

Welcome August



Newsletter

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JESUS PULLS US THROUGH by Pastor Max Whitehead

June was VBS month at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. We had about 24 kids and a dozen or so volunteers! Their theme was the Rocky Railway: "Jesus Pulls Us Through".

What an important sentence that we have here; Jesus pulls us through. So let's break it down shall we? In the English language, when we create sentences we have subjects, objects, verbs, adverbs, and the list goes on (in this sentence we only have those 4).

Right away we see the subject - who the sentence is about - which is Jesus! This is central to our theology. Jesus Christ is the subject of what we believe. We must put Christ as the subject, as the one doing the action, so that we know who we are relying on. The verse for Monday this past week was Phillipians 4:13: *"I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength."* Don't be fooled, this sentence is actually about Christ! It is through Him and Him alone that we can do everything.

The next word that we have in the sentence is "pulls", a verb. The verb is the action word of the phrase. Notice how the word "pulls" is chosen rather than guides or helps. This is intentional language. Have you ever tried bringing a kid somewhere that they don't want to go even though you know it is good for them? Kicking and screaming right? So you know that "pull" is the right verb. We resist God whole-heartedly, kicking and screaming at times, and it is truly Christ that pulls us through. We dive deeper and deeper into our sins and hide from the Truth more than we care to admit, but Jesus grabs us by the hand and pulls us along all the while telling us that He knows us, and He has died for us, yet we do not believe it.

Us. This is our object of the phrase. By definition, the object is the thing that the subject is acting upon. This is us in our rightful place. In our relationship with Christ, we are in fact not the actors, but the object. Jesus acts on us in ways we don't understand or realize. But as our verse from Wednesday says: *He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless* (Isaiah 40:29). We are the weak and the powerless. Oh we might look at our socioeconomic standing, the numbers in the bank, or the pounds we lift, but when it gets down to it, we are powerless against our own sin, the devil, and as we continue to see by watching the news: the world. Jesus does not leave us to be the actors in our own lives. He does not wait for us to stand up on our own two feet and make the journey towards Him. Rather, He comes to us to give us faith, hope, and love.

And lastly, "through", an adverb describing the verb. Put whatever noun (person/place/thing) at the end of this theme sentence and the meaning remains the same. Jesus pulls us through! And how do we know this? Romans 8:11, our verse from Thursday, says, *"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you."* It is in this sure and certain hope that we know Jesus pulls us through! There is nothing in heaven or on earth that can separate us from His love.

So where does this leave us? Let us end with the verse from Tuesday, Psalm 31:24: *"So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!"* Let your hope lie in the Lord. Know that wherever you are, regardless of your resistance, Jesus pulls you through!

This is most certainly true.

Thank you to everyone who devoted time and energy to helping run our VBS this year!



JESUS PULLS US THROUGH!!



AUGUST 2022 CHURCH CALENDAR

For complete information and additional details, please visit www.oslc vib.org/events/

August 3

7:30AM Bible Study
7:30PM Council Mtg

August 21

10:30AM Worship Service (Communion)
7:00PM VCIS

August 7

10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)
7:00PM VCIS

August 24

7:30AM Bible Study
Newsletter Deadline

August 10

7:30AM Bible Study

August 28

10:30AM Worship Service (Contemporary)
11:30AM-ish Rally Sunday!!
7:00PM VCIS

August 14

10:30 AM Worship Service (traditional)
7:00PM VCIS

August 31

7:30AM Bible Study

August 17

7:30AM Bible Study

August Scripture Readings

Aug 7- Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

Aug 14 - Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

Aug 21 - Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 103:1-8, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

Aug 28 - Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14



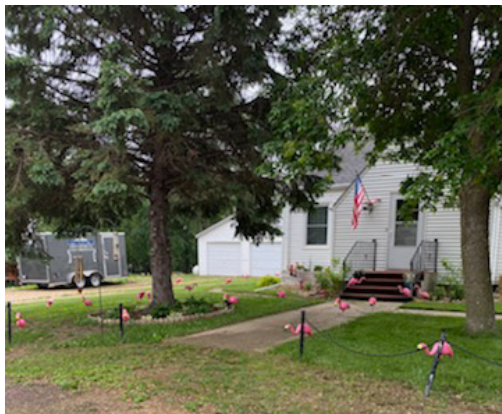
Viborg Ministerial were the *Friends of Viborg* at Danish Days 2022

DANISH DAYS 2022



Our Youth group served the Danish meal on Friday July 15th of Danish Days. Many attended.

RUH-ROH! SOMEONE GOT FLAMINGO'D



Pastor Max and Ellie's house
was flamingo'd...



... MORE FROM DANISH DAYS

Danish Rockstars performed on Sunday July 17th at Danish Days.

A baby shower was held in June for Baby Boy Mehlhaf and family. Parents are Kayla Mehlhaf and Derrick Mehlhaf, Wyatt and Weston are two older brothers who anxiously awaited the arrival of the baby. Wyatt and Weston called him Willis but momma said the name was to be announced after his arrival.



BABY SHOWER RECAP



Brothers



Baby Waylon Jennis Mehlhaf arrived June 22, 2022 to Kayla and Derrick and big brothers Wyatt and Westin. Congratulations!

WORSHIP HELPER'S AUGUST SCHEDULE

August 7

Reader Bob Christensen
Live Stream..... Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons
Communion Helper Volunteer

August 14

Reader Lisa McIlvenna
Live Stream..... Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

August 21

Reader Joe Schafer
Live Stream..... Maxx
Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons
Communion Helper Volunteer

August 28

Reader Joe Schafer
Live Stream..... Maxx
Music Praise Band

Looking Ahead to September 2022

Sunday, Sep 4

9:00AM Worship Service (Communion)

10:30AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Sep 7

7:30AM Bible Study

3:45PM – 5:00PM JR VCIS

5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6PM Group

7:00PM VCIS

7:00PM Council Meeting

Sunday, Sep 11

9:00AM Worship Service (Communion)

10:30AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Sep 14

7:30AM Bible Study

3:45PM – 5:00PM JR VCIS

5:30PM Confirmation Meal | 6PM Group

7:00PM VCIS



Worship Service Time Change
Starts Sunday, Sep 4, 2022

OSLC Service will be at 9:00AM



2022 COMMITTEE'S OF THE MONTH

Each month's committee members are responsible for reading the Scriptures on Sundays. Confirmed youth of committee members are included in the month in which the parent serves. A full list of duties is on the bulletin board and in the committee of the month binder.

AUGUST

Joe and Teddy Shafer
Les Sampson
Robert and Marilyn Christensen
JoAnn Hansen

DECEMBER & JANUARY 2023

Mike and Laura Stevens (Dec.)
Mike and Lisa McIlvenna (Jan.)
Josh and Jenae Duus
Evan Stevens

SEPTEMBER

Loren and Michelle Johnson
Matt and Denise Graves
Chad and Belinda Holm
Justin and Catrina Walsh

OCTOBER

Matt and Sharon Wirth
Shelley Wray
Chad and Belinda Holm
Steven and Linda Holmberg

NOVEMBER

Jay and Melanie Parsons
Josh and Kristie Huth
Ellie Whitehead
Don and Jeanie Gerdes

ATTENTION!!
*Committee of the
Month Leaders*

Please submit your
reader schedule
line-up to
admin@oslcvb.org
before the 20th of the
month. Thank you!!!



*The August
Council Meeting
is August 3rd
at 7:00PM*

The food pantry is in need of the following items:



- 🍓 facial tissue
- 🍓 toilet paper
- 🍓 shampoo
- 🍓 toothpaste
- 🍓 toothbrushes
- 🍓 lotion
- 🍓 body wash
- 🍓 canned pasta
- 🍓 toaster pastries
- 🍓 cereal bars
- 🍓 granola bars
- 🍓 cooking oil
- 🍓 mayo
- 🍓 salad dressings
- 🍓 ketchup
- 🍓 sauces:
 - soy
 - worchestershire
 - etc
- 🍓 spices
- 🍓 peanut butter
- 🍓 jelly
- 🍓 pastas
- 🍓 rice (not instant)
- 🍓 Ramen noodles

We have a refrigerator and large freezer so meats, cheese and other items may be donated as well.