

September Newsletter

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Renewed Strength: Why We Need Sunday Worship in a Busy Season

“But those who wait on the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.”-Isaiah 40:31

The summer is over and the school year is upon us. Summer was busy with camping, vacations, ball games—you name it—but for the next nine months, life's schedules become a little less flexible. Whether you have kids, grandkids, or are an educator or not, the school schedule still affects your life in some way. Particularly in a small town, much of life revolves around the school and the church.

With the end of summer and the impending busy school year (every year is busy), it is easy to grow faint and weary. It is easy to say, “I need a break,” or “I just need some time for myself with nothing on the schedule.” And it tends to be that Sunday is the day that gets chosen as a day to “take off.” I understand the feeling of needing some alone time or a break from this, that, or the other thing. But I implore you not to “take off” Sunday morning worship.

As it is written in Isaiah, “...those who wait on the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.” Rest by skipping church is quite the opposite of waiting on the LORD. In fact, it is saying, “I’m good; I don’t need any Jesus today.”

PAUSE. If you are sick, please catch us on the live stream.

The problem is that we see church and worship as another thing on the schedule. It is often viewed as just “another thing to do.” And if that is the reason, it is even more important that you are reading this.

Worship isn’t about checking off some to-do list item, nor is it about having perfect attendance, for that matter. It is entirely about hearing what God has done for you and who He is for you. We sing songs and pray in joy and reverence. We confess our sins and receive the absolution and the Lord’s Supper to receive His promise that He has entirely forgiven us through the cross. We shake each other’s hands and say, “Peace be with you,” to genuinely share the peace of Christ.

None of this is mandatory to attain salvation. When you received the promise at your baptism, God meant it. You need to be reminded of that promise. Life can be draining and strenuous. Outside of the LORD, you will grow weary and you will faint. Waiting on the LORD, though—hearing His Word time and time again—is what will renew your strength, knowing that His promise stands firm through the thick and thin.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Max Whitehead



Calendar

Wednesday, Sept 2

1:00 PM Bible Study @OSLC - Great Rm
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00 PM
7:00 PM VCIS
7:30 PM OSLC Council Mtg

Sunday, Sept 6

9:00 AM **Worship Service @ BLC**

Wednesday, Sept 9

1:00 PM Bible Study @OSLC - Great Rm
3:45 -5 PM Jr. VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00pm
7:30 PM VCIS

Sunday, Sept 13 - **SWAP SUNDAY!**

9:00 AM **Worship Service @ OSLC**
10:15 AM Rally Sunday/Sunday School!

Wednesday, Sept 16

1:00 PM Bible Study @OSLC - Great Rm
3:45 -5 PM Jr. VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00pm
7:30 PM VCIS

Sunday, Sept 20

9:00 AM **Worship Service @ OSLC**
10:15 AM Sunday School @ OSLC

Wednesday, Sept 23

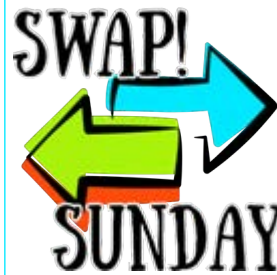
1:00 PM Bible Study @OSLC - Great Rm
3:45 -5 PM Jr. VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00pm
7:30 PM VCIS

Sunday, Sept 27 - **SWAP SUNDAY!**

9:00 AM **Worship Service @ BLC**
10:15 AM Sunday School @ OSLC

Wednesday, Sept 30

1:00 PM Bible Study @OSLC - Great Rm
3:45 -5 PM Jr. VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00pm
7:30 PM VCIS



On September 13, worship service will be at OSLC to accommodate Rally Sunday and Sunday School.

To compensate for the September 13 SWAP Sunday, worship will be held at Bethany on September 27, 2026.



Worship Helpers

September 6

Reader Kathy Van Hull
Usher. OJ
Organist Julie Jensen

September 13

Reader Johnson Family
Acolytes. Bailee & Peyton
Organist Melanie Parsons
Live Stream Godwin

September 20

Reader Huth Family
Acolytes/Com. Asst Quinn & Harper
Organist Melanie Parsons
Live Stream Godwin

September 27

Reader Kent Klawonn
Usher. OJ
Music. Tami Roesler

September Committee of the Month

- ♦ Loren & Michelle Johnson
- ♦ Shelley Wray
- ♦ Josh & Kristie Huth



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Looking Ahead To October



Sunday, Oct 4

9:00 AM

Worship Service @ BLC

10:15 AM

Sunday School @ OSLC

Wednesday, Oct 7

1:00 PM

Bible Study @OSLC - Great Rm

3:45 -5 PM

Jr. VCIS

5:30 PM

Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00pm

7:30 PM

VCIS

7:30 PM

OSLC Council Mtg

Sunday, Oct 11

~~9:00 AM~~

NO Worship Service @ BLC

10:00 AM

Cowboy Church Worship Opportunity

10:15 AM

Sunday School @ OSLC

Wednesday, Oct 14

1:00 PM

Bible Study @OSLC - Great Rm

3:45 -5 PM

Jr. VCIS

5:30 PM

Confirmation Meal, Class @ 6:00pm

7:30 PM

VCIS

HELP END HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY!



Any Food Pantry contributions are greatly appreciated.

We have fridge and freezer space for items like meats and cheeses. Current needs include: Canned fruit, canned corn & peas, white and brown sugars, cookie mix, cake mix & frosting, canned tuna & chicken, Ketchup, BBQ sauce, spices, long grain white

rice, cooking oil, mayonnaise, PB & jelly, Shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, and toilet paper. Thank you in advance for your support!

Every 5th Sunday of the month, we encourage you to bring a food item and/or extra offering to give to the Viborg Community Food Pantry.



Beginning September 6 our worship time will change to 9:00 AM. Please adjust your calendars. Thank you!

Scripture Readings

Sep 6 - Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

Sep 13 - Exodus 14:19-3, Psalm 103:1-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

Sep 20 - Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

Sep 27 - Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

Rally Sunday is coming on September 13!

- ◆ **Worship:** 9:00 AM
- ◆ **Rally Sunday celebration:** 10:15 AM (right after church)
- ◆ **Lunch:** Everyone in the congregation is invited to stay and share a meal together. We'd love to have you join us!

Regular Sunday School classes will begin the following week, September 20, at 10:15 AM in the Parish Hall.





OUR SAVIORS AND BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

***** **CHANGE IN DATES** *****

Photo Sessions will be January 10 AND 17, 2027

Jena Hight at JJ Photography is willing to take photos. Everyone has option to purchase photos. Sitting Fee is free to each individual. Sessions are 5 minutes long. Jena would like for you to be there and ready a few minutes prior to your appt.

Please have sign up sheet and payment ready for her at the time of your appt. *THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHURCH.*

Location - Jena's studio is on the corner of Park St and Main in Viborg SD.

Once all photos are taken, we will put together an electronic copy of the directory. Everyone will be able to print your own copy. Or if there are enough people that want a printed copy, we can have them printed and charge accordingly.

There are many open slots for people to sign up.

If you have any questions, feel free to call:

- ◆ Sharon Wirth 605-201-3344 (OSLC) or
- ◆ Connie Nyhaug 605-351-0645 (BLC)