



THE REPORTER

Therefore be diligent to gather more frequently for thanksgiving to God and for His glory. For when you gather frequently, Satan's powers are cast down. His mischief is destroyed by the confession of your faith. Nothing is better than peace, in which all war in Heaven and on earth is abolished.
(Ignatius to Ephesus 13)

These words were written by Ignatius, the Bishop of Antioch in Syria, at the beginning of the second century. He wrote these words as he was on his way from Antioch to Rome as a prisoner for preaching the Gospel. Church tradition tells us that Ignatius was martyred in Rome by being forced to battle the lions in the Colosseum in Rome on October 17, 108 AD.

His encouragement to the Ephesian congregations echoes the very (in)famous words of the epistle to the Hebrews: "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (10:23-25).

Not only are we called to gather together, but we are called to gather together frequently. Not only to simply be together, but to give thanks to God and to give Him glory. We gather because it casts down Satan's powers. It destroys his mischief. So many great benefits are brought out because we gather to offer worship and praise. The gifts of peace are showered upon us through hearing God's Word being read and proclaimed.

This month has five Sundays. Four of them have a focus on OSLC's ministry of proclaiming the Gospel:

- Oct 3** is the 1500th broadcast of the Word of Life radio ministry. This ministry has been a great blessing for many throughout the almost thirty years that OSLC has been broadcasting.
- Oct 10** is LWML Sunday. The gifts and blessings that have been given to the Church at large by the women of the congregation are innumerable. Many of which are done behind the scenes. This Sunday gives us a moment to thank them for all they do.
- Oct 17** is the commemoration of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Part of his contributions to early Christianity are above. Much more may be talked about on this Sunday.
- Oct 31** is Reformation Day. One nail on a church door became one of the most important moments in all of Church history. What began with the desire for a debate about indulgences became something that even Martin Luther himself could not believe.

Even the Sundays that don't have a particularly special focus on a person, group or event are still wonderful opportunities to gather for thanksgiving and praise. Every Sunday has God's Word read and proclaimed for us to give Him thanks and praise.

In Christ,
Rev. Doug Minton

Visit Pastor and Family

There is a sign up to visit with Pastor and Family for the months of September - December. We are having such a wonderful time getting to know the members of OSLC! If those days don't work in your schedule, we have a few Friday or Saturdays that will work, just ask Pastor or Renee. This has been a great opportunity to sit and visit outside the Sunday morning worship and bible class and has helped increase the bonds with congregation members as we take these opening steps in our journey together as Pastor and congregation.

Higher Things 2022: FOR YOU

Six letters. That's all you need. Six letters to explain the point of everything. Six letters to make crystal clear the entire Christian faith. What are those letters? FOR YOU! Higher Things is in Valparaiso, IN this year on July 26-29, 2022. Registration opens on November 1. All youth from 8th grade up are invited to join us this year. If you have questions, talk to the youth who went this past summer, Melissa, Renee or Pastor.

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will meet October 2 at 8am. We will meet at **OSLC** at 8am for the study. After the study, we will go to the restaurant for breakfast. We will continue in our study of Revelation. If you have been thinking about joining us, this is a wonderful time to come! We encourage ALL men (teenage to 90) of the congregation to join us!

High School and Middle School Youth Group

The High School Youth will meet October 10 from 4p-6p. The Jr High Youth will meet October 24 from 4p-6p. Make a plan now to join us and bring a friend for bible study and fellowship.

Circuit Reformation Service

The Circuit Reformation Service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran in Woodworth on October 31 at 2:00pm. Rev Minton will be preaching. Make plans now to worship with those in our surrounding area!

Backpack Blessings Information

During the school year, Backpack Blessings is ongoing. This is a completely free program to students of Milford Public Schools who qualify for free/reduced lunch. This program is operated solely on donations of money and food. Backpack Blessings began in 2017 and serves on average 40 kids per week. We send easy to prepare food to supplement breakfast, lunch and snacks for each day of the week. If you would like to help support this program, monetary donations can be given to Brenna Schroeder. Thank you!

Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

Delmer and Reatha Henrichs
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Midweek Bible Study

Midweek Bible Study continues on Wednesdays at 10:00am. We are studying the book of Isaiah. We will meet in the fellowship hall. Join us as you are able!

Midweek Matins Service

Our Midweek Matins Service is on Thursdays at 10:00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to become more familiar with Matins and we are focused on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. If you are staying away from Sunday morning worship due to being worried about the virus, join us on Thursdays! This is a service of less than 20 members. We can all benefit from being together as believers.

Hymn Festival - Singing for Eternity

Join us on October 24 at 4:00p at University Lutheran Church in Champaign for a Hymn Festival. Texts are by Katie Schuerman and the musical settings are by Dr Timothy Shewmaker. Come at 3:00pm for a pre-festival talk with Katie and Dr Shewmaker. More information at UniLuChampaign.org/HymnFest.

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon? Have you signed up for Amazon Smile? Now you have the option to support OSLC through Amazon Smile while you are shopping! You can easily sign up through the link on the front page of our website at www.oursaviormilford.com. If you have the app, you can add Amazon Smile on there as well, just search Our Savior Milford. Any questions, ask Pastor.

Scrip Orders - Due October 31

Do you go shopping, eat out, or go to the movies? Do you ever gift someone else with the opportunity to do those things? Most likely, all of us would answer "yes" to at least some of those questions. This is why everyone LOVES the Scrip Card program, available each month at OSLC! Order forms (located on the informational rack in the Narthex) and payment are due to the Church Office by **Sunday, October 31 2021**. Gift Cards will arrive and be distributed that same week. Please consider supporting the youth (and future leaders of the congregation) in this simple way!

Wrestling with Theology has some wonderful programming lined up. Here are the highlights for the regular programming in October.

Week of	Confessional Corner (Monday)	Digging Deeper (Thursday)
October 3	Two Parts of Repentance (Ap XIIa 28-58)	Judge My Clean Heart (Psalms 50-51)
October 10	Forgiveness Is Received by Faith (Ap XIIa 59-74)	The True God Upholds My Life (Psalms 52-55)
October 17	Guilty or Just Feel That Way? (Ap XIIa 75-97)	In God We Trust (Psalms 56-58)
October 24	Absolution Is Necessary (Ap XIIb 1-15)	The Rock Will Be Victorious (Psalms 59-61)

Moments of Meditation

Moments will be broadcast on WHPO about 8:00am each weekday morning. The text being focused on this month is Genesis 2.



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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30 am

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starting at 9:00 am
Our Savior Lutheran Church
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