' meeting has been scheduled for April 21st, after our worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the amending of our Constitution and Bylaws. This hasn't been done since 2019. Please refer to the document that was distributed at the Annual meeting. Other options are to pick up a copy of these proposed documents in the Narthex or to request one be emailed to you.

There will be a new stained-glass window dedicated on May 5th, in memory of long-time deceased member Gail McLaughlin. Donations are being accepted in a special container in the back, or you can mark your donation "Stained-Glass Window" and place it in the offering plate. Any donations over the cost of the window will be given to an organization focused on domestic violence prevention.

It has been a blessing to contact the various pastors to conduct services during our vacancy. It was refreshing to have them come to our church to share the word in their own unique style. OSLC has been blessed by having so many willing to step up and deliver the Word.

We are growing! We have reinstated six previous members to active membership, have added one new member, and one associate member. This is indicative of our being **OSLC STRONG**. The Lord is blessing us abundantly and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Dan Kartak
Council President

Lay Leader's Message

By Kathy Sutherland

How should we pray?

Have you heard of the "I Don't Know Prayer"? You talk to God and tell Him all of the things you don't know, like what is happening with your job or the stock market or house prices, what that medical test result will be, or how a friend is faring. Tell God everything you don't know. Then end the prayer with this, "But You know!" And you leave it there. Leave everything you are wondering about or worried about at the foot of the cross.

Cool, huh? Is it real? Is that really the way to pray? In Sunday School I learned to fold my hands, close my eyes, and bow my head. Thinking back, that might have been the only way the teacher could get us all quiet. My parents picked up on it and made it happen at home, too. At meals: "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let thy gifts to us be blessed." I was much older when I realized the Gifts were Food, even if I didn't like the food.

Is that the way to pray?

John 17:1 says Jesus looked toward Heaven and prayed. In Matthew 26:39 He prayed with His face to the ground. Eyes closed or open, head bowed or looking up, standing, sitting, or lying down?

As a teen I learned to be distraction free so I can ask humbly and listen with both ears. Some people have prayer closets in their houses; maybe it's on the porch or in the garage. Avoiding sights, sounds, tastes, smells, and touch might sharpen your ability to feel God. Sometimes I wrap myself in a Prayer Shawl as I move about the house quietly to remind myself that I am in communication with God. And sometimes I am singing along with a Christian song - on the radio - at the top of my lungs - while I am driving! No isolation of senses there!

Is that a prayer?

The Psalms are prayers that were sung and chanted. Sometimes when music is played at OSLC it's hard NOT to feel the Holy Spirit and realize we are speaking with God through that song! Quietly or loudly?

Let's get Biblical with a few examples.

Old Testament. The Lord appeared to Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:14, telling him that He would forgive the sins of His people if they would humble themselves and pray. Before Nehemiah asked the King who was holding him captive if he could go back to Judah, he prayed a silent prayer, Nehemiah 2:4-5. Hannah prayed silently for a child in 1 Samuel 1:10-13.

New Testament. At seeing Jesus, Simeon and Anna praised God aloud for all to hear in Luke 2:25-38. Before telling Lazarus to come out of the grave where he had been for 4 days, Jesus prayed aloud for the benefit of the onlookers, John 11:40-44. In Mark 1:35 Jesus got up early and went off alone to pray. He prayed by himself at night in Matthew 14:23. When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, in chapter 6, verses 9-13, Matthew records what we call the Lord's Prayer. Read it beginning with verse 5 to get the whole story. Jesus told them they should always pray and not give up in Luke 18:1.

After Jesus. Paul says to pray on all occasions, all kinds of prayers and requests, praying for all of the Lord's people in Ephesians 6:18. See some of Paul's other thoughts about prayer in Philipians 4:4-6, Colossians 4:2, and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Timothy tells us to lift up Holy hands, without anger or disputing in 1 Tim. 2:8. James tells how to pray in chapter 5:13-18. Matt 18:20 advises to pray together, 2 or more.

Perhaps Romans 8:26 is most telling. "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans." Wordless groans, silently, aloud, at the top of my lungs, with bowed head, looking up to heaven, with lifted hands, together, alone, ... with a humble heart. No matter how: Just talk to God. Pray for yourself, your family, friends and strangers. Pray for OSLC's Council, employees, and Call Committee. Pray for our ministry leaders and members. Pray for all of God's people and that all others will be led to Him.

1 John 5:14 "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

God knows your heart. His will be done. However, you choose to pray, just remember that God listens and HE KNOWS!

Kathy Sutherland, Lay Preacher

MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

Connect Ministry:

Andrea Graves (Chairman)
Jeff Graves (Co-Chairman)
Renae Schmid (Council Liaison)

Youth – With our dear friends, Jeff and Andrea, heading to Virginia, we've been discussing how we can continue on with plans of youth activities for our confirmation kids and high schoolers to participate in. We really want these kids, especially post confirmation to feel welcome and involved. Watch for some fun plans in the near future!

Sincerely,
 Confirmation Parents

Golden Circle – Will be meeting on April 6 at 10am. This will be an additional basic tech skills.

Women's – We will be continuing our Promise Rest Bible study on April 10th at 10am.

Men's Prayer Breakfast - Men's Prayer Breakfast will be on April 6th. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. Dave Engen will be hosting this month. The Prayer Breakfast is open to all men, young and old, members and friends of OSLC. Come one, come all! Great food, a Devotional, and good Christian discussion (and usually some fun bantering back and forth can be expected) by all who attend. We will also plan on doing church and lawn clean up, weather permitting.
Dan Kartak.

Church Clean Up – We also plan on doing church and lawn clean up on April 6th. Weather permitting

Wine and Cheese Party (For all who can participate (21 and over)) – Mark your calendars on April 26th because we're getting fancy. We're getting InTouch with our inner Wine connoisseur and Fromager. Sandee Isaacson is hosting this event so please get in touch with her if you'd like to participate. Watch the bulletins for more details.



UTABA camp out - It's time to start thinking about our church campout. It is scheduled for May 24 - May 27. Potluck for those that want to attend on Saturday May 25th at 530pm.

RSVP to Adam (adamnourse@gmail.com) with the following by Friday May 17th:

1. # in your party
2. Type of lodging (Cabin, RV, Tent)
3. # of nights
4. Attending the pot luck (Y/N)

Costs:

Cabins: \$38 per night/per guest

RVs: \$15 per night/per guest

Hookups for RV (water and power): \$10/night

Kids Camping: 5 and under free (with paying adult)

Pot Luck Assignments (Last Name)

A-I: Main Dish

J-R: Side Dish

S-Z: Dessert

You can reach me directly at [801-309-4565](tel:801-309-4565) or adamnourse@gmail.com.

This weekend is always a blast and there is plenty to do there. You can use this link to see the camp.

In the event there is a risk for flooding, plans could change and will be communicated

Thanks!
Adam Nourse

Worship & Music Ministry

Dawn Scholtec (Chairman)
Barb McFarland (Co-Chairman)
Elaine Risen (Counsel Liaison)

Ministry Team Leaders:

Music Leader: Wendy Nelson.
Alter GUILD: Leader Sandee Isaacson
c/o Kim Fasting
Acolytes: Leader Beth Cooper
c/o April Barrett
Greeters & Ushers: Pat Simonson

As we bid farewell to another Easter season, let's take a moment to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to making this time of year so meaningful.

First and foremost, a big thank you goes out to all the ministries involved in organizing the Lenten dinners. Your dedication and hard work provided not only nourishment for the body but also nourishment for the soul as we journeyed through this season of reflection and preparation. We are also deeply grateful to the speakers who shared their insights, wisdom, and love during these services. Your words were not just informative but truly inspiring.

At OSLC, there's a tangible sense of hope, excitement, growth, and commitment filling the air. This feeling is a testament to the collective effort of everyone involved in our church's activities and ministries. Together, we are moving forward, united in our faith and purpose.

As we continue our journey together, let us carry forward the spirit of Easter – a season of renewal, hope, and joy. May we always remember the blessings of community and the power of coming together in faith.

Blessings,
Your Music and Worship Team

Grow Ministry:

Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)
Stephanie Nourse (Co-Chairman)
Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)

Spring is here! Warmer weather is upon us and that makes me so happy!

Another thing that makes me happy is children receiving Bibles! Ms. Shirley will present our 4th graders their Bible on April 21st. The Bible's will be on a table in the back of the sanctuary if you'd like a chance to sign them before that date!

Would you like to lead VBS this year? We have the dates of June 7-9 available OR it could just be a one-day event with a lesson, crafts, snacks etc. Reach out to Stephanie or I if you're interested.

Happy Spring!!
Justine Ashcraft

Service & Outreach Ministry:

Ashley Kaiser (Chairmen)
Kim Showman (Co-Chairmen)
John Deitsch (Council Liaison)

As we move into April, there are several opportunities to serve.

1. Spring is here and that means Spring Clean-up! We are organizing yard clean ups for a few of our members during Spring Break, from April 4th - 6th. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. If any young people are available, we would love their help; and my 3 boys who have already volunteered would love the assistance!
2. We are helping with Family Promise again in April. The dates will be April 7th through April 14th, at Ascension Lutheran in Ogden. This is a great opportunity to serve those that are less fortunate. There are opportunities to prepare dinner, be an evening host, or to stay overnight. Watch for information on how to sign up and please consider supporting this ministry.
3. The Military Mail ministry is up and running again. A big thanks goes out to Gerri Wessner for taking the lead on this. If you have any names to add for mailings, either military members or students away from home, or if you would like to help support this ministry in any way, please let Gerri know.
4. The 2nd Sunday offering this April will be on the 14th and will go to the Ogden Rescue Mission.

Transition Team

Renae Schmid
Gerri Wessner
Katherine Redwine
Mary Kartak

All of you Puzzle pros - we are working to get the "Peace of the Puzzle " done, so the Pastor's office will be ready when we need it. Come in when you can and give us your best attention to get this completed! Office hours Tues., Wed., and Thurs. or call me, Renae ,801-391-2537, and I will meet you to open the church around your schedule. This is an Enhancement "Fun"draiser!

Please continue to search your hearts for the Military people that you know and refer them to Gerri Wessner, we have received notes of appreciation from the 3 who received a package in mid-February. Gerri did mention - that we could even extend to packages for college age or others who could use a little gift of encouragement as well. This is such a meaningful outreach.

Each of the Transition Team will be working directly with each Ministry, to provide help, support, people and money as needed to staff each event. Worship and Music - Mary Kartak, Service and Outreach - Katherine Redwine, Grow - Gerri Wessner, and Connect - Renae Schmid.

There was an informational meeting held on February 25th for potential reinstatement to membership or new members. As a result, Rolland Hering and the Worthley family, Danielle, Brian, Jaron, Jason

and Kaitlyn, were accepted as reinstated members by our Church Council, at the March 14th meeting. Paul Carlson was accepted as a new member. Evelyn Sabrowski was accepted as an associate member.

Patrick Barrett and Josh Ashcraft announced at Council - that a Youth/Family Group was going to be developed for our young people ages 13-17. How marvelous! This is definitely an area of growth for our church. Watch for more information and areas you may be of support.

Service to others is energizing, it's not "one more thing", it helps take the focus off of you and whatever you are going through. It makes you "feel useful". We encourage you to find a place you can be of service. We're here to help you with that! Do it in Joy and Love, you'll be amazed at the Blessings that will follow!

You are loved and appreciated ALWAYS!
Transition Team



Apr 1 – Justine Ashcraft
Apr 2 – Duane Kaiser
Apr 8 – Pat Simonson
Apr 9 – Anden Ramirez
Apr 10 – Liam Ashcraft
Apr 19 – Don McFarland
Apr 25 – Trent Schimd
Apr 29 – Richard Schaffert
Apr 29– Courtney Barrett
Apr 30 – Janet Tow

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 5:00p GSA Troop #773	2 5:30p Call Committee 6:00p GSA Troop #773	3 5:30p GSA Troop #970	4 5:00p Transition Meeting 6:00p GSA Troop #807	5 5:00p GSA Lego League 5:30p GSA Troop #1710	6 8:00a Men's Prayer BKF 10:00a Golden Circle
7 8:00a Band Practice 9:00a TGP SS 9:30a OSLC Worship 10:30a OSLC SS 11:00a TGP Worship 12:00a TGP Ministry Meeting	8 5:30p Suncrest Service Unit Meeting GSA	9 5:30p Call Committee 6:00p GSA Troop #111	10 9:00a Quilters 1:00p TGP Bible Study 5:30p GSA Troup #970	11 9:00a Quilters 5:00p GSA Advisory Board 5:00p Transition Meeting 6:30p Church Council Meeting	12 5:00p GSA Lego League	13 9:00a Open Hands
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BLESSINGS & THANK YOU'S

A sincere thank you to the communion team for their visits – Colleen McComb

We are grateful for Mary Kartak; Dave Engen; Jake, Andrea and Abigail Anopol, Joyce Bellucci, Sandee Isaacson for providing our Wednesday evening Lenten messages.

Thank you to our January, June, July, September and October Hospitality teams who have provided our suppers for all of the Lenten Dinners. They were so appreciated as well as your work to provide them!

A huge thank you to our music team!!! Wendy Nelson, Diane Bordinaro, Thomas Curtin, Evelynne Sabrowski, Sue & Al Heiskanen. They provided some wonderful songs for us.

Thank you to Sandee Isaacson and her team for a moving Good Friday service.

I personally want to thank everyone for getting their items into the office early during this busy church season, especially the music team. This has helped Kim Fasig & I have everything preprepared well in advance.

Military Mailing Ministry Thank Yous:

Thank you to the Quilters for the beautiful fabric hearts that we sent in each military care package.

From the Barrios' (look for their beautiful card in the back of the church)-

Dear OSLC Family,

While rewarding in its own right, sometimes being in the military can be challenging. It takes a strong family to adjust to the moves every few years and deployments. We have been to a lot of churches over the years and have met a lot of fine people. But it's rare to find that special church. The one you as a whole family feel connected to. For us, you are that church. Although separated by many miles, you continue to provide us strength through Christ. Thank you for the care package and the clear reminder that we are still in your thoughts as you are in ours.

Blessings,
Carl & Drea & Ellanora

From Jaren Worthely - Thank you for the care package!

From the Peymann's (Laura contacted me on Facebook Messenger & we had a nice chat) -

Thank you for the military care package!! We loved it! The kids (Owen, Grace & Ella) loved the treats, jerky and cards. It's hard to believe that much time has passed since we were there. We still have such a special place in our heart for ya'll.

She also shared some cute pictures of the kids opening the box, and with the hearts and notes made by the Sunday School kids all strung together.

BLESSINGS & THANK YOU'S Cont'd

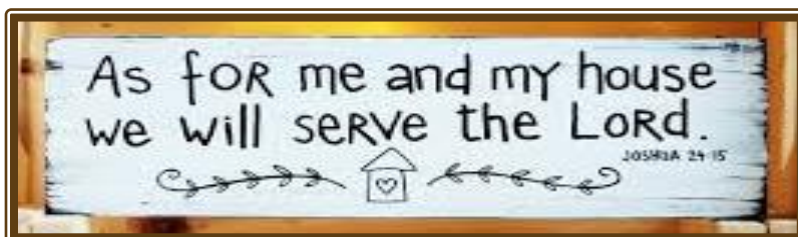
Thank-you - Andrea and Jeff Graves - for stirring some things up for Connect Ministry - Golden Circle, Young Adults and Youth/Family Group. Their last Sunday with us was March 24th. We are so grateful for them and wishing them God's blessings as they move to Virginia!

Worship Assistants

Date	Acolytes/ Reader	Greeters	Ushers	Readers	Project	Altar Guild
7 Apr		Renae Schmid	Terry Schmid			Sandee Isaacson
14 Apr	Levi Ashcraft	Diane Nath	Mary Leshke			Katherine Redwine
21 Apr		Barb McFarland	Don McFarland			
28 Apr		Pat Simonson	Marty Simonson			

Apr Hospitality

Joan & Larry Underwood – Coordinator
 Liz Boll
 John Crossfield
 Jack & Dawn Baldor
 Stacy & Nathan Ames



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Apr Lectionary

Date	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
7 Apr	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 148	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
14 Apr	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:11-21	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36-49
21 Apr	4 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:1-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
28 Apr	5 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 150	1 John 4:1-11 (12-21)	John 15:1-8