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“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and dries up; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; remain in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and remain in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.” John 15:1-7

FROM THE LWML

Serve the Lord with Gladness! Psalm 100:2

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

June mites donations totaled \$4.99.

Mite box Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. You may bring the mite box any Sunday. If you prefer to donate by check, please make it payable to Our Savior LWML. Mite donations are sent monthly to the Gulf States District LWML to fund mission grants and district expenses and national mission grants.

As the Bible reminds us, even small offerings can make an enormous impact. The Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of “mites” — offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. Combined, these mites amount to millions of dollars for funding mission grants and providing ongoing support for various Lutheran Women in Mission programs.

The old cookbooks were all bought and are free to anyone who would like one or more.

LWML is taking donations of diapers and wipes for the Zone Fall Rally Gifts from the Heart Ingathering, Saturday, September 21 at Jehovah Lutheran, Pensacola. Donation table is in the Narthex. Gift cards and moneymay also be donated.

You can sign up on the LWMLwebsite to receive a daily Mustard Seed Devotion in your inbox.

<http://www.lwml.org>
<http://www.lwmlgulfstates.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Emerald Coast Zone Fall Rally, Saturday, September 21, 2024, Jehovah Lutheran Church, Pensacola, 9:00 am-1:30 pm “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only” James 1:22.

LWML 41st Biennial LWML Convention, June 26-29, 2025, Omaha, NE, "Growing in God's Grace"
2 Peter 3:18

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Urda
LWML President



Sunday Readings (Lectionary)

| Date | Old Testament | Epistle | Gospel |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| July 7 | Exodus 20:1-17 | Romans 6:3-11 | Matthew 5:20-26 |
| July 14 | Genesis 2:7-17 | Romans 6:19-23 | Mark 8:1-9 |
| July 21 | Jeremiah 23:16-29 | Romans 8:12-17 | Matthew 7:15-23 |
| July 28 | 2 Samuel 22:26-34 | 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 | Luke 16:1-9 |
| Aug. 4 | Jeremiah 8 4-12 | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 | Luke 19: 41-48 |

“So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!" -Martin Luther

Women's Book Club Begins a Pilgrimage on August 15th

Beginning on August 15th the Women's Book Club will travel with Chaucer's pilgrims on their trek to visit the shrine of Saint Thomas Becket in the Canterbury Cathedral. One hundred years before Luther, we find Chaucer 's story tellers in this classic piece of English literature, The Canterbury Tales, using humor to ridicule the many layers of corruption within the Catholic Church. The pilgrims on this trip represent a cross-section of the population in the Middle Ages. We are going to focus on the Pardoner and the Friar, two of the eight ecclesiastical members of the Catholic Church who are traveling with the 27 other pilgrims. We will be examining the two tales through a Lutheran perspective, guided by our Dcs Heather Bien and discussion led by Jennifer Currid. While Chaucer wrote in Middle English, we, mercifully, will be reading the Modern English translation! Meeting times are 11:30-12:30 on the third Thursday of each month: August 15th, September 19th, October 17th, and November 21st. All women of OSELC are most welcome to join us for a fun and educational time together.

*Anyone who would like to meet at night at my house, please contact me at 850-803-1196. Jennifer Currid

Reminder!

If you are the last to leave the premises, please check all doors to assure they are closed securely and locked.

Thank you!

Check it out!

The new Little Library

has been installed on the west side of the Fellowship Hall!

See Clare for more information



COFFEE WITH PASTOR



Coffee with Pastor
begins with
Matins at 9:00 a.m.

followed by time with Pastor to get to
know him and for him to get to know his
flock!

Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Join us in the study of Proverbs

Birthdays:

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| Dee Ann Tech | 7/7 |
| Linda Urda | 7/17 |
| Alayna Strickland | 7/19 |

Men's Group

7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 16th

Pastor Parent's house.



Private Confession

Every Sunday, 8:00-8:45 a.m. or by appointment

Please see Pastor Parent.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED AT OSEL C

Serve on a Board - See Alex Franco, Pres.

Sign up for Flowers—See sign up list in the Parish Hall

Sign up for Refreshments—See sign up list in Parish Hall

Serve on the Altar Guild—See Dcs. Heather Bien

Ongoing Project on Campus—See Brian Hull, Trustee

Serve as an Usher—See Julie Blaylock

Sunday School—9:00 a.m. Sunday, Parish Hall

Coffee with Pastor and Women's Study—10:00 a.m. Thursday

Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes (TEAMS)



June 12, 2024



President – Alex Franco

Vice-President- Brad Bien

1. Attendance: Alex Franco, Brad Bien, Dcs Heather Bien, Brian Hull, Clare Jones, Linda Urda, Julie Blaylock, Emily Bien, Jennifer Currid
2. Alex opened the meeting in prayer at 6:30.
3. The previous council minutes were approved (Alex/Brad).
4. Reports:
 - a) Pastor's Report (Fr Parent)- No report
 - b) Deaconess Report (Dcs Bien)- Heather is working on the sketches for the new paraments to present to the Altar Guild and to Pastor Parent.
 - c) Financial Report (Mahlon)- See attached.
 - d) Treasurer (Brian)- See attached. Brian raised a question about Pastor Parent's proposal during the Voters' Assembly to give 1% of end of year "surplus" for outreach. We will discuss this at the next meeting when Pastor Parent is present.
 - e) Board of Security (Julie)- When Julie spotted a prowler on our security cameras late May 31 -June 1 , she called the city police and a contingent of 4 vehicles responded. They arrested the interloper on meth charges. The police asked if we wanted to file a charge for attempted burglary, but Julie declined. The front doors of the church are now locked after the beginning of the service and are monitored through our security cameras. Two people have volunteered to man the Bryna during service. Alex is going to talk to the Elders and to seek counsel from local and county authorities on its use.
 - f) LWML (Linda)- See attached.
 - g) Board of Education (Cindy)- No report.
 - h) Board of Youth (Emily)- Emily is making plans to reorganize the youth group.
 - i) Board of Elders (Alan) -No report.

j) Board of Trustees (Brian)- See attached. A motion was made and passed to pay \$50 to a neighbor who has been cutting our grass without asking permission (Julie/Brad). Brian will pay him personally with the caveat that the neighbor should discontinue cutting our grass due to liability issues. See notes under "AV system update."

k) Board of Social Ministry (Clare)- See attached. Clare will send out a reminder text about the June 15th Fathers' Day BBQ. Clare thanks Emily for the extensive work she did for the Mothers' Day Tea.

l) Board of Evangelism (Alex)- 47 new hits on website. Alex noted that Gordon and Melania found us through our website.

5. Unfinished Business:

a) Paraments Purchase update- see Dcs Heather's report above.

b) Byrna purchase update-See Brian's trustee report above.

c) Lutheran Service Builder purchase update- Because this is a web-based product, a computer compatibility issue is not a concern.

d) AV system update- A motion was made and passed to authorize Mahlon to purchase the appropriate projector, screen, and mounting brackets and to arrange for the installation in concert with the Board of Trustees (Alex/Julie). \$2350 is in the AV fund as of June 9th.

e) Summer Carnival update – A motion was made and passed to provide \$250 for the Summer Carnival (Alex/Julie).

6. New Business:

a) Discretion with private ballot voting- The first time we used private balloting was at the last Voters' Assembly. We will devise a more expedient process to conduct private balloting. Members are encouraged to talk to council members about their ideas concerning private balloting.

7. A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 (Brad/Clare).

8. Alex closed the meeting with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Currid

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