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September Newsletter

St. Olaf Lutheran Church

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8:30 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

9:30 AM EACH SUNDAY!



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Financial report

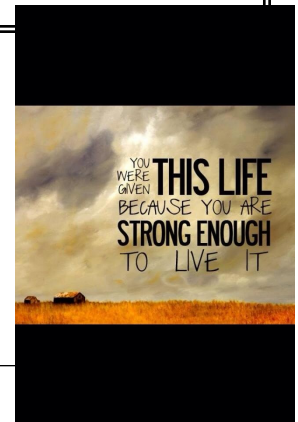
Submitted by Gerald Nelson, Treasurer

	Receipts	Disbursements	Net
Budget through July 31, 2014	\$64,825.83	\$64,396.50	\$429.33
Actual through July 31, 2014	71,651.11	65,387.61	6,263.50

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon..Thank you, Teachers



Something to think about....



Something for the whole Family this fall sea-

What our Youth was up to this past month....



Watching the "Snake Man" from Rattlesnake Republic



Mikel* Duderstadt, Teryn and Siene Senn team up with the Lace Cactus clothing in Hico to participate in a fashion show to raise money and awareness for wild Mustangs through the Mustang Heritage Foundation. Go to <http://www.mustangheritagefoundation.org/> to contribute.

Ruth Circle invites you to join us for our Bible Study on Sept. 10, @ 2:00pm in the basement of St. Olaf. Mary McGowen will lead our study as we follow Paul's transformation after his encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus. Come bring a friend or neighbor; following our study we will enjoy refreshments provided by Anna Fortier. Hope to see you!!

Breakfast Report for August 2014

Lots of good food, good fun and good fellowship at our breakfast on Aug. 16. It's so good to see folks having a good time and talking and visiting with their neighbors and with new people in the community. I really think everyone has a good time.

Kenneth and Dale fried 12lbs of bacon. Emily and Faylene cracked 12 doz eggs for Phyllis to scramble. Preshie brought and fixed a beautiful and delicious fruit platter. She keeps the coffee replenished and the biscuits and the tater crowns done just right. Of course I have lost track of how many waffles Ed makes. Seems like everytime I looked up he was mixing up more batter. I fried 90 patties of sausage and made a gallon of sausage gravy. Harold keeps the food and conversation going smoothly. They said it takes a village to raise a child as we heard a few years ago. I know it takes a good crew to prepare breakfast for 75 or more people and then clean up afterwards. I also know that's what I have – a good crew– so my hats off to them and my love and thanks to all of them.

God Bless, stay healthy and see you next month.

Iris

~~Bonnie's Bookshelf~~

Bonnie Algren is trying to build a library of children's books. If you have any to donate, please see her or feel free to drop them off at the Sunday school building during work hours.



WELCA News:

The executive board of the WELCA met Tuesday morning August 19th. Mary McGowen opened the meeting with prayer.

Items discussed were Septemberfest the 13th. Our food booth will be at the same location. If anyone needs a way to get your food to the park, have it in the basement by 9am Saturday.

The date for our October meeting has been changed to the 15th. Karen Bentsen will give us a report on the Triennial meeting. We will also have our annual Thankoffering. Ladies from Faith Lutheran will join us.

Mary was elected to be our delegate to the CTC convention in Abilene October 10-12. We will pay her expenses.

There is a possibility that the Central TX Conference and Waco Conference may be combined.

We need to have more general meetings.

The WELCA ladies are going to be in charge of the teachers luncheon next year.

St. Olaf is hosting the 5th Sunday service August 31st.

We will again sponsor the Fair Trade Fair in November before Thanksgiving.

We have sent \$200 to purchase medical supplies for Sierra Leone to assist in the Ebola Outbreak.

Kitchen supplies were discussed.

We closed with praying the Lord's Prayer.

In other NEWS

Lots going on at St. Olaf....

The spay/neuter clinic proved to be a success!! We were able to fix 29 pets and vaccinate many. We had plenty of volunteers to help with this project. Thank you to all of our volunteers and Huts for Mutts!

It is possible that we will be holding another low cost clinic in October or November. Look for the future fliers.

Women of St. Olaf :

The Central Texas Conference is holding its annual convention in Abilene, October 10-12. Registration is \$75 and housing will be at the MGM Elegante Suites (\$99 a night which includes breakfast Sat & Sun-two double beds in each room). Deadline for registration is September 22. When registration sheets become available they will be placed on the back table in the Sanctuary. Watch St. Olaf's facebook page for updates and additional information concerning the convention. If you have questions, please contact Mary McGowen at 254-386-4702 or marym-gowen@hotmail.com.

The NT-NL Mission Endowment Fund is preparing for its big fundraiser Oct. 11, dinner and silent auction. They have helped us so much with the grant for Day Camp. Do you have any silent auction item that you would like to donate? Contact Pr. Joan if you do. Thanks!!!!

Thank you very much to numerous people who have contributed clothing for the Kids Klostet. We are now well stocked with girl's and boy's items and ready for school and cooler weather. Volunteers have organized and sized everything and will have a variety of items for the kids needs. Since school has begun, the time will return to 3 until 5 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Again, we appreciate the many contributions. Remember we can only accept children's clothing. We look forward to supplying many needs of kids in our community on September 10th at the school.

Thank You

Dear St. Olaf Family,

Thank you for selecting me to receive this scholarship. Also, thank you for your hard work, dedication, and generous donations that have been put into this foundation in order for it to be where it is today. Your contributions mean more than I can express and more than you will ever know. For knowing that I have a wonderful support system back at home will definitely make the transition from high school to college a lot easier. I have been blessed to have such sincere and thoughtful people in my life and only wish that one day I can give back to you as much as you have given to me. May God continue to bless our church, you and your families.

Love,

Marti Hanson

Praying for our Loved Ones!

Mary (Ray) Hastings, Georgia Johnson, Haley Rae Tarver, Heather Leahy, Margret Turpin, Tom Gary, Gene Lee, Barbara Lee, Family of James Sorenson, Rodney Barner, Mary Ann Stokely, Loene Nelson, Brady Warrick, Betty Johnson, Darcy Cassidy, Kathy Johnston, Ronnie Ogle, Leslie Sims, Cooper Brown, Elaine Moore, Wayne Mixon, Debi Payne Brewer, Jim Bower, Pearl Lewis, Larry Mickelson, Jenny Surley, Dawley Hills Mares, Raymond Bailes, Rita Ash, Joe Birdwell, Donna Ashmore, Maurice Sewell and **The Lutheran Church Sierra Leone, Persecuted Christians**

Military Service: Matthew Medina, Justin Barnes, Kevin Moore, Micheal Crackhome & Alex Saborsky, Kirk Luedeke, Daniel Ramirez, and Lane Carlson

TEN WAYS TO LOVE

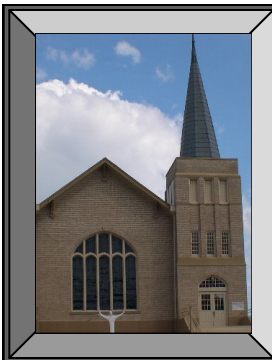
1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

SEPTEMBER 2014 ~ ST. OLAF LUTHERAN

Assistant Minister: Charlene Tergerson
H. Usher: Virgil Tindall
Altar Guild: Barbara Lee & Yvonne Mickelson
Ushers: Bob Miller, Emily Neal & Linda Samples

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Child/Adult SS-8:30 Worship-9:30 GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY Sunday School Re- sumes	8 Jim Kersey Wayne Rohne	9 Faith's Council meet- ing at 6pm	10 WELA Bible Study Bible Studies at St. Olaf & LSM 2pm	11 Deacony in Bar- lett, 12:30pm	12 Guy Finstad Ed Rieker	SEPTEMBER- FEST IN CRANFELLS GAP
14 Child/Adult SS ~8:30 Harold Wiese Darla Kinney Brooks Reterson	15 Mary John Hastings	16 Oscar Rohne	17 St. Olaf Council mtg @ 6pm	18 Pr. Leads service at LSM 10:00am Faith's Fellowship Out to Eat 6pm	19	20 Community Break- fast at St. Olaf 8:00- 9:30 Barbara Lee
21 Child/Adult SS-8:30 Worship 9:30 Rodney Bamer	22 Worship and Music meets at St. Olaf @ 2:30PM Alice Lucas	23 Chandler Meisner	24	25 Martha Circle meet- ing at St. Olaf-6pm Patricia Forsythe	26 Emily Neal Tom Iary Michael Chastain Nancy Bratcher	27 Confirmation Retreat-Briarwood
28 Child/Adult SS ~8:30 Worship ~9:30 Bob Miller	29 Linda Samples	30 Worship and Music meets at Faith @ 2PM	Sept 7, Trinity will hold a hamburger meal after church supporting our youth and raising funds for scholarships.			Love and hate are two horns on the same goat— Anonymous

Pastor Joan's Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-5:30pm Pastor's Cell 580-230-8304
Tammy Senn's Secretary Hours-flex: Office 254-597-2738



St. Olaf Lutheran Church

*Worship, teach, nurture and share
Christ's love.*



Friends in Christ,

Things are coming together again! Vacations are done, check! Children back in school, check! WELCA back in Bible Study, check! Sunday School going again, check! And now it's time to get back in that routine. We will have assigned acolytes and offering helpers at St. Olaf this fall. Watch the newsletter to see your kiddos assigned day. It is so good to get organized and have a plan for your worship life, as you do with other parts of your life.

I was reading "Christ in the Home" devotion booklet the other day about worship attendance, and it really spoke to me. I was reminded of the Ten Commandments especially, 'Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy' (Exodus 20:8). I would like to share this short devotional thought with you.

"In the 1960s, meteorologist Edward Lorenz first described 'The Butterfly Effect.' He proposed that the turbulence caused by a butterfly flapping its wings could, through a series of causes and effects, bring about a hurricane thousands of miles away. 'Well, we went skiing a couple of weekends ago, Pastor, so we missed church. Then the next Sunday, well, we didn't really make a conscious choice, we just didn't get here. Last Sunday, well, I guess we were just in the habit, so we slept in.' How easy it is to prove 'The Butterfly Effect' when we try to keep the law in its entirety. One excuse for missing worship leads to another."

"Thankfully, as Paul teaches, we are made right with God through Jesus Christ. Our salvation does not rely on the perfect keeping of the law. We are saved by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (8-9-14 Christ in the Home, pg 43).

Yes, God forgives us, but God does truly desire our worship and praise. You are invited to make Sunday School and worship time a priority for your fall calendar. We begin Sunday School at 8:30 at St. Olaf and 10:00 at Faith. Worship is at 9:30 at St. Olaf and 11:15 at Faith.

Let us pray. "God, forgive us when we fall short of following your righteous ways. In Jesus' name. Amen." God bless and keep you this season.

Sunday church duties for Acolyte & Communion

Sept. 7 Lani Edwards

Sept 14. Kameron Wiese

Sept 21. Teryn Senn

Sept. 28 Lani Edwards

Offering & Bulletins:

Sept. 7 Gage Edwards

Sept. 14 Case Koehler

Sept. 21 Signe Senn

Sept. 28 Carson Koehler



Pastor Joan