

The Messenger

Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Roy, UT

Sunday Worship Services

**Oct 4 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School**

**Oct 11 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School**

**Oct 18 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School**

**Oct 25 – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Sunday School**

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**Pastor's Message
By
Pastor Dirk Jensen**

Come Follow Me: A life of Discipleship

There are some phrases in the Bible that are wonderfully simple.

“Do not be afraid.” “Come and see.” “Go and make disciples.” And then the simplest of all: **“Follow me.”**

That's it. No 47-page instruction manual, program, or registration required. Jesus simply says, **“Follow me.”** As I begin this new season of ministry among you, I keep coming back to that simple invitation because it gets to the heart of what it means to be the Church.

Discipleship Isn't Another Church Program

When we hear discipleship, we might think of another program to squeeze into our crowded lives. But discipleship isn't a program—**discipleship is the Christian life.** A disciple is simply someone who follows Jesus.

Jesus doesn't call us because we have our act together; He calls sinners, distracted people, and those with questions. We aren't disciples because we're impressive—we're disciples because **Jesus has called us.**

Before Jesus tells us what to do, He tells us what He has done: He died, rose, forgives, claimed us in Baptism, feeds us, and gathers us into His Church. **Discipleship begins with receiving from Jesus before it ever becomes doing something for Him.**

Come and Receive

We don't gather for worship because God needs attendance—we come because we need Him. We need His Word, His forgiveness, and His promises to remind us that our identity isn't in our jobs or achievements, but in Christ. We gather around His Word and Sacraments to receive what He gives, then go into the world as His people. **Christ gives. We receive. Christ sends. We go.**

We Were Never Meant to Do This Alone

We were never meant to follow Jesus in isolation; **we follow Him together.** As Dietrich Bonhoeffer highlighted in *Life Together*, we need each other—the wisdom of older Christians, the joy of younger believers, families learning together, and friends who pray for and encourage us. Church is where sinners gather around Christ's forgiveness and learn to live as His people.

Growing and Going

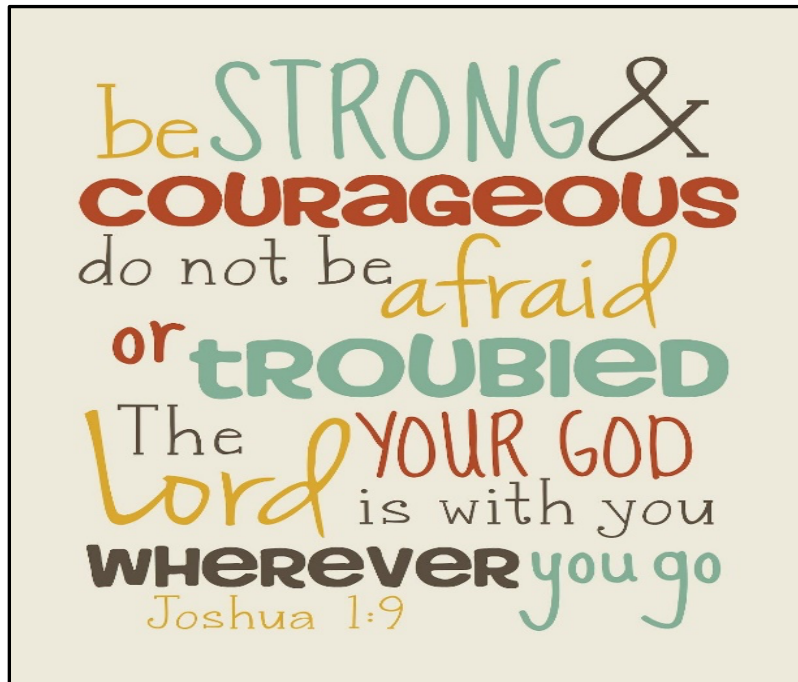
Jesus sends us outward: **“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.”** We take the Gospel wherever God has placed us—our homes, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods. Discipleship can be as simple as inviting someone to church, praying with a friend, forgiving someone, or sharing what Jesus has done for you.

So What Does This Look Like for Us?

As your pastor, I want discipleship to be something **we live together.** I need His grace and community just as you do. Following Jesus might mean opening the Bible again, praying with your family, joining a study, serving someone in need, or forgiving a grudge.

Whatever your next step looks like, we take it together. Above all plans and projects, Jesus is calling us: **“Follow me.”** When everything else fails, Jesus doesn't. His cross stands, His tomb is empty, and His invitation remains. Let's follow Him and live **Life Together in Christ.**

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Dirk



Council President's Corner
By
Dave Engen

Hello OSLC Team and a great welcome to Pastor Dirk and Karen Jensen!

August was a great month with the Call Acceptance of Pastor Dirk & family, the 70th celebration, Steak Fry, Pool Party, Golf for the Son, and all the related activities. Then September kicked off with our Sunday School and Confirmation Classes and Men's Prayer Breakfast, and October will see Trunk or Treat. We also have ongoing Bible Studies, and Pastor Dirk will be starting a new Bible study as well. That would be an excellent way to get to know him and your fellow parishioners. So, please take advantage of our great activities and be as involved as possible. To God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost be the glory, for the great things God has done and has yet to do!

As your newly appointed Council President, you may want to know about my walk with God. I've felt God's presence in my life since my very early years. I grew up just outside the twin cities of Minneapolis/Saint Paul and was an active member of Lutheran Churches. Much could be said about the trials of life, but my belief is that God uses us, as we are willing, to fulfill his kingdom here on earth as well as in heaven. Perhaps this belief is best expressed in Isaiah 6:8. Isaiah didn't feel worthy, but after God's calling, he rose to the occasion and said, "Here I am Lord, send me." All of us may not feel worthy, or especially equipped to lead, or have the confidence to engage in activities at

OSLC. But all of you have something to offer. Allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life and say, "Here I am Lord, send me."

May God bless you and family.

TOGETHER WE ARE OSLC STRONG!



**Monthly Devotional
By
Barb McFarland**

There are seasons in the life of every congregation when it seems like the prayer list just keeps getting longer. Someone is facing surgery. Another is recovering from an illness. Someone is waiting for test results. Families are caring for loved ones. Some are dealing with chronic pain, while others are simply exhausted from the daily battle of getting through another day.

Here at OSLC, we seem to be having such a season. This made me wonder, "Why is so much happening to so many people around me?"

We all know this is an unanswerable question. Instead, let us think about the WHO that is with us during this season.

In Psalm 46:1, we can take comfort in knowing, "**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**" This verse doesn't tell us that people of faith will be protected from sickness, pain, or hardship. But what it does promise is something even more important: God will not leave us alone in the middle of it.

In Psalm 46:1 Notice that phrase: ever-present.

God isn't present only when we are healthy. He's present when we're sitting in a hospital room. He's present when we're waiting for the doctor to call. He's present when medication doesn't seem to be working. He's present when we're tired of being tired. He's present when we don't even have the strength to pray. And sometimes, we reach the point when our own faith feels weak. This is when the faith of our church family carries us.

That's one of the beautiful things about being in the family of our Lord's church. We don't have to walk through difficult seasons alone. When someone can't make it to worship, someone can pray for them. When someone is discouraged, someone can make a phone call. When someone doesn't have the strength to ask for help, someone in the congregation steps forward and says, "We've got you." I've seen this happening a lot lately here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Paul reminds us in Galatians 6:2: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." That's what the church does. We carry one another. And sometimes you may be the one doing the carrying. Other times, you may be the one who needs to be carried. Both are holy.

Jesus understands weakness. He understands suffering. He understands what it means to be exhausted, to hurt, to weep, and to cry out to God. And because Jesus walked through suffering Himself, we can trust that He doesn't look at our struggles from a distance. He walks through them with us.

So, if you're dealing with problems today, remember: Your illness does not make you less valuable to God. Your weakness does not make you less useful to God. Needing help does not make you a burden. A hospital bed is no less of a place where God can meet you than a church pew. Sometimes we want God to give us an explanation. But often what God gives us is His presence. And perhaps that is the promise we need most: **"I am here. I have not forgotten you. You are not alone."**

On a personal note, this past year has been a one of those seasons for the McFarland's. Through the ups and downs with Don's health, there have been moments when I've been scared. Moments when I didn't know what the next doctor's appointment would bring. Moments when I wished I could take the struggle away from him and carry it myself. As a wife, it's one of the hardest things to watch someone you love hurt and realize there are some things you simply cannot fix. Through it all we've learned to lean on each other more. But more importantly, lean on Jesus even more, knowing that God's got this.

Our Lord knows the burdens carried by this little congregation in Roy, UT. He knows every illness, every diagnosis, every surgery, every fear, and every unanswered question. He will bring healing where healing is needed. Give wisdom to doctors and caregivers. Give strength to those who are exhausted and peace to those who are afraid.

And when healing doesn't come in the way we hope, may we be reminded that He is still with us. As in Romans 8:26-28, **Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.** ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Your church family is with you. Don't be afraid to reach out, even if it's just to ask for a prayer or a hug.

You are not alone.



MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

Connect Ministry:

VACANT (Chairman)
VACANT (Co-Chairman)
Katherine Redwine (Council Liaison)
Daniel Gorowsky (Co-Council Liaison)

Ministry Team Leaders:

Young Adult: Abigail Anopol
Confirmants & Beyond: Barrett & Ashcraft Families
Men's: Dan Kartak
Women's: Is this for you?
Fellowship: Could this be you?
Golden Circle: Gail Campbell

Golden Circle Lunch - Will be at Chuck-A-Rama Tuesday October 6 at 11:30. The address is 3655 Washington Blvd, Ogden. Please RSVP to Gail Campbell via text 801-510-1953 or email shortygc@yahoo.com by Sunday October 4th!

Men's Prayer Breakfast - We will be meeting on Saturday, October 3, in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. 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. For more information, please reach out to Dan Kartak, 801-540-0647.

Women's Ministry- Movie Night - Friday night, October 16. More details to follow. Questions? Please reach out to Vicki Ramirez, 801-643-3695.

Youth, Young Adults and Congregation - Still to be determined. Questions? Please call or text Abi Anapol, 385-245-515

Women's Bible Study - If you are interested in leading a Bible study, please reach out to Katherine Redwine, 949- 235-1931.



Worship & Music Ministry

Wendy Nelson (Chairman)
Barb McFarland (Co-Chairman)
Paul Carlson (Council Liaison)

Ministry Team Leaders:

Music Leader: Wendy Nelson
Alter Guild: Leader Sandee Isaacson
Co-Lead Kim Fasig
Acolytes: Leader Beth Cooper
Greeters & Ushers: Terry Schmid

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – November 1, 2026

As part of our OSLC tradition, we will honor those who have gone before us during the past year on All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2026. Please submit names to our church office team, Barb and Kim, by Tuesday, Oct 15, 2026. Call (801) 825-6552 or email oslcroyutah@outlook.com.

Reformation And Dietrich Bonhoeffer

When going through many years of “stuff,” I encountered a poem by Dietrich Bonhoeffer which became the hymn, “By Gracious Powers.” As we know, October brings one of the most significant observances in Lutheran history: Reformation Day on October 31, commemorating Martin Luther’s posting of the Ninety-five Theses in 1517. The Reformation’s central witness was that salvation rests on God’s grace, received through faith, and that believers may trust the promises of God’s Word.

That Reformation witness provides a meaningful setting for Dietrich Bonhoeffer's poem "By Gracious Powers." Written in December 1944 while Bonhoeffer was imprisoned by the Nazi regime during the final months of his life, the poem was sent from Tegel Prison in Berlin as a Christmas greeting to his fiancée, Maria von Wedemeyer, and to his family. Bonhoeffer was executed only months later, so the text remains a moving testimony to steadfast faith in the face of suffering and death.

The connection between the Reformation and Bonhoeffer is not merely historical. Luther's recovery of the Gospel proclaimed that our hope does not depend on human strength, favorable circumstances, or the approval of earthly powers, but on the gracious promise of God. Centuries later, Bonhoeffer embodied that same conviction under the terror of the Nazi regime. The hymn's central theme is quiet trust in God's sovereign care: believers are "wonderfully sheltered" by gracious powers even when suffering remains. Echoing Psalm 31:15—"My times are in thy hand" (KJV)—Bonhoeffer confessed that imprisonment, uncertainty, and approaching death could not place his life beyond God's faithful keeping. In this way, "By Gracious Powers" gives personal voice to the Reformation message: **Faith clings to God's grace and Word when every visible security has been stripped away.**

Blessings to each of you,
Wendy Nelson

By Gracious Powers

*By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,
and confidently waiting, come what may,
we know that God is with us night and morning
and never fails to greet us each new day.*

*Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation for which,
O Lord, you taught us to prepare.*

*And when this cup you give is filled to brimming
with bitter suffering, hard to understand,
we take it thankfully and without trembling,
out of so good and so beloved a hand.*

*Yet when again in this same world you give us
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,
we shall remember all the days we lived through,
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.*

Grow Ministry:

Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)
Stephanie Nourse (Co-Chairman)
Garrett Fasig (Council Liaison)
John Showman (Council Liaison)

Crisp mornings mean fall is here which means OSLC's annual Trunk or Treat is upon us! It will be Friday, October 30 at 6:00. Look for the sign-up sheets in the narthex for ways to donate and participate. We are looking for any and all who are willing to decorate a trunk! Each decorated trunk will provide their own candy/treat to hand out so candy donations are not needed as we've had so much extra candy in years past. Food donations for the hot dog dinner however are very much appreciated. Please plan on attending and inviting all your friends and neighbors! And of course, our costume contest and prizes to wrap up the evening! Hope to see you all there! Call me if you have any questions.

Thank you and Happy Fall y'all!
Justine

Service & Outreach Ministry:

Ashley Kaiser (Chairmen)
Kim Showman (Co-Chairmen)
Danielle Worthley (Council Liaison)

The weather is changing. Cooler weather is in our future. I love Fall, but it also means winter is coming, and this San Diego girl does not like the cold. This month, we will be collecting winter clothing and blankets for the Ogden Rescue Mission. If you have warm clothing, including coats, gloves, mittens, hats, warm socks, or blankets that you no longer wear or need, we would love to find a home for them. There will be a table set up in the fellowship hall. We will be collecting from October 4th until October 25th.

The 2nd Sunday in October will also go to the Ogden Rescue Mission.



Mark Your Calendar

Oct 4-25 – Winter Clothing Drive

Oct 3 – 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast

Oct 6 – 11:30a Golden Circle – Chuck-A-Rama 11:30

3655 Washington Blvd, Ogden

Oct 7-8 – 9:00a Quilters – Fellowship Hall

Oct 8 – 6:30p Church Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Oct 10 – 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry – 2890 S 1900 W, West Haven

Oct 12 – Columbus Day

Oct 16 – 7:00p – Women's Ministry- Movie Night

Oct 24 – 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry – 2890 S 1900 W, West Haven

Oct 30 – 6:00p Trunk or Treat

Oct 31 – Halloween

Worship Assistants							
Date	Pastor	Acolyte/ Reader	Greeter	Usher	Reader	Altar Guild	Project
Oct 4	Pastor Jensen		Renae Schmid	Terry Schmid			
Oct 11	Pastor Jensen	Evan Kaiser	Brian W	Danielle W	Janet Tow		
Oct 18	Pastor Jensen		Beth C	Callie C			
Oct 25	Pastor Jensen		Katherine	Daniel G			

BLESSINGS & THANK YOU'S

Thank you to all OSLC church members have continued and/or stepped up to carry on with everything during the absence of a pastor. Liz & Don Shaw

70th Anniversary – A shout out to Chick-fil-a and Mission BBQ in Riverdale for supplying chicken biscuits and baked potatoes for our weekend celebration. Please consider supporting these 2 businesses in thanks for their support of our celebration.



Oct 16 – Jason Worthley
 Oct 18 – Conor McCloy
 Oct 20 – Boston Barrett
 Oct 24 – Nate Faris
 Oct 29 – Marty Simonson

Counters Schedule
 4 Oct – Katherine & Larry
 11 Oct Kay & Ashley
 18 Oct – Mary & Paul
 25 Oct – Michelle & Gail

Oct Hospitality
Renae & Terry Schmid – Coordinator
Kathy Tisdale
Wendy & Lamont Nelson
Adam & Stephanie Nourse
Roland Hering

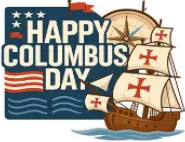
Church Wide Info

All Saints Sunday – Please turn in your names in to the office for all Saints Sunday by Oct 15. We will celebrate them on Nov 1.

VIA DE CRISTO ULTREYA –The next Via de Cristo Ultreya will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2026, 3-5 p.m. at Mountain of Faith Lutheran Church, 560 S Main St. in Tooele. Please join us as we gather for music, worship, and Communion, followed by a pot luck. Come see your Via de Cristo friends or, better yet, make new friends. ALL are welcome!!! Come get a feel of what Via de Cristo is all about. Feel free to contact Janet Tow for additional information at 801-309-6969. I would LOVE to carpool. We are looking forward to seeing you there. God Loves You and so do we!!!



October 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Legend: GSA: Girl Scouts of America OSLC: Our Saviors Lutheran Church SS: Sunday School TGP: The Gathering Place Church WSP: Worship				1	2	3
						8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:30a GSA Award & Safety Event

October 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9:00a TGP SS 9:30a OSLC WSP 10:30 OSLC SS 11:00a TGP WSP	5 6:00p GSA #773	6 11:30a Golden Circle 6:00p GSA #773	7 9:00a Quilters 6:00p GSA #807 6:00p GSA #2645	8 9:00a Quilters 6:30p Church Council	9 5:00p GSA Event	10 9:00a Open Hands
Winter Clothing Drive Oct 4-25						
11 9:00a TGP SS 9:30a OSLC WSP 10:30 OSLC SS 11:00a TGP WSP 3:00p Via de Cristo Ultreya	12 5:00p GSA GAB 6:30p GSA Suncrest Svc Unit 	13	14 6:00p GSA #2645	15	16 7:00p Ladies Movie Night	17
Winter Clothing Drive Oct 4-25						
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Winter Clothing Drive Oct 4-25						
25 9:00a TGP SS 9:30a OSLC WSP 10:30 OSLC SS 11:00a TGP WSP	26	27	28 6:00p GSA #2645	29	30 6:00p Trunk or Treat	31 



Bible Trivia

MULTIPLE CHOICES QUIZ

1. What was the name of the tower that the people tried to build to reach the heavens in the Book of Genesis?
a) Tower of Babylon
b) Tower of Babel
c) Tower of Jerusalem
d) Tower of David
2. Who was the prophet known for his encounter with the fiery chariot and whirlwind, ascending into heaven?
a) Elijah b) Elisha c) Ezekiel d) Isaiah
3. Which of the Ten Commandments begins with "Honor your father and mother"?
a) 1st Commandment
b) 5th Commandment
c) 7th Commandment
d) 10th Commandment
4. Who betrayed Jesus to the authorities leading to his crucifixion?
a) Peter b) Judas Iscariot c) John d) Matthew
5. What was the name of the giant defeated by the young David with a sling and a stone?
a) Goliath b) Saul c) Gideon d) Samson
6. Which river was Jesus baptized in?
a) Tigris b) Nile c) Euphrates d) Jordan
7. Who was the first king of Israel?
a) Solomon b) David c) Saul d) Samuel
8. Which book in the New Testament contains the Sermon on the Mount?
a) Matthew b) Mark c) Luke d) John
9. Who was swallowed by a great fish and remained in its belly for three days and three nights?
a) Jonah b) Job c) Noah d) Moses
10. How many disciples did Jesus have?
a) 10 b) 12 c) 14 d) 8



Time Sensitive Material

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**Oct Lectionary**

Date	Sunday	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Oct 4	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80: 7-19	Philippians 3:4-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Oct 11	20 th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:4-13	Matthew 22:1-14
Oct 18	21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 45: 1-7	Psalm 96:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Oct 25	Reformation Sunday	Revelation 14:6-7	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36