

OSL Weekly News: Sunday September 28th, 2025

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This Week

Today:

10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday:

9:30 a.m. Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday:

9:00 a.m. Quilters in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Fireside Room Cancelled due to waterline repair

7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal in the loft

Thursday:

9:30 a.m. Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday:

10:30 a.m. Worship

Community Use of Building:

During the week we welcome a number of outside groups into our building: Narcotics Anonymous on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Friday at 6:00 p.m., and Saturday at 6:30 p.m.; Alcoholics Anonymous on Monday & Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.; Gamblers Anonymous on Thursday at 6:15 p.m.; Forever in Motion on Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Welcome to all those worshipping with us today. Please come again. You are always welcome! If at some point, you would like to talk to a pastor – to find out about this community of faith, to find a listening ear, or simply to have a friendly visit – please call the church office. Regular office hours are Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

News

Today is the last day for our interim pastor, Brenda Nestegaard Paul. We thank her for leading and supporting us during these last three months and look forward to welcoming her back again from February through April 2026.

In the meantime, while the Call Committee continues its important work, Church Council has arranged part-time interim pastoral coverage. **Bishop Sid Haugen** will serve as our interim pastor from October through January. He can be reached by email at BishopSid@oslregina.com, through the church office, or in cases of urgent pastoral care, by phone at 306.530.4328. Please note that during the brief gap in service (September 28 (afternoon) to 30), the on-call phone number will be answered.

THANK YOU to everyone who shared from their bounty to give to the Food Bank last Sunday. What a blessing to share this harvest with others. And thank you to Nancy Hognestad for looking after the delivery. Just another way to be making peace with creation!

Our new **Church Office Administrative Assistant**, Kathleen Peterson, began her part-time position this past Monday. She is having fun getting together with old friends, meeting new members and just getting her head wrapped around what needs to be done to keep this wonderful community supported. 😊

Children's Church: All are welcome to join their instructors in the Fireside Room following the Prayer of the Day and the Children's Message. They will return to the service in time for the celebration of communion.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: Please note that the October 1st Morning Prayer session is cancelled since the water to the church will be turned off for repairs that day.

Flowers behind the altar: For those wanting to donate flowers for Sunday worship, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please note flowers need to have little or no scent. Write your name beside the date to which you are committing, and optionally the reason why (e.g. In honour of such and such's anniversary OR In memory of my late husband Ian).

Hearing Assistance. We have just added four additional hearing assistance headsets and receivers, so we now have a total of eight. Please check with the ushers if you would like to try one out..

Regina Lutheran Refugee Committee: An anonymous donor has given us a matching grant! Any donations that come to us in October will be matched up to \$10,000. E-transfers can be sent to stmarksdonations@myaccess.ca and cheques should be written to St. Mark's Lutheran Church and marked "For Refugee Support". St. Mark's will send donors their tax receipts early in the new year.

Envelope and Loose Offering: Envelope and loose offering is being collected as you enter the Sanctuary. Prior to worship, please note that the offering plate is on the table at the entrance to the Sanctuary. Please place your offering there as you enter. The plate will only be passed during the service on special occasions.

Events

Season of Creation September 1st - October 4th. Today is the final Sunday of this season where the theme has been 'Peace with Creation'. May we take seriously the impact each of us can make with our choices and use our hands, feet and voices to do what we can to make peace with creation, of which we are each a part, for the sake of the whole. Thanks be to God!

September 29th 7:30 p.m. Luther Lecture: "Turning Ourselves Inside Out For Each Other: Why Intercultural Ministry Matters" This year's speaker is the Very Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, the former Moderator of The United Church of Canada. The lecture takes place at Luther College at the University of Regina in the Rex Schneider Auditorium. To attend via zoom, register at luthercollege.edu/luther-lecture for the link.

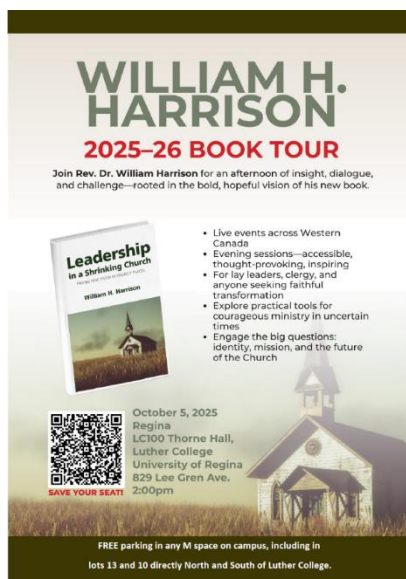
Rev. Dr William Harrison, President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary has written an important new book "Leadership in a Shrinking Church: Finding New Vision in Unlikely Places". He will be in Regina Sunday **October 5, 2pm**, at Luther College at the University of Regina in the Rex Schneider Auditorium to launch his book. Please come to meet Dr Harrison and hear about his work.

October 19th Special Congregational Meeting: to vote on accepting our new constitution and bylaws. See the email last week for more detail. There are copies of both the current and new constitution on the usher's table in the narthex.

My Little Plastic Jesus playing Oct 24-26 in a living room near you

Burnt Thicket Theatre's hit comedy is touring western Canada, inviting Christians to alter how we engage with culture, and those who are 'done' with church to hear God's voice of love. "We all have baggage," says the play's creator Tim Bratton, "mine just has a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker on it." In this house concert-style solo show, Tim unpacks his upbringing in evangelical pop culture, examining its folly and redeeming its faith, from a posture of critical loyalty and hope. Oct 24-26 in Regina living rooms. Tickets, trailer and details at MyLittlePlasticJesus.com

Save the Date! On **Sunday November 2, 2025** at 2:00 p.m., Luther College's new President, Dr. Tom Phenix will be installed. Official invitation to follow.



Our Council:

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